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ISAPHLUKO 1

Ngomnyaka wesithathu wokubusa kukaJehoyakimi, inkosi yakwaJuda, kwafika uNebukadinesari, inkosi yaseBabele, eJerusalema, walivimbezela.

² Inkosi yanikela esandleni sakhe uJehoyakimi, inkosi yakwaJuda, nenxenywe yezitsha zendlu kaNkulunkulu, waziya ezweni laseShineyari endlini kankulunkulu wakhe, waziya izitsha endlini yengebo kankulunkulu wakhe.

³ Inkosi yakhuluma ku-Ashipenazi, induna yabathenwa bayo, ukuba athathe kubantwana bakwa-Israeli abozalo lwenkosi nezikhulu, abalethe,

⁴ abafana abangenasici, ababukeka kahle, abanengqondo ekuhlakanipheni konke, abanolwazi ekwazini, abanokuqonda ekwazini, abanamandla ukukhonza endlini yenkosi, abafundise izincwadi nolimi lwamaKaledi.

⁵ Inkosi yabamisela isabelo semihla ngemihla sokudla kwenkosi nesewayini eliphuzayo, bondliwe iminyaka emithathu; kuyakuthi ngasekugcineni kwayo beme phambi kwenkosi.

⁶ Kulabo kwakukhona kubantwana bakwaJuda oDanieli, noHananiya, noMishayeli, no-Azariya.

⁷ Induna yabathenwa yabetha amagama; uDanieli yametha ngokuthi uBeliteshasari, noHananiya uShadiraki, noMishayeli uMeshaki, no-Azariya u-Abedi Nego.

⁸ Kepha uDanieli wazimisela enhliziyweni yakhe ukuba angazingcolisi ngesabelo sokudla kwenkosi nangewayini eliphuzayo; wayesecela enduneni yabathenwa ukuba angazingcolisi.

⁹ UNkulunkulu wamnika uDanieli ukuba athole umusa nobumnene emehlweni enduna yabathenwa.

¹⁰ Induna yabathenwa yathi kuDanieli: “Mina ngiyesaba ukuthi inkosi yami, inkosi, emisile ukudla kwenu nokuphuza kwenu, iyakubona ubuso benu ukuba buxhozekile kunabafana abayintanga yenu, nilifake engozini ikhanda lami enkosini.”

¹¹ Wayesethi uDanieli encekweni, induna yabathenwa ebiyibeke phezu koDanieli, noHananiya, noMishayeli, no-Azariya:

¹² “Ake ulinge izinceku zakho izinsuku eziyishumi, basiphe imifino yokudla namanzi okuphuza.

¹³ Bese bubekwa ubuso bethu phambi kwakho kanye nobuso babafana abadla isabelo sokudla kwenkosi, wenze ezincekweni zakho njengokubona kwakho.”

¹⁴ Yabalalela kule nto, yabalinga izinsuku eziyishumi.

¹⁵ Ngasekugcineni kwezinsuku eziyishumi ubuso babo babonakala bubuhle, babekhuluphele emzimbeni kunabo bonke abafana ababedla isabelo sokudla kwenkosi.

¹⁶ Inceku yayisisusa isabelo sokudla newayini lokuphuza, yabapha imifino.

- ¹⁷ Laba bafana abane uNkulunkulu wabanika ukwazi nokuqonda encwadini nasekuhlakanipheni; uDanyeli wayenengqondo kuyo yonke imibono namaphupho.
- ¹⁸ Ngasekugcineni kwezinsuku inkosi eyayishilo ukuthi bazakungeniswa ngazo, induna yabathenwa yabangenisa phambi kukaNebukadinesari.
- ¹⁹ Inkosi yakhuluma nabo; phakathi kwabo bonke akufunyaniswanga muntu onjengoDanyeli, noHananiya, noMishayeli, no-Azariya; base bemi ngaphambi kwenkosi.
- ²⁰ Ezintweni zonke zokuhlakanipha nezokuqonda inkosi eyayibabuza ngazo yabafumanisa bedlula kayishumi zonke izanusi nabathwebulayo ababesembusweni wayo wonke.
- ²¹ UDanyeli wayekhona kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka wokuqala kaKoresi inkosi.

ISAHLUKO 2

- N**gomnyaka wesibili wokubusa kukaNebukadinesari uNebukadinesari waphupha amaphupho; umoya wakhe wakhathazeka, nobuthongo bakhe bambalekela.
- ² Yayisiyaleza inkosi ukuba kubizwe izanusi, nabathwebulayo, nabalumbi, namaKaledi ukuba bachazele inkosi amaphupho ayo. Bangena, bema phambi kwenkosi.
- ³ Inkosi yayisithi kubo: “Ngiphuphe iphupho, umoya wami ukhathazekile ukulazi iphupho.”
- ⁴ Ayesekhuluma amaKaledi enkosini ngesi-Aramu, athi: “Mana njalo, nkosi; yisho ezincekwini zakho iphupho, thina sibonise incazelo.”
- ⁵ Inkosi yaphendula, yathi kumaKaledi: “Izwi liphumile kimi lokuthi uma ningazisi iphupho nencazo yalo, niyakuhlahlelwa, izindlu zenu zibe yiquba.
- ⁶ Kepha uma nibonisa iphupho nencazo yalo, niyakwamukela kimi izipho nemivuzo nodumo olukhulu; ngalokho ngiboniseni iphupho nencazo yalo.”
- ⁷ Abuye aphenhula, athi: “Inkosi mayisho iphupho ezincekwini zayo, thina sibonise incazelo.”
- ⁸ Inkosi-ke yaphendula yathi: “Ngiyazi impela ukuthi niyazenzela isikhathi, ngokuba nibona ukuthi izwi liphumile kimi
- ⁹ lokuthi uma ningangazisi iphupho, umthetho munye nje ngani, ngokuba nilungisile amazwi amanga nawonakeleyo okukhuluma phambi kwami, kuze kuguquke isikhathi: ngalokho ngitssheleni iphupho, ngize ngazi ukuthi ningangibonisa incazelo yalo.”
- ¹⁰ AmaKaledi aphenhula phambi kwenkosi, athi: “Akukho muntu emhlabeni ongabonisa indaba yenkosi, ngokuba akukho nkosi, nanduna, nambusi owake wabuza indaba enjalo nakwesisdwa isanusi, nothwebulayo, naKaledi.
- ¹¹ Futhi kuyinto elukhuni eyifunayo inkosi, kakho omunye ongayibonisa phambi kwenkosi ngaphandle kwawonkulunkulu abangahlali nabasenyameni.”
- ¹² Ngalokho inkosi yathukuthela, yafutheka kakhulu, yayaleza ukuba kubhujiswe bonke abahlakaniphileyo baseBabele.
- ¹³ Isimemezelo saphuma sokuthi abahlakaniphileyo babeyakubulawa; bamfuna uDanyeli nabangane bakhe ukuba babulawe.
- ¹⁴ Khona uDanyeli wabuyisela impendulo ngokuhlakanipha nangokuqonda ku-Ariyoki induna yemilindankosi owayephumile ukubulala abahlakaniphileyo baseBabele;
- ¹⁵ wathatha wathi ku-Ariyoki induna yenkosi: “Siphumeleni enkosini lesi simemezelo esicindezelayo na?” U-Ariyoki wayesemazisa uDanyeli indaba.
- ¹⁶ UDanyeli wayesengena, wacela enkosini ukuba imnike isikhathi ukuze abonise inkosi incazelo.

- ¹⁷ UDaniyeli wayeseya endlini yakhe, wazisa oHananiya, noMishayeli, no-Azariya, abangane bakhe, le ndaba
- ¹⁸ ukuba bacele umusa kuNkulunkulu wasezulwini ngale mfihlakalo, ukuze uDaniyeli nabangane bakhe bangabhubhi kanye nabanye abahlakaniphileyo baseBabele.
- ¹⁹ Khona yabonakaliswa imfihlakalo kuDaniyeli ngombono ebusuku. UDaniyeli wambonga uNkulunkulu wasezulwini.
- ²⁰ UDaniyeli wathatha wathi: “Malibongwe igama likaNkulunkulu kusukela kwaphakade kuze kube phakade, ngokuba ukuhlakanipha namandla kungokwakhe;
- ²¹ uyaguqula izikhathi nezinkathi; uyasusa amakhosi, abeke amakhosi; unika abahlakaniphileyo ukuhlakanipha, nokwazi kwabaqonda ukwazi;
- ²² uyambula okujulileyo nokufihlakeleyo; uyazi okusebumnyameni, nokukhanya kuhlezi kuye.
- ²³ Ngiyakubonga, ngikudumise wena Nkulunkulu wawobaba ongiphile ukuhlakanipha namandla, wangazisa esasikucela kuwe, ngokuba usazisile indaba yenkosi.”
- ²⁴ Ngelokho uDaniyeli wangena ku-Ariyoki obemiswe yinkosi ukuba abhubhise abahlakaniphileyo baseBabele. Wahamba, washo kanje kuye, wathi: “Ungababhubhisi abahlakaniphileyo baseBabele; ngingenise phambi kwenkosi, ngibonise inkosi incazelo.”
- ²⁵ U-Ariyoki wayeseshesha ukumngenisa uDaniyeli phambi kwenkosi, washo kanje kuyo, wathi: “Ngifumene umuntu wabathunjwa bakwaJuda oyakwazisa inkosi incazelo.”
- ²⁶ Inkosi yaphendula, yathi kuDaniyeli, ogama lakhe lalinguBeliteshasari: “Ungangazisa iphupho engilibonileyo nencazo yalo na?”
- ²⁷ UDaniyeli waphendula phambi kwenkosi, wathi: “Imfihlakalo eyibuzayo inkosi, abahlakaniphileyo, nabathwebulayo, nezanusi, nabahlola imihlola, bangeyibonise yona inkosi.
- ²⁸ Kepha kukhona uNkulunkulu ezulwini owambula izimfihlakalo; wazisile inkosi uNebukadinesari okuyakuba khona ngezinsuku ezizayo. Iphupho lakho nemibono yekhanda lakho embhedeni wakho nakhu:
- ²⁹ “Wena-ke, nkosi, imicabango yakho yokuyakuba khona emva kwalokhu yafika kuwe usembhedeni wakho; owambula izimfihlakalo ukwazisile okuyakuba khona.
- ³⁰ Mina-ke, akungokuhlakanipha enginakho kunabanye abakhona ukuthi le mfihlakalo yambuliwe kimi, kepha kungukuba inkosi yaziswe incazelo nokuba wazi imicabango yenhliziyo yakho.
- ³¹ “Wena nkosi wabona, bheka, isithombe esikhulu. Lesi sithombe esasisikhulu nesikucwebezela kwaso kwakukuhle sema phambi kwakho, nesimo saso sasesabeka.
- ³² Lesi sithombe-ke, ikhanda laso liyigolide elihle, isifuba saso nezingalo zaso kuyisiliva, isisu saso namathanga aso kuyithusi,
- ³³ imilenze yaso iyinsimbi, izinyawo zaso inxenye yinsimbi, inxenye yibumba.
- ³⁴ Wawusubona ukuthi kwaqheshulwa itshe kungengazandla, lashaya isithombe ezinyaweni zaso eziyinsimbi nebumba, lazichoboza.
- ³⁵ Kwase kuchotshozwa kanyekanye insimbi, nebumba, nethusi, nesiliva, negolide, kwaba njengamakhoba ezibuya zasehlobo, kwasuswa ngumoya, akutholwanga ndawo; itshe elalisishaya isithombe laba yintaba enkulu, lawugcwalisa umhlaba wonke.
- ³⁶ “Yilelo iphupho; nencazo siyakuyisho phambi kwenkosi.
- ³⁷ Wena nkosi uyinkosi yamakhosi onikwe umbuso, namandla, nodumo nguNkulunkulu wasezulwini.
- ³⁸ Ezindaweni zonke lapho abantwana babantu behlezi khona, izilwane zasendle

nezinyoni zezulu uzinikele esandleni sakho, wenze ukuba ubuse phezu kwazo zonke. Wena uyikhanda legolide.

³⁹ “Emva kwakho kuyakuvuka omunye umbuso omncane kunawe, nomunye umbuso wesithathu wethusi oyakubusa emhlabeni wonke.

⁴⁰ Umbuso wesine uyakuqina njengensimbi, ngokuba insimbi ichoboza, igxobe konke; nanjengensimbi ekwaphula konke lokhu, uyakugxoba, waphule.

⁴¹ Njengalokho wabona izinyawo nezinzwani, inxenye iyibumba lombumbi, inxenye insimbi, uyakuba ngumbuso owahlukene; kepha kuyakuba kuwo amandla ensimbi, njengokuba wabona insimbi ixubene nebumba lodaka.

⁴² Njengalokho izinzwani zezinyawo zaziinsimbi inxenye, nenxenye ibumba, umbuso uyakuba namandla nganxanye, ngakwenye inxenye ube buthakathaka.

⁴³ Njengalokho wabona insimbi ixubene nebumba lodaka, bayakuzixubanisa nenzalo yabantu, kepha abayikunamathelana omunye nomunye, njengokuba insimbi ingahlangani nebumba.

⁴⁴ “Ezinsukwini zalawo makhosi uNkulunkulu wasezulwini uyakumisa umbuso ongasoze wachithwa nobukhosi bawo bungayikushiyelelwa kwabanye abantu, kepha uyakuchoboza, uqede yonke le mibuso, wona uqobo ume phakade.

⁴⁵ Njengalokho wabona itshe ukuthi laqheshulwa entabeni kungengazandla, nokuthi lachoboza insimbi, nethusi, nebumba, nesiliva, negolide, uNkulunkulu omkhulu uyazisile inkosi okuyakuba khona emva kwalokhu; iphupho liqinisile, nencazo yalo iyiqiniso.”

⁴⁶ Inkosi uNebukadinesari yayisiwa ngobuso, yakhuleka kuDaniyeli, yayaleza ukuba banikele ngomnikelo nangempepho kuye.

⁴⁷ Inkosi yamphendula uDaniyeli, yathi: “Ngempela uNkulunkulu wakho unguNkulunkulu wawonkulunkulu, neNkosi yamakhosi, umambuli wezimfihlakalo, lokhu ubunamandla okubonakalisa le mfihlakalo.”

⁴⁸ Inkosi yamkhulisa uDaniyeli, yamupha izipho eziningi ezinkulu, yamenza ukuba abuse sonke isifunda saseBabele, abe ngumholi wababusi babahlakaniphileyo baseBabele.

⁴⁹ UDaniyeli wacela enkosini, yabeka oShadiraki, noMeshaki, no-Abedi Nego phezu kwezindaba zesifunda saseBabele, kepha uDaniyeli wayesesangweni lenkosi.

ISAHLUKO 3

UNebukadinesari, inkosi, wenza isithombe segolide, ubude baso buyizingalo ezingamashumi ayisithupha, ububanzi baso buyizingalo eziyisithupha, wasibeka ethafeni laseDura esifundeni saseBabele.

² UNebukadinesari inkosi wayesethumela ukubutha izikhulu, nababusi, nezinduna, nabahluleli, nabaphathizikhwama, nabomkhandlu, nabameli, nabo bonke abaphathizifunda ukuba beze ekwahlukaniselweni kwesithombe uNebukadinesari inkosi asimisileyo.

³ Khona izikhulu, nababusi, nezinduna, nabahluleli, nabaphathizikhwama, nabomkhandlu, nabameli, nabo bonke abaphathizifunda babuthelwa ukwahlukaniselwa kwesithombe uNebukadinesari inkosi abesimisile, bema phambi kwesithombe uNebukadinesari asimisileyo.

⁴ Kwase kumemeza ummemezeli ngamandla, wathi: “We nina bantu nezizwe, nezilimi, niyayalwa

⁵ ukuba ngesikhathi enizwa ngaso ukukhala kwecilongo, negenkle, nehabhu, nomqangala, nogubhu, negemfe, nazo zonke izinhlobo zokubethwa, niwe phansi,

nikhuleke esithombeni segolide uNebukadinesari inkosi asimisileyo.

⁶ Ongawi phansi, akhuleke, uyakuphonswa ngasona lesi sikhathi phakathi kwesithando somlilo ovuthayo.”

⁷ Ngelokho lapho abantu bezwa ukukhala kwecilongo, negenkle, nehabhu, nomqangala, nogubhu, nazo zonke izinhlobo zokubethwa, bonke abantu, nezizwe, nezilimi bawa phansi, bakhuleka esithombeni segolide asimisileyo uNebukadinesari inkosi.

⁸ Ngelokho kwasondela ngaleso sikhathi amadoda amaKaledi, ahleba abaJuda.

⁹ Athatha athi kuNebukadinesari inkosi: “Mana njalo, nkosi.

¹⁰ Wena nkosi ukhiphe isimemezero sokuba bonke abantu abezwa ukukhala kwecilongo, negenkle, nehabhu, nomqangala, nogubhu, negemfe, nazo zonke izinhlobo zokubethwa bawe phansi, bakhuleke esithombeni segolide,

¹¹ nokuba ongawi phansi, akhuleke, aphonswe phakathi kwesithando somlilo ovuthayo.

¹² Kukhona amadoda abaJuda owabeke phezu kwezindaba zesifunda saseBabele, oShadiraki, noMeshaki, no-Abedi Nego; lawa madoda, nkosi, awakunakanga; awakhonzi onkulunkulu bakho, awakhuleki esithombeni segolide osimisileyo.”

¹³ Khona uNebukadinesari wayaleza ngolaka nangokufutheka ukuba kulethwe oShadiraki, noMeshaki, no-Abedi Nego. Base beletha lawo madoda phambi kwenkosi.

¹⁴ UNebukadinesari wathatha wathi kuwo: “Kungamabomu yini, Shadiraki, Meshaki, no-Abedi Nego ningakhonzi onkulunkulu wami, ningakhuleki esithombeni segolide engisimisileyo, na?

¹⁵ Manje uma nilungele ukuba ngesikhathi enizwa ngaso ukukhala kwecilongo, negenkle, nehabhu, nomqangala, nogubhu, negemfe, nazo zonke izinhlobo zokubethwa, niwe phansi, nikhuleke esithombeni engisenzileyo, kuhle; kepha uma ningakhuleki, niyakuphonswa ngasona lesi sikhathi phakathi kwesithando somlilo ovuthayo; ngumuphi lowo onkulunkulu oyakunikhulula ezandleni zami na?”

¹⁶ OShadiraki, noMeshaki, no-Abedi Nego baphendula, bathi enkosini: “Nebukadinesari, thina asidingi ukukuphendula kule ndaba.

¹⁷ Uma kunjalo, uNkulunkulu wethu esimkhonzayo unamandla okusikhulula esithandweni somlilo ovuthayo; yebo, uyakusikhulula esandleni sakho, nkosi.

¹⁸ Kepha noma kungenjalo, makwazeke kuwe nkosi ukuthi asiyikukhonza onkulunkulu bakho, ngeke sakhuleka esithombeni segolide osimisileyo.”

¹⁹ Khona uNebukadinesari wagcwala ukufutheka, nesimo sobuso bakhe saguquka ngenxa yoShadiraki, noMeshaki, no-Abedi Nego; wakhuluma wayaleza ukuba isithando somlilo sishiswe kasikhombisa ngaphezu kwalokho okuke kwabonwa sishiswa ngakho.

²⁰ Wayeseyaleza amadoda anamandla asempini yakhe ukuba abophe oShadiraki, noMeshaki, no-Abedi Nego, abaphonse esithandweni somlilo ovuthayo.

²¹ Aboshwa-ke lawa madoda egqoke amayembe, namabhulukwe, nezigqoko, nezinye izingubo, aphonswa phakathi kwesithando somlilo ovuthayo.

²² Ngelokho ngokuba isiyalezelo senkosi sasicindezele, nesithando somlilo sasishisa kakhulu, ilangabi lomlilo lawabulala lawo madoda abakhuphula oShadiraki, noMeshaki, no-Abedi Nego.

²³ Kepha lawa madoda amathathu, oShadiraki, noMeshaki, no-Abedi Nego, awela phansi eboshiwe phakathi nesithando somlilo ovuthayo.

²⁴ Khona uNebukadinesari inkosi wethuka, wasuka wakhuluma, wathi kwabomkhandlu wakhe: “Angithi siphonse amadoda amathathu eboshiwe phakathi komlilo na?” Baphendula, bathi enkosini: “Uqinisile, nkosi.”

²⁵ Yaphendula yathi: “Bhekani, ngibona amadoda amane akhululekileyo ehamba phakathi

komlilo, awachithwanga; ukubonakala kweyesine kunjengendodana yawonkulunkulu.”

²⁶ Wayesesondela uNebukadinesari emnyango wesithando somlilo ovuthayo; wakhuluma wathi: “Shadiraki, Meshaki, no-Abedi Nego, nina zinceku zikaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, phumani nize lapha.” Base bephuma oShadiraki, noMeshaki, no-Abedi Nego phakathi komlilo.

²⁷ Izikhulu, nababusi, nezinduna, nabomkhandlu wenkosi babuthana, babona lawo madoda ukuthi umlilo awubanga namandla emizimbeni yawo, kungahamukanga lunwele olulodwa emakhanda awo, engaguqukanga amayembe awo, lingasondelanga kuwo nephunga lomlilo.

²⁸ UNebukadinesari wakhuluma wathi: “Makabongwe uNkulunkulu wawoShadiraki, noMeshaki, no-Abedi Nego, othumile ingelosi yakhe, wakhulula izinceku zakhe ebezimethemba, zaze zaguqula izwi lenkosi, zanikela imizimba yazo ukuba zingakhonzi, zingakhuleki kunkulunkulu noyedwa, uNkulunkulu wabo kuphela.

²⁹ Ngalokho ngikhipha isimemezelo sokuba bonke abantu, nezizwe, nezilimi ezikhuluma okungafanele ngoNkulunkulu wawoShadiraki, noMeshaki, no-Abedi Nego ziyakuhlalelwa, izindlu zazo zenziwe iquba, ngokuba akakho omunye unkulunkulu ongophula ngale ndlela.”

³⁰ Inkosi yabaphakamisa oShadiraki, noMeshaki, no-Abedi Nego esifundeni saseBabele.

ISAHLUKO 4

UNebukadinesari inkosi kubo bonke abantu, nezizwe, nezilimi ezakhe emhlabeni wonke: ukuthula makuvame kinina.

² Bekukuhle kimi ukwazisa izibonakaliso nezimangaliso uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke azenzile kimi.

³ Yeka ubuningi bezibonakaliso zakhe, namandla ezimangaliso zakhe! Umbuso wakhe ungumbuso ongunaphakade, nokubusa kwakhe kungokwezizukulwane.

⁴ Mina Nebukadinesari ngangihlezi ngokuthula, ngatamasa endlini yami yobukhosi.

⁵ Ngase ngibona iphupho, langethusa; imicabango embhedeni wami nemibono yekhanda lami yangesabisa.

⁶ Ngalokho ngakhipha isimemezelo sokuba kulethwe bonke abahlakaniphileyo baseBabele phambi kwami, ukuze bangazise incazelo yephupho.

⁷ Zase zifika izanusi, nabathwebulayo, namaKaledi, nabahlola imihlola, ngabatshela iphupho, kepha abangazisanga incazelo yalo.

⁸ Kodwa ngasekugcineni kwangena uDanyeli phambi kwami ogama lakhe linguBeliteshasari njengegama likankulunkulu wami, okuye umoya wawonkulunkulu abangcwele; ngamtshela iphupho, ngathi:

⁹ “Beliteshasari, wena nduna yezanusi, ngokuba ngiyazi ukuthi umoya wawonkulunkulu abangcwele ukuwe nokuthi awukhathazwa mfihlakalo, ngitshele imibono yephupho lami engilibonileyo nencazo yalo.

¹⁰ Yayinje imibono yekhanda lami ngisembhedeni wami: ngabona, bheka, nanko umuthi phakathi nomhlaba, nokuphakama kwawo kwakukukhulu.

¹¹ Umuthi wakhula, waqina, ubude bawo bafinyelela ezulwini nokubonakala kwawo kwaze kwaba sekugcineni komhlaba.

¹² Amaqabunga awo ayemahle, nezithelo zawo zaziziningi, kukhona kuwo ukudla kubo bonke; izilwane zasendle zazinomthunzi phansi kwawo, izinyoni zezulu zazihlala emagatsheni awo, nenyama yonke yondliwa kuwo.

- ¹³ “Ngabona emibonweni yekhanda lami ngisembhedeni wami, bheka, nango umlindi ongcwele ehla ezulwini.
- ¹⁴ Wamemeza ngamandla, washo kanje, wathi: ‘Gawula umuthi, unqume amagatsha awo, uvuthulule amaqabunga awo, uhlakaze izithelo zawo; izilwane mazisuke phansi kwawo, nezinyoni emagatsheni awo.
- ¹⁵ Nokho shiya isiqu sezimpande zawo emhlabathini, sinesibopho sensimbi nesethusi, ohlazeni lwasendle, simanziswe ngamazolo ezulu, isabelo saso sibe nezilwane zasetshanini bomhlaba;
- ¹⁶ inhliziyo yakhe iyakuguqulwa ingabi ngeyomuntu, aphiwe inhliziyo yesilwane, kudlule izikhathi eziyisikhombisa phezu kwakhe.
- ¹⁷ “ ‘Kunqunyiwe ngesimemezelo sabalindi nangesiyalezo sezwi labangcwele ukuba abaphilayo bazi ukuthi oPhezukonke ubusa imibuso yabantu, ayinike amthandayo, amise phezu kwayo ophansi phakathi kwabantu.’
- ¹⁸ “Leli phupho ngalibona mina Nebukadinesari; wena Beliteshasari, yisho incazelo, njengokuba bonke abahlakaniphileyo bombuso wami bengazi ukungazisa incazelo; kepha wena ungakwenza, ngokuba umoya wawonkulunkulu abangcwele ukuwe.”
- ¹⁹ Khona uDaniyeli ogama lakhe lalinguBeliteshasari wamangala isikhashana, imicabango yakhe yamesabisa. Inkosi yathatha yathi: “Beliteshasari, iphupho nencazo makungakwesabisi.” UBeliteshasari waphendula wathi: “Nkosi, iphupho malibe kwabakuzondayo, nencazo yalo kuzo izitha zakho.
- ²⁰ Umuthi owawubonayo, owakhula, waqina, obude bawo bafinyelela ezulwini nokubonakala kwawo kwaze kwaba sekugcineni komhlaba;
- ²¹ omaqabunga awo ayemahle, nezithelo zawo zaziziningi, kukhona ukudla kuwo kubo bonke; ozilwane zasendle zahlala phansi kwawo, nezinyoni zezulu zakha emagatsheni awo:
- ²² nguwe nkosi okhulile waqina, ngokuba ubukhulu bakho bukhulile bufinyelele ezulwini nokubusa kwakho kuze kube sekugcineni komhlaba.”
- ²³ “Njengalokho inkosi yabona umlindi ongcwele ehla ezulwini, ethi: ‘Gawula umuthi, uwuchithe, kepha shiya isiqu sezimpande zawo emhlabathini, sinesibopho sensimbi nesethusi, ohlazeni lwasendle, simanziswe ngamazolo ezulu, isabelo saso sibe nezilwane zasendle, kuze kudlule izikhathi eziyisikhombisa phezu kwaso,’
- ²⁴ nansi incazelo, nkosi: kuyisimemezelo soPhezukonke esiyehlele inkosi yami, inkosi,
- ²⁵ sokuthi uyakuxoshwa kubantu, inhlalo yakho ibe nezilwane zasendle, udliswe utshani njengezinkabi, umanziswe ngamazolo ezulu, kudlule izikhathi eziyisikhombisa phezu kwakho, uze wazi ukuthi oPhezukonke ubusa imibuso yabantu, ayinike amthandayo.
- ²⁶ Njengalokho bayaleza ukuba kushiywe isiqu sezimpande zomuthi, umbuso wakho uyakuqina kuwe, lapho usufundile ukuthi izulu liyabusa.
- ²⁷ Ngalokho, nkosi, masamukeleke kuwe isiluleko sami, unqamule izono zakho ngokulunga, nobubi bakho ngokuba nomusa kwabampofu; mhlawumbe kungelulwa ukuthula kwakho.”
- ²⁸ Konke lokho kwamehlela uNebukadinesari.
- ²⁹ Ngasekugcineni kwezinyanga eziyishumi nambili wayehamba endlini yamakhosi eBabele.
- ³⁰ Inkosi yathatha yathi: “Angithi yileli Babele elikhulu engilakhile libe yindlu yobukhosi ngezikhwepha zamandla ami, libe ludumo lobukhosi bami, na?”
- ³¹ Izwi lisesemlonyeni wenkosi, kwehla ezulwini izwi, lithi: “We nkosi Nebukadinesari, kukhulunyiwe kuwe ukuthi: Umbuso usukile kuwe;

- ³² uyakuxoshwa kubantu, inhlalo yakho ibe nezilwane zasendle, udliswe utshani njengezinkabi, kudlule phezu kwakho izikhathi eziyisikhombisa, uze wazi ukuthi oPhezukonke ubusa imibuso yabantu, ayinike amthandayo.”
- ³³ Ngasona lesi sikhathi le nto yagcwaliseka phezu kukaNebukadinesari: waxoshwa kubantu, wadlisa utshani njengezinkabi, umzimba wakhe wamanziwa ngamazolo ezulu, zaze zakhula izinwele zakhe njengezimpaphe zezinkozi nezinziphos zakhe njengamaziphos ezinyoni.
- ³⁴ Ngasekugcineni kwezinsuku mina Nebukadinesari ngaphakamisa amehlo ami ezulwini, nomqondo wami wabuyela kimi, ngambonga oPhezukonke, ngamdumisa, ngamtusa yena ohlezi phakade. Ngokuba ukubusa kwakhe kungukubusa okuphakade, nombuso wakhe ungoweziphuzulwane ngezizukulwane;
- ³⁵ bonke abakhe emhlabeni bashaywa ize; uyenza njengentando yakhe empini yasezulwini naphakathi kwabakhileyo emhlabeni; akakho ongavimbela isandla sakhe, noma athi kuye: “Wenzani na?”
- ³⁶ Ngasona lesi sikhathi wabuyela kimi umqondo wami, nobukhosi bami nokucwebezela kwami kwabuyela kimi, kwaba ludumo lombuso wami; abomkhandlu bami nezinduna zami bangifuna; ngase ngibekwa embusweni wami, ngenezelwa ubukhulu obudluleleyo.
- ³⁷ Kalokhu-ke mina Nebukadinesari ngiyatusa, ngiyaphakamisa, ngiyidumisa iNkosi yezulu, ngokuba yonke imisebenzi yayo iyiqiniso, nezindlela zayo zingukwahlulela; abahamba ngokuzidla inamandla okubathobisa.

ISAHLUKO 5

- U**Belishasari inkosi wenzela izinduna zakhe eziyinkulungwane idili, waphuza iwayini ngaphambi kwaleyo nkulungwane.
- ² UBelishasari esalinambitha iwayini wayaleza ukuba kulethwe izitsha zegolide nezesiliva, uNebukadinesari uyise ayezikhiphe ethempelini laseJerusalema, ukuba inkosi nezikhulu zayo, nawomkayo, nezancinza zayo baphuze ngazo.
- ³ Base beletha izitsha zegolide ezazikhishwe ethempelini lendlu kaNkulunkulu yaseJerusalema, inkosi, nezikhulu zayo, nawomkayo, nezancinza zayo baphuza ngazo.
- ⁴ Baphuza iwayini, batosa onkulunkulu begolide, nabesiliva, nabethusi, nabensimbi, nabomuthi, nabetshe.
- ⁵ Ngasona lesi sikhathi kwavela iminwe yesandla somuntu, yaloba maqondana nothi lwezibani kokunamekiweyo kodonga lwendlu yenkosi; inkosi yabona inxenye yesandla esalobayo.
- ⁶ Kwase kuguquka ukucwebezela kwayo, nemicabango yayo yayesabisa, zaxhega izinyonga zokhalo lwayo, namadolo ayo ashayana.
- ⁷ Inkosi yamemeza ngamandla ukuba kulethwe abathwebulayo, namaKaledi, nabahlola imihlola. Yayisikhuluma inkosi, yathi kwabahlakaniphileyo baseBabele: “Ongafunda lo mbhalo, angitshele incazelo yawo uyakwembathiswa okububende, abe nomgexo wegolide entanyeni yakhe, abuse engowesithathu embusweni.”
- ⁸ Base bengena bonke abahlakaniphileyo benkosi, kepha behluleka ukuwufunda umbhalo nokwazisa inkosi incazelo.
- ⁹ Khona inkosi uBelishasari yesaba kakhulu, nokucwebezela kwayo kwaguquka kuyo, nezinduna zayo zamangala.
- ¹⁰ Ngenxa yamazwi enkosi nawezinduna zayo kwase kungena inkosikazi endlini yedili; inkosikazi yakhuluma yathi: “Mana njalo, nkosi; imicabango yakho mayingakwesabisi,

kungaguquki ukucwebezela kwakho.

11 Kukhona embusweni wakho umuntu okukuye umoya wawonkulunkulu abangcwele; ezinsukwini zikayihlo kwafunyanwa kuye ukukhanya nokuqonda nokuhlakanipha njengokuhlakanipha kwawonkulunkulu; inkosi uNebukadinesari, uyihlo yambeka induna yezanusi, neyabathwebulayo, neyamaKaledi, neyabahlola imihlola, yebo, nkosi, uyihlo,

12 ngokuba kwafunyanwa umoya odluleleyo, nokwazi, nokuqonda ukuchaza amaphupho, nokubonakalisa izimfumbe, nokuthukulula amafindo kuye uDaniyeli lowo inkosi eyambiza ngokuthi uBeliteshasari; kalokhu makabizwe uDaniyeli, uyakubonakalisa incazelo.”

13 Khona uDaniyeli wangeniswa phambi kwenkosi. Inkosi yakhuluma, yathi kuDaniyeli: “Wena unguDaniyeli lowo ongowabathunjwa bakwaJuda, abalethwa yinkosi ubaba, bevela kwaJuda na?

14 Ngizwile ngawe ukuthi umoya wawonkulunkulu ukuwe nokuthi kufunyenwe kuwe ukukhanya nokuqonda nokuhlakanipha okudluleleyo.

15 Manje-ke kungeniswe phambi kwami abahlakaniphileyo nabathwebulayo ukuba bafunde lo mbhalo, bangazise incazelo yawo, kepha behluleka ukubonakalisa incazelo yale ndaba.

16 Kepha ngizwe ngawe ukuthi ungaveza izincazelo, uthukulule amafindo; manje-ke uma ungafunda lo mbhalo, ungazise incazelo yawo, uyakwembathiswa okububende, ube nomgexo wegolide entanyeni yakho, ubuse ube ngowesithathu embusweni.”

17 Wayesephendula uDaniyeli, wathi phambi kwenkosi: “Izipho zakho mazibe kuwe, umuphe omunye imivuzo yakho; nokho ngiyakufundela inkosi umbhalo, ngiyazise incazelo.

18 “E nkosi, uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke wanika uNebukadinesari uyihlo umbuso, nobukhulu, nodumo, nobukhosi;

19 ngenxa yobukhulu owamnika bona, bonke abantu, nezizwe, nezilimi bathuthumela, besaba phambi kwakhe; athanda ukumbulala wambulala, athanda ukumyeka wamyeka; athanda ukumphakamisa wamphakamisa, athanda ukumthobisa wamthobisa.

20 Kepha lapho inhliziyi yakhe yaziphakamisa, nomoya wakhe waba lukhuni waze wazidla, wehliswa esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi, balususa udumo lwakhe kuye;

21 waxoshwa kubantwana babantu; inhliziyi yakhe yaba njengeyezilwane, nenhlalo yakhe yayinezimbongolo zasendle; wadliswa utshani njengezinkabi, nomzimba wakhe wamanziwa ngamazolo ezulu, waze wazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke ubusa imibuso yabantu, ubeka phezu kwayo amthandayo.

22 “Nawe ndodana yakhe, Belishasari, awuthobanga inhliziyi yakho, noma wazi konke lokho,

23 kepha uziphakamisile eNkosini yasezulwini; balethe izitsha zendlu yakhe phambi kwakho; wena nezinduna zakho, nawomkakho, nezancinza zakho niphuzile iwayini ngazo, utusile wena onkulunkulu besiliva, nabegolide, nabethusi, nabensimbi, nabomuthi, nabetshe abangaboni, abangezwa, abangazi; kodwa uNkulunkulu omphefumulo wakho usesandleni sakhe, nokungezakhe zonke izindlela zakho awumdumisanga.

24 Yayisithunywa le nxenye yesandla ivela kuye, walotshwa lo mbhalo.

25 “Yilo umbhalo owalotshwa: MENE, MENE TEKEL, UFARSIN.

26 “Nansi incazelo yale nto: MENE: uNkulunkulu ubalile umbuso wakho, uwuqedile.

27 TEKEL: ulinganisiwe esilinganisweni, ufunyenwe ulula.

28 PERES: umbuso wakho wahlukene, unikelwe kumaMede namaPheresiya.”

29 Khona uBelishasari wayaleza, bamembathisa uDaniyeli okububende, bafaka umgexo wegolide entanyeni yakhe, benza isimemezelo ngaye ukuthi ubeyakubusa

engowesithathu embusweni.

³⁰ Ngalobo busuku uBelishasari inkosi yamaKaledi wabulawa.

³¹ UDariyu umMede wamukela umbuso eneminyaka engamashumi ayisithupha nambili.

ISAHLUKO 6

Kwaba kuhle kuDariyu ukubeka phezu kombuso izikhulu eziyikhulu namashumi amabili ebeziyakuba sembusweni wonke.

² Phezu kwazo wamisa abongameli abathathu, uDanyeli engomunye wabo, ukuba izikhulu zibike kubo, ukuze inkosi ingalimali ngalutho.

³ Khona uDanyeli lo wabadlula abongameli nezikhulu, ngokuba umoya ophakemeyo wawukuye; inkosi yayicabanga ukummisa phezu kombuso wonke.

⁴ Khona abongameli nezikhulu base befuna ukuthola utho ngoDanyeli oluqondene nombuso, kepha abatholanga lutho nacala kuye, ngokuba wayethembekile; akutholwanga siphosiso nacala kuye.

⁵ Ayesethi lawa madoda: “Asiyikuthola lutho ngoDanyeli, uma singalutholi kokuqondene nomthetho kaNkulunkulu wakhe.”

⁶ Base bebuthana labo bongameli nezikhulu enkosini, basho kanje kuyo, bathi: “Mana njalo, nkosi Dariyu.

⁷ Bonke abongameli bombuso, nababusi, nezikhulu, nabomkhandlu, nezinduna balulekene kanyekanye ukuba kumiswe isimiso senkosi, kumenyezwe isiyalezo esiqinileyo sokuthi yilowo nalowo ocela isicelo nakumuphi unkulunkulu noma kumuntu ngezinsuku ezingamashumi amathathu, kuphela kuwe nkosi, uyakuphonswa emphandwini wezingonyama.

⁸ Kalokhu, nkosi, simemezele isiyalezo, ulobe umbhalo ukuba ungaguqulwa ngokomthetho wamaMede namaPheresiya ongenakuguquka.”

⁹ Ngokunjalo inkosi uDariyu yayisiloba umbhalo nesiyalezo.

¹⁰ UDanyeli esekwazi ukuthi umbhalo ulotshiwe, wangena endlini yakhe amafasitele ekamelo lakhe ayevulekile ebhekisa eJerusalema waguqa ngamadolo kathathu ngosuku, wakhuleka, wabonga uNkulunkulu wakhe, njengalokho enzile kuqala.

¹¹ Ayesebuthana lawo madoda, amfumana uDanyeli ekhuleka, enxusa kuNkulunkulu wakhe.

¹² Asondela, akhuluma phambi kwenkosi ngesiyalezo senkosi, athi: “Asithi ulobile isiyalezo sokuthi yilowo nalowo ocela nakumuphi unkulunkulu noma kumuntu ngezinsuku ezingamashumi amathathu, kuphela kuwe nkosi, uyakuphonswa emphandwini wezingonyama na?” Inkosi yaphendula yathi: “Iqinisile leyo nto ngokomthetho wamaMede namaPheresiya ongenakuguquka.”

¹³ Ayesebuthana ethi phambi kwenkosi: “UDanyeli lowo ongowabathunjwa bakwaJuda akakunaki wena nkosi, nesiyalezo osilobileyo, kepha uyacela isicelo sakhe kathathu ngosuku.”

¹⁴ Lapho inkosi isizwile lawa mazwi, yadabuka kakhulu, yayibeka inhliziyo yayo kuDanyeli ukuba imkhulule, yazama ukumophula kwaze kwaba sekushoneni kwelanga.

¹⁵ Ayesebuthana lawo madoda enkosini, athi enkosini: “Yazi, nkosi, ukuthi kungumthetho wamaMede namaPheresiya ukuba kungaguqulwa isiyalezo nesimiso esimiswa yinkosi.”

¹⁶ Yayisiyaleza inkosi, walethwa uDanyeli, waphonswa emphandwini wezingonyama. Inkosi yakhuluma, yathi kuDanyeli: “UNkulunkulu wakho omkhonza njalo uyakukukhulula.”

- ¹⁷ Kwase kulethwa itshe, labekwa emlonyeni womphandu, inkosi yalinamathelisa ngendandatho yayo nangendandatho yizikhulu zayo, ukuze kungaguqulwa lutho maqondana noDaniyeli.
- ¹⁸ Inkosi yase iya endlini yayo yobukhosi, yadlulisa ubusuku izila; izinkenezo zokubethwa azilethwanga kuyo, nobuthongo bayibalekela.
- ¹⁹ Inkosi yavuka ekuseni kakhulu, yashesha yaya emphandwini wezingonyama.
- ²⁰ Kwathi isisondele emphandwini kuDaniyeli, yamemeza ngezwi elikhalayo; inkosi yakhuluma, yathi kuDaniyeli: “Daniyeli, wena nceku kaNkulunkulu ophilayo, uNkulunkulu wakho omkhonza njalo angakukhulula kuzo izingonyama na?”
- ²¹ UDaniyeli wathi enkosini: “Mana njalo, nkosi.
- ²² UNkulunkulu uthumile ingelosi yakhe, wavimba imilomo yezingonyama, azingilimazanga, ngokuba kwafunyanwa kimi ukungabi nacala phambi kwakhe; naphambi kwakho, nkosi, angenzanga okubi.”
- ²³ Yayisijabula kakhulu inkosi, yayaleza ukuba uDaniyeli akhushulwe emphandwini. UDaniyeli wayesekhushulwa emphandwini, akufunyanwanga mcothu kuye, ngokuba wayemethembile uNkulunkulu wakhe.
- ²⁴ Inkosi yayaleza, alethwa lawo madoda ayemangalele uDaniyeli, aphonswa emphandwini wezingonyama, wona nabantwana bawo, nawomkawo; izingonyama zatheleka phezu kwabo, zachoboza amathambo abo, bengakafinyeleli phansi emphandwini.
- ²⁵ UDariyu inkosi wayeselobela bonke abantu, nezizwe, nezilimi ezikhona emhlabeni wonke ukuthi: “Ukuthula makwande kinina.
- ²⁶ “Ngenza isiyalezo ukuba ekubuseni konke kombuso wami abantu bathuthumele, besabe phambi kukaNkulunkulu kaDaniyeli, “ngokuba “unguNkulunkulu ophilayo, umi kuze kube phakade, nombuso wakhe yiwo ongayikuchithwa, nokubusa kwakhe kuyakuma kuze kube sekupheleni.
- ²⁷ Uyakhulula, ophule; uyenza izibonakaliso nezimangaliso ezulwini nasemhlabeni, yena omkhululile uDaniyeli emandleni ezingonyama.”
- ²⁸ UDaniyeli wayeseqhubeka ngesineke ekubuseni kukaDariyu, nasekubuseni kukaKoresi umPheresiya.

ISAHLUKO 7

Ngomnyaka wokuqala kaBelishasari, inkosi yaseBabele, uDaniyeli wabona iphupho nemibono yekhanda lakhe embhedeni wakhe, waliloba iphupho, walanda inhloko yezindaba.

- ² UDaniyeli wathatha wathi: “Ngabona embonweni wami ebusuku; bheka, imimoya yomine yezulu yavumbuluka elwandle olukhulu.
- ³ Izilo ezine ezinkulu zakhuphuka elwandle, zhlukile esinye kwesinye.
- ⁴ “Esokuqala sasinjengengonyama, sinamaphiko okhozi; ngabheka aze ahluthwa amaphiko aso, saphakanyiswa emhlabeni, samiswa ngezinyawo ezimbili njengomuntu, sanikwa inhliziyu yomuntu.
- ⁵ “Bheka, esinye isilo, esesibili, sinjengebhere, samiswa ngolunye uhlangothi, izimbambo ezintathu zisemlonyeni waso phakathi kwamazinyo aso; kwathiwa kuso: ‘Vuka, udle inyama eningi.’
- ⁶ “Emva kwalokho ngabona; bheka, esinye, sinjengengwe, sinamaphiko amane enyoni emhlane; isilo sasinamakhanda amane, sanikwa ukubusa.

- ⁷ “Emva kwalokho ngabona emibonweni ebusuku; bheka, isilo sesine, esesabekayo, sinamandla, siqinile kakhulu; sasinamazinyo amakhulu ensimbi, sadla, saphula, sanyathela okuseleyo ngezinyawo zaso; sahlukile kuzo zonke izilo ezazingaphambi kwaso; sasinezimpondo eziyishumi.
- ⁸ “Ngabuka izimpondo; bheka, kwavela phakathi kwazo olunye uphondo, oluncane, okungaphambi kwalo ezintathu zezimpondo zokuqala zasimbulwa; futhi bheka, kulolo phondo kwakukhona amehlo anjengamehlo omuntu, nomlomo okhuluma izinto ezinkulu.
- ⁹ “Ngisabheka, kwabekwa izihlalo zobukhosi, kwahlala omdala wezinsuku; izambatho zakhe zazimhlophe njengeqhwa, izinwele zekhanda lakhe zinjengoboya bezimvu obuhlanzekileyo; isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi sasingamalangabi omlilo, amasondo aso engumlilo ovuthayo.
- ¹⁰ Umnonjana womlilo wavela, waphuma phambi kwakhe; izinkulungwane zenkulungwane zazimkhonza, nezinkulungwane eziyishumi zezinkulungwane eziyishumi zazimi ngaphambi kwakhe; kwahlala abahluleli, izincwadi zavulwa.
- ¹¹ “Ngabheka ngaleso sikhathi ngenxa yenhloko yamazwi amakhulu akhulunywa luphondo; ngabheka saze sahlathwa isilo, wachithwa umzimba waso, sanikelwa ukuba sishiswe ngomlilo.
- ¹² Kepha ezinye izilo, ukubusa kwazo kwasuswa, kodwa ukuphila kwazo kwelulwa isikhathi nenkathi.
- ¹³ “Ngabona emibonweni ebusuku; bheka, kwafika namafe ezulu onjengendodana yomuntu; yafika komdala wezinsuku, yasondezwa phambi kwakhe.
- ¹⁴ Yanikwa ukubusa, nobukhosi, nombuso, ukuze bonke abantu, nezizwe, nezilimi bayikhonze; ukubusa kwayo kungukubusa okuphakade okungayikudlula, nombuso wayo yiwo ongayikuchithwa.
- ¹⁵ “Mina Daniyeli, umoya wami wakhathazeka edokodweni lawo, nemibono yekhanda lami yangihlupha.
- ¹⁶ Ngasondela komunye wababemi khona, ngabuza kuye iqiniso lakho konke lokhu. Wangitshela, wangazisa incazelo yezindaba.
- ¹⁷ ‘Lezo zilo ezinkulu ezine zingamakhosi amane ayakuvela emhlabeni.
- ¹⁸ Kepha abangcwele boPhezukonke bayakwamukeliswa umbuso, umbuso ube ngowabo kuze kube phakade, yebo, kuze kube phakade naphakade.’
- ¹⁹ “Ngase ngifuna ukwazi iqiniso ngesilo sesine esahlukile kuzo zonke zazo, esesabekayo kakhulu, esimazinyo aso ayeyinsimbi, nezinzopho zaso ziyithusi, esasadla, saphula, sanyathela okuseleyo ngezinyawo;
- ²⁰ nangezimpondo eziyishumi ezazisekhanda laso, nolunye olwavelayo, ezawa phambi kwalo ezintathu, lolo phondo olwalunamhlo nomlomo owawukhuluma izinto ezinkulu, olukubonakala kwalo kwakukukhulu kunezinye.
- ²¹ Ngisabheka, lolo phondo lwalwa nabangcwele, lwabahlula,
- ²² waze wafika omdala wezinsuku, abangcwele boPhezukonke banikwa ukwahlulelwa, kwafika isikhathi sokuba umbuso ube ngowabangcwele.
- ²³ “Wayesethi: ‘Isilo sesine siyakuba ngumbuso wesine emhlabeni, oyakwahluka kuyo yonke imibuso, udle wonke umhlaba, uwunyathele, uwaphule.
- ²⁴ Izimpondo eziyishumi-ke, kulowo mbuso kuyakuvela amakhosi ayishumi, kuvele enye emva kwawo; iyakwahluka kwawokuqala, ithobise amakhosi amathathu.
- ²⁵ Iyakukhuluma amazwi ngoPhezukonke, ikhathaze abangcwele boPhezukonke; iyakuhlosa ukuguqula izikhathi nomthetho; bayakukhashelwa esandleni sayo kuze kube yisikhathi nezikhathi nenxenye yesikhathi.

²⁶ “ ‘Kepha abahluleli bayakuhlala, basuse ukubusa kwayo kudliwe, kuchithwe kuze kube sekupheleni.

²⁷ Umbuso nokubusa nobukhulu bemibuso phansi kwalo lonke izulu kuyakunikwa isizwe sabangcwele boPhezukonke; umbuso wakhe ungumbuso ongunaphakade; yonke imibuso iyakumkhonza, imlalele.’

²⁸ “Nakhu ukuphela kwendaba. Mina Daniyeli, imicabango yami yangikhathaza kakhulu, nokucwebezela kwami kwaguquka kimi, kepha ngayigcina indaba enhliziyweni yami.”

ISAHLUKO 8

Ngomnyaka wesithathu wokubusa kwenkosi uBelishasari kwabonakala kimi mina Daniyeli umbono emva kwalokho okwabonakala kimi kuqala.

² Ngabona embonweni; kwase kuthi ekuboneni kwami ngangiseShushani endlini yenkosi esifundeni sase-Elamu; ngabona-ke embonweni, ngangisemfuleni i-Ulayi.

³ Ngase ngiphakamisa amehlo ami, ngabona; bheka, kwakumi phambi komfula inqama inezimpondo ezimbili; lezo zimpondo ezimbili zazithaphile, kepha olunye lwaluthaphe kunolunye, oluthaphileyo lwavela muva.

⁴ Ngabona inqama iqhubukusha ngasentshonalanga, nangasenyakatho, nangaseningizimu; kwakungekho silo ebesinokuma phambi kwayo, kwakungekho ongophula esandleni sayo, kepha yenza njengentando yayo, yazikhulisa.

⁵ Ngisacabanga, bheka, kwavela impongo ngasentshonalanga ebusweni bawo wonke umhlaba, ingawuthinti umhlaba kodwa; impongo yayinophondo oluqhamileyo emkhathini wamehlo ayo.

⁶ Yafika enqameni eyayinezimpondo ezimbili, engayibona imi phambi komfula, yatheleka kuyo ngokufutheka kwayo okunamandla.

⁷ Ngayibona isondela kakhulu enqameni, yababa ngayo, yayishaya inqama, yazaphula izimpondo zayo ezimbili; kwakungekho mandla enqameni okuma phambi kwayo, kepha yayiphonsa phansi, yayinyathela, kwakungekho ongayophula inqama esandleni sayo.

⁸ Impongo yayisizikhulisa kakhulu; kwathi lapho isinamandla, uphondo olukhulu lwaphuka; esikhundleni salo kwamila ezine ziqhamela ngasemimoyeni yomine yezulu.

⁹ Kolunye lwazo kwamila uphondo oluncane olwakhula kakhulu ngaseningizimu, nangasepumalanga, nangasezweni elihle.

¹⁰ Lwakhula kwaze kwaba nasebandleni lasezulwini, lwaphonsa phansi okunye kwebandla, okwezinkanyezi, lwakunyathela.

¹¹ Yebo, lwazikhulisa kwaze kwaba nasesikhulwini sebandla, lwasaphuca umnikelo oshiswa imihla yonke, nendawo yendlu yaso engcwele yaphonswa phansi.

¹² Kwabekwa impi yokulwa kanye nomnikelo oshiswa imihla yonke ngesiphambeko: lwaphonsa phansi iqiniso, lwenza njengentando yalo, lwaba nempumelelo.

¹³ Ngase ngizwa ongcwele ekhuluma, nomunye ongcwele wathi kulowo owakhuluma: “Uyakuba khona kuze kube nini lo mbono womnikelo oshiswa imihla yonke, nesiphambeko esichithayo sokuba kukhashelwe indlu engcwele nempi, kunyathelwe phansi, na?”

¹⁴ Wathi kimi: “Koze kube yizikhathi zokuhlwa nezokusa eziyizinkulungwane ezimbili namakhulu amathathu; bese yihlanjululwa indlu engcwele.”

¹⁵ Kwathi sengiwebonile umbono mina Daniyeli, ngafuna ukuwuqonda; bheka, kwase kumi phambi kwami kungathi isimo somuntu.

- ¹⁶ Ngezwa izwi lomuntu phakathi kwe-Ulayi elalimemeza lathi: “Gabriyeli, menze lo ukuba aqonde umbono.”
- ¹⁷ Wayesesondela lapho ngimi khona; lapho esefika, ngashaywa luvalo, ngawa ngobuso bami; kepha wathi kimi: “Qonda, ndodana yomuntu, ngokuba umbono ungowesikhathi sokuphela.”
- ¹⁸ Esakhuluma nami, ngalala ubuthongo obukhulu, ubuso bami bubheke phansi; kepha wangithinta, wangimisa lapho kade ngimi khona.
- ¹⁹ Wathi: “Bheka, ngiyakukwazisa okuyakwenzeka ngasekupheleni kwentukuthelo, ngokuba kungokwesikhathi sokuphela.
- ²⁰ Inqama oyibonileyo inezimpondo ezimbili, zingamakhosi aseMediya nasePheresiya.
- ²¹ Impongo iyinkosi yaseJavini; uphondo olukhulu olusemkhathini wamehlo ayo luyinkosi yokuqala.
- ²² Kepha olwaphukileyo, esikhundleni salo okwavela ezine, kuyakuvula imibuso emine esizweni salo, ingenamandla alo kodwa.
- ²³ “Ekugcineni kokubusa kwayo, lapho izihlubuki seziphelele, inkosi elukhuni ngobuso, eqonda izimfumbe, iyakuvula.
- ²⁴ Iyakuba namandla amakhulu, ingenamandla eyokuqala kodwa; iyakuchitha ngokumangalisayo, iphumelele ukukwenza; iyakuchitha abanamandla nabantu abangcwele.
- ²⁵ Ngokuhlakanipha kwayo iyakuphumelelisa inkohliso esandleni sayo, izikhulise enhliziyweni yayo, ichithe abaningi ekuthuleni; iyakumelana nesikhulu sezikhulu, ichotshozwe kungengasandla.
- ²⁶ “Imibono yakusihlwa neyasekuseni esilandiwe iqinisile, kepha gcina wena umbono, ngokuba ungowezinsuku eziningi.”
- ²⁷ Mina Daniyeli ngase ngiphela amandla, ngagula izinsuku ezithile; ngavuka, ngenza umsebenzi wenkosi; ngamangala ngombono, kwakungekho owuqondayo.

ISAHLUKO 9

Ngomnyaka wokuqala kaDariyu indodana ka-Ahashiveroshi, wozalo lwamaMede, owabekwa inkosi phezu kombuso wamaKaledi,

- ² ngomnyaka wokuqala wokubusa kwakhe mina Daniyeli ngaqonda ngezincwadi umumo weminyaka elakhuluma ngawo izwi likaJehova kuJeremiya umprofethi ukuba kupheleliswe ukuchithwa kweJerusalema, iminyaka engamashumi ayisikhombisa.
- ³ Ngase ngibhekisa ubuso bami kuyo iNkosi uNkulunkulu ukuba ngikhuleke, nginxuse ngokuzila ukudla, nangendwangu yamasaka, nangomlotha.
- ⁴ Ngakhuleka kuJehova uNkulunkulu wami, ngavuma ngathi: “O Nkosi, Nkulunkulu omkhulu nowesabekayo, ogcina isivumelwano nomusa kwabamthandayo nabagcina imiyalo yakhe,
- ⁵ sonile, siziphathe kabi, senzile okubi, sihlubukile, sachezuka emiyalweni yakho nasezahlulelweni zakho;
- ⁶ asilalelanga izinceku zakho abaprofethi ezazikhuluma egameni lakho emakhosini ethu, nasezikhulwini zethu, nakobaba, nakubo bonke abantu bezwe.
- ⁷ “Kuvena Nkosi kukhona ukulunga, kepha kithina amahloni obuso njenganamuhla: kubantu bakwaJuda, nakwabakhileyo eJerusalema, nakuye wonke u-Israyeli, abaseduze nabakude, kuwo onke amazwe obahlakazele kuwo ngenxa yezeqo zabo abeqe ngazo

kuwe.

⁸ Jehova, kithina kukhona amahloni obuso: kuwo amakhosi ethu, nakuzo izikhulu zethu, nakobaba, ngokuba sonile kuwe.

⁹ Kepha kuyo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wethu, kukhona umusa nokuthethelela; ngokuba simhlubukile,

¹⁰ asililalelanga izwi likaJehova uNkulunkulu wethu ukuba sihambe ngemithetho yakhe ayibeka phambi kwethu ngezinceku zakhe abaprofethi.

¹¹ Wonke u-Israyeli weqile umthetho wakho, echezuka ukuze bangalilaleli izwi lakho; ngalokho isiqalekiso sithululwe phezu kwethu kanye nesifungo esilotshiwe emthethweni kaMose inceku kaNkulunkulu, ngokuba sonile kuye.

¹² Uqinisile amazwi akhe awakhuluma ngathi nangabahluleli bethu abasahlulelayo ngokusehlisela okubi okukhulu, ngokuba phansi kwezulu lonke akwenziwanga njengokwenziwe kulo iJerusalema.

¹³ Njengokulotshiweyo emthethweni kaMose konke lokhu okubi kusehlele, nokho asincenganga ebusweni bukaJehova uNkulunkulu wethu ukuba siphenduke ebubini bethu, siqonde iqiniso lakho.

¹⁴ UJehova wayesebulinda ububi, wasehlisela bona, ngokuba uJehova uNkulunkulu wethu ulungile emisebenzini yakhe yonke ayenzayo, kepha asililalelanga izwi lakhe.

¹⁵ “Manje, Nkosi, Nkulunkulu wethu, wena owakhipha abantu bakho ezweni laseGibithe ngesandla esinamandla, wazenzela igama njenganamuhla, sonile, senzile okubi.

¹⁶ Nkosi, ngakho konke ukulunga kwakho mawubuyise intukuthelo yakho nokufutheka kwakho emzini waseJerusalema, intaba yakho engcwele, ngokuba ngenxa yezono zethu nangobubi bawobaba iJerusalema nabantu bakho sebe yihlazo kubo bonke abasizungezayo.

¹⁷ “Kalokhu, Nkulunkulu wethu, yizwa umkhuleko wenceku yakho nokunxusa kwayo, ukhanyise ubuso bakho phezu kwendlu yakho engcwele, echithakele ngenxa yeNkosi.

¹⁸ Nkulunkulu wami, beka indlebe yakho, uzwe; vula amehlo akho, ubheke izincithakalo zethu nomuzi obizwe ngegama lakho, ngokuba asilethi ukunxusa kwethu phambi kwakho ngenxa yokulunga kwethu kepha ngomusa wakho omkhulu.

¹⁹ Nkosi, yizwa; Nkosi, thethelela; Nkosi, lalela, wenze; ungalibali ngenxa yakho, Nkulunkulu wami, ngokuba umuzi nabantu bakho babizwe ngegama lakho.”

²⁰ Ngisakhuluma ngikhuleka, ngivuma izono zami nezono zabantu bakithi u-Israyeli, ngiletha ukunxusa kwami phambi kukaJehova uNkulunkulu wami ngentaba engcwele kaNkulunkulu wami,

²¹ yebo, ngisakhuluma ngomkhuleko, lowo muntu uGabriyeli engambona embonweni kuqala, endiziswa ngokushesha, wangithinta ngesikhathi somnikelo wakusihlwa.

²² Wangiqondisa, wakhuluma nami, wathi: “Daniyeli, sengiphumile ukukuhlakaniphisa nokukuqondisa.

²³ Ekuqaleni kokunxusa kwakho izwi lavela; sengifikile ukukutshela, ngokuba uthandekile; ngalokho qonda leli zwi, uqonde nombono.

²⁴ “Amasonto angamashumi ayisikhombisa anqunyelwe abantu bakho nomuzi wakho ongcwele ukuqeda iziphambeko, nokukhawula izono, nokwenza ukubuyisana ngobubi, nokungenisa ukulunga okuphakade, nokunamathelisa umbono nesiprofetho, nokugcoba indlu engcwelengcwele.

²⁵ “Ngalokho yazi, uqonde ukuthi, kusukela ekuphumeni kwezwi lokubuyisa nokwakha iJerusalema kuze kufike ogcotshiweyo, umbusi, kuyakuba ngamasonto ayisikhombisa, lihlale lakhiwe, izitaladi zalo nogange lwalo, amasonto angamashumi ayisithupha nambili

nasesikhathini sokuhlupheka.

²⁶ Emva kwalawo masonto angamashumi ayisithupha nambili ogcotshiweyo uyakunqunywa angabi namuntu; umuzi nendlu engcwele kuyakuchithwa ngabantu bombusi ozayo, ukuphela kwakho kube sesikhukhuleni, kube ngukulwa kuze kube sekugcineni; incithakalo inqunyiwe.

²⁷ Uyakuqinisa isivumelwano nabaningi isonto libe linye, imihlatshelo neminikelo ikhawuke phakathi kwesonto, kufike incithakalo ngephiko lesinengiso, kuze kuphele okunqunyiweyo, kuthululelwe phezu komchithi.”

ISAHLUKO 10

Ngomnyaka wesithathu kaKoresi, inkosi yasePheresiya, uDaniyeli ogama lakhe labizwa ngokuthi uBeliteshasari wambulelwa izwi; izwi laliqinisile, lalingukulwa okukhulu; waliqonda izwi, waqonda nombono.

² Ngalezo zinsuku mina, Daniyeli, ngangilila amasonto amathathu apheleleyo.

³ Ngangingadli isinkwa esithandiweyo, nenyama newayini akungenanga emlonyeni wami, futhi angizigcobanga nakanye kwaze kwaphelela amasonto amathathu.

⁴ Ngosuku lwamashumi amabili nane lwenyanga yokuqala, ngiseceleni komfula omkhulu iHidekeli,

⁵ ngaphakamisa amehlo ami, ngabona; bheka, nango umuntu embethe ilineni, ebhince okhalweni igolide elicwengekileyo lase-Ufazi.

⁶ Umzimba wakhe wawunjengekrisolithe, nobuso bakhe bunjengokubonakala konyazi, namehlo akhe enjengezibani zomlilo, izingalo zakhe nezinyawo zakhe zinjengokubengezela kwethusi eliphucuziweyo, nezwi lamazwi akhe linjengezwi lesixuku.

⁷ Mina, Daniyeli, kuphela ngawubona umbono, ngokuba abantu ababe nami abawubonanga umbono, kepha behlelwa ngukuthuthumela okukhulu, babaleka ukuba bacashe.

⁸ Ngashiywa ngedwa; ngawubona lombono omkhulu, akusalanga mandla kimi, ngokuba ubuhle bami baphenduka ukonakala kimi, angaba namandla.

⁹ Ngase ngizwa izwi lamazwi akhe; lapho ngezwa izwi lamazwi akhe, ngase ngilele ubuthongo obukhulu, ubuso bami bubheke phansi.

¹⁰ Bheka-ke, kwangithinta isandla, sangimisa ukuba ngitotobe ngamadolo ami nangezintende zezandla zami.

¹¹ Wathi kimi: “Daniyeli, wena muntu othandekayo, qonda amazwi engiwakhuluma kuwe, ume nokuma, ngokuba ngithunywe kuwe;” lapho esekhulumile leli zwi kimi, ngema ngithuthumela.

¹² Wayesethi kimi: “Ungesabi, Daniyeli, ngokuba kusukela osukwini lokuqala owabeka ngalo inhliziyo yakho ukuqonda nokuzithoba phambi kukaNkulunkulu wakho amazwi akho ezwiwa; mina ngifikile ngenxa yamazwi akho.

¹³ Kepha isikhulu sasembusweni wasePheresiya samelana nami izinsuku ezingamashumi amabili nanye, kepha bheka, uMikayeli, omunye wezikhulu zokuqala, weza ukungisiza, noma kade ngishiyiwe ngedwa khona namakhosi asePheresiya.

¹⁴ Sengifikile ukuba ngikuqondise okuyakwehlela abantu bakho ngezinsuku ezizayo, ngokuba umbono usenezinsuku.”

¹⁵ Esekhumile kimi lawo mazwi, ngabhekisa ubuso bami phansi, ngathula.

¹⁶ Bheka, onesimo samadodana abantu wathinta izindebe zami; ngase ngiwuvula umlomo wami, ngakhuluma, ngathi komi phambi kwami: “Nkosi yami, ngenxa yombono imihelo

ingehlele, angisenamandla.

17 Inceku enje yenkosi yami ingakhuluma kanjani nenkosi yami enje na? Ngokuba mina, khona lapho akusalanga mandla kimi, nokuphefumula bekungasekho kimi.”

18 Wabuye wangithinta obonakala njengomuntu, wangiqaqinisa.

19 Wathi: “Ungesabi, muntu othandekayo; ukuthula makube kuwe; qina, yebo, mawuqine.” Lapho ekhuluma kimi, ngaqiniswa, ngathi: “Mayikhulume inkosi yami, ngokuba ungiqinisele.”

20 Wayesethi kimi: “Uyazi ukuthi ngifikeleni kuwe na? Kepha manje ngiyakubuya ukuba ngilwe nesikhulu sasePheresiya; lapho ngiphumile kuso, siyakufika isikhulu saseJavani.

21 Kepha ngiyakutshela okulotshwe embhalweni weqiniso. Akakho noyedwa ozihlanganisa nami ukulwa nalaba ngaphandle kukaMikayeli, isikhulu senu.

ISAHLUKO 11

Mina-ke, ngomnyaka wokuqala kaDariyu umMede, ngema ukumqinisa ukuba abe namandla.

2 “Kalokhu ngiyakukutshela iqiniso. Bheka, kusezakuvela amakhosi amathathu ePheresiya; eyesine iyakunotha kunawo onke; isiqinile ngengcebo yayo iyakuvusa bonke ukulwa nombuso waseJavani.

3 Kuyakuvela inkosi enamandla eyakubusa ngokubusa okukhulu, yenze njengentando yayo.

4 Iyakwanele ukuvela nje, umbuso wayo uyakufohlozwa, wahlukaniselwe emimoyeni yomine yezulu, ungabi ngowenzalo yayo, ungabi njengasekubuseni kwayo eyabusa ngakho, ngokuba umbuso wayo uyakusishulwa, ube ngowabanye ngaphandle kwalaba.

5 “Inkosi yaseningizimu iyakuba namandla, kanjalo esinye sezikhulu zayo, yebo, sibe namandla kunayo, sibuse, nokubusa kwaso kuyakuba ngokubusa okukhulu.

6 Ngasekupheleni kweminyaka bayakuhlangana, kufike indodakazi yenkosi yaseningizimu enkosini yasenyakatho ukwenza isivumelwano; kepha ayiyikugcina amandla engalo, nayo inkosi ayiyikuma nengalo yayo, kodwa iyakunikelwa nabayilethayo, nowayizalayo, nowayisizayo ngalezo zikhathi.

7 “Kepha ehlumeleni lezimpende zayo kuyakuvela omunye esikhundleni sayo oyakuya empini, angene enqabeni yenkosi yasenyakatho, amelane nabo, ahlule.

8 Nawonkulunkulu babo kanye nezithombe zabo ezibunjiweyo nezitsha zabo ezinxanelekayo zesiliva nezegolide uyakukuthumba, akuyise eGibithe, ayiyeke inkosi yasenyakatho iminyaka ethile.

9 Kepha yona iyakungena embusweni wenkosi yaseningizimu, kodwa iyakubuyela ezweni lakubo.

10 Amadodana ayo ayakuhloma, abuthe isixuku sezimpi eziningi; ziyakufika nokufika, zikhukhule, zidlule; ziyakubuya, zilwe kuze kube senqabeni yayo.

11 “Inkosi yaseningizimu iyakubaba, iphume, ilwe nenkosi yasenyakatho; iyakuveza isixuku esikhulu, isixuku sinikelwe esandleni sayo.

12 Kepha isixuku sesisusiwe, inhliziyo yayo iyakuziphakamisa, iwise phansi izinkulungwane ezingamashumi amaningi, kepha ayiyikuba namandla.

13 Inkosi yasenyakatho iyakubuya, iveze isixuku esikhulu kunesokuqala, ifike nokufika ngasekupheleni kwezikhathi eziyiminyaka nempi enkulu nempahla eningi.

14 “Ngalezo zikhathi abaningi bayakuyisukela inkosi yaseningizimu, nabaphangi babantu

bakho bayakuziphakamisa ukuwuqinisa umbono, kepha bayakuwa.

15 Iyakufika inkosi yasenyakatho, inqwabele iduli, ithathe umuzi obiyelweyo; izingalo zaseningizimu aziyikuma, nabantu bayo abakhethiweyo abayikuba namandla okuma.

16 Kepha omsukelayo uyakwenza njengentando yakhe, akakho oyakuma phambi kwakhe; uyakuma ezweni elihle, abhubhise ngesandla sakhe.

17 Uyakubhekisa ubuso bakhe ukufika namandla ombuso wakhe wonke kanye nezivumelwano, azenze; uyakumnika indodakazi yabesifazane, ayonakalise, kepha ayiyikuma, ingabi ngowakhe.

18 Useyakubuphendulela ubuso bakhe eziqhingini, athathe eziningi, kepha isikhulu siyakuqeda ihlazo elenziwa nguye, futhi sibuyisele ihlazo lakhe kuye.

19 Useyakubuphendulela ubuso bakhe ezingqabeni zezwe lakubo, kepha uyakukhubeka, awe, angabe esafunyanwa.

20 “Bese kuvela esikhundleni sakhe oyakudlulisa umthelisi emhlobisweni wombuso, kepha ngezinsuku eziyingcosana uyakubhujiswa, kungabi ngolaka nangokulwa kodwa.

21 “Esikhundleni sakhe kuyakuvela odelelekileyo abangamnikanga udumo lobukhosi; uyakufika ngesikhathi sokuthula, athathe umbuso ngobushelezi.

22 Ngengalo yesifufula bayakukhukhulwa ebusweni bakhe, babhujiswe, yebo, nesikhulu sesivumelwano.

23 Emva kokuvumelana naye uyakusebenza ngenkohliso, ngokuba uyakukhuphuka, abe namandla enesizwe esincane nje.

24 Ngesikhathi sokuthula uyakusukela izindawo ezinonileyo zesifunda, akwenze okungenziwanga ngoyise nangoyisemkhulu: uyakuhlakaza phakathi kwabo impango, nengcugco, nempahla, acebe amacebo ngezingqaba kube yisikhathi.

25 “Uyakuvusela inkosi yaseningizimu amandla akhe nesibindi sakhe ngempi enkulu, inempi enkulu enamandla impela; kepha ayiyikuma, ngokuba bayakuceba amacebo ngayo.

26 Abadla ukudla kwayo okumnandi bayakuyibhubhisa, impi yayo ikhukhulwe; abaningi bayakuwa phansi begwaziwe.

27 Amakhosi-ke omabili, izinhliziyi zawo ziyakuba ngezokwenza okubi; ayakukhuluma amanga esetafuleni linye, kepha akuyikuphumelela, ngokuba ukuphela kusezakuba sesikhathini esimisiweyo.

28 Bese ibuyela ezweni lakubo inempahla enkulu, inhliziyi yayo imelane nesivumelwano esingcwele; isikwenzile iyakubuyela ezweni lakubo.

29 “Ngesikhathi esinqunyiweyo iyakubuya, iye eningizimu; kepha akuyikuba sekugcineni njengasekuqaleni.

30 Imikhumbi yaseKitimi iyakuyisukela; bese idabuka, ibuye ithukuthelele isivumelwano esingcwele, ifeze; iyakubuya, inake abasishiyile isivumelwano esingcwele.

31 “Izimpi ziyakuvela nayo, zingcolise indlu engcwele, inqaba, zisuse umnikelo oshiswa imihla yonke, zimise isinengiso esichithayo.

32 Iyakonakalisa ngokuthopha abaphatha kabi isivumelwano, kepha abantu abamaziyo uNkulunkulu wabo bayakuba namandla, baphikelele.

33 “Abahlakaniphileyo babantu bayakuqondisa abaningi; kepha bayakuwa ngenkemba, nangelangabi, nangokuthunjwa, nangokuphangwa izinsuku eziningi.

34 Ekuweni kwabo bayakusizwa ngokusizwa okuncane, bese bebambeleva kubo abaningi ngokuthopha.

35 Abanye kwabahlakaniphileyo bayakuwa ukuba bacwengisiswe, bahlanzwe, benziwe mhlophe kuze kube sesikhathini sokuphela, ngokuba kusezakuba sesikhathini

esimisiweyo.

³⁶ “Inkosi iyakwenza njengentando yayo, iziphakamise, izikhulise phezu kwabo bonke onkulunkulu, ikhulume okumangalisayo ngoNkulunkulu wawonkulunkulu, ibe nenhlanhla luze luphelele ulaka, ngokuba okumisiweyo kuyakwenziwa.

³⁷ Ayiyikunakekela onkulunkulu bawoyise nofiswa yisifazane, inganaki nonkulunkulu oyedwa, ngokuba iyakuzikhulisa phezu kwabo bonke.

³⁸ Kepha unkulunkulu wezinqaba uyakumdumisa esikhundleni sabo, nonkulunkulu ababengamazi oyise uyakumdumisa ngegolide, nangesiliva, nangamatshe anqabileyo nangokunye okuthandiweyo.

³⁹ Iyakwenze njalo ezinqabeni ezinamandla inonkulunkulu ongowabezizwe; omvumayo iyakumandisela udumo, imenze ukuba abuse abaningi, imahlukanisele izwe libe ngumvuzo wakhe.

⁴⁰ “Ngesikhathi sokuphela inkosi yaseningizimu iyakuqhubukushana nayo; inkosi yasenyakatho isiyakuvunguzela yona ngezinqola, nangabamahhashi, nangemikhumbi eminingi, ingene emazweni amaningi, ikhukhule, idlule.

⁴¹ Iyakungena nasezweni elihle, namanye amaningi ayakukhubeka, kepha lana ayakophulwa esandleni sayo: o-Edomi, noMowabi, nemvama yabantwana bakwa-Amoni. 11:41 Dan. 8:9; 11:16.

⁴² Iyakwelulela isandla emazweni, nezwe laseGibithe aliyikubaleka.

⁴³ Iyakubusa phezu kwengcebo yegolide nesiliva, naphezu kwakho konke okuthandiweyo kwaseGibithe; amaLubi namaKushe ayakuba sezinyathelweni zayo.

⁴⁴ Iyakwethuswa yimibiko evela empumalanga nasenyakatho; iyakuphuma ngokufutheka okukhulu ukuchitha nokubhubhisa abaningi.

⁴⁵ Iyakumisa itende lendlu yayo yobukhosi phakathi kolwandle nentaba enhle engcwele; kepha iya nokho ekupheleni kwayo, akakho ongayisiza.

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“Ngaleso sikhathi uMikayeli uyakuvela, isikhulu esigqamileyo esimela abantwana babantu bakho; kuyakuba yisikhathi sokuhlupheka esingazange sibe khona kusukela ekuveleni kwabantu kuze kube yilesi sikhathi; ngaleso sikhathi abantu bakho bayakukhululwa, bonke abafunyanwa belotshiwe encwadini.

² Abaningi abalele emhlabathini wothuli bayakuvuka, abanye bavukele ukuphila okuphakade, abanye ihlazo nokunengwa okuphakade.

³ Abahlakaniphileyo bayakukhanya njengokukhazimula kwesibhakabhaka, nabaphendulela abaningi ekulungeni njengezinkanyezi kuze kube phakade naphakade.

⁴ Kepha wena Daniyeli, gcina amazwi, unamathelise incwadi kuze kube sesikhathini sokugcina; abaningi bayakwehla benyuka, ukwazi kube kuningi.”

⁵ Ngase ngibona mina Daniyeli; bheka, kwakumi abanye ababili, omunye ogwini lomfula nganeno, omunye ogwini lomfula ngaphesheya.

⁶ Omunye wathi kumuntu owembethe ilineni, owayephezu kwamanzi omfula: “Kuyakuba nini ukuphela kwalezi zimangaliso na?”

⁷ Ngezwa umuntu owembethe ilineni, owayephezu kwamanzi omfula; waphakamisela isandla sakhe sokunene nesandla sakhe sokhohlo ezulwini, wamfunga ophila kuze kube phakade ukuthi kuyakuba ngokwesikhathi, nezikhathi, nenxenye, nalapho sebeqedile ukuphohloza amandla abantu abangcwele, zonke lezo zinto ziyakuqedwa.

⁸ Ngakuzwa, kepha angiqondanga; bese ngithi: “Nkosi yami, ukuphela kwalokho

kuyakuba yini na?”

⁹ Wathi: “Hamba, Daniyeli, ngokuba amazwi avalelwe, anamathelisiwe kuze kube sesikhathini sokugcina.

¹⁰ Abaningi bayakuzihlanza, bazenze mhlophe, bacwengisiswe, kepha ababi bayakwenza kabi, kodwa akayikuqonda noyedwa omubi; nokho abahlakaniphileyo bayakuqonda.

¹¹ “Kusukela esikhathini sokususwa komnikelo oshiswa imihla yonke nokumiswa kwesinengiso esichithayo kuyakuba yizinsuku eziyinkulungwane namakhulu amabili namashumi ayisishiyagalolunye.

¹² Ubusisiwe olindayo afinyelele ezinsukwini eziyinkulungwane namakhulu amathathu namashumi amathathu nanhlanu.

¹³ “Kepha hamba wena kuze kube sekupheleni; usuphumulile uyakuma esabelweni sakho ngasekupheleni kwezinsuku.”

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