

Izikhombo Ze-Ncwajana YoMhlangano Wokuphila Nenkonzo

NOVEMBA 7-13

**AMAGUGU ASEZWINI LIKANKULUNKU-
LU | 2 AMAKHOSI 5-6**

“Baningi Abanathi Kunabanabo”

it-1-E 716 ¶4

U-Elisha

U-Israyeli wakhululwa kwabaseSiriya. Ngesikhathi kubusa iNkosi uJehoramu yakwa-Israyeli, abaseSiriya baceba ukuhlaselela u-Israyeli ngokungazelelwe. Izikhathi eziningi izinceku zikaBheni-hadadi zikhungathekiswa u-Elisha, otshela iNkosi uJehoramu wonke amacebo okuhlasela kwabaseSiriya. UBheni-hadadi II uqale acabange ukuthi kukhona imbuka ekamu lakhe. Kodwa lapho ethola ukuthi ubani obangela le nkinga, uthumela ibutho lempi eDothani, elizungeza ngamahhashi nangezingqola zempi ukuze abambe u-Elisha. (ISITHOMBE, Vol. 1, k. 950) Isikhonzi sika-Elisha sifikelwa ukwesaba kodwa u-Elisha uthandaza kuNkulunkulu acele ukuba avule amehlo esikhonzi sakhe ‘futhi bheka! ezintabeni kugcwele amahhashi nezingqola zempi zomlilo nxazonke zika-Elisha.’ Manje, njengoba abaseSiriya besondela u-Elisha uthandazela okuhlukile, “Ngicela ushaye lesi sizwe ngobumpumputhe.” U-Elisha uthi kwabaseSiriya, “Ngilandeleni,” kodwa akudingeki ukuba ababambe ngesandla, okubonisa ukuthi baphazamiseke engqondweni kunokuba izimpumputhe. Abasaboni ukuthi u-Elisha abebezomlanda futhi abazi nokuthi ubayisaphi.—2Kh 6:8-19.

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U-Elisha Wabona Izingqola Zomlilo—Ingabe Nawe Uyazibona?

Nakuba ayezungenzwe izitha eDothani, u-Elisha waqhubeka ezolile. Kungani? Ngoba wayenokholo oluqinile kuJehova. Nathi kudingeka sibe nokholo olunjalo. Ngakho-ke, masicele ukuba uNkulunkulu asinike umoya wa-

khe ukuze sibonise ukholo nezinye izimfaneko ezivezwa umoya.—Luka 11:13; Galathiya 5:22, 23.

it-1-E 343 ¶1

Ubumpumputhe

Ngokwamazwi ka-Eliya, kusobala ukuthi ubumpumputhe obehlela ibutho lempi laseSiriya kwakuwukuphazamiseka kwengqondo. Uma lonke ibutho lalishawe ngobumpumputhe bamehlo, kwakuzofanele babanjwe ngesandla baholwe. Kodwa ukulandisa kumane kuthi u-Eliya wathi kubo: “Akuyona indlela le, futhi akulona idolobha enilifunayo leli. Ngilandeleni.” UWilliam James encwadini yakhe ethi *Principles of Psychology* (yango-1981, Vol. 1, k. 59) usho lokhu: “Kuyamangaza ukuthi ukuthinteka kwe-cortical ebuchosheni *kuwukuphazamiseka kwengqondo*. Lokhu akuhlanganisi nje kuphela izinzwa zokubona, okusho ukuqonda okubonayo. Ngokwesayensi yokusebenza kwengqondo, lokhu kuchazwa ngokuthi ukungaxhumani kahle kwezinzwa zokubona nalokho ezizama ukukuveza; nanoma ikuphi ukuphazamiseka okusenhlamvini yeso okuletha ukukhanya nezinye izinzwa ezidlulisela imicabango.” Cishe lolu hlobo lobumpumputhe basuswa nguJehova ngesikhathi ibutho laseSiriya lifika eSamariya. (2 Kh 6:18-20) Kungenzeka namadoda aseSodoma aphazamiseka ngokwengqondo ngendlela efanayo, njengoba ukulandisa kubonisa, esikhundleni sokuba la madoda akhathazeke ngokungaboni, aqhubeka ezama ukuthola umnyango wendlu kaLoti.—Ge 19:11.

Ingcebo Engokomoya

w05 8/1 9 ¶2

Amaphuzu Avelele Encwadi YamaKhosi Esibili

5:15, 16—Kungani u-Elisha engasamukelanga isipho sikaNahamani? U-Elisha

wasenqaba lesi siph o ngoba wayazi uku-
thi isimangalis o sokuphulukiswa kukaNaha-
mani sasingenziwanga ngamandla akhe, ko-
dwa ngamandla kaJehova. Wayengenaku-
lokotha azizuzise ngalo msebenzi ayewuni-
kwe uNkulunkulu. Abakhulekeli beqiniso na-
muhla abasebenzisi inkonzo kaJehova ukuze
kuzuze bona. Balalela umyalo kaJesu: “Na-
mukele ngesihle, yiphani ngesihle.”—Mathe-
wu 10:8.

NOVEMBA 14-20

AMAGUGU ASEZWINI LIKANKULUNKU- LU | 2 AMAKHOSI 7-8

“UJehova Wenza Okungalindelekile Kwenzeka”

it-1-E 716-717

U-Elisha

Nokho, kamuva, uBheni-hadadi II uyahlase-
la, hhayi ngokuthi afike aphinde ahambe ko-
dwa ungena ngodli futhi alivimbezele iSa-
mariya. Ukuvinjezelwa kwalo kuba kubi ka-
khulu kangangokuba kuba nesenzakalo esi-
sodwa lapho kubikelwa inkosi ukuthi owesiz-
fazane udla indodana yakhe. Njengoyinzalo
ka-Ahabi, “indodana yombulali,” iNkosi uJe-
horamu ifunga ukuthi izombulala u-Elisha.
Kodwa igcina ingakwenzanga lokho. Lapho
ifika endlini yomprofethi ihamba nesekele
lomlawuli wayo wempi, uJehoramu ubatshe-
la ukuthi akasenalo nhlobo ithemba loku-
thi uJehova uzobasiza. U-Elisha uqiniseki-
sa inkosi ngokuthi ukudla kuzoba kuningi
ngakusasa. Isekela lomlawuli wempi lenko-
si lidelela lokho okushiwo u-Elisha, okwenza
u-Elisha alitshele ukuthi: “Uzozibonela nga-
wakho amehlo, kodwa ngeke udle kukho.”
UJehova ubangela ukuba ikamu laseSiriya
lizwe umsindo omkhulu, obenza bakholelwe
ukuthi kuza ibutho elikhulu lezizwe ezimbili

elizobahlasela, bayabaleka futhi bashiye ika-
mu linjengoba linjalo nakho konke ukudla.
Lapho inkosi izwa ngokubaleka kwabaseSiri-
ya, iyala isekela lomlawuli wempi ukuba li-
qaphe isango laseSamariya, futhi bayalinya-
thela lize life lapho isixuku sama-Israyeli esi-
lambile siphuma siphuthuma ukuyophanga
ekamu. Liyakubona ukudla kodwa alidli ku-
kho.—2Kh 6:24–7:20.

Ingcebo Engokomoya

it-2-E 195 ¶7

Isibani

Amakhosi oHlu lozalo lukaDavide. UJehova
uNkulunkulu wabeka iNkosi uDavide esihla-
lweni sobukhosi kwa-Israyeli, uDavide wa-
zibonakalisa engumholi nomqondisi ohlaka-
niphile wesizwe, eqondiswa nguNkulunkulu.
Yingakho abizwa ngokuthi “isibani sika-Isra-
yeli.” (2Sa 21:17) Esivumelwaneni sombuso
asenza noDavide, uJehova wathembisa: “Isi-
hlalo sakho sobukhosi siyoma siqine kuze
kube phakade.” (2Sa 7:11-16) Ohlwini lozalo
lwamakhosi, kusukela kuDavide kuya endo-
daneni yakhe uSolomoni “babenjengesiba-
ni” kwa-Israyeli kube kufanele.—1Kh 11:36;
15:4; 2Kh 8:19; 2Kr 21:7.

NOVEMBA 21-27

AMAGUGU ASEZWINI LIKANKULUNKU- LU | 2 AMAKHOSI 9-10

“Wabonisa Isibindi, Wazimisela Enentshiseko”

w11 11/15 3 ¶2

UJehu Ulwela Ukukhulekela Okuhlangezile

UJehu wathola isabelo ngesikhathi isizwe
sakwa-Israyeli sisesimweni esibi. Izwe lali-
ngaphansi kwethonya elibi likaJezebeli, owa-
yengumfelokazi ka-Ahabi nonina kaJehora-
mu, inkosi eyayibusa ngaleso sikhathi. UJe-

zebeli wakhuthaza ukukhulekela uBhali kunokukhulekela uJehova, wabulala abaprofethi bakaNkulunkulu futhi wonakalisa abantu 'ngobufebe nangobuthakathi' bakhe. (2 Kh 9:22; 1 Kh 18:4, 13) UJehova wakhipha umyalo wokuba kubhujiswe yonke indlu ka-Ahabi, kuhlangukise uJehoram noJezebeli. UJehu owayezohola ekuthatheni lesi sinyathelo.

w11 11/15 4 ¶2-3

UJehu Ulwela Ukukhulekela Okuhlanzekile

Ngemva kokwenqaba ukuphendula izithunywa ezimbili ezathunyelwa kuye, uJehu wahlangana neNkosi uJehoram ihamba nomngane wayo, u-Ahaziya, inkosi yakwaJuda, ngayinye isenqoleni yayo. Kwathi lapho uJehoram ebuza, ethi "Ingabe uze ngokuthula, Jehu?" impendulo ayithola yathi: "Kuthula kuni okungaba khona uma kusekhona ubufebe bukaJezebeli unyoko nobuthakathi bakhe obuningi?" Ethuswe yile mpendulo, uJehoram waphenduka efuna ukubaleka. Kodwa wayesephuzile! UJehu wansala umnsalo, wamcibishela enhliziyweni, futhi le nkosi yawela enqoleni yayo yafela khona lapho. Nakuba u-Ahaziya akwazi ukubaleka, kamuva uJehu wamfuna waze wamthola wambulala naye.—2 Kh 9:22-24, 27.

Indlovukazi ekhohlakele, uJezebeli, yaba ilungu elilandelayo lendlu ka-Ahabi elabulawa. UJehu wayibiza kufanele ngokuthi "lo oqalekisiwe." Njengoba uJehu engena eJizreyeli, wabona uJezebeli elunguze efasiteleni lesigodlo. Akachithanga sikhathi, wayala izikhulu zasesigodlweni ukuba zimphonse phansi ngefasitela. Wayesemnyathela ngamahhashi akhe lo monakalisi ka-Israyeli wonke. Ngemva kwalokho, uJehu waqhubeka wabulala inqwaba yamanye amalungu endlu ka-Ahabi omubi.—2 Kh 9:30-34; 10:1-14.

w11 11/15 5 ¶3-4

UJehu Ulwela Ukukhulekela Okuhlanzekile

Yiqiniso, uJehu wachitha igazi eliningi. Nokho, imiBhalo imveza njengendoda enesibindi eyakhulula ama-Israyeli ekubuseni okucindezelayo kukaJezebeli nomkhaya wakhe. Ukuze noma imuphi umholi wakwa-Israyeli enze lokhu ngempumelelo, kwakuyodingeka abe yindoda enesibindi, ezimisele neshisekayo. Esinye isichazamazwi seBhayibheli siithi: "Kwakungumsebenzi onzima futhi owenzisiswa ngaphandle kokuyekethisa. Ukube kwasetshenziswa izindlela ezithé ukuthamba kunalokhu, ukukhulekelwa kukaBhali kwakungeke kuqedwe kwa-Israyeli."

Cishe uyabona ukuthi amaKristu namuhla abhekene nezimo ezidinga ukuba abonise ezinye zezimfanelo zikaJehu. Ngokwesibonelo, kufanele sisabele kanjani uma silingelwa ukuba senze into uJehova ayilahlayo? Kufanele singananazi, sibe nesibindi futhi siyenqabe ngokuqinile. Endabeni yokuzinikela kwethu kuNkulunkulu, asikwazi ukubekezelela noma yini ebangisa uJehova.

Ingcebo Engokomoya

w11 11/15 5 ¶6-7

UJehu Ulwela Ukukhulekela Okuhlanzekile

Kungenzeka ukuthi uJehu wayekhulelwa ukuthi ukuze kubonakale ukuthi umbuso wakwa-Israyeli uzimele, awukho ngaphansi kowakwaJuda, kwakudingeka uqhube ukukhulekela okuhlukile. Ngakho, njengamanye amakhosi akwa-Israyeli ayemandulele, wazama ukuwugcina uhlukile ngokuqhubekisela phambili ukukhulekelwa kwethole. Kodwa lokhu kungabonisa ukungabi nalukholo kuJehova owayemmise ukuba abe inkosi.

UJehova wamncoma uJehu ngoba 'wenza kahle ngokwenza okulungile emehlweni kaNkulunkulu.' Noma kunjalo, uJehu

“akazange aqikelele ukuba anamathele eMthethweni kaJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ngayo yonke inhliziyo yakhe.” (2 Kh 10: 30, 31) Uma ucabanga ngakho konke uJehova akwenza ekuqaleni, ungase ukuthole lokhu kumangaza futhi kudabukisa. Nokho, kukhona isifundo esisitholayo. Asikwazi ukubuthatha kalula ubuhlobo bethu noJehova. Nsuku zonke, kudingeka sihlakulele ukwethembeka kuNkulunkulu ngokutadisha iZwi lakhe, sizindle ngalo futhi sithandaze ngokusuka enhliziyweni kuBaba wethu osezulwini. Ngakho-ke, masenze konke esingakwenza ukuze siqhubeke sihamba emthethweni kaJehova ngayo yonke inhliziyo yethu.—1 Ko 10:12

Inkulumo

w13 5/15 8-9 ¶13-6

Lingisa Intshiseko KaJehova NoJesu

³ Ebhekisele kulokho okuyofezwa ukubusa kweNdodana kaNkulunkulu, u-Isaya 9:7 uthi: “Yona kanye intshiseko kaJehova wamabutho iyokwenza lokhu.” La mazwi agcizelela isifiso esikhulu sikaBaba wethu wasezulwini sokusindisa isintu. Isibonelo sentshiseko kaJehova sibonisa ngokucacile ukuthi kudingeka siwushisekele umsebenzi asinike wona njengabamemezeli boMbuso futhi siwusekele ngenhliziyo yethu yonke. Silingisa intshiseko kaJehova ngokuba nesifiso esijulile sokusiza abantu ukuba bamazi. Khona-ke, njengezisebenzi ezikanye noNkulunkulu, ingabe yilowo nalowo kithi uzimisele ukwenza okusemandleni ethu ukuba abe nengxenywe egcwele ekumemezeleni izindaba ezinhle?—1 Kor. 3:9.

⁴ Cabanga nangentshiseko kaJesu. Wabeka isibonelo esihle sokuphikelela ngentshiseko enkonzweni. Naphezu kokuphikiswa, wayilondoloza intshiseko yakhe ngomsebenzi wokushumayela kwaze kwaba sekupheleni okubuhlungu kokuphila kwakhe emhla-

beni. (Joh. 18:36, 37) Njengoba isikhathi sokufa kwakhe njengomhlatshelelo sasisondele, nokuzimisela kwakhe ukusiza abanye ukuba bazi uJehova kwakhula.

⁵ Ngokwesibonelo, ekwindla ka-32 C.E., uJesu wenza umfanekiso wendoda eyayinesihlahla somkhiwane esivinini sayo okwase kuphele iminyaka emithathu singatheli. Lapho umgcini-sivini etshelwa ukuba asinqume, wacela isikhathi sokuba aqale asifakele umquba. (**Funda uLuka 13:6-9.**) Ngaleso sikhathi, babembalwa abafundi okwakungathiwa bayisithelo somsebenzi kaJesu wokushumayela. Kodwa njengoba umfanekiso womgcini-sivini ubonisa, uJesu wasebenzisa isikhathi sakhe esincane esasisele—esingaba izinyanga eziyisithupha—ukuze aqinise umsebenzi wakhe wokushumayela eJudiya nasePhereya. Ezinsukwini ezimbaliwa ngaphambi kokuba afe, uJesu walilela abantu bakubo ‘ababewile bangasabela.’ —Math. 13:15; Luka 19:41.

⁶ Njengoba sesingene shi esikhathini soku-phela, akubalulekile yini nakakhulu ukuqinisa emizamweni yethu yokushumayela? (**Funda uDaniyeli 2:41-45.**) Kuyilungelo elimalisa ngempela ukuba oFakazi BakaJehova! Yithi kuphela emhlabeni esinika abantu ithemba lezixazululo zangempela zezinkinga zesintu. Muva nje umlobeli wephephandaba elithile uwuchaze njengongaphenduleki umbuzo othi, “Kungani abantu abalungile behlelwa izinto ezimbi?” Kuwumsebenzi nelungelo lethu njengamaKristu ukubabonisa izimpendulo eziseBhayibheleni zemibuzo enjengalo labo abavumayo ukulalela. Sinezizathu ezizwakalayo ‘zokuvutha emoyeni’ njengoba sifeza lo msebenzi esiwunike uNkulunkulu. (Roma 12:11) Ngesibusiso saKhe, ukushumayela kwethu ngentshiseko kungabasiza abanye ukuba bamazi futhi bamthande.

NOVEMBA 28–DISEMBA 4

AMAGUGU ASEZWINI LIKANKULUNKU- LU | 2 AMAKHOSI 11-12

“Owesifazane Omubi, Othanda Ukuve- lela Akaphunyuki Ekutholeni Isijeziso”

it-1-E 209

U-Athaliya

Njengonina uJezebeli, u-Athaliya wancenga umyeni wakhe, uJehoramukuba enze okubi emehlweni kaJehova phakathi nokubusa kwakhe kweminyaka engu-8. (1Kh 21:25; 2Kr 21:4-6) Njengomama wakhe, u-Athaliya wayefuna ukuchitha igazi labangenacala. Lapho indodana yakhe ekhohlakele u-Ahaziya ifa ngemva kokubusa unyaka owodwa, wabulala bonke abasohlwini lozalo lwasebukhosini, ngaphandle kosana uJehowashi owacashiswa umpristi ophakeme nomkakhe, owayengu-anti kaJehowashi. Ngemva kwalokho u-Athaliya wazibeka njengendlovukazi iminyaka eyisithupha, cishe kusukela ngo-905-899 B.C.E. (2Kr 22:11, 12) Amadodana akhe atshontsha izinto ezingcwele ethempelini likaJehova azinikela kuBhali.—2Kr 24:7.

it-1-E 209

U-Athaliya

Lapho uJehowashi eseneminyaka eyisikhombisa, uMpristi Ophakeme owesaba uNkulunkulu uJehoyada wamkhipha wambeka njengenkosi enelungelo lokubusa, indlalifa. Ezwa umsindo omkhulu, u-Athaliya wagijima waya ethempelini, lapho ebona okwakwenzeka wakhala wathi, “Uzungu! Uzungu!” UMpristi Ophakeme uJehoyada wayala ukuba akhishelwe ngaphandle ethempelini ukuze abulawelwe esangweni lehhashi esigodlweni; cishe wayengowokugcina endlini enyanyekayo ka-Ahabi. (2Ki 11:1-20; 2Ch

22:1–23:21) Yeka ukuthi ubuqiniso bala mazwi babonakala kanjani: “Akukho nelilodwa izwi likaJehova, uJehova alikhuluma ngokumelene nendlu ka-Ahabi elingeke ligcwaliseke!”—2Kh 10:10, 11; 1Kh 21:20-24.

Ingcebo Engokomoya

it-1-E 1265-1266

UJehowashi

Ngokuhamba kwesikhathi, le nkosi esencane uJehowashi yayichuma uma nje uMpristi Ophakeme uJehoyada ayesaphila futhi esangubaba nomeluleki wayo. UJehowashi washada eneminyaka engu-21, wayenabafazi ababili, omunye wabo wayebizwa ngokuthi uJehowadani futhi ngenxa yalokhu uJehowashi waba ngubaba wamadodana namadodakazi. Ngale ndlela, uhlu lozalo lukaDavide oluholela kuMesiya olwase lucishe lwaphezamiseka ngokuphelele, lwaphinde lwenziwa lwaqina.—2Kh12:1-3; 2Kr 24:1-3; 25:1.

DISEMBA 5-11

AMAGUGU ASEZWINI LIKANKULUNKU- LU | 2 AMAKHOSI 13-15

“Umzamo Esiwenza Ngenhliziyo Yonke Uholela Ezibusisweni Eziningi”

w10 4/15 26 ¶11

Ingabe Ulandela UKristu Ngokugcwele?

¹¹Ukuze kukukhanyele ukuthi kubaluleke kangakanani ukushiseka enkonzweni kaNkulunkulu, phawula isenzakalo esithile esenzeka enkosini yakwa-Israyeli uJehowashi. Yaya ku-Elisha ikhala ngoba ikhathazekile ngalokho okwakubonakala sengathi abaseSiriya babezokwenza ku-Israyeli. Umprofethi wayiyala ukuba ime ngasefasiteleni futhi icibishele ibhekise eSiriya, okubonisa ukunqoba uJehova ayezobanika khona lapho belwa naleso sizwe. Ngokuqinisekile lokhu kwakufanele

kunike le nkosi umdlandla. Ngokulandelayo, u-Elisha watshela uJehowashi ukuba athathe imicibisholo ayicibe phansi. UJehowashi waciba izikhathi ezintathu. Lokhu kwamthukuthelisa u-Elisha ngoba ukube waciba izikhathi ezinhlanu noma eziyisithupha kwakuyobonisa ukuthi ‘uzolishaya iSiriya aze aliqede.’ Manje uJehowashi wayezonqoba kathathu kuphela kodwa angawaqedi. Ngenxa yokuthi wantula intshiseko, impumelelo kaJehowashi yaba elinganiselwe. (2 AmaKhosi 13:14-19) Isiphi isifundo esingasifunda kulokhu kulandisa? UJehova uyosibusisa kakhulu kuphela uma senza umsebenzi wakhe ngenhliziyo ephelele nangenintshiseko.

w13 11/1 11 ¶5-6

“Umvuzi Walabo Abamfuna Ngobuqotho”

Obani abavuzwa uJehova? UPawulu uthi: “Yilabo abamfuna ngobuqotho.” Incwadi ethile yabahumushi beBhayibheli ithi igama lesiGrekhi elisho “ukufuna ngobuqotho” alisho “ukuphuma uyofuna,” kunalokho, lisikisela ukuza kuNkulunkulu ngenhloso “yokumkhulekela.” Enye incwadi ichaza ukuthi lesi senzo sesiGrekhi sisikisela umzamo ojulile nokuzikhandla. Yebo, uJehova uvuza labo abanokholo olubashukumisela ukuba bamkhulekele ngothando nangentshiseko ngenhliziyo yonke.—Mathewu 22:37.

UJehova ubavuzwa kanjani abakhulekeli bakhe abathembekile? Uthembisa ukubavuzwa ngekusasa elingenakuqhathaniswa okubonisa ukujula komoya wokupha nothando lwakhe—ukuphila phakade emhlabeni oyiPharadesi. (IsAmbulo 21:3, 4) Ngisho kwamanje, labo abamfuna ngobuqotho uJehova bajabulela izibusiso ezicebile. Ngosizo lomoya wakhe ongawekele nokuhlakanipha okutholakala eZwini lakhe, bajabulela ukuphila okunenjongo nokwanelisayo.—IHubo 144:15; Mathewu 5:3.

Ingcebo Engokomoya

w05 8/1 11 ¶3

Amaphuzu Avelele Encwadi YamaKhosi Esibili

13:20, 21—Ingabe lesi simangaliso sisekela ukuhlonishwa kwezinsalela zezinto izinkolo ezizibheka njengezingcwele? Cha. IBhayibheli alibonisi ukuthi amathambo ka-Elisha ake ahlonishwa. Lesi simangaliso senze-ka ngenxa yamandla kaNkulunkulu njengoba kwakunjalo nangazo zonke izimangaliso u-Elisha azenza ngesikhathi esaphila.

Inkulumo

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Umsebenzi Oqabulayo

¹ Isigijimi seBhayibheli siyabaqabula bonke abasamukelayo futhi basisebenzise ekuphileni kwabo. (IHu. 19:7, 8) Sibasiza ukuba bakhululeke ezimfundisweni zamanga nase-mikhubeni elimazayo futhi sibanika ithemba eliqinisekile lekusasa. Nokho, abazuzi bodwa labo abamukela izindaba ezinhle. Labo abatshele abanye amaqiniso eBhayibheli nabo bayaqabuleka.—IzAga 11:25.

² **Inkonzo Ivuselela Amandla:** UJesu wathi labo abamukela ijoka lokuba abafundi bakhe, elihlanganisa nomsebenzi wokushumayela nokwenza abafundi, ‘babezotholela imiphfumulo yabo ukuqabuleka.’ (Math. 11:29) Naye ngokwakhe wakuthola kuvuselela amandla ukufakaza kwabanye. Kwakufana nokudla kuye. (Joh. 4:34) Lapho ethuma abafundi abangu-70 ukuba bayoshumayela, bajabula njengoba bebona uJehova esekela imizamo yabo.—Luka 10:17.

³ Ngokufanayo, amaKristu amaningi namuhla kuwavuselela amandla ukuhlanganyela emsebenzini wokushumayela. Omunye udade wathi: “Inkonzo iyaqabula ngoba inginika

injongo ekuphileni. Izinkinga zami siqu nezingcindezi zansuku zonke ziphenduka ubalalapho ngisenkonzweni.” Esinye isikhonzi esishisekayo sathi: “Inkonzo . . . yenza uJehova abe ngokoqobo kimi nsuku zonke futhi inginika ukuthula nesilinganiso senjabulo yangaphakathi okungenakutholakala ngenye indlela.” Akuve kuyilungelo ukuba “yizisebenzi ezikanye noNkulunkulu”—1 Kor. 3:9.

4 Ijoka LikaKristu Ngelomusa: Nakuba amaKristu eyalwa ukuba ‘azikhandle ngamandla,’ uJesu akafuni okungaphezu kwalokho esikwazi ukukwenza. (Luka 13:24) Ngempelela, usimema ngothando ukuba ‘singene ejokeni lakhe kanye naye.’ (Math. 11:29, umbhalo waphansi we-Ref. bi.) Labo ababhekene nezimo ezinzima bangaqiniseka ukuthi inkonzo yabo yomphefumulo wonke, ngisho noma ilinganiselwe, iyamjabulisa uNkulunkulu.—Marku 14:6-8; Kol. 3:23.

⁵ Yeka ukuthi kujabulisa kanjani ukukhonza uNkulunkulu owazisa noma ngabe yini esiyenza ngenxa yegama lakhe! (Heb. 6:10) Kwangathi njalo singalwela ukumenzela okungcono kakhulu.

DISEMBA 12-18

AMAGUGU ASEZWINI LIKANKULUNKULU | 2 AMAKHOSI 16-17

“Ukubekhezela KukaJehova Kunomkhawulo”

it-2-E 908 ¶5
UShalimaneseri

Ukubuswa kuka-Israyeli. Phakathi nesikhathi sokubusa kweNkosi uHosheya kwa-Israyeli (cishe kusukela ngo-758-740 B.C.E.), uShalimaneseri V wathatha nePhalestina walibusa futhi wabeka uHosheya ukuba abe inceku yakhe waqala ukukhokha intela kuye. (2Kh 17:1-3) Nokho, kamuva uHosheya wa-

hluleka ukukhokha intela futhi kwatholakala ukuthi wenza uzungu neNkosi yaseGibhithe uSo. (Bheka elithi SO.) Ngenxa yalokho, uShalimaneseri wabopha uHosheya futhi kamuva wavimbezela iSamariya iminyaka emithathu, ekugcineni idolobha elalivikelwe kahle lawa, nama-Israyeli ayiswa ekudingisweni.—2Kh 17:4-6; 18:9-12; qhathanisa noHos 7:11; Hez 23:4-10.

it-1-E 414-415 **Ukuthunjwa**

Izizathu ezaholela ekuthunjweni kombuso wezizwe eziyishumi oseNyakatho kwa-Israyeli nombuso wezizwe ezimbili oseNingizimu kwa-Juda—zazifana. Bamhlala uJehova nokukhulekela kweqiniso ukuze bakhulekele onkulunkulu bamanga. (Dut 28:15, 62-68; 2Kh 17:7-18; 21:10-15) UJehova wayelokhu ebaxwayisa, ngokuthumela abaprofethi bakhe kuyo yomibili imibuso kodwa abazange balalele. (2Kh 17:13) Akukho neyodwa inkosi eyabusa ezi-zweni eziyishumi zombuso wakwa-Israyeli eyakwazi ukuzisusa ngokuphelele zonke izindawo zokukhulekela kwamanga ezazakhiwe inkosi yokuqala uJerobowamu. UJuda, udadewabo—ongumbuso oseningizimu—wehluleka ukulalela izixwayiso ezivela kuJehova nokufunda esibonelweni sendlela u-Israyeli awela ngayo ekuthunjweni. (Jer 3:6-10) Ekugcineni, abantu ababehlala kuyo yomibili le mibuso bayiswa ekudingisweni, isizwe ngasinye sadingiswa izikhathi esingaphezu kwesisodwa.

Ingcebo Engokomoya

it-2-E 847
UmSamariya

Igama elithi “amaSamariya” laqala ukuvela emBhalweni ngemva kokunqotshwa kombuso wezizwe eziyishumi waseSamariya ngo-740 B.C.E.; lalisetshenziswa kulabo ababephila embusweni osenyakatho ngaphambi kokunqotshwa, ukuze kuhlukaniswe izifiki

eza lethwa kamuva zisuka ezingxenyeni zo-Mbuso wase-Asiriya. (2Kh 17:29) Kubonakala sengathi ama-Asiriya awazange awasuse wonke ama-Israyeli ayeyizakhamuzi ngoba indaba etholakala kweyesi-2 IziKronike 34: 6-9 (qhathanisa 2Kh 23:19, 20) ibonisa ukuthi ngesikhathi sokubusa kweNkosi uJosiya ayesakhona ama-Israyeli ezweni. Ngokuhamba kwesikhathi elithi, “amaSamariya” lasho inzalo yalabo abasala eSamariya nalabo abalethwa ama-Asiriya. Ngokungangabazeki, abanye babeyizingane zemishado yezizwe ezingafani. Kamuva, leli gama lase linomqondo ophathelene nenkolo kakhulu kunokuba lichaze uhlanga noma ubuzwe. “UmSamariya” wayebhekisela kumuntu owayeseqenjini elithile lenkolo elidumile endaweni yaseShekemi naseSamariya yasendulo futhi owayephila ngezimfundiso ezihlukile kwezobuJuda.—Joh 4:9.

DISEMBA 19-25

AMAGUGU ASEZWINI LIKANKULUNKULU | 2 AMAKHOSI 18-19

“Indlela Abantu Abasiphikisayo Abazama Ngayo Ukusifaka Amanzi Emadolweni”

w05 8/1 11 ¶5

Amaphuzu Avelele Encwadi YamaKhosi Esibili

18:19-21, 25—Ingabe uHezekiya wayenze isivumelwano neGibhithe? Cha. Amazwi ka-Rabishake ayangelona iqiniso, njengoba nje ayengakhulumi iqiniso nalapho ethi ‘ngithole imvume kuJehova.’ Inkosi ethembekile uHezekiya yayithembele kuJehova kuphela.

w10 7/15 13 ¶3

“Ungesabi. Ngizokusiza Mina Mathupha”

URabishake wasebenzisa ubuqili ukuze azame ukutshala ukungabaza. Wathi: “Akuyena yini [uJehova] ozindawo zakhe eziphakeme

nama-altare akhe uHezekiya akususile? . . . UJehova ngokwakhe uthé kimi, ‘Hamba uyo-lwa naleli zwe, ulibhubhise.’” (2 Kh 18:22, 25) Ngakho, uRabishake wagomela ngokuthi uJehova wayengeke abalwele abantu ba-Khe ngoba wayengajabule ngabo. Kodwa lo-kho kwakungamanga aluhlaza cwe. UJehova wayejabule ngoHezekiya namaJuda aye-phendukele ekukhulekeleni kweqiniso.—2 Kh 18:3-7.

w13 11/15 19 ¶14

Lokho Okushiwo Abelusi Abayisikhombisa Nezikhulu Eziphakeme Eziyisishiyagalombili Kithi Namuhla

¹⁴ Inkosi yase-Asiriya yakanisa eLakishi, eningizimu-ntshonalanga yeJerusalema. Yabe isithumela izithunywa ezintathu, ukuba ziyotshela abaseJerusalema ukuba bazinikele kuyo. Umkhulumeli wayo, owayewuRabishake ngokwesikhundla sakhe, wasebenzisa amasu ahlukahlukene. Ekhuluma ngesiHebheru, waggugquzela abantu ukuba bakhaphele inkosi futhi bazinikele kwabase-Asiriya, ebakhohlisa ngokuthi uzobasusa abayise ezweni abazophila ngokunethezeka kulo. (**Funda eyesi-2 AmaKhosi 18:31, 32.**) URabishake wabe esegomela ngokuthi njengoba nje onkulunkulu bezizwe babengakwazanga ukuvikela abakhulekeli babo, noJehova wayengeke akwazi ukukhulula amaJuda ezandleni zabase-Asiriya. Abantu benza ngokuhlakanipha, abazange bazame ukuyiphendula leyo nkulumo ze enyundelayo, okuyinto nanamuhla evame ukwenziwa izinceku zikaJehova.—**Funda eyesi-2 AmaKhosi 18:35, 36.**

yb74 177 ¶1

Ingxenywe 2—IJalimane

Kuyamangaza ukuthi ama-SS, ayevame uku-sebenzisa amaqhinga ukuze enze umuntu asayine iphepha lokuthi uyayeka ukuba uFakazi KaJehova, ngokuvamile ayemjikela lowo

osayinile bese emhlukumeza kakhulu kuna-ngaphambili. UKarl Kirscht uyavuma: “OFakazi BakaJehova babeyizisulu zokukhohliswa kunanoma ubani omunye emakamu okuhlu-shwa. Kwakucatshangwa ukuthi ngale ndlela babengathonyelwa ukuba basayine. Izikhathi eziningi sasicelwa ukuba sisayine. Abanye basayina kodwa ngokuvamile kwakufanele balinde isikhathi esingaphezu konyaka ngaphambi kokuba bakhululwe. Ngaleso sikhathi, ama-SS ayebahlambalaza obala njengabazenzisi namagwala futhi babephokwa ukuba benze lokho okwakubizwa ngokuthi i-‘*honor walk*’, bahamba hambe phambi kwabafowabo ngaphambi kokuba bakhululwe ekamu.”

Ingcebo Engokomoya

it-1-E 155 ¶14

Imivubukulo

Ngokwesibonelo, iBhayibheli liveza ukuthi iNkosi yase-Asiriya uSaneheribi yabulawa amadodana ayo amabili, u-Adirameleki no-Sharezeri futhi esikhundleni sayo kwabusa enye yamadodana ayo, u-Esari-hadoni. (2Kh 19:36, 37) Nokho, isazi-mlando saseBhabhiloni sabonisa ukuthi uSaneheribi wabulawa yindodana yakhe eyayivukela ngosuku luka-20 enyangeni ka-Thebeti. UBerossus, umpri- sti waseBhabhiloni wekhulu lesithathu B.C.E., noNabonidus, inkosi yaseBhabhiloni yekhulu lesithupha B.C.E., basho into efanayo, ukuthi uSaneheribi wabulawa eyodwa yamadodana akhe. Noma kunjalo, ezincezwaneni ze-Prism ezitholakale kamuva zika-Esari-hadoni—indodana eyabusa esikhundleni sikaSaneheribi—ukusho ngokucacile ukuthi abafowabo (ebuningini) bavukela futhi babulala uyise ngemva kwalokho babaleka. Ephawula ngalokhu encwadini yakhe i-*Universal Jewish History* (1948, Vol. I, k. 27), uPhilip Biberfeld uthi: “Izazi-mlando zaseBhabhiloni, uNabonid noBerossus zazinephutha; ukulandisa kwe-Bhayibheli kuphela okubonakala kuyiqiniso.

Kwafakazelwa yiyo yonke imininingwane emincane esemibhalweni ka-Esari-hadoni futhi kubonakala kuyikho okunembe kakhudlwana ngokuphathelele nalesi senzakalo somlando weBhabhiloni ne-Asiriya kunemithombo yabantu baseBhabhiloni. Leli yiqiniso elibaluleke kakhulu lokuba kuhlolwe ngisho nemithombo yakamuva engavumelani namasiko aseBhayibhelini.”

Inkulumo

w20.11 15 ¶14

Thandazela Labo Abashushiswayo—Kanjani?

¹⁴ **Yini esingayenza?** Imithandazo yethu ‘si-ngayenzela amakhosi nabo bonke abasezi-khundleni eziphakeme’ lapho kudingeka benze izinqumo eziyothinta indlela esikhonza ngayo uJehova kanye nenkonzo yethu. (1 Thim. 2:1, 2, ftn.; Neh. 1:11) Njengoba kwenza amaKristu angekhulu lokuqala, nathi sibathandazela kakhulu kuNkulunkulu abafowethu nodadewethu abasemajele. (**Funda izEnzo 12:5; Heb. 13:3**) Ngaphezu kwalokho, singathandazela namaphoyisa agade abafowethu nodadewethu emajele. Singanxusa uJehova ukuba athonye indlela acabanga ngayo ukuze enze njengoJuliyu futhi abaphathe “ngomusa” abafowethu nodadewethu ababoshiwe.

DISEMBA 26–JANUWARI 1

AMAGUGU ASEZWINI LIKANKULUNKULU | 2 AMAKHOSI 20-21

“Umthandazo Wenza UJehova Wangenelela”

ip-1 394 ¶123

Ukholo LweNkosi Luyavuzwa

²³ Ngesikhathi uSaneheribi ehlasela uJuda okokuqala, uHezekiya uhlathwa ukugula

okubi. U-Isaya umtshela ukuthi uzokufa. **(Isaya 38:1)** Le nkosi eneminyaka engu-39 ikhungathekile. Ayikhathazekele nje inhlalakahle yayo kuphela kodwa nekusasa lesizwe. IJerusalema noJuda kusengozini yokuhlasekwa abase-Asiriya. Uma uHezekiya efa, ubani ozohola impi? Okwamanje, uHezekiya akanayo indodana engathatha izintambo. Ngomthandazo oqotho, uHezekiya uncenga uJehova ukuba ambonise isihe.—**Isaya 38:2, 3.**

w17.03 21 ¶16

Khonza UJehova Ngenhliziyo Ephelele!

¹⁶ Kamuva uHezekiya wagulela ukufa. Wamxusa uJehova ukuba akhumbule indlela ahambe ngayo phambi kwaKhe. **(Funda eyesi-2 AmaKhosi 20:1-3.)** Siyazi ukuthi ngokwemiBhalo, esikhathini esiphila kuso ngeke sikwazi ukucela uNkulunkulu ukuba asiphulukise ngokuyisimangalisano noma andise izinsuku zokuphila kwethu. Noma kunjalo, ngamunye wethu angalingisa uHezekiya emthandazweni wakhe, athi kuJehova: ‘Ngihambe phambi kwakho ngokwethembeka nangenhliziyo ephelele.’ Ingabe uyakholelwa ukuthi uJehova angakwazi futhi uzimisele ukukusindisa ngisho nalapho ugula? —Hu 41:3.

g01 7/22 13 ¶4

Ungangisiza Kanjani Umthandazo?

Ezikhathini zeBhayibheli amanye amadoda okholo athola izimpendulo eziqondile—ngisho nangendlela eyisimangalisano—zemithandazo yawo. Ngokwesibonelo, lapho iNkosi uHezekiya izwa ukuthi inesifo esibulalayo, yamxusa uJehova ukuba ayikhulule. UNkulunkulu waphendula: “Ngiwuzwile umthandazo wakho. Ngizibonile izinyembezi zakho. Ngi-zokwelapha ekuguleni kwakho.” (2 Kh 20:1-6) Abanye besilisa nabesifazane abesaba

uNkulunkulu nabo babona ukungenela kuka-Nkulunkulu ezindabeni zabo.—1 Samuweli 1:1-20; Daniyeli 10:2-12; IzEnzo 4:24-31; 10:1-7.

Ingcebo Engokomoya

it-2-E 240 ¶1

Ithuluzi Lokuqondisa

Ithuluzi lokuqondisa lingasetshenziswa ukuze isakhiwo sakhiwe kahle noma kuhlo-lwe ukuthi singahlala isikhathi esingakana-ni. UJehova wabikezela ukuthi uyokwelulela phezu kweJerusalema elinenkani “intambo yokukala eyasetshenziswa eSamariya nethuluzi lokuqondisa elasetshenziswa endlini ka-Ahabi.” UNkulunkulu walikala iSamariya nendlu yeNkosi u-Ahabi wathola ukuthi babeziphethe kabi futhi benobuqili, okwaholela ekubhujisweni kwabo. Ngendlela efanayo, uNkulunkulu wayezolahlulela iJerusalema nababusi balo, adalule ububi babo futhi abhubhise lelo dolobha. Lezi zenzakalo zenzeka ngo-607 B.C.E. (2Kh 21:10-13; 10:11) Abantu ababi nabaqoshayo nababusi babantu eJerusalema bashaqeka ngencithakalo eyayizobehlela nesahlulelo sikaJehova, esabikezelwa ngo-Isaya: “Ubulungisa ngizobenza bube yintambo yokukala ukulunga kube yithuluzi lokuqondisa.” Izinga lobulungisa nokulunga kwangempela lalizodalula ukuthi obani abayizinceku zikaNkulunkulu nalabo ababengezona, okwakungaholela ekusindisweni noma ekubhujisweni kwabo.—Isay 28:14-19.