

# UHOSEYA

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## ISAPHLUKO 1

**I**lizwi likaYehova elafika kuHoseya unyana kaBheri, ngemihla kaUziya, kaYotam, ka-Ahazi, kaHezekiya, ookumkani bakwaYuda; ngemihla kaYarobheham unyana kaYowashe, ukumkani wakwaSirayeli.

<sup>2</sup> Ukuqala kokuthetha kukaYehova noHoseya, wathi uYehova kuHoseya, Yiya uzeke umfazi wobuhenyu nabantwana bobuhenyu; ngokuba ilizwe lihenyuze kakhulu, lemka kuYehova.

<sup>3</sup> Waya ke, wazeka uGomere intombi kaDibhelayim; wakhawula, wamzalela unyana.

<sup>4</sup> UYehova wathi kuye, Mthiye igama lokuba nguYizereli; ngokuba kusaya kuba ngumzuzwana, ndiwavelele amagazi akwaYizereli kwindlu kaYehu, ndibuphelise ubukumkani bendlu kaSirayeli.

<sup>5</sup> Kuya kuthi ngaloo mini ndisaphule isaphetha sakwaSirayeli entilini yaseYizereli.

<sup>6</sup> Waphinda wakhawula, wazala intombi. Wathi uYehova kuye, Yithiye igama lokuba nguAkenzelwanga-mfesane ngokuba andiyi kuba saphinda ndiyenzele mfesane indlu kaSirayeli, ndingabaxoleli nokubaxolela.

<sup>7</sup> Ndiya kuyenzela imfesane ke indlu kaYuda, ndibasindise ngoYehova uThixo wabo, ndingabasindisi ngasaphetha, nangakrele, nangamfazwe, ngamahashe, nangabamahashe.

<sup>8</sup> Akumlumla ke uAkenzelwanga-mfesane, wakhawula wazala unyana.

<sup>9</sup> Wathi uYehova, Mthiye igama lokuba nguAsibantu-bam; ngokuba aningabantu bam, nam andiyi kuba ngowenu.

<sup>10</sup> Ke inani loonyana bakaSirayeli liya kuba ngangentlabathi yaselwandle, engalinganiswayo, engabalwayo; kuthi endaweni yokuba kuthiwe kubo, Aningabantu bam, kusuke kuthiwe kubo, Ningoonyana bakaThixo ophilileyo.

<sup>11</sup> Bohlanganisana ndawonye oonyana bakaYuda noonyana bakaSirayeli, bazimisele intloko ibe nye, banyuke baphume kwelo zwe; kuba iya kuba nkulu imini yaseYizereli.

## ISAPHLUKO 2

**Y**ithini kubazalwana benu, Wenani, bantu bam! nithi koodade benu, Wa, Menzelwa-mfesane! Bambanani nonyoko, bambanani naye; kuba akamfazi wam, andindoda yakhe.

<sup>2</sup> Nize nitsho asuse ubuhenyu bakhe ebusweni bakhe, nokukrexeza kwakhe phakathi kwamabele akhe;

<sup>3</sup> hleze ndimhlube abe ze, ndimmise enjengamini wazalwa, ndimenze abe njengentlango,

ndimmise abe njengelizwe elingumqwebedu, ndimbulale ngenxano;

<sup>4</sup> ndingasikwa mfesane ngenxa yabantwana bakhe; kuba bengabantwana bobuhenyu bona.

<sup>5</sup> Kuba unina uhenyuzile, wenze okuziintloni umzali wabo; ngokuba wathi, Ndiya kulandela izithandane zam, ezindinika isonka sam, namanzi am, uboya bam begusha neflakisi yam, ioli yam nento endiyiselayo.

<sup>6</sup> Ngako oko, yabona, ndiya kuyibiyela indlela yakho ngameva, ndakhe udonga, angawufumani umendo wakhe.

<sup>7</sup> Uya kuzisukela izithandane zakhe, angafiki kuzo; azifune, angazifumani: athi Ndiya kuya ndibuyele endodeni yam yokuqala, kuba bekulungile kum oko kunangoku.

<sup>8</sup> Akazi ukuba ndim owamnikayo ingqolowa, newayini entsha, neoli; ndamandisela isilivere negolide, abasuka bayenzela uBhahali.

<sup>9</sup> Ngako oko ndiya kubuya, ndiyithathe ingqolowa yam ngexesha layo, newayini yam entsha ngexesha layo elimisiweyo; ndibuhluthe uboya beegusha, neflakisi yam yokugubungela ubuze bakhe.

<sup>10</sup> Ngoku ke ndowatyhila amanye akhe emehlweni ezithandane zakhe, kungabikho bani umhlangu layo esandleni sam.

<sup>11</sup> Ndoluphelisa lonke uvuyo lwakhe, umthendeleko wakhe, nokuthwasa kwenyanga kuye, neesabatha zakhe, namaxesha akhe onke amisiweyo.

<sup>12</sup> Ndiya kuyibharhisa imidiliya yakhe, nemikhiwane yakhe, abesithi yena, Lutshedo lwam olu, endalunikwayo zizithandane zam; ndoyenza ibe lihlathi, idliwe ziinyamakazi zasendle.

<sup>13</sup> Ndomvelela ngenxa yemihla yooBhahali, abeqhumisela ngayo kubo; abezihombisa ngamagabha akhe empumlo, nesambalo sakhe; abelandela izithandane zakhe, andilibale mna; utsho uYehova.

<sup>14</sup> Ngako oko, yabona, ndiya kumrhwebesha, ndimse entlango, ndithethe kakuhle naye.

<sup>15</sup> Ndomnika izidiliya zakhe, zithabathele khona, nentili yeAkore ibe lisango lethemba, aphenndule khona njengeemini zobuncinane bakhe, nanjengemini yokunyuka kwakhe, ephuma ezweni laseYiputa.

<sup>16</sup> Kuya kuthi ngaloo mini, utsho uYehova, undibize ngokuthi, Ndoda yam; ungabi sandibiza ngokuthi, Bhahali wam.

<sup>17</sup> Ngokuba ndiya kuwasusa amagama ooBhahali emlonyeni wakhe, bangabi sakhunjulwa ngamagama abo.

<sup>18</sup> Ngaloo mini ndobenzela umnqophiso namarhamncwa asendle, neentaka zezulu, nezinambuzane zomhlaba; ndaphule isaphetha nekrele nemfazwe, ezo zinto zingabikho ezweni; ndibahlalise bekhelosile.

<sup>19</sup> Ndokugana ube ngowam ngonaphakade, ndikugane ube ngowam ngobulungisa nangokusesikweni, nangenceba nangemfesane;

<sup>20</sup> ndikugane ube ngowam ngokuthembeka, umazi uYehova.

<sup>21</sup> Kuya kuthi ngaloo mini, ndiphendule, utsho uYehova; ndiya kuliphendula izulu, lona liphendule ihlabathi;

<sup>22</sup> ihlabathi liphendule ingqolowa, newayini entsha, neoli; ezo zinto ziphendule uYizereli.

<sup>23</sup> Ndozihlwayelela yena elizweni, ndimenzele imfesane uAkenzelwanga-mfesane; ndithi kuAsibantubam, Ungabantu bam; aze athi kum, UnguThixo wam.

## ISAHLUKO 3

**W**athi uYehova kum, Phinda, uye uthande umfazi, ethandwa nguwabo, ekrexeza; njengoko uYehova abathandayo oonyana bakaSirayeli, bebhaka thixweni bambi nje, bethanda izicumba zeerasintyisi.

<sup>2</sup> Ndamthenga wangowam ngeshumi elinesihlanu lesilivere, nehomere yerhasi, neleteke yerhasi.

<sup>3</sup> Ndathi kuye, Uze uhlalele mna imihla emininzi, ungahenyuzi, ungabi wandoda yimbi; nam ndenjenjalo kuwe.

<sup>4</sup> Ngokuba oonyana bakaSirayeli baya kuhlala imihla emininzi bengenakumkani, bengenamthetheli, bengenambingelelo, bengenasimiso samatye, bengenaefodi namilonde-khaya.

<sup>5</sup> Emveni koko baya kubuya oonyana bakaSirayeli, bamquqele uYehova uThixo wabo, noDavide ukumkani wabo; baye benkwantya kuYehova, nasekulungeni kwakhe ekupheleni kwemihla.

## ISAHLUKO 4

**L**iveni ilizwi likaYehova, nyana bakaSirayeli; ngokuba uYehova ubambene nabemi belizwe eli; ngokuba kungekho nyaniso, kungekho nceba, kungekho kwazi uThixo kweli lizwe.

<sup>2</sup> Kukushwabula, nokuxoka, nokuncinitha, nokuba, nokukrexeza; bagqobhozile, igazi liphathelele kwigazi.

<sup>3</sup> Ngenxa yoko ilizwe lenza isijwili, zithokombisile zonke izinto ezimi kulo; izinto eziphilileyo zasendle, neentaka zezulu, kwaneentlanzi zolwandle, ziyasuswa.

<sup>4</sup> Kodwa makangabambani omnye nomnye, omnye makangamohlwayi omnye; abantu bakowenu banjengobambene nombingeleli.

<sup>5</sup> Wokhubeka emini, umprofeti enawe akhubeke ebusuku, ndimtshabalalise unyoko.

<sup>6</sup> Bayatshabalala abantu bam kukuswela ukwazi; kuba wena ukucekisile ukwazi, ndiya kukekisa, ukuba ungabi ngumbingeleli kum. Wawulibala umyalelo kaThixo wakho; ndobalibala abantwana bakho nam.

<sup>7</sup> Okukhona bandileyo, kokukhona bonileyo kum; uzuko lwabo ndiya kulwananisa ngocukucezo.

<sup>8</sup> Badla idini lesono labantu bam; umphefumlo wabo bawuphakamisela ebugwenxeni babo.

<sup>9</sup> Kuya kuthi, njengoko banjalo abantu, abe njalo umbingeleli; ndizivelele iindlela zakhe kuye, ndizibuyisele kuye iintlondi zakhe.

<sup>10</sup> Bodla bangahluthi; bahenyuze bangandi; ngokuba bekuyekile ukumphulaphula uYehova.

<sup>11</sup> Uhenyuzo, newayini, newayini entsha, ziwexula intliziyo.

<sup>12</sup> Abantu bam babuzisa kumthi wabo; nentonga yabo iyabaxelela; ngokuba umoya wobuhenyu ubalahlekisile; bahenyuze bemka phantsi koThixo wabo.

<sup>13</sup> Babingelela ezincotsheni zeentaba, baqhumisele ezindulini phantsi kwemioki nemipopulari nemiterebhinti, kuba ulungile umthunzi wayo; ngenxa yoko ziyahenyuza iintombi zenu, bayakrexeza oomolokazana benu.

<sup>14</sup> Andiyi kuzivelela iintombi zenu, ngokokuba zihenyuza; noomolokazana benu, ngokokuba bekrexeza. Ngokuba nina ngokwenu nithi gu bucala namahenyukazi nibingelela namang'awukazi; ngoko ke abantu abangaqondiyo baya kukhahleleka phantsi.

- <sup>15</sup> Ukuba uyahenyuza, Sirayeli, makangazeki ityala uYuda; musani ukuya eGiligali, ningenyuki niye eBhetaven, ningafungi nithi, Ehleli nje uYehova.
- <sup>16</sup> Kuba uSirayeli uyinjubaqa, njengethokazi eliyinjubaqa; ngoku uYehova uya kubalusela emphangalaleni, njengamatakane.
- <sup>17</sup> UEfrayim ubophene nezithixo; myekeni.
- <sup>18</sup> Igabadele imithayi yabo; bahenyuza behenyuzile; ziluthande nzulu ucukucezo iingweletshetshe zabo.
- <sup>19</sup> Umoya umbambile ngamaphiko awo; baya kudana yimibingelelo yabo.

## ISAHLUKO 5

- K**uveni oku, babingeleli, nibaze iindlebe, nina ndlu kaSirayeli; nani ndlu yokumkani, bekani iindlebe; ngokuba uze kuni umgwebo lo; kuba nisuke naba ngumgibe eMizpa, naba ngumnatha otwatyululweyo phezu kweTabhore.
- <sup>2</sup> Bangxokile ukonakalisa ekunxaxheni kwabo; ke ndiyintethiso kubo bonke bephela.
- <sup>3</sup> Mna ndiyamazi uEfrayim, noSirayeli akagushiwe kum; ngokuba uhenyuzile ngoku, wena Efrayim, uSirayeli uzenze inqambi.
- <sup>4</sup> Izenzo zabo azivumi ukuba babuyele kuThixo wabo; kuba umoya wobuhenyu ukubo, abamazi uYehova.
- <sup>5</sup> Iqhaya likaSirayeli liyangqina ebusweni bakhe; bokhubeka ooSirayeli noEfrayim ngobugwenxa babo; wokhubeka nabo kwanoYuda.
- <sup>6</sup> Baya kuya kumfuna uYehova, benempahla yabo emfutshane neenkomo zabo, bangamfumani; urhoxile kubo.
- <sup>7</sup> Banginiza kuYehova, kuba bezele oonyana abangengabo; ngoku ke ukuthwasa kwenyanga kuyabadla, kunye nezahlulo zabo zomhlaba.
- <sup>8</sup> Vuthelani izigodlo eGibheha, nexilongo eRama; wuhlabeni eBhetaven, nithi, Emva kwakho, Bhenjamin.
- <sup>9</sup> Kuya kuba senkangala kwelakwaEfrayim ngemini yokohlwaya; ezizweni zakwaSirayeli ndisazisile isimakade sesibetho.
- <sup>10</sup> Abathetheli bakwaYuda basuka baba njengabashenxisi bomda; ngoko ke ndophalaza phezu kwabo ubushushu bam njengamanzi.
- <sup>11</sup> UEfrayim uyacudiswa, uyavikiveka ngumgwebo; kuba usuke wavuma ukulandela umthetho wabo.
- <sup>12</sup> Mna ndinjengenundu kwaEfrayim, ndinjengombungu kwindlu kaYuda.
- <sup>13</sup> Xa wasibonayo uEfrayim isifo sakhe, uYuda walibona inxeba lakhe; uEfrayim wesuka waya eAsiriya, wathumela kukumkani uYarebhi. Akaba nako ukuniphilisa, akaba nako ukuninceda kwinxeba lenu.
- <sup>14</sup> Ngokuba ndinjengengonyama kwaEfrayim, ndinjengengonyama entsha kwindlu kaYuda mna; mna ndiyaqwenga ndimke, ndithimbe, kungabikho mhlanguki.
- <sup>15</sup> Ndiya kuhamba ndibuyele endaweni yam, bade beve benetyala, babufune ubuso bam. Ekubandezelekeni kwabo baya kundifuna benyamekile; bathi:

## ISAHLUKO 6

**Y**izani sibuyele kuYehova; kuba eqwengile, wosiphilisa; uxabele, wosibopha.

<sup>2</sup> Wosidlisa ubomi, kwakuba ntsuku mbini; wosiphakamisa ngolwesithathu, sidle ubomi phambi kwakhe.

<sup>3</sup> Masikwazi ke, masikusukele ukumazi uYehova; ukuphuma kwakhe kuqinisekile njengokuphuma kwesifingo, ukuba eze kuthi njengemvula, njengemvula evuthisayo, elinyakamisayo ilizwe.

<sup>4</sup> Mandikuthini na, Efrayim? Mandikuthini na, Yuda? Uthando lwenu lunjengelifu lomso, lunjengombethe ophela kwakusasa.

<sup>5</sup> Ngenxa yoko ndibaxozile ngabaprofeti, ndababulala ngamazwi omlomo wam; ukuze umgwebo wam uphume njengokukhanya.

<sup>6</sup> Ngokuba ndinonelele uthando, andinonelele mbingelelo; ndinonelele ukwazi uThixo, ngaphezu kwamadini anyukayo.

<sup>7</sup> Ke bona bawugqithile umnqophiso njengoAdam, banginiza kum apho.

<sup>8</sup> IGiliyadi ngumzi wabasebenzi bobutshinga; uzele yimikhondo yegazi.

<sup>9</sup> Bunjengokulalelwa kwendoda ngamatutu ubudlelane bababingeleli; bayancinitha endleleni eya kwaShekem, ewe, benze amanyala.

<sup>10</sup> Endlwini kaSirayeli ndibone into ebanga amanwele; apho uEfrayim uyahenyuza, uSirayeli uzenza inqambi.

<sup>11</sup> Kananjalo wena Yuda, umiselwe uvuno, ekukubuyiseni kwam ukuthinjwa kwabantu bam.

## ISIAHLUKO 7

**E**kumphiliseni kwam uSirayeli, kusuke kutyhileke ubugwenxa bukaEfrayim nobubi bakwaSamari; kuba besebenza ubuxoki, isela lingene, amatutu abhunyule ngaphandle.

<sup>2</sup> Abatsho entliziyweni yabo ukuthi ndobukhumbula bonke ububi babo; ngoku zibangqongile iintlondi zabo, zabakho phambi kobuso bam.

<sup>3</sup> Bamvuyisile ukumkani ngeento zabo ezimbi, nabathetheli ngokuxoka kwabo.

<sup>4</sup> Bonke bephela bangabakrexezi; banjengeziko lezonka elibaselwe ngumoji-zonka, okha ayeke ukukhwezela, lo gama axovula intlama, ide ifukuke.

<sup>5</sup> Ngemini yokumkani wethu abathetheli bazixhaye isifo ngobushushu bewayini; uthabathene nabagxeki.

<sup>6</sup> Ngokuba bayisondeze intliziyo yabo emlaleni wabo, ngathi kusezikweni lezonka; bonke ubusuku ulele umoji-zonka wabo; kusasa lona livutha njengomlilo olenyayo.

<sup>7</sup> Bonke bephela bashushu njengeziko lezonka, bayabadla abagwebi babo; bonke ookumkani babo bawile; akukho namnye kubo undinqulayo.

<sup>8</sup> UEfrayim yena uzekazekana nezizwe; uEfrayim uliqebengwana lesonka elingaguqulwanga.

<sup>9</sup> Abasemzini bawadlile amandla akhe, ukanti yena akazi; nezimvi zithe saa kuye, noko akazi yena.

<sup>10</sup> Iqhaya likaSirayeli liyangqina ebusweni bakhe; noko ababuyeli kuYehova uThixo wabo, abamfuni kuko konke oku.

<sup>11</sup> UEfrayim unjengevukuthu elimathileyo, elingenantliziyo; babiza iYiputa, baya eAsiriya.

<sup>12</sup> Ndothi, bakubon' ukuba bayaya, ndiwutwabulule phezu kwabo umnatha wam, ndibathobe njengeentaka zezulu; ndiya kubathethisa ngokweendaba endazivakalisayo

ebandleni labo.

<sup>13</sup> Yeha ke bona! kuba babalekile kum. Yimbubho kubo! kuba bakreqile kum. Mna ngendibakhulule, basuka bona bathetha amanga ngam.

<sup>14</sup> Abakhalanga kum ngeentliziyo zabo, basuka bamana bebhomboloza ezililini zabo; baqukana ngenxa yengqolowa newayini entsha, baphambuka, bandichasa.

<sup>15</sup> Mna ndiziqeqeshile, ndazomeleza, iingalo zabo; ke bona bacinga ububi ngam.

<sup>16</sup> Bayabuya, kodwa ababuyeli phezulu; banjengesaphetha esityeketyeke. Baya kuwa likrele abathetheli babo, ngenxa yobhavumo lolwimi lwabo. Oko kukugculelwa kwabo ezweni laseYiputa.

## ISAHLUKO 8

**B**eka isigodle emlonyeni wakho. Utshaba luyirhiwula indlu kaYehova njengexhalanga; ngenxa yokuba bewugqithile umnqophiso wam, bakreqa kumyalelo wam.

<sup>2</sup> Baya kukhala kum, bathi, Thixo wethu, siyakwazi, thina Sirayeli.

<sup>3</sup> Iyanuka kuSirayeli into elungileyo; utshaba malumsukele.

<sup>4</sup> Bamise ookumkani, bengaveli kum; benze abathetheli, ndingazi mna; isilivere yabo negolide yabo bayenze izithixo, ukuze inqanyulwe.

<sup>5</sup> Ithole lakho liyanuka, Samari: umsindo wam uyavutha kubo; kunini na bengakwazi ukuziphatha msulwa?

<sup>6</sup> Ngokuba nalo elo liphuma kwaSirayeli; lenziwe yingcibi, aliThixo lona; ke liya kucoleka ithole lakwaSamari.

<sup>7</sup> Ngokuba behlwayele umoya, baya kuvuna isaqhwithi. Akukho zimba kuwo; isithombo asenzi sikhwebu; nokuba besithe saba naso, besiya kudliwa ngabasemzini.

<sup>8</sup> Uginyiwe uSirayeli; ngoku basezintlangeni njengempahla engananziweyo.

<sup>9</sup> Kuba bona banyuke baya eAsiriya, njenge-esile lasendle lihamba lilodwa, lahlukile; ke yena uEfrayim uziqeshile izitharudane.

<sup>10</sup> Nakuba beqesha nokuqesha ezintlangeni, ndiya kubabutha ngoku, baqale banciphe ngenxa yomthwalo wokumkani wabathetheli.

<sup>11</sup> Kuba uEfrayim uzandisile izibingelelo zokona; kuye izibingelelo zaba zezokona.

<sup>12</sup> Ndimbhalela into eninzi yemiyalelo yam; bayicingela into engento.

<sup>13</sup> Imibingelelo yezipho zam bayayibingelela, bayidla ngokwenyama; ke ayakholeka kuYehova; ngokunje uya kubukhumbula ubugwenxa babo, azivelele izono zabo; baya kubuyela bona eYiputa.

<sup>14</sup> Kuba uSirayeli wamlibala uMenzi wakhe, wakha amabhotwe; uYuda wayandisa imizi enqatyisiweyo. Ke mna ndiya kuthumela umlilo emizini yakhe, uzidle iingxande zakhe ezinde.

## ISAHLUKO 9

**M**usa ukuvuya, Sirayeli, ude ugcoke njengezizwe: ngokuba uhenyuzile, wemka kuThixo wakho; uthande utshequ ezandeni zonke zengqolowa.

<sup>2</sup> Isanda nesixovulelo seoli asiya kubondla, newayini entsha iya kunidanisa.

<sup>3</sup> Abayi kuhlala ezweni likaYehova; uEfrayim uya kubuyela eYiputa, badle izinto eziyinqambi eAsiriya.

- <sup>4</sup> Abayi kumthululela uYehova iwayini, ayiyi kuba mnandi kuye nemibingelelo yabo; ukudla kwabo kubo kuya kuba njengesonka sabalilayo. Bonke abakudlayo baya kuba ziinqambi; ngokuba ukudla kwabo kuya kuba kokwabo, akuyi kungena endlwini kaYehova.
- <sup>5</sup> Nothini na ngemini yexesha elimisiweyo, nangemini yomthendeleko kaYehova?
- <sup>6</sup> Kuba, yabonani, bemkile ngenxa yembuqo; iYiputa iya kubabutha, iMofi iya kubangcwaba; izinto zabo ezinqwenelekayo zesilivere ziya kuhluthwa ngamarhawu; yimithi enameva ezintentsi zabo.
- <sup>7</sup> Kufike iimini zokuvelela, kufike iimini zempindezelo; uya kwazi uSirayeli. Umprofeti sisimathane, ngumbhudi indoda enomoya, ngenxa yobukhulu bobugwenxa bakho nokutshutshisa okuninzi.
- <sup>8</sup> Ngumboniseli uEfrayim ngakuThixo wam; umprofeti ngumgibe womthiyeli ezindleleni zakhe zonke, uyintshutshiso endlwini yoThixo wakhe.
- <sup>9</sup> Batshonisile ukonakalisa kwabo, njengokwemihla yaseGibheha; uya kubukhumbula ubugwenxa babo, uya kuzivelela izono zabo.
- <sup>10</sup> Ndamfumana uSirayeli enjengeediliya entlango; ndababona ooyihlo benjengamakhiwane aqalelayo emkhiwaneni, ekuqaleni kwawo; basuka bona baya kuBhahali-pehore, bazahlulela entweni eziintloni, baba yinto enezotho, njengesithandane sabo.
- <sup>11</sup> UEfrayim, uzuko lwakhe luya kubaleka, lumke njengentaka; kungabikho kuzala, nakumitha, nakukhawula.
- <sup>12</sup> Ewe, nokuba bathe bakhulisa oonyana, ndobahlutha abantwana, kungabikho luntu. Yeha ke bona, ekusukeni kwam kubo!
- <sup>13</sup> Ngoko ndazibonela uEfrayim, ukuba abe yiTire, etyelwe ekriweni; kodwa uEfrayim uya kubakhuphela kumbulali oonyana bakhe.
- <sup>14</sup> Banike, Yehova; wobanika ntoni na? Banike isisu esiphumayo, namabele awomileyo.
- <sup>15</sup> Bonke ububi babo buseGiligali; kuba ndaqala ukubathiya khona. Ngenxa yobubi beentloni zabo, ndiya kubagxotha endlwini yam; andiyi kuphinda ndibathande; bonke abathetheli babo baziinjubaqa.
- <sup>16</sup> Ubethiwe uEfrayim, ingcambu yabo yomile; abayi kuxakatha siqhamo. Nokuba bathe bazala, ndozibulala izinto ezinqwenelekayo zesisu sabo.
- <sup>17</sup> UThixo wam uya kubacekisa, kuba bengamphulaphulanga; baya kuphalaphala ezintlangeni.

## ISAPHLUKO 10

- U**Sirayeli ngumdiliya onabileyo; wazixakathela iziqhamo. Okukhona waba neziqhamo, kokukhona wandisa izibingelelo; okukhona lalungayo ilizwe lakhe, kokukhona walungisa izimiso zamatyhe.
- <sup>2</sup> Yaba buthelezi intliziyo yabo; ngoku baya kuva benetyala. Uya kuziqhekeza izibingelelo zabo, azibhuge izimiso zabo zamatyhe.
- <sup>3</sup> Ewe, ngoku baya kuthi, Asinakumkani; kuba asimoyikanga uYehova; nokumkani lowa, uya kusenzela ntoni na?
- <sup>4</sup> Bathetha amazwi nje, bashwabula ngenkohlakalo, benza iminqophiso; kwahluma okusesikweni, njengobuhlungu emiqeleni yesisimi.
- <sup>5</sup> Abemi bakwaSamari banxunguphele ngomfanekiso wethole laseBhetaven; ewe, benza isijwili ngalo abantu balo, bathuthumele ababingeleli balo abangengabo, ngenxa yalo,



ngenxa yozuko lwalo, kuba lufudukile kulo.

<sup>6</sup> Liya kusiwa eAsiriya nalo, libe ngumnikelo kukumkani uYarebhi; uEfrayim uya kubanjwa kukudana, adane uSirayeli ngenxa yecebo lakhe.

<sup>7</sup> Ke elakwaSamari, ukumkani walo udakile, unjengeceba phezu kwamanzi.

<sup>8</sup> Iziganga zaseAven, isono sikaSirayeli, zotshabalala. Kuya kuhluma imithana enameva neenkunzana ezibingelelweni zabo; baya kuthi kwiintaba, Siseleleni; nakwiinduli, Siweleni.

<sup>9</sup> Kususela kwimihla yaseGibheha, Sirayeli wona; bahlala khona; akubafikelanga eGibheha ukulwa noonyana bobugqwetha.

<sup>10</sup> Ndiya kubathethisa ke ngokomnqweno wam, zibahlanganyele zonke izizwe, ekubotshelweni kwabo ebugwenxeni babo bobubini.

<sup>11</sup> UEfrayim lithokazi eliqeqeshiweyo, elithanda ukubhula; mna ke ndibeke idyokhwe entanyeni yalo entle. Ndiyamtsalisa uEfrayim; uYuda uya kulima; uYakobi uya kuziqwakanisela.

<sup>12</sup> Zihlwayeleleni, ukuba kuvele ubulungisa; vunani ngokwenceba; zikhubeleleni umkhubelo, ekubeni ilixesha lokumquqela uYehova, ade afike aninisele ubulungisa.

<sup>13</sup> Nalima okungendawo, navuna ubugqwetha, nadla iziqhamo zobuxoki; kuba wakholosa ngendlela yakho, ngobuninzi bamagorha akho.

<sup>14</sup> Kuya kuvuka ingxolo phakathi kwezizwe zakowenu, zibhuqwe neengqaba zakho zonke, njengoko uShaleman wayibhuqayo iBhete-arbhele ngemini yemfazwe; kwacunyuzwa oonina kunye noonyana.

<sup>15</sup> Iya kwenjenjalo kuni iBheteli, ngenxa yobubi bezinto zenu ezimbi; kwangesifingo uya kusingelwa phantsi aphele ukumkani wakwaSirayeli.

## ISAHLUKO 11

**O**ko uSirayeli ebemncinane, ndamthanda, ndambiza unyana wam ukuba aphume eYiputa.

<sup>2</sup> Bababiza, kwaba kukhona bemkayo ebusweni babo; babingelela kooBhahali, baqhumisela kwimifanekiso eqingqiweyo.

<sup>3</sup> Mna ke ndamfundisa uEfrayim ukuhamba, ndibaphatha ngeengalo zam; abazanga noko, ukuba ndabaphilisa.

<sup>4</sup> Ndabatsala ngezintya zomntu, ngeentsontelo zothando; kubo ndaba njengomnyinyisi wedyokhwe emihlathini yabo, ndathantamisa ukumnika ukudla.

<sup>5</sup> Akayi kubuyela ezweni laseYiputa; nguAsiriya ukumkani wakhe; kuba abavumanga ukubuya.

<sup>6</sup> Ikrele liya kuyijikeleza imizi yakhe, liyigqibele imivalo yakhe, liyidle, ngenxa yamacebo abo.

<sup>7</sup> Abantu bam baphikele ukubuya umva kum; nakuba bebizelwa phezulu, abaziphakamisi mpela.

<sup>8</sup> Ndingathini na ukukulahla, Efrayim? ndikuncame, Sirayeli? Ndingathini na ukukulahla njengeAdama, ndikwenze ube njengeTsebhoyim? Intliziyo yam iphethukile phakathi kwam, ububele bam buvuthile kunye.

<sup>9</sup> Andiyi kukwenza ukuvutha komsindo wam, andiyi kubuya ndimonakalise uEfrayim; ngokuba ndinguThixo, andimntu; ndingoyiNgcwele phakathi kwakho; andizi ndishushu ngamsindo.

<sup>10</sup> Baya kumlandela uYehova; uya kubharhula njengengonyama; kuba yena uya



kubharhula, bavele entshonalanga oonyana, begubha.

<sup>11</sup> Baya kuvela eYiputa, begubha njengeentaka, bavele ezweni laseAsiriya njengamavukuthu, ndibabeke ezindlwini zabo; utsho uYehova.

<sup>12</sup> UEfrayim undirhawule ngobuxoki, indlu kaSirayeli ngenkohliso; noYuda usengumqhatu kuThixo, koyiNgcwele, onyanisileyo.

## ISAHLUKO 12

**U**Efrayim wasukelana nomoya; usukela ulophu lwasempumalanga. Imini yonke wandisa amanga nembuqo: banqophisana neAsiriya, kusiwa ioli eYiputa.

<sup>2</sup> UYehova ubambene noYuda, umvelela uYakobi ngokweendlela zakhe; uya kumbuyisela ngokweentloni zakhe.

<sup>3</sup> Esizalweni wambamba umkhuluwa wakhe ngesithende, ekuqineni kwakhe wamazana noThixo.

<sup>4</sup> Wamazana naso isithunywa, wafeza, walila, watarhuzisa kuso; samfumana eBheteli, apho ke sasithetha nathi.

<sup>5</sup> UYehova, uThixo wemikhosi, uYehova sisikhumbuzo sakhe.

<sup>6</sup> Wena ke, buyela kuThixo wakho; gcina inceba nokusesikweni, uhlale uthembele kuThixo wakho.

<sup>7</sup> Ungumrhwebi ophethe isikali senkohliso, uthanda ukucudisa.

<sup>8</sup> Wathi uEfrayim, Noko ndisisityebi, ndizifumanele ubutyebi; yonke imigushanxa yam ayindizuzisanga bugwenxa busisono.

<sup>9</sup> Kanti mna ndinguYehova, uThixo wakho nje, kwasezweni laseYiputa; ndisaya kukubeka ezintendeni, njengokwemihla yomthendeleko.

<sup>10</sup> Ndithethe kubaprofeti, ndandisa imibono mna, ndenza imizekeliso ngezandla zabaprofeti.

<sup>11</sup> Ukuba iGiliyadi ilishinitshini, yoba yinto engento kuphela. Babingelela iinkomo eGiligali; izibingelelo zabo nazo zoba njengeemfumba zamatye emiqeleni yesisimi.

<sup>12</sup> UYakobi wabalekela ezweni lakwa-Aram, uSirayeli wakhonza ngenxa yomfazi, wagcina imihlambi ngenxa yomfazi.

<sup>13</sup> UYehova wamnyusa uSirayeli eYiputa ngomprofeti ke, wagcinwa ngomprofeti ke.

<sup>14</sup> UEfrayim uqumbise kakrakra; iNkosi yakhe iya kuwaphosa amagazi akhe phezu kwakhe, isibuyisele kuye isingcikivo sakhe.

## ISAHLUKO 13

**W**athi akuthetha uEfrayim, kwabakho ukothuka; waphakama yena kwaSirayeli, wesuka wazeka ityala ngoBhahali, wafa.

<sup>2</sup> Ngoku bongeza ukona, bazenzela imifanekiso etyhidiweyo ngesilivere yabo, bazenzela izithixo njengokuqonda kwabo; ingumsebenzi weengcibi wonke uphela; ababingelelayo baseluntwini, bathi ngayo, bawanga amathole.

<sup>3</sup> Ngako oko baya kuba njengelifu lomso, nanjengombethe ophela kwakusasa, njengomququ ophetshethwa sisaqhwithi esandeni, nanjengomsi ophuma ngekroba.

<sup>4</sup> Kanti mna ndinguYehova uThixo wakho, kwasezweni laseYiputa; akuyi kwazi thixo ungendim; akukho namnye umsindisi ngaphandle kwam.

<sup>5</sup> Mna ndakwazi entlango, ezweni lasekubaleleni.

- <sup>6</sup> Bathi bakudliswa, bahlutha; bakuhlutha, yaphakama intliziyo yabo; ngenxa yoko bandilibele.
- <sup>7</sup> Ngoko ndaba njengengonyama kubo, ndabalalela njengengwe endleleni.
- <sup>8</sup> Ndothi gaga kubo njengebhere ehluthwe amathole ayo, ndiwukrazule umhlelo wentliziyo yabo, ndibadle khona njengengonyamakazi; amarhamncwa asendle aya kubadlavula.
- <sup>9</sup> Uzonakalisile, Sirayeli, ngokundichasa kwakho, mna luncedo lwakho.
- <sup>10</sup> Uphi na ngoku ukumkani wakho, ukuba angakusindisi emizini yakho yonke? Baphi na ngokunje abagwebi bakho abo, wathi, Ndinike ukumkani nabathetheli?
- <sup>11</sup> Ndikunika ookumkani ndinomsindo, ndibathabathe ngokuphuphuma kwawo.
- <sup>12</sup> Bubotshiwe ngengxowa ubugwenxa bukaEfrayim, sibekiwe isono sakhe.
- <sup>13</sup> Inimba yozalayo iyamzela; ungunyana ongenabulumko, kuba engaveli ngexesha elililo emlonyeni wesizalo.
- <sup>14</sup> Ndiya kubakhulula esandleni selabafileyo, ndiya kubahlawulela ndibakhulule ekufeni. Ziphi na iindyikitya zakho, kufa? Iphi na imbubhiso yakho, ngcwaba? Ukuzohlwaya kusithele emehlweni am.
- <sup>15</sup> Nokuba yena uya kuba neziqhamo phakathi kwabazalwana bakhe, kuya kuza ulophu lwasempumalanga, umoya kaYehova unyuka entlango, litshe ithende lakhe, wome umthombo wakhe; lowo uya kuphanga ubuncwane beempahla zonke ezinqwenelekayo.
- <sup>16</sup> ElakwaSamari liya kuziva linetyala, kuba liphikise uThixo walo. Baya kuwa likrele, iintsana zabo zicunyzwe, nabamithiyo babo baqangqululwe.

## IS AHLUKO 14

**S**irayeli, buya, uze kuYehova, uThixo wakho; ngokuba ukhubekile ngobugwenxa bakho.

- <sup>2</sup> Thabathani niphathe amazwi, nibuyele kuYehova; yithini kuye, Sixolele bonke ubugwenxa, wamkele izinto zethu ezilungileyo, ukuze sinikele iinkunzi zeenkomo ezintsha, imibulelo yomlomo wethu.
- <sup>3</sup> UAsiriya akayi kususindisa, asiyi kukhwela emahasheni, asiyi kuba sathi kumsebenzi wezandla zethu, Thixo wethu; kuba kuwe inkedama ifumana imfesane.
- <sup>4</sup> Ndiya kukuphilisa ukubuya kwabo umva, ndiya kubathanda ngesisa; ngokuba umsindo wam ubuyile kuye.
- <sup>5</sup> Ndiya kuba njengombethe kuSirayeli; uya kutyatyamba njengenyibiba, endelisele iingcambu zakhe njengeLebhanon.
- <sup>6</sup> Aya kunaba amasebe akhe, bube njengomnquma ubuhle bakhe, ivumba lakhe libe njengeLebhanon.
- <sup>7</sup> Baya kubuya abahlala emthunzini wakhe, baphile njengengqolowa, batyatyambe njengomdiliya, isikhumbuzo sawo sibe njengewayini yaseLebhanon.
- <sup>8</sup> Efrayim, yintoni na esenam nezithixo? Okwam ndiyamphendula, ndimkhathalela; ndinjengomsipres oluhlaza, siyafunyanwa kum isiqhamo sakho.
- <sup>9</sup> Ngubani na olumkileyo, aziqonde ezo zinto? Ngubani na onengqondo, azazi? Ngokuba zithe tye iindlela zikaYehova; ahamba ngazo amalungisa; ke bona abakreqi baya kukhubeka kuzo.