

# MIKA

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## ISAHLUKO 1

**I**zwi likaJehova elafika kuMika waseMoresheti ezinsukwini zikaJothamu, no-Ahazi, noHezekiya, amakhosi akwaJuda, owalibona ngeSamariya neJerusalema.

<sup>2</sup> Zwanini, bantu bonke, uqaphele, mhlaba nokugcwala kwakho, iNkosi uJehova ibe ngufakazi ngani, iNkosi isethempelini layo elingcwele.

<sup>3</sup> Ngokuba bhekani, uJehova uphuma endaweni yakhe, ehle, anyathele ezindaweni eziphakemeyo zomhlaba.

<sup>4</sup> Izintaba ziyakuncibilika phansi kwakhe, nezigodi ziyakuqhekezeka njengengcina phambi komlilo, njengamanzi athululwe emaweni.

<sup>5</sup> Konke lokhu kungenxa yesiphambeko sikaJakobe nangezono zendlu yakwa-Israyeli. Siyini isiphambeko sikaJakobe? Asiyilo iSamariya na? Ziyini izindawo eziphakemeyo zakwaJuda? Aziyilo iJerusalema na?

<sup>6</sup> “Ngiyakwenza iSamariya libe yizihlephu zasendle nendawo yokutshala izivini, ngiqulele amatshe alo esigodini, ngambule isisekelo salo.

<sup>7</sup> Zonke izithombe zalo ezibaziweyo ziyakwaphulwa, nakho konke elikukhokhelweyo kuyakushiswa ngomlilo, nayo yonke imifanekiso ngiyakuyenza ukuba ibe yincithakalo, ngokuba likuqoqile ngenkokhelo yobufebe; kuyakubuye kube yinkokhelo yobufebe.”

<sup>8</sup> Ngenxa yalokho ngiyakukhala, ngihhewule, ngihambe ngihlutshuliwe, ngihamba ze; ngenze isililo njengamakhanka, ngikhale njengezintshe.

<sup>9</sup> Ngokuba amanxeba alo awanakuphulukiswa, lokhu sekufikile nakwaJuda, kufinyelela esangweni labantu bami naseJerusalema.

<sup>10</sup> Ningakulandisi eGati, ningakhali e-Akha; eBeti Afera huquzelani othulini.

<sup>11</sup> Dlulani nina enakhileyo eShafiri ngobunqunu nangehlazo; abakhe eSawanani abaphumi; ukukhala kwaseBeti Eseli akunivumeli ukuhlala khona.

<sup>12</sup> Ngokuba abakhe eMaroti banemihelo ngokuhle, lokhu okubi kwehlile kuvela kuJehova, kwafika esangweni laseJerusalema.

<sup>13</sup> Bophelani enqoleni ihhashi elinejubane, nina enakhileyo eLakishi; lona lalingukuqala kwezono kuyo indodakazi yaseSiyoni, ngokuba iziphambeko zakwa-Israyeli zafunyanwa kuwe.

<sup>14</sup> Ngalokho uyakupha iMoresheti Gati isipho sokuvalelisana; izindlu zase-Akizibi ziyakuba yinkohliso kuwo amakhosi akwa-Israyeli.

<sup>15</sup> Ngisezakwehlisa phezu kwenu enakhileyo eMaresha oyakunidla: udumo luka-Israyeli

luyakufika e-Adulamu.

<sup>16</sup> Ziphucule, zigunde ngenxa yabantwana bokwenama kwakho, wandise ubumpandla bakho njengenqe, ngokuba bayakuthunjwa kuwe.

## ISAHLUKO 2

**W**o! kwabaceba ububi, benze okubi emibhedeni yabo! Ekukhanyeni kokusa bayakwenza, ngokuba kusemandleni ezandla zabo.

<sup>2</sup> Bafisa amasimu, bawadluzule, nezindlu, bazisuse; bacindezela indoda nendlu yayo, umuntu nefa lakhe.

<sup>3</sup> Ngalokho usho kanje uJehova, uthi: “Bhekani, ngiceba okubi ngalo mndeni, eningayikukhipha kukho izintamo zenu; futhi ningahambi ngokuzidla, ngokuba lokhu kuyisikhathi esibi.

<sup>4</sup> Ngalolo suku bayakuphakamisa umfanekiso ngani, bakhale isililo, bathi: ‘Sichithiwe nokuchithwa; isabelo sabantu bami sinikwa omunye; yeka ukubuya kwakhe kimi; abahlubuki babelwa amasimu ethu.’ ”

<sup>5</sup> Ngalokho akuyikubakho ophonsa intambo ngenkatho ebandleni likaJehova.

<sup>6</sup> “Ningaprofethi,” baprofetha, basho njalo, “ningaprofethi ngalokho; ihlazo aliyikusifika.”

<sup>7</sup> Kuyakushiwo, nina ndlu kaJakobe, ukuthi uMoya kaJehova unyinyekile; yizenzo zakhe lezi na? “Awamahle yini amazwi ami kohamba ngobuqotho?

<sup>8</sup> Kepha kade bevukile abantu bami baba yizitha; nihlubula ingubo esambathweni sabadlula ngethemba, befulathele ukulwa.

<sup>9</sup> Niyaxosha abesifazane babantu bami ezindlini zokuthokoza kwabo, nisusa ezinganeni zabo ubukhosi bami kuze kube phakade.

<sup>10</sup> Sukumani nihambe, ngokuba lokhu akusikho ukuphumula kwenu; ngenxa yabayingcosana niyachitha ngokuchitha okunamandla.

<sup>11</sup> Uma bekuhambahamba umuntu okhuluma umoya nje namanga, athi: ‘Ngiyakuprofetha kuwe ngewayini nangophuzo olunamandla,’ ubeyakuba ngumprofethi walaba bantu.

<sup>12</sup> “Ngiyakukubutha, Jakobe, wonke wakho; ngiyakuqoqa nokuqoqa insali yakwa-Israyeli; ngiyakubabeka ndawonye njengezimvu zaseBosira, njengomhlambi phakathi kwedlelo lawo, kwenziwe ukukhamuluka okuvela kubantu.

<sup>13</sup> Umfohli ukhuphuka ngaphambi kwabo; sebefohlile, badlulela esangweni, baphuma ngalo; inkosi yabo idlulile phambi kwabo, noJehova usesihlokweni sabo.”

## ISAHLUKO 3

**N**gathi: “Zwanini nina zinhloko zakwaJakobe, nani zikhulu zendlu yakwa-Israyeli ukuthi: Akusikho okwenu ukwazi ukulunga

<sup>2</sup> nina enizonda okuhle, nithanda okubi, enebula kubo isikhumba sabo, nenyama yabo emathanjeni abo,

<sup>3</sup> enidla inyama yabantu bami, nihlinza kubo isikhumba sabo, naphula amathambo abo, yebo, nibaqoba njengokwasekhanzini nanjengenyama phakathi kwebhodwe.”

<sup>4</sup> Khona bayakukhala kuJehova, kepha akayikubaphendula; uyakusitheza ubuso bakhe kubo ngaleso sikhathi ngenxa yokwenza kwabo izenzo zabo zibe zimbi.

<sup>5</sup> Usho kanje uJehova: “Ngabaprofethi abadukisa abantu bami, abathi, bese nakho okokuhlafuna ngamazinyo abo, bamemeze bathi: ‘Ukuthula,’ nongabeki lutho emlonyeni

wabo bamlungisele ukulwa.

<sup>6</sup> Ngalokho ubusuku buyakunehlela ukuze ningabi nambono, kuhlwe kini, ningabe nisabhula; ilanga liyakushonela abaprofethi, usuku lube mnyama phezu kwabo.

<sup>7</sup> Ababoni bayakuba namahloni, ababhuli bayangaze; bayakumboza amadevu abo bonke, ngokuba akuveli mpendulo kuNkulunkulu.”

<sup>8</sup> Kepha mina ngigcwele amandla ngoMoya kaJehova ngokulunga nangobuqhawe ukuba ngimtshela uJakobe iziphambeko zakhe, u-Israyeli izono zakhe.

<sup>9</sup> Ake nizwe lokhu nina zinhloko zendlu kaJakobe nani zikhulu zendlu yakwa-Israyeli eninengwa ngukwahlulelwa, nihlanekezela konke ukulunga,

<sup>10</sup> enakha iSiyoni ngegazi neJerusalema ngobubi,

<sup>11</sup> elizinhloko zalo zahlulela ngemivuzo, nelibapristi balo bafundisa ngenkokhelo, nelibaprofethi balo babhula ngemali, bencike nokho kuJehova, bethi: “UJehova akaphakathi kwethu na?” Asiyikwehlelwa ngokubi.

<sup>12</sup> Ngalokho ngenxa yenu iSiyoni liyakulinywa njengensimu, iJerusalema libe yincithakalo, intaba yendlu ibe yizindawo eziphakemeyo zamahlathi.

## ISAHLUKO 4

**K**epha kuyakuthi ngezinsuku ezizayo intaba yendlu kaJehova iqiniswe esiqongweni sezintaba, iphakame kunamagquma, nabantu bayakugobhozela khona.

<sup>2</sup> Izizwe eziningi ziyakuhamba, zithi: “Wozani sikhuphukele entabeni kaJehova nasendlini kaNkulunkulu kaJakobe; uyakusifundisa izindlela zakhe, sihambe emikhondweni yakhe, ngokuba umthetho uyakuvela eSiyoni, nezwi likaJehova eJerusalema.

<sup>3</sup> Uyakwahlulela phakathi kwezizwe eziningi, anqume phakathi kwezizwe ezinamandla ezikude; ziyakukhanda izinkemba zazo zibe ngamakhuba, imikhonto yazo ibe ngocelumba; isizwe asiyikuphakamisela isizwe inkemba, zingabe zisafuna ukulwa.

<sup>4</sup> Bayakuhlala, kube yilowo nalowo phansi komvini wakhe naphansi komkhiwane wakhe; akakho oyakubesabisa, ngokuba umlomo kaJehova Sebawoti ukhulumile.

<sup>5</sup> Ngokuba bonke abantu bahamba, kube yilowo nalowo ngegama likankulunkulu wakhe, kepha thina siyakuhamba ngegama likaJehova uNkulunkulu wethu kuze kube phakade naphakade.

<sup>6</sup> “Ngalolo suku,” usho uJehova, “ngiyakubutha abaqhugayo, ngiqoqe abaxoshiweyo nengenze okubi kubo,

<sup>7</sup> ngenze abaqhugayo babe yinsali, abadediselwe kude babe yisizwe esinamandla; uJehova uyakubusa phezu kwabo entabeni yaseSiyoni kusukela manje kuze kube phakade.

<sup>8</sup> Wena mbhoshongo womhlambi, negquma lendodakazi yaseSiyoni kuyakufika kuwe, yebo, ukubusa kokuqala kuyakufika, umbuso wendodakazi yaseJerusalema.”

<sup>9</sup> Umemezelani manje ngokumemeza okungakho na? Ayikho inkosi kuwe, ubhubhile umluleki wakho, lokhu ubanjwe yimihelo njengobelethayo.

<sup>10</sup> Yiba nemihelo, uzale, ndodakazi yaseSiyoni njengobelethayo, ngokuba manje uyakuphuma emzini, uhlale endle, ufike naseBabele, lapho uzakophulwa khona; lapho uJehova uyakukukhulula esandleni sezitha zakho.

<sup>11</sup> Manje izizwe eziningi zikubuthanele; zithi: “Malingcoliswe, amehlo ethu alibuke iSiyoni.”

<sup>12</sup> Kepha azazi imicabango kaJehova, aziqondi amasu akhe, ngokuba uzibuthile njegezithungu esibuyeni.

<sup>13</sup> “Suka ubhule, ndodakazi yaseSiyoni, ngokuba ngiyakwenza uphondo lwakho lube yinsimbi, nezinselo zakho ngizenze insimbi; uyakuchoboza abantu abaningi,” kwahlukaniselwe uJehova inzuzo yabo, nemfuyo yabo kuyo iNkosi yomhlaba wonke.

## ISAHLUKO 5

**B**uthana ngamaviyo, ndodakazi yamaviyo; usivimbezele, bayakumshaya umahluleli wakwa-Israyeli ngenduku esihlathini.

<sup>2</sup> “Kepha wena Betlehema Efratha, omncane ukuba ube phakathi kwemindeni yakwaJuda, ngiyakuphunyelwa ngovela kuwe, ozakuba ngumbusi kwa-Israyeli, okuvela kwakhe kusukela endulo ezinsukwini zaphakade.”

<sup>3</sup> Ngalokho bayakukhashelwa, bese yibuyela insali yabafowabo kubantwana bakwa-Israyeli.

<sup>4</sup> Uyakuma, aluse ngamandla kaJehova nangokuphakama kwegama likaJehova uNkulunkulu wakhe; sebeyakuhlala, ngokuba uzakuba mkhulu kuze kube semajukujukwini omhlaba.

<sup>5</sup> Ukuthula kuyakuba yilokhu: lapho umAsiriya engena ezweni lakithi, anyathele ezindlini zethu zobukhosi, siyakumvusela abelusi abayisikhombisa nezikhulu zabantu eziyisishiyagalombili.

<sup>6</sup> Bayakuchitha izwe lase-Asiriya ngenkemba, nezwe lakwaNimrode ezintubeni zalo, asophule kumAsiriya, lapho engena ezweni lakithi, nalapho enyathela emikhawulweni yethu.

<sup>7</sup> Insali yakwaJakobe iyakuba phakathi kwabantu abaningi njengamazolo avela kuJehova, ngengezihlambi otshanini ezingahlaleli muntu, zingahlaleli abantwana babantu.

<sup>8</sup> Insali yakwaJakobe iyakuba phakathi kwezizwe, phakathi kwabantu abaningi, njengengonyama phakathi kwezilwane zasehlathini, njengebhongo lengonyama phakathi kwemihlambi yezimvu, elithi lapho lidabula, linyathele, lidwengule, kungekho owophulayo.

<sup>9</sup> Masiphakanyiswe isandla sakho phezu kwezitha zakho, zinqunywe zonke izitha zakho.

<sup>10</sup> “Kuyakuthi ngalolo suku,” usho uJehova, “nginqume amahhashi akho phakathi kwakho, ngichithe izinqola zakho,

<sup>11</sup> ngiyinqume imizi yasezweni lakho, ngizidilize zonke izinqaba zakho.

<sup>12</sup> Ngiyakunquma ukulumba esandleni sakho, kungabe kusabakho kuwe abahlola imihlola.

<sup>13</sup> Ngiyakunquma izithombe zakho ezibaziweyo nezinsika zakho phakathi kwakho, ungabe usakhonza imisebenzi yezandla zakho.

<sup>14</sup> Ngiyakubasiphula o-Ashera bakho phakathi kwakho, ngiyichithe imizi yakho.

<sup>15</sup> Ngiyakwenza impindiselo ngentukuthelo nangokufutheka kuzo izizwe ezingalalelanga.”

## ISAHLUKO 6

**A**ke nizwe akushoyo uJehova, ethi: “Suka ulwe phambi kwezintaba, uzwise amagquma izwi lakho.

<sup>2</sup> Zwanini, zintaba, ukuphikisana kukaJehova, nani zisekelo zomhlaba eziqinileyo, ngokuba uJehova unokuphikisana nabantu bakhe, uyakumelana nabo.

<sup>3</sup> “Bantu bami, ngenzeni kini; kuyini enginikhathaze ngakho na? Ngiphenduleni.

<sup>4</sup> Nganikhuphula ezweni laseGibithe, nganihlenga endlini yezigqila, ngathuma phambi

kwenu oMose, no-Aroni, noMiryamu.

<sup>5</sup> Bantu bami, ake nikhumbule okwacetshwa nguBalaki inkosi yakwaMowabi, nalokho amphendula ngakho uBileyamu indodana kaBeyori, nokwakuphakathi kweShithimi neGiligali, nize nazi izenzo ezilungileyo zikaJehova.”

<sup>6</sup> Ngiyakusondela kuJehova nginantoni, ngikhothame kuNkulunkulu ophezulu, na? Ngiyakufika ngiphethe iminikelo yokushiswa, nginamathole amnyaka munye, na?

<sup>7</sup> UJehova uyakwenamela izinkulungwane zezinqama nezinkulungwane eziyishumi zemifula yamafutha na? Ngiyakunika izibulo lami ngenxa yesiphambeko sami, isithelo sesisu sami ngenxa yesono senhliziyo yami, na?

<sup>8</sup> Ukutshelile, muntu, okuhle; uJehova ufunani kuwe, kungabi ngukwenza ukulunga kuphela nokuthanda umusa, uhambe noNkulunkulu wakho ngokuthobeka, na?

<sup>9</sup> Izwi likaJehova liyamemeza kuwo umuzi. Ukwesaba igama lakho ngokusindiswa; zwanini induku noyimisileyo.

<sup>10</sup> Kusekhona inzuzo embi endlini yababi, ne-efa elincane eliqalekiswa, na?

<sup>11</sup> “Ukhona ohlanzekile onesilinganiso esibi nesikhwama sezisindo ezikhohlisayo na?

<sup>12</sup> “Abacebileyo bawo bagcwele ubudlova, nabakhileyo kuwo bakhuluma amanga, nolimi lwabo lunenkohliso emlonyeni wabo.

<sup>13</sup> Ngalokho mina ngiyakugulisa ngokushaya, ngikuchithe ngenxa yezono zakho.

<sup>14</sup> Lapho udlayo, awuyikusutha, kube khona ukulamba phakathi kwakho; uyakususa, ungakhululi kodwa, nokukhululayo ngiyakukhaphela enkembeni.

<sup>15</sup> “Uyakutshala, ungavuni kodwa; uyakunyathela iminqumo, ungazigcobi kodwa ngamafutha, nezithelo zomvini, ungaliphuzi nokho iwayini.

<sup>16</sup> Izimiso zika-Omri ziyagcinwa, nazo zonke izenzo zendlu ka-Ahabi; nihamba ngamacebo abo; ngalokho ngiyakunenza incithakalo nabakhileyo khona into encimfelwayo; niyakuthwala ihlazo labantu bami.”

## ISAHLUKO 7

**M**aye kimi! Ngokuba nginjengokuvunwa kwezithelo zasehlobo, njengokukhothozwa komvini; akukho hlukuzo lokudliwa; umphefumulo wami uyafisa ikhiwane eliyinqalabutho.

<sup>2</sup> Abathembekileyo babhubhile emhlabeni, akakho oqotho phakathi kwabantu; bonke baqamekela igazi; bayazingelana, kube yilowo nalowo umfowabo ngenetha.

<sup>3</sup> Izandla zabo ziphezu kokubi ukukuthuthukisa; isikhulu sinesicelo, umahluleli ubheka umvuzo; omkhulu ukhuluma ngesifiso somphefumulo wakhe; bayakwalukanisa.

<sup>4</sup> Omuhle wabo unjengobobe, olungileyo mubi kunothango lwameva; usuku lwabalindi bakho nolokuhanjelwa kwakho lufikile; sekuyakuba ngukukhungatheka kubo.

<sup>5</sup> Ningamethembi umngane, ningakholwa ngumhlobo; gcina iminyango yomlomo wakho kuye olala ngasesifubeni sakho.

<sup>6</sup> Ngokuba indodana idelela uyise; indodakazi ivukela unina; umalokazana uvukela uninazala, nezitha zomuntu ngamadoda endlu yakhe.

<sup>7</sup> Kepha mina ngiyakumbheka uJehova; ngiyakulindela uNkulunkulu wokusindiswa kwami; uNkulunkulu wami uyakungizwa.

<sup>8</sup> Ungathokozi ngami, sitha sami; ngokuba uma ngiwile, ngiyakuvuka; lapho ngihlezi ebumnyameni, uJehova uzakuba ngukukhanya kwami.

<sup>9</sup> Ngiyakuthwala ulaka lukaJehova, ngokuba ngonile kuye, aze amele indaba yami, angenzele ukwahlulelwa, angiphumisele ekukhanyeni, ngibone ukulunga kwakhe.

- <sup>10</sup> Isitha sami siyakukubona, sisitshekelwe ngamahloni, esona besithi kimi: “Uphi uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho?” Amehlo ami ayakusibona; manje siyakunyathelwa njengodaka lwasezitaladini.
- <sup>11</sup> Kuyakufika usuku lokwakha izingange zakho; ngalolo suku umkhawulo wakho uyakudediselwa kude.
- <sup>12</sup> Ngalolo suku bayakufika kuwe bevela e-Asiriya nasemizini yaseGibithe, kusukela eGibithe kuze kube seMfuleni, kusukela elwandle kuze kube selwandle, kusukela entabeni kuze kube sentabeni.
- <sup>13</sup> Kepha izwe liyakuba yincithakalo ngenxa yabakhileyo kulo ngezenzo zabo.
- <sup>14</sup> Yalusa abantu bakho ngentonga yakho, izimvu zefa lakho ezihlala zodwa ehlathini phakathi kweKarmeli; mazaluke eBashani nakwaGileyadi njengasezinsukwini zasendulo.
- <sup>15</sup> “Njengasezinsukwini zokuphuma kwakho ezweni laseGibithe ngiyakubabonisa izimangaliso.”
- <sup>16</sup> Abezizwe bayakubona, babe namahloni ngamandla abo onke, babeke isandla sabo emlonyeni wabo, izindlebe zabo zibe yizithulu.
- <sup>17</sup> Bayakukhotha uthuli njengenyoka, baphume bethuthumela njengezinto ezinabuzelayo emhlabathini ezindaweni zazo ezivalelweyo, bafike ngokuqhaqhazela kuJehova uNkulunkulu wethu, besabe ngenxa yakho.
- <sup>18</sup> Ngubani onguNkulunkulu onjengawe othethelela insali yefa lakho ububi bayo, uyiyekele isiphambeko sayo, na? Akabambeleli entukuthelweni yakhe kuze kube phakade, ngokuba wenamela umusa.
- <sup>19</sup> Uyakubuye asibekezelele, anyathele phansi ububi bethu; yebo, uyakuphonsa zonke izono zabo ekujuleni kolwandle.
- <sup>20</sup> Uyakunika uJakobe ukuthembeka no-Abrahama umusa owakufungela obaba kwasezinsukwini zasendulo.

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