





ekuqaleni ulezi-ku wadala izulu nomhlaba. umhlaba wawuyihlane elingenalutho; kwakungubumnyama phezu kotwa, kepha umoya kalezi-ku wehla wenyuka phezu kwamanzi. ulezi-ku wathi: makube khona ukukhanya, kwaba khona ukukhanya. ulezi-ku wabona ukukhanya ukuthi kuhle; ulezi-ku wahlukanisa ukukhanya nobumnyama. ulezi-ku wabiza ukukhanya ngokuthi imini; ubumnyama wabubiza ngokuthi ubusuku. kwaba ngukuhlwa, kwaba ngukusa, usuku lokuqala. ulezi-ku wathi: makube khona emkhathi phakathi kwamanzi, kwahlukaniswe amanzi namanzi. ulezi-ku wenza emkhathi, wahlukanisa amanzi aphantsi komkhathi namanzi aphezu komkhathi; kwaba njalo. ulezi-ku wabiza emkhathi ngokuthi izulu. kwaba ngukuhlwa, kwaba ngukusa, usuku lwesibili. ulezi-ku wathi: amanzi aphantsi kwezulu mawaqokekele ndawonye, kubonakale umhlabaathi owomileyo, kwaba njalo. okomileyo ulezi-ku wakubiza ngokuthi umhlaba, nokuqokeka kwamanzi wakubiza ngokuthi ulwandle; ulezi-ku wabona ukuthi kuhle. ulezi-ku wathi: umhlaba mawuveze utshani, nemifino ethela imbewu, nemithi yezithelo ethela izithelo ngezinhlobo zayo, ekuyo imbewu yayo, emhlabeni, kwaba njalo. umhlaba wawusuveza utshani nemifino ethela imbewu ngezinhlobo zayo, nemithi ethela izithelo ngezinhlobo zayo, ekuyo imbewu yayo; ulezi-ku wabona ukuthi kuhle. kwaba ngukuhlwa, kwaba ngukusa, usuku lwesithathu. ulezi-ku wathi: makube khona emkhathini wezulu izinkanyiso ezahlukanisa imini nobusuku, zibe yizibonakaliso zezinkathi, nezezinsuku, nezeminyaka, zibe yizinkanyiso emkhathini wezulu zokukhanyisa emhlabeni, kwaba njalo. ulezi-ku wazenza izinkanyiso ezimbili ezinkulu, inkanyiso enkulu ukuba ibuse imini, nenkanyiso encane ukuba ibuse ubusuku, kanye nezinkanyezi. ulezi-ku wazifaka emkhathini wezulu ukuba zikhanyise emhlabeni, zibuse imini nobusuku, zahlukanise ukukhanya nobumnyama. ulezi-ku wabona ukuthi kuhle. kwaba ngukuhlwa, kwaba ngukusa, usuku lwesine. ulezi-ku wathi: amanzi mawagcwele uswebezane lwezilwane eziphilayo, kundize izinyoni phezu komhlaba emkhathini wezulu. ulezi-ku wadala imikhomo emikhulu nezilwane zonke eziphilayo ezihambayo, amanzi agcwala zona ngezinhlobo zazo, nezinyoni zonke ezinamaphiko ngezinhlobo zazo. ulezi-ku wabona ukuthi kuhle. ulezi-ku wazibusisa, wathi: zalani, nande, nigcwalise amanzi aselwandle, nezinyoni zande emhlabeni. kwaba ngukuhlwa, kwaba ngukusa, usuku lwesihlanu. ulezi-ku wathi: umhlaba mawu-

veze izilwane eziphilayo ngezinhlobo zazo, izinkomo, nezilwanyana ezinwabuzelayo, nezilo zomhlaba ngezinhlobo zazo, kwaba njalo. ulezi-ku wazenza izilo zomhlaba ngezinhlobo zazo, nezinkomo ngezinhlobo zazo, nezilwanyana zonke ezinwabuzelayo emhlabeni ngezinhlobo zazo. ulezi-ku wabona ukuthi kuhle. ulezi-ku wathi: masenze abantu ngomfanekiso wethu, basifuze, babuse phezu kwezinhlanzi zolwandle, nezinyoni zezulu, nezinkomo, nomhlaba wonke, nezilwanyana zonke ezinwabuzelayo emhlabeni. ulezi-ku wamdala umuntu ngomfanekiso wakhe; wamdala ngomfanekiso kalezi-ku; wabadala owesilisa nowesifazane. ulezi-ku wababusisa; ulezi-ku wathi kubo: zalani, nande, nigcwalise umhlaba, niwunqobe, nibuse phezu kwezinhlanzi zolwandle, nezinyoni zezulu, nezilwanyana ezinwabuzelayo emhlabeni. ulezi-ku wathi: bhekani, ngiyaninika yonke imifino ethela imbewu, esemhlabeni wonke, nemithi yonke okukuyo izithelo zomuthi oveza imbewu, kube ngukudla kwenu. kepha zonke izilwane zomhlaba, nezinyoni zonke zezulu, nezilwanyana ezinwabuzelayo emhlabeni, eziphefumulayo, zona nginike yonke imifino eluhlaza ibe ngukudla, kwaba njalo. ulezi-ku wabona konke akwenzileyo; bheka, kwakukuhle kakhulu. kwaba ngukuhlwa, kwaba ngukusa, usuku lwesithupha.

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kwase kupheleliswa izulu nomhlaba kanye nombuthano wakho wonke. ulezi-ku wadeda ngosuku lwesikhombisa imisebenzi yakhe abeyenzile; waphumula ngosuku lwesikhombisa emisebenzini yakhe yonke abeyenzile. ulezi-ku wabusisa usuku lwesikhombisa, walungcwelisa, ngokuba ngalolo suku waphumula emisebenzini yonke abeyidalile ulezi-ku, wayenza. lokhu kungumlando wokudalwa kwezulu nomhlaba ekudalweni kwakho mhlalajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku ewenza umhlaba nezulu. kwakungakabikho sihlahlalendle, namifino yayingakamili emhlabathini, ngokuba ulehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wayengakanisi imvula emhlabeni, kungakabikho muntu wokulima umhlabaathi. kepha kwenyuka inkungu ivela emhlabathini, yanisela ubuso bonke bomhlaba. ulehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wambumba umuntu ngomhlabaathi, waphfumulela emakheleni akhe umoya wokuphila; kanjalo umuntu waba umphefumulo ophilayo. ulehova-aeiou ulezi-ku watshala insimu e-edene ngasempumalanga; wambeka khona umuntu amenzileyo. ulehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wahlumisa emhlabathini imithi yonke ebukeyayo, emihle, edliwayo, nomuthi wokuphila phakathi nensimu, nomuthi wokwazi okuhle nbona-ra-ukukhandleka. e-edene kwavela

umfula owamanzisa insimu; wahlukana khona, waba yizimbaxa ezine. eyokuqala inegama lokuthi ipishoni; yiyo ezungeza izwe lonke lasehavela, lapho kukhona igolide. lihle igolide lalelo zwe. kukhona nenhlaka yebedola netshe leshohamu lapho. igama leyesibili lingugihoni; yiyo ezungeza lonke izwe lasekushe. igama leyesithathu linguhidekeli; yiyo egobhoza ngasempumalanga kwase-asiriya. eyesine ingu-ewufathe. ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wayesemthatha umuntu, wambeka ensimini yase-edene ukuba ayilime, ayigcine. ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wamyala umuntu, wathi: ungadla kuyo yonke imithi yensimu ngokuthanda kwakho, kepha ungadli kuwo umuthi wokwazi okuhle nbona-rukukhandleka, ngokuba mhla udla kuwo uyakufa nokufa. ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wathi: akukuhle ukuba umuntu ahlale yedwa. ngizakumenzela umsizi onjengaye. ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wabumba ngomhlabathi zonke izilwane zasendle nezinyoni zonke zezulu, waziyisa kumuntu ukuba abone ukuthi umuntu angaziqamba ngokuthini, ukuze kuthi, njengalokhu umuntu eziqamba zonke izilwane eziphilayo, lokhu kube ngamagama azo. umuntu waziqamba amagama zonke izinkomo, nezinyoni zezulu, nezilwane zasendle. kepha umuntu akatholelwanga umsizi onjengaye. ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wamehlisela umuntu ubuthongo obunzima, walala; wayesethatha olunye lwezimbambo zakhe, wavala indawo ngenyama. ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakha owesifazane ngobambo abeluthathile kumuntu, wamyisa kumuntu. wayesethi umuntu: lo useyithambo lamathambo ami nenyama yenyama yami; uyakubizwa ngokuthi indodakazi, ngokuba uthathwe endodeni. ngalokho indoda iyakushiya uyise nonina, inamathale kumkayo; bayakuba nyamanye. babehamba ze bobabili, u-adamu nomkakhe, bengenamahloni.

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inyoka yayinobuqili kunazo zonke izilwane zasendle abezenzile ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku. yathi kowesifazane: ngempela ulezi-ku ushilo yini ukuthi: ningadli emithini yasensimini, na? owesifazane wathi enyokeni: singadla izithelo zemithi yasensimini, kepha ngezithelo zomuthi ophakathi nensimu ulezi-ku ushilo ukuthi: ningazidli, ningazithinti ukuba ningafi. inyoka yathi kowesifazane: aniyikufa nokufa; kepha ulezi-ku uyazi ukuthi mhla nizidla, kuyakuvuleka amehlo enu, nibe njengolezi-ku, nikwazi okuhle nbona-rukukhandleka. owesifazane ebona ukuthi umuthi ulungele ukudliwa, nokuthi uyabukeka emehlweni, nokuthi umuthi unxanelekile ekuhlakaniphiseni, wathatha

izithelo zawo, wadla, wanika nendoda yakhe kanye naye, nayo yadla. ayesevuleka amehlo abo bobabili, babona ukuthi bahamba ze; bathunga amaqabunga omkhiwane, bazenzela izibhinc. base bezwa izwi likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku ehamba ensimini kusihlwa ngokuphula kwelanga; u-adamu nomkakhe bacasha ebusweni bukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku phakathi kwemithi yensimu. kepha ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wambiza u-adamu, wathi kuye: uphi na? wathi: ngizwe izwi lakho ensimini, ngesaba ngokuba ngihamba ze; ngalokho ngacasha. khona wathi: ngubani owakutshela ukuthi uhamba ze na? udile kulowo muthi engakuyala ngawo ukuthi ungadli kuwo na? u-adamu wathi: owesifazane, owangipha yena ukuba abe nani, unginikile kuwo umuthi, ngadla. ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wathi kowesifazane: yini lokhu okwenzileyo na? owesifazane wathi: inyoka ingikhohlisile, ngadla. ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wathi enyokeni: njengokuba usukwenzile lokho, uqalekisiwe phakathi kwezilwane zonke naphakathi kwazo zonke izilwane zasendle; uzakuhamba ngesisu sakho, udle uthuli zinsuku zonke zokuhamba kwakho. ngizakubeka ubutha phakathi kwakho nowesifazane, naphakathi kwenzalo yakho nenzalo yakhe. yona iyakuchoboza ikhanda lakho, wena uyakulimaza isithende sayo. wathi kowesifazane: ngizakukubangela ubuhlungu obukhulu ekukhulelweni kwakho; uyakubeletha abantwana ngobuhlungu. ukunxanela kwakho kuyakuba sendodeni yakho; yona iyakukubusa. wayesethi ku-adamu: njen-gokuba ulalele izwi lomkakho, wadla kulowo muthi engakuyala ngawo ukuthi ungadli kuwo, ngalokho umhlabathi uqalekisiwe ngenxa yakho. uyakudla kuwo ngokukhat-hazeka zonke zinsuku zokuhamba kwakho. uyakukwezela ameva namakhakhasi, wena udle imifino yasendle. ngesithukuthuku sobuso bakho uyakudla isinkwa sakho, uze ubuyele emhlabathini, lokhu wathathwa kuwo; ngokuba ungumhlabathi, uyakuphen-duka umhlabathi. u-adamu wamqamba umkakhe igama lokuthi u-eva, ngokuba waba ngunina wabo bonke abaphilayo. ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wabenzela u-adamu nomkakhe iziphuku, wabembathisa. ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wathi: bhaka, u-adamu usenjengomunye wethu, uyakwazi okuhle nbona-rukukhandleka; kepha manje makangeluli isandla sakhe, athathe nakuwo umuthi wokuphila, adle, aphile kuze kube phakade. ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wammukisa ensimini yase-edene ukuba alime umhlabathi athathwe kuwo. wamx-osha u-adamu, wabeka ngasempumalanga kwensimu yase-edene amakherubi kanye nenkamba yelangabi ephenduphendukayo, ilinde indlela eya emthini wokuphila.

u-adamu wamazi umkakhe u-eva; wakhulelwa, wazala ukayini; wathi: ngitholile indoda kujehova-aeiou. waphinda wazala u-abela umfowabo. u-abela waba ngumalusi, ukayini waba ngumlimi. kwathi emva kwezinsuku ezithile ukayini waletha kujehova-aeiou umnikelo wezithelo zomhlaba. naye u-abela waletha umnikelo kuwo amazibulo ezimvu zakhe ezinonileyo. u-jehova-aeiou wanaka u-abela nomnikelo wakhe. kepha ukayini nomnikelo wakhe akawunakanga. wayesethukuthela kakhulu ukayini, ubuso bakhe banyukumala. u-jehova-aeiou wathi kukayini: uthukuthelani na? ubuso bakho bunyukumeleleni na? angithi uma wenza kahle, uyamukeleka na? uma ungenzi kahle, isono sihlezi ngasemnyango; ukunxanela kwaso kukuwe, kepha wena umelwe ukusibusa. kuyini wakhuluma ku-abela umfowabo, wathi: masiye endle. kwathi besendle, ukayini wasukela umfowabo u-abela, wambulala. wayesethi u-jehova-aeiou kukayini: uphi omfowenu u-abela na? wathi: angazi; ngingumlindi womfowethu na? khona wathi: wenzeni na? izwi legazi lomfowenu liyakhala kimi lisemhlabathini. usulekisiwe emhlabathini ovulile umlomo wawo ukwamukela igazi lomfowenu esandleni sakho. uma ulima umhlaba, awusayikukunika isithelo sawo; wena uyakuba ngumhambuma nozulane emhlabeni. khona wathi ukayini kujehova-aeiou: isono sami sikhulu kunokuba ngisithwale. bheka, uyangixosha namuhla ebusweni bomhlaba, ngicash ebusweni bakho; ngiyakuba ngumhambuma nozulane emhlabeni, ongifumanayo angibulale. kepha u-jehova-aeiou wathi kuye: ngalokho obulala ukayini uyakuphindiselwa kasikhombisa. u-jehova-aeiou wabeka uphawu kukayini, funa omfumanayo ambulale. wayesesuka ukayini ebusweni bujakajehova-aeiou, wahlala ezweni lasenodi ngasempumalanga kwase-edene. ukayini wamazi umkakhe; wakhulelwa, wazala u-enoke. wakha umuzi, wawuqamba igama lokuthi u-enoke ngegama lendodana yakhe. u-enoke wazala u-irade; u-irade wazala umehujaye; umehujaye wazala umetushaye; umetushaye wazala ulameka. ulameka wazithathela abafazi ababili; igama lomunye lalingu-ada, igama lomunye lalingusila. u-ada wazala ujabale; yena waba nguyise wabahlala ematendeni, befuya izinkomo. igama lomfowabo lalingujubale; yena waba nguyise wabo bonke ababetha ihabhu nomtshingo. usila wazala uthubali kayini; wayengumkhandi wazo zonke izinto zethusi nezensimbi ezisikayo. udadewabo kathubali kayini wayengunahama. ulameka wathi kubo abafazi bakhe: ada nosila,

yizwani izwi lami; nina bafazi bakalameka, lalalani ukusho kwami: bhekani, ngibulala umuntu ngenxeba engilitholayo, nenziswa ngomvimbo engiwuzwiswayo. yebo, ukayini uyakuphindiselwa kasikhombisa, kepha ulameka kamashumi ayisikhombisa, aphindwe kasikhombisa. u-adamu wabuye wamazi umkakhe; wazala indodana, wamqamba igama lokuthi useti, ethi: ulezi-ku ungibekela enye inzalo esikhundleni sika-abela, njengokuba ukayini umbulele. naye useti wazala indodana, wayiqamba igama layo ngokuthi u-enoshe. ngaleso sikhathi abantu baqala ukukhuleka egameni likajehova-aeiou.

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lokhu kuyincwadi yezizukulwane zika-adamu. msukwana ulezi-ku edala umuntu wamenza ngomfanekiso kalezi-ku. wabadala owesilisa nowesifazane, wababusisa, waqamba igama labo ngokuthi abantu mhlalabedlwa. u-adamu wahamba iminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amathathu, wazala indodana ngomfanekiso wakhe efana naye, wayiqamba igama lokuthi useti. izinsuku zika-adamu emva kokuzalwa kukaseti zazi-iminyaka engamakhulu ayisishiyagalombili; wazala amadodana namadodakazi. zonke izinsuku zokuhamba kuka-adamu zazi-iminyaka engamakhulu ayisishiyagalolunye namashumi amathathu; wayesefa. useti wahamba iminyaka eyikhulu nanhlanu, wazala u-enoshe. emva kokuzalwa kuka-enoshe useti wahamba iminyaka engamakhulu ayisishiyagalombili nesikhombisa, wazala amadodana namadodakazi. zonke izinsuku zikaseti zazi-iminyaka engamakhulu ayisishiyagalolunye neshumi nambili; wayesefa. u-enoshe wahamba iminyaka engamashumi ayisishiyagalolunye, wazala ukhenani. emva kokuzalwa kukakhenani u-enoshe wahamba iminyaka engamakhulu ayisishiyagalombili neshumi nanhlanu, wazala amadodana namadodakazi. zonke izinsuku zika-enoshe zazi-iminyaka engamakhulu ayisishiyagalolunye nanhlanu; wayesefa. ukhenani wahamba iminyaka engamashumi ayisikhombisa, wazala umahalele. emva kokuzalwa kukamahalele ukhenani wahamba iminyaka engamakhulu ayisishiyagalombili namashumi amane, wazala amadodana namadodakazi. zonke izinsuku zikakhenani zazi-iminyaka engamakhulu ayisishiyagalolunye neshumi; wayesefa. umahalele wahamba iminyaka engamashumi ayisithupha nanhlanu, wazala u Jared. emva kokuzalwa kukajared umahalele wahamba iminyaka engamakhulu ayisishiyagalombili namashumi amathathu, wazala amadodana namadodakazi. zonke izinsuku zikamahalele zazi-iminyaka en-

gamakhulu ayisishiyagalombili namashumi ayisishiyagalolunye nanhlanu; wayesefa. u Jared e wahamba iminyaka eyikhulu namashumi ayisithupha namabili, wazala u-enoke. emva kokuzalwa kuka-enoke u Jared e wahamba iminyaka engamakhulu ayisishiyagalombili, wazala amadodana namadodakazi. zonke izinsuku zikajarede zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisishiyagalolunye namashumi ayisithupha namabili; wayesefa. u-enoke wahamba iminyaka engamashumi ayisithupha nanhlanu, wazala umetushela. emva kokuzalwa kukametushela u-enoke wahamba nolezi-ku iminyaka engamakhulu amathathu, wazala amadodana namadodakazi. zonke izinsuku zika-enoke zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu amathathu namashumi ayisithupha nanhlanu. u-enoke wayehamba nolezi-ku; kepha wayesengasekho nje, ngokuba ulezi-ku wamthabatha. umetushela wahamba iminyaka eyikhulu namashumi ayisishiyagalombili nesikhombisa, wazala ulameka. emva kokuzalwa kukalameka umetushela wahamba iminyaka engamakhulu ayisikhombisa namashumi ayisishiyagalombili namabili, wazala amadodana namadodakazi. zonke izinsuku zikametushela zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisishiyagalolunye namashumi ayisithupha nesishiyagalolunye; wayesefa. ulameka wahamba iminyaka eyikhulu namashumi ayisishiyagalombili namabili, wazala indodana. waqamba igama layo ngokuthi unowa, ethi: lo uyakusiduduza emsebenzini wethu nasenkathazweni yezandla zethu emhlabathini awuqalekisa u Jehovah-aeiou. emva kokuzalwa kukanowa ulameka wahamba iminyaka engamakhulu ayisihlanu namashumi ayisishiyagalolunye nanhlanu, wazala amadodana namadodakazi. zonke izinsuku zikalameka zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisikhombisa namashumi ayisikhombisa nesikhombisa; wayesefa. unowa wahamba iminyaka engamakhulu ayisihlanu; unowa wazala oshemi, nohamu, nojafete.

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kwathi abantu beqala ukwanda ebusweni bomhlaba, bezala amadodakazi, amadodana kalezi-ku abona amadodakazi abantu ukuthi mahle, azithathela abafazi kuwo awathandayo. wayesethi u Jehovah-aeiou: umoya wami awuyikubusa njalo kumuntu, njengokuba eyinyama nje; izinsuku zakhe ziyakuba yiminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amabili. ngalezo zinsuku kwakukhona iziqhwaga emhlabeni, nangasemuva futhi, laphe amadodana kalezi-ku engena kuwo amadodakazi abantu, awazalela abantwana. lana ayengamadodana asendulo

anamandla, anegama lodumo. kepha u Jehovah-aeiou wabona ukuthi ububi bomuntu bukhulu emhlabeni nokuthi zonke izizindlo zemicabango yenhliziy o yakhe zimbi njalo. wayesezisola u Jehovah-aeiou ukuthi wayebenzile abantu emhlabeni, wadabuka enhliziyweni yakhe. u Jehovah-aeiou wathi: abantu engibadalileyo ngizakubachitha ebusweni bomhlaba, yebo, abantu, nezinkomo, nezilwanyana ezinwabuzelayo, nezinyoni zezulu, ngokuba ngiyazisola ukuthi ngibenzile. kepha unowa wayetholile umusa emehlweni kajehova-aeiou. lokhu kuyizizukulwane zikanowa. unowa wayeyindoda eqotho, engenacala esizukulwaneni sakhe; unowa wayehamba nolezi-ku. unowa wazala amadodana amathathu: ngoshemi, nohamu, nojafete. umhlaba wawonakele ebusweni bujakehova-aeiou; umhlaba wagcwala ubudlwangu. ulezi-ku wabona ukuthi umhlaba wonakele, ngokuba inyama yonke yayonakalisile indlela yayo emhlabeni. ulezi-ku wathi kunowa: ukuphela kwenyama yonke kufikile phambi kwami, ngokuba umhlaba ugcwele ubudlwangu ngenxa yabantu; bheka, ngiyakubachitha kanye nomhlaba. yakha umkhumbi ngemithi yegofere, wenze amakamelo emkhunjini, uwuhuqe ngaphakathi nangaphandle ngekolitayi. yikho lokhu ozakukwenza: ubude bomkhumbi buyakuba yizingalo ezingamakhulu amathathu, ububanzi bawo bube yizingalo ezingamashumi ayisihlanu, nokuphakama kwawo kube yizingalo ezingamashumi amathathu. yenza ifasitele emkhunjini, uligcine ngaphezulu libe yingalo inye, ufake umnyango womkhumbi ohlangothini lwawo, uwenze ube nendlu engaphansi nengaphakathi nengaphezulu. mina, bheka, mina ngizakuzisa uzamcolo wamanzi emhlabeni ukuba achithe yonke inyama okukuyo umoya wokuphila phansi kwezulu; konke okusemhlabeni kuzakufa. kepha ngiyakumisa isivumelwano sami nawe, uze ungene emkhunjini, wena namadodana akho, nomkakho, nabafazi bamadodana akho bekanye nawe. nakuzo zonke izilwane uzakungenisa ezimbili kuzo zonke izinhlobo zenyama ukuba ziphile nawe, kube ngeyeduna neyensikazi. kuzo izinyoni ngezinhlalo zazo, nakuzo izinkomo ngezinhlalo zazo, nakuzo izilwanyana ezinwabuzelayo emhlabeni ngezinhlalo zazo kuzakufika kuwe ezimbili zezinhlobo zonke, ziphile. zithathele kukho konke ukudla okudliwayo, ukubuthela kuwe; kuyakuba ngukudla kwakho nokwabo. unowa wenze njalo; njengalokho ulezi-ku emyalile wakwenza.

ujehova-aeiou wathi kunowa: ngena emkhunjini, wena nendlu yakho yonke, ngokuba ngikubonile wena ukuthi uqotho phambi kwami kulesi sizukulwane. kuzo zonke izilwane ezihlambulukileyo uzakuthatha ngasikhombisa, iduna nensikazi yalo, nakuzo izilwane ezingahlambulukile uthathe ngambili, iduna nensikazi yalo, nakuzo izinyoni zezulu ngasikhombisa, iduna nensikazi, ukuba kulondolozwe inzalo emhlabeni wonke. ngokuba emva kwezinsuku eziyisikhombisa ngiyakunisa imvula emhlabeni izinsuku ezingamashumi amane nobusuku obungamashumi amane, ngichithe ebusweni bomhlaba konke okuphilayo engikwenzileyo. unowa wakwenza konke njengalokho emyalile uje-hova-aeiou. unowa wayeneminyaka engamakhulu ayisithupha mhlal uzamcolo wamanzi efika emhlabeni. unowa wangena emkhunjini namadodana akhe, nomkakhe, nabafazi bamadodana akhe bekanye naye ngenxa yamanzi kazamcolo. kuzo izilwane ezihlambulukileyo nezingahlambulukile, nezinyoni, nezilwanyana ezinwabuzelayo emhlabeni kwangena ngambili emkhunjini kunowa, iduna nensikazi, njengalokho ulezi-ku emyalile unowa. kwathi emva kwezinsuku eziyisikhombisa amanzi kazamcolo afika emhlabeni; ngomnyaka wamakhulu ayisithupha wokuhamba kukanowa ngenyanga yesibili ngosuku lweshumi nesikhombisa lwenyanga, ngalona lolo suku imithombo yonke yotwa yaboboka, namafasitele asezulwini avuleka. lana emhlabeni izinsuku ezingamashumi amane nobusuku obungamashumi amane. ngalolo suku unowa wangena emkhunjini noshemi, nohamu, nojafete, amadodana kanowa, nomkanowa, nabafazi bobathathu bamadodana akhe bekanye nabo, bona nazo zonke izilwane ngezinhlolo zazo, nezinkomo zonke ngezinhlolo zazo, nezilwanyana zonke ezinwabuzelayo emhlabeni ngezinhlolo zazo, nezinyoni zonke ngezinhlolo zazo, konke okunamaphiko. zangena kunowa emkhunjini zimbili ngazimbili enyameni yonke okukuyo umoya wokuphila. ezangenayo zangena ziyiduna nensikazi zenyama yonke, njengalokho ulezi-ku emyalile; uje-hova-aeiou wavala emva kwakhe. kwaba nguzamcolo emhlabeni izinsuku ezingamashumi amane; amanzi anda, aphakamisa umkhumbi; waphakama phezu komhlaba; amanzi akhula, anda kakhulu emhlabeni; umkhumbi wahamba ebusweni bamanzi. amanzi andisa impela emhlabeni; zasishekelwa zonke izintaba eziphakemeyo eziphansi kwezulu lonke. amanzi azidlula ngezingalo eziyishumi nanhlano, zaze zasishekelwa izintaba. inyama yonke eyayi-

hamba emhlabeni yafa, izinyoni, nezinkomo, nezilo, nezilwanyana ezinwabuzelayo emhlabeni, nabantu bonke; konke okunomphfumulo womoya wokuphila emakhaleni akho, konke okusemhlabathini owomileyo, kwafa. wachitha kanjalo konke okuphilayo ebusweni bomhlaba, abantu, nezinkomo, nezilwanyana ezinwabuzelayo, nezinyoni zezulu; wakuchitha emhlabeni; kwasala unowa yedwa kanye nakho okwakukhona naye emkhunjini. amanzi ayenamandla emhlabeni izinsuku eziyikhulu namashumi ayisihlanu.

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ulezi-ku wayesemkhumbula unowa, nezilwane zonke, nezinkomo zonke ezinaye emkhunjini. ulezi-ku wadlulisa umoya phezu komhlaba, amanzi abohla. imithombo yotwa namafasitele asezulwini kwavinjwa, imvula yasezulwini yaphela. amanzi ayesemuka njalo emhlabeni; emva kwezinsuku eziyikhulu namashumi ayisihlanu amanzi ancipha. ngenyanga yesikhombisa ngosuku lweshumi nesikhombisa enyangeni umkhumbi wema ezintabeni zase-ararati. amanzi ancipha njalongo, kwaze kwaba senyangeni yeshumi. ngeyeshumi ngolokuqala lwenyanga iziqongo zezintaba zabonakala. kwathi emva kwezinsuku ezingamashumi amane unowa wavula ifasitele lomkhumbi abelenzile. wathuma igwababa, lazulazula njalo, aze asha amanzi emhlabeni. wayesethuma ijuba ukubona ukuba amanzi asinciphile yini ebusweni bomhlaba. kepha ijuba lalingafumani ukuphumula kwamathe onyawo lwalo, labuyela kuye emkhunjini, ngokuba amanzi ayesebebusweni bomhlaba wonke; waselula isandla sakhe, walithatha, walingenisa kuye emkhunjini. wabuye wahlala izinsuku eziyisikhombisa; waphinda walithuma ujuba emkhunjini. ijuba lafika kuye ngakusihlwa; bheka, kusemlonyeni walo iqabunga lomnqumo elikhiweyo. wase azi unowa ukuthi amanzi anciphile emhlabeni. wabuye wahlala izinsuku eziyisikhombisa; walithuma ijuba; alabe lisabuyela kuye. kwathi ngomnyaka wamakhulu ayisithupha nanye ngenyanga yokuqala ngolokuqala lwenyanga amanzi abeseshile emhlabeni; unowa wasusa uphahla lomkhumbi, wabona, bheka, ubuso bomhlaba base bomile. ngenyanga yesibili ngosuku lwamashumi amabili nesikhombisa lwenyanga umhlaba wawusomile. ulezi-ku wakhuluma kunowa, wathi: phuma emkhunjini, wena nomkakho, namadodana akho, nabafazi bamadodana akho bekanye nawe. phuma kanye nezilwane zonke eziphilayo zenyama yonke, izinyoni, nezinkomo, nezilwanyana zonke ezinwabuzelayo emhlabeni,

zichume emhlabeni, zizale, zande emhlabeni. wayesephuma unowa namadodana akhe, nomkakhe, nabafazi bamadodana akhe bekanye naye. zonke izilwane, nazo zonke izilwanyana ezinwabuzelayo, nazo zonke izinyoni, konke okuhamba emhlabeni ngezinhlolo zakho kwaphuma emkhunjini. unowa wamakhela ujejhova-aeiou i-altare, wathatha kuzo zonke izilwane ezihlambulukileyo nakuzo zonke izinyoni ezihlambulukileyo, wanikela umnikelo wokushiswa e-altare. ujejhova-aeiou wezwa iphunga elimnandi; ujejhova-aeiou wathi enhliziyweni yakhe: angisayikuphinda ngiqalekise umhlaba ngenxa yabantu, ngokuba imicabango yomuntu mibi kwasebusheni bakhe; angisayikuphinda ngibhubhise konke okuphilayo, njengalokho ngenzile. umhlaba usekhona, ukutshala nokuvuna, amakhaza nokufudumala, ihlobo nobusika, imini nobusuku akuyikunqamuka.

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ulezi-ku wabusisa unowa namadodana akhe, wathi kubo: zalani nande, nigcwalise umhlaba. uvalo nokwesabeka kwenu akube phezu kwezilwane zonke zomhlaba, naphezu kwazo zonke izinyoni zezulu, naphezu kwakho konke okunwabuzelayo emhlabeni, naphezu kwazo zonke izinhlanzi, kunikezelwe ezandleni zenu. zonke izilwane eziphilayo ziyakuba ngukudla kwenu; ngiyaninika konke kube njengemifino eluhlaza. kepha inyama okukuyo umphefumulo wayo, okungukuthi igazi layo, anyikuyidla. kodwa elenu igazi okukulo umphefumulo wenu ngiyakulibiza; kuzo zonke izilwane ngiyakulibiza; nakubo bonke abantu ngiyakubiza umphefumulo wabo, owomunye esandleni somunye. ochitha igazi lomuntu, igazi lakhe liyakuchithwa ngabantu, ngokuba ulezi-ku wamenza umuntu ngomfanekiso wakhe. kepha zalani nina, nande, nichume emhlabeni, nivame kuwo. ulezi-ku wakhuluma kunowa nakumadodana akhe enaye, wathi: bhekani, mina ngiyamisa isivumelwano sami nani nen-zalo yenu emva kwenu, sezilwane zonke eziphilayo ezinani, izinyoni, nezinkomo, nezilo zomhlaba ezinani, zonke eziphume emkhunjini, yebo, zonke izilwane zasemhlabeni. ngizakumisa isivumelwano sami nawe; akusayikubhujiswa nyama ngamazi kazamcolo; akasayikuza uzamcolo ukuba achithe umhlaba. ulezi-ku wathi: lokhu kuluphawu lwesivumelwano engisenza phakathi kwami nani nazo zonke izilwane eziphilayo ezinani kuze kube sezizukulwaneni zaphakade: ngizakumisa uthingo lwami emafwini, lube luphawu lwesivumelwano phakathi kwami nomhlaba. kuyakuthi lapho ngiqoqa amafu phezu komhlaba,

uthingo lubonakale emafwini. khona ngiyakukhumbula isivumelwano esiphakathi kwami nani nazo zonke izilwane eziphilayo zenyama yonke; amanzi awasayikuba nguzamcolo wokuchitha inyama yonke. uthingo luyakuba semafwini; ngizakulubheka, ngikhumbule isivumelwano esiphakade phakathi kukalezi-ku nazo zonke izilwane eziphilayo zenyama yonke emhlabeni. ulezi-ku wathi kunowa: lokhu kuluphawu lwesivumelwano engisenze phakathi kwami nayo yonke inyama esemhlabeni. amadodana kanowa aphuma emkhunjini ayengoshemi, nohamu, nojafete; uhamu wayenguyise kakhani. yilawo amadodana amathathu kanowa; umhlaba wonke wagcwaliswa ngabavala kuwo. unowa waqala waba ngumlimi, watshala isivini. waphuza iwayini, wadakwa, walala nqunu etendeni lakhe. uhamu uyise kakhani wabona ubunqunu bukayise, watshela abafowabo bobabili bengaphandle. oshemi nojafete bathatha ingubo, bayifaka emahlombe abo bobabili, bahamba nyovane, basibekela ubunqunu bukayise; ubuso babo babubheka emuva, abaze babona ubunqunu bukayise. unowa waphaphama ekudakweni, wezwa lokho ebikwenzile kuye indodana yakhe encane. wathi: makaqalekiswe ukhanni, abe yisigqila sezigqila kubafowabo. wathi futhi: ubusisiwe ujejhova-aeiou, ulezi-ku kashemi, ukhanni abe yisigqila sabo. ulezi-ku amandise ujaefete, ahlale ematendeni kashemi, ukhanni abe yisigqila sabo. emva kukazamcolo unowa wahamba iminyaka engamakhulu amathathu namashumi ayisihlanu. izinsuku zonke zikanowa zazi-iminyaka engamakhulu ayisishiyagalolunye namashumi ayisihlanu.

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lezi ziyizizukulwane zamadodana kanowa: ngoshemi, nohamu, nojafete; bazalelwa amadodana emva kukazamcolo. amadodana kajafete: ngogomere, nomagoge, nomadayi, nojavani, nothubali, nomesheke, notirase. amadodana kagomere: ngo-ashikenaze, norifate, nothogarma. amadodana kajavani: ngo-elisha, notharishishi, nokitimi, nododanimi. kuvela kulabo iziqhingi zabezizwe zahlukaniselwa amazwe abo, kwaba yilelo nalelo ngolimi lwalo, nangenindeneni yalo, nangezizwe zalo. amadodana kahamu: ngokushe, nomisirayimi, no-phuthi, nokhanni. amadodana kakushe: ngoseba, nohavila, nosabita, norama, nosabitheka. amadodana karama: ngosheba, nodedani. ukushe wazala unimrode; yena waqala ukuba ngonamandla emhlabeni. wayeyiphi elinamandla ebusweni bujakhejhova-aeiou; ngalokho kuthiwa: iphi elinamandla njengonimrode ebusweni



bukajehova-aeiou. ukubusa kwakhe kwaqala ebabele, nase-ereke, nase-akade, nasekaline, ezweni laseshineyari. waphuma kulelo zwe, waya e-asiriya, wakha inineve, nerehoboti-ire, nekhal, neresene phakathi kwenineve nekhal; lo ungumuzi omkhulu. umisirayimi wazala amaludi, nama-anami, namalehabi, namanafetuihi, namapatrusi, namakasuluhi, lapho kwavela khona amafilisti namakafitori. ukhanani wazala usidoni, izibulo lakhe, noheti, namajobusi, nama-amori, namagirigashi, namahivi, nama-arki, namasini, nama-arvadi, namasemari, nama-hamati; ngasemuva imindeni yamakhani yahlakazeka. umkhawulo wamakhani wawususukela esidoni, waya ngasegerari waze wafika egaza; waya ngasesodoma nasegomora nase-adima nase-seboyimi waze wafika elasha. labo babe ngamadodana kahamu ngemindeni yawo nangezilimi zawo emazweni awo nasezizweni zawo. noshemi uyise wabantwana bonke bakabere, umnewabo omkhulu kajafete, wazala abantwana. amadodana kashemi: ngo-elamu, no-ashuri, no-arapakishade, nolude, no-aramu. amadodana ka-aramu: ngo-use, nohule, nogeteri, nomashe. u-arpakishade wazala ushela; ushela wazala u-ebere. u-ebere wazala amadodana amabili; igama lomunye lalinguphele, ngokuba emihleni yakhe izwe ladatshulwa. igama lomfowabo lalingujokothane. ujokothane wazala o-alimodade, noshelefe, nohasaramavete, nojere, nohadoram, no-uzali, nodikila, no-obale, no-abimaye, nosheba, no-ofiri, nohavila, nojababi; bonke laba babengamadodana kajokothane. ukwakha kwabo kwasukela emesha kwaze kwafika ngasesefare, intaba yasempumalanga. laba babe ngamadodana kashemi ngemindeni yawo nangezilimi zawo, emazweni awo nasezizweni zawo. lezi ziyimindeni yamadodana kanowa ngezizukulwane zawo ezizweni zawo; ngalawo izizwe zahlakazeka emhlabeni emva kukazamcolo.

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umhlaba wonke wawunolimi lunye nokukhuluma kunye. kwathi ekusukeni kwabo empumalanga bafumana ithafa ezweni laseshineyari; bakha khona. base bethi omunye komunye: wozani, ake senze izitini, sizishisise. izitini zaba ngamatshe abo, nebitume laba ludaka lwabo. bathi: wozani, asakhe umuzi nombhoshongo osiqongo sawo sisezulwini, sizenzele igama, funa sihlakazeke ebusweni bomhlaba wonke. ujeihova-aeiou wehla ukuba abone umuzi nombhoshongo okwakhiwa ngabantwana babantu. ujeihova-aeiou wathi: bheka, bonke basizwe sinye nolimi lunye; yikho abaqala ngakho; manje abayikunqanyulelwa lutho

abahlola ukulwenza. wozani sehle, siye ukusanganisa ulimi lwabo ukuba bangezani, kube yilowo nalowo ulimi lomunye. kanjalo ujeihova-aeiou wabahlakazela emhlabeni wonke, bephuma lapho; bayeka ukwakha umuzi. ngalokho igama lawo lathiwa ibabele, ngokuba ujeihova-aeiou wasanganisa khona ulimi lomhlaba wonke; wabahlakazela emhlabeni wonke. lezi ziyizizukulwane zikashemi; ushemi wayeneminyaka eyikhulu, wazala u-arpakishade iminyaka emibili emva kukazamcolo. emva kokuzalwa kuka-arpakishade ushemi wahamba iminyaka engamakhulu ayisihlanu, wazala amadodana namadodakazi. u-arpakishade wahamba iminyaka engamashumi amathathu nanhlano, wazala ushela. emva kokuzalwa kukashela u-arpakishade wahamba iminyaka engamakhulu amane nantathu, wazala amadodana namadodakazi. ushela wahamba iminyaka engamashumi amathathu, wazala u-ebere. emva kokuzalwa kuka-ebere ushela wahamba iminyaka engamakhulu amane nantathu, wazala amadodana namadodakazi. u-ebere wahamba iminyaka engamashumi amathathu nane, wazala uphelele. emva kokuzalwa kukaphelele u-ebere wahamba iminyaka engamakhulu amane namashumi amathathu, wazala amadodana namadodakazi. uphelele wahamba iminyaka engamashumi amathathu, wazala urehu. emva kokuzalwa kukarehu uphelele wahamba iminyaka engamakhulu amabili nesishiyagalolunye, wazala amadodana namadodakazi. urehu wahamba iminyaka engamashumi amathathu nambili, wazala userugi. emva kokuzalwa kukaserugi urehu wahamba iminyaka engamakhulu amabili nesikhombisa, wazala amadodana namadodakazi. userugi wahamba iminyaka engamashumi amathathu, wazala unahori. emva kokuzalwa kukanahori userugi wahamba iminyaka engamakhulu amabili, wazala amadodana namadodakazi. unahori wahamba iminyaka engamashumi amabili nesishiyagalolunye, wazala uthera. emva kokuzalwa kukathera unahori wahamba iminyaka eyikhulu neshumi nesishiyagalolunye, wazala amadodana namadodakazi. uthera wahamba iminyaka engamashumi ayisikhombisa, wazala o-abrama, nonahori, noharana. lezi ziyizizukulwane zikathera. uthera wazala o-abrama, nonahori, noharana; uharana wazala uloti. uharana wafa phambi kukayise uthera ezweni lokuzalwa kwakhe, i-uri lamakaledi. o-abrama nonahori bazithathela abafazi; igama lomka-abrama lalingusarayi; igama lomkanahori lalingumilka, indodakazi kahanana, uyise kamilka noyise kajiska. usarayi wayeyinyumba, engenamtwana. uthera wathatha u-abrama indodana yakhe, noloti indodana kahanana, indodana yendodana

yakhe, nosarayi umalokazana wakhe, umkabramabram indodana yakhe, waphuma nabo e-uri lamakaledi ukuya ezweni lasekhanani; bafika eharana, bakha khona. izinsuku zikathera zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu amabili nanhlano; uthera wafela eharana.

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ujehova-aeiou wathi ku-abrama: phuma ezweni lakini, nasezihlotsheni zakho, nasendlini kayihlo, uye ezweni engiyakukhombisa lona. ngiyakukwenza isizwe esikhulu, ngikubusise, ngenze igama lakho libe likhulu, wena ube yisibusiso. ngiyakubabusa abakubusisayo, nokuqalekiso ngiyakumqalekisa; imindeni yonke yomhlaba iyakubusiswa kuwe. wayesesuka u-abrama, njengalokho u-jehova-aeiou emtshelile; uloti wahamba naye; u-abrama wayeneminyaka engamashumi ayisikhombisa nanhlano mhla ephuma eharana. u-abrama wathatha usarayi umkakhe, noloti indodana yomfowabo, nempahla yonke ababeyibuthile, nezineku ababezitholile eharana; basuka ukuya ezweni lasekhanani; bafika-ke ezweni lasekhanani. u-abrama wadabula izwe, waze wafika endaweni yaseshekemi nase-okini lasemore; amakhanani ayesekhona ezweni. u-jehova-aeiou wabonakala ku-abrama, wathi: leli zwe ngiyakulinka inzalo yakho. wamakhela khona i-altare u-jehova-aeiou owayebonakele kuye. wayesesuka lapho, waya entabeni ngasempumalanga kwasebethele, wamisa itende lakhe, ibethele lingasentshonalanga ne-ayi lingasempumalanga; wamakhela khona u-jehova-aeiou i-altare, wakhuleka egameni likajehova-aeiou. ngasemuva u-abrama wahamba waqonda njalo ngaseningizimu. kwakukhona indlala ezweni; u-abrama wehlela egibithe ukuba agogobale khona, ngokuba indlala yayinzima ezweni. kwathi esasondela ukungena egibithe, wathi kusarayi umkakhe: bheka-ke, ngiyazi ukuthi ungowesifazane omuhle, obukekayo. kuyakuthi ukuba abasegibithe bakubone, bathi: ngumkakhe lowo, bazakungibulala mina, bakulonde wena. mawuthi ungudadewethu, ukuze kube kuhle kimi ngenxa yakho, umphefumulo wami uphile ngenxa yakho. kwathi u-abrama efika egibithe, abasegibithe babona owesifazane ukuthi muhle kakhulu. izinduna zikafaro zambona, zambabaza phambi kukafaro; owesifazane wangeniswa endlini kafaro. u-abrama waphathwa kahle ngenxa yakhe; waba nezimvu, nezinkabi, nezimbongolo, nezineku, nezinekekazi, nezimbongolokazi, namakamela. kepha u-jehova-aeiou wamshaya ufaro nendlu yakhe ngezinhlu pho ezinkulu ngenxa kasarayi umka-abrama.

ufaro wayesembiza u-abrama, wathi: kuyini lokho okwenze kimi na? awungitshelanga ngani ukuthi ungumkakho na? usholoni ukuthi: ungudadewethu, ngize ngimthathe abe ngumkami, na? bheka manje, nangu umkakho; mthathe, uhambe. ufaro wayala amadoda ngaye; amukisa kanye nomkakhe nakho konke anakho.

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u-abrama wakhuphuka egibithe kanye nomkakhe nakho konke anakho, uloti enaye, waya ngaseningizimu. u-abrama wayefuyile kakhulu izinkomo, nesiliva, negolide. kuzo izinkambo zakhe wasuka eningizimu, wafika ebethele, leyo ndawo lapho lalikhona itende lakhe kuqala, phakathi kwebethele ne-ayi, indawo ye-altare abelenzile khona kuqala; u-abrama wakhuleka lapho egameni likajehova-aeiou. naye uloti owahamba no-abrama wayenezimvu, nezinkomo, namatende. izwe lalingenakubanela ukuba bahlale ndawonye, ngokuba impahla yabo yayiningi kunokuba bahlale ndawonye. kwavela ukuxabana phakathi kwabelusi bezinkomo zika-abrama nabelusi bezinkomo zikaloti; amakhanani namapherizi ayehlala khona ezweni. u-abrama wathi kuloti: akungabikho ukuxabana phakathi kwami nawe naphakathi kwabelusi bami nabelusi bakho, ngokuba singabazalwane. izwe lonke alisobala ebusweni bakho na? mawuhlukane nami; uma uya ngakwesokhohlo, ngiyakuya ngakwesokunene; uma uya ngakwesokunene, ngiyakuya ngakwesokhohlo. uloti waphakamisa amehlo akhe, wabona ukuthi ithafa lonke lasejordan lalinamanzi lonke; u-jehova-aeiou engakachithi isodoma negomora, lalinjengensimu kajehova-aeiou nanjengezwe lasegibithe kwaze kwaba sesowari. uloti wakhetha ithafa lonke lasejordan; uloti wasuka waya ngasempumalanga; bahlukana omunye nomunye. u-abrama wahlala ezweni lasekhanani; uloti wahlala emizini yasethafeni, wamisa itende lakhe ngasesodoma. kepha abantu basesodoma babebabi, bengabonayo kakhulu phambi kukajehova-aeiou. u-jehova-aeiou wathi ku-abrama, uloti esehlukene naye: phakamisa manje amehlo akho ubuke, usendaweni lapho umi khona, ngasenyakatho, naseningizimu, nasempumalanga, nasentshonalanga, ngokuba izwe lonke olibonayo ngiyakulinka wena nenzalo yakho kuze kube phakade. ngiyakwenza inzalo yakho ibe njengothuli lomhlaba, kuze kuthi, uma umuntu engabala uthuli lomhlaba, iyakubalwa nenzalo yakho. suka udabule izwe, ubude balo nobubanzi balo, ngokuba ngiyakukunika lona. wayesesuka u-abrama, weza wakha ngasema-okini asemamre lasehebroni,

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kwathi emihleni ka-amrafeli inkosi yase-shineyari, no-ariyoki inkosi yase-elasare, nokedorlawomere inkosi yase-elamu, notidali inkosi yezizwe, baphaka impi nobera inkosi yasesodoma, nobirisha inkosi yasegomora, noshinabe inkosi yase-adima, noshemebere inkosi yaseseboyimi, nenkosi yasebela eliyisowari. bonke laba bahlangana esigodini sasesidimi esilul-wandle lukasawoti. iminyaka eyishumi nambili bamkhonza ukedorlawomere, kepha ngomnyaka weshumi nantathu bahlubuka. ngomnyaka weshumi nane kweza ukedorlawomere kanye namakhosi anaye, banqoba amarefa e-ashiteroti karinayimi, namazuzi ehamu, nama-emi eshave kiriyatayimi, namahori etabeni yawo iseyiri, kwaze kwaba se-eli pharanu ngasehlane. base bebuyela emuva, beza e-eni mishipati eliyakadeshi, bachitha izwe lonke lama-maleki nelama-amori ayehlala ehasasoni tamari. yaphuma inkosi yasesodoma, nenkosi yasegomora, nenkosi yase-adima, nenkosi yaseseboyimi, nenkosi yasebela eliyisowari; bahloma, balwa nabo esigodini sasesidimi. balwa nokedorlawomere inkosi yase-elamu, notidali inkosi yezizwe, no-amrafeli inkosi yaseshineyari, no-ariyoki inkosi yase-elasare; amakhosi amane alwa nayisihlanu. isigodi sasesidimi sasigcwele imigodi yebitume; inkosi yasesodoma neyasegomora abaleka, awela kuyo; abaseleyo babalekela etabeni. bathatha yonke impahla yasesodoma neyasegomora kanye nakho konke ukudla, bamuka. bamthatha uloti indodana yomfowabo ka-abrama owayehlala esodoma kanye nempahla yakhe, bamuka. kepha kweza ophunyukileyo, wamthshela u-abrama umheberu, ngokuba wayehlala ngasema-okini kamamre umamori, umfowabo ka-esikholi nomfowabo ka-anere; labo babehlangene no-abrama. nxa u-abrama esezwile ukuthi umzalwane wakhe uloti uthunjwe, wabutha izinceku zakhe ezifundisiweyo ebezizelwe endlini yakhe, ezingamakhulu amathathu neshumi nesishiyagalombili, wabaxosha kwaze kwaba kwadani. wazahlukanisa ebusuku izinceku zakhe, wabahlasela, wabanqoba, wabaxosha, waze wafika ehoba elingasenyakatho kwasedamaseku. wabuyisa yonke impahla, wambuyisa noloti umzalwane wakhe, nempahla yakhe, nabesifazane, nabantu. emva kokubuya kwakhe ekunqobeni ukedorlawomere namakhosi anaye yaphuma inkosi yasesodoma, yaya ukumhlangabeza esigodini saseshave esiyisigodi senkosi. umelkisedeki inkosi yasesalema waletha isinkwa newayini; wayengumpristi kalezi-ku-

ophezikonke. wambusisa wathi: u-abrama makabusiwe ngulezi-ku opezukonke, umdali wezulu nomhlaba. makabongwe ulezi-ku opezukonke onike izitha zakho esandleni sakho. u-abrama wamnika okweshumi kwakho konke. inkosi yasesodoma yathi ku-abrama: ngiphe abantu, uzithathele impahla. kepha u-abrama wathi enkosini yasesodoma: ngiyaphakamisa isandla sami kujehova-aeiou, ulezi-ku opezukonke, umdali wezulu nomhlaba, ngithi angiyikuthatha umucwana nomchilo wezicathulo nokunye okwakho ukuba ungasho ukuthi: ngimcebisele u-abrama. kuphela lokho ezikudlile izinceku, nesabelo samadoda aye-hamba nami; o-anere, no-esikholi, nomamre mabathathe isabelo sabo.

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emva kwalokho kwafika izwi likajehova-aeiou ku-abrama ngombono, lithi: ungesabi, abrama, ngiyisihlangu sakho; umvuzo wakho uyakuba mkhulu kakhulu. kepha u-abrama wathi: nkosi jehova-aeiou, uyakungiphani na? ngihamba ngingenamntwana; indlalifa yendlu yami ingu-elizezeri wasedamaseku. u-abrama wathi futhi: bheka, awunginikanga nzalo; bheka, inceku yendlu yami iyakuba yindlalifa yami. bheka, izwi likajehova-aeiou leza kuye, lathi: lona akayikudla ifa lakho, kepha oyakuphuma ezibilinini zakho uyakudla ifa lakho. wamphumisa ngaphandle, wathi: bheka ngasezulwini, ubale izinkanyezi, uma ungazibala. wathi kuye: kuyakuba njalo inzalo yakho. wakholwa ngujehova-aeiou; wambalela lokho kwaba ngukulunga. wayesethi kuye: ngingujehova-aeiou owakuphumisa e-uri lamakaledi ukuba ngikunike leli zwe libe yifa lakho. wathi: nkosi jehova-aeiou, ngiyokwazi ngani ukuthi ngiyakulidla na? wathi kuye: ngithabathele isithokazi esineminyaka emithathu, nembuzi eyinsikazi eneminyaka emithathu, nenquma eneminyaka emithathu, nehobhe, nephuphu lejuba. wamthathela zonke lezo, wazinquma phakathi, wabeka kwaba yileyo naleyo nxenye ukuba ibhekane nenye; kepha izinyoni akazinqumanga. amanye ehlela phezu kweziphuzi; u-abrama wawaxosha. kwathi ngokushona kwelanga ubuthongo obunzima bamehlela u-abrama; bheka, washaywa luvalo lobumnyama obukhulu. wathi ku-abrama: yazisisa ukuthi inzalo yakho izakuba ngumfokazi ezweni elingesilo elayo, ibe yizigqila, icindezelwe iminyaka engamakhulu amane. kepha leso sizwe eyakuba yizigqila zaso ngiyakusahlulela mina; ngasemuva iyakuphuma inempahla eningi. kepha wena uyakuya koyihlo ngokuthula, umbelwe usumdala. esizukul-

waneni sesine iyakubuyela lapha, ngokuba ububi bama-amori abukapheleli. kwathi ngokushona kwelanga kwaba mnyama, bheka, nanto iziko elithunqayo, nelangabi lomlilo ladabula phakathi kwalezo zinxenye. ngalolo suku uje-hova-aeiou wasenza isivumelwano no-abrama, wathi: ngiyakunika inzalo yakho leli zwe, kusukela emfuleni wasegibithe kuze kube semfuleni omkhulu, umfula u-ewufrathe: amakheni, namakhenizi, namakadimoni, namaheti, namapherizi, namarefa, nama-amori, namakhanani, namagirigashi, nama-jebusi.

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usarayi umka-abrama wayengamzaleli mntwana; kepha wayenencekukazi yasegibithe, igama layo linguhagari. usarayi wathi ku-abrama: bheka-ke, uje-hova-aeiou ungivalile ekuzaleni; mawungene kuyo ince-kukazi yami; mhlawumbe ngizakwakhelwa ngayo. u-abrama walalela izwi likasarayi. usarayi, umka-abrama, wathatha uhagari wasegibithe, ince-kukazi yakhe, wamnika u-abrama indoda yakhe abe ngumkakhe, u-abrama esehlalile iminyaka eyishumi ezweni lasekhanani. wangena kuhagari; wakhulelwa. esebonile ukuthi ukhulelwe, inkosikazi yakhe yadeleleka emehlweni akhe. usarayi wathi ku-abrama: bona-ra-ukukhandleka okwenziwe kimi akube phezu kwakho. mina nganikela ince-kukazi yami esifubeni sakho; kepha nxa isibonile ukuthi ikhulelwe, ngase ngideleleka emehlweni ayo; uje-hova-aeiou makahlulele icala phakathi kwami nawe. u-abrama wathi kusarayi: bheka, ince-kukazi yakho isesandleni sakho; yenza kuyo okufanele emehlweni akho. usarayi wayilaya, yabaleka ebusweni bakhe. ingelosi kajehova-aeiou yamfumana ngasemthonjeni wamanzi ehlane, umthombo osendleleni eya eshuri. yathi: hagari, ncekukazi kasarayi, uvelaphi na? uyangaphi na? wathi: ngibaleka ebusweni bukasarayi inkosikazi yami. ingelosi kajehova-aeiou yathi kuye: buyela kuyo inkosikazi yakho, uzithobise phansi kwesandla sayo. ingelosi kajehova-aeiou yathi futhi kuye: ngiyakwandisa kakhulu inzalo yakho, ingabe isabalwa ngobuningi bayo. ingelosi kajehova-aeiou yathi kuye: bheka, usukhulelwe; uyakuzala indodana, uyiqambe igama lokuthi u-ishmayeli, ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou uzwile ukhulupheka kwakho. uyakuba ngumuntu onjengembongo engathanjisiwe, isandla sakhe simelane nabo bonke, nesandla sabo bonke simelane naye, ahlale ngasempumalanga kwabafowabo bonke. wamqamba uje-hova-aeiou owayekhulume kuye igama lokuthi: wena ungulezi-ku obonayo, ngokuba wathi: imbala ngimbonile ongibonayo na? nga-

lokho umthombo wabizwa ngokuthi iberi lahayi royi; bheka, uphakathi kwekadeshi neberedi. uhagari wamzalela u-abrama indodana; u-abrama waqamba igama lendodana yakhe ayizalayo uhagari ngokuthi u-ishmayeli. u-abrama wayeneminyaka engamashumi ayisishiyagalombili nesithupha mhla uhagari emzalela u-abrama u-ishmayeli.

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u-abrama eneminyaka engamashumi ayisishiyagalolunye nesishiyagalolunye uje-hova-aeiou wabonakala ku-abrama, wathi kuye: ngingulezi-ku usomandla; hamba phambi kwami ungenacala. ngiyakwenza isivumelwano sami phakathi kwami nawe, ngikwandise kakhulu. u-abrama wayesewa ngobuso bakhe; ulezi-ku wakhuluma naye, wathi: bheka, ngokwami isivumelwano sami sikuwe; uyakuba nguyise wezizwe eziningi. igama lakho alisayikuthiwa u-abrama, kepha igama lakho lizakuba ngu-abrahama, ngokuba ngikwenzile uyise wezizwe eziningi. ngiyakwandisa kakhulu inzalo yakho, ngikwenze isizwe, kuvele namakhosi kuwe. ngiyakumisa isivumelwano sami phakathi kwami nawe, nenzalo yakho emva kwakho ezizukulwaneni zayo, sibe yisivumelwano esiphakade, ngibe ngulezi-ku wakho nowenzalo yakho emva kwakho. ngiyakunika wena nenzalo yakho emva kwakho izwe ohlala kulo ungumfokazi, izwe lonke lasekhanani, libe yifa laphakade, ngibe ngulezi-ku wabo. wayesethi ulezi-ku ku-abrahama: wena-ke usuyakusigcina isivumelwano sami kanye nenzalo yakho emva kwakho ezizukulwaneni zayo. yilesi isivumelwano sami phakathi kwami nawe nenzalo yakho emva kwakho eniyakusigcina ukuthi bayakusokwa bonke abesilisa bakini. niyakusoka inyama yejwabu lenu, kube luphawu lwesivumelwano phakathi kwami nani. onezinsuku eziyisishiyagalombili phakathi kwenu uyakusokwa, bonke abesilisa ezizukulwaneni zenu, lowo ozelwe endlini nalowo othengwe ngemali kowezizwe, ongesiywe owenzalo yakho. makasokwe ozelwe endlini yakho nothengwe ngemali yakho; isivumelwano sami siyakuba senyameni yenu, sibe yisivumelwano esiphakade. owesilisa ongasokiwe, engasokwanga enyameni yejwabu lakhe, lowo muntu uyakunqunywa kubantu bakubo, ngokuba waphulile isivumelwano sami. ulezi-ku wathi ku-abrahama: usarayi umkakho awusayikumbiza ngegama lokuthi usarayi, kepha igama lakhe alibe ngusara. ngiyakumbusisa, ngikunike indodana ngaye; yebo, ngiyakumbusisa abe yizizwe, kuvele kuye amakhosi abantu. u-abrahama wayesewa ngobuso bakhe, wahleka, wathi enhliziyweni yakhe: oneminyaka eyikhulu uyakuzalelwa

na? usara oneminyaka engamashumi ayisishiyagalolunye uyakuzala na? wathi u-abrahama kulezi-ku: sengathi u-ishmayeli angaphila phambi kwakho. ulezi-ku wathi: qha, usara umkakho uyakukuzalela indodana; uyakubiza igama layo ngokuthi u-isaka; ngiyakusimisa isivumelwano sami naye, sibe yisivumelwano esiphakade nenzalo yakhe emva kwakhe. ngo-ishmayeli lo ngikuzwile; bheka, ngiyakumbusisa, ngimuphe inzalo, ngimandise kakhulu impela, azale izikhulu eziyishumi nambili, ngimenze isizwe esikhulu. kepha ngiyakumisa isivumelwano sami no-isaka azakukuzalela yena usara ngalesi sikhathi ngomnyaka ozayo. ulezi-ku wayeseqeda ukukhuluma naye, wenyuka emshiya u-abrahama. u-abrahama wathatha u-ishmayeli indodana yakhe, nabo bonke ababazelwe endlini yakhe, nabo bonke ababethengwe nge-mali yakhe, bonke abesilisa phakathi kwabantu bendlu ka-abrahama, wasoka inyama yeywabu labo ngalona lolo suku, njengalokho ulezi-ku emtshelile. u-abrahama wayeneminyaka engamashumi ayisishiyagalolunye nesishiyagalolunye mhla esokwa enyameni yeywabu lakhe. u-ishmayeli indodana yakhe wayeneminyaka eyishumi nantathu mhla esokwa enyameni yeywabu lakhe. u-abrahama nendodana yakhe u-ishmayeli basokwa ngalusuku lunye. onke amadoda emzini wakhe ayezelwe endlini nayethengwe ngemali koweziwe asokwa kanye naye.

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ujehova-aeiou wabonakala kuye ngasemakini asemamre, ehlezi emnyango wetende ngesikhathi sokushisa kwemini. waphakamisa amehlo akhe, wabuka; bheka, amadoda amathathu ayemi phambi kwakhe; wathi ukuba awabone, wasuka emnyango wetende, wagijima ukuwahlangabeza, wakhothama, wathi: nkosi, uma ngifumene umusa emehlweni akho, mawungadluli encekwini yakho. makulethwe ingcosana yamanzi, nigeze izinyawo zenu, niphumule phansi komuthi. ngizakulanda ucezu lwesikwa, nithokozise izinhlizyo zenu, andukuba nidlule, njengokuba senifikile encekwini yenu. athi: yenza njengokusho kwakho. u-abrahama waphuthuma etendeni kusara, wathi: sheshisa, uthathe amaseya amathathu empuphu ecolekileyo, uyixove, wenze amaqebelengwane. u-abrahama wagijima, waya ezinkomeni, walanda ithole elihle nelinonileyo, walinika encekwini; yashesha ukulilungisa. wathatha amangqanga, nobisi, nethole abelilungisile, wakubeka phambi kwawo; wema ngakuwo phansi komuthi; adla. athi kuye: uphi usara umkakho na? wathi: nangu etendeni. wayesethi: impela ngiyakubuyela kuwe emva komnyaka ngalesi

sikhathi; bheka, khona umkakho usara uyakuba nendodana. usara wakuzwa lokhu esemnyango wetende ongasemva kwakhe. kepha o-abrahama nosara base begugile, beneminyaka eminingi; kwase kuphelile kusara okwabesifazane. usara wahleka phakathi kwakhe, wathi: lapho sengimdala, nenkosi yami igugile, ngiyakuba nalenjabulo na? u-jehova-aeiou wathi ku-abrahama: uhlekeleni usara, ethi: imbala ngizakuzala ngimdala na? kukhona into emahlula u-jehova-aeiou na? ngalesi sikhathi emva komnyaka ngiyakubuyela kuwe, usara abe nendodana. usara waphika wathi: angihlekanga, ngokuba wesaba. kepha wathi: qha, uhlekile. amadoda asuka lapho, abheka ngasesodoma; u-abrahama wahamba nawo ewaphelekezela. u-jehova-aeiou wathi: ngingamfihlela u-abrahama lokho engizakukwenza na? u-abrahama uyakuba yisizwe esikhulu, esinamandla; ziyakubusiswa kuyena izzwe zonke zomhlaba. ngokuba ngimkhethele ukuba ayale abantwana bakhe nendlu yakhe emva kwakhe ukugcina indlela kajehova-aeiou nokusebenza ukulunga nokwahlulela, ukuze u-jehova-aeiou amenzele u-abrahama lokho amthembise khona. u-jehova-aeiou wathi: isikhalo sasesodoma nesasegomora sikhulu, nezono zabo zinzima impela. ngalokho ngiyakwehla, ngibone ukuba benzile impela konke njengokwesikhalo esesifikile kimi; uma kungenjalo, ngiyakukwazi. ayesefuthela lapho amadoda, aya ngasesodoma, kepha u-abrahama wayesemi ebusweni bukajehova-aeiou. u-abrahama wasondela, wathi: uyakubhubhisa olungileyo kanye nomubi na? mhlawumbe kukhona abalungileyo abangamashumi ayisihlanu phakathi komuzi; imbala uyakuyibhubhisa, ungayiyeki indawo ngenxa yabalungileyo abangamashumi ayisihlanu abakuyo na? makube kude nawe ukwenza ngale ndlela, ukubulala olungileyo kanye nomubi, olungileyo abe njengomubi; lokhu makube kude nawe; umahluleli womhlaba wonke ubengayikwenza ukulunga na? u-jehova-aeiou wathi: uma ngifumana esodoma abalungileyo abangamashumi ayisihlanu phakathi komuzi, ngiyakuyekela indawo yonke ngenxa yabo. kepha u-abrahama waphendula wathi: bheka, sengiqalile ukukhuluma enkosini, mina engiluthuli nomlutha. mhlawumbe kuyakusweleka abayisihlanu kubo abalungileyo abangamashumi ayisihlanu; ubuyakubhubhisa wonke umuzi ngenxa yalabo abayisihlanu na? wathi: angiyikubhubhisa, uma ngifumana khona abangamashumi amane nanhlano. kepha wabuye wakhuluma kuye, wathi: mhlawumbe kungafunyaniswa khona abangamashumi amane. wathi: angiyikukwenza ngenxa yabangamashumi

amane. wayesethi: mayingathukutheli inkosi ukuthi ngisakhuluma. mhlawumbe kungafunyaniswa khona abangamashumi amathathu. wathi: angiyikukwenza, uma ngifumana abangamashumi amathathu lapho. kepha wathi: bheka, ngiqalile ukukhuluma nenkosi. mhlawumbe kungatholakala abangamashumi amabili khona. wathi: angiyikubhubhisa ngenxa yabangamashumi amabili. wayesethi: mayingathukutheli inkosi ukuthi ngisakhuluma kanye nje. mhlawumbe kungafunyanwa abayishumi khona. wathi: angiyikubhubhisa ngenxa yalabo abayishumi. ujhova-aeiou wasuka, nxa eseqedile ukukhuluma no-abrahama; u-abrahama wabuyela endaweni yakhe.

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izingelosi zombili zafika esodoma sekuhlwile; uloti wayehlezi esangweni lasesodoma; uloti ezibona wasukuma wazihlangabeza; wakhothamela emhlabathini ngobuso, wathi: bhekani, makhosi, ake niphambuke, ningene endlini yenceku yenu, nihlale ubusuku, nigeze izinyawo zenu andukuba nivuke ekuseni kusasa, nihambe indlela yenu. zathi: qha, siyakuhlala phandle. kepha wazincenga kakhulu, zaze zaphambukela kuye, zangena endlini yakhe; wazilungisela idili, wenza isinkwa esingenamvubelo, zadla. zingakalali, amadoda omuzi, amadoda asesodoma, azungeza indlu, amasha namadala, abantu bonke bephelele. bambiza uloti, bathi kuye: aphi lawa madoda angenise kuwe ebusuku na? sikhipele wona ukuba siwazi. uloti waphumela kubo ngasemnyango, wavala umnyango emva kwakhe. wathi: bafowethu, ningoni. bhekani, nginamadodakazi amabili angayazi ndoda; ake nginiphumisele wona, nenze kuwo njengokufanele emehlweni enu; kepha kulawa madoda ningenzi lutho, ngokuba angene emthunzini wophahla lwami. bathi: suka lapha! bathi futhi: lo muntu oyedwa wafika ukuba agogobale; usefuna ukwahlulela; manje siyakukhulupha wena kunabo. bamcindezela kakhulu lo muntu uloti, basondela ukuba bafohlaze umnyango. khona amadoda azelula izandla, ambuyisela uloti endlini, avala umnyango. amadoda ayephandle kwendlu awashaya ngobumpumputhe, amancane namakhulu, aze akhathala ukufuna umnyango. ayesethi amadoda kuloti: unobani futhi lapha na? umkhwenyana, namadodana akho, namadodakazi akho, nabo bonke onabo emzini baphumise kule ndawo, ngokuba siyakuyichitha le ndawo, lokhu isikhalo sabo sesisikhulu ebusweni bujakehova-aeiou; ujhova-aeiou usithumile ukuba siyichithe. wayesephuma uloti, wakhuluma

nabakhwenyana bakhe ababeyakuthatha amadodakazi akhe, wathi: sukani niphume kule ndawo, ngokuba ujhova-aeiou uyakuchitha umuzi. kepha wayenjengontelayo emehlweni abakhwenyana bakhe. kusantwela izingelosi zamsheshisa uloti, zathi: vuka uthathe umkakho, namadodakazi akho omabili onawo, funa ubhujiswe ngenxa yobubi bomuzi. esalibala, amadoda abamba isandla sakhe, nesandla somkakhe, nesandla samadodakazi akhe omabili, ujhova-aeiou enomusa kuye; amphumisa, ambeka ngaphandle komuzi. kwathi esebaphumisele ngaphandle, wathi: baleka, usinde; ungabheki emva kwakho, ungemi ndawo ethafeni lonke; balekela entabeni, funa ubhujiswe. kepha uloti wathi kuwo: nkosi, makungabi njalo. bheka, inceku yakho ifumene umusa emehlweni akho, ungenzele ububele obukhulu ngokusindisa ukuphila kwami; kepha mina angikwazi ukubalekela entabeni, funa ubi bungifice, ngife. bheka-ke, lowo muzi useduze ukuba ngibalekele kuwo, futhi mncane; ake ngibalekele khona angithi mncane ukuba umphefumulo wami uphile. wathi kuye: bheka, nakule nto ngiyakukuvumela; angiyikuwuchitha lo muzi okhuluma ngawo. kepha shesha ubalekele khona, ngokuba ngingenze lutho, ungakafiki khona. ngalokho umuzi wabizwa ngokuthi isowari. ilanga laphumela emhlabeni, uloti esangena esowari. khona ujhova-aeiou wanisa phezu kwesodoma naphezu kwegomora isibabule nomlilo, kuvela kujehova-aeiou ezulwini. wachitha leyo mizi nethafa lonke, nabo bonke abakhe emizini, nalokho okuhlumayo emhlabathini. kepha umkakhe wabheka emva kwakhe, waba yinsika kasawoti. u-abrahama wavuka ekuseni, waya endaweni lapho akade emi khona ebusweni bujakehova-aeiou. wabheka ngasesodoma nasegomora nasezweni lonke lethafa, wabona, bheka, isisi sezwe senyuka njengomusi weziko. kwathi lapho ulezi-ku ebhubhisa imizi yasethafeni, ulezi-ku wakhumbula u-abrahama, waphumisa uloti ekuchithekeni mhla ebhubhisa imizi ayehelezi kuyo uloti. uloti wakhuphuka esowari, waya wahlala entabeni kanye namadodakazi akhe omabili, ngokuba wesaba ukuhlala esowari; wahlala emhumeni namadodakazi akhe amabili. enkulu yayisithi kwencane: ubaba usemdala; akukho ndoda ezweni engangena kithi njengokwenza komhlaba wonke. woza simphuzise ubaba iwayini, silale naye ukuba sizizuzele inzalo kubaba. ngalobo busuku ayesemphuzisa uyise iwayini; enkulu yangena yalala noyise, engazi ukulala kwayo nokuvuka kwayo. kwathi ngangomuso enkulu yathi kwencane: bheka, bengilele nobaba izolo; asimphuzise iwayini nangalobo busuku, ungene wena, ulale naye ukuba sizizuzele inzalo kubaba.

ayesemphuzisa uyise iwayini nangalobo busuku; encane yasuka yalala naye, engazi ukulala kwayo nokuvuka kwayo. kanjalo amadodakazi kaloti omabili akhuleliswa nguyise, enkulu yazala indodana, yaqamba igama layo ngokuthi umowabi; lowo unguyise wabakwamowabi kuze kube namuhla. encane yazala indodana nayo, yaqamba igama layo ngokuthi ubenami; lowo unguyise wabantwana bakwa-aroni kuze kube namuhla.

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u-abrahama wayesesuka lapho, waya ngasezweni laseningizimu, wakha phakathi kwekadeshi neshuri; wagogobala egerari. u-abrahama wathi ngosara umkakhe: ungudadewethu. khona u-abimeleki inkosi yasegerari wathuma wamthatha usara. kepha ulezi-ku weza ku-abimeleki ngephupho ebusuku, wathi kuye: bheka, uyafa ngenxa yowesifazane omthathileyo; uganile endodeni. kepha u-abimeleki wayengakasondeli kuye; wathi: nkosi, uyakubhuhisa nesizwe esilungileyo na? akashongo kimi ukuthi: ungudadewethu, na? naye uqobo wathi: ungumnewethu. ngobuqotho benhliziyo yami nangobumhlophe bezandla zami ngikwenzile lokhu. wayesethi ulezi-ku kuye ephusheni: nami ngiyazi ukuthi ukwenze lokhu ngobuqotho benhliziyo yakho; futhi ngakuvimba ukuba ungoni kimi; ngalokho angikuvumelanga ukuba umthinte. kepha manje wena, buyisa umfazi wendoda, ngokuba ingumprofethi; iyakukhulekela ukuba uphile; uma ungambuyiseli, yazi ukuthi uyakufa nokufa, wena nabo bonke abakho. u-abimeleki wavuka ekuseni, wabiza izinceku zakhe zonke, wakhuluma onke lawa mazwi ezindlebeni zazo; amadoda esaba kakhulu. u-abimeleki wayesembiza u-abrahama, wathi kuye: wenzeni kithi na? ngoneni kuwe ukuba ungilethele mina nombuso wami icala elingaka na? wenze kimi okungafanele ukwenziwa. u-abimeleki wathi ku-abrahama: wabonani ukuba wenze lokhu na? u-abrahama wathi: ngokuba bengithi: impela ukumesaba ulezi-ku akukho kule ndawo; bayakungibulala ngenxa yomkami. futhi impela ungudadewethu, indodakazi kababa, kepha akasiyo indodakazi kamame, waba ngumkami. kwathi mhla ulezi-ku engiphumisa endlini kababa, ngathi kuye: yilo umusa ozakungenzela wona: ezindaweni zonke esiyakufika kuzo, yisho ngami ukuthi: ungumnewethu. u-abimeleki wayesethatha izimvu, nezinkabi, nezinceku, nezincekukazi, wazipha u-abrahama, wambuyisela usara umkakhe. wathi u-abimeleki: bheka, izwe lami lisebusweni bakho; yakha lapho uthanda khona. wathi kusara: bheka, ngimnikile

umnewenu amashekeli ayinkulungwane esiliva; bheka, lokhu kuyisisibekelo secala phambi kwamehlho abo bonke abanawe; kukho konke usulungisiwe. u-abrahama wakhuleka kulezi-ku. ulezi-ku wamphulukisa u-abimeleki nomkakhe nezincekukazi zakhe, baze bazala. ngokuba u-jehova-aeiou wayevalile nokuvala zonke izizalo zabendlu ka-abimeleki ngenxa kasara umka-abrahama.

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ujehova-aeiou wamhambela usara njen-gokusho kwakhe; u-jehova-aeiou wenza kusara njengalokho ekhulumile. usara wakhulelwa, wamazalela u-abrahama indodana esemdala kuleyo nkathi ulezi-ku abeyishilo kuye. u-abrahama waqamba igama lendodana yakhe azalelwe yona, ayizalelwe ngusara, ngokuthi u-isaka. u-abrahama wayisoka indodana yakhe u-isaka isinezinsuku eziyisishiyagalombili, njengalokho ulezi-ku emyalile. u-abrahama wayeneminyaka eyikhulu, lapho ezalelwa u-isaka indodana yakhe. usara wathi: ulezi-ku ungenzile ukuba ngihlekeke; bonke abakuzwayo bayakungihleka. wathi futhi: ngubani obengasho ku-abrahama ukuthi usara ubeyakuncelisa abantwana na? ngokuba sengimzalele indodana esemdala. umntwana wakhula, walunyulwa; u-abrahama wenza idili elikhulu mhla u-isaka elunyulwa. usara wabona indodana kagari owasegibithe ayizalele u-abrahama idlalisa. wathi ku-abrahama: sixoshe lesi sigqilakazi nendodana yaso, ngokuba indodana yalesi sigqilakazi ayiyikudla ifa kanye nendodana yami u-isaka. leli zwi lalilibi kakhulu emehlweni ka-abrahama ngenxa yendodana yakhe. ulezi-ku wathi ku-abrahama: akungabi lukhuni emehlweni akho ngenxa yomfana nangenxa yesigqilakazi sakho; kukho konke usara akusho kuwe, lalala izwi lakhe, ngokuba inzalo yakho iyakubizwa ngo-isaka. nayo indodana yesigqilakazi ngiyakuyenza isizwe, ngokuba iyzalo yakho. u-abrahama wavuka ekuseni, wathatha isinkwa nemvaba yamanzi, wakunika uhagari ekubeka ehloambe lakhe kanye nomntwana, wammukisa; wahamba, wazulazula ehlane laseberi sheba. amanzi esephelile emvabeni, waphonsa umntwana phansi kwesihlahla. waya wahlala phansi kukhashana phambi kwakhe, kungathi ibanga lokuphonsa umcibisholo, ngokuba wathi: ngingebone ukufa komntwana. wahlala phambi kwakhe, waphakamisa izwi lakhe, wakhala. ulezi-ku wezwa izwi lomfana. ingelosi kalezi-ku yameza kuhagari isezulwini, yathi kuye: kuyini, hagari? ungesabi, ngokuba ulezi-ku ulizwile izwi lomntwana, lapho

ekhona. vuka uphakamise umfana, umbambe ngesandla sakho, ngokuba ngiyakumenza isizwe esikhulu. ulezi-ku wavula amehlo akhe, wabona umthombo wamanzi, waya, wagcwalisa imvaba ngamanzi, wamphuzisa umfana. ulezi-ku wayenaye umfana; wakhula, wahlala ehlane, waba ngophethe umnsalo. wahlala ehlane lasepharanu; unina wamthathela umfazi ezweni lasegibithe. kwathi ngaleso sikhathi u-abimeleki nopikoli, induna yempi yakhe, bakhuluma ku-abrahama, bathi: ulezi-ku unawe kukho konke okwenzayo. ngalokho ngithembise lapha ngokufunga ulezi-ku ukuthi awuyikungikhohlisa mina nendodana yami nomzukulwana wami; kepha ngokomusa engiwenzile kuwe, mawuwenze nakimi nakulo izwe osugogobele kulo. u-abrahama wathi: ngizakufunga. kepha u-abrahama wamsola u-abimeleki ngomthombo wamanzi ebeziwuqhwa ngile izinceku zika-abimeleki. kepha u-abimeleki wathi: angazi ukuthi kwenziwe ngubani lokhu; nawe awungitshelanga, nami angikuzwanga kuze kube namuhla. u-abrahama wayesethatha izimvu nezinkabi, wazipha u-abimeleki; labo bobabili benza isivumelwano. u-abrahama wabeka izimvukazana eziyisikhombisa zomhlambi ngokwazo. u-abimeleki wathi ku-abrahama: lezi zimvukazana eziyisikhombisa ozibeke zodwa ziyini na? wathi: lezi zimvukazana eziyisikhombisa uyakuzithatha esandleni sami, zibe ngubufakazi bokuthi ngiwmibile lomthombo. ngalokho waqamba leyo ndawo ngokuthi iberi sheba, ngokuba bafunga khona bobabili. base benza isivumelwano eberi sheba; u-abimeleki wasukuma nopikoli induna yempi yakhe, babuyela ezweni lamafilisti. u-abrahama watshala umtamariske ngaseberi sheba, wakhuleka khona egameni likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku ongunaphakade. u-abrahama wagogobala ezweni lamafilisti izinsuku eziningi.

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kwathi emva kwalezo zinto ulezi-ku wamvinvinya u-abrahama, wathi kuye: abrahama! yena wathi: ngilapha. wayesethi: thatha manje indodana yakho eyodwa oyithandayo, u-isaka, uye ezweni lasemoriya, unikele khona ngaye abe ngumnikelo wokushiswa entabeni ethile engizakutshela yona. u-abrahama wavuka ekuseni, wabophela imbongolo yakhe, wathatha ezimbili ezincekweni zakhe, no-isaka indodana yakhe; wacanda izinkuni zomnikelo obuzakushiswa, wasuka waya endaweni ulezi-ku abemtshela yona. ngosuku lwesithathu u-abrahama waphakamisa amehlo akhe, wayibona indawo isekude. u-abrahama wathi ezincekweni zakhe: hlalani lapha nembongolo; mina nomfana sisaya laphaya, sikhuleke,

sibuye size kini. u-abrahama wathatha izinkuni zomnikelo obuzakushiswa, wazibeka phezu kuka-isaka indodana yakhe, waphatha esandleni sakhe umlilo nomese; bahamba bobabili kanyekanye. u-isaka wathi ku-abrahama uyise: baba. wathi yena: ngilapha, ndodana yami. wayesethi: bheka, nanku umlilo nezinkuni, kepha iphi imvu yomnikelo ezakushiswa na? u-abrahama wathi: ulezi-ku uzakuzibonela imvu yomnikelo ezakushiswa, ndodana yami, bahamba bobabili kanyekanye. bafika endaweni ulezi-ku abemtshela yona; u-abrahama wakha khona i-altare, walungisa izinkuni, wambopha u-isaka indodana yakhe, wambeka e-altare phezu kwezinkuni. u-abrahama waselula isandla sakhe, wathatha umese ukuba ahlabe indodana yakhe. kwase kumemeza kuye ingelosi kajehova-aeiou isezulwini, ithi: abrahama, abrahama! yena wathi: ngilapha. yayisithi: ungabeki isandla sakho kumfana, ungenzi lutho kuye, ngokuba ngiyazi manje ukuthi uyamesaba ulezi-ku, lokhu ungagodlanga kimi nandodana eyodwa yakho. u-abrahama waphakamisa amehlo akhe, wabona; bheka, ngemuva yinqama, ibhajiwe esihlahleni ngezimpondo zayo; u-abrahama waya wayithatha inqama, wanikela ngayo umnikelo wokushiswa esikhundleni sendodana yakhe. u-abrahama waqamba igama laleyo ndawo ngokuthi ukehova-aeiou uyabonelela, njengalokhu kuthiwa nanamuhla: entabeni kajehova-aeiou kuyakubonelela. ingelosi kajehova-aeiou yayisimemeza ku-abrahama ngokwesibili isezulwini, ithi: ngizifungile, usho ukehova-aeiou, ukuthi njengokuba ukwenzile lokhu, ungagodlanga indodana yakho eyodwa, ngiyakukubusisa nokukubusisa, ngandise nokwandisa inzalo yakho, ibe ngangezinkanyezi zezulu nangangesihlabathi sasogwini lolwandle, inzalo yakho inqobe isango lezitha zayo, nangenzalo yakho ziyakubusiswa izizwe zonke zomhlaba, ngokuba ulalele izwi lami. u-abrahama wayesebuyela ezincekweni zakhe; basuka, baya eberi sheba; u-abrahama wakha eberi sheba. kwathi emva kwalokho kwabikwa ku-abrahama ukuthi: bheka, naye umilka umzalele unahori umfowabo abantwana: ngu-use izibulo lakhe, nobusi umfowabo, nokemuweli uyise ka-aramu, nokesede, nohazo, nopilidashe, nojidilafe, nobetuweli, ubetuweli wazala urebeka; laba abayisishiyagalombili umilka wabazalela unahori umfowabo ka-abrahama. nesancinza sakhe esigama laso lalingurewuma sazala otheba, nogahamu, notahashi, nomahakha.

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ukuhamba kukasara kwaba yiminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amabili nesikhombisa;



yileyo iminyaka yokuhamba kukasara. usara wafela ekiriyati araba okuyihebroni ezweni lasekhanani; u-abrahama wafika ukumilela usara nokumkhalela. u-abrahama wasuka kofileyo wakhe, wakhuluma nabantwana bakwaheti, wathi: ngingumfokazi nozulane phakathi kwenu; ngipheni indawo yethuna phakathi kwenu ukuba ngimbele ofileyo wami, angabikho ebusweni bami. abantwana bakwaheti baphendula u-abrahama, bathi kuye: sizwe, nkosi; wena uyisikhulu sikalezi-ku phakathi kwethu; mmbele ofileyo wakho kwelihle kuwo onke amathuna ethu; akakho phakathi kwethu ozakugodlela wena ithuna lakhe ukuba ummbele ofileyo wakho. u-abrahama wayesesukuma, wakhothamela abantu balelo zwe, abantwana bakwaheti, wakhuluma nabo, wathi: uma kuyintando yenu ukuba ngimbele ofileyo wami, angabikho ebusweni bami, ngizweni, ninginxusele ku-efroni indodana kasowari ukuba angiphe umhume wase-makaphela anawo emkhawulweni wensimu yakhe, awunike kimi ngemali efanele wona, ube yindawo yokumbela phakathi kwenu. u-efroni wayehlezi phakathi kwabantwana bakwaheti: u-efroni umheti wamphendula u-abrahama ezindlebeni zabantwana bakwaheti phambi kwabo bonke abangena esangweni lomuzi wakhe, wathi: cha, nkosi; ngilalele: ngiyakunika le nsimu, nomhume okuyo ngikunika wona; ebusweni bamadodana abantu bami ngikunika wona; mmbele lapho ofileyo wakho. u-abrahama wakhothamela ebusweni babantu balelo zwe. wakhuluma ku-efroni ezindlebeni zabantu balelo zwe, wathi: ake ungilalele: ngizakukunika imali yensimu; yamukele kimi, ngimbele khona ofileyo wami. u-efroni wamphendula u-abrahama, wathi kuye: nkosi yami, ngilalele: izwe elilingene namashekel angamakhulu amane esiliva liyini phakathi kwami nawe na? mmbele ofileyo wakho. u-abrahama wamuzwa u-efroni; u-abrahama wamlinganisela u-efroni isiliva abelishilo ezindlebeni zabantwana bakwaheti, amashekel angamakhulu amane esiliva, avunywa ngabathengisi. kanjalo insimu ka-efroni yasemakaphela elingaphambi kwemamre, insimu nomhume okuyo, nemithi yonke esensimini nxazonke kuze kube semikhawulweni yonke kwaba yinzuzo ka-abrahama emehlweni abantwana bakwaheti phambi kwabo bonke abangena esangweni lomuzi wakhe. emva kwalokho u-abrahama wammbele usara umkakhe emhumeni wasensimini yasemakaphela phambi kwemamre okuyihebroni ezweni lasekhanani. insimu nomhume okuyo kwase kunqunyelwa u-abrahama ngabantwana bakwaheti, kube yindawo yethuna.

u-abrahama wayesemdala, eseneminyaka eminingi; u-jehova-aeiou wayembusile u-abrahama kukho konke. wayesethi u-abrahama encekwini enkulu yendlu yakhe eyayibusa konke anakho: beka isandla sakho phansi kwethanga lami. ngizakukufungisa u-jehova-aeiou, ulezi-ku wezulu nolezi-ku womhlaba, ukuthi awuyikuthathela indodana yami umfazi emadodakazini amakhanani engihlezi phakathi kwawo, kepha uye ezweni lakithi nasezihlotsheni zami, uyithathele khona indodana yami u-isaka umfazi. incek u yathi kuyo: mhlawumbe owesifazane akayikuvuma ukungilandela, eze kuleli zwe; imbala ngiyakuyibuyisela indodana yakho ezweni, lapho wavela khona na? u-abrahama wathi kuye: qaphela ukuba ungayibuyiseli khona indodana yami. u-jehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wezulu owangikhipha endlini kababa nasezweni lokuzalwa kwami wakhuluma kimi, wafunga kimi, wathi: ngiyakulnika inzalo yakho leli zwe; uzakuthuma ingelosi yakhe phambi kwakho, ukuze ungitholele khona indodana yami umfazi. kepha uma owesifazane engathandi ukukulandela, uyobe ukhululekile kulesi sifungo sami; kodwa ungabuyiseli khona indodana yami. incek u yayisibeka isandla sayo phansi kwethanga lika-abrahama inkosi yayo, yafunga kuye ngale ndaba. incek u yayisithatha amakamela ayishumi emakameleni enkosi yayo, yahamba, izinto zonke ezinhle zenkosi yayo zisesandleni sayo; yasuka, yaya emesopotamiya emzini kanahori. yaguqisa amakamela ayo ngaphandle komuzi ngasemthonjeni wamanzi kusihlwa, ngesikhathi abaphuma ngaso abesifazane ukuyokukha amanzi. yathi: jehova-aeiou, lezi-ku wenkosi yami u-abrahama, ngiphumelelise kahle namuhla, uyenzele inkosi yami u-abrahama umusa. bheka, sengimi ngasemthonjeni wamanzi, amadodakazi abantu bomuzi eza ukukha amanzi. makuthi intombazana engizakusho kuyo ukuthi: mawubeke phansi imbiza yakho, ngiphuze, ithi: phuza, ngizakuphuzisa namakamela akho, ibe yileyo-ke oyimisele incek u yakho u-isaka; ngalokho ngizakwazi ukuthi wenzele inkosi yami umusa. kwathi ingakaqedi ukukhuluma, bheka, kweza urebeka owazalelwa ubetuweli indodana kamilka, umkanahori, umfowabo ka-abrahama, enembiza yakhe ehlobme. intombazana yayibukeka kahle, iyintombi, engaziwa yindoda; yehlala ngasemthonjeni, yagcwalisa imbiza yayo, ibisenyuka. incek u yayisigijima ukuyihlangabeza, yathi: ake ungiphuzise ingcosana yamanzi embizeni yakho. yathi: phuza, nkosi, yashesha yehlisa imbiza yayo esandleni sayo, yayi-

phuzisa. kwathi isiqedile ukuyiphuzisa, yathi: ngiyakukhelela namakamela akho, aze aphuze onke. yashesha yathululela imbiza yayo emqengqeni, yabuye yaphuthuma emthonjeni ukuyokukha, yakhelela onke amakamela ayo. indoda yayibhekisisa ithule ukuba yazi, uma ujejhova-aeiou ebephumelelisile indlela yayo noma qha. kwathi amakamela eseqedile ukuphuza, indoda yathatha icici legolide, isisindo salo siyinxenye yeshekeli, namasongo amabili ezandla zayo, isisindo sawo singamashekeli ayishumi egolide, yathi: wena uyindodakazi kabani na? ake ungitshele. kukhona indawo endlini kayihlo ukuba silale na? yathi kuyo: indodakazi kabetuweli indodana kamilka, amzaleta yona unahori. yaqhubeka yathi kuyo: sinotshani nefoliji eliningi, nendawo yokulala. indoda yayisikhothama, yakhuleka kujehova-aeiou, yathi: makabongwe ujejhova-aeiou, ulezi-ku wenkosi yami u-abrahama, ongayekile ukwenzela inkosi yami umusa neqiniso; ujejhova-aeiou ungiholile mina endleleni kuze kube sendlini yabafowabo benkosi yami. kepha intombazana yagijima, yatshela abendlu kanina lezo zinto. urebeka wayenomnewabo ogama lakhe lingulabani; ulabani wagi-jimela endle kulowo muntu ngasemthonjeni. kwathi esebone icici namasongo ezandleni zikadadewabo, wezwa amazwi karebeka udadewabo, ethi: washo njalo lo muntu kimi, waya kulowo muntu; bheka, wayemi ngakuwo amakamela ngasemthonjeni. wathi: ngena wena obusisekileyo kajehova-aeiou; umelani ngaphandle na? mina sengilungisile indlu nendawo yamakamela. wayesengena endlini lowo muntu, wakhumula amakamela, wapha amakamela utshani nefoliji, waletsha namanzi okugeza izinyawo zakhe nezinyawo zamadoda anaye. kwabekwa phambi kwakhe ukudla ukuba adle, kepha wathi: angiyikudla ngingakakhulumi indaba yami. wathi: khuluma. wayesethi: ngiyinceku ka-abrahama. ujejhova-aeiou ubusisile kakhulu inkosi yami, yaze yaba nkulu; uyinike izimvu, nezinkomo, nesiliva, negolide, nezinceku, nezincekukazi, namakamela, nezimbongolo. usara umkankosi yami wayizalela inkosi yami indodana esemdala; kuyona inikele konke enakho. inkosi yami yangifungisa yathi: ungathatheli indodana yami umfazi emadodakazini amakanani engihlezi ezweni lawo, kepha uye endlini kababa nasezihlotsheni zami, uyithathele khona indodana yami umfazi. ngase ngithi enkosini yami: mhlawumbe owesifazane akayikungilandela. wathi kimi: ujejhova-aeiou, engihambe ebusweni bakhe, uzakuthuma ingelosi yakhe nawe, aphumelelise indlela yakho; uyakuyithathela indodana yami umfazi ezihlotsheni zami nasendlini kababa. lapho

uyobe ukhululekile esifungweni sami, nxa ufika ezihlotsheni zami; noma bengamniki kuwe, uyobe usukhululekile esifungweni sami. ngase ngifika emthonjeni namuhla, ngithi: jehova-aeiou lezi-ku wenkosi yami u-abrahama, uma uphumelelisa indlela yami engiyihambayo, bheka, sengimi ngasemthonjeni wamanzi; kuyakuthi intombazana eza ukuyokukha, engisho kuyo ukuthi: ake ungihpuze ingcosana yamanzi embizeni yakho, ithi kimi: phuza wena, futhi ngizakuwakhelela namakamela akho, kube yiyo engumfazi ujejhova-aeiou ammiseleyo indodana yenkosi yami. ngingakaqedi ukukhuluma enhliziyweni yami, bheka, kweza urebeka enembiza yakhe ehloombe; wehlela emthonjeni, wakha; ngathi kuye: ake ungihpuze. washesha wehlisa imbiza yakhe ehloombe, wathi: phuza; ngizakuwaphuzisa namakamela akho; ngaphuza-ke; namakamela wawaphuzisa. ngambuza ngathi: wena uyindodakazi kabani na? wathi: indodakazi kabetuweli indodana kanahori, amzaleta yona umilka; ngase ngifaka icici emakhaleni akhe namasongo ezandleni zakhe. ngakhothama, ngakhuleka kujehova-aeiou, ngabonga ujejhova-aeiou, ulezi-ku wenkosi yami u-abrahama, obengihole endleleni elungileyo ukuba ngithathele indodana yayo indodakazi yomfowabo wenkosi yami. manje-ke uma nithanda ukuyenzela inkosi yami umusa neqiniso, ngitsheleni; uma kungenjalo, ngitsheleni, ukuze ngiphendukele ngakwesokhunene noma ngakwesokhohlo. base bephen-dula olabani nobetuweli, bethi: le ndaba ivela kujehova-aeiou; asinakusho lutho kuwe, noma bona-ra-ukukhandleka noma okuhle. bheka, urebeka usebusweni bakho; mthathe, uhambe, abe ngumkandodana yenkosi yakho, njengalokho wakhuluma ujejhova-aeiou. yathi ukuzwa amazwi abo, inceku ka-abrahama yakhothama emhlabathini phambi kukajehova-aeiou. inceku yakhapha izinto zesiliva nezinto zegolide kanye nezingubo, yazipha urebeka; yabanika nomnewabo nonina amagugu. base bedla bephuza, yona nabantu eyayinabo, balala; sebevuke ekuseni, yathi: ngithumeni enkosini yami. umnewabo nonina bathi: ake ihlale kithina intombazana izinsukwana, mhlawumbe eziyishumi, andukuba ihambe. yathi kubo: ningangilibazisi, njengokuba ujejhova-aeiou eyiphumelelisile indlela yami; ngimukiseni ukuba ngiye enkosini yami. base bethi: sizakuyibiza intombazana, sizwe emlonyeni wayo. bambiza urebeka, bathi kuye: uzakuhamba nale ndoda na? wathi: ngizakuhamba. base bemukisa udadewabo urebeka, nomzanyana wakhe, nenceku ka-abrahama, namadoda ayo. bambusisa urebeka, bathi kuye: dadewethu, yiba wena izinkulungwane zezigidi, inzalo yakho

inqobe amasango ezitha zayo. urebeka wasuka namantombazana akhe; bagibela amakamela, balandela indoda; inceku yamthatha urebeka, yamuka. kepha u-isaka wabuya ngaseberi lahayi royi, ngokuba wayehlala ezweni laseningizimu. u-isaka waphuma ntambama ukuyozindla endle; waphakamisa amehlo akhe, wabona; bheka, kweza amakamela. norebeka waphakamisa amehlo akhe; esembonile u-isaka wehla ekameleni. wathi encekwini: ngubani le ndoda ehamba endle ukuzosihlangabeza na? yathi inceku: yinkosi yami, wayesethatha imvakazi yakhe, wagubuzela. inceku yayisimtshelela u-isaka konke ebikwenzile. u-isaka wamngenisa etendeni likanina usara, wamthatha urebeka, wabangumkakhe; wamthanda; u-isaka wayeseduduzeka emva kokufa kukanina.

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u-abrahama waphinda wathatha umfazi ogama lakhe linguketura. wamazalela ozimrani, nojokishani, nomedani, no-midiyani, no-ishibaki, noshuwa. u-jokishani wazala osheba nodedani. amadodana kadedani ayengama-ashuri, namaletushi, namalewumi. amadodana kamidiyani ayengo-efa, no-eferi, nohanoki, no-abida, no-elidaha. bonke labo babengamadodana kaketura. u-abrahama wamnika u-isaka konke anakho. kepha amadodana ezancinza zika-abrahama u-abrahama wawanika izipho nje, wawamukisa ku-isaka indodana yakhe esekhona, aye ngasempumalanga ezweni lasempumalanga. lezi ziyizinsuku zeminyaka yokuhamba kuka-abrahama azihambayo: iminyaka eyikhulu namashumi ayisikhombisa nanhlano. u-abrahama wagqibuka wafa, esemdala egugile, esanelisiwe yizinsuku, wabuthelwa kubantu bakhe. o-isaka no-ishmayeli amadodana akhe bambbela emhumeni wasemakaphela, ensimini ka-efroni indodana kasowari umheti engaphambi kwe-mamre, insimu ayithenga u-abrahama kubo abantwana bakwaheti; khona wembelwa u-abrahama nosara umkakhe. kwathi emva kokufa kuka-abrahama ulezi-ku wambusisa u-isaka indodana yakhe; u-isaka wahlala eberi lahayi royi. lezi ziyizizukulwane zika-ishmayeli indodana ka-abrahama, uhagari wasegibithe incekekazi kasara amzalela zona u-abrahama. lawa angamagama amadodana ka-ishmayeli ngamagama awo nangokuzalwa kwawo: izibulo lika-ishmayeli ngunebayoti, kanye nokedari, no-adibeli, nomibisamu, nomishima, noduma, nomasa, nohadadi, nothema, nojeturu, nonafishi, nokhedema; yilawo angamadodana ka-ishmayeli, yilawo angamagama awo ngemizi yawo nangezikaniso zawo,

izikhulu eziyishumi nambili ngezizwe zawo. le iyiminyaka yokuhamba kuka-ishmayeli: iminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amathathu nesikhombisa; wagqibuka wafa, wabuthelwa kubantu bakhe. bahlala-ke kwasukela ehavila kwaze kwaba seshuri elingaphambi kwasegibithe ekuhambeni ukuya e-asiriya; wakha ngasempumalanga kwabafowabo. lezi ziyizizukulwane zika-isaka indodana ka-abrahama: u-abrahama wazala u-isaka; u-isaka wayeneminyaka engamashumi amane mhla emthatha urebeka indodakazi kabetuweli, umaramu wasephadani aramu, udadewabo kalabani umaramu, abe ngumkakhe. u-isaka wamkhulekela umkakhe kujehova-aeiou, ngokuba wayeyinyumba; u-jehova-aeiou wamzwela; urebeka umkakhe wakhulelwa. abantwana baqhubukushana phakathi kwakhe; wathi: uma kunje, ngisekhona ngani na? waya wabuza kujehova-aeiou. u-jehova-aeiou wathi kuye: esiswini sakho kukhona izizwe ezimbili; izinhlobo ezimbili zabantu ziyakwahlukana ezibilinini zakho; esinye isizwe siyakwahlula esinye, omkhulu akhonze omncane. kwathi sezipelele izinsuku zakhe zokuleletha, bheka, kwakukhona amawele esiswini sakhe. waphuma owokuqala, ebomvana wonke umzimba, injengengubo yoboya; baqamba igama lakhe ngokuthi u-esawu. emva kwalokho kwaphuma umfowabo, isandla sakhe sibambelele esithendeni sika-esawu; igama lakhe labizwa ngokuthi ujakobe; u-isaka wayeneminyaka engamashumi ayisithupha ekuzalweni kwabo. abafana bakhula; u-esawu waba yiphisi, umuntu wasendle; ujakobe waba yibeka, ehlala ematendeni. u-isaka wamthanda u-esawu, ngokuba wayedla inyama yenyamazane yakhe; urebeka wamthanda ujakobe. kwathi ujakobe wapheka ukudla, kwafika u-esawu evela endle, ediniwe. u-esawu wathi kujakobe: ake ungiphe ukuba ngidle kokubomvu, kulokho okubomvu, ngokuba sengidiniwe, ngalokho igama lakhe lathiwa u-edomi. wayesethi ujakobe: thengisa kimi namuhla ngefa lobuzibulo bakho. wathi u-esawu: bheka, sengizakufa; linosizo luni kimi ifa lobuzibulo bami na? ujakobe wathi: funga kimi namuhla. wayesefunga kuye, wathengisa ngefa lobuzibulo bakhe kujakobe. ujakobe wamupha u-esawu isinkwa nokudla kwembumba; wadla, waphuza, wavuka, wahamba; wadelela kanjalo u-esawu ubuzibulo bakhe.

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kwaba khona indlala ezweni ngaphandle kwendlala yokuqala eyayikhona emihleni ka-abrahama; u-isaka waya egerari ku-abimeleki inkosi yamafileti. u-jehova-aeiou wabonakala kuye, wathi: ungehleli egibithe;

hlala ezweni engizakukutshela lona, uogobale kuleli zwe; ngizakuba nawe, ngikubusise, ngokuba ngiyakunika wena nenzalo yakho onke lawa mazwe, ngicwalise isifungo engasifunga ku-abrahama uyihlo. ngiyakwandisa inzalo yakho, ibe ngangezinkanyezi zezulu, ngiyiphe inzalo yakho onke lawa mazwe; ngenzalo yakho ziyakubusiswa izizwe zonke zomhlaba, ngokuba u-abrahama walalela izwi lami, wagcina ukusho kwami, nemiyalo yami, nezimiso zami, nemithetho yami. u-isaka wahlala-ke egarari. amadoda aleyo ndawo ambuza ngomkakhe; wathi: ungudadewethu, ngokuba wesaba ukusho ukuthi: ungumkami, ethi: funa amadoda aleyo ndawo angibulale ngenxa karebeka, lokhu ebukeya kahle. kwathi esehlale khona isikhathi eside, u-abimeleki inkosi yamafilisti walunguza efasiteleni, wabona; bheka, u-isaka wayetekula norebeka umkakhe. u-abimeleki wambiza u-isaka, wathi: bheka, impela yena ungumkakho; usholoni ukuthi: ungudadewethu, na? u-isaka wathi: ngokuba ngathi: funa ngife ngenxa yakhe. u-abimeleki wayesethi: kuyini okwenzile kithina na? bekulula ukuba kufike omunye wabantu, alale nomkakho; ubusubibangele icala. u-abimeleki wayala bonke abantu, wathi: othinta lo muntu nomkakhe uzakubulawa nokubulawa. u-isaka watshala kulelo zwe, wathola ngawona lowo mnyaka okuphindwe kayikhulu, ngokuba u-jehova-aeiou wambusisa. lowo muntu waba mkhulu; kwayilokhu eqhubeka ukukhula njalo, waze waba mkhulu kakhulu. wayenemfuyo yezimvu, nemfuyo yezinkomo, nezinceku eziningi; amafilisti ayenomhawu ngaye. yonke imithombo ezaziyimbele izinceku zikayise ezinsukwini zika-abrahama uyise, amafilisti ayeyivalile, ayigcwalisa ngomhlabathi. u-abimeleki wathi ku-isaka: suka kithina, ngokuba unamandla kakhulu kunathi. u-isaka wayesesuka khona, wakha esigodini sasegarari, wahlala lapho. u-isaka wabuye wemba imithombo yamanzi ababeyimbele ezinsukwini zika-abrahama uyise, ngokuba amafilisti ayeyivalile emva kokufa kuka-abrahama; wayibiza ngamagama ayiqamba ngawo uyise. izinceku zika-isaka zemba esigodini, zafumana umthombo wamanzi aphethuzayo. abelusi basegarari baphikisana nabelusi baka-isaka, bathi: amanzi angawethu. wabiza igama lomthombo ngokuthi i-eseke, ngokuba baphikisana naye. bemba omunye umthombo, baphikisana nangawo. waqamba igama lawo ngokuthi isitina. wasuka lapho, wemba omunye umthombo; abaphikisananga ngawo; wabiza igama lawo ngokuthi irehoboti, wathi: ngokuba u-jehova-aeiou usenzele indawo; siyakwanda ezweni. wasuka lapho, wakhuphuka waya eberi sheba. u-jehova-aeiou wabonakala kuye

ngabona lobo busuku, wathi: ngingulezi-ku kayihlo u-abrahama; ungesabi, ngokuba nginawe; ngizakukubusisa, ngiyandise inzalo yakho ngenxa yenceku yami u-abrahama. wakha khona i-altare, wakhuleka egameni likajehova-aeiou, wamisa lapho itende lakhe; izinceku zika-isaka zemba umthombo khona. u-abimeleki wayeseya kuye evela egarari, eno-ahuzati umngane wakhe nopikoli induna yempi yakhe. u-isaka wathi kubo: nize leni kimi, lokhu niyangizonda, ningixoshile kini, na? bathi: sesibone nokubona ukuthi u-jehova-aeiou unawe. sathi: akube khona manje phakathi kwethu isifungo, phakathi kwethu nawe, senze isivumelwano nawe sokuthi awuyikusenzela bonara-ukukhandleka, njengokuba singakuthintanga, sikwenzele okuhle kodwa, sakumukisa ngokuthula; wena ubusubiswe ngujehova-aeiou. wabenzela idili, badla, baphuza. bavuka ekuseni, bafungisana omunye nomunye; u-isaka wayesebamukisa, basuka kuye ngokuthula. kwathi ngalolo suku zafika izinceku zika-isaka, zamtshela ngomthombo ezaziwumbile, zathi kuye: sitholile amanzi. wayesewubiza ngokuthi isheba; ngalokho igama lomuzi lithi iberi sheba kuze kube namuhla. kwathi u-esawu eseneminyaka engamashumi amane, wathatha umfazi ujuditi indodakazi kaberi umheti nobasemati indodakazi ka-eloni umheti. baba lusizi enhliziyweni ka-isaka norebeka.

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kwathi u-isaka esemdala namehlo akhe efiphele engasaboni, wabiza u-esawu indodana yakhe enkulu, wathi kuye: ndodana yami! wathi kuye: ngilapha. wayesethi: bheka, sengimdala, angilwazi usuku lokufa kwami. ngalokho awuthathe manje izikhali zakho, umgodla wakho nomnsalo wakho, uye endle, ungizengelele inyamazane, ungilungisele isilovela engisithandayo, usilethe kimi ukuba ngidle, umphfumulo wami ukubusise ngingakafi. urebeka wezwa u-isaka ekhuluma no-esawu indodana yakhe. u-esawu waya endle ukuyozingela inyamazane, abuye nayo. urebeka wakhuluma kujakobe indodana yakhe, wathi: bheka, ngizwe uyihlo ekhuluma no-esawu umnewenu, ethi: ngilethele inyamazane, ungilungisele isilovela, ukuze ngidle, ngikubusise ebusweni bujakajehova-aeiou ngingakafi. ngalokho, ndodana yami, lalala izwi lami kulokhu engikuyala ngakho. yana emhlambini, ungithathele khona amazinyane amabili amahle ezimbuzi, ngilungisele uyihlo isilovela njengalokho akuthandayo, wena usiyise kuyihlo, aze adle, akubusise engakafi. ujakobe wathi kurebeka unina: bheka, umnewethu ungumuntu oyinundu, mina ngiluwathala.

mhlawumbe ubaba uyakungiphatha, ngibe ngokhohlisayo emehlweni akhe, ngizilethele isiqalekiso, kungabi yisibusiso. unina wayesethi kuye: isiqalekiso sakho, ndodana yami, masibe phezu kwami; lalela izwi lami, uhambe ukungithathela wona. wayesehamba-ke, wawathatha, wawayisa kunina; unina walungisa isilovela njen-galokho akuthandayo uyise. urebeka wayesethatha izingubo ezinhle zika-esawu indodana yakhe enkulu ezazikuye endlini, wamembathisa zona ujakobe indodana yakhe encane. wamnqwambisa izikhumba zamazinyane ezimbuzi ezandleni zakhe nasocwatheni lwentamo. wanikela esandleni sikajakobe indodana yakhe isilovela nesinkwa akulungisileyo. yena waya kuyise, wathi: baba! wathi yena: ngilapha; ungubani wena ndodana yami na? ujakobe wathi kuyise: ngingu-esawu izibulo lakho; ngenze njengalokho ungithshelile; mawuvuke, uhlale, udle ukuba umphefumulo wakho ungibusise. u-isaka wathi kuyo indodana yakhe: kwenzeke kanjani ukuba usheshe kangaka ukuyithola, ndodana yami, na? wathi: ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho uyenze ukuba ize phambi kwami. u-isaka wayesethi kujakobe: ake usondele, ngikuphathe, ndodana yami, uma uyindodana yami u-esawu uqobo noma ungesiyo na? ujakobe wasondela ku-isaka uyise; wamphatha, wathi: izwi liyizwi likajakobe, kepha izandla ziyizandla zika-esawu. akamazanga, ngokuba izandla zakhe zazinoboya njengezandla zomnewabo u-esawu; wayeseyakumbusisa. kepha wayesethi: uyindodana yami u-esawu uqobo na? wathi: nginguye. wayesethi: sondeza kimi, ngidle inyamazane yendodana yami ukuba umphefumulo wami ukubusise. wayeseyisondeza kuye, wadla; wayisa kuye iwayini, waphuza. uyise u-isaka wathi kuye: ake usondele ungange, ndodana yami. wasondela wamanga, wahogela iphunga lezingubo zakhe, wambusisa wathi: bheka, iphunga lendodana yami linjengephunga lensimu ebusisiwe nguje-hova-aeiou. ulezi-ku makakuphe amazolo ezulu, namanoni omhlaba, nenala yamabele neyewayini. abantu mabakukhonze, izizwe zikukhotamele; yiba yinkosi yabafowenu, amadodana kanyoko akukhotamele; makaqalek-iswe okuqalekisaayo, abusiswe okubusisayo. kwathi u-isaka eseqede ukumbusisa ujakobe, ujakobe esand' ukuphuma ebusweni buka-isaka uyise, wafika u-esawu umnewabo evela ekuzingeleni kwakhe. naye wenza isilovela, wasiyisa kuyise; wathi kuyise: ubaba makavuke, adle inyamazane yendodana yakhe ukuba umphefumulo wakho ungibusise. u-isaka uyise wathi kuye: ungubani wena na? wathi: ngiyindodana yakho, izibulo lakho, u-esawu. u-isaka

wayesethuthumela nokuthuthumela kakhulu impela, wathi: ngubani, pho, othathe inyamazane, wayiletha kimi, ngayidla yonke ungakafiki, ngambusisa, na? yena uyakuba ngobusisiweyo. u-esawu esezwa amazwi kayise wakhala nokukhala kamunyu impela, wathi kuyise: ngibusise nami, baba! wayesethi: umfowenu ufike ngenkohliiso, wathatha isibusiso sakho. wathi: aliqanjwanga kahle igama lakhe ngokuthi ujakobe na? ngokuba sekukabili engiqinela; wathatha ubuzibulo bami; bheka, manje usethathe isibusiso sami. wathi: mina, awungigodlelanga sibusiso na? u-isaka waphendula, wathi ku-esawu: bheka, ngimmisile abe yinkosi yakho, nabafowabo bonke ngimnike bona babe yizinceku zakhe; ngimphasile ngamabele nangewayini; ngingase ngikwenzeleni wena ndodana yami na? wayesethi u-esawu kuyise: baba, sinye nje isibusiso sakho na? ngibusise nami, baba! u-esawu wadzuluka, wakhala. u-isaka uyise waphendula, wathi kuye: bheka, umuzi wakho uyakuba kude namanoni omhlaba namazolo ezulu avela phezulu. uyakuphila ngenkomba yakho, umkhonze umfowenu; kuyakuthi lapho udlubulunda, uhluzule ijoka lakhe entanyeni yakho. u-esawu wayesemzonda ujakobe ngenxa yesibusiso uyise ambusise ngaso; u-esawu wathi enhliziyweni yakhe: izinsuku zokulilela ubaba sezisondele; khona ngiyakumbulala umfowethu ujakobe. urebeka watshelwa amazwi ka-esawu indodana yakhe enkulu; wathuma wambiza ujakobe indodana yakhe encane, wathi kuye: bheka, umnewenu u-esawu uyaziduduza ngawe ngokuthi uyakukubulala. ngalokho, ndodana yami, lalela izwi lami: vuka ubalekele kulabani umfowethu eharana, uhlale kuye izinsukwana ezithile, kuze kubohle ukufutheka komfowenu, kusu-ku kuwe ukuthukuthela komnewenu, akhohlwe lokho okwenze kuye, bese ngithuma ngikulan-landela khona; ngizakwaphucwa ngani nina nobabili ngalusuku lunye na? urebeka wayesethi ku-isaka: ngidiniwe ukuphila ngenxa yamadodakazi kaheti; uma ujakobe ethatha umfazi kuwo amadodakazi kaheti onjengalawa, kuwo amadodakazi aleli zwe, kuyakungisiza ngani ukuphila na?

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u-isaka wambiza ujakobe, wambusisa, wamyala, wathi kuye: awuyikuthatha umfazi kuwo amadodakazi asekhanani. vuka uye ephadani aramu endlini kabetuweli uyise kanyoko, uzithathele khona umfazi kuwo amadodakazi kalabani unyokolume. ulezi-ku usomandla makakubusise, akuchumise, akwandise, ube yizizwe eziningi, akuphe isibusiso sika-abrahama, wena

nenzalo yakho kanye nawe, udle ifa lezwe lokugogobala kwakho ulezi-ku amnika lona u-abrahama. u-isaka wayesemmukisa ujakobe, waya ephadani aramu kuye ulabani indodana kabetuweli umaramu, umfowabo karebeka unina kajakobe no-esawu. u-esawu ebona ukuthi u-isaka umbusisile ujakobe, wamthuma ephadani aramu ukuyothatha khona umfazi, nokuthi lapho embusisa wamala wathi: awuyikuthatha umfazi kuwo amadodakazi asekhanani, nokuthi ujakobe walalela uyise nonina, waya ephadani aramu, khona u-esawu wabona ukuthi amadodakazi asekhanani mabi emehlweni ka-isaka uyise, waya ku-ishmayeli, wathatha umahalati indodakazi ka-ishmayeli indodana ka-abrahama, udade-wabo kanebayoti, abe ngumkakhe kanye nabafazi ayesenabo. ujakobe wayesemuka eberi sheba, waya eharana. wafika endaweni ethile, wahlala khona ubusuku bonke, ngokuba ilanga lase lishonile; wathatha elinye lamatshe aleyondawo, walibeka phansi kwekhanda lakhe, walala kuleyo ndawo. waphupha, bheka, nanko umkhwelo umiswe emhlabathini, isihloko sawo sifinyelela ezulwini; nezingelosi zikalezi-ku zenyuka, zehla kuwo. bheka, uje-hova-aeiou wayemi ngaphezu kwawo, wathi: ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-abrahama uyihlo, nolezi-ku ka-isaka; leli zwe olele kulo ngizakulinika wena nenzalo yakho. inzalo yakho iyakuba ngangothuli lomhlabathi, wena usabalalele ngasentshonalanga, nasempumalanga, nasenyakatho, naseningizimu; ngawe nangenzalo yakho iyakubusiswa imindeni yonke yomhlaba. bheka, ngi-nawe; ngiyakukulondolaza nakuphi lapho uya khona, ngikubuyisele kuleli zwe, ngokuba angiyikukushiya, ngingakakwenzi lokho engikushilo kuwe. wayesephaphama ujakobe ebuthongweni bakhe, wathi: im-bala uje-hova-aeiou ukule ndawo, mina-ke bengingakwazi. washaywa luvalo, wathi: yeka ukwesabeka kwale ndawo! akusikho okunye, yindlu kalezi-ku kuphela, yisango lezulu. ujakobe wavuka ekuseni, walithatha itshe abelibeke phansi kwekhanda lakhe, walimisa laba yinsika, wathela amafutha esihlokwini salo. waqamba igama laleyo ndawo ngokuthi ibethele; kuqala igama lomuzi lalijiluze. ujakobe wenza isithem-biso, wathi: uma ulezi-ku eyakuba nami, angilondolze kule ndlela engihamba ngayo, angiphe isinkwa sokudliwa nezingubo zok-wembatha, ukuze ngibuyele endlini kababa ngokuthula, khona uje-hova-aeiou uyakuba ngulezi-ku wami, naleli tshe engilimise libe yinsika liyakuba yindlu kalezi-ku, nakukho konke oyakungipha khona ngiyakunikula okweshumi.

wayesesuka ujakobe, waya ezweni la-bantu basempumalanga. wabheka, nanko umthombo endle, nemihlambi emithathu yezimvu ilele ngakuwo, ngokuba kulowo mthombo babephuzisa imihlambi; itshe elalisemlonyeni womthombo lalilikhulu kakhulu. kwabuthelwa khona imihlambi yonke, balisusa itshe emlonyeni wom-thombo, baphuzisa izimvu, balibuyisela itshe emlonyeni womthombo endaweni yalo. ujakobe wathi kubo: bazalwane, nivelaphi na? bathi: singabakwaharana. wayesethi kubo: niyamazi ulabani indodana kanahori na? bathi: siyamazi. wathi kubo: usahlezi kahle na? bathi: uhlezi kahle. nangu uraheli indodakazi yakhe; uyeza nezimvu. wathi: bheka, kusesemini kakhulu, akusiso isikhathi sokuba zibuthwe izinkomo; phuzisani izimvu, nihambe niziklabise. base bethi: singekwenze lokho ingakabuthani imihlambi yonke, balisuse itshe emlonyeni womthombo; yikhona siyakuphuzisa izimvu. esakhuluma nabo, uraheli wafika nezimvu zikayise, ngokuba wayezalusu. kwathi ujakobe ebona uraheli indodakazi kalabani uninalume nezimvu zikalabani uninalume, ujakobe wasondela, wasusa itshe emlonyeni womthombo, waziphuzisa izimvu zikalabani uninalume. ujakobe wamanga uraheli, waphakamisa izwi lakhe, wakhala. ujakobe wayesemshela uraheli ukuthi ungumfowabo kayise nokuthi uyindodana karebeka; wagijima, watshela uyise. kwathi ulabani esezwe indaba kajakobe indodana kadadewabo, wagijima ukuyomhlangabeza, wamgona, wamanga, wamngenisa endlini yakhe; wayesetshela ulabani zonke lezi zinto. ulabani wathi kuye: impela uyithambo lami nenyama yami. wahlala kuye inyanga yonke. ulabani wayesethi kujakobe: lokhu ungumfowethu, ubuzakungisebenzela ngeze na? ngitshela ukuthi umvuzo wakho uyakuba yini na? ulabani wayenamadodakazi amabili; igama lenkulu lalinguleya, igama lencane lalinguraheli. amehlo kaley ayebuthakathaka, kepha uraheli wayemuhle ngesimo, ebukeka kahle. ujakobe wamthanda uraheli; wathi: ngizakukusebenzela iminyaka eyisikhom-bisa ngoraheli indodakazi yakho encane. wayesethi ulabani: kuhle ukuba ngimnike wena kunokuba ngimnike enye indoda; hlala kimi. ujakobe wayesesebenzela uraheli iminyaka eyisikhombisa; yayisemehlweni akhe njengezinsuku eziyingcosana nje ngenxa yokumthanda kwakhe. ujakobe wathi kulabani: nginike umkami, ngokuba izinsuku zami seziphelile, ngize ngingene kuye. ulabani wabutha abantu bonke bakuleyo ndawo, wenza idili. kepha kwathi kusihwa wathatha uleya indodakazi

yakhe, wamyisa kuye; wangena kuye. ulabani wanika indodakazi yakhe uleya incekekazi yakhe uzilipa, abe yincekekazi yakhe. kwathi ekuseni, bheka, kunguleya; wayesethi kulabani: kuyini lokhu okwenzile kimi na? angikusebenzelanga ngoraheli na? ungikhohliseleni na? wathi ulabani: akwenziwa njalo endaweni yakithi ukuba kuganiswe omncane ngaphambi komkhulu. qeda isonto lalona, sikuphe nomunye ngomsebenzi osezakuwusebenza kimi eminye iminyaka eyisikhombisa. ujakobe wenze njalo, waqeda isonto lakhe; wamupha uraheli indodakazi yakhe, abe ngumkakhe. ulabani wanika indodakazi yakhe uraheli incekekazi yakhe ubiliha, abe yincekekazi yakhe. wangena nakuye uraheli, wathanda uraheli kakhulu kunoleya; wayesebenza kuye eminye iminyaka eyisikhombisa. ujhova-aeiou ebona ukuthi uleya uya-zondwa, wavula isizalo sakhe; kepha uraheli wayeyinyumba. uleya wakhulelwa, wazala indodana, waqamba igama layo ngokuthi urubeni, ngokuba wathi: ujhova-aeiou ubonile ukhulupheka kwami; manje umyeni wami uyakungithanda. wabuye wakhulelwa, wazala indodana, wathi: lokhu ujhova-aeiou ezwe ukuthi ngiyazondwa, ungiphile nalena futhi, waqamba igama layo ngokuthi usimeyoni. wabuye wakhulelwa, wazala indodana, wathi: manje ngalesi sikhathi umyeni wami uyakunamathela kimi, ngokuba ngimzalele amadodana amathathu, ngalokho waqamba igama layo ngokuthi ulevi. wakhulelwa futhi, wazala indodana, wathi: sengiyakumdumisa ujhova-aeiou, ngalokho waqamba igama layo ngokuthi ujudah; wayesekhawula ukuzala.

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uraheli esebonile ukuthi wayengamzaleli ujakobe abantwana, uraheli waba nomhawu ngodadewabo, wathi kujakobe: ngiphe abantwana, funa ngife. intukuthelo kajakobe yayisivuthela uraheli, wathi: ngisesikhundleni sikalezi-ku okwenqabele isithelo sesizalo na? wathi: nansi incekekazi yami ubiliha; ngena kuye, ukuze azalele emathangeni ami, ngakheke nami ngaye. wayesemupha ubiliha incekekazi yakhe, abe ngumkakhe; ujakobe wangena kuye. ubiliha wakhulelwa, wamzalela ujakobe indodana. wayesethi uraheli: ulezi-ku ungahlulele, futhi wezwa izwi lami: wengipha indodana, ngalokho waqamba igama layo ngokuthi udani. ubiliha incekekazi karaheli wabuye wakhulelwa, wamzalela ujakobe indodana yesibili. uraheli wathi: ngokubambana ngibambene nodadewethu ngamandla kalezi-ku, ngamahlula, waqamba igama layo ngokuthi unafetali. uleya esebonile ukuthi

ukhawulile ukuzala, wamthatha uzilipa incekekazi yakhe, wamupha ujakobe, abe ngumkakhe. uzilipa incekekazi kaleya wamzalela ujakobe indodana. uleya wayesethi: kwenziwe inhlanhla, waqamba igama layo ngokuthi ugadi. uzilipa incekekazi kaleya wamzalela indodana yesibili. wayesethi uleya: yisibusiso sami! ngokuba izintombi ziyakungibiza ngokuthi ngingobusisiweyo, waqamba igama layo ngokuthi u-asher. ngesikhathi sokuvuna ukolweni urubeni waya wafumana amamandragora endle, wawayisa kunina uleya. uraheli wayesethi kuleya: ake ungiphe amamandragora endodana yakho. wathi kuye: kuncane yini ukuba uthathile umyeni wami na? usuyakuthatha namamandragora endodana yami na? uraheli wathi: ngalokho uzakulala nawe ngalobu busuku ngamamandragora endodana yakho. kusihlwa ujakobe esebuya endle, uleya waya ukumhlangebeza, wathi: ngena kimi, ngokuba impela ngikuqashile ngamamandragora endodana yami. wayeselala naye ngalobu busuku. ulezi-ku wamuzwa uleya; wakhulelwa, wamzalela ujakobe indodana yesihlanu. wayesethi uleya: ulezi-ku unginikile umvuzo, lokhu ngamnika umyeni wami incekekazi yami, waqamba igama lakhe ngokuthi u-isakare. uleya wabuye wakhulelwa, wamzalela ujakobe indodana yesithupha. wayesethi uleya: ulezi-ku ungiphe isipho esihle; manje umyeni wami useyakuhlala kimi, ngokuba ngimzalele amadodana ayisithupha, waqamba igama layo ngokuthi uzebuloni. ngasemuva wazala indodakazi, waqamba igama layo ngokuthi udina. ulezi-ku wamkhumbula uraheli, ulezi-ku wamuzwa, wavula isizalo sakhe. wakhulelwa, wazala indodana, wathi: ulezi-ku ususile ihlazo lami. waqamba igama layo ngokuthi ujozefah, ethi: ujhova-aeiou makangenezelele nenye indodana futhi. kwathi uraheli esemzalele ujozefah, ujakobe wathi kulabani: ngimukise ukuba ngiye endaweni yami ezweni lakithi. ngiphe omkami nabantwana bami engikusebenzele ngabo, ngihambe, ngokuba uyawazi umsebenzi engikwenzele wona. ulabani wayesethi kuye: ake ngifumane umusa emehlweni akho. sengibonile ukuthi ujhova-aeiou ungibusisile ngenxa yakho. wathi futhi: nquma umvuzo wakho, ngikuphe wona. wathi kuye: uyazi wena ukuthi ngikukhonze kanjani nokuthi izinkomo zakho zazinjani kimi. ngokuba kwakukuncane okwakho ngingakafiki; kepha kwandile, sekukuningi; ujhova-aeiou ukubusile ezinyathelweni zami; manje ngiyakuyisebenzela nini eyami indlu na? wathi: ngiyakukuphani na? wathi ujakobe: awuyikunginika lutho; uma ungenzela lokhu, ngiyakubuye ngaluse umhlambi wakho, ngiwulinde. namuhla ngiyakudab-

ula emhlambini wakho wonke, ngikhiphe khona zonke ezimanakanaka nezimagqabhagqabha, nazo zonke ezimnyama ezimvini, nezimagqabhagqabha nezimanakanaka ezimbuzini, kube ngumvuzo wami. ukulunga kwami kuyakungifakazela ngesikhathi esizayo, lapho ufika ngomvuzo wami osebusweni bakho, ukuthi zonke ezingemakanaka nezingemagqabhagqabha ezimbuzini, nezingemnyama ezimvini ezikimi, mazithiwe zebiwe. wayesethi ulabani: bheka, makube njengezwi lakho. ngalowo muhla wakhapha izimpongo ezinemishwe nezimagqabhagqabha, nezimbuzikazi zonke ezimanakanaka nezimagqabhagqabha, zonke ezinokumhlophe, nezimnyama zonke ezimvini, wazinikela esandleni samadodana akhe. wamisa ibanga lezinsuku ezintathu phakathi kwakhe nojakobe; ujakobe walusa imihlambi eseleyo kalabani. ujakobe wathatha izinti ezimanzi zompopula nezomalimondi nezompelatani, wazebula imishwe emhlophe, wambula okumhlophe okusezintini. wazifaka izinti abezebulile emikhombeni nasemiqengqeni yamanzi phambi kwemihlambi, lapho imihlambi iza khona ukuphuza; yamitha ekufikeni kwayo ukuphuza. imihlambi yamitha phambi kwezinti, imihlambi yazala ezinemishwe, nezimanakanaka, nezimagqabhagqabha. ujakobe wayesahlukanisa amawundlu, wabhekisa ubuso bemihlambi kwezinemishwe nakwezimnyama emhlambini kalabani; wabeka amaqembu akhe abe wodwa engawafaki emhlambini kalabani. kwathi lapho ibiyakumitha imihlambi eqinileyo, ujakobe wabeka izinti phambi kwamehlo emihlambi emiqengqeni ukuba imithe phakathi kwezinti. kepha lapho umhlambi wawubuthakathaka, akazifakanga; yathi-ke ebuthakathaka yaba ngekalabani neqinileyo yaba ngejakakobe. yayisikhula kakhulu impela le ndoda, yaba nemihlambi emikhulu, nezincekukazi, nezinceku, namakamela, nezimbongolo.

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wayesezwa amazwi amadodana kalabani, ethi: ujakobe uthathile konke okwakungokukababa; ngokwakungokukababa uzizuzele lonke lolu dumo. ujakobe wabona ubuso bukalabani; bheka, babungasengen-gayizolo nakuthangi kuye. ujevova-aeiou wayesethi kujakobe: buyela ezweni lawoyihlo nasezihlotsheni zakho; ngiyakuba nawe. ujakobe wathuma wabiza oraheli noleya, beze endle emhlambini wakhe. wathi kubo: ngiyabubona ubuso bukayihlo ukuthi abusenjengayizolo nakuthangi kimi, kepha ulezi-ku kababa unami. niyazi nina ukuthi ngimkhonzile uyihlo ngamandla ami onke. kepha uyihlo ungikhohlisile,

waguqula umvuzo wami kayishumi; kodwa ulezi-ku akamvumelanga ukwenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka kimi. uma ebesho ukuthi: ezimanakanaka ziyakuba ngumvuzo wakho, umhlambi wonke wazala ezimanakanaka; uma ebesho ukuthi: ezinemishwe ziyakuba ngumvuzo wakho, umhlambi wonke wazala ezinemishwe. kanjalo ulezi-ku uthathile imfuyo kayihlo, wayinika mina. kwathi ngokumitha kwemihlambi ngaphakamisa amehlo ami, ngabona ephusheni; bheka, izimpongo ezikhwela umhlambi zazingezinemishwe, nezimanakanaka, nezinala. ingelosi kalezi-ku yathi kimi ephusheni: jakobe! ngathi: ngilapha. yayisithi: awuphakamise amehlo akho, ubone ukuthi zonke izimpongo ezikhwela umhlambi zingezinemishwe, nezimanakanaka, nezinala, ngokuba ngibone konke ulabani akwenza kuwe. ngingulezi-ku wasebethele, lapho wagcoba khona insika nalapho wenza isithembiso kimi; manje vuka, usuke kuleli zwe, ubuyele ezweni lokuzalwa kwakho. oraheli noleya baphendula, bathi kuye: sisenesabelo nefa endlini kababa na? asibalwanga njengabofakazi na? ngokuba wathengisa ngathi, waqeda intengo yethu. ngokuba yonke ingcebo ulezi-ku amamuke yona ubaba ingeyethu neyabantwana bethu; manje konke ulezi-ku akutshela khona, kwenze. ujakobe wayesesuka, wakhwelisa amadodana akhe nawomkakhe emakameleni. wathatha yonke imfuyo yakhe ayizuzileyo, imfuyo yokufuya kwakhe ayizuze ephadani aramu ukuba aye ku-isaka uyise ezweni lasekhanani. ulabani esehambile ukuyogunda izimvu zakhe, uraheli weba izithixo zikayise. ujakobe wamnyenela ulabani umaramu engamshelanga ukuthi uyabaleka. wayesebaleka nakho konke anakho; wasuka, wawela umfula, waqonda ngasentabeni yakwagileyadi. ngosuku lwesithathu ulabani watshelwa ukuthi ujakobe ubalekile. wayesethatha abafowabo, wamlandela ibanga lezinsuku eziyisikhombisa, wamfica entabeni yakwagileyadi. ulezi-ku weza kulabani umaramu ephusheni ebusuku, wathi kuye: qaphela ukuba ungakhulumi kujakobe okuhle noma bona-ra-ukukhandleka. ulabani wayesemfica ujakobe. ujakobe wayemisile itende lakhe entabeni; ulabani nabafowabo bamisa entabeni yakwagileyadi. ulabani wathi kujakobe: wenzeni, lokhu unginyenyele, wathatha amadodakazi njengabathunjwa benkemba, na? ubalekeleni ngasene na? wanginyenyelelani ungangitshelanga ukuba ngabe ngikuvalelise ngokwenama nangezihlabelelo, ngesigubhu nangehabhu, na? awungivumelanga ukuba nange amadodana ami namadodakazi ami. untumazele ngalokho. kusemandleni esandla sami ukwenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka kuwe, kepha ulezi-ku kayihlo ukhulumile kimi ebusuku



obudlule, wathi: qaphela ukuba ungakhulumi kujakobe bona-ra-ukukhandleka noma okuhle. manje njengokuba usumuka impela, lokhu ulangazelela nokulangazelela indlu kayihlo, webeleni izithixo zami na? ujakobe waphendula, wathi kulabani: ngokuba ngesaba ngithi: funa ungqhwage amadodakazi akho. kepha lowo ozakuthola kuye izithixo zakho akayikusinda; qaza phambi kwabafowethu okwakho okukimi, ukuthathe. ngokuba ujakobe wayengazi ukuthi uraheli wayezebile. ulabani wayesengena etendeni likajakobe, nasetendeni likaleya, nasetendeni lezincekukazi zombili; akazitholanga. waphuma etendeni likaleya, wangena etendeni likaraheli. uraheli wayezithathe izithixo, wazifaka esihlalweni sekamela, wahlala phezu kwazo. ulabani waphumputha etendeni lonke, kepha akazitholanga. wathi kuyise: mayingathukutheli inkosi yami ukuthi anginakusukuma phambi kwakho, ngokuba indlela yabesifazane ikimi. wanyalula, kepha akazitholanga izithixo. ujakobe wathukuthela, wamsola ulabani; ujakobe waphendula, wathi kulabani: yisiphi isiphambeko sami na? yisiphi isono sami, lokhu ungizingele kangaka, na? njengalokho usufunisile kuyo yonke impahla yami, uhole ntoni yezinto zonke zendlu yakho na? yibeke lapha phambi kwabafowethu nabafowenu ukuba banqume phakathi kwethu sobabili. le minyaka engamashumi amabili bengihlezi kuwe; izimvukazi zakho nezimbuzikazi zakho aziphunzanga; izinqama zomhlambi wakho angizidlanga. ezidweshulwe yizilo ngangingaziyi kuwe; kwalahlekwa mina; wazibiza esandleni sami, noma zebiwe emini noma zebiwe ebusuku. nganginjalo; emini ngaqedwa ngukushisa, ebusuku ngamakhaza; ubuthongo bami babalekela amehlo ami. le minyaka engamashumi amabili bengisendlini yakho; ngakusebenzela iminyaka eyishumi nane ngamadodakazi akho omabili, neminyaka eyisithupha ngomhlambi wakho, uguqule umvuzo wami kayishumi. uma ebengenami ulezi-ku kababa, ulezi-ku ka-abrahama, ukwesaba kuka-isaka, ngempela ubuyakungimukisa ze. ulezi-ku ubone ukuhlupheka kwami nokukhathala kwezandla zami, wakuola ubusuku obudlule. ulabani waphendula, wathi kujakobe: amadodakazi angamadodakazi ami, abantwana bangabantwana bami, imihlambi iyimihlambi yami; konke okubonayo kungokwami; lawa madodakazi ami ngingawenzela ntoni namuhla, nabantwana bawo abazalileyo, na? woza manje, senze isivumelwano mina nawe, sibe ngufakazi phakathi kwami nawe. ujakobe wayesethatha itshe, walimisa laba yinsika. wathi ujakobe kubafowabo:

buthani amatshe, bathatha amatshe, benza inqwaba; base bedla khona phezu kwenqwaba. ulabani wayiqamba ngokuthi ijegari sahadutha, kepha ujakobe wayibiza ngokuthi igaledi. wathi ulabani: le nqwaba ingufakazi phakathi kwami nawe namuhla. ngalokho igama layo laqanjwa ngokuthi igaledi, nemispa futhi, ngokuba wathi: ujhova-aeiou makalinde phakathi kwami nawe, lapho sesingasobonani. uma uyakuhlupha amadodakazi ami, noma uthatha abafazi ngaphandle kwamadodakazi ami, akukho muntu onathi; bheka, ulezi-ku ungufakazi phakathi kwami nawe. wathi ulabani kujakobe: bheka, le nqwaba nensika engikumise phakathi kwami nawe, le nqwaba ayibe ngufakazi, nensika ibe ngufakazi ukuthi angiyikudlula kule nqwaba, ngiye kuwe, nokuthi wena awuyikudlula kule nqwaba nakule nsika, uze kimi, ngbona-ra-ukukhandleka. ulezi-ku ka-abrahama nolezi-ku kanahori, ulezi-ku wawoyise, makahlulele phakathi kwethu. ujakobe wafunga ukwesaba kukayise u-isaka. ujakobe wanikela ngomhlatshele entabeni, wabiza abafowabo ukuba badle isinkwa; badla isinkwa, bahlala ubusuku bonke entabeni. ulabani wavuka ekuseni, wawanga amadodana akhe namadodakazi akhe, wawabusisa; wayesehamba ulabani, wabuyela endaweni yakhe.

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ujakobe wahamba indlela yakhe; izingelosi zikalezi-ku zamhlangabeza. ujakobe ezibona wathi: lokhu kuyibandla likalezi-ku. waqamba igama laleyo ndawo ngokuthi imahanayimi. ujakobe wathuma izithunywaphambi kwakhe ku-esawu umfowabo ezweni laseseyiri, izwe lakwa-edomi. waziyala ngokuthi: niyakukhuluma kanje enkosini yami u-esawu, nithi: inceku yakho ujakobe ithi: ngigogobele kulabani, ngilibe kuze kube manje; nginezinkabi, nezimbongolo, nezimvu, nezinceku, nezincekukazi; sengithumele ukubika enkosini yami ukuba ngithole umusa emehlweni akho. izithunywa zabuyela kujakobe, zathi: safika kumfowenu u-esawu, naye uyeza ukukhlangabeza enamadoda angamakhulu amane. ujakobe wayeseshaywa luvulo kakhulu, ekhathazeka; wahlukanisa abantu ababenaye, nezimvu, nezinkomo, namakamela, kwaba ngamaqembu amabili, wathi: uma u-esawu elika kwelinye iqembu, alichithe, iqembu esiseleyo liyakubaleka. wathi ujakobe: lezi-ku kababa u-abrahama, lezi-ku kababa u-isaka, jehova-aeiou, wena owathi kimi: buyela ezweni lakho nasezihlotsheni zakho, ngikwenzele okuhle, angifanele neze wonke umusa nalo lonke iqiniso okwenzele inceku yakho, ngokuba ngawela leli

jordani ngodondolo lwami kuphela, manje sengingamaqembu amabili. ake ungophule esandleni somfowethu, esandleni sika-esawu, ngokuba mina ngiyamesaba, funa eze angichithe kanye nawonina nabantwana. wathi wena: impela ngiyakukwenzela okuhle, ngenze inzalo yakho ibe ngangesihlabathi solwandle esingebalwe ngobuningi. walala khona lobo busuku; kulokho okwakusesandleni sakhe wathathela u-esawu umfowabo isipho: izimbuzikazi ezingamakhulu amabili, nezimpongo ezingamashumi amabili, nezimvukazi ezingamakhulu amabili, nezinqama ezingamashumi amabili, namakamela asengwayo angamashumi amathathu namathole awo, nezinkomazi ezingamashumi amane, nezinkunzi eziyishumi, nezimbongolokazi ezingamashumi amabili, namathole ayishumi. wazinikela esandleni sezinceku amaqambi ngamaqambi, wathi ezincekwini zakhe: dlulani ngaphambi kwami, nenze ibanga phakathi kweqambi neqambi. wamvala ophambili, wathi: nxa u-esawu umfowethu ehlangana nawe, ekubuza ethi: ungokabani wena? uyangaphi na? ngezikabani lezi eziphambi kwakho na? wothi: ngezencku yakho ujakobe; kuyisipho esithunywa enkosini yami u-esawu; bheka, naye uyeza, ungasemuva kwethu. wayala nowesibili, nowesithathu, nabo bonke ababelandela amaqembu, wathi: niyakusho njalo ku-esawu, lapho nimumfana. niyakukhuluma nithi: futhi bheka, inceku yakho ujakobe iyeza, isemva kwethu. ngokuba wathi: ngizakumthoba ngalesi siphosi esihamba phambi kwami, andukuba ngibone ubuso bakhe; mhlawumbe angangamukela. sase sihamba isipho phambi kwakhe, kepha yena wahlala ekamu lobo busuku. wavuka ebusuku, wathatha omkakhe ababili, nezincekukazi zakhe ezimbili, nabantwana bakhe abayishumi nanye, wawela ezibukweni elithiwa ijaboki. wabathatha, wabawelisa emfuleni, wakuwelisa nalokho anakho. wasala yedwa ujakobe; kwabambana naye umuntu, kwaze kwasa. esebona ukuthi akamahlu, wathinta esikhoxeni senyonga yakhe, waphinyazeka ujakobe esikhoxeni senyonga esebambene naye. wayesethi: angihambe, ngokuba sekuyasa. kepha wathi: anginakukuyeka ukuba uhambe ungangibusisanga. wathi kuye: ungubani igama lakho na? wathi: ngingujakobe. wathi: igama lakho alisayikuthiwa ujakobe, kepha u-israyeli, ngokuba ulwile nolezi-ku nabantu, wanqoba. ujakobe wayesembuza ethi: ake ungitshele igama lakho. wathi: ubuzelani igama lami na? wayesembusisa khona. ujakobe waqamba igama laleyo ndawo ngokuthi ipheniyeli, ngokuba wathi: sibonene nolezi-ku ubuso nobuso, nokho umphefumulo wami wophulwa. ilanga

lamphumela esadlula ipheniyeli, waqhuga enyongeni yakhe. ngalokho abantwana bakwa-israyeli abawudli umsipha wenqulu osesikhoxeni senyonga kuze kube namuhla, ngokuba wathinta isikhoxo senyonga kajakobe emsipheni wenqulu.

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ujakobe waphakamisa amehlo akhe, wabheka, nango u-esawu eza enamadoda angamakhulu amane. abantwana wabahlukanisela oleya, noraheli, nezincekukazi zombili. wabeka izincekukazi nabantwana bazo ngaphambili, uleya nabantwana bakhe ngasemuva, oraheli nojosefa ngasekugcineni. yena uqobo wadlulela phambi kwabo, wakhothamela emhlabathini kasikhombisa, waze wafika kumfowabo. u-esawu wagijima ukumhlalangeza, wamgona, wawa ngasentanyeni yakhe, wamanga; bakhala. waphakamisa amehlo akhe, wabona abesifazane nabantwana, wathi: bangobani laba onabo na? wathi: bangabantwana ulezi-ku ayiphe bona inceku yakho ngomusa. zase zisondele izincekukazi, zona nabantwana bazo, bakhothama. wasondela noleya nabantwana bakhe, bakhothama; ngasemuva wafika ujosefa enoraheli, bakhothama. wayesethi: uqondeni ngawo wonke lombonda engihlangana nawo na? wathi: ukuba ngifumane umusa emehlweni enkosi yami. kepha u-esawu wathi: nginokuningi, mfowethu; okwakho makube ngokwakho. ujakobe wathi: hhayi bo; uma ngifumane umusa emehlweni akho, samukele isipho sami esandleni sami, ngokuba ngibone ubuso bakho esengathi ngibona ubuso bukalezi-ku, wathokoza ngami. mawusamukele isibusiso sami esilethwa kuwe, ngokuba ulezi-ku ungenzele umusa nangokuba nginakho konke. wamcindezela; wasamukela-ke. wayesethi: asisuke sihambe, ngihambe phambi kwakho. wathi kuye: inkosi yami iyazi ukuthi abantwana bancane nokuthi izimvu nezinkomazi ezinami ziyizindlezane; uma bezishishinga usuku olulodwa, umhlambi wonke uyakufa. ake idlule inkosi phambi kwenceku yayo, mina ngiseseze njengokuhamba kwempahla ephambi kwami nanjengokuhamba kwabantwana, ngize ngifike enkosini yami eseyiri. u-esawu wathi: ake ngishiye kuwe abanye abantu bami. wathi: ngani na? mangifumane umusa emehlweni enkosi. u-esawu wayesebuyela endleleni yakhe ngalolosuku, waya eseyiri. ujakobe wasuka waya esukoti, wazakhela indlu, wenzela izinkomo zakhe amathanga; ngalokho igama laleyo ndawo lathiwa isukoti. ujakobe wafika kahle emzini waseshekemi osezweni lasekhanani, evela ephadani aramu; wamisa itende lakhe phambi komuzi. wathenga isiqephu sezwe,

lapho ebemise khona itende lakhe, esandleni samadodana kahamori uyise kashekemi ngamakesita ayikhulu. wakha khona i-altare, walibiza ngokuthi i-eli elohe israyeli.

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udina, indodakazi kaleya amzalela yona ujakobe, waphuma ukuyobona amadodakazi alelo zwe. ushekemi indodana kahamori umhivi, inkosi yezwe, wambona, wamthatha, walala naye, wamona. inhliziyoyakhe yabambeleva kudina indodakazi kajakobe, wayithanda intombi, wakhuluma kuyo inhliziyoyentombi. ushekemi wakhuluma kuyise uhamori, wathi: ngithathelele ntombazana, ibe ngumkani. ujakobe wezwa ukuthi ungcolisile indodakazi yakhe udina; amadodana akhe ayesezinkomeni endle; ujakobe wathula, aze afika. uhamori uyise kashekemi waphumela kujakobe ukuyokhuluma naye. amadodana kajakobe abuya endle esezwile lokho; abantu badabuka, bathukuthela kakhulu, ngokuba ubenze ubuwula kwa-israyeli ngokulala nendodakazi kajakobe, okungenakwenziwa. uhamori wakhuluma nabo, wathi: inhliziyoyendodana yami ushekemi iyabambeleva endodakazini yenu; ake nimuphe yona, ibe ngumkakhe. ganiselanani nathi, nisiphe amadodakazi enu, nizithathele amadodakazi ethu. niyakuhlala kithi; izwe liyakuba sebusweni benu; yakhani, nithengisela, nifuye kulo. ushekemi wayesethi kuyise nakubanewabo: ake ngifumane umusa emehlweni enu; lokho eniyakukusho kimi, ngiyakuninika khona. bizani kimi ilobolo noma lingakanani kanye nesipho, ngiyakuninika njengokusho kwenu kimi; kodwa ngipheni intombi ibe ngumkani. amadodana kajakobe abaphendula oshekemi nohamori uyise ngobuqili, akhuluma, njengokuba ebemngcolisile udina udadewabo, athi kubo: asinakwenza lokhu, ukunika udadewethu kumuntu ongasokwanga, ngokuba lokho kuyihlazo kithina. kepha ngalokho singanivumela: uma nizakuba njengathi, kusokwe bonke abesilisa bakini, siyakuninika amadodakazi ethu, sizithathele amadodakazi enu, sihlale nani, sibe yisizwe sinye. kepha uma ningasilaleli, nisokwe, siyakuthatha indodakazi yethu, sihambe. amazwi abo aba mahle kohamori noshekemi indodana kahamori. le nsizwa ayilibalanga ukwenza lokho, ngokuba yayethabela indodakazi kajakobe; yayinodumo kunabo bonke abendlu kayise. ohamori noshekemi indodana yakhe beza ngasesangweni lomuzi, bakhuluma namadoda omuzi wabo, bathi: labo bantu bahlezi ngokuthula nathi; ngalokho mabahlale ezweni, balihambe, ngokuba bheka, izwe libanzi inxa zombili phambi kwabo; asizithathele amadodakazi

abo abe ngomkethu, sibaphe amadodakazi ethu. kuphela ngalokho bayasivumela laba bantu ukuhlala nathi, sibe yisizwe sinye, ukuthi bonke abesilisa bakithi basokwe, njengalokho bona besokiwe. imihlambi yabo, nempahla yabo, nezinkomo zabo akuyikuba ngokwethu na? masibavumele kuphela, bakhe kithi. bonke abaphuma ngesango lomuzi wakhe balalela ohamori noshekemi indodana yakhe; bonke abesilisa basokwa, bonke abaphuma ngesango lomuzi wakhe. kwathi ngosuku lwesithathu bese nobuhlungu, amadodana amabili kajakobe, osimeyoni nolevi, abanewabo bakadina, bathatha, nalevi yilowo nalowo inkemba yakhe, bahlasela umuzi ngesibindi, babulala bonke abesilisa. babulala ohamori noshekemi indodana yakhe ngosiko lwenkemba, bakhupha udina endlini kashekemi, bahamba. amadodana kajakobe ayesefica ababuleweyo, aphanga umuzi, ngokuba babengcolisile udadewabo. athatha izimvu zabo, nezinkomo zabo, nezimbongolo zabo, okwakusemzini nokwakusendle, nemfuyo yonke yabo; athumba abantwana babo nawomkabo, abaphanga kanye nakho konke okusendlini. ujakobe wayesethi kosimeyoni nolevi: ningihluphile, ningenzile ukuba nginukele kabi abantu bezwe, amakhazani namapherizi, lokhu ngiyingcosana, bayakungihlanganyela, bangibulale, ngichithwe mina nendlu yami. base bethi: ngabe bemenza udadewethu isifebe na?

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ulezi-ku wathi kujakobe: suka ukhuphukele ebethele, uhlale khona, umenzele lapho ulezi-ku i-altare, yena owabonakala kuwe mhla ubalekela u-esawu umfowenu. wayesethi ujakobe kwabendlu yakhe nakubo bonke ababe naye: lahlani izithixo zabezizwe eziphakathi kwenu, nizihambulule nina, niziphendulele izingubo zenu, sisuke, sikhuphukele ebethele; ngiyakumenzela khona ulezi-ku i-altare, yena owangiphendula ngosuku lokuhlupheka kwami, waba nami endleleni engangiyihamba. bamnika-ke ujakobe izithixo zonke zabezizwe ezazisezandleni zabo, namacici ayesezindlebeni zabo; ujakobe wakuthukusa phansi kwe-oki elalingaseshekemi. base bemuka; ukumesaba ulezi-ku kwakuphezu kwemizi eyayikhona nxazonke; abawashanga amadodana kajakobe. ujakobe wafika eluze elisezweni lasekhanani eliyibethele, yena kanye nabantu bonke ababe naye. wakha khona i-altare, wayibiza indawo ngokuthi i-eli bethele, ngokuba ulezi-ku wabonakala kuye khona mhla ebaleka ebusweni bomfowabo. udebora umzanyana karebeka wafa, wembelwa

ngenzansi nebethele phansi kwe-oki; igama lalo labizwa ngokuthi i-alonibakuti. ulezi-ku wabuye wabonakala kujakobe, laphe evela ephadani aramu, wambusisa. ulezi-ku wathi kuye: igama lakho lingujakobe, igama lakho alisayikuthiwa ujakobe; igama lakho lizakuba ngu-israyeli, wayeseqamba igama lakhe ngokuthi u-israyeli. ulezi-ku wathi kuye: ngingulezi-ku usomandla; mawuzale, wande; isizwe, yebo, ibandla lezizwe liyakuvela kuwe; amakhosi ayakuphuma okhalweni lwakho; izwe engabapha lona o-abrahama no-isaka, ngiyakulinika wena; nenzalo yakho emva kwakho ngiyakuyinika lona. ulezi-ku wenyuka esuka kuye endaweni laphe ebekhulume naye khona. ujakobe wayesemisa insika endaweni laphe abekhulume naye khona, insika yetshu; wathela phezu kwayo umnikelo wokuphuzwa, wathela namafutha phezu kwayo. ujakobe wayiqamba indawo laphe ulezi-ku akhuluma naye khona ngokuthi ibethele. base besuka ebethele; kwakuse yibangana ukuya e-efrati; uraheli wayesebeletha, wabeletha enemihelo enzima. kwathi esenemihelo enzima, umbeletshisi wathi kuye: ungesabi, ngokuba uzakuba nenye indodana futhi. usuzakuphuma umphefumulo wakhe, ngokuba wafa, waqamba igama lakhe ngokuthi ubenoni; kepha uyise wamqamba ngokuthi ubenjamini. wafa uraheli, wembelwa ngasendleleni eya e-efrati eliyibetlehelema. ujakobe wamisa insika ethuneni lakhe, eyinsika yethuna likaraheli kuze kube namuhla. u-israyeli wasuka, wamisa itende lakhe ngaphambi kombhoshongo wase-edere. kwathi u-israyeli esehlala kulelo zwe, urubeni waya walala nobiliha isancinza sikayise; u-israyeli wakuzwa lokho. amadodana kajakobe ayeyishumi nambili. amadodana kaleya ayengurubeni, izibulo likajakobe, nosimeyoni, nolevi, nojuda, no-isakare, nozebuloni. amadodana karaheli ayengojosefa nobenjamini. amadodana kabiliha incekekazi karaheli ayengodani nonafetali. amadodana kazilipa incekekazi kaleya ayengogadi no-asher; lawo angamadodana kajakobe awazalelwa ephadani aramu. ujakobe wafika ku-isaka uyise emamre ngasekiriya araba, okuyihebroni, laphe o-abrahama no-isaka kade bebegogobele khona. izinsuku zika-isaka zaziyiminyaka eyikhulu namashumi ayisihiyagalombili. u-isaka wagqibuka wafa, wabuthelwa kubantu bakhe, emdala esanelisiwe yizinsuku. o-esawu nojakobe amadodana akhe bammbela.

lezi ziyizizukulwane zika-esawu ongu-edomi. u-esawu wazithathela abafazi kuwo amadodakazi asekanani: u-ada indodakazi

ka-eloni umhetti, no-oholibama indodakazi ka-ana, indodakazi kasibeyoni umhivi, nobasemati indodakazi ka-ishmayeli, udade-wabo kanebayoti. u-ada wamazalela u-esawu u-elifazi; ubasemati wazala urehuweli; u-oholibama wazala ojewushe, nojalamu, nokora; lawo angamadodana ka-esawu azalelwa wona ezweni lasekhanani. u-esawu wathatha omkakhe, namadodana akhe, namadodakazi akhe, nabantu bonke bendlu yakhe, nemfuyo yakhe, nezinkomo zakhe, nempahla yonke yakhe owayeyizuze ezweni lasekhanani, waya ezweni elikude nomfowabo ujakobe. ngokuba imfuyo yabo yayiyinkulu kunokuba bahlale ndawonye, nezwe lokugogobala kwabo lalingenakubathwala ngenxa yemfuyo yabo. u-esawu wahlala entabeni yaseseyiri; u-esawu ungu-edomi. lezi ziyizizukulwane zika-esawu uyise wabakwa-edomi entabeni yaseseyiri. nanka amagama amadodana ka-esawu: ngu-elifazi indodana ka-ada umka-esawu, norehuweli indodana kabasemati umka-esawu. amadodana ka-elifazi ayengothemani, no-omari, nosefo, nogathamu, nokenazi. uthimna wayeyisancinza sika-elifazi indodana ka-esawu; wamazalela u-elifazi u-amaleki; yilawo angamadodana ka-ada umka-esawu. lawa angamadodana karehuweli: ngonahati, nozera, noshama, nomiza; yilawo angamadodana kabasemati umka-esawu. lawa angamadodana ka-oholibama indodakazi ka-ana, indodakazi kasibeyoni, umka-esawu; wamazalela u-esawu ojewushe, nojalamu, nokora. laba bangabanumzane bamadodana ka-elifazi izibulo lika-esawu: ngumnumzane uthemani, nomnumzane u-omari, nomnumzane usefo, nomnumzane ukenazi, nomnumzane ukora, nomnumzane ugathamu, nomnumzane u-amaleki; yilabo abangabanumzane abavela ku-elifazi ezweni lakwa-edomi; yilawo angamadodana ka-ada. lawa angamadodana karehuweli indodana ka-esawu: ngumnumzane unahati, nomnumzane uzera, nomnumzane ushama, nomnumzane umiza; yilabo abangabanumzane abavela kurehuweli ezweni lakwa-edomi; yilawo angamadodana kabasemati umka-esawu. lawa angamadodana ka-oholibama umka-esawu: ngumnumzane ujewushe, nomnumzane ujalamu, nomnumzane ukora; yilabo abangabanumzane abavela ku-oholibama indodakazi ka-ana umka-esawu. yilawo angamadodana ka-esawu; labo bangabanumzane bawo; yena ungu-edomi. lawa angamadodana kaseyiri umhori ayakhe kulelo zwe: ngolothani, noshobali, nosibeyoni, no-ana, nodishoni, no-eseri, nodishani; labo bangabanumzane abavela kuwo amahori, abantwana bakaseyiri ezweni lakwa-edomi. amadodana kalothani ayengohori nohemamu; udadewabo kalothani wayenguthimna. lawa angamadodana

kashobali: ngo-alevani, nomanahati, no-ebali, noshefo, no-onamu. lawa angamadodana kasibeyoni: ngo-aya, no-ana; nguyena lowo ana owafumana imithombo eshisayo ehlane, ezalusa izimbongolo zikasibeyoni uyise. laba bangabantwana baka-ana: ngodishoni no-oholibama indodakazi ka-ana. lawa angamadodana kadishoni: ngohemdani, no-eshibani, nojitrani, nokerani. lawa angamadodana ka-eseri: ngobilihani, nozahawana, no-akani. lawa angamadodana kadishani: ngo-use no-arana. laba bangabanumzane abavela kuwo amahori: ngumnumzane ulothani, nomnumzane ushobali, nomnumzane usibeyoni, nomnumzane u-ana, nomnumzane udisihoni, nomnumzane u-eseri, nomnumzane udishani; yilabo abangabanumzane abavela kuwo amahori, abanumzane ngabanumzane ezweni laseseyiri. lawa angamakhosi ayebusa ezweni lakwa-edomi, kungakabusi nyosi kwabakwa-israyeli. ubela indodana kabeyori wabusa kwabakwa-edomi; igama lomuzi wakhe laliyidinihaba. wafa ubela; ujobabi indodana kazera wasebosira waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. wafa ujobabi; uushamu wasezweni labakwathemani waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. wafa uushamu; uhadadi indodana kabadadi owanqoba abakwamidiyani ethafeni lakwamwabi waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe; igama lomuzi wakhe laliyi-aviti. wafa uhadadi; usamla wasemasireka waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. wafa usamla; ushawule waserehoboti ngasemfuleni waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. wafa ushawule; ubali hanani indodana ka-akibori waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. wafa ubali hanani indodana ka-akibori; uhadari waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe; igama lomuzi wakhe laliyiphawu; igama lomkakhe lalingumehetabeli indodakazi kamatiredi, indodakazi kamezahabi. lawa angamagama abanumzane abavela ku-esawu ngemindeni yabo, nangezindawo zabo, nangamagama abo: ngumnumzane uthinna, nomnumzane u-aliva, nomnumzane ujeteti, nomnumzane u-oholibama, nomnumzane u-ela, nomnumzane uphinoni, nomnumzane ukenazi, nomnumzane uthemani, nomnumzane umibisari, nomnumzane umagidiyeli, nomnumzane u-iramu; yilabo abangabanumzane bakwa-edomi ngokwakha kwabo ezweni elaliyifa labo; nguyena u-esawu uyise wabakwa-edomi.

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ujakobe wakha ezweni lokugogobala kukayise, ezweni lasekhanani. lokhu kuyindaba kajakobe. ujosefa eseneminyaka eyishumi nesikhombisa wawalusa umhlambi kayise enabafowabo; engumfana nje

wayekuwo amadodana kabiliha nakuwo amadodana kazilipa omkayise; ujosefa waletha kuyise imibiko emibi ngabo. kepha u-israyeli wathanda ujosefa kakhulu kunabantwana bakhe bonke, ngokuba wayeyindodana yobuxhegu bakhe; wamenzela ingubo enemikhono emide. abafowabo babona ukuthi uyise umthanda kunabafowabo bonke; khona bamzonda, bengenakukhuluma kuye ngokuthula. ujosefa waphupha iphupho, wabalandisa lona abafowabo; babelokhu bemzonda kakhulu. wathi kubo: ake nizwe leli phupho engiliphuphileyo. bhekani, besibopha izithungu ensimini; naso-ke isithungu sami sivuka sima; nazo-ke izithungu zenu zisiphahla, zisikhothamela isithungu sami. base bethi kuye abafowabo: impela uyakuba yinkosi yethu, usibuse na? bamzonda kakhulu kunakuqala ngenxa yamaphupho akhe namazwi akhe. waphupha neline iphupho, wabalandisa lona abafowabo, wathi: bhekani, ngiphuphe neline iphupho; bhekani-ke ilanga nenyanga nezinkanyezi eziyishumi nanye kwangikhothamela. wabalandisa uyise nabafowabo; uyise wamsola, wathi kuye: yiphupho lini leli oliphuphileyo na? impela mina nonyoko nabafowenu siyakuza, sikukhothamele emhlabathini na? abafowabo baba nomhawu ngaye, kepha uyise wawalonda lawa mazwi. abafowabo baya ukwalusa umhlambi kayise eshekemi. u-israyeli wathi ku-josefa: abafowenu abawalusi umhlambi eshekemi na? woza, ngiyakukuthuma kubo. wathi kuye: ngilapha. wayesethi kuye: hamba-ke, ubone ukuthi basahlezi kahle yini abafowenu nomhlambi, uze ungibuyisele izwi. wamthuma esuka esigidini sasehebroni, waze wafika eshekemi. umuntu othile wamfumana ezulazula endle; lo muntu wambuzwa wathi: ufunani na? wathi: ngifuna abafowethu; ake ungitshale ukuthi baluselaphi. wathi lowo muntu: basukile lapha, ngokuba ngabezwa bethi: asiye edotayini. ujosefa walandela abafowabo, wabafumana edotayini. bambona esekude; engakasondeli kubo, bamenzela ugobe lokumbulala. bakhulumisana omunye nomunye, bathi: bhekani, inyanga yamaphupho iyeza. ngalokho wozani, siyibulale, siyiphonse komunye wemigodi, bese sithi: isilwane esibi siyidlile, sibone ukuthi azakuba yini amaphupho ayo. urubeni wakuzwa, wamophula esandleni sabo ngokuthi: asingambulali. urubeni wathi kubo: ningachithi gazi; mphonseni kulo mgodi osehlane, ningabeki isandla kuye, ukuba amophule esandleni sabo, ambuyisele kuyise. kwathi ujosefa esefike kubafowabo, bamkhumula ingubo yakhe, leyo ngubo enemikhono emide ayeigqokile. bamthatha, bamphonsa emgodini;

umgodi wawungenalutho, kungekho manzi kuwo. bahlala phansi ukuba badle isinkwa; baphakamisa amehlo abo, babona; bheka, kwafika ihele labakwa-ishmayeli livela kwagileyadi, linamakamela alo ethwele inhloka nebhalisamu nemure, likwewusela egibithe. wayesethi ujuda kubafofawo: kuyakusizani, uma simbulala umfowethu, sifihle igazi lakhe, na? wozani sithengise ngaye kwabakwa-ishmayeli, isandla senu singabi phezu kwakhe, ngokuba ungumfowethu, uyinyama yethu. abafowabo bamlalela. kwase kudlula abathengi bakwamidiyani; bamdonsa ujozefa, bamkhuphula emgodini, bathengisa ngojosefa kwabakwa-ishmayeli ngezinhlamvu ezingamashumi amabili zesiliva. labo-ke bamusa ujozefa egibithe. urubeni babuyela emgodini; bheka, ujozefa wayengasekho emgodini; waklebhula izingubo zakhe. wayesebuyela kubafofawo, ethi: akasekho umntwana; mina-ke ngizakushonaphi na? base bethatha ingubo kafozefa, bahlaba impongo, bacwilisa ingubo egazini. bathumela leyo ngubo enemikhono emide, bayiya kuyise, bathi: siyitholile lena; ake ubone, uma le ngubo ingeyendodana yakho yini, noma akusiyo na? wayibona, wathi: yiyo ingubo yendodana yami; isilwane esibi simdlile; yebo, ujozefa udatshulwe nokudatshulwa. ujakobe wayeselebhula izingubo zakhe, wafaka indwangu yamasaka okhalweni lwakhe, walilela indodana yakhe izinsuku eziningi. onke amadodana akhe nawo onke amadodakazi akhe asuka ukuyomduduzwa, kepha wala ukududuzwa, wathi: ngiyakwehla, ngiye endodaneni yami endaweni yabafileyo ngilila. uyise wamlilela-ke. abakwamidiyani bathengisa ngaye egibithe kupotifari, inceku kafaro, induna yabalindi bakhe.

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kwathi ngaleso sikhathi ujuda wasuka kubafofawo, wehla, waya kumuntu wase-adulamu ogama lakhe linguhira. ujuda wabona lapho indodakazi yomuntu wasekhanani ogama lakhe lingushuwa; wayithatha, wangena kuyo. yakhulelwa, yazala indodana, yaqamba igama layo ngokuthi u-eri. yabuye yakhulelwa, yazala indodana, yaqamba igama layo ngokuthi u-onani. yabuye yazala futhi indodana, yaqamba igama layo ngokuthi ushela; ujuda wayesekesibi ekuyizaleni kwayo. ujuda wamthathela u-eri izibulo lakhe umfazi ogama lakhe lingutamari. u-eri izibulo likajuda wayemubi emehlweni kafozefa-aeiou; ufozefa-aeiou wambulala. ujuda wathi ku-onani: yiya kumkamfowenu, umngene, umvusele umfowenu inzalo. u-onani wayekwazi ukuthi inzalo ayiyikuba ngeyakhe; kwathi nxa engena

kumkamfowabo, wachitha emhlabathini ukuba angamniki umfowabo inzalo. kwaba kubi emehlweni kafozefa-aeiou lokho akwenzileyo; wambulala naye futhi. ujuda wayesethi kutamari umalokazana wakhe: hlala ungumfelokazi endlini kayihlo, aze akhule ushela indodana yami, ngokuba wathi: ukuba angafi njengabafowabo. utamari waya wahlala kwabo. emva kwezinsuku eziningi yafa indodakazi kashuwa umkajuda; eseduduzekile ujuda wakhuphuka, waya kubo abagundi bezimvu zakhe ethimna, yena kanye nomhlobo wakhe uhira wase-adulamu. kwatshelwa utamari ukuthi: bheka, uyihlozala uyakhuphuka ethimna ukuyogunda izimvu zakhe. wayesekhuluma izingubo zakhe zobufelokazi, wagubuzela, wazimboza, wahlala esangweni lase-enayimi ngasendleleni eya ethimna, ngokuba wabona ukuthi ushela usekhulile, engamnikiwa nokho abe ngumkakhe. ujuda esembona wacabanga ukuthi uyisifebe, ngokuba wayegubuzele ubuso. waphambukela kuye endleleni, wathi: woza, ake ngingene kuwe, ngokuba wayengazi ukuthi ungumalokazana wakhe. wathi: uyakungiphani ukuba ungene kimi na? wayesethi: mina ngizakukuthumela izinyane lembuzi elisemhlambini. wathi: uzakunginika isibambiso, uze ulithume, na? wathi: ngikuphe sibambiso sini na? wathi: indandatho yakho, nentambo yakho, nodondolo lwakho olusesandleni sakho. wamupha, wangena kuye; wakhuliselwa nguye. wasuka, wahamba, wakhumula iveli lakhe, wembatha izingubo zakhe zobufelokazi. ujuda wathuma izinyane lembuzi ngesandla somhlobo wakhe wase-adulamu ukuba athathe isibambiso esandleni sowesifazane, kepha akamfumananga. wayesebuza abantu bendawo yakhe, wathi: siphi isifebe esasise-enayimi ngasendleleni na? bathi: akuzange kube khona isifebe lapha. wayesebuyela kujuda, ethi: angisifumananga; nabantu bendawo bathi: akuzange kube khona isifebe lapha. wathi ujuda: masizithathele sona, funa sibe nehlazo; bheka, ngithume leli zinyane, kepha awusifumananga. kwathi emva kwezinyanga ezintathu ujuda watshelwa ukuthi: utamari umalokazana wakho ufebile; bheka, futhi ukhulelwe ngokufeba kwakhe. ujuda wathi: mletheni, ashiswe. eselethiwe wathumela kuyisezala, wathi: ngikhuliswe yile ndoda engumnini walezi zinto. wathi futhi: ake ubone ukuthi ngokukabani le ndandatho, nale ntambo, nalolu dondolo na? wakuvuma ujuda, wathi: ulungile kunami, njengokuba ngingamnikanga ushela indodana yami. akabange esamazi futhi. kwathi ngesikhathi sokubeletha kwakhe, bheka, ngamawelesesisiwini sakhe. kwathi esabeletha, omunye wakhupha isandla; umbelethisi

wathatha, wabopha esandleni sakhe ngen-  
tambo ebomvu, wathi: lo uphume kuqala.  
kwathi ukuba afinyeze isandla sakhe, nangu  
umfowabo ephuma; wathi: ufuzuleleni na?  
ngalokho igama lakhe laqanjwa ngokuthi  
upheresi. ngasemuva waphuma umfowabo  
owayenentambo ebomvu esandleni sakhe;  
igama lakhe lathiwa uzera.

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ujosefa wehliselwa egibithe; upotifari  
inceku kafaro, induna yemilindankosi,  
owasegibithe, wamthenga esandleni  
sabakwa-ishmayeli ababemehlisele khona.  
ujehova-aeiou wayenaye ujosefa, waba ngu-  
mntu onenhlanhla; wayesendlini yenkosi  
yakhe yasegibithe. inkosi yakhe yabona  
ukuthi ujeheva-aeiou unaye nokuthi konke  
akwenzayo ujeheva-aeiou wakuphumelelisa  
esandleni sakhe. ujosefa wafumana  
umusa emehlweni ayo, wayikhonza; yam-  
beka abe yinduna phezu kwendlu yayo,  
nakho konke okwayo yakunikela esan-  
dleni sakhe. kusukela kuleso sikhathi  
embeke ngaso ukuba abe yinduna phezu  
kwendlu yayo naphezu kwakho konke  
okwayo, ujeheva-aeiou wabusisa indlu  
yowasegibithe ngenxa kajosefa; isibusiso  
sikajehova-aeiou sasikukho konke okwayo  
endlini nasensimini. yashiya konke okwayo  
esandleni sikajosefa; yayingazi lutho ol-  
wayo, ukudla eyakudlayo kuphela. ujosefa  
wayengumgembela, eyigeza. kwathi  
emva kwalezo zinto umkankosi yakhe  
waphonsa amehlo kujosefa, wathi: lala  
nami. kepha wala, wathi kumkankosi  
yakhe: bheka, inkosi yami ayikwazi en-  
ginakho endlini, inikele konke okwayo  
esandleni sami; ayinkulu kunami kule ndlu;  
futhi ayingigodelanga lutho ngaphandle  
kwakho kuphela, ngokuba ungumkayo; pho,  
ngingenza kanjani lobo bubi obungaka,  
ngone kulezi-ku na? kwathi esakhuluma ku-  
josefa izinsuku ngezinsuku, akamlalelanga  
ukuba alale naye, nokuba abe naye. kwathi  
ngosuku lumbe engena endlini ukuyokwenza  
imisebenzi yakhe, kungekho lapho phakathi  
noyedwa owendlu, wambamba ngengubo  
yakhe, wathi: lala nami, kepha washiya  
ingubo yakhe esandleni sakhe, wabaleka,  
wagijimela phandle. kwathi esebone ukuthi  
ushiye ingubo esandleni sakhe, wabaleka,  
wabiza abantu bendlu, wakhuluma kubo,  
wathi: bonani usilethele umheberu ukuba  
adlale ngathi; uze kimina ukuba alale nami;  
ngamemeza ngezwi elikhulu; wathi ezwa  
ukuthi ngiphakamisa izwi lami ngimemeza,  
washiya ingubo yakhe kimi, wabaleka,  
wagijimela phandle. wayesebeka le ngubo  
kuye, yaze yafika ekhaya inkosi yakhe.  
wakhuluma kuyo wona lawa mazwi, wathi:  
le nceku engumheberu, osilethele yona, ize

kimi ukuba idlale ngami; kwathi ukuba  
ngiphakamisa izwi lami ngimemeza, yashiya  
ingubo yayo kimi, yabalekela phandle.  
yathi inkosi yakhe isizwe amazwi omkayo  
ayewakhulume kuyo, ethi: yenze njalo  
kimi inceku yakho, lwavutha ulaka lwayo.  
inkosi kajosefa yamthatha, yamfaka etilongweni,  
indawo lapho iziboshwa zenkosi  
zaziboshwa khona; waba khona etilongweni.  
kepha ujeheva-aeiou wayenaye ujosefa,  
wamupha umusa, wamenzela ububele  
emehlweni omlindi wetilongo. umlindi  
wetilongo wanikela esandleni sikajosefa  
zonke iziboshwa ezazisetilongweni; konke  
ezazikwenza khona nguyena owayekwenza.  
umlindi wetilongo akabanga esabheka lutho  
olusesandleni sakhe, ngokuba ujeheva-aeiou  
wayenaye, nalokho akwenzayo ujeheva-aeiou  
wakuphumelelisa.

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kwathi emva kwalezo zinto umphathizitsha  
wenkosi yasegibithe nomphekizinkwa wayo  
bona enkosini yabo, inkosi yasegibithe.  
ufaro wazithukuthelela lezo zinceku zakhe  
zombili, induna yabaphathizitsha nenduna  
yabaphekizinkwa. wazibeka ukuba zilindwe  
endlini yenduna yemilindankosi etilongweni,  
indawo lapho wayeboshwe khona  
ujosefa. induna yemilindankosi yamyala  
ngazo ujosefa ukuba azibheke; wazikhonza;  
zazisekulindweni izinsukwana. baphupha  
iphupho bobabili, kwaba yilowo nalowo  
iphupho lakhe ngabusuku bunye, yilowo  
nalowo ngokokuchazwa kwephupho lakhe,  
umphathizitsha nomphekizinkwa wenkosi  
yasegibithe, ababeboshwe etilongweni.  
ujosefa wangena kubo ekuseni, wabona  
ukuthi badabukile. wayesebuza izinceku  
zikafaro ezazinaye zilindwe endlini yenkosi  
yakhe, ethi: ubuso benu budabukeleni na-  
muhla na? bathi kuye: siphuphe iphupho,  
akakho ongalichaza. ujosefa wathi kubo:  
ukuchaza akusikho okukalezi-ku na? ake  
ningilandise lona. induna yabaphathizitsha  
yayisimlandisa ujosefa iphupho layo, yathi  
kuye: ephusheni lami kwakukhona umvini  
phambi kwami; emvinini kwakukhona  
amatatsha amathathu; wahluma qede  
wakhahlela, amahlukuzo awo athela izithelo.  
indebe kafaro yayisesandleni sami;  
ngathatha izithelo zomvini, ngazikhamela  
endebeni kafaro, indebe ngayinikela esan-  
dleni sikafaro. wathi ujosefa kuye: nakho  
ukuchazwa kwalo: lawo amatatsha am-  
athathu ayizinsuku ezintathu; zingakadluli  
izinsuku ezintathu, ufaro uzakuphakamisa  
ikhanda lakho, akubuyisele esikhundleni  
sakho; uzakunikela indebe esandleni sikafaro  
njengokwenza kwakho kwakuqala, lapho  
wawungumphathizitsha wakhe. kepha  
ngikhumbule, nxa usuhlezi kahle, ungenzele

umusa, ungibike kufaro, ungikhiphe kule ndlu. ngokuba ngebiwa nokwebiwa ezweni lamaheberu, nalapha futhi angenzanga lutho ukuba bangifake emgodini. kwathi induna yabaphekizinkwa ibona ukuthi lokho kuchazwa kwakukuhle, yathi kujosefa: nakimi ephusheni lami kwakungathi kukhona amaqoma amathathu esinkwa esimhlophe ekhanda lami. eqomeni elingaphezulu kwakukhona izinhlobo zonke zokudla kukafaro; izinyoni zazikudla eqomeni eliphezu kwekhanda lami. ujosefa waphendula wathi: lokhu kungukuchazwa kwalo: lawo maqoma amathathu ayizinsuku ezintathu; zingakadluli izinsuku ezintathu, ufaro uzakuphakamisa ikhanda lakho, alisuse kuwe, akuphanyeke emthini; izinyoni ziyakudla inyama yakho, ziyisuse kuwe. kwathi ngosuku lwesithathu, usuku lokuzalwa kukafaro, wazenzela izinceku zakhe zonke idili, waphakamisa ikhanda lenduna yabaphathizitsha nelenduna yabaphekizinkwa phakathi kwezinceku zakhe. wayibuyisela induna yabaphathizitsha esikhundleni sayo, waze wanikela indebe esandleni sikafaro; kepha wayiphanyeka induna yabaphekizinkwa, njengalokho ebebachazele ujosefa. nokho induna yabaphathizitsha ayamkhumbula ujosefa, yamkhohlwa.

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kwathi ngasekupheleni kweminyaka emibili waphupha ufaro; bheka, wayemi ngasemfuleni. bheka, kwakhuphuka emfuleni izithole eziyisikhombisa ezibukeya kahle, zikhuluphele, zadla emhlangeni. nazo ezinye izithole eziyisikhombisa zenyuka emfuleni emva kwazo, zibukeya kabi, zondile; zema kwezinye izithole ogwini lomfula. izithole ezibukeya kabi ezondileyo zadla izithole ezibukeya kahle ezikhulupheleyo. wayesephaphama ufaro. walala ubuthongo, waphupha ngokwesibili; bheka, kwahluma izikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ezeleni linye, zibhoxile, zizinhle. bheka, nezikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ezincane, ezihamukile ngumoya wasempumalanga, zahluma emva kwazo. izikhwebu ezincane zagwinya izikhwebu ezibhoxileyo ezipheleleyo. wayesephaphama ufaro; bheka, kwakuyiphupho. kwathi ekuseni umoya wakhe wakhathazeka; wathuma wabiza izanusi zonke zasegibithe nezihlakaniphi zonke zalo; ufaro wazilandisa iphupho lakhe; kepha akubangakho ongachazela wona ufaro. yayisikhuluma induna yabaphathizitsha kufaro, ithi: ngiyakhumbula namuhla amacala ami. ufaro wathukuthelela izinceku zakhe, wangifaka ukuba ngilindwe endlini yenduna yemilindankosi, mina kanye nenduna yabaphekizinkwa. saphupha

iphupho ngabona lobo busuku mina naye. saphupha, kwaba yilowo nalowo ngokokukhazwa kwephupho lakhe. kwakukhona nathi lapho insizwa, umheberu, incek u yenduna yemilindankosi; sayilandisa yona, yasic-hazela amaphupho ethu, yachazela, kwaba yilowo nalowo ngokwephupho lakhe. kwathi njengalokho yasichazela, kwaba njalo; mina inkosi yangibuyisela esikhundleni sami, yena yamphanyeka. ufaro wayesethuma wambiza ujosefa; bashesha bamkhipha emgodini; waphucula, waphendulela ezinye izingubo, wangena kufaro. wayesethi ufaro kujosefa: ngiphuphe iphupho, kakho ongalichaza; sengizwe kuthiwa ngawe, lapho ulizwa iphupho, ungalichaza. ujosefa wamphendula ufaro, wathi: akukimi lokho; ulezi-ku uzakumphendula kahle ufaro. ufaro wakhuluma kujosefa, wathi: ephusheni lami, bheka, ngangimi ogwini lomfula; bheka, kwase kukhuphuka emfuleni izithole eziyisikhombisa ezikhulupheleyo ezibukeya kahle; zadla emhlangeni. nazo ezinye izithole eziyisikhombisa zenyuka emva kwazo, zizacile, zibukeya kabi kakhulu, zondile, engingazange ngibone ezimbi njengalezo ezweni lonke lasegibithe. izithole ezondileyo ezimbi zadla eziyisikhombisa zokuqala ezikhulupheleyo. lapho sezingene eziswini zazo, akwabonakala ukuthi zingene eziswini zazo; zazisabukeka zizimbi njengakuqala. ngase ngiphaphama. futhi ngabona ephusheni lami, bheka, kwahluma izikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ezeleni linye, ziphelele, zizinhle. bheka, nezikhwebu eziyizintshwamu ezincane, ezihamukile ngumoya wasempumalanga, zahluma emva kwazo. izikhwebu ezincane zagwinya izikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ezinhle; ngakulandisa izanusi, kepha sasingekho esingangazisa khona. ujosefa wayesethi kufaro: iphupho likafaro linye; lokho ulezi-ku azakukwenza umazise ufaro khona. izithole eziyisikhombisa ezinhle ziyiminyaka eyisikhombisa; izikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ezinhle ziyiminyaka eyisikhombisa; iphupho linye. izithole ezondileyo ezimbi ezakhuphuka emva kwazo ziyiminyaka eyisikhombisa kanye nezikhwebu ezincane, ezihamukile ngumoya wasempumalanga; ziyiminyaka eyisikhombisa yendlala. yikho lokhu engikushilo kufaro: lokho ulezi-ku asezakukwenza ukubonakalisile kufaro. bheka, kuyeza iminyaka eyisikhombisa yenala enkulu ezweni lonke lasegibithe. emva kwayo iyakuvela iminyaka eyisikhombisa yendlala; iyakukhohlakala inala yonke ezweni lasegibithe; indlala iyakuliqeda izwe. inala ayiyukwaziwa ezweni ngenxa yendlala elandelayo, ngokuba iyakuba nzima kakhulu. lokhu ukuthi iphupho liphindwe kabili kufaro, kungokuba le nto inqunywe ngulezi-ku, futhi ulezi-ku uyakushesha



ayenze. manje ufaro makakhethe umuntu oqaphelayo ohlakaniphileyo, ambeke phezu kwezwe lasegibithe. makenze njalo ufaro, abeke ababonisi phezu kwezwe, bahlukanise okwesihlanu kwezwe lasegibithe ngeminyaka eyisikhombisa yenala. mababuthe konke ukudla kwale minyaka emihle ezayo, banqwabele phansi kwesandla sikafaro amabele emizini, abe ngokudla, bawalonde. lokhu kudla kuyakubekelelwa izwe ngenxa yeminyaka eyisikhombisa yendala eyakuba khona ezweni lasegibithe ukuba izwe lingabhubhi ngendlala. leli zwi laba lihle emehlweni kafaro nasemehlweni ezinceku zakhe zonke. wayesethi ufaro ezincekweni zakhe: singamthola yini umuntu onjalo, onomoya kalezi-ku, na? wathi ufaro kujosefa: njengokuba ulezi-ku ekwazise wena konke lokhu, akakho oqaphelayo ohlakaniphileyo njengawe. wena uzakuba phezu kwendlu yami; ngezwi lakho bayakuhlelwa bonke abantu bami; esihlalweni sobukhosi kuphela ngiyakuba mkhulu kunawe. wathi ufaro kujosefa: bheka, sengikubeke phezu kwezwe lonke lasegibithe. ufaro wayesekhumula indandatho yakhe esandleni sakhe, wayifaka esandleni sikajosefa, wamembathisa izingubo zelineni elicolekileyo, wafaka umnaka wegolide entanyeni yakhe. wamkhwelisa enqoleni yesibili emva kwakhe; bamemeza phambi kwakhe, bathi: guqani! wambeka phezu kwezwe lonke lasegibithe. ufaro wathi kujosefa: ngingufaro; ngaphandle kwakho akuyikuphakamisa muntu isandla sakhe nonyavo lwakhe ezweni lonke lasegibithe. ufaro waqamba igama likajosefa ngokuthi usafenati phaneya; wamnika u-asenati indodakazi kapotifera umpristi wase-oni abe ngumkakhe. ujoosefa waphuma, wahamba izwe lonke lasegibithe. ujoosefa wayeneminyaka engamashumi amathathu mhlaba emi phambi kukafaro inkosi yasegibithe. ujoosefa waphuma ebusweni bukafaro, wahamba izwe lonke lasegibithe. ngeminyaka eyisikhombisa yenala umhlaba wathela kakhulu. waqoqa konke ukudla kwale minyaka eyisikhombisa eyayisezweni lasegibithe, wabekelela ukudla emizini; ukudla kwamasimu azungeza yilowo nalowo muzi wakubekelela kuwo. ujoosefa waqongelela amabele angangesihlabathi solwandle, okuningi kakhulu, waze wayeka ukubala, ngokuba kwakungenakubalwa. ujoosefa wazalelwa amadodana amabili, kungakafiki mnyaka wendlala, amzalela wona u-asenati indodakazi kapotifera umpristi wase-oni. ujoosefa waqamba igama lezibulo ngokuthi umanase, wathi: ngokuba ulezi-ku ungenze ngikhohlwe konke ukuhlupheka kwami nendlu yonke kababa. igama lowesibili waliqamba ngokuthi u-efrayimi, wathi: ngokuba ulezi-ku ungenze ngizale ezweni lokuhlupheka kwami. iminyaka

eyisikhombisa yenala eyayisezweni lasegibithe yaphela. iminyaka eyisikhombisa yendlala yayisiqala ukufika, njengalokho eshilo ujoosefa; kwakuyindlala emazweni onke; kepha ezweni lonke lasegibithe ukudla kwakukhona. kwathi selilambile izwe lonke lasegibithe, abantu bakhala kufaro ngokudla; ufaro wathi kubo bonke abasegibithe: yanini kujosefa; lokho anitshela khona, nikwenze. indlala yayisebusweni bezwe lonke; ujoosefa wavula zonke izinqolobane, wathengisela abasegibithe; indlala yayinzima ezweni lasegibithe. amazwe onke afika kujosefa egibithe ukuyothenga amabele, ngokuba indlala yayinzima emhlabeni wonke.

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ujakobe esezwile ukuthi kukhona amabele egibithe, ujakobe wathi emadodaneni akhe: nibukanelani na? wathi: bhekani, ngizwile ukuthi kukhona amabele egibithe; yehlani, niye lapho, nisithengele khona, ukuze siphile, singafi. base behla abafowabo bakajosefa abayishumi, baya kuthenga amabele egibithe. kepha ubenjamini umfowabo kakajosefa ujakobe akamthumanga nabafowabo, ngokuba wathi: angahle ehlelwe ngbona-ukukhandleka. ayesefika amadodana ka-israyeli ukuthenga phakathi kwalabo ababefika, ngokuba kwakukhona indlala ezweni lasekhanani. ujoosefa wayengumbusi ezweni; nguyena owathengisela abantu bonke bezwe; bafika-ke abafowabo bakajosefa, bamkhotamelana ngobuso phansi. ujoosefa wabona abafowabo, wabazi, kepha wazishaya ongabaziyo kubo, wakhuluma kalukhuni kubo, wathi kubo: nivelaphi na? bathi: sivela ezweni lasekhanani, size ukuthenga ukudla. ujoosefa wabazi abafowabo, kepha bona abamazanga. ujoosefa wayesekhumbula amaphupho awaphupha ngabo, wathi kubo: niyizinhlozi; nize ukubona ubuze bezwe. bathi kuye: qha, nkosi, izinceku zakho zize ukuba zithenge ukudla. sonke singamadodana andodanye; singabantu abaqotho; izinceku zakho aziyizo izinhlozi. wathi kubo: qhobo, nize ukubona ubuze bezwe. base bethi kuye: thina zinceku zakho ziyizelamani eziyishumi nambili, amadodana andodanye ezweni lasekhanani; bheka, encane ikubaba manje, enye ayisekho. ujoosefa wathi kubo: yikho lokhu engikushilo kini ukuthi niyizinhlozi. niyakuvivinywa ngalokhu, kuphila kukafaro, aniyikumuka lapha, kuphela uma umfowenu omncane efika lapha. thumani omunye wenu, amlande umfowenu; nizakuboshwa, ukuze kuvivinywe amazwi enu ukuba iqiniso likini yini; niza kungenjalo, kuphila kukafaro, niyizinhlozi. wababutha bonke ukuba balindwe izin-

suku ezintathu. wayesethi kubo ujosefa ngosuku lwesithathu: yenzani lokhu, niphile, ngokuba ngiyamesaba ulezi-ku-uma ningabaqotho, makuboshwe omunye wabafowenu endlini yokulindwa kwenu, kepha hambani nina, nibuyele namabele endlala yezindlu zenu, nilethe umfowenu omncane kimi, kuqiniswe amazwi enu, nize ningafi. benze njalo. base bethi omunye komunye: impela sitholile icala ngomfowethu, njengokuba sabona usizi lwenhliziyo yakhe, esincenga, kasamlalela; ngalokho lolu sizi selufike phezu kwethu. urubeni wabaphendula wathi: angikhuluma ngani yini kini ukuthi: ningamoni umfana, kanangilalela, na? bhekani, ngalokho seliyabizwa igazi lakhe. babengazi ukuthi ujosefa uyabazwa, ngokuba kwakukhona ihumusha phakathi kwabo. wabafulathela, wakhala; wabuye waphendukela kubo, wakhuluma nabo; wayesemsusa usimeyoni phakathi kwabo, wambopha phambi kwamahlo abo. ujosefa wayeseyala ukuba amasaka abo agcwaliswe ngamabele, kubuyiselwe imali yalowo nalowo esakeni lakhe, baphiwe umphako endleni; kwenziwa njalo kubo. base bethwesa izimbongolo zabo ngamabele abo, bamuka khona. kwathi omunye evula isaka lakhe ukuba ayinike imbongolo yakhe ukudla endlini yezihambi, wabona imali yakhe; bheka, yayisemlonyeni wesaka lakhe. wayesethi kubaqotho: imali yami ibuyiselwe; bhekani, isesakeni lami. baphela amandla, babhekana omunye nomunye bethuthumela, bethi: kuyini lokhu ulezi-ku-asezele khona na? bafika-ke kujakobe uyise ezweni lasekhanani, bamtshelela konke okubehleleyo, bathi: lowo muntu, inkosi yezwe, ukhulume kalukhuni kithina, wasishaya izinhlozi zezwe. sase sithi kuye: singabaqotho; asiyizo izinhlozi; siyize-lamani eziyishumi nambili, amadodana kababa; enye ayisekho, encane ikubaba ezweni lasekhanani manje. lowo muntu, inkosi yezwe, wayesethi kithi: ngalokhu ngiyokwazi ukuthi ningabaqotho: shiyani kimi omunye wabafowenu, niphathele indlala yezindlu zenu ukudla, nimuke, nilethe kimi umfowenu omncane; yikhona ngiyokwazi ukuthi aniyizo izinhlozi kepha ningabaqotho, ngininike umfowenu, ninghambe izwe. kwathi sebethulula amasaka abo, bheka, isikhwama semali salowo nalowo sasisesakeni lakhe; lapho bona noyise bebona izikhwama zabo zemali, bashaywa luvalo. ujakobe uyise wayesethi kubo: niyangaphuca abantwana bami; ujosefa akasekho, nosimeyoni kasekho; senizakuthatha nobenjamini; kuphezu kwami konke lokhu. wayesekhuluma urubeni kuyise, ethi: bulala amadodana ami omabili, uma ngingambuyiseli kuwe; mnikele esandleni sami, ngizakumbuyisela

kuwe. wathi: indodana yami ayiyikwehla nani, ngokuba umfowabo ufile, kusele yona yodwa; uma yehlelwa yingozi endleni eniyihambayo, niyakwehlisela endaweni yabafileyo izimvi zami ngosizi.

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indlala yayinzima ezweni. kwathi sebeqedile amabele ababewathengile egibithe, uyise wathi kubo: buyelani, nisithengele ukudlana. ujoda wakhuluma kuye, wathi: lowo muntu wagoma nokugoma kithina, wathi: aniyikubona ubuso bami, kuphela uma umfowenu enani. uma umthuma nathi umfowethu, sizakwehla, sithenge ukudla; kepha uma ungamthumi, asizukwehla, ngokuba lowo muntu wathi kithina: aniyikubona ubuso bami, kuphela uma umfowenu enani.

wayesethi u-israyeli: ningenzeni bonara-ukukhandleka ngokumtshele lowo muntu ukuthi ukhona omunye umfowenu na? bathi: wabuzwa nokubuza lowo muntu ngathi nangezihlobo zethu, wathi: usekhona uyihlo na? ninomunye umfowenu na? samlandisa njengalawa mazwi; sasingakwazi kanjani ukuba uyakuthi: yehlisani umfowenu, na? ujoda wathi ku-israyeli uyise: thuma umfana nami, size sisuke, sihambe ukuba siphile, singafi, thina nawe kanye nezingane zethu. mina ngiyakuba yisibambiso sakhe; uzakumbiza esandleni sami; uma ngingambuyiseli kuwe, ngimbeke ebusweni bakho, ngiyakuba necala kuze kube phakade, ngokuba uma sasingalibalanga, impela nga sesibuyile manje ngokwesibili. uyise u-israyeli wayesethi kubo: uma kunjalo, yenzani lokhu; phathani izithelo ezikhethiweyo zezwe emasakeni enu, nimehlisele lowo muntu isipho, ibhalisamu eliyingcosana, nezinyosi eziyingcosana, namakha, nemure, namapisitakiyo, nama-alimondi, niphathe esandleni senu imali iphindwe kabili; naleyo mali eyabuyiselwa emilonyeni yamasaka enu, niyihambise ngesandla senu; mhlawumbe kwenzeka iphutha. niphathe futhi umfowenu, nisuke nibuyele kulowo muntu. ulezi-ku usomandla anphe umusa ebusweni balowo muntu, kuze anikhulele umfowenu lowo omunye kanye nobenjamini; kepha mina, uma ngaphucwa abantwana, ngiyaphucwa. amadoda ayesethatha lesi siphonemali ephindwe kabili esandleni sawo kanye nobenjamini, asuka ehlela egibithe, ema ebusweni bukajosefa. ujosefa esembona ubenjamini enabo, wathi kophezu kwendlu yakhe: ngenisa lawa madoda endlini, uhlabe, ulungise, ngokuba lawa madoda ayakudla nami emini. lowo muntu wenza njengalokho eshilo ujosefa; incek uyawangenisa amadoda endlini kajosefa. amadoda esaba, ngokuba angeniswa endlini kajosefa, athi: singeniswe lapha ngenxa

yemali eyabuyiselwa emasakeni ethu kuqala ukuba asizume, asehlele, asenze izigqila kanye nezimbongolo zethu. asondela-ke encekwini yendlu kajosefa, akhuluma kuyo ngasemnyango wendlu, athi: o nkosi, ngempela safika kuqala ukuthenga ukudla. kwathi sesifike endlini yezihambi, savula amasaka ethu; bheka, imali yalowo nalowo yayisemlonyeni wesaka lakhe, imali yethu ngokulinganiswa kwayo; sesiyibuyisile ngesandla sethu. sehle nenyi imali esandleni sethu ukuba sithenge ukudla; asazi ukuthi ngubani owayifaka imali yethu emasakeni ethu. yayisithi kubo: ukuthula makube kina; ningesabi; ulezi-ku wenu nolezi-ku kayihlo uniphe igugu emasakeni enu; imali yenu ngayithola. yaphumisa usimeyoni, yamletha kubo. incek u yayisingenisa amadoda endlini kajosefa, yawanika amanzi; ageza izinyawo zawo; yazipha izimbongolo zawo ukudla. alungisela ujosefa isipho, ezofika emini, ngokuba ayezwele ukuthi ayakudla khona. ujosefa esefike ekhaya, ayisa kuye endlini isipho esasisesandleni sawo, akhothamela phansi kuye. wabuza impilo yabo, wathi: usaphila uyihlo, ixhegu enanikhuluma ngalo, na? usekhona na? bathi-ke: incek u yakho ubaba isaphila, isekhona. bamkhotamela, bamkhonza. wayesephakamisa amehlo akhe, wambona ubenjamini umfowabo, indodana kanina, wathi: nguye lo ongumfowenu omncane enakhuluma ngaye kimi na? wathi: ulezi-ku makabe nomusa kuwe ndodana yami. wakhawuleza ujosefa, ngokuba ngaphakathi kwakhe kwavutha isihe ngomfowabo; wafuna lapho angakhala khona, wangena ekamelweni lakhe, wakhala khona. wageza ubuso bakhe, waphuma; wazibamba, wathi: lethani ukudla. bambekela ukudla ngokwakhe, nalabo ngokwabo, nabasegibithe abadla naye ngokwabo, lokhu abasegibithe bangedle namaheberu, ngokuba kuyanengeka kubo abasegibithe. bahlala phambi kwakhe, izibulo njengobuzibulo balo nomncane njengobuncane bakhe; abantu bamangala omunye nomunye. wabathathela izabelo kulokho okwakuphambi kwakhe, kepha isabelo sikabenjamini saphindwa kahlanu silinganiswa nesabo. baphuza, bathokoza naye.

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wayala incek u yendlu yakhe, wathi: gwalisa amasaka alawa madoda ngokudla okulingene namandla abo okuthwala, ufake imali yalowo nalowo emlonyeni wesaka lakhe. ufake indebe yami, indebe yesiliva, emlonyeni wesaka lomncane kanye nemali yamabele akhe. yenza-ke njengezwi likajosefa alishilo. ngakusasa nxa sekusile, amadoda amukiswa, wona nezimbongolo zawo. esephumile emzini, engakabi kude, ujosefa

wathi encekwini yakhe: suka ulandele lawo madoda; nxa uwafika, yisho kuwo ukuthi: niphindiseleni okuhle ngbona-rukukhandleka na? lena akusiyo indebe inkosi yami ephuza ngayo, ebhula ngayo, na? nenze kabi ngokwenze njalo. yawafika, yakhuluma kuwo lawa mazwi. ayesethi kuyo: inkosi yami ikhulumelani amazwi anjengalawa? akube kude nezinceku zakho ukwenze njalo. bheka, imali esayifumanisa emlonyeni yamasaka ethu sayibuyisa ezweni lasekhanani, sayiletha kuwe; pho, besingeba kanjani endlini yenkosi yakho isiliva noma igolide na? lowo wasezincekwini zakho eyakutholwa kuye, makafe yena, thina sibe yizigqila zenkosi yami. yathi: kalokhu makube njengamazwi enu; lowo ezakutholaka kuye makabe yisigqila sami, nina ningabi nacala. ayeseshesha ukwehlisela phansi, kwaba yileyo naleyo isaka layo, yileyo naleyo yavula isaka layo. yanyalula, yaqala ngenkulu yagcina ngenecane; indebe yatholwa esakeni likabenjamini. ayesekelebhula izingubo zawo, yileyo naleyo yethwesa imbongolo yayo, abuyela emzini. ujuda nabafowabo bafika endlini kajosefa; wayesekhona lapho; bawa phansi phambi kwakhe. ujosefa wayesethi kubo: isenzo sini lesi enisenzileyo na? beningazi yini ukuthi umuntu onjengami angabhula nokubhula na? wathi ujuda: sizakuthini enkosini yami na? sizakukhulumani? sizakuzihlanguza kanjani? ulezi-ku ufumene ububi bezinceku zakho; bheka, siyizigqila zenkosi yami thina naye etholakele esandleni sakhe indebe. wathi: makube kude kimi ukwenze njalo; umuntu etholakele esandleni sakhe indebe uyakuba yisigqila sami, kepha nina manihambe kahle, nenyuke, niye kuyihlo. ujuda wayesesondela kuye, ethi: o nkosi yami, incek u yakho mayikhulume izwi ezindlebeni zenkosi yami, ungavuthi ulaka ngenceku yakho, ngokuba ungangofaro wena. inkosi yami yabuza izinceku zayo, yathi: ninoyihlo, ninomfowenu na? sase sithi enkosini yami: sinobaba, ixhegu, nomntwana wobuxhegu bakhe omncane; umnewabo ufile, usesele yedwa kwabakanina; uyise uyamthanda. wawusuthi ezincekwini: mehliseni kimi ukuba ngimbone ngamehlo ami. sathi enkosini: umfana akanakumshiya uyise; uma emshiya, uyise uzakufa. wathi wena ezincekwini zakho: uma umfowenu omncane engehlile nani, anisayikubuye nibone ubuso bami. kwathi sesikhuphukele encekwini yakho ubaba, samlandisa amazwi enkosini. wathi ubaba: buyelani, nisithengele ukudlana. sathi thina: asinakwehla. uma umfowethu omncane enathi, siyakwehla, ngokuba asinakubona ubuso balowo muntu, uma umfowethu omncane engenathi. yayisithi kithi incek u yakho ubaba: niyazi ukuthi umkami wangizalela amadodana am-

abili. enye yaphuma kimi; ngathi: impela idatshuliwe nokudatshulwa; angiyiboni kuze kube manje. nanxa nithatha nalena, niyisuse kimi, yehlelwa yingozi, niyakwehlisela izimvi zami endaweni yabaflelo ngosizi. kalokhu nxa ngifika encekwini yakho ubaba, umfana engenathi, lokhu inhliziyo yakhe ibambelele enhliziyweni yomfana, kuzakuthi lapho ebona ukuthi umfana akakho, afe, izinceku zakho zibe zehlisele endaweni yabaflelo izimvi zencku yakho ubaba ngosizi. ngokuba inceku yakho yaba yisibambiso somfana kubaba, yathi: uma ngingambuyiseli kuwe, ngiyakuba necala kubaba kuze kube phakade. ngalokho inceku yakho ake ihlale esikhundleni somfana, ibe yisigqila senkosi, umfana akhuphuke nabafowabo. ngokuba ngingakhuphuka kanjani kubaba, umfana engenami, funa ngibone bona-rawukukhandleka okuzakumehlela ubaba, na?

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khona ujosefa wayengasenakuzibamba phambi kwabo bonke ababemi naye, wakhala wathi: phumisani kimi abantu bonke. kwakungemi muntu naye, ujosefa esazazisa kubafowabo. wayesebhakamisa izwi ngokukhala, abasegibithe bakuzwa, nendlu kafaro yakuzwa. wathi ujosefa kubafowabo: ngingujosefa; ubaba usekhona na? abafowabo babengenakumphendula, ngokuba bashaqeka ebusweni bakhe. ujosefa wayesethi kubafowabo: ake nisondele kimi. basondela-ke. wayesethi: ngingujosefa umfowenu enathengisa ngaye egibithe. manje ningabi buhlungu, ningazithukuthelile ukuthi nathengisa ngami lapha, ngokuba ulezi-ku wangithuma phambi kwenu ukulondoloza impilo. ngokuba isimibili iminyaka indlala ikhona ezweni; kusasele iminyaka eyisihlanu okungayikulinywa, kuvunwe ngayo. ulezi-ku wangithuma ngaphambi kwenu ukunilondoloza, nibe yinsali emhlabeni, nisindiswe kube ngukukhululwa okukhulu. kalokhu akuyinina enangithuma lapha, kepha ulezi-ku; ungibeke uyise kafaro, nenkosi yendlu yakhe yonke, nombusi wezwe lonke lasegibithe. sheshani nikhuphuke, niye kubaba, nithi kuye: uthe ujosefa indodana yakho: ulezi-ku ungibeke inkosi yalo lonke igibithe; yehla, uze kimi, ungabalibali. uyakuhlala ezweni lasegosheni, ube seduze nami, wena nabantabakho, nabantwana babantabakho, nezimvu zakho, nezinkomo zakho, nakho konke onakho, ngikondele khona, ngokuba kuseyiminyaka eyisihlanu yendlala, funa uswele, wena nomuzi wakho, nakho konke onakho. bhekani, amehlo enu ayabona kanye namehlo omfowethu ubenjamini ukuthi yiwo umlomo wami okhuluma kinina. niyakumlandisa ubaba yonke inkazimulo yami egibithe,

nakho konke enikubonileyo, nisheshe nehlise ubaba, nimlethe lapha. wayesewa entanyeni yomfowabo ubenjamini, wakhala; nobenjamini wakhala ngasentanyeni yakhe. wabanga bonke abafowabo, wakhalela kubo; emva kwalokho abafowabo bakhuluma naye. leli zwi lezwakala endlini kafaro, lithi: abafowabo bakajosefa bafikile. kwaba kuhle emehlweni kafaro nasamehlweni ezinceku zakhe. ufaro wayesethi kujosefa: yisho kubafowenu ukuthi: yenzani lokhu: thwesani izimbongolo zenu, nihambe niye ezweni lasekhanani, nithathe uyihlo nemizi yenu, nize kimi, nginiphe okuhle kwezwe lasegibithe, nize nidle amanoni ezwe. usuyaliwe: yenzani lokhu: nithathele izingane zenu nawomkenu izinqola ezweni lasegibithe, nilethe uyihlo, bese niza. futhi ningakhathaleli impahla yenu, ngokuba okuhle kwezwe lonke lasegibithe kungokwenu. enze njalo amadodana ka-israyeli. ujosefa wabapha izinqola njengesiyalo sikafaro, wabanika nomphako wendlala. kubo bonke, kwaba yilowo nalowo, wanika izingubo zokuphendulela; kepha ubenjamini wamupha izinhlamvu ezingamakhulu amathathu zesiliva nezingubo eziyisihlanu zokuphendulela. kuyise wathuma kanje: izimbongolo eziyishumi, zithwesise izinto ezinhle zasegibithe, nezimbongolokazi eziyishumi, zithwesise amabele, nesinkwa, nomphako kayise endleleni. wayesebamukisa abafowabo, bahamba; wathi kubo: ningaxabani endleleni. bakhuphuka egibithe, bafika ezweni lasekhanani kujakobe uyise. bamtshela bathi: ujosefa usekhona, ungumbusi ezweni lonke lasegibithe. inhliziyo yakhe yayisiphela amandla, ngokuba akakholwanga yibo. bamlandisa onke amazwi kajosefa abewashilo kubo; lapho esebona izinqola abezithumile ujosefa zokumthwala, umoya kajakobe uyise wavuselwela. wathi u-israyeli: kwanele; ujosefa indodana yami usekhona; ngizakuhamba ngimbone ngingakafi.

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u-israyeli wasuka nakho konke okwakhe, wafika eberi sheba, wanikela iminikelo kulezi-ku kayise u-isaka. ulezi-ku wakhuluma ku-israyeli ngemibono yasebusuku, wathi: jakobe, jakobe! wathi: ngilapha. wayesethi: ngingulezi-ku, ulezi-ku kayihlo; ungesabi ukwehlela egibithe, ngokuba ngiyakukwenza khona isizwe esikhulu. mina ngiyakwehla, ngiye nawe egibithe; impela ngizakubuye ngikukhuphule futhi. ujosefa uyakubeka isandla sakhe phezu kwamehlo akho. ujakobe wayesesuka eberi sheba; amadodana ka-israyeli amthwala ujakobe uyise, nezingane zawo, nawomkawo ezinqoleni abezithumile ufaro zokumthwala.

bathatha imfuyo yabo nempahla yabo ababeyizuze ezweni lasekhanani, bafika egibithe, ujakobe nayo yonke inzalo yakhe kanye naye. amadodana akhe, namadodana amadodana akhe, namadodakazi akhe, namadodakazi amadodana akhe, nayo yonke inzalo yakhe wayiletha kanye naye egibithe. lawa angamagama abantwana bakwa-israyeli abafika egibithe, ujakobe namadodana akhe: ngurubeni izibulo likajakobe. amadodana karubeni: ngothanoki, nophalu, nohesironi, nokarmi. amadodana kasimeyoni: ngojemuweli, nojamini, noohade, nojakini, nozahari, noshawule, indodana yowesifazane wasekhanani. amadodana kalevi: ngogereshoni, nokohati, nomerari. amadodana kajuda: ngo-eri, nononani, noshela, nopheresi, nozera; kepha o-eri no-onani bafela ezweni lasekhanani. amadodana kapheresi ayengohesironi nohamule. amadodana ka-isakare: ngothola, nophuva, nojobe noshimroni. amadodana kazebuloni: ngoseredi, no-eloni, no-jaleli. yilawo angamadodana kaleya amzalela wona ujakobe ephadani aramu kanye nodina indodakazi yakhe; yonke imiphefumulo yamadodana akhe namadodakazi akhe yayingamashumi amathathu nantathu. amadodana kadagi: ngosifijoni, nohagi, noshuni, no-esiboni, no-eri, no-ardi, no-areli. amadodana ka-asheri: ngojimna, no-ishiva, no-ishivi, noberiya, kanye nosera udadewabo; amadodana kaberiya: ngohebere nomalikiyeli. yilawo angamadodana kazilipa ulabani amnika yena uleya indodakazi yakhe; wamzalela wona ujakobe, abantu abayishumi nesithupha. amadodana karaheli umkajakobe: ngojosefa nobenjamini. kujosefa kwazalelwa ezweni lasegibithe omanase no-efrayimi, amzalela bona u-asenati indodakazi kapotifera umpristi wase-oni. amadodana kabenjamini: nobela, nobekeri, no-ashibeli, nojera, nonahamani, no-ehi, noroshe, nomuphimi, nohuphimi, no-arida. yilawo angamadodana karaheli azalelwa wona ujakobe; bonke abantu babe yishumi nane. amadodana kadani: nguhashimi. amadodana kanafetali: ngojaseli, noguni, nojeseri, noshilemi. yilawo angamadodana kabiliha ulabani amnika uraheli indodakazi yakhe; wamzalela wona ujakobe; bonke abantu babe yisikhombisa. bonke abantu abeza nojakobe egibithe abaphuma okhalweni lwakhe, ngaphandle kwabafazi bamadodana kajakobe, bonke abantu babe ngamashumi ayisithupha nesithupha. amadodana kajosefa azalelwa wona egibithe ayengabantu ababili; bonke abantu bendlu kajakobe abeza egibithe babe ngamashumi ayisikhombisa. wathuma ujuda ngaphambi kwakhe kujosefa ukuyokhomba phambi kwakhe indlela eya egosheni. ujoosefa wayese-

bophela inqola yakhe, wakhuphuka ukumhlangebeza u-israyeli uyise egosheni; wazibonakalisa kuye, wawa entanyeni yakhe, wakhala ngasentanyeni yakhe isikhathi eside. u-israyeli wayesethi kujosefa: sengingafa, lokhu ngibone ubuso bakho ukuthi usekhona. ujoosefa wathi kubafowabo nakuyo indlu kayise: ngizakukhuphuka, ngimtshele ufaro, ngithi kuye: abafowethu nendlu kababa ababesezweni lasekhanani sebefike kimi. lawa madoda angabelusi bezimvu, ngokuba ayengamadoda emfuyo; aselethile izimvu zawo, nezinkomo zawo, nakho konke anakho. kuyakuthi lapho ufaro enibiza athi: uyini umsebenzi wenu, anothi: izinceku zakho zingabantu bemfuyo kwasebusheni bethu kuze kube manje, thina nawobaba, ukuze nihlale ezweni lasegosheni, ngokuba wonke umalusi wezimvu uyayengeka kwabasegibithe.

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ujoosefa wayesengena, wamtshela ufaro, wathi: ufikile ubaba nabafowethu, nezimvu zabo, nezinkomo zabo, nakho konke abanakho, bephuma ezweni lasekhanani; bheka, sebesezweni lasegosheni. phakathi kwabafowabo wathatha amadoda ayisihlanu, wawabeka phambi kukafaro. ufaro wayesethi kubafowabo: uyini umsebenzi wenu na? bathi kufaro: izinceku zakho zingabelusi, thina nawobaba. bathi kufaro: size ukugogobala ezweni, ngokuba akukho dlelo lemihlambi yezinceku zakho, lokhu indlala inzima ezweni lasekhanani; ngalokho izinceku zakho mazakhe ezweni lasegosheni. wayesekhuluma ufaro kujosefa, ethi: uyihlo nabafowenu beze kuwe; izwe lasegibithe libusweni bakho; mhlalise uyihlo nabafowenu ezweni elihle kunalo lonke, ubahlalise ezweni lasegosheni; uma uwazi phakathi kwabo amadoda anamandla, wabeke abe yizinduna zezinkomo zami. ujoosefa wayesemngenisisa ujakobe uyise, wambeka phambi kukafaro; ujakobe wambusisa ufaro. wathi ufaro kujakobe: zingaki izinsuku zeminyaka yokuhamba kwakho na? ujakobe wathi kufaro: izinsuku zeminyaka yokugogobala kwami ziyiminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amathathu; ziyingcosana, zimbi izinsuku zeminyaka yokuhamba kwami, azifinyelelanga ezinsukwini zeminyaka yokuhamba kwawobaba emihleni yokugogobala kwabo. ujakobe wayesembusisa ufaro, wasuka ebusweni bukafaro. ujoosefa wabahlalisa uyise nabafowabo, wabapha indawo ezweni lasegibithe, izwe elihle kunalo lonke, izwe likaramseze, njengalokho ufaro ebayalile. ujoosefa wamondla uyise, nabafowabo, nendlu yonke kayise ngokudla ngokwemilomo yezingane zabo. ukudla kwakungekho ezweni lonke, ngokuba indlala

yayinzima kakhulu; izwe lasegibithe nezwe lasekhanani afa indlala. ujosefa waqoqa yonke imali eyatholakala ezweni lasegibithe nasezweni lasekhanani ngamabele ababewathengile; ujosefa wayiyisa imali endlini kafaro. isiphelile imali ezweni lasegibithe nasezweni lasekhanani, bonke abasegibithe beza kujosefa, bathi: siphe ukudla; siyakufelani phambi kwakho na? ngokuba isiphelile imali. wayesethi ujosefa: lethani izinkomo zenu; ngizakuninika ngezinkomo zenu, uma imali ingekho. baletha-ke izinkomo zabo kujosefa; ujosefa wabananela ukudla ngamahhashi, nangez-  
imvu, nangezinkomo, nagezimbongolo; wabapha ukudla ngezinkomo zabo zonke ngalowo mnyaka. usuphelile lowo mnyaka, beza kuye ngomnyaka wesibili, bathi kuye: asiyakufihlela inkosi ukuthi imali yethu yonke isiphelile; imihlambi yezinkomo isingeyenkosi; akukho okuseleyo emehlweni enkosi ngaphandle kwemizimba yethu namazwe ethu. siyakufelani phambi kwakho thina namazwe ethu na? sithenge thina namazwe ethu ngokudla, sibe yizinceku zikafaro thina namazwe ethu; siphe imbewu ukuba siphile, singafi, izwe lingachitheki. ujosefa wamthengela ufaro izwe lonke lasegibithe, ngokuba bonke abasegibithe bathengisa ngamasimu abo, lokhu indlala yayinzima phezu kwabo; izwe lase liba ngelikafaro. abantu wabayisa emizini, ebasusa komunye umncele wezwe lasegibithe kwaze kwaba komunye umncele walo. yizwe labapristi kuphela angalithenganga, ngokuba abapristi babethole isabelo kufaro, badla isabelo sabo abapha sona ufaro; ngalokho abathengisanga ngezwe labo. ujosefa wayesethi kubantu: bhekani, namuhla nginithengile nibe ngabakafaro nina nezwe lenu; nansi imbewu yenu, nize nihlwanyele emhlabathini. kuyakuthi ezithelweni nimnike ufaro okwesihlanu, izinxenye ezine zibe ngezenu, kube yimbewu yamasimu, nokudla kwenu nokwabendlu yenu, nokudla kwezingane zenu. base bethi: usisindisile; basifumane umusa emehlweni enkosi, sibe yizinceku zikafaro. ujosefa washaya umthetho ngezwe lasegibithe kuze kube namuhla wokuthi ufaro uzakuba nokwesihlanu; kuphela izwe labapristi bodwa alibanga yilo elikafaro. u-israyeli wahlala ezweni lasegibithe ezweni lasegosheni; bafuya khona, bazala, banda kakhulu. ujakobe wahlala ezweni lasegibithe iminyaka eyishumi nesikhombisa; izinsuku zikajakobe, iminyaka yokuhamba kwakhe, zaziyminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amane nesikhombisa. kwase kusondela isikhathi ayesezakufa ngaso u-israyeli; wayesebiza indodana yakhe ujosefa, wathi kuye: uma ngifumene umusa emehlweni akho, ake ubeke isandla sakho phansi kwethanga

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kwathi emva kwalezo zinto kwathiwa kujosefa: bheka, uyihlo uyagula. wayesethatha amadodana akhe omabili, omanase no-efrayimi. kwase kushiwo kujakobe ukuthi: bheka, indodana yakho ujosefa iyeza kuwe. wayeseziqinisa u-israyeli, wahlala embhedeni. ujakobe wathi kujosefa: ulezi-ku usomandla wabonakala kimi eluze ezweni lasekhanani, wangibusisa, wathi kimi: bheka, ngizakukuchumisa, ngikwandise, ngikwenze izizwe eziningi, ngiyiphe inzalo yakho leli zwe emva kwakho libe yifa elingunaphakade. manje amadodana akho amabili owazalelwa wona ezweni lasegibithe, ngingakafiki kuwe egibithe, angawami; o-efrayimi nomanase njengorubeni nosimeyoni bazakuba ngabami. kepha inzalo yakho oyizala emva kwabo izakuba ngeyakho; iyakubizwa ngegama labafowabo efeni lalabo. kepha mina ekusukeni kwami ephadani aramu ngafelwa nguraheli endleleni ezweni lasekhanani, kuse yibangana ukuya e-efrati; ngambela khona endleleni eya e-efrati (eliyibetlehema). u-israyeli wabona amadodana kajosefa, wathi: ngobani laba na? ujosefa wathi kuye: ngamadodana ami angiphe wona lapha ulezi-ku. wayesethi: ake uwalethe kimi, ngiwabusise. kepha amehlo ka-israyeli ayefiphele ngobudala, engasenakubona; wawasondeza kuye; wawanga, wawagona. wayesethi u-israyeli kujosefa: ngangingacabanganga ukuthi ngizakubona ubuso bakho; bheka, ulezi-ku ungibonise nenzalo yakho. ujosefa wawakhipha emathangeni akhe; wakhothama, ubuso bakhe bubheke phansi. ujosefa wayesebathatha bobabili, u-efrayimi ngesokunene, engakwesokhohlo sika-israyeli, nomanase ngesokhohlo, engakwesokunene sika-israyeli, wabasondeza kuye. u-israyeli wayeselula isandla sakhe sokunene, wasibeka ekhanda lika-efrayimi, kanti ungomncane, nesokhohlo ekhanda likamanase, ephambanisa izandla zakhe, ngokuba umanase wayeyizibulo. wambusisa ujosefa, wathi: ulezi-ku abahamba ebusweni bakhe obaba o-abrahama no-isaka, ulezi-ku ongondlile konke ukuhamba kwami kuze kube namuhla, ingelosi engisindise ebubini bonke mayibusise abafana; mababizwe ngegama lami nangegama lawobaba o-abrahama no-isaka; mabande, babe baningi phakathi kwezwe. wabona ujosefa ukuthi uyise

wabeka isandla sakhe sokunene ekhanda lika-efrayimi, kwaba kubi emehlweni akhe; wasibamba isandla sikayise ukuba asisuse ekhanda lika-efrayimi, asibeke ekhanda likamanase. wayesethi ujosefa kuyise: kungabi njalo, ngokuba lo uyizibulo; beka esokunene sakho ekhanda lakhe. kepha uyise wala, wathi: ngiyazi, ndodana yami, ngiyazi; naye uyakuba yisizwe, abe mkhulu naye; kodwa umfowabo uyakuba mkhulu kunaye, inzalo yakhe ibe yizizwe eziningi. wayesebabusisa ngalolo suku ngokuthi: ngawe u-israyeli uyakubusisa ethi: ulezi-ku makakwenze ube njengo-efrayimi nanjengomanase. wayesebeka-ke u-efrayimi ngaphambi kukamanase. wayesethi u-israyeli ku-josefa: bheka, mina ngiyafa, kepha ulezi-ku uyakuba nani, anibuyisele ezweni lawoyihlo. wena ngikunike olunye ukhalo ngaphezu kwabafowenu engaluthatha esandleni sama-amori ngenkamba yami nangomnsalo wami.

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ujakobe wabiza amadodana akhe, wathi: buthanani, nginitshela okuzakunehlela ezinsukwini ezizayo. qoqanani, nizwe, nina madodana kakakobe, nimalale u-israyeli uyihlo. rubeni, uyizibulo lami wena, amandla ami, ukuqala kwezikhwepha zami, ingqongqo ngesithunzi, ingqongqo ngamandla. uyachichima njengamanzi, awuyikuba nabungqongqo, ngokuba wakhwela embhedeni kayihlo, wawona; wakhwela okhukhwani lwami. osimeyoni nolevi bayizelamani; izinkemba zabo ziyizikhali zobudlwangu. ungangeni emkhandlwini wabo, mphefumulo wami; ungahlangani nebandla labo, nhlizyo yami, ngokuba ngolaka lwabo babulala abantu; ngobudlova babo basika izinkabi umsipha. makuqalekiswe ulaka lwabo, ngokuba lwalu-namandla, nentukuthelo yabo, ngokuba yayinonya; ngizakubahlukanisa kwajakobe, ngibasakaze kwa-israyeli. juda, abafowenu bazakukudumisa wena; isandla sakho siyakuba sesijingweni sezitha zakho; amadodana kayihlo ayakukukhothamela. ujuda uyibhongo lengonyama. wenyuke empangweni, ndodana yami. uguqile, ulele njengengonyama nanjengengonyama-makazi; ngubani oyakumvusa na? intonga yobukhosi ayiyikusuka kujuda, nozime lokubusa phakathi kwezinyawo zakhe, aze afike yena olufanele lona; nezizwe ziyakumlalela. ubopha ithole lembongolo yakhe emvinini, ithole lembongolokazi yakhe emvinini omuhle; uhlanza izingubo zakhe ewayinini, nezambatho zakhe egazini lezithelo zomvini. amhelo akhe ayakwela iwayini, amazinyo akhe amhlophe ubisi. uzebuloni uyakwakha ngasogwini lolwandle,

abe sosebeni lwemikhumbi; umkhawulo wakhe uzakuba ngasesidoni. u-isakare uyimbongolo enamandla, elala phakathi kwezibaya. wabona indawo yakuphumula ukuthi inhle, nezwe ukuthi limnandi; wafolisa ihlombe ukuba athwale, waba yinceku yempoqo. udani uyakuthetha amacala abantu bakhe, njengesinye sezizwe zakwa-israyeli. udani uyakuba yinyoka endleleni, inhlangwana emkhondweni eluma izithende zehashi, awe nyovane olikhweleyo. ngiyihalele insindiso yakho, jehova-aeiou. ugadi, iviyo liyakumcindezela, kepha yena uyakucindezela isithende salo. ku-asherhi kuvela amanoni abe ngukudla kwakhe; uyakuveza isilovela samakhosi. unafetali uyindluzelekazi ethukululekileyo; ujeza amazwi amnandi. ujeza uyin-gatsha entsha ethelayo, ingatsha ethela ngasemthonjeni; amagatsha akhe akhwela odongeni. abacibishelayo bayamkhathaza, bayamdubula, bayamzingela; kepha umn-salo wakhe uhlala uqinile; amandla ezandla zakhe aqiniswa ngezandla zomninimandla kakakobe, okuvela kuye umalusi netshe lika-israyeli, ngolezi-ku kayihlo ozakukusiza, ngosomandla ozakukubusisa ngezibusiso zasenzulwini phezu, nangezibusiso zasotweni olukhona phansi, nangezibusiso zamabele nezezisalo. izibusiso zikayihlo zinamandla kunezibusiso zawokhokho bami, kuze kube semkhawulweni wokugcina wezintaba ezimiyo; ziyakuba phezu kwekhanda lika-josefa phakade, nasokhakhayini lwakhe owahlukaniswa nabafowabo. uben-jamini uyimpisi ehomfuzayo; ekuseni uyadla impango, kusihlwa uyahlukanisa akuphangileyo. bonke labo bayizizwe eziyishumi nambili zakwa-israyeli; yilokhu uyise akukhuluma kubo, wababusisa; wababusisa, kwaba yilowo ngokwesibusiso sakhe. wabayala, wathi kubo: mina sen-giyakubuthelwa kubantu bami; ngimbeleni kobaba emhumeni osensimini ka-efroni umheti, umhume osensimini yasemakaphela eliphambi kwemamre ezweni lasekhanani, awuthenga u-abrahama kanye nensimu ku-efroni umheti, ube yindawo yakhe yokumbela; laphe bembela o-abrahama nosara umkakhe; laphe bembela o-isaka norebeka umkakhe; laphe ngembela uleya; insimu nomhume okuyo okwathengwa kubantwana bakwaheti. ujakobe eseqedile ukuyala amadodana akhe waqoqela izinyawo zakhe embhedeni, wagqibuka, wabuthelwa kubantu bakhe.

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ujosefa wawa ebusweni bukayise, wakhala phezu kwakhe, wamanga. u-josefa wayala izinceku zakhe izinyanga ukuba zimgqumise uyise ngemithi; izinyanga zamgqumisa-ke u-

israyeli ngemithi. zaphela izinsuku zakhe ezingamashumi amane, ngokuba ziphelela kanjalo izinsuku zokugqumisa ngemithi; abasegibithe bamkhalela izinsuku ezingamashumi ayisikhombisa. sezi dlulile izinsuku zokumkhalela, ujosefa wakhuluma kuyo indlu kafaro, wathi: uma ngifumene umusa emehlweni enu, ake nikhulume ezindlebeni zikafaro ngokuthi ubaba wangifungisa wathi: bheka, ngiyafa; ethuneni engizimbele lona ezweni lasekhanani uzakungingcwaba kulo. ngalokho ake ngikhuphuke, ngimbelele ubaba, bese ngibuya. wayesethi ufaro: khuphuka, ummbele uyihlo njengokukufungisa kwakhe. khona ujosefa wakhuphuka ukuyombela uyise; zakhuphuka naye zonke izinceku zikafaro, nezikhulu zendlu yakhe, nezikhulu zonke zezwe lasegibithe, nendlu yonke ka-josefa, nabafowabo, nendlu kayise; bashiya ezweni lasegosheni izingane zabo, nezimvu zabo, nezinkomo zabo kuphela. kwakhuphuka nabo nezinqola, nabamahashi; kwaba yibandla elikhulu impela. baya, bafika egoreni hathadi elingaphesheya kwejordani; lapho bakhala nokukhala impela, okunzima kakhulu; wamenzela uyise isililo izinsuku eziyisikhombisa. abakhi-leyo ezweni, amakhanani, sebone isililo egoreni hathadi bathi: lokhu kuyisililo esinzima sabasegibithe. ngalokho igama laleyo ndawo laqanjwa ngokuthi i-abela misirayimi elingaphesheya kwejordani. amadodana akhe amenzela njengalokho ewayalile; ngokuba amadodana akhe amyisa ezweni lasekhanani, ammbela emhumeni wasensimini yasemakaphela, u-abrahama awuthenga kanye nensimu ku-efroni umheti, ube yindawo yokumbela, ngaphambi kwe-mamre. u-josefa wayesebuyela egibithe, yena nabafowabo, nabo bonke ababekhuphuke naye ukumbela uyise, emva kokungcwaba kwakhe uyise. sebonile abafowabo ba-josefa ukuthi uyise ufile, bathi: mhlawumbe u-josefa uzakusizonda, asiphindisele nokusiphindisele konke bona-ra-ukukhandleka esakwenza kuyena. base bethumela ku-josefa, bethi: uyihlo wayala engakafi, wathi: niyakusho ku-josefa ukuthi: ake uthethelele abafowenu isiphambeko sabo nesono sabo, ngokuba bakwenzela bona-ra-ukukhandleka. manje siyakucela ukuthi: ake uthethelele isiphambeko se-inceku zikalezi-ku-kayihlo. u-josefa wakhala, besakhuluma kuye. base befika nabafowabo, bawa phansi ebusweni bakhe, bathi: bheka, siyizinceku zakho. u-josefa wayesethi kubo: ningesabi; kanti ngisesikhundleni sikalezi-ku-na? yebo, nina nangisongozela bona-ra-ukukhandleka, kepha ulezi-ku-wakuceba kwaba kulele ukuba akwenze kube njengana-muhla, asindise abantu abaningi. ngalokho ningesabi; mina ngiyakunondla, nina nezin-gane zenu. wabaduduza, wakhuluma kuzo

izinhliziyo zabo. u-josefa wahlala egibithe, yena nendlu kayise; u-josefa wahamba iminyaka eyikhulu neshumi. u-josefa wabona abantwana bakwa-efrayimi besizukulwane sesithathu; nabantwana bakwamakiri indodana kamanase bazalelwa emathangeni ka-josefa. wayesethi u-josefa kubafowabo: mina sengiyafa, kepha ulezi-ku-uzakuni-hambela nokunihambela, anikhuphule kuleli zwe, aniyise ezweni alifungela o-abrahama, no-isaka, no-jakobe. u-josefa wayesefungisa amadodana ka-israyeli, ethi: ulezi-ku-uzakuni-hambela nokunihambela, nina nikhuphule amathambo ami lapha. wayesefa u-josefa eneminyaka eyikhulu neshumi; bamgqumisa ngemithi, wafakwa ebhokisini egibithe.



lawa angamagama amadodana ka-israyeli afika egibithe nojakobe; yileyo naleyo yafika nomuzi wayo: ngorubeni, nosimeyoni, nolevi, nojuda, no-isakare, nozebuloni, nobenjimini, nodani, nonafetali, nogadi, no-asher. bonke abantu abaphuma okhalweni lukajakobe babe ngabantu abangamashumi ayisikhombisa; ujozefa wayesegibithe. ujozefa wafa, nabo bonke abafowabo, naso sonke leso sizukulwane. abantwana bakwa-israyeli bazala, bachuma, banda, baba baningi; izwe lagcwala bona. kwavela inkosi entsha egibithe eyayingamazi ujozefa. yathi kubantu bayo: bhekani, abantu babantwana bakwa-israyeli baningi, futhi banamandla kunathi; masizihlakaniphele maqondana nabo, funa bande, kuze kuthi lapho kuphuma impi, bahlangane nezitha zethu, balwe nathi, bamuke ezweni. kwase kubekwa phezu kwabo izinduna zokubasebenzisa ezabahlupha ngemithwalo yazo. bamakhela ufaro imizi yokubekelela, ipitomu neramsesi. kepha ngokubahlupha kwazo kwaba yikhona banda, basabalala; baba novalo ngabantwana bakwa-israyeli. abasegibithe babakhonzisa abantwana bakwa-israyeli ngamandla. benza ukuphila kwabo kwaba munyu ngemisebenzi esindayo odakeni nasezitinini, nangemisebenzi yonke yasendle, yebo, yonke imisebenzi yabo ababekhonzi ngayo. inkosi yasegibithe yakhuluma kubabelethisi bamaheberukazi, igama lomunye wabo lingushifira, elomunye linguphuwa, yathi: nxa nibeletshisa amaheberukazi, niwabona esesihlalweni sokubeletha, uma kuyindodana, anoyibulala, kepha uma kuyindodakazi, izakuphila. kodwa ababelethisi babemesaba ulezi-ku, abenzanga njengalokho yasho kubo inkosi yasegibithe, babasindisa abafana. inkosi yasegibithe yayisibiza ababelethisi, yathi kubo: nenzeleni lokhu, nasindisa abafana, na? ababelethisi bathi kufaro: kungokuba amaheberukazi engenjengabasegibithe; anamandla, abeletha, engakafiki umbelethisi kuwo. ulezi-ku wabenzela ababelethisi okuhle; abantu banda, baba baningi kakhulu. kwathi ngokuba ababelethisi bamesaba ulezi-ku, wabavusela imizi. ufaro wayesebayala abantu bakhe bonke, ethi: bonke abafana abazalwayo anobaphonsa emfuleni, kepha amantombazana niwasindise onke.

kwasuka umuntu wendlu kalevi, wathatha indodakazi kalevi. wakhulelwa lowo mfazi, wazala indodana; esebonile ukuthi inhle, wayithukusa izinyanga ezintathu. engasenakuyithukusa wayithathela ibhokisi

lebungu, walihuqa ngebityume nangekolitayi, wamfaka umfana kulo, walibeka emhlangeni ngasogwini lomfula. udadewabo wayemi kudana, ukuze azi ukuthi kuyakwenziwani kuye. kwase kwehla indodakazi kafaro ukuyogeza emfuleni; amantombazana ayo ahamba eceleni komfala; ibona ibhokisi emhlangeni yathuma intombazana ukulilanda. yalivula, yabona umntwana; bheka, kwakungumfana; wakhala. yamhawukela, yathi: lona ungowabantwana bamaheberu. udadewabo wayesethi kuyo indodakazi kafaro: ngihambe ngikubizele umzanyana kuwo amaheberu ukuba akuncelisele ingane na? indodakazi kafaro yathi kuye: hamba. yasuka intombazana, yabiza unina wengane. indodakazi kafaro yathi kuye: hamba nalo mntwana, ungincelisele yena; ngizakukhokhela. owesifazane wamthatha-ke umntwana, wamncelisa. umfana wakhala, wayiswa kuyo indodakazi kafaro, waba yindodana yayo. yamqamba igama lokuthi umose, ithi: ngokuba ngamkipha emanzini. kwathi ngalezo zinsuku umose esekhulile, waphuma, waya kubafowabo, wabuka imithwalo yabo; wabona owasegibithe eshaya umheberu, omunye wabafowabo. waphendukela ngalapha nangalapha; esebonile ukuthi akukho muntu, wambulala owasegibithe, wamthukusa esihlabathini. waphuma nangosuku olulandelayo; bheka, nanko amadoda amabili amaheberu exabene; wathi kowonileyo: umshayelani owakini na? wathi yena: ngubani okumise induna nomahluleli phezu kwethu na? ufuna ukungibulala mina, njengalokho ubulele owasegibithe, na? umose wayesesaba, ethi: impela le ndaba iyazeka. ufaro esekuzwile lokho wafuna ukumbulala umose. kepha umose wabaleka ebusweni bukafaro, wahlala ezweni lakwamidiyani; wahlala phansi ngasemthonjeni. umpristi wakwamidiyani wayenamadodakazi ayisikhombisa; afika ukukha amanzi, agcwalisa imiqengqe eyophuzisa izimvu zikayise. kwafika abelusi, bawaxosha. kepha wayesesukuma umose, wawasiza, waphuzisa izimvu zawo. lapho esefika kurehluweli uyise, wathi yena: yini ukuba nisheshe nibuye namuhla na? athi: owasegibithe usophulile esandleni sabelusi, futhi wasikhelela amanzi, waphuzisa izimvu. wathi kuwo amadodakazi akhe: uphi yena? nimshiyeleni na? mbizeni, eze ukuzokudla. umose wazimisela ukuhlala kulowo muntu; wamupha umose usipora indodakazi yakhe. wazala indodana, wayiqamba igama lokuthi ugereshomu, ngokuba wathi: ngangingumfokazi ezweni elingesilo elami. kwathi sekudlulile izinsuku eziningi, inkosi yasegibithe yafa; abakwa-israyeli babubala ngenxa yobugqila, bakhala; ukukhala kwabo kwenyukela kulezi-ku ngobugqila

babo. ulezi-ku wezwa ukububula kwabo; ulezi-ku wakhumbula isivumelwano sakhe no-abrahama, no-isaka, nojakobe. ulezi-ku wabona abantwana bakwa-israyeli, wabanakekela.

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umose wayalusa izimvu zikajetiro umukhwe wakhe, umprihi wakwamidiyani; waziqhuba izimvu, waya ngaphambili kwehlane, waze wafika entabeni kalezi-ku ihorebe. kwabonakala kuye ingelosi kahova-aeiou elangabini lomlilo livela phakathi kwesihlahla; wabuka, bheka, isihlahla savutha umlilo, kepha isihlahla asiphelanga nokho. wayesethi umose: mangiphambuke, ngiye ngibone lesi sibonakaliso esikhulu ukuba isihlahla asishi ngani. ulezi-ku esebona ukuthi uyaphambuka ukuyobuka, ulezi-ku wambiza ephakathi kwesihlahla, wathi: mose, mose! wathi: ngilapha. wayesethi: ungasondeli lapha; khumula izicathulo zakho ezinyaweni zakho, ngokuba indawo omi kuyo ingumhlaba bathi ongwele. wathi: ngingulezi-ku kayihlo, ulezi-ku ka-abrahama, nolezi-ku ka-isaka, nolezi-ku kajakobe; umose wasitha ubuso bakhe, ngokuba wesaba ukumbheka ulezi-ku. wayesethi ujhova-aeiou: ngibonile nokubona ukuhlupheka kwabantu bami abasegibithe; ngizwile ukukhala kwabo ngenxa yabacindezeli babo, ngokuba ngiyazazi izinsizi zabo; ngehle ukuba ngibophule esandleni sabasegibithe, ngibakhuphule kulelo zwe, ngibayise ezweni elihle elibanzi, izwe elichichima ubisi nezinyosi, indawo yamakhani, neyamaheti, neyama-amori, neyama-pherizi, neyamahivi, neyamajebusi. bheka, manje ukukhala kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli sekufike kimi; futhi ngikubonile ukucindezela abasegibithe ababacindezela ngakho. ngakho hamba, ngiyakuthuma kufaro ukuba ukhiphe egibithe abantu bami, abantwana bakwa-israyeli. umose wayesethi kulezi-ku: ngingubani mina ukuba ngiye kufaro, ngikhiphe egibithe abantwana bakwa-israyeli na? wathi: ngizakuba nawe ngempela; lokhu kuyakuba luphawu kuwe ukuthi ngikuthumile; nxa ukhiphile isizwe egibithe, niyakumkhonza ulezi-ku kule ntaba. umose wayesethi kulezi-ku: bheka lapho ngifika kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, ngithi kubo: ulezi-ku wawoyihlo ungithumile kini, bese bethi kimi: ngubani igama lakhe? ngizakuthini kubo na? ulezi-ku wathi kumose: nginguye enginguye. wathi: uzakusho njalo kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, uthi: ungikhona ungithumile. ulezi-ku wathi futhi kumose: uzakusho njalo kubo abantwana bakwa-israyeli, uthi: ujhova-aeiou, ulezi-ku wawoyihlo,

ulezi-ku ka-abrahama, nolezi-ku ka-isaka, nolezi-ku kajakobe, ungithumile kini. yileli eliyigama lami kuze kube phakade, lesi siyisikhumbuzo sami ezizukulwaneni ngezizukulwane. hamba ubuthe amalunga akwa-israyeli, uthi kuwo: ujhova-aeiou, ulezi-ku wawoyihlo, ulezi-ku ka-abrahama noka-isaka nokajakobe, ubonakele kimi, wathi: nginihambele nokunihambela, ngibonile okwenziwa kini egibithe. ngishilo ngathi: ngiyakunikhuphula ekuhluphekeni kwasegibithe, nginiyise ezweni lamakhani, nelamaheti, nelama-amori, nelamapherizi, nelamahivi, nelamajebusi, izwe elichichima ubisi nezinyosi. bayakulalela izwi lakho; uyakufika wena kanye namalunga akwa-israyeli enkosini yasegibithe, nithi kuyo: ujhova-aeiou, ulezi-ku wamaheberu, uhlangene nathi; ake sihambe manje ibanga lezinsuku ezintathu, siye ehlane, sihlabele ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu. kepha ngiyazi mina ukuthi inkosi yasegibithe ayiyikuvuma ukuba nihambe, ngisho nangesandla esinamandla. kodwa ngiyakwelula isandla sami, ngilishaye igibithe ngezimangaliso engiyakuzenza phakathi kwalo, andukuba iniyeke. ngiyakunika lesi sizwe umusa emehlweni abasegibithe, kuze kuthi lapho nisuka, aniyikhumba ningaphethe lutho, kepha yilowo nalowo wesifazane uyakucela kumakhelwane wakhe nakuye ogogob-eleyo endlini yakhe izinto zesiliva nezinto zegolide, nezingubo; niyakuzifaka kumadodana enu nakumadodakazi enu, niphange abasegibithe.

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umose waphendula wathi: kepha bheka, abayikukholwa yimi, bangalaleli izwi lami, ngokuba bayakusho ukuthi: ujhova-aeiou akabonakalanga kuwe. wayesethi kuye ujhova-aeiou: kuyini lokhu okusesandleni sakho na? wathi: yinduku. khona wathi: yiphonse phansi. wayeseyiphonsa phansi. yaphenduka inyoka; umose wayibalekela. wayesethi ujhova-aeiou kumose: yelula isandla sakho, uyibambe ngomisa. wayeselula isandla sakhe, wayibamba; yaphenduka induku esandleni sakhe - ukuba bakholwe ukuthi ujhova-aeiou, ulezi-ku wawoyise, ulezi-ku ka-abrahama, nolezi-ku ka-isaka, nolezi-ku kajakobe, ubonakele kuwe. ujhova-aeiou wathi futhi kuye: faka isandla sakho esifubeni sakho. wayesefaka isandla sakhe esifubeni sakhe; lapho esesikhipha, bheka, isandla sakhe sasinokhoko, sinjengeqhwa. wayesethi kuye: buyisela isandla sakho esifubeni sakho. wayesebuyisela isandla sakhe esifubeni sakhe; kuthe esikhipha esifubeni sakhe, bheka, sase siphendukile, sinjengenyama yakhe. kuyakuthi uma bengayikukholwa nguwe,

bengalaleli izwi lesibonakaliso sokuqala, bayakukholwa yizwi lesibonakaliso sase-muva. kuzakuthi-ke uma bengayikukholwa nayilezi zibonakaliso ezimbili, bengalaleli izwi lakho, uyakukha amanzi omfula, uwathele emhlabathini owomileyo; amanzi owakha emfuleni ayakuphenduka igazi emhlabathini owomileyo. umose wayesethi kujehova-aeiou: nkosi, angizange ngibe ngumuntu oyiqaphuqaphu, nakuqala namanje lapho usukhulumile encekwini yakho, ngokuba umlomo wami unzima, unamalimi. ujeahova-aeiou wayesethi kuye: ngubani owenzile umlomo womuntu na? ngubani owenza isimungulu, nesithulu, nobonayo, nempumputhe na? akusimina, ujeahova-aeiou, na? ngalokho hamba; ngizakuba nomlomo wakho, ngikufundise lokho ozakukukhuluma. kepha wathi: o nkosi, ake uthume ngesandla salowo ozakumthuma. intukuthelo kajehova-aeiou yamvuthela umose; wathi: akakho omfowene u-aroni, umlevi, na? ngiyazi ukuthi ukhuluma kahle yena. futhi bheka, uyaphuma ukukuhlangabeza; nalapho ekubona, uyakuthokoza enhliziyweni yakhe. uyakukhuluma kuye, ufake amazwi emlonyeni wakhe; ngizakuba nomlomo wakho nomlomo wakhe, nginifundise lokho eniyakukwenza. uyakukhuluma kubantu, abe ngumlomo kuwe, wena ube njengolezi-ku kuye. uzakuphatha le nduku ngesandla sakho, oyakwenza izibonakaliso ngayo. wayesehamba umose, wabuyela kujetiro umukhwe wakhe, wathi kuye: ake ngihambe, ngibuyele kubafowethu abasegibithe, ngize ngibone ukuthi basekhona yini. ujetiro wathi kumose: hamba nokuthula. ujeahova-aeiou wathi kumose kwamidiyani: hamba ubuyele egibithe, ngokuba sebafa abantu bonke abafuna ukukubulala. umose wayesethatha umkakhe namadodana akhe, wabakhwelisa embongolweni, wabuyela ezweni lasegibithe; umose waphatha induku kalezi-ku ngesandla sakhe. ujeahova-aeiou wathi kumose: ekuhambeni kwakho usubuyela egibithe bhekisisa ukuba wenze ebusweni bukafaro zonke izimangaliso engizibeke esandleni sakho; kepha mina ngiyakuyenza lukhuni inhliziyo yakhe; akayikubayeka abantu ukuba bahambe. uyakuthi kufaro: usho kanje ujeahova-aeiou, uthi: u-israyeli uyindodana yami, yizibulo lami. ngiyakutshela: yiyeke indodana yami ukuba ihambe ingikhonze, kepha awuyiyekanga; bheka, sengiyakubulala indodana yakho, izibulo lakho. kwathi endleleni endlini yezihambi ujeahova-aeiou wahlangana naye, wafuna ukumbulala. usipora wayesethatha insengetsha, wanquma ijwabu lendodana yakhe, waliphonsa ngasezinyaweni zakhe, wathi: impela ungumyeni wegazi kimi. wamdedela-ke. khona wathi: ngumyeni

wegazi ngenxa yokusoka. ujeahova-aeiou wayesethi ku-aroni: hamba umhlangabeze umose ehlane. wahamba, wahlangana naye entabeni kalezi-ku, wamanga. umose wamtshela u-aroni onke amazwi kajehova-aeiou amthume nawo, nezibonakaliso zonke amayale ngazo. umose no-aroni baya, babutha onke amalunga abantwana bakwa-israyeli; u-aroni wakhuluma onke amazwi ujeahova-aeiou awakhulume kumose, wazenza izibonakaliso emehlweni abantu. abantu bakhulwa-ke. sebezile ukuthi ujeahova-aeiou ubahambe abantwana bakwa-israyeli, nokuthi ukubonile ukuhlupheka kwabo, base bekhothama, bakhuleka.

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ngasemuva omose no-aroni bafika, bathi kufaro: usho kanje ujeahova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: bavumele abantu bami ukuba bahambe, bangenzele umkhosi ehlane. wathi ufaro: ngubani ujeahova-aeiou ukuba ngilalele izwi lakhe, ngimyeke u-israyeli ukuba ahambe na? angimazi ujeahova-aeiou, futhi angiyikumvumela u-israyeli ukuba ahambe. base bethi: ulezi-ku wamaheberu uhlangene nathi; ake sihambe ibanga lezinsuku ezintathu, siye ehlane, sihlabele ujeahova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu, funa asehlele ngesifo nangenkamba. inkosi yasegibithe yathi kubo: nibakhumulelani abantu emithwalweni yabo nina mose no-aroni na? hambani, niye emisebenzini yenu. ufaro wathi: bheka, abantu se-bebaningi ezweni, nokho niyabaphumiza emithwalweni yabo. ngalona lolo suku ufaro wayala abaphathi babantu nezinduna zabo, wathi: anisayikubanika abantu utshani bokwenza izitini njengaphambili; mabahambe bazibuthele utshani. kepha isilinganiso sezinini ekade besenza, bamiseleleni sona, ningasinciphisi, ngokuba bayenqena; ngalokho bayakhala bathi: masihambe sihlabele ulezi-ku wethu. mayenziwe ibe nzima imisebenzi phezu kwabantu, bayisebenze, banganakekeli amazwi okukhohlisa. baphuma-ke abaphathi babantu nezinduna zabo, bakhuluma kubantu, bathi: ufaro usho uthi: angisayikuninika utshani. hambani nina, nizifunele utshani, lapho ningabuthola khona, ngokuba imisebenzi yenu ayiyikuncishiswa ngalutho. base behlakazeka abantu ezweni lonke lasegibithe ukuyobutha izinhlanga zibe yibona tshani babo. abaphathi babaqhuba, bathi: qedani imisebenzi yenu, imisebenzi yemihla ngemihla, njengasezinsukwini kusekhona utshani. izinduna zabantwana bakwa-israyeli abazibeke phezu kwabo abaphathi bakafaro zashaywa, zabuzwa ukuthi: aniqedanga ngani umsebenzi wenu izolo nanamuhla

ukubumba izitini njengaphambili na? zase zifika izinduna zabantwana bakwa-israyeli, zakhala kufaro, zathi: uziphathelani izinceku zakho kanje na? izinceku zakho aziphiwanga tshani; nokho bathi kithi: bumbani izitini. futhi bheka, izinceku zakho ziyashaywa, kepha icala likubantu bakho. kepha wathi: yinina enenqena, yebo, niyengena; ngalokho nithi: ake sihambe sihlabele ujejhova-aeiou. ngalokho hambani nisebenze, ngokuba aniyikuphiwa tshani, kepha isilinganiso sezitini niyakusiqeda. izinduna zabantwana bakwa-israyeli zabona ukuthi basekuhluphekeni, lapho kuthiwa: aniyikunciphisa izitini zenu esilinganisiweni semihla ngemihla. zahlangana nomose noaroni ababemi khona ukuzihlangabeza zisaphuma kufaro. zathi kubo: ujejhova-aeiou makanibheke, ahlulele, ngokuba nilenzile iphunga lethu linuke kabi emehlweni kufaro nasemehlweni ezinceku zakhe, nibeke inkemba esandleni sabo ukuba basibulale. umose wayesebuyela kujehova-aeiou, wathi: nkosi, wenzeleni bona-ra-ukukhandleka kulaba bantu na? ungithumeleni mina na? selokhu ngafika kufaro ukukhuluma egameni lakho, ubaphathe kabi laba bantu, nawe awubophulanga nakanci abantu bakho.

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ujejhova-aeiou wathi kumose: manje usuzakubona lokho engiyakukwenza kufaro, ngokuba ngenxa yesandla esiqinileyo uyakubayeka ukuba bahambe, nangenxa yesandla esinamandla uyakubaxosha ezweni lakhe. ulezi-ku wakhuluma kumose, wathi kuye: ngingujejhova-aeiou; ngabonakala ku-abrahama, naku-isaka, nakujakobe njengosomandla, kepha ngegama lami lokuthi ujejhova-aeiou ngangingaziwa kubo. futhi ngamisa isivumelwano sami nabo ukuyobanika izwe lasekhanani, izwe lokugogobala kwabo, lapho bebegogobala khona. yebo, futhi ngizwile ukububula kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli abenziwe izigqila ngabasegibithe; ngiyakhumbula isivumelwano sami. ngalokho yisho kubantwana bakwa-israyeli ukuthi: ngingujejhova-aeiou; ngizakunikhipha emithwalweni yabasegibithe, nginikhulule ebugqileni benu, nginihlenge ngengalo eyeluliweyo nangezihlulelo ezinkulu. ngiyakunithatha nibe yisizwe sami, mina ngibe ngulezi-ku wenu; niyokwazi ukuthi ngingujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu onikhipha emithwalweni yabasegibithe. ngiyakuningeniswa ezweni engaphakamisa isandla sami ngalo ukulinika u-abrahama, no-isaka, nojakobe; ngiyakunipha lona libe yifa; ngingujejhova-aeiou. umose wakhuluma-ke kanjalo kubo abantwana bakwa-israyeli; kepha abamlalelanga umose ngenxa yenhliziyo encane ne-

misebenzi esindayo. ujejhova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: ngena ukhulume kufaro inkosi yasegibithe ukuba ivumele abantwana bakwa-israyeli ukuphuma ezweni lakhe. umose wakhuluma ebusweni bujakajehova-aeiou, wathi: bheka, abantwana bakwa-israyeli abangilalelanga; ufaro angangilalela kanjani, nginezindebe zomlomo ezingasokwanga, na? ujejhova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose naku-aroni ukuba bayale abakwa-israyeli nofaro inkosi yasegibithe ukukhipha abantwana bakwa-israyeli ezweni lasegibithe. laba bayizinhloko zezindlu zawoyise: amadodana karubeni izibulo lika-israyeli: ngohanoki, nophalu, nohesironi, nokarmi; yile imindeni karubeni. amadodana kasimeyoni: ngojemuweli, nojamini, no-ohade, nojakini, nosohari, noshawule indodana yowesifazane wasekhanani; yile imindeni kasimeyoni. laba angamagama amadodana kalevi ngezizukulwane zawo: ngogershoni, nokohati, nomerari; iminyaka yokuhamba kukalevi yayiyiminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amathathu nesikhombisa. amadodana kagereshoni: ngolibini noshimeyi ngemindeni yawo. amadodana kakohati: ngo-amramu, nojishari, nohebroni, no-uziyeli; iminyaka yokuhamba kukakohati yayiyiminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amathathu nantathu. amadodana kamerari: ngomaheli nomushi; yile imindeni yamalevi ngezizukulwane zawo. u-amramu wazithathela ujokebedi udadewabo kayise, abe ngumkakhe; wamazalela o-aroni nomose; iminyaka yokuhamba kuka-amramu yayiyikhulu namashumi amathathu nesikhombisa. amadodana kajishari: ngokoro, nonefegi, nozikiri. amadodana ka-uziyeli: ngomishayeli, no-elisafani, nositiri. u-aroni wazithathela u-elisheba indodakazi ka-aminadaba, udadewabo kanaheshoni, abe ngumkakhe; wamazalela onadabi, no-abihu, no-eleyazare, no-itamari. amadodana kakora: ngo-asiri, no-elkana, no-abiyasafa; yile imindeni kakora. u-eleyazare indodana ka-aroni wazithathela enye yamadodakazi kaphuthiyeli, ibe ngumkakhe; yamazalela ufinehasi. yilezi izinhloko zawoyise bamalevi ngemindeni yawo. yibo labo o-aroni nomose ujejhova-aeiou athi kubo: khiphani ezweni lasegibithe abantwana bakwa-israyeli ngamabandla abo. yibo labo ababekhuluma kufaro inkosi yasegibithe ukuba akhiphe abantwana bakwa-israyeli egibithe; yibo omose noaroni. kwathi mhlal ujejhova-aeiou ekhuluma kumose ezweni lasegibithe, ujejhova-aeiou washo kumose, wathi: ngingujejhova-aeiou; khuluma kufaro inkosi yasegibithe konke engikukhuluma kuwe. wayesethi umose ebusweni bujakajehova-aeiou: bheka, ngingowezindebe zomlomo ezingasokwiwe; ufaro angangilalela kanjani na?

ujehova-aeiou wathi kumose: bheka, ngikwenze ube njengolezi-ku kufaro; u-aroni umfowenu uyakuba ngumprofethi wakho. wena uyakukhuluma konke engikuyala ngakho; u-aroni umfowenu uyakukhuluma kufaro ukuba abavumele abantwana bakwa-israyeli ukuphuma ezweni lakhe. mina ngiyakuyenza inhliziyi kafaro ibe lukhuni, ngandise izibonakaliso zami nezimangaliso zami ezweni lasegibithe. kepha ufaro akayikunilalela; ngiyakubeka isandla sami phezu kwegibithe, ngikhiphe amabandla ami, isizwe sami, abantwana bakwa-israyeli, ezweni lasegibithe ngezahulelo ezinkulu. abasegibithe bayokwazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou, nxa ngelula isandla sami phezu kwegibithe, ngikhiphe abantwana bakwa-israyeli phakathi kwabo. omose no-aroni benze njalo; njengalokho uje-hova-aeiou ebayalile, benze njalo-ke. umose wayeneminyaka engamashumi ayisishiyagalombili, u-aroni eneminyaka engamashumi ayisishiyagalombili nantathu, mhla bekhuluma kufaro. uje-hova-aeiou wakhuluma komose no-aroni, wathi: nxa ufaro ekhuluma kini, ethi: zifakazeleni ngesimangaliso, uyakusho ku-aroni ukuthi: thatha induku yakho, uyiphonse phansi phambi kukafaro, ukuze iphenduke inyoka. omose no-aroni bangena kufaro, benza njengalokho uje-hova-aeiou ebayalile; u-aroni waphonsa phansi induku yakhe phambi kukafaro naphambi kwezinceku zakhe, yaphenduka inyoka. khona ufaro wabiza izihlakaniphi nabalumbi; izanusi zasegibithe nazo zenze njalo ngemilingo yazo. ngokuba yilowo nalowo waphonsa phansi induku yakhe, zaphenduka izinyoka; kepha induku ka-aroni yagwinya izinduku zabo. inhliziyi kafaro yaba lukhuni, kabalalelanga, njengalokho eshilo uje-hova-aeiou. uje-hova-aeiou wayesethi kumose: inhliziyi kafaro ilukhuni: uyengqaba ukuba abantu bahambe. yana kufaro kusasa ekuseni; bheka, uyaphuma ukuya emanzini; yima ogwini lomfula ukumhlangabeza; induku eyaphenduka inyoka woyiphatha ngesandla sakho. wothi kuye: uje-hova-aeiou, ulezi-ku wamaheberu, ungithume kuwe, uthi: bavumele abantu bami ukuba bahambe bangikhonze ehlane; bheka, kuze kube manje awulalelanga. uje-hova-aeiou usho kanje, uthi: ngalokhu uyokwazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou: bheka, ngenduku esesandleni sami ngiyakushaya phezu kwamanzi asemfuleni, aphenduke igazi. izinhlanzi ezisemfuleni ziyakufa, umfula unuke; abasegibithe bayakunengwa ngukuphuzwa amanzi emfuleni. uje-hova-aeiou wathi kumose: yisho ku-aroni, uthi: thatha induku yakho, welule isandla sakho phezu kwamanzi asegibithe, naphezu

kwemifula, naphezu kweminonjana yabo, naphezu kweziziba, naphezu kwamachibi amanzi abo onke ukuba aphenduke igazi, kube khona igazi ezweni lonke lasegibithe ezitsheni zemithi nasezitsheni zamatshe. omose no-aroni base bekwenza-ke njengalokho uje-hova-aeiou ebayalile; waphakamisa induku, washaya amanzi asemfuleni emehlweni kafaro nasemehlweni ezinceku zakhe; onke amanzi asemfuleni aphenduka igazi. izinhlanzi zasemfuleni zafa; umfula wanuka; abasegibithe babengenakuphuza amanzi asemfuleni; igazi lalikhona ezweni lonke lasegibithe. izanusi zasegibithe zenze njalo ngemilingo yazo, yaze yaba lukhuni inhliziyi kafaro; kabalalelanga, njengalokho eshilo uje-hova-aeiou. ufaro waphenduka wangena endlini yakhe, kayibekanga inhliziyi yakhe nakulokho. abasegibithe bamba nxazonke zomfula ukuthola amanzi okuphuza, ngokuba babengenakuphuza amanzi asemfuleni. zaphelela izinsuku eziyisikhombisa, selokhu uje-hova-aeiou eshayile umfula.

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ujehova-aeiou wayesethi kumose: ngena kufaro, uthi kuye: usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou, uthi: bavumele abantu bami ukuba bahambe, bangikhonze. uma wenqaba ukuba basuke, bheka, mina ngiyakushaya izwe lakho lonke ngamasele; umfula uyakuvama amasele; ayakukhuphuka, angene endlini yakho, nasekamelweni lakho lokulala, naphezu kombhede wakho, nasendlini yezinceku zakho, naphezu kwabantu bakho, nasemaziko akho, nasezingqwebeni zakho zokuxova izinkwa. yebo, kuwena, nakubantu bakho, nasezingekwini zakho zonke ayakwenyukela amasele. uje-hova-aeiou wathi kumose: yisho ku-aroni, uthi: yelula isandla sakho nenduku yakho phezu kwemifula, naphezu kweminonjana, naphezu kweziziba, wenyusele ezweni lasegibithe. u-aroni wayeselula isandla sakhe phezu kwamanzi asegibithe; amasele akhuphuka-ke, asibekela izwe lasegibithe. izanusi zenze njalo ngemilingo yazo, zenyusela amasele ezweni lasegibithe. khona ufaro wababiza omose no-aroni, wathi: ncengani uje-hova-aeiou ukuba asuse amasele kimi nakubantu bami; ngizakuvumela abantu ukuba bahambe, bahlabele uje-hova-aeiou. umose wathi kufaro: ziphakamise phezu kwami, usho ukuthi ngizakukuncengela ngasiphi isikhathi wena nezinceku zakho, nabantu bakho ukuba achithwe amasele kuwe nasezindlini zakho, asale emfuleni kuphela. wayesethi: ngomuso. wathi: makube njengezwi lakho ukuba wazi ukuthi akakho onjengaye uje-hova-aeiou

ulezi-ku wethu. amasele ayakusuka kuwe, nasezindlini zakho, nasezincekweni zakho, nakubantu bakho, asale emfuleni kuphela. omose no-aroni baphuma kufaro; umose wakhala kujehova-aeiou ngamasele ayewalethile kufaro. uje-hova-aeiou wenza njengezwi likamose; amasele afa ezindlini, nasemagcekeni, nasemasimini. bawabuthela izinqwaba ngezinqwaba, izwe lanuka. esebona ufaro ukuthi kuyiphefu, wayenza lukhuni inhlizyo yakhe, kabalalelanga, njengalokho eshilo uje-hova-aeiou. uje-hova-aeiou wayesethi kumose: yisho ku-aroni, uthi: yelula induku yakho, ushaye uthuli lomhlabathi, lube ngomiyane ezweni lonke lasegibithe. benze njalo-ke; u-aroni welula isandla sakhe nenduku yakhe, washaya uthuli lomhlabathi, lwaba ngominyane kubantu nasezinkomeni; uthuli lonke lomhlabathi lwaba ngominyane ezweni lonke lasegibithe. nezanusi zenze njalo ngemilingo yazo ukuba ziveze omiyane, kepha zahluleka. omiyane babe khona kubantu nasezinkomeni. zase zithi izanusi kufaro: lokhu kungumunwe kalezi-ku. kepha inhlizyo kafaro yaba lukhuni, kabalalelanga, njengalokho eshilo uje-hova-aeiou. uje-hova-aeiou wayesethi kumose: vuka ekuseni kusasa, ume phambi kukafaro; bheka, uyaphuma ukuya emanzini; thana kuye: uje-hova-aeiou usho kanje, uthi: bavumele abantu bami ukuba bahambe bangikhonze. ngokuba uma wenqaba ukuba basuke, bheka, ngizakuthumela kuwe izibawu, nakuzo izinceku zakho, nakubantu bakho, nasezindlini zakho; izindlu zabasegibithe ziyakugcwala izibawu kanye nomhlabathi ezikuwo. ngalolo suku ngiyakwahlukanisa izwe lasegosheni abakhe kulo abantu bami ukuba kungabikho izibawu khona, ukuze wazi ukuthi nginguje-hova-aeiou phakathi kwezwe. ngizakwahlukanisa abantu bami nabantu bakho; ngomuso siyakuvela lesi sibonakaliso. wenze njalo uje-hova-aeiou; kwangena uswebezane olwesabekayo lwezibawu endlini kafaro, nasezindlini zezinceku zakhe, nasezweni lonke lasegibithe; izwe lachithwa ngenxa yezibawu. khona ufaro wababiza omose no-aroni, wathi: hambani nihlabele ulezi-ku wenu kuleli zwe. wayesethi umose: akufanele ukwenze njalo, ngokuba siyakuhlabela uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu lokhu okunengeka kwabasegibithe; bheka, singahlaba okunengeka kwabasegibithe emehlweni abo, bangasikhandi ngamatshe, na? siyakuhamba ibanga lezinsuku ezintathu, siye ehlane, sihlabele uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu, njengalokho ezakusiyala. wayesethi ufaro: ngizakunivumela ukuba nihambe nihlabele uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu ehlane, kepha ningayi kude kakhulu nokho; ngikhulekeni. wathi umose: bheka, ngiyaphuma

kuwe; ngiyakuncenga uje-hova-aeiou ukuba izibawu zimuke, zisuke kufaro, nakuzo izinceku zakhe, nakubantu bakhe ngomuso; kodwa ufaro angabuyi akhohlise ngokungavumeli abantu ukuba bahambe bahlabele uje-hova-aeiou. umose wayesephuma kufaro, wamcenga uje-hova-aeiou. uje-hova-aeiou wayesenza njengezwi likamose; wasusa izibawu kufaro, nakuzo izinceku zakhe, nakubantu bakhe; akwasala nesisodwa. ufaro wayenza lukhuni inhlizyo yakhe nangaleso sikhathi futhi, kabavumelanga abantu ukuba bahambe.

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uje-hova-aeiou wayesethi kumose: ngena kufaro, umtshale ukuthi: usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou, ulezi-ku wamaheberu, uthi: bavumele abantu bami ukuba bahambe, bangikhonze. ngokuba uma wenqaba ukuba bahambe usababambile, bheka, isandla sikajehova-aeiou siyakuba phezu kwemfuyo yakho esendle, naphezu kwamahhashi, naphezu kwezimbongolo, naphezu kwamakamela, naphezu kwezinkomo, naphezu kwezimvu, silethe isifo esinzima kakhulu. uje-hova-aeiou uyakwahlukanisa imfuyo yakwa-israyeli nemfuyo yasegibithe, kungafi lutho kukho konke okwabantwana bakwa-israyeli. uje-hova-aeiou wanquma isikhathi, wathi: kusasa uje-hova-aeiou uzakwenza lokhu ezweni. wakwenza-ke lokho uje-hova-aeiou ngangomuso; yafa yonke imfuyo yasegibithe, kepha emfuyweni yabantwana bakwa-israyeli akwafa neyodwa. ufaro wathumela; bheka, emfuyweni yakwa-israyeli akufanga neyodwa; kepha inhlizyo kafaro yayilukhuni, kabavumelanga abantu ukuba bahambe. uje-hova-aeiou wayesethi kumose naku-aroni: caphunani izinkweshe zomlotha waseziko umose awusakazele ngasezulwini phambi kukafaro. uyakuba yibhuqu ezweni lonke lasegibithe, uphenduke amathumba ayakuqhamuka nezilonda kubantu nasezinkomeni ezweni lonke lasegibithe. base bethatha umlotha waseziko, bema phambi kukafaro; umose wawusakazela ngasezulwini, waphenduka amathumba aqhamuka nezilonda kubantu nasezinkomeni. izanusi zazingenakuma phambi kukamose ngenxa yamathumba, ngokuba amathumba ayekhona kuzo izanusi nakubo bonke abasegibithe. uje-hova-aeiou wayenza lukhuni inhlizyo kafaro, kabalalelanga, njengalokho uje-hova-aeiou eshilo kumose. uje-hova-aeiou wayesethi kumose: vuka ekuseni kusasa, ume phambi kukafaro, uthi kuye: uje-hova-aeiou, ulezi-ku wamaheberu, usho kanje, uthi: bavumele abantu bami ukuba bahambe, bangikhonze. ngokuba kulesi sikhathi ngizakuthuma zonke izinhlupho

zami enhliziyweni yakho, nasezincekweni zakho, nakubantu bakho, ukuze wazi ukuthi akakho onjengami emhlabeni wonke. ngokuba ngase ngiselule isandla sami, ngakushaya wena nabantu bakho ngesifo, uze uchitheke emhlabeni, kepha ngikumise ngalokhu ukuba ngikubonise amandla ami, igama lami lishunyayelwe emhlabeni wonke. usabavimbela abantu bami, ungabavumeli ukuba bahambe, na? bheka, kusa ngalesi sikhathi ngiyakuwisa isichotho esinzima kakhulu, esingazange sibe khona esingaka egibithe, selokhu lakhiwa kuze kube manje. ngalokho thuma, ubuyise imfuyo yakho nakho konke onakho endle; bonke abantu nazo zonke izinkomo okuyakufunyanwa endle kungagoduswanga kuyakuwelelwa yisichotho, kufe. yena owalesaba izwi likajehova-aeiou phakathi kwezinceku zikafaro wazenza izinceku zakhe nezinkomo zakhe ukuba zibalekele ezindlini. kepha onganakanga izwi likajehova-aeiou washiya izinceku zakhe nemfuyo yakhe endle. wayesethi ujeihova-aeiou kumose: yelula isandla sakho ngasezulwini ukuba kufe isichotho ezweni lonke lasegibithe, phezu kwabantu, naphezu kwazinkomo naphezu kwayo yonke imifino ezweni lonke lasegibithe. umose wayeselula induku yakhe ngasezulwini; ujeihova-aeiou wathuma ukuduma nesichotho; nomlilo wehlela emhlabeni; ujeihova-aeiou wawisa isichotho phezu kwezwe lasegibithe. kwase kuwa isichotho nomlilo owanyazima njalo phakathi kwesichotho; kwakunzima kakhulu, okwakungazange kube khona ezweni lasegibithe okungangako, selokhu laba yisizwe. isichotho sashaya konke okwakusendle, abantu nezinkomo, ezweni lonke lasegibithe; isichotho sashaya yonke imifino yasendle, saphula yonke imithi yasendle, ezweni lasegosheni kuphela, lapho babe khona abantwana bakwa-israyeli, kwakungawi sichotho. ufaro wathuma wababiza omose no-aroni, wathi kubo: ngonile lesi sikhathi; ujeihova-aeiou ulungile, kepha mina nabantu bami sibabi. ncen-gani kujehova-aeiou, ngokuba sekwanele lokhu kuduma okungaka nesichotho; ngizakunivumela ukuba nihambe, ningabe nisahlala. wayesethi umose kuye: nxa sengiphumile emzini, ngizakwelula izandla zami kujehova-aeiou; kuyakunqamuka ukuduma, nesichotho asisayikuba khona, ukuze wazi ukuthi umhlaba ungokajehova-aeiou. kepha wena nezinceku zakho ngiyazi ukuthi anikamesabi ujeihova-aeiou ulezi-ku. kwashaywa ifilakisi nebhali, ngokuba ibhali lalikhahlele, nefilakisi laliqhakazile. kepha ukolweni nespelite akushaywanga, ngokuba kwakungakakhuli. umose waphuma emzini kafaro, welula izandla zakhe kujehova-aeiou; kwanqamuka-ke ukuduma nesichotho, alabe

lisana emhlabeni. ufaro esebonile ukuthi imvula nesichotho nokuduma sekunqamukile, wabuye wona, wayenza lukhuni inhliziyoyakhe, yena nezinceku zakhe. inhliziyokafaro yayilukhuni, kabavumelanga abantwana bakwa-israyeli ukuba bahambe, njengalokho ujeihova-aeiou eshilo ngomose.

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ujeihova-aeiou wayesethi kumose: ngena kufaro, ngokuba ngenze lukhuni inhliziyoyakhe nenhliziyoyezinceku zakhe ukuba ngizenze lezi zibonakaliso zami phakathi kwabo, ukuze utshele indodana yakho ezindlebeni nendodana yendodana yakholoko engikwenzele igibithe, nezibonakalisozami engizenzele phakathi kwabo, nize nazi ukuthi ngingujeihova-aeiou. omose no-aroni bangena-ke kufaro, bathi kuye: usho kanje ujeihova-aeiou, ulezi-ku wama-heberu, uthi: koze kube nini wenqaba ukuzithoba phambi kwami na? bavumele abantu bami ukuba bahambe, bangikhonze. ngokuba uma wenqaba ukuba abantu bami bahambe, bheka, ngomuso ngizakuletha isikhonyane ezweni lakho. siyakusibekela ubuso bomhlaba, ukuze kungabe kusabonwa mhlabathi; siyakudla okuseleyo okusindile, enikushiyelwe yisichotho, sidle yonke imithi enemilelayo endle. izindlu zakho, nezindlu zezinceku zakho zonke, nezindlu zabo bonke abasegibithe ziyakugcwaliswa yiso, abangazange basi-bone esinjalo oyihlo nawoyise bawoyihlo, selokhu bafika emhlabeni kuze kube namuhla. waphenduka, waphuma kufaro. kepha izinceku zikafaro zathi kuye: lo muntu uzakuba lugibe kuze kube nini na? bavumele abantu ukuba bahambe bakhonze ujeihova-aeiou ulezi-ku wabo. awukwazi ukuthi igibithe seliyashabalala na? omose no-aroni babuyiselwa kufaro; wathi kubo: hambani nimkhonze ujeihova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu; kepha ngobani abazakuhamba na? umose wathi: siyakuhamba nabasha bethu, nabadala bethu, namadodana ethu, namadodakazi ethu, nezimvu zethu, nezinkomo zethu, ngokuba sinomkhosi kajehova-aeiou. wayesethi kubo: makabe nani-ke ujeihova-aeiou, njengokuba ngizakunivumela ukuba nihambe nezingane zenu; bhekani, ngokuba bona-ra-ukukhandleka kuphambi kwenu. kungabi njalo; hambani nina madoda nimkhonze ujeihova-aeiou, ngokuba yikho enikufunayo. base bexoshwa ebusweni bukafaro. ujeihova-aeiou wayesethi kumose: yelula isandla sakho phezu kwezwe lasegibithe, kufike isikhonyane ukuba senyukele ezweni lasegibithe, sidle imifino yonke, konke okwashiywa yisichotho. umose wayeselula induku yakhe phezu kwezwe lasegibithe; ujeihova-aeiou waletla umoya

wasempumalanga ezweni ngalo lonke lolu suku nobusuku bonke; sekusile umoya wasempumalanga waletha isikhonyane. isikhonyane senyukela ezweni lonke lasegibithe, sahlala ezweni lonke lasegibithe, sasinzima kakhulu; ngaphambi kwaso kwakungazange kube khona isikhonyane esingangaso, nangasemva kwaso asisayikuba khona esingangaso. ngokuba sasibekela ubuso bonke bomhlaba, laze laba mnyama izwe. sadla imifino yonke nezithelo zonke zemithi ezishiywe yisichotho; akwasala lutho oluluhlaza emithini nasemifinweni yasandle ezweni lonke lasegibithe. khona ufaro washesha wababiza omose no-aroni, wathi: ngonile kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu nakinina. ngalokho ake nithethelele isono sami ngalesi sikhathi esisodwa nje, nincenge uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu ukuba asuse kimi lokhu kufa kuphela. waphuma kufaro, wamncenga uje-hova-aeiou. uje-hova-aeiou wayesewuphendula umoya waba ngowasentshonalanga onamandla amakhulu; wona wasusa isikhonyane, wasilahlala elwandle olubomvu; akwasala isikhonyane nesisodwa ezweni lonke lasegibithe. kepha uje-hova-aeiou wayenza lukhuni inhliziyi kafaro, kabavumelanga abantwana bakwa-israyeli ukuba bahambe. uje-hova-aeiou wayesethi kumose: yelula isandla sakho ngasezulwini ukuba kube khona ubumnyama ezweni lasegibithe obuphatheka ngesandla. umose wayeseselula isandla sakhe ngasezulwini; kwaba khona isigayegaye esinzima ezweni lonke lasegibithe izinsuku ezintathu. ababonanga; akusukanga muntu endaweni yakhe izinsuku zaze zaba ntathu; kepha kubo bonke abantwana bakwa-israyeli kwakukhona ukukhanya emakhaya abo. ufaro wambiza umose, wathi: hambani nimkhonze uje-hova-aeiou, kusale kuphela izimvu zenu nezinkomo zenu; izingane zenu zingahamba nani. wathi umose: wonikela esandleni sethu imihlatshelo neminikelo yokushiswa, ukuze sihlabele uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu. imfuyo yethu nayo iyakuhamba nathi; akuyikusala nanselo, ngokuba siyakuthatha kuyo lokhu esiyakumkhonza ngakho uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu; asikwazi esiyakumkhonza ngakho uje-hova-aeiou, singakafiki khona. kepha uje-hova-aeiou wayenza lukhuni inhliziyi kafaro, kabavumelanga ukuba bahambe. ufaro wathi kuye: suka kimi, uqaphele ukuba ungabuboni ubuso bami futhi; ngokuba mhla ubona ubuso bami, uyakufa. wathi umose: ukhulume kahle; angisayikubuye ngibone ubuso bakho.

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uje-hova-aeiou wayesethi kumose: ngiseza-kuletha inhlupeko eyodwa kufaro nakulo igibithe; ngasemva uyakunivumela ukuba nisuke lapha; yebo, nxa eniyeka ukuba n-hambe, uzakunioxsha nokunioxsha lapha. khuluma manje ezindlebeni zabantu ukuba yilowo nalowo mliisa acele kumakhelwane wakhe, yilowo nalowo wesifazane acele kumakhelwane wakhe izinto zesiliva nezinto zegolide. uje-hova-aeiou wabapha abantu umusa emehlweni abasegibithe. futhi lowo muntu umose wayemkhulu kakhulu ezweni lasegibithe emehlweni ezinceku zikafaro nasemehlweni abantu. umose wathi: usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou, uti: ngaphakathi kwamabili ngizakuphuma, ngiye phakathi kwegibithe; amazibulo onke aseweni lasegibithe ayakufa, kusukela kulo izibulo likafaro ohlala esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi kuze kube kulo izibulo lencekuzi engasetsheni lokugaya, kanye namazibulo onke ezinkomo. kuyakuba khona ukukhala okukhulu ezweni lonke lasegibithe, okungazange kube khona okungangako, okungasayikuba khona futhi okungangako. kepha kubo bonke abantwana bakwa-israyeli akuyikubakho nanja eyakug-wavumela umuntu nenkomo, ukuze nazi ukuthi uje-hova-aeiou uyahlukanisa igibithe no-israyeli. zonke lezi zincedu zakho ziyakwehla, zifike kimi, zingikhothamele, zithi: phuma wena nabantu bonke abakulandelayo; emva kwalokho ngizakuphuma. waphuma kufaro evutha ulaka. wayesethi uje-hova-aeiou kumose: ufaro akayikukulalela ukuba izimangaliso zami zande ezweni lasegibithe. omose no-aroni bazenza zonke lezi zimangaliso ebusweni bukafaro; uje-hova-aeiou wayenza lukhuni inhliziyi kafaro, kabavumelanga abantwana bakwa-israyeli ukuphuma ezweni lakhe.

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uje-hova-aeiou wayesekhuluma kumose naku-aroni ezweni lasegibithe, ethi: le nyanga iyakuba kini inhloko yezinyanga, ibe yinyanga yokuqala emnyakeni kini. khulumani kuyo inhlangano yonke yakwa-israyeli, nithi: ngolweshumi lwale nyanga yilowo nalowo makazithathele iwundlu ngokwezindlu zawoyise, kube yiwundlu ngendlu; uma abomuzi bengalaneli iwundlu, wolithatha nomakhelwane wakhe oseduze nomuzi wakhe njengenani labantu; kulelo nalelo wundlu anobala inani elithile njen-gokudla kwalowo nalowo muntu. iwundlu malingabi nasici, libe ngeduna, libe nomnyaka muncye, nolithathe ezimvini noma ezimbuzini; niyakuligcina kuze kube sosukwini lweshumi nane lwaleyo nyanga; ibandla lonke lenhlangano yakwa-israyeli



liyakulihlaba ngakusihlwa. bazakuthabatha igazi, balibhece ezinsikeni zombili zomnyango nasekhotameni lomnyango ezindlini abayakulidlela kuzo. baza-kuyidla inyama ngalobo busuku, yosiwe ngomlilo; bayakuyidla kanye nesinkwa esingenamvubelo nemifino ebabayo. ningalidli liseluhlaza, noma liphekwe nokuphekwa ngamanzi, kepha losiwe ngomlilo, ikhanda lalo kanye nemilenze yalo nezibilini zalo. ningashiyi lutho kuze kube sekuseni; kepha okusele kulo kuze kube sekuseni nizakukushisa ngomlilo. niyakulidla kanje: izinkalo zenu ziboshiwe, izicathulo zenu zisezinyaweni zenu, nezindondolo zenu zisezandleni zenu; niyakulidla ngokushesha; kuyiphasika likajehova-aeiou. ngokuba ngiyakudabula izwe lasegibithe ngalobo busuku, ngibulale onke amazibulo ezweni lasegibithe, abantu nezinkomo, ngenze izahlulelo kuzo zonke izithixo zasegibithe; ngingujehova-aeiou. igazi liyakuba luphawu lwenu ezindlini lapho nikhona; nanxa ngibona igazi, ngiyakudlula kini, ningehlwa yisifo sokunibhubhisa, lapho ngibulala izwe lasegibithe. lolo suku luyakuba yisikhumbuzo kini, nilugcine lube ngumkhosi kajehova-aeiou; anolugcina izizukulwane ngezizukulwane ngokomthetho waphakade. izinsuku eziyisikhombisa niyakudla isinkwa esingenamvubelo; yebo, ngosuku lokuqala noyikhipha imvubelo ezindlini zenu, ngokuba bonke abadla okuvutshelweyo, kusukela osukwini lokuqala kuze kufike usuku lwesikhombisa, labo bantu bayakunqunywa kwa-israyeli. ngosuku lokuqala niyakuba nomhlangano ongwele, nangosuku lwesikhombisa nibe nomhlangano ongwele; kungasetshenzwa ngazo, kuphela okudliwa ngabantu bonke; lokhu kodwa makwenziwe yinina. niyagucina umkhosi wesinkwa esingenamvubelo, ngokuba ngalona lolo suku ngikhiphile amabandla enu ezweni lasegibithe; ngalokho anogcina lolo suku ezizukulwaneni zenu zonke ngokomthetho waphakade. ngenyanga yokuqala ngosuku lweshumi nane ngakusihlwa niyakudla isinkwa esingenamvubelo, kuze kufike usuku lwamashumi amabili nanye lwenyanga ngakusihlwa. izinsuku eziyisikhombisa akuyikutholakala mvubelo ezindlini zenu, ngokuba yilowo nalowo odlayo okuvutshelweyo yena uyakunqunywa bandleni lakwa-israyeli, noma engumfokazi noma engowokuzalwa ezweni. ningadli lutho oluvutshelweyo; ezindlini zenu zonke anodla isinkwa esingenamvubelo. umose wayesebiza amalunga akwa-israyeli, wathi kuwo: hambani nizithathele amawundlu ngokwemindeni yenu, nihlabe iphasika. nothathi isithungu sehisopi, nisicwilise egazini elisemcengezini, nibhece ikhotahamo nezinsika zombili zomnyango ngegazi

elisemcengezini; akuyikuphuma muntu emnyango waleyo ndlu kuze kube sekuseni. ngokuba ujeihova-aeiou uyakudabula ukuyoshaya abasegibithe; nanxa ebona igazi elisekhotameni nasezinsikeni zombili, ujeihova-aeiou uyakudlula kulowo mnyango, angamvumeli umbhubhisi ukuba angene ezindlini zenu ukuyobulala. niyakugcina le nto ibe ngumthetho kuwena nakuwo amadodana akho kuze kube phakade. kuyakuthi lapho senifike ezweni ujeihova-aeiou azakuninika lona njengesithembiso sakhe, niyakugcina inkonzo yakhe. kuyakuthi nxa abantwana benu besho kini, bethi: iyini le nkonzo kini na? nithi: kungumhlatshelelo wephasika likajehova-aeiou owadlula kuzo izindlu zabantwana bakwa-israyeli mhla ebulala abasegibithe, ezophula izindlu zethu. abantu bakhothama, bakhuleka. abantwana bakwa-israyeli basuka, benze njalo; njengalokho ujeihova-aeiou ebayalile omose no-aroni, benze njalo-ke. kwathi phakathi kwamabili ujeihova-aeiou wabulala onke amazibulo ezweni lasegibithe, kusukela kulo izibulo likafaro owayehlala esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi kuze kube kulo izibulo lesiboshwa esasisetilongweni, kanye namazibulo onke ezinkomo. ufaro wavuka ebusuku, yena nezinceku zakhe zonke, nabo bonke abasegibithe; kwaba khona ukukhala okukhala egibithe, ngokuba kwakungekhondlu, lapho kungafanga muntu khona. wababiza omose no-aroni ebusuku, wathi: vukani nihpume kubantu bami, nina nabantwana bakwa-israyeli, nihambe niyokhonza ujeihova-aeiou, njengalokho nishilo. thathani izimvu zenu nezinkomo zenu, njengalokho nishilo, nihambe, ningibusise nami. abasegibithe babebacindezela abantu ukuba babakhiphe ezweni ngokushesha, ngokuba bathi: thina sonke sifle. abantu base bethatha inhlama yabo ingakavutshelwa, nezingqwmembe zabo zokuxova isinkwa, ziboshwe ezingutsheni zabo emahlombe abo. abantwana bakwa-israyeli benza-ke njengezwi likamose; bacela kwabasegibithe izinto zesiliva, nezinto zegolide, nezingubo. ujeihova-aeiou wabenzela abantu umusa emehlweni abasegibithe, babapha lokho abakucelayo. babaphunda abasegibithe. abantwana bakwa-israyeli basuka eramsesi, bafika esukoti, kungathi abantu abayizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisithupha behamba phansi, bengamadoda ngaphandle kwabantwana. kwenyuka nabo ingxubevange yabantu, nezimvu, nezinkomo, imfuyo eningi kakhulu. ngenhlama abaphuma nayo egibithe benza amaqebelengwane angenamvubelo, ngokuba yayingavutshelwe, lokhu baxoshwa egibithe bengenakulibala, futhi bengazilungiselanga mphako. ukhulala kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli abakuhlalayo egibithe kwakuyiminyaka engamakhulu

amane namashumi amathathu. kwathi ekupheleni kweminyaka engamakhulu amane namashumi amathathu, kwathi ngalona lolo suku, amabandla onke kajehova-aeiou aphuma ezweni lasegibithe. kungubusuku obuzakugcinelwa uje-hova-aeiou ngokubakhipha kwakhe ezweni lasegibithe, ngubusuku bukajehova-aeiou obuzakugcinwa yibo bonke abantwana bakwa-israyeli ezizukulwaneni zabo. uje-hova-aeiou wayesethi kumose naku-aroni; lokhu kungumthetho wephasika: owezizwe makangalidli; kepha zonke izigqila ezithengwa ngumuntu ngemali mazilidle, uma zisokiwe. izihambi noqashiweyo mabangalidli. liyakudliwa endlini inye; ungaphumisi lutho lwenyama ngaphandle kwendlu; ningaphuli thambo lalo. ibandla lonke lakwa-israyeli liyakukugcina lokhu. nxa umfokazi ogogobeleyo kuwe ezakumgcinela uje-hova-aeiou iphasika, mabasoke bonke abesilisa bakhe, asondele aligcine, abe njengowokuzalwa ezweni; kepha malingadliwa muntu ongasokiwe. mawube munye umthetho kowokuzalwa ekhaya nakumfokazi ogogobeleyo phakathi kweni. benza kanjalo bonke abantwana bakwa-israyeli; njengalokho ebayalile omose no-aroni, benze njalo-ke. kwathi ngalona lolo suku uje-hova-aeiou wakhupha abantwana bakwa-israyeli ezweni lasegibithe ngamabandla abo.

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uje-hova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: ngahlukanisele onke amazibulo, konke okuvula isizalo phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli, kubantu nasezinkomeni; kungokwami. umose wayesethi kubantu: khumbulani lolu suku eniphume ngalo egibithe, indlu yobugqila, ngokuba ngesandla esinamandla uje-hova-aeiou unikhiphile kule ndawo: akuyikudliwa sinkwa esivutshelweyo. namuhla niyaphuma, ngenyanga ka-abibi. kuyakuthi nxa uje-hova-aeiou ekukenisile ezweni lamakhanani, nelamaheti, nelama-amori, nelamahivi, nelamajebusi alifungela koyihlo ukunikela lona, izwe elivama ubisi nezinyosi, uyakugcina le nkonzo kule nyanga. izinsuku eziyisikhombisa uyakudla isinkwa esingenamvubelo, ngolwesikhombisa kube khona umkhosi kajehova-aeiou. isinkwa esingenamvubelo siyakudliwa izinsuku eziyisikhombisa; akuyikubonakala sinkwa esivutshelweyo kungabonwa namvubelo ezweni lakho lonke. uzakutshela indodana yakho ngalolo suku, uthi: kungenxa yalokho uje-hova-aeiou angenzela khona ekuphumeni kwami egibithe. kuyakuba luphawu kuwe esandleni sakho, kube yisikhumbuzo phakathi kwamehlo akho, ukuze

umthetho kajehova-aeiou ube semlonyeni wakho, ngokuba ngesandla esinamandla uje-hova-aeiou wakukhipha egibithe. ngakho uyakuwugcina lo mthetho ngesikhathi sawo iminyaka ngeminyaka. kuyakuthi lapho uje-hova-aeiou esezakukungenisa ezweni lamakhanani, njengalokho wafunga kuwe nakoyihlo, akuphe lona, wodlulisela kujehova-aeiou konke okuvula isizalo nawo onke amazibulo ezinkomo onawo; amaduna onke azakuba ngakajehova-aeiou. onke amazibulo ezimbongolo wowahlenga ngewundlu; uma ungawahlengi, wowaphula intamo; amazibulo onke abantu kumadodana akho wowahlenga. kuyakuthi lapho indodana yakho ikubuza ngesikhathi esizayo, ithi: kuyini lokhu? wothi kuyo: ngesandla esinamandla uje-hova-aeiou wasikhipha egibithe, indlu yobugqila. kwathi ufaro evuma kalukhuni ukuba sihambe, uje-hova-aeiou wabulala amazibulo onke asezweni lasegibithe, amazibulo abantu namazibulo ezinkomo; ngalokho ngiyahlabela uje-hova-aeiou konke okuvula isizalo okungamaduna; kepha onke amazibulo amadodana ami ngiyawahlenga. kuyakuba luphawu esandleni sakho nesikhumbuzo phakathi kwamehlo akho, ngokuba ngesandla esinamandla uje-hova-aeiou wasikhipha egibithe. kwathi ufaro esebavumele abantu ukuba bahambe, ulezi-ku akabaholanga ngendlela yasezweni lamafilisti, noma kwakuyiyona eseduze; ngokuba ulezi-ku wathi: funa mhlawumbe abantu bazisole, nxa bebona impi, babuye egibithe. kepha ulezi-ku wabagwegwisa abantu ngendlela yasehlane ngaselwandle olubomvu; abantwana bakwa-israyeli bakhuphuka ezweni lasegibithe behlomile. umose wathatha amathambo kajosefa, wahamba nawo, ngokuba wayebafungisile nokubafungisa abakwa-israyeli, ethi: impela ulezi-ku uyakuni hambela nokuni hambela, nikhuphule lapha amathambo ami kanye nani. basuka esukoti; baya bamisa e-etamu eceleni kwehlane. uje-hova-aeiou wahamba phambi kwabo emini ngensika yefu eyobahola endleleni, nasebusuku ngensika yomlilo eyobakhanyisela ukuba bahambe imini nobusuku. insika yefu emini nensika yomlilo ebusuku ayisukanga ebusweni babantu.

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uje-hova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yisho kwabakwa-israyeli ukuba babuye emuva, bamise ngaphambi kwephi hahiroti, ngaphakathi kwemigidoli nolwandle, phambi kwebali sefoni; anomisa ngaselwandle, nibhekane nalo. ufaro uyakuthi ngabantwana bakwa-israyeli: badidekile ezweni, ihlane libavalele. ngiyakuyenza lukhuni inhliziyi kafaro, abalandele;

ngiyakudunyiswa ngofaro nangebandla lakhe lonke; abasegibithe bayakwazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou. benze njalo-ke. inkosi yasegibithe yabikelwa ukuthi abantu se-bebalekile; inhliziyi kafaro neyezinceku zakhe yabaguqela abantu, bathi: yini lokhu esikwenziweyo, sabavumela abakwa-israyeli ukuba bahambe, bangasikhonzi, na? wabophela inqola yakhe, wahamba nabantu bakhe. wathatha izinqola ezingamakhulu ayisithupha ezikhethiweyo, nezinqola zonke zasegibithe, nezinduna zazo zonke. uje-hova-aeiou wayenza lukhuni inhliziyi kafaro inkosi yasegibithe; waxosha abakwa-israyeli; ngokuba abantwana bakwa-israyeli baphuma ngesandla esiphakamileyo. abasegibithe babaxosha, amahhashi onke, nezinqola zikafaro, nabamahhashi bakhe, nempi yakhe, babafica bemise ngasewandle ngasephi hahiroti ngaphambi kwebali sefoni. ufaro esesondela, abantwana bakwa-israyeli baphakamisa amehlo abo; bheka, abasegibithe babebalandela; base besaba kakhulu; abantwana bakwa-israyeli bakhala kujehova-aeiou. bathi kumose: kungokuba kwakungekho mathuna egibithe usikhiphile ukuba sifele ehlane na? usenzeleni lokhu, wasikhipha egibithe, na? leli alisilo izwi esalikhuluma kuwe egibithe, sithi: siyeke, sikhonze abasegibithe, na? ngokuba bekuyakuba ngcono kithi ukubakhonza abasegibithe kunokuba sifele ehlane. umose wathi kubantu: ningesabi; qinani, nibone ukusindisa kukajehova-aeiou azakunenzela khona namuhla, ngokuba abasegibithe enibabonile namuhla anisayikubuye nibabone naphakade. uje-hova-aeiou uzakunilwela, nothula nina. uje-hova-aeiou wayesethi kumose: ukhalelani kimi na? yisho kubantwana bakwa-israyeli ukuba bahambe. phakamisa wena induku yakho, welule isandla sakho phezu kolwandle, ulwahlukanise; abantwana bakwa-israyeli bazakuhamba phakathi kolwandle emhlabathini owomileyo. bheka, mina ngiyakuzenza lukhuni izinhliziyi zabasegibithe, babalandele; ngizakudunyiswa ngofaro nangempi yakhe yonke, ngezinqola zakhe nangabamahhashi bakhe. abasegibithe bazakwazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou, nxa ngidunyisiwe ngofaro, ngezinqola zakhe nangabamahhashi bakhe. ingelosi kalezi-ku eyayihambile phambi kwempi ka-israyeli yasuka yahamba emva kwabo, nensika yefu yasuka phambi kwabo, yema emva kwabo. yafika phakathi kwempi yasegibithe nempi yakwa-israyeli; kwakukhona ifu nobumnyama, noma ikhanya ebusuku, ukuze izimpi zingakwazi ukusondelana ubusuku bonke. umose wayeselula isandla sakhe phezu kolwandle; uje-hova-aeiou wamukisa amanzi ngomoya onamandla wasempumalanga ubusuku bonke, waphendula

ulwandle lwaba ngumhlathi owomileyo, amanzi ahlukana. abantwana bakwa-israyeli bangena phakathi kolwandle emhlabathini owomileyo; amanzi aba lugange kubo ngakwesokunene nangakwesokhohlo. abasegibithe babaxosha, bangena emva kwabo ngaphakathi kolwandle, namahhashi onke kafaro, nezinqola zakhe, nabamahhashi bakhe. kwathi ngomlindo wokusa uje-hova-aeiou walunguza impi yabasegibithe, esensikeni yomlilo neyefu, wayidunga impi yabasegibithe. wawisa amasondo ezinqola ukuba bahambise kalukhuni, baze bathi abasegibithe: masibaleke ebusweni buka-israyeli, ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou uyabawela emelene nabasegibithe. wayesethi uje-hova-aeiou kumose: yelula isandla sakho phezu kolwandle ukuba amanzi abuye phezu kwabasegibithe, phezu kwezinqola zabo nabamahhashi babo. umose wayeselula isandla sakhe phezu kolwandle, ulwandle lwabuyela endaweni yalo ngokufika kokusa; abasegibithe balubalekela; uje-hova-aeiou wabathuntutuhela abasegibithe phakathi kolwandle. amanzi abuyela, asibekela izinqola, nabamahhashi, nayo yonke impi kafaro eyangena elwandle emva kwazo; akwasala noyedwa kubo. kepha abantwana bakwa-israyeli bahamba emhlabathini owomileyo phakathi kolwandle; amanzi aba lugange kubo ngakwesokunene nangakwesokhohlo. kanjalo uje-hova-aeiou wasindisa u-israyeli esandleni sabasegibithe; u-israyeli wababona abasegibithe befle ogwini lolwandle. u-israyeli wabona umsebenzi omkhulu uje-hova-aeiou awenzile phezu kwabasegibithe; abantu base bemesaba uje-hova-aeiou, bakholwa nguje-hova-aeiou nenceku yakhe umose.

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base behlabelela umose nabantwana bakwa-israyeli leli gama, bekhuluma bethi: ngizakuhlabelela kujehova-aeiou, ngokuba uphakeme kakhulu; ihhashi nenkweli yalo ukuphonse elwandle. uje-hova-aeiou ungamandla ami nehubo lami; waba yinsindiso kimi; ungulezi-ku wami: ngizakumumisa, nolezi-ku kababa: ngizakumphakamisa. uje-hova-aeiou uyindoda yempi; nguje-hova-aeiou igama lakhe. izinqola zikafaro nempi yakhe ukuphonse elwandle; izinduna zakhe ezikhethiweyo zaminza elwandle olubomvu. izintwa ziyabasibekela; bashona ezinzulwini njengetshe. isandla sakho sokunene, nkosi, sidumisekile ngamandla aso; esokunene sakho, nkosi, siyaphahlaza isitha. ngobukhulu bobukhosi bakho uyachitha abakuvukelayo; uyathuma intukuthelo yakho, ibaqede njengamabibi. ngokufutha kwamakhala akho amanzi anqwabeleka; izifufu zema njenqawaba,

amadlambi ashuqa phakathi kolwandle. isitha sathi: ngiyakubaxosha, ngibafice, ngahlukanise impango, inhliziyi yami idele ngabo; ngiyakuhosha inkemba yami, isandla sami sibachithe. waphephetha ngomoya wakho, ulwandle lwabasibekela; baminzisa okomthofu emanzini anamandla. ngubani onjengawe jehova-aeiou phakathi kwawolezi-ku; ngubani onjengawe okhazimula ngobungcwele, owesabeka ngezibongo, owenza izimangalis, na? welula isandla sakho sokunene, umhlaba wabagwinya. ngomusa wakho wabahola abantu obahlengileyo; ngamandla akho wabayisa endlini yakho engcwele. izizwe zizwile; ziyakuthuthumela; abakhe efilistiya behlelwe luvalo. khona aphaphatheka amakhosi akwa-edomi; izikhulu zakwamowabi bazanjwa yitwetwe; bonke abakhe ekhanani baphelile amandla. bayehlelwa luvalo nokwesaba; ngokobukhulu bengalo yakho bathulisa okwetshe, baze bawele abantu bakho, jehova-aeiou, baze bawele abantu bakho obathengileyo. uzakubangenisa, ubatshale entabeni yefa lakho, indawo ozenzele yona, jehova-aeiou, ukuba uhlele kuyo, indlu engcwele, nkosi, eziyimisile izandla zakho. ujeihova-aeiou uyakubusa kuze kube phakade. ngokuba amahhashi kafaro angena elwandle kanye nezinqola zakhe nabamahhashi bakhe, ujeihova-aeiou wabuyisela amanzi olwandle phezu kwabo; kepha abantwana bakwa-israyeli bahamba emhlabathini owomileyo ngaphakathi kolwandle. umiriyamu umprofethikazi, udadewabo ka-aroni, waphatha isigubhu ngesandla sakhe; bonke abesifazane baphuma emva kwakhe bephethe izigubhu, besina. umiriyamu wabaphendula ngokuthi: hlabelelani kujehova-aeiou, ngokuba uphakeme kakhulu; ihhashi nenkweli yalo ukuphonse elwandle. umose wayesebahola abakwa-israyeli besuka elwandle olubomvu, baya ehlane laseshuri; bahamba ehlane izinsuku ezintathu bengafumani manzi. sebefika emara babengenakuphuza amanzi asemara, lokhu ayeababa; ngalokho igama lalo lithiwa imara. abantu bakhonona ngomose, bathi: siyakuphuzani na? wayesekhala kujehova-aeiou; ujeihova-aeiou wambonisa umuthi; wawuphonsa emanzini, amanzi aba mtoti. wabamisela khona isimiso nomthetho; wabavivinya lapho, wathi: uma ulalela nokulalela izwi likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, ukwenze okulungile emehlweni akhe, ulalele imiyalo yakhe, ugcine izimiso zakhe zonke, angiyikubeka phezu kwakho nasinye salezo zifo engizibeke phezu kwabasegibithe, ngokuba ngingujehova-aeiou okuphilisayo. bafika e-elimu, lapho kwakukhona imithombo eyishumi nambili yamanzi namasundu angamashumi ayisikhombisa; bamisa khona ngasemanzini.

basuka e-elimu; ibandla lonke labantwana bakwa-israyeli lafika ehlane lasesini eliphakathi kwe-elimu nesinayi ngosuku lweshumi nanhlano lwenyanga yesibili emva kokuphuma ezweni lasegibithe. lonke ibandla labantwana bakwa-israyeli lakhonona ngomose nango-aroni ehlane. abantwana bakwa-israyeli bathi kubo: sengathi nga safu ngesandla sikajehova-aeiou ezweni lasegibithe, lapho sasihlezi ngasemakhanzini enyama, sidla isinkwa sisutha, ngokuba nisiphumisele kuleli hlane ukuyobulala lonke leli bandla ngendlala. ujeihova-aeiou wayesethi kumose: bheka, ngizakuninisa isinkwa esivela ezulwini; abantu bayakuphuma, babuthe isabelo sosuku imihla ngemihla, ukuze ngibavivinye ukuthi bazakuhamba yini emthethweni wami noma qha. kuzakuthi ngosuku lwesithupha bakulungise abakungenisileyo; kuzakuba ngokuphindwe kabili kwalokhu abakubutha imihla ngemihla. omose no-aroni bathi kubo bonke abantwana bakwa-israyeli: ngakusihlwa niyakwazi ukuthi ujeihova-aeiou unikhhiphile ezweni lasegibithe. kusasa niyakubona inkazimulo kajehova-aeiou, lokhu ezwile izinkonono zenu ngojeihova-aeiou; thina siyini ukuba nikhonone ngathi na? umose wathi: lokhu kuzakwenzeka, lapho ujeihova-aeiou eyakuninika inyama kushlwa ukuba nidle, nasekuseni isinkwa ukuze nisuthe; ngokuba ujeihova-aeiou uyezwa izinkonono zenu enikhonona ngaye ngazo; thina siyini? izinkonono zenu azingathi, zingojehova-aeiou. umose wathi ku-aroni: yisho kuyo yonke inhlangano yabantwana bakwa-israyeli ukuthi: sondelani phambi kukajehova-aeiou, ngokuba uzwile izinkonono zenu. kwathi u-aroni esakhluma kuyo yonke inhlangano yabantwana bakwa-israyeli, babheka ngasehlane; bheka, inkazimulo kajehova-aeiou yabonakala efwini. ujeihova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: ngizwile izinkonono zabantwana bakwa-israyeli; khuluma kubo, uthi: ngakusihlwa niyakudla inyama, kusasa nisuthe isinkwa, nize nazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu. kwathi kusihlwa kwenyuka izigwaca, zasibekela ikamu; ngakusasa kwakulele amazolo ekamu nxazonke. esenyukile amazolo akade elele khona, bheka, nakho okuthile okuncane okunjengenkwehu, kuncane njengongqoqwane emhlabathini. bakubona abantwana bakwa-israyeli, bathi omunye komunye: yini le? ngokuba babengazi ukuthi kuyini. umose wathi kubo: kuyisinkwa ujeihova-aeiou aninike sona ukuba nisisdle. lokhu kuyikho ujeihova-aeiou ayalile ngakho ukuthi: kubutheni, kube yilowo nalowo

njengokudla kwakhe; anothatha iyomere ngomuntu ngokwenani labantu benu, yilowo nalowo abathathele abasetendeni lakhe. abantwana bakwa-israyeli benze njalo: abanye babutha okuningi abanye okuyingcosana. lapho sebelinganisa ngeyomere, yena owayebuthe okuningi akabanga nokuseleyo, nowayebuthe okuyingcosana akaswelanga. yilowo nalowo wabutha njengokudla kwakhe. umose wayesethi kubo: makungashiywa lutho kukho ngumuntu kuze kuse. kodwa abamlalelanga umose; abanye kubo bashiya okunye kwaze kwasa, kwazala izimpethu, kwanuka, umose waze wabathukuthelela. bakubutha ekuseni njalo imihla ngemihla, kwaba yilowo nalowo muntu njengokudla kwakhe; kepha nxa ilanga selibalele, kwancibilika. kwathi ngosuku lwesithupha babutha isinkwa esiphindwe kabili, amayomere amabili kumuntu munye; zonke izinduna zomhlango zafika, zamtshelela umose. wathi kuzo: lokhu kuyikho ujejhova-aeiou akukhulumileyo: kusasa kulusuku lokuphumula, isabatha elingcwele likajejhova-aeiou; yosani lokho eniyakukosa, nipheke lokho eniyakukupheka, nizibekele konke okuseleyo, kulondolozwe kuze kuse. bakubeka kwaze kwasa, njengalokho eyalile umose; akunukanga, akwaba nampethu. wayesethi umose: yidlani lokhu namuhla, ngokuba namuhla kuyisabatha likajejhova-aeiou; namuhla aniyikukuthola endle. anokubutha izinsuku eziyisithupha, kepha ngosuku lwesikhombisa kuyisabatha; akuyikubakho ngalo. kwathi ngosuku lwesikhombisa kwaphuma abanye abantu ukuba bakubuthe, kepha kabakutholanga. ujejhova-aeiou wathi kumose: niyakwala kuze kube nini ukugcina imiyalo yami nemithetho yami na? bhekani, njengalokho ujejhova-aeiou eniphile isabatha, ngalokho uyaninika ngosuku lwesithupha isinkwa sezinsuku ezimbili; hlalani, kube yilowo nalowo endaweni yakhe, kungaphumi muntu endaweni yakhe ngosuku lwesikhombisa. base bephumula-ke abantu ngosuku lwesikhombisa. indlu yakwa-israyeli yaqamba igama lakho ngokuthi imana; kwakunjengembewu yekoriyanderi, kumhlophe; kwezwakala emlonjeni kungathi ngamaqebelengwane anezinyosi. umose wathi: lokhu kuyikho ujejhova-aeiou ayalile ngakho ukuthi: makulondolozwe eziizukulwani iyomere eligcweleyo lalokhu ukuba babone isinkwa enganipha sona ehlane ngisanikhipha ezweni lasegibithe. umose wathi ku-aroni: thatha isitsha, ufake iyomere eligcweleyo lemana, ukubeke phambi kukajejhova-aeiou, kulondolozelwe eziizukulwane zenu. njengalokho ujejhova-aeiou emyala umose, kanjalo u-aroni wakubeka phambi kobufakazi, kulondolozwe. abantwana bakwa-israyeli badla

imana iminyaka engamashumi amane, baze bafika ezweni elakhiweyo; badla imana, baze bafika emikhawulweni yezwe lasekhanani. iyomere lingokweshumi kwe-efa.

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ibandla lonke labantwana bakwa-israyeli lasuka ehlane lasesini, bahamba ngamabanga njengesiyalo sikajejhova-aeiou, bamisa erefidimi; kwakungekho manzi okuba abantu baphuze. ngalokho abantu baphikisana nomose, bathi: siphe amanzi, siphuze. umose wathi kubo: yini ukuba niphikisane nami na? nimlingelani ujejhova-aeiou na? abantu bomela kumosi amanzi; abantu bakhonona ngomose, bathi: usikhuphuleleni egibithe ukuba usibulale, thina nabantwana bethu nezinkomo zethu ngokoma, na? umose wayesekhala kujehova-aeiou, ethi: ngizakwenzani kulaba bantu na? sekuncane ukuba bangikhande ngamatshu. ujejhova-aeiou wathi kumose: dlulela phambi kwabantu, uthathe amalunga abantu israyeli; nenduku yakho owashaya ngayo umfula, yiphathe ngesandla sakho, uhambe. bheka, ngiyakuma phambi kwakho edwaleni lasehorebe; uzakushaya itshe, kuphume amanzi kulo, abantu baphuze. wenze njalo umose emehlweni amalunga akwa-israyeli. waqamba igama laleyo ndawo ngokuthi imasa nemberiba ngenxa yokuphikisana kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli, nangokuba bemlinga ujejhova-aeiou, bethi: ukhona yini ujejhova-aeiou phakathi kwethu noma qha? kwase kufika u-amaleki, walwa no-israyeli erefidimi. umose wathi kujesu: sikhethela amadoda, uphume ulwe no-amaleki; kusasa ngizakuma esiqongweni sentaba, induku kalezi-ku isesandleni sami. ujesu wenze njalo, njengalokho umose eshilo kuye, walwa no-amaleki; omose, no-aroni, nohure bakhuphukela esiqongweni sentaba. kwathi umose esephakamisile isandla sakhe, u-israyeli wahlula, kepha nxa esehlisa, u-amaleki wahlula. kodwa izandla zikamose zaba nzima; bathatha itshe, walibeka phambi kwakhe, wahlala kulo; o-aroni nohure basekela izandla zakhe, omunye engalapha, omunye engalapha; zase zihlala ziqinile izandla zakhe laze lashona ilanga. ujesu wamchitha u-amaleki nabantu bakhe ngosiko lwenkamba. ujejhova-aeiou wathi kumose: kulobe lokhu kube yisikhumbuzo encwadini, ukubeke ezindlebeni zikajesu ukuthi ngizakuqothula ukukhunjulwa kuka-amaleki phansi kwezulu. umose walakha i-altare, waliqamba igama lokuthi ujejhova-aeiou-nisi, wathi: isandla singasesihlalweni sobukhosi sikajejhova-aeiou sokuthi ujejhova-aeiou uyakulwa no-amaleki eziizukulwane ngezizukulwane.

ujetiro umpristi wakwamidiyani, umukhwe kamose, wezwa konke ulezi-ku abenzele khona omose no-israyeli abantu bakhe, ukuthi ujeihova-aeiou wayemkhiphile u-israyeli egibithe. ujetiro umukhwe kamose wathatha usipora umkamose, yena esekade embuyisile, namadodana akhe omabili, igama lenye lingugereshomu, ngokuba wayethe: ngangingumfokazi kwelinye izwe, igama lenye lalingu-eliyezeri, ngokuba wathi: ulezi-ku kababa ubelusizo lwami, wangophula enkembeni kafaro. ujetiro umukhwe kamose wafika namadodana akhe nomkakhe kumose ehlane, laphe wayemise khona ngasentabeni kalezi-ku. wathi kumose: mina mukhwe wakho ujetiro ngize kuwe, kanye nomkakho, namadodana akhe omabili enaye. umose waphuma ukumhlalanga beza umukhwe wakhe, wamkhot hamela, wamanga; babuzana impilo, bangena etendeni. umose wayesemlandisa umukhwe wakhe konke ujeihova-aeiou abekwenzile kufaro nakubo abasegibithe ngenxa ka-israyeli, konke ukushikashikeka okwabehelela endleleni, nokuthi ujeihova-aeiou wabophula. ujetiro wathokoza ngakho konke okuhle ujeihova-aeiou akwenzile ku-israyeli, ebophulile esandleni sabasegibithe. wathi ujetiro: makabongwe ujeihova-aeiou onophulile esandleni sabasegibithe nasesandleni sika-faro, ebophulile abantu phansi kwesandla sabasegibithe. kalokhu ngiyazi ukuthi ujeihova-aeiou mkhulu kunabo konke olezi-ku, yebo, kulokhu ababebagabisela ngakho. ujetiro umukhwe kamose wamthathela ulezi-ku umnikelo wokushiswa nemihlatshelo; weza u-aroni kanye nawo onke amalunga akwa-israyeli ukuyokudla nomukhwe kamose phambi kukalezi-ku. kwathi ngangomuso umose wayehlala ukwahlulela abantu; abantu babemi ngakumose kusukela ekuseni kwaze kwahlwa. umukhwe kamose esebona konke abenzela khona abantu, wathi: kuyini lokhu obenzela khona bantu na? uhlalanelani wedwa, abantu konke bemini ngakuwe kusukela ekuseni kuze kuhlwe na? umose wathi kumukhwe wakhe: kungokuba abantu beza kimi ukuyombuza ulezi-ku. uma benendaba, beza kimi; ngiyahlulela phakathi komuntu nomakhelwane wakhe, ngibazise izimiso zikalezi-ku nemithetho yakhe. umukhwe kamose wathi kuye: lokhu okwenzayo akukuhle. uyakudinwa nokudinwa, wena nalaba bantu abanawe, ngokuba lokhu kuyakusinda; awunakukwenza uwedwa. kalokhu lalala izwi lami, ngikululeke, ulezi-ku abe nawe; ngithi: yiba ngumkhulumeli wabantu phambi kukalezi-ku, ulethe izindaba kulezi-ku, ubafundise izimiso nemithetho, ubatshengise indlela abayakuhamba

ngayo, nomsebenzi abayakuwenza. futhike wozifunela phakathi kwabantu bonke amadoda anamandla amesabayo ulezi-ku, amadoda athembekileyo, azonda inzuzo engalungile, uwabeke phezu kwabo, abe yizinduna zezinkulungwane, nezinduna zamakhulu, nezinduna zamashumi ayisihlanu, nezinduna zamashumi. akube yizona ezahlulela abantu ngezikhathi zonke, kulethwe kuwe zonke izindaba ezinkulu; kepha zonke izindaba ezincane zahlulelwe yizo uqobo, kuze kube lula kuwe, zithwalisane nawe. uma wenza lokhu, nolezi-ku ekuyala kanje, uzakuba namandla okuma, nabo bonke laba bantu bayakubuyela ezindaweni zabo benokuthula. umose walalela izwi lomukhwe wakhe, wakwenza konke akushilo. umose wakhethe amadoda anamandla phakathi kuka-israyeli wonke, wawabeka aba yizinhloko phezu kwabantu, izinduna zezinkulungwane, nezinduna zamakhulu, nezinduna zamashumi ayisihlanu, nezinduna zamashumi. zahlulela abantu ngezikhathi zonke; izindaba ezilukhuni zazidlulisela kumose, kepha zonke izindaba ezincane zahlulelwa yizo uqobo. umose wamvalelisa umukhwe wakhe; wasuka wabuyela ezweni lakubo.

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ngenyanga yesithathu emva kokuphuma kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli ezweni lasegibithe, ngalona lolo suku, bafika ehlane lasesinayi. sebesukile erefidimi, befike ehlane lasesinayi, bamisa ehlane; u-israyeli wahlala khona phambi kwentaba. umose wakhuphukela kulezi-ku; ujeihova-aeiou esentabeni wamemeza kuye, wathi: yisho kuyo indlu jakakobe, ubatshela abantwana bakwa-israyeli, uthi: nibonile lokhu engikwenzile kwabasegibithe nokuthi nganithwala ngamaphiko okhozi, nganisondeza kimi. kalokhu uma nilalela nokulalela izwi lami, nicine isivumelwano sami, niyakuba yigugu kimi kunazo zonke izizwe, ngokuba umhlaba wonke ungowami, nibe ngumbuso wabapristi kimi, nesizwe esingcwele. yilawo mazwi ozakuwakhuluma kubantwana bakwa-israyeli. umose wafika, wabiza amalunga abantu, wabeka phambi kwabo onke lawo mazwi ujeihova-aeiou amyale ngawo. bonke abantu baphendula kanyekanye, bathi: konke akukhulumileyo ujeihova-aeiou siyakukwenza. umose wabuyisela kujehova-aeiou amazwi abantu. ujeihova-aeiou wathi kumose: bheka, ngiza kuwe ngefu elinzima ukuba abantu bezwe, nxa ngikhuluma nawe, bakholwe nguwe kuze kube phakade. umose walandisa ujeihova-aeiou amazwi abantu. ujeihova-aeiou wayesethi kumose: hamba uye kubantu, ubangcwelise namuhla nakusasa, bahlanze

izingubo zabo, babe sebelungile ngosuku lwesithathu; ngokuba ngosuku lwesithathu ujevova-aeiou uyakwehlela entabeni yasesinayi emehlweni abantu bonke. wena-ke wobamisela abantu umkhawulo nxazonke, uthi: xwayani ukuba ningakhuphukeli entabeni, ningathinti umkhawulo wayo. lowo othinta intaba uyakubulawa impela; makangaphathwa ngesandla, kepha impela uyakukhanda ngamatshe nokuba ahlatshe ngemicibisholo; noma kuyinkomo noma kungumuntu, akuyikuphila. nxa icilongo likhala lingamuki, bayakukhuphukela entabeni. umose wehla entabeni, wabuyela kubantu, wabangcwelisa abantu; bahlanza-ke izingubo zabo. wayesethi kubantu: anoba senilungile ngosuku lwesithathu; ningasondeli kowesifazane. kwathi ngosuku lwesithathu sekusile, kwaba khona ukuduma nokunyazima kombani, nefu elinzima phezu kwentaba, nezwi lecilongo elizwakala kakhulu; bonke abantu abasekamu bathuthumela. umose wayesebakhhipha abantu ekamu ukuba bahlangane nolezi-ku; bema phansi kwentaba. yonke intaba yasesinayi yathunqa umusi, ngokuba ujevova-aeiou wehlela phezu kwayo ngomlilo; umusi wayo wenyuka njengomusi wesithando; intaba yonke yazamazama kakhulu. kwathi izwi lecilongo lalilokhu lizwakala kakhulu kunakuqala; umose wakhuluma, ulezi-ku wamphendula ngezwi elikhulu. ujevova-aeiou wehlela phezu kwentaba yasesinayi esiqongweni sentaba; ujevova-aeiou wambiza umose ukuba eze esiqongweni sentaba; umose wakhuphuka-ke. ujevova-aeiou wayesethi kumose: yehla, ubaxwayise abantu, funa bafohle ukuba babone ujevova-aeiou, kufe abanengi kubo. nabapristi abasondela kujehova-aeiou mabazingcwelise, funa ujevova-aeiou abadumele. umose wathi kujehova-aeiou: abantu abanakukhuphukela entabeni yasesinayi, ngokuba usiyalisisile, wathi: yimisele intaba umkhawulo, uyingcwelise. wayesethi ujevova-aeiou kuye: hamba wehle, uze ubuye ukhuphuke, wena no-aroni enawe; kepha abapristi nabantu mabangafohli, bakhuphuke kujehova-aeiou, funa abadumele. umose wayesehla, waya kubantu, wabatshela.

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ulezi-ku wakhuluma onke lawa mazwi, wathi: ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho owakukhipha ezweni lasegibithe, indlu yobugqila. ungabi nabanye olezi-ku ngaphandle kwami. ungazenzeli izithombe ezibaziweyo, namfanekiso wokusezulwini ngaphezulu, nowokusemhlabeni phansi, nowokusemanzini phansi komhlaba; ungazikhothameli, ungazikhonzi,

ngokuba mina jehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ngingculezi-ku onomhawu, ngihambela ububi bawoyise kubantwana kuso isizukulwane sesithathu nesesine sabangizondayo, kepha ngibenzela umusa abayizinkulungwane abangithandayo, bagcine imiyalelo yami. ungalingathi ngeze igama likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, ngokuba ujevova-aeiou akayikumyeka oliphatha ngeze igama lakhe. khumbula usuku lwesabatha, ulungcwelise. izinsuku eziyisitihupha uyakusebenza, uwenze wonke umsebenzi wakho; kepha usuku lwesikhombisa luyisabatha likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho; awuyikusebenza msebenzi ngalo, wena nendodana yakho, nendodakazi yakho, nenceku yakho, nencekukazi yakho, nezinkomo zakho, nomfokazi osemzini wakho; ngokuba ngezinsuku eziyisitihupha ujevova-aeiou wenza izulu nomhlaba, nolwandle, nakho konke okukukho, waphumula ngosuku lwesikhombisa; ngalokho ujevova-aeiou walubusisa usuku lwesabatha, walungcwelisa. yazisa uyihlo nonyoko, ukuze izinsuku zakho zibe zinde ezweni ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akunika lona. ungabulali. ungaphingi. ungebi. ungafakazi amanga ngomakhelwane wakho. ungafisi indlu yomakhelwane wakho; ungafisi umfazi womakhelwane wakho, nenceku yakhe, nencekukazi yakhe, nenkabi yakhe, nem-bongolo yakhe, nokunye okomakhelwane wakho. bonke abantu babona ukuduma nokunyazima kombani, nezwi lecilongo, nentaba ithunqa; kwathi abantu sebebonile, bathuthumela, bema kude. bathi kumose: khuluma wena kithi, sizwe; kepha ulezi-ku makangakhulumi kithi, funa sife. umose wayesethi kubantu: ningesabi, ngokuba ulezi-ku uze ukuba anivivinye, ukumesaba kube semehlweni enu, ukuze ningoni. abantu bema kude; umose wasondela ebunmyameni obunzima, lapho ekhona ulezi-ku. ujevova-aeiou wayesethi kumose: yisho kanje kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, uthi: nibonile nani uqobo ukuthi ngikhulumile kini ngisezulwini. aniyikwenza lutho olungaphandle kwami; olezi-ku besiliva nawolezi-ku begolide aniyikuzenzela bona. wongenzela i-altare lomhlabathi, unikele phezu kwalo iminikelo yakho yokushiswa neminikelo yakho yokuthula, izimvu zakho nezinkomo zakho; ezindaweni zonke lapho ngilenza ukuba likhunjulwe khona igama lami, ngiyakuza kuwe, ngikubusise. uma ungenzela i-altare ngamatshe, awuyikulakha ngamatshe abaziweyo, ngokuba uma uphakamisela kulo ingwedo yakho, ulingcolisile. awuyikukhwela e-altare lami ngezikhwelo, funa kwambulwe ubunqunu bakho.

yilezi izahlulelo ozakuzimisa phambi kwabo. uma uthenga isigqila esingumheberu, siyakusebenza iminyaka eyisithupha; ngowesikhombisa siyakuphuma sikhululekile ngesihle. uma singena sisodwa, siyakuphuma sisodwa; uma siganiwe, umkaso uyakuphuma naso. uma inkosi yaso isinika umfazi, yena esizalela amadodana noma amadodakazi, umfazi nabantwana bakhe bayakuba ngabenkosi yakhe, sona siphume sodwa. uma isigqila siyakusho nokusho ukuthi: ngiyathanda inkosi yami, nomkami, nabantwana bami, angiyikuphuma ngikhululekile, khona inkosi yaso iyakusiya kulezi-ku, isimise emnyango noma ensikeni yomnyango, inkosi yaso ibhoboze indlebe yaso ngosungulo, size simkhonze kuze kube phakade. uma umuntu ethengisa ngendodakazi yakhe, ibe yisigqilakazi, ayiyikuphuma njengalokhu ziphuma izigqila. uma sisibi emehlweni enkosi yaso ezimisele sona, yovuma ukuba sihlengwe; ayiyukuba namandla okuthengisa ngaso kubo abafakazi, njengokuba isiphathe ngenkohliso. uma isimisela indodana yayo, yosiphatha njengamadodakazi. uma iyithathela esinye, ayiyikunciphisa ukudla kwaso, nezingubo zaso, namalungelo omshado. uma ingasenzeli lokho okuthathu, siyakuphuma ngesihle ngaphandle kwemali. oshaya umuntu aze afe, wobulawa nokubulawa. kepha uma ebengamqamekeli, ulezi-ku emnikela nje esandleni sakhe, ngiyakukumisela indawo ayakubalekela kuyo. uma umuntu esukela umakhelwane wakhe, ambulale ngobuqili, womsusa nase-altare lami ukuba afe. oshaya uyise nonina wobulawa nokubulawa. oweba umuntu, athengise ngaye, noma efuyanwa esesandleni sakhe, wobulawa nokubulawa. othuka uyise nonina wobulawa nokubulawa. nxa abantu belwa, omunye ashaye omunye ngetshe noma ngenqindi yakhe, angafi kepha alale embhedeni, khona-ke, uma elulama, ahambahambe phandle ngenduku yakhe, owamshayayo uyakuyekelwa, amkhokhele nokho isikhathi sakhe esaphukileyo, elashwe nokwelashwa. uma umuntu eshaya isigqila sakhe noma isigqilakazi sakhe ngenduku, size sife phansi kwesandla sakhe, wojeziswa nokujeziswa. kepha uma sihlala usuku lube luncwe noma zibe zimbili, akayikujeziswa, ngokuba siyimali yakhe. uma abantu belwa, balimaze owesifazane okhulelweyo, size siphuphume isisu sakhe, kungaveli enye ingozi kodwa, wohlawuliswa impela njengalokho indoda yomfazi iyakubeka kuye, akhokhe njengesinqumo sabahluleli. uma kuvela ingozi, wokwenana ukuphila ngokuphila: iso ngeso, izinyo ngezinyo, isandla ngesandla, unyawo ngonyawo, ukushiswa ngokushiswa, inxeba ngenxeba,

umvimbo ngomvimbo. uma umuntu eshaya iso lesigqila sakhe noma iso lesigqilakazi sakhe, alibulale, wosikhulula ngenxa yeso laso. uma eshaya izinyo lesigqila sakhe noma izinyo lesigqilakazi sakhe, wosikhulula ngenxa yezinyo laso. uma inkabi iqhubukusha owesilisa noma owesifazane baze bafe, inkabi yokhandwa ngamatshe impela, inyama yayo ingadliwa; kepha umnininkabi uyakuyekelwa. kepha uma inkabi ibizinge ihlaba nangaphambili, futhi lokhu kufakaziwe kumniniyo, engayigcinanga kodwa, inkabi isibulele owesilisa noma owesifazane, leyo nkabi yokhandwa, abulawe nomniniyo. uma kubekwa phezu kwakhe ihlawulo, uyakukhokha konke okubekwa phezu kwakhe, kube yisihlengo sokuphila kwakhe. noma iqhubukusha indodana noma iqhubukusha indodakazi, makwenziwe kuye njengaleso sahlulelo. uma inkabi iqhubukusha isigqila noma isigqilakazi, uyakunika inkosi yaso amashekeli angamashumi amathathu esiliva, inkabi ikhandwe ngamatshe. uma umuntu evula umgodi, noma emba umgodi engawusibekeli, kukhalakathele kuwo inkabi noma imbongolo, umninimgodi uyakukhokha, amnike umniniyo imali, efuleyo ibe ngeyakhe. uma inkabi yomuntu ihlaba eyomunye ize ife, bayakuthengisa ngenkabi ephilayo, bahlukaniselane imali yayo, bahlukaniselane nefuleyo futhi. kodwa uma kwaziwa ukuthi inkabi ibizinge ihlaba nangaphambili, umniniyo engayigcinanga kodwa, uyakuyikhokha nokuyikhokha inkabi ngenkabi, efuleyo ibe ngeyakhe.

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uma umuntu eba inkabi noma imvu, ayihlabe, noma athengise ngayo, uyakukhokha inkabi ngezinkabi eziyisihlanu, nemvu ngezimvu ezine. uma isela lifwica lisafohla, lishaywe lize life, akuyikuba yicala legazi maqondana nalo. uma ilanga lase liphumile phezu kwalo, kuyakuba yicala legazi phezu kwalo. isela liyakukhokha nokukhokha; uma lingenalutho, kuyakuthengiswa ngalo ngenxa yokweba kwalo. uma okwebiweyo kufunyaniswa esandleni salo kuphilile, noma kuyinkabi, noma kuyimbongolo, noma kuyimvu, liyakukhokha kuphindwe kabili. uma umuntu eklabisa ensimini noma esivini, aziyeke nje izinkomo zakhe zize zidle ensimini yomunye, uyakukhokha nokukhokha ngokuhle kwensimu yakhe nangokuhle kwesivini sakhe. uma kuvela umlilo, uvuthe emeveni kuze kushe izinhlanga zamabele, noma amabele angakavunwa, noma insimu, othungele umlilo uyakukhokha impela. uma umuntu enikeza kumakhelwane wakhe imali noma impahla ukuba ayilondoloze, bese yebiwa endlini yalowo muntu, isela, uma



lifunyanwa, liyakukhokha kuphindwe kabili. uma isela lingafunyanwa, umninindlu uyakusondela kulezi-ku, kubonwe ukuba akafakanga yini isandla sakhe empahleni yomakhelwane wakhe. ngezindaba zonke zamacala, eyenkabi, neyembongolo, neyemvu, neyengubo, neyento elahlekileyo, umuntu asho ngayo ukuthi ngeyakhe, indaba yabo bobabili iyakuza phambi kukalezi-ku; olahlwa ngulezi-ku uyakumkhokhela umakhelwane wakhe kuphindwe kabili. uma umuntu enikeza kumakhelwane wakhe imbongolo, noma inkabi, noma imvu, noma kungaba yisilwane sini, ukuba akulon-doloze, bese kufa, noma kulimala, noma kuphangwa, kungabonwa muntu, kuyakun-quma isifungo sikajehova-aeiou phakathi kwabo bobabili sokuthi akasifikanga yini isandla sakhe empahleni yomakhelwane wakhe; umniniyo uyakusamukela isifungo, angayikhokhi. kepha uma yebiwe kuye impela, uyakumkhokhela umniniyo. uma idweshuliwe, makayiletke ibe ngufakazi, angakhokhi okudweshuliweyo. uma umuntu etsheleka impahla yomunye, bese yilimala noma ifa, umniniyo engekho, nayo uyakuyikhokha nokuyikhokha. uma umniniyo enayo, akayikuyikhokha; uma yayiqashiwe, imali yokuqasha makayikhokhe. uma umuntu eyenga intombi engesiyo ingoduso, alale nayo, uyakuyilobola ibe ngumkakhe. uma uyise ala impela ukum-nika yona, uyakukhokha imali elingene nokulotsholwa kwezintombi. ungavumi ukuba umlumbikazi aphile. olala nesilwane wobulawa nokubulawa. ohlabela abanye olezi-ku ngaphandle kukajehova-aeiou yedwa uyakubhujiswa nokubhujiswa. awuyikukhathaza umfokazi, ungamcin-dezeli, ngokuba naningabafokazi ezweni lasegibithe. aniyikuhlupha mfelokazi nentandane. uma ubahlupha nakanjani, bakhale kimi nakancane, ngiyakuzwa nokuzwa ukukhala kwabo; ulaka lwami luyakuvutha, ngikubulale ngenkamba; omkenu babe ngabafelokazi, abantwana benu babe yizintandane. uma utsheleka ompofu wabantu bami okuwe imali, awuyikumphatha njengabatshelekisi; ningabizi nzalo kuye. uma uthatha ingubo yomakhelwane wakho, ibe yisibambiso, uyakuyibuyisela kuye lingakashoni ilanga; ngokuba iyisimbozo sakhe esisodwa, iyisambatho somzimba wakhe; uyakulala ngani na? kuzakuthi nxa ekhala kimi, ngizakumuzwa, ngokuba nginomusa. awuyikuthuka ulezi-ku, ungaqalekisi induna yabantu bakini. awuyikulibala neminikelo yamabele neyewayini. wonginika izibulo emadodaneni akho. uyakwenze njalo nangezinkomo zakho nangezimvu zakho: liyakuhlala kunina izinsuku eziyisikhombisa; ngosuku lwesishiyagalombili wonginika lona. niyakuba

ngabantu abangcwele kimi; ngalokho aniyikudla nyama yesilwane esidweshulwe endle, kepha anoyiphonsa ezinjani.

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awuyikuthutha indaba yamanga, ungafaki isandla sakho kubo ababi, ube ngufakazi wamanga. awuyikulandela umbimbi ukuyokwenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka, ungafakazi ecaleni ngokulandela umbimbi, uphendukezele isahlulelo; nompofu awuyikumvuna ecaleni lakhe. uma ufumana inkabi yesitha sakho noma imbongolo yaso iduka, woyibuyisela nokuyibuyisela kuso. uma ubona imbongolo yalowo okuzondayo ilele phansi komthwalo wayo, wena-ke bese wukhetha ukuyiyeka, woyikhumula nokuyikhumula ninaye. awuyikuphen-dukezele isahlulelo sompofu wakho ecaleni lakhe. deda ube kude nendaba yamanga; ungambulali ongenacala nolungileyo, ngokuba angiyikumyeka owonileyo. awuyikwamukela isipho, ngokuba isipho siphuphuthekisa ababonayo, siphendukezele amazwi olungileyo. awuyikumcindezela umfokazi, ngokuba niyazi inhliziyo yomfokazi, lokhu naningabafokazi ezweni lasegibithe. iminyaka eyisithupha uyakutshala izwe lakho, uvune izithelo zalo, kepha ngomnyaka wesikhombisa uyakuliyeka libe yifusi ukuba abampofu babantu bakho badle; abakushiwayo makudliwe yizilwane zasendle; wenze njalo nangesivini sakho nangeminqumo yakho. izinsuku eziyisithupha wosebenza umsebenzi wakho, uphumule ngosuku lwesikhombisa ukuba inkabi yakho nembongolo yakho ziphumule, bahlunyelelwe indodana yencekukazi yakho nomfokazi. qaphelani konke lokho engikushilo kini, ningaphathi igama labanye olezi-ku; lingezwakali liphuma emlonyeni wakho. kathathu ngomnyaka wongicnela umkhosi. uzakugcina umkhosi wesinkwa esingenamvubelo, udle isinkwa esingenamvubelo izinsuku eziyisikhombisa, njengalokho ngakuyala, ngesikhathi esinquniweyo senyanga ka-abibi, ngokuba waphuma ngayo egibithe, kungabonakali muntu phambi kwami ongaphethe lutho, nomkhosi wokuvuna wolobo lwemisebenzi yakho oyihlwanyelayo ensimini, nomkhosi wokubutha ngasekupheleni komnyaka, lapho ubutha imisebenzi yakho ensimini. kathathu ngomnyaka bonke abesilisa bakho bayakubonakala phambi kwenkosi ujevova-aeiou. awuyikunikela ngegazi lomhlatshelelo wami kanye nesinkwa esivutshelweyo. amanoni omkhosi wami awayikusala bonke ubusuku kuze kuse. ukuqala kolobo lwezwe lakho wokuletha endlini kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho. awuyikupheka izinyane lembuzi obisini

lukanina. bheka, ngiyathuma ingelosi phambi kwakho ukuba ikulondoloze endleleni, ikuyise endaweni engiyilungisileyo. yiqaphele, ulalele izwi layo, ungayicunuli, lokhu ayiyikuthethelela iziphambeko zenu, ngokuba igama lami likuyo. kepha uma ulalela nokulalela izwi layo, ukwenze konke engikukhulumayo, ngiyakuba yisitha sezitha zakho, ngiphambane nabaphambana nawe. ngokuba ingelosi yami izakuhamba phambi kwakho, ikuyise kuwo ama-amori, namaheti, namapherizi, namakhanani, namahivi, namajebusi. ngiyakubachitha. awuyikubakhothamela olezi-ku babo, ungabakhonzi, ungenzi njengokwemisebenzi yabo, kepha wobachitha impela, ubhidlize izithombe zabo. niyakumkhonza ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu, abusise ukudla kwenu namanzi enu; ngiyakususa izifo phakathi kwenu. akuyikuba khona ophunzayo noyinyumba ezweni lakini; ngiyakuliphelelisa inani lezinsuku zakho. ngiyakuthuma ukwesabeka kwami phambi kwakho, ngibasanganise bonke abantu ozakufika kubo, ngenze ukuba zonke izitha zakho zikufuthathele. ngiyakuthuma iminyovu phambi kwakho eyakuxosha amahivi, namakhanani, namaheti phambi kwakho. ngiyakubaxosha phambi kwakho ngomnyaka owodwa, funa izwe libe yihlane, izilwane zasendle zikwandle. ngiyakubaxosha phambi kwakho kancane kancane, ukuze wande, udle ifa lezwe. ngiyakumisa imikhawulo yakho, kusukela elwandle olubomvu kuze kufike elwandle lamafileti, kusukela ehlane kuze kube semfuleni, ngokuba ngiyakunikela esandleni sakho abakhe kulelo zwe, wena ubaxoshe phambi kwakho. awuyikwenza sivumelwano nabo nawolezi-ku babo. abayikuhlala ezweni lakini, funa bakwenze ukuba wone kimi, ngokuba uma ubakhonza olezi-ku babo, kuyakuba lugibe kuwe.

yokushiswa, zahlabela ujejhova-aeiou imihlatshelo yokuthula yezinkunzi. umose wathatha inxenye yegazi, wayithela ezitsheni; inxenye yegazi wafafaza ngayo i-altare. wathatha incwadi yesivumelwano, wayifunda ezindlebeni zabantu; bathi: konke akukhulumileyo ujejhova-aeiou siyakukwenza, silalele. umose wayesethatha igazi, wafafaza ngalo abantu, ethi: bheka, nanti igazi lesivumelwano ujejhova-aeiou asenze nani ngawo onke lawa mazwi. khona bakhuphuka omose, no-aroni, nonadabi, no-abihu, namalunga angamashumi ayisikhombisa akwa-israyeli. bambona ulezi-ku ka-israyeli; phansi kwezinyawo zakhe kwakungathi kugandayiwe ngamatshe amasafire, kungathi yizulu uqobo ngokucweba. akasibekanga isandla sakhe kuzo izikhulu zabantwana bakwa-israyeli; sebembonile ulezi-ku badla, baphuza. ujejhova-aeiou wayesethi kumose: khuphukela kimi entabeni, uhla khona, ngikunike izibhebhe zamatshe, nomthetho, nemiyalelo engiyibhalile ukuba ubafundise yona. wasuka umose nenceku yakhe ujesu; umose wakhuphukela entabeni kalezi-ku. wathi kumalunga: manisihlalele lapha, size sibuyele kini; bhakani, o-aroni nohere bakini; yilowo nalowo onendaba makaye kubo. umose wayesekhuphukela entabeni, ifu lasibekela intaba. inkazimulo kajejhova-aeiou yahlala entabeni yasesinayi, ifu layisibekela izinsuku eziyisithupha; ngosuku lwesikhombisa esefwini wambiza umose. ukubonakala kwenkazimulo kajejhova-aeiou kwakunjengomlilo oqedayo esiqongweni sentaba emehlweni abantwana bakwa-israyeli. umose wangena efwini, wakhuphukela entabeni; umose wayesentabeni izinsuku ezingamashumi amane nobusuku obungamashumi amane.

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wathi kumose: khuphukela kujehova-aeiou, wena no-aroni, nonadabi, no-abihu, namalunga angamashumi ayisikhombisa akwa-israyeli, nikhuleke nikude. umose yedwa ayakusondela kujehova-aeiou, kepha bona abayikusondela; nabantu abayikukhuphuka naye. umose weza wabathela abantu onke amazwi kajejhova-aeiou nezahlulelo zonke; abantu bonke baphendula ngazwi linye, bathi: onke amazwi ujejhova-aeiou awakhulumileyo siyakuwenza. umose wabhala onke amazwi kajejhova-aeiou, wavuka ekuseni ngakusasa, walakha i-altare phansi kwentaba, nezinsika eziyishumi nambili njengokwezizwe eziyishumi nambili zakwa-israyeli. wathuma izinsizwa zabantwana bakwa-israyeli, zanikela ngeminikelo

ujejhova-aeiou wayesekhuluma kumose ethi: yisho kubantwana bakwa-israyeli ukuba bangithabathele umnikelo; kubo bonke abantu abanhliziyo zabo zivuma anothabatha umnikelo wami. yilo umnikelo eniyakuwuthabatha kubo: igolide, nesiliva, nethusi, nokuluhlaza, nokububonde, nokubomvu, nelinele elicolekileyo, noboya bezimbuzi, nezikhumba ezibomvu zezinqama, nezikhumba zamatahasi, nemithi yomtholo, namafutha okukhanyisa, namakha amafutha okugcoba nawempepho ethaphukayo, namatshe amashohamu, namatshe okufakwa, awengubo yamahlombe nawesihlangu sesifuba. mabangenzele indlu engcwele ukuba ngihlale phakathi kwabo. njengakho konke engikutshengisa khona njengesifanekiso setabernakele nangesifanekiso sempahla yonke yalo, anoyenza

njalo-ke. bayakuwenza umphongolo ngomuthi womtholo, ubude bawo bube yizingalo ezimbili nenxenye, ububanzi bawo bube yingalo nenxenye, nokuphakama kwawo kube yingalo nenxenye. uyakuwunameka ngegolide elicwengekileyo, uwunameke ngaphakathi nangaphandle, uwenzele udini lwegolide nxazonke. uwukhandele amasongo amane egolide, uwafake ezinyaweni zozine zawo, amasongo amabili abe kolunye uhlangothi lwawo, amasongo amabili abe kolunye uhlangothi lwawo. uyakuzenza izinti ngomuthi womtholo, uzinameke ngegolide. wozifaka izinti emasongweni asezinhlangothini zomphongolo ukuba uthwalwe ngazo. izinti ziyakuhlala emasongweni omphongolo; aziyikusiswa kuwo. uyakufaka emphongolweni ubufakazi engikunika bona. uyakwenza isihlalo somusa ngegolide elicwengekileyo, ubude baso bube yizingalo ezimbili nenxenye, ububanzi baso bube yingalo nenxenye. uyakwenza amakherubi amabili ngegolide, uwenze ngomsebenzi okhandiweyo ekugcineni kwesihlalo somusa nxazombili, ulenze elinye ikherubi ekugcineni ngalapha neline ikherubi ekugcineni ngalapha, nenze amakherubi ekugcineni nxazombili, abe kunye nesihlalo somusa. amakherubi ayakwelula amaphiko awo ngaphezulu, amboze isihlalo somusa ngamaphiko awo, abhekane ngobuso; ubuso bamakherubi buyakubheka isihlalo somusa. uyakusibeka isihlalo somusa phezu komphongolo, ufake emphongolweni ubufakazi engiyakunikika bona. ngiyakuhlangana nawe khona, ngikhulume nawe, ngiphezu kwesihlalo somusa emkhathini wamakherubi amabili aphezu komphongolo wobufakazi, ngakho konke engiyakukuyala ngakho ukuba ubatshela abantwana bakwa-israyeli. uyakulenza itafula ngomuthi womtholo, ubude balo bube yizingalo ezimbili, ububanzi balo bube yingalo, nokuphakama kwalo kube yingalo nenxenye. wolinameka ngegolide elicwengekileyo, ulenzele udini ngegolide nxazonke, ulenzele usiko olulingane nesandla ngobubanzi nxazonke, ulwenzele usiko udini lwegolide nxazonke. ulenzele amasongo amane ngegolide, uwafake amasongo emagumbini omane aseziyaweni zalo zozine. amasongo ayakuba ngasodinini, abe yizindawo zezinti zokuthwala itafula. wozenza izinti ngomuthi womtholo, uzinameke ngegolide, ukuba itafula lithwalwe ngazo, wenze nezingqembe zalo, nezinkezo zalo, nezindebe zalo, nezinkamba zalo zokuthela, uzenze ngegolide elicwengekileyo. wobeka njalo phambi kwami etafuleni isinkwa sokubukwa. wolwenza uthi lwezibani ngegolide elicwengekileyo, uthi lwezibani olwenziwe ngomsebenzi okhandiweyo, nesiqu salo, namagatsha alo,

izimbizana zalo, namasumpa alo, nezimbali zalo, konke kube kunye nalo. makube khona amagatsha ayisithupha aphuma ezinhlangothini zalo, amagatsha amathathu othi lwezibani aphume kolunye uhlangothi lwalo, amagatsha amathathu othi lwezibani aphume kolunye uhlangothi lwalo. izimbizana ezintathu ezifaniswa nezimbali zemi-alimondi zibe kwelinye igatsha, isumpa nembali; izimbizana ezintathu ezifaniswa nezimbali zemi-alimondi zibe kwelinye igatsha, isumpa nembali; makube njalo kuwo onke amagatsha ayisithupha aphuma othini lwezibani. othini lwezibani kuyakuba khona izimbizana ezine ezifaniswa nezimbali zemi-alimondi, amasumpa azo nezimbali zazo, kube yisumpa phansi kwamagatsha amabili, libe kunye nalo, nesumpa phansi kwamanye amagatsha amabili, libe kunye nalo, nesumpa phansi kwamanye amagatsha amabili futhi, libe kunye nalo, kube phansi kwamagatsha ayisithupha aphuma othini lwezibani. amasumpa alo namagatsha alo ayakuba kunye nalo, kube kunye konke okwalo, kube ngokomsebenzi okhandiweyo wegolide elicwengekileyo. wolwenza izibani eziyisikhombisa, izibani zalo zibekwe ukuba zikhanyise phambi kwalo. izizenze zalo nezitsha zalo zensizi mazenziwe ngegolide elicwengekileyo. malwenziwe ngetalenta legolide elicwengekileyo kanye nazo zonke lezi zinto. bhekisisa ukuba uzenze ngesifanekiso sazo owaboniswa sona entabeni.

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wolenza itabernakele ngezilenge eziyishumi; zona wozenza ngelineni elicolekileyo lemicu ephothiweyo nangokuluhlaza nangokububende nangokubomvu, zibe namakherubi, kube ngumsebenzi wengcweti. ubude besilenge sinye bube yizingalo ezingamashumi amabili nesishiyagalombili, ububanzi baso bube yizingalo ezine, zonke izilenge zilingane. izilenge eziyisihlanu ziyakuhlanganiswa esinye nesinye, nezinye izilenge eziyisihlanu zihlanganiswa esinye nesinye. wozenza izihibe ngokuluhlaza eceleni lesinye isilenge emphethweni wasekuhlanganeni, wenze njalo eceleni lesilenge sokugcina ekuhlanganeni kwesibili. uyakwenza izihibe ezingamashumi ayisihlanu kwesinye isilenge, wenze futhi izihibe ezingamashumi ayisihlanu eceleni lesilenge esisekuhlanganeni kwesibili, ukuze izihibe zibhekane. wenze izinkibaniso ezingamashumi ayisihlanu zegolide, uhlanganise izilenge esinye nesinye ngezinkibaniso, itabernakele libe linye. wenze izilenge ngoboya bezimbuzi, zibe yitende phezu kwetabernakele, uzenze zibe yizilenge eziyishumi nanye. ubude bezilenge bube

yizingalo ezingamashumi amathathu, ububanzi bezilenge bube yizingalo ezine, lezi zilenge eziyishumi nanye zilingane. wohlanganisa izilenge eziyisihlanu ngokwazo, nezilenge eziyisithupha ngokwazo, isilenge sesithupha siphindwe phambi kwetende. wenze izihibe ezingamashumi ayisihlanu eceleni lesilenge esinye esokugcina sasekuhlanganeni, nezihibe ezingamashumi ayisihlanu eceleni lesilenge sokugcina ekuhlanganeni kwesibili. wenze izinkibaniso ezingamashumi ayisihlanu zethusi, uzi-fake izinkibaniso ezihibeni, uhlanganise itende, libe linye. okudluleleyo kwezilenge zetende, okuseleyo, inxenye yesilenge esiseleyo, kuyakulenga emva kwetabernakele. ingalo ngalapha nengalo ngalapha kulokho okudluleleyo ebudeni bezilenge zetende azilenge emaceleni etabernakele ngalapha nangalapha ukulisibekela. futhi uyakwenza isifulo setende ngezikhumba zezibomvu zezinqama, nesifulo sezikhumba zamatahasi ngaphezulu. uyakwenza amapulangwe etabernakele ngomuthi womtholo, amiswe. ubude bamapulangwe bube yizingalo eziyishumi, ububanzi bawo bube yingalo nenxenye. akuthi yilelo nalelo pulangwe libe nemisuka emibili, omunye malungana nomunye; wenze njalo kuwo onke amapulangwe etabernakele. wenze amapulangwe etabernakele, amapulangwe angamashumi amabili ohlangothini lwaseningizimu, olubheka ngaseningizimu. wenze izinyawo ezingamashumi amane esiliva phansi kwamapulangwe angamashumi amabili, izinyawo ezimbili phansi kwepulangwe linye, zibe ngezemisuka yalo yomibili, nezinyawo ezimbili phansi kwelinye ipulangwe, zibe ngezemisuka yalo yomibili, nasohlangothini lwesibili lwetabernakele, uhlangothi lwasenyakatho, amapulangwe angamashumi amabili, kanye nezinyawo zawo ezingamashumi amane esiliva, izinyawo ezimbili phansi kwelinye ipulangwe, nezinyawo ezimbili phansi kwelinye ipulangwe. ohlangothini lwetabernakele olungasemuva ngasentshonalanga uyakwenza amapulangwe ayisithupha. amapulangwe amabili uyakuwenzela amagumbi etabernakele angasemuva, aphindwe kabili phansi, nakanjalo aphelele aze afike phezulu esongweni lokuqala, kube njalo kuwo omabili, abengamagumbi omabili. kuyakuba ngamapulangwe ayisishiyagalombili nezinyawo zawo zesiliva, izinyawo eziyishumi nesithupha, izinyawo ezimbili phansi kwelinye ipulangwe nezinyawo ezimbili phansi kwelinye. woyenza imishayo yomuthi womtholo, ibe yisihlanu, ibe ngeyamapulangwe akolunye uhlangothi lwetabernakele, nemishayo eyisihlanu yamapulangwe akolunye uhlangothi lwetabernakele, nemishayo eyisihlanu yama-

pulangwe asohlangothini lwetabernakele olungasemuva ngasentshonalanga, umshayo waphakathi ophakathi kwamapulangwe udabule, uze ufinyelele nxazombili. wonameka amapulangwe ngegolide, uwenze amasongo awo ngegolide, abe yizindawo zemishayo, unameke nemishayo ngegolide. wolimisa itabernakele njengesifanekiso salo owaboniswa sona entabeni. uyakwenza isihlenqo ngokuluhlaza nangokububende nangokubomvu, nangelineni elicolekileyo lemicu ephothiweyo, libe namakherubi, kube ngumsebenzi wengcweti, ulilengise ezinsikeni ezine zomtholo ezinamekwe ngegolide, izingwegwe zazo zibe yigolide, zime ezinyaweni ezine zesiliva. uyakuphanyeka isihlenqo phansi kwezinkibaniso, uwungenise umphongolo wobufakazi khona phakathi kwesihlenqo, isihlenqo sinahlukanisele indawo engcwele nendawo engcwelengcwele. wosibeka isihlalo somusa phezu komphongolo wobufakazi endaweni engcwelengcwele, ubeke itafula ngaphandle kwesihlenqo, uhi lwezibani lubhekane netafula ohlangothini lwetabernakele olungaseningizimu, ubeke itafula ohlangothini lwasenyakatho. uyakwenza iveli lomnyango wasetendeni ngokuluhlaza nangokububende nangokubomvu, nangelineni elicolekileyo lemicu ephothiweyo, umsebenzi womfekethisi. ulenzele iveli izinsika eziyisihlanu zomtholo, uzinameke ngegolide; izingwegwe zazo mazibe yigolide, uzikhandele izinyawo eziyisihlanu zethusi.

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wolenza i-altare ngomuthi womtholo, ubude balo bube yizingalo eziyisihlanu, ububanzi balo bube yizingalo eziyisihlanu, i-altare lilingane izinhlangothi zozine; ukuphakama kwalo kube yizingalo ezintathu. uyakwenza izimpondo zalo emagumbini alo omane, izimpondo zalo zibe kunye nalo, ulinameke ngethusi. wenze izitsha zalo zokususa umlotha walo, namafoholo alo, nezitsha zalo, nezimfoloko zalo, nemicengezi yalo yomlilo, uzenze zonke izinto zalo ngethusi. ulenzele ihele lethusi elenziwe njengenetha, wenze amasongo amane ethusi enetheni ngasemagumbini alo omane. wolibeka ngaphansi, phansi kosiko oluzengeza i-altare, ukuba inetha lifinyelele ngaphakathi kwe-altare ukuya phezulu. uyakwenza izinti ze-altare, izinti zomuthi womtholo, uzinameke ngethusi. izinti zalo ziyakufakwa emasongweni, izinti zibe sezinhlangothini zombili ze-altare, nxa lithwalwa. ulenze ngamapulangwe, libe yigobongo, ulenze njengalokho waboniswa entabeni. wolenza igceke letabernakele; ngaseningizimu ohlangothini olungaseningizimu makube khona izilenge zegceke zelineni elicolekileyo

lemicu ephothiweyo, ubude bazo bube yizingalo eziyikhulu ohlangothini lunye; izinsika zalo zibe ngamashumi amabili, nezinyawo zazo zibe ngamashumi amabili zethusi; izingwegwe zezinsika nezibopho zazo zibe yisiliva. nasohlangothini olungasenyakatho ebudeni makube khona izilenge, ubude bazo bube yizingalo eziyikhulu, nezinsika zazo zibe ngamashumi amabili, nezinyawo zazo zibe ngamashumi amabili zethusi; izingwegwe zezinsika nezibopho zazo zibe yisiliva. ohlangothini olungasentshonalanga ebubanzini begceke makube khona izilenge, ububanzi bazo bube yizingalo ezingamashumi ayisihlanu, izinsika zazo zibe yishumi, nezinyawo zazo zibe yishumi. ububanzi begceke ngasempumalanga ohlangothini olungasempumalanga bube yizingalo ezingamashumi ayisihlanu. izilenge kolunye uhlangothi mazibe yizingalo eziyishumi nanhlanu, izinsika zazo zibe zintathu, nezinyawo zazo zibe zintathu. nakolunye uhlangothi makube yizilenge eziyizingalo eziyishumi nanhlanu, izinsika zazo zibe zintathu, nezinyawo zazo zibe zintathu. koba khona iveli lesango legecke, libe yizingalo ezingamashumi amabili, ngokuluhlaza nangokububende nangokubomvu, nangelineni elicolekileyo lemicu ephothiweyo, umsebenzi womfekethisi, izinsika zabo zibe zine, nezinyawo zazo zibe zine. izinsika zonke zegceke zonamekwa ngesiliva, izingwegwe zazo zibe yisiliva, izinyawo zazo zibe yithusi. ubude begceke boba yizingalo eziyikhulu, ububanzi bube ngezamashumi ayisihlanu njalo, ukuphakama kibe yizingalo eziyisihlanu, bube yilineni elicolekileyo lemicu ephothiweyo, izinyawo zibe yithusi. izimpahla zonke zetaberna kele enkonzweni yalo yonke nezikhonkwane zalo zonke nezikhonkwane zegceke azibe ngezethusi. wobayala abantwana bakwa-israyeli ukuba balethe kuwe amafutha eminqumo agxotshelwe ukukhanyisa ukuba izibani zivuthe njalongo. etendeni lokuhlangana ngaphandle kwesihengo esiphambi kobufakazi u-aroni namadodana akhe bayakuziphatha kwasekuhlweni kuze kuse phambi kukajehova-aeiou; kuyakuba yisimiso sabantwana bakwa-israyeli kuze kube phakade ezizukulwaneni zabo.

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sondeza kuwe u-aroni umfowenu namadodana akhe phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli ukuba bangikhonze esikhundleni sobupristi, o-aroni, nonadabi, no-abihu, no-eleyazare, no-itamari, amadodana ka-aroni. umenzele u-aroni umfowenu izambatho ezingcwele, ezobukhosi nezokuhlobisa. wokhuluma kubo bonke abahlakaniphile ngenhliziyo engibagcwal-

isile ngomoya wokuhlakanipha ukuba bazenze izambatho zika-aroni zokumngcwelisa, ukuze angikhonze esikhundleni sobupristi. yilezi izambatho abayakuzenza: isihlangu sesifuba, nengubo yamahlombe, nejazi, nebhantshi elifekethisiweyo, nesigqoko, nebhande, bamenzele u-aroni umfowenu namadodana akhe izambatho ezingcwele ukuba bangikhonze esikhundleni sobupristi. makathathe igolide, nokuluhlaza nokububende nokubomvu, neleni elicolekileyo. bayakwenza ingubo yamahlombe ngegolide, nangokuluhlaza nangokububende nangokubomvu, nangelineni elicolekileyo lemicu ephothiweyo, kube ngumsebenzi wengcweti. iyakuba neziziba ezimbili zasemahlombe, zihlangene emaceleni ayo omabili, ukuba ihlanganiswe. ibhanda elalukiweyo elikuyo lokuyikhwica liyakuba njengomsebenzi wayo, libe kunye nayo, ngegolide, nangokuluhlaza nangokububende nangokubomvu, nangelineni elicolekileyo lemicu ephothiweyo. wothatha amatshe amabili amashohamu, uqophe kuwo amagama abantwana bakwa-israyeli, amagama ayisithupha abo kwelinye itshe namagama abayisithupha abaseleyo kwelinye itshe njengokuzalwa kwabo. ngumsebenzi womqophi ematsheni, njengokuqoshwa kwendandatho, womqophi amatshe omabili njengokwamagama abantwana bakwa-israyeli, uwafake azungezwe yizisekelo zegolide. wobeka amatshe omabili ezizibeni zombili zengubo yamahlombe, abe ngamatshe esikhumbuzo sabantwana bakwa-israyeli; u-aroni uyakuphatha amagama abo emahlombe akhe omabili phambi kukajehova-aeiou kube yisikhumbuzo. wozenza izisekelo zegolide, namaketanga amabili egolide elicwengekileyo, uwenze abe njengamagoda, umsebenzi othandelweyo ezisekelweni. uyakwenza isihlangu sesifuba sokwahlulela, kube ngumsebenzi wengcweti, usenze njengokusetshenzwa kwengubo yamahlombe ngegolide, nangokuluhlaza nangokububende nangokubomvu, nangelineni elicolekileyo lemicu ephothiweyo. masibe nezinhlangothi ezine ezilingeneyo, siphindwe kabili; ubude baso bube njengokudazuluka kweminwe, nobubanzi baso bube njengokudazuluka kweminwe. ufake kuso izisekelo zamatshe, kube yizinhla ezine zamatshe: uhla lwesardiyo, netopazi, nerubi, lube luhla lokuqala; uhla lwesibili lube yisimaragidu, nesafire, nedayimani; uhla lwesithathu lube yihiyakinte, ne-agathe, ne-amethiste; uhla lwesine lube yikrisolithe, neshohamu, nejasi; azungezwe ngegolide ezisekelweni zawo. amatshe ayakuba njengamagama abantwana bakwa-israyeli, abe yishumi namibili njengamagama abo; njengokuqoshwa kwendandatho yilelo nalelo liyakuba negama lesinye sezizwe eziyishumi

nambili. wenze kuso isihlangu sesifuba amaketanga njengamagoda, umsebenzi othandelweyo wegolide elicwengekileyo. wenze kuso isihlangu sesifuba amasongo amabili egolide, uwafake amasongo omabili emaceleni omabili esihlangu sesifuba. wowafaka amaketanga omabili athandelweyo ngegolide emasongweni omabili emaceleni esihlangu sesifuba. ezinye izihloko ezimbili zamaketanga athandelweyo wozifaka ezisekelweni zombili, uzibeke ngaphambili ezizibeni zengubo yamahlombe. uyakuwenza amasongo amabili egolide, uwafake emaceleni omabili esihlangu sesifuba, eceleni laso elibhekene nengubo yamahlombe ngaphakathi. wenze amasongo amabili, uwafake ezizibeni zombili zengubo yamahlombe phansi ngaphambili, eduze nokuhlangana kwayo, phezu kwebhande elifeketshisiweyo lengubo yamahlombe. bayakusibopha isihlangu sesifuba ngamasongo aso emasongweni engubo yamahlombe ngentambo eluhlaza ukuba sibe phezu kwebhande elifeketshisiweyo lengubo yamahlombe, ukuze isihlangu sesifuba singakhumuki engutsheni yamahlombe. u-aroni uyakuphatha amagama abantwana bakwa-israyeli esihlangwini sesifuba sokwahlulela phezu kwenhliziyo yakhe, nxa engena endaweni engcwele, kube yisikhumbuzo phambi kukajehova-aeiou njalo. ufake esihlangwini sesifuba sokwahlulela i-urimi nethumimi, ahlafe phezu kwenhliziyo ka-aroni, nxa engena phambi kukajehova-aeiou; u-aroni athwale ukwahlulelwa kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli phezu kwenhliziyo yakhe phambi kukajehova-aeiou njalo. uyakwenza ijazi lengubo yamahlombe ngokuluhlaza lonke, kube yimbobo yekhanda ngaphakathi kwalo, imbobo yalo ibe nomphetho oyizungezayo womsebenzi owalukiweyo njengembobo yebhantshi lensimbi ukuba lingadatshulwa. emiphethweni yalo wowenza amapomegranati ngokuluhlaza nangokububende nangokubomvu, anzungeze imiphetho yalo, kanye nezikhencezo zegolide phakathi kwawo nxazonke, kube yisikhencezo segolide nepomegranati, isikhencezo segolide nepomegranati njalo emiphethweni eyjazi nxazonke. u-aroni makalembathe eyekhonza; ukukhenceza kwalo kuyakuzwakala, nxa engena endaweni engcwele phambi kukajehova-aeiou, nanxa ephuma, ukuze angafi. uyakwenza ungcwecwe wegolide elicwengekileyo, uqophe kuye njengokuqoshwa kwendandatho ukuthi: wahlukaniselwe uje-hova-aeiou. ufake ngentambo eluhlaza, abe sesigqokweni, abe ngaphambili esigqokweni. uyakuba sebunzini lika-aroni, u-aroni athwale ububi bezinto ezingcwele, abantwana bakwa-israyeli abayakuzingwelisa, zibe yizipho zabo ezingcwele; uyakuba sebunzini

lakhe njalo ukuba bamukeleke ebusweni bukajehova-aeiou. uyakwaluka ibhantshi eliyizingovu ngeleni elicolekileyo, wenze nesigqoko selineni elicolekileyo, wenze nebhande, ulifeketise. uyakuwenzela namadodana ka-aroni amabhantshi, uwenzele namabhande, uwenzele nezigqoko, kube ngezobukhosi nezokuhlobisa. wembathise zona u-aroni umfowenu namadodana akhe, ubagcobe, ubahlukanisele, ubangcwelise ukuba bangikhonze esikhundleni sobupristi. ubenzele namabhulukwe elineni ukuba kusitshkelwe inyama yobunqunu babo, aqale okhalweni, afike emathangeni; u-aroni namadodana akhe bawafake, nxa bengena etendeni lokuhlangana, nanxa besondela e-altare ukuyokhonza endaweni engcwele, ukuba bangathwali ububi, bafe; kuyakuba yisimiso kuye nakuyo inzalo yakhe emva kwakhe kuze kube phakade.

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yilokhu oyakukwenza kubo ukubahlukanisa ukuba bangikhonze esikhundleni sobupristi: thabatha iduna nezinqama ezimbili ezingenasici, nesinkwa esingenamvubelo, namaqebelengwane angenamvubelo, agcotshwe ngamafutha; ukwenze ngempuphu ecolikileyo kakolweni. uyakukufaka eqomeni linye, ukulethe ngeqoma kanye nenkunzi nezinqama zombili; usondeze u-aroni namadodana akhe ngasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana, ubageze ngamanzi. wothabatha izambatho, ufake ku-aroni ibhantshi, nejazi lengubo yamahlombe, nengubo yamahlombe, nesihlangu sesifuba, umbhincise ngebhande elalukiweyo lengubo yamahlombe; ufake isigqoko ekhanda lakhe, ubeke umqhele ongwele esigqokweni. uthabathe amafutha okugcoba, uwathale ekhanda lakhe, umgcobe. usondeze namadodana akhe, uwembathise amabhantshi. ubabhincise amabhande u-aroni namadodana akhe, uzipophe izigqoko kubo, babe nobupristi, kube yisimiso esiphakade, wahlukanise u-aroni namadodana akhe. uyisondeze inkunzi ngaphambi kwetende lokuhlangana; u-aroni namadodana akhe babeke izandla zabo enhloko yenkunzi. woyihlaba inkunzi phambi kukajehova-aeiou ngasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana. uthabathe igazi lenkunzi, ulibhece ezimpondweni ze-altare ngomunwe wakho, uthulule lonke igazi phansi ngase-altare. uyakuthabatha wonke umhlelo osibekela izibilini, namanoni aphezu kwesibindi, neziso zombili namanoni akuzo, ukushise e-altare. kepha inyama yenkunzi, nesikhumba sayo, nomswani wayo, uyakukushisa ngomlilo ngaphandle kwekamu; kungumnikelo wesono. wothabatha inqama ibe nye; u-aroni namadodana akhe babeke izandla

zabo enhloko yenqama. woyihlaba inqama, uthabathe igazi layo, ufafaze ngalo i-altare nxazonke. uyihlahlele inqama, uzihlanze izibilini zayo namanqina ayo, ukubeke ndawonye nezitho zayo nenhloko yayo. woyishisa yonke inqama e-altare; kungumnikelo wokushiswa kujehova-aeiou, yiphunga eliminandi, ngumnikelo womlilo kujehova-aeiou. uthabathe enye inqama; u-aroni namadodana akhe babeke izandla zabo enhloko yayo. woyihlaba inqama, uthabathe igazi layo, ulibhece esicutshini sendlebe yokunene ka-aroni, nasesicutshini sendlebe yokunene yamadodana akhe, nasesithupheni sesandla sabo sokunene, nakuqokula wonyawo lwabo lokunene, ufafaze i-altare nxazonke ngegazi. wothabatha igazi elise-altare namafutha okugcoba, ufafaze ngakho u-aroni nezambatho zakhe, namadodana akhe nezambatho zamadodana akhe, abe ngcwele yena nezambatho zakhe, namadodana akhe nezambatho zamadodana akhe. wothabatha amanoni enqama, nomsila ononileyo, nomhlelo osibekela izibilini, namanoni esibindi, nezinsu zombili namanoni akuzo, nomlenze wokunene, ngokuba kuyinqama yokwahlukaniselwa; uthabathe isinkwa sibe sinye, neqebelengwane libe linye lesinkwa esinamafutha, nomqathane ube munye eqomeni lesinkwa esingenamvubelo eliphambi kukajehova-aeiou, ubeke konke ezandleni zika-aroni nasezandleni zamadodana akhe, ukuzulise kube ngumnikelo wokuzuliswa phambi kukajehova-aeiou. ubuye ukuthabathe ezandleni zabo, ukushise e-altare phezu komnikelo wokushiswa, kube yiphunga eliminandi phambi kukajehova-aeiou: kungumnikelo womlilo kujehova-aeiou. uyakuthabatha isifuba senqama yokwahlukaniselwa kuka-aroni, usizulise, sibe ngumnikelo wokuzuliswa phambi kukajehova-aeiou, sibe yisabelo sakho. uyakusingcwelisa isifuba somnikelo wokuzuliswa nomlenze womnikelo wokuphakanyiswa, ozuliswayo nophakanyiswayo, okwenqama yokwahlukaniselwa, okuka-aroni nokwamadodana akhe; kuyakuba ngokuka-aroni nokwamadodana akhe, kube yimfanelo ephakade kwabakwa-israyeli, ngokuba kungumnikelo wokuphakanyiswa; koba ngumnikelo wokuphakanyiswa wabantwana bakwa-israyeli womhlathshelo weminikelo yabo yokuthula, umnikelo wabo wokuphakanyiswa kujehova-aeiou. izambatho ezingcwele zika-aroni ziyakuba ngezamadodana akhe emva kwakhe ukuba bagcotshwe, bahlukaniselwe, bembathe zona. indodana yakhe engumpristi esikhundleni sakhe ayizembathe izinsuku eziyisikhombisa, nxa ingena etendeni lokuhlangana ukuyokhonza endaweni engcwele. woyithabatha inqama yokwahlukaniselwa, upheke inyama yayo

endaweni engcwele. u-aroni namadodana akhe bayakuyidla inyama yenqama nesinkwa esiseqomeni ngasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana, badle lezo zinto ezenza ukubuyisana ukubahlukanisela nokubangcwelisa; zingadliwa ngumfokazi, ngokuba zingcwele. uma kusala inyama yokwahlukaniselwa kuze kuse noma isinkwa, ukushise okuseleyo ngomlilo, kungadliwa, ngokuba kungcwele. uyakwenze njalo ku-aroni nakumadodana akhe, njengakho konke engikuyale ngakho; ukwahlukanisela kuyakuba yizinsuku eziyisikhombisa. imihla yonke wonikela ngenkunzi, ibe ngumnikelo wesono, ube ngowokubuyisana, uhlambulule i-altare, lapho ulenzela ukubuyisana, uligcobe ukuba ulingcwelise. izinsuku eziyisikhombisa wolenzela i-altare ukubuyisana, ulingcwelise, i-altare libe ngcwele kakhulu, nabo bonke abalithintayo bayakuba ngabangcwele. yilokhu oyakunikela ngakho e-altare: amawundlu amabili anomnyaka munye imihla ngemihla njalo. elinye iwundlu wonikela ngalo ekuseni, elinye iwundlu wonikela ngalo kusihlwa. kanye nelineye iwundlu wonikela ngokweshumi kwempuphu ecolikileyo, ixovwe nokwesine kwehini lamafutha agxotshiweyo, nokwesine kwehini lewayini, kube ngumnikelo wokuphuzwa. wonikela ngelineye iwundlu ngakusihlwa, wenze kulo njengomnikelo wempuphu wasekuseni nanjengomnikelo wawo wokuphuzwa, kube yiphunga eliminandi, umnikelo womlilo kujehova-aeiou. lo uyakuba ngumnikelo oshiswa imihla yonke ezizukulwaneni zenu ngasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana phambi kukajehova-aeiou, lapho ngiyakuhlangana khona nani, ngikhulume khona kuwe. lapho ngiyakuhlangana nabantwana bakwa-israyeli; liyakungcwelisa yinkazimulo yami. ngiyakungcwelisa itende lokuhlangana kanye ne-altare, ngingcwelise no-aroni namadodana akhe ukuba bangikhonze esikhundleni sobupristi. ngiyakuhlala phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli, ngibe ngulezi-ku wabo. bayakwazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wabo, owabakhipha ezweni lasegibithe, ukuba ngihlale phakathi kwabo; ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wabo.

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uyakwenza i-altare lokushisa impepho, ulenze ngomuthi womtholo. ubude balo bube yingalo, nobubanzi balo bube yingalo, libe nezinhlangothi ezine ezilingeneyo; ukuphakama kwalo kube yizingalo ezimbili, izimpondo zalo zibe kunye nalo. wolinameka nggolide elicwengekileyo ngaphezulu, nezinhlangothi zalo nxazonke, nezimpondo zalo, ulenzele udini lwegolide nxazonke. ulenzele amasongo amabili egolide phansi

kodini lwalo nxazombili, uwenze ez-  
 inhlangothini zombili zalo, abe yizindawo  
 zezinti zokulithwala. wenze izinti ngomuthi  
 womtholo, uzinameke ngegolide. ulibeke  
 phambi kwesihlenko esingasemphongolweni  
 wobufakazi, ngaphambi kwesihlalo somusa  
 esiphezu kobufakazi, lapho ngiyakuhlangana  
 khona nawe. u-aroni woshisa kulo impepho  
 yamakha athaphukayo; njalo ekuseni, nxa  
 elungisa izibani, uyakuyithungisa. nalapho  
 u-aroni ezibeka izibani ngakusihlwa, woy-  
 ishisa ibe yimpepho ephakade phambi  
 kukajehova-aeiou ezizukulwaneni zenu.  
 ninganikeli kulo ngempepho engeyiyo,  
 nangomnikelo wokushiswa, nangomnikelo  
 wempuphu, ningatheli mnikelo wokuphuzwa  
 kulo. u-aroni uyakwenzela izimpondo zalo  
 ukubuyisana kanye ngomnyaka; ngegazi  
 lomnikelo wesono wokubuyisana kanye  
 ngomnyaka uyakulenzela ukubuyisana  
 ezizukulwaneni zenu; lingcwelengcwele  
 kujehova-aeiou. ujeahova-aeiou wakhuluma  
 kumose, wathi: nxa ubala inani labantwana  
 bakwa-israyeli ngokwalabo ababalwayo,  
 yilowo nalowo kubo makathele kujehova-  
 aeiou ihlawulo lomphfumulo wakhe, lapho  
 ubabalayo, ukuba kungabikho sifo phakathi  
 kwabo, nxa ubabala. lokhu bayakukuthela,  
 kube yilowo nalowo odlulela kwababali-  
 weyo: inxenye yeshekeli ngokweshekeli  
 lendlu engcwele ishekeli lingamagera anga-  
 mashumi amabili inxenye yeshekeli ibe  
 ngumnikelo kujehova-aeiou. yilowo nalowo  
 odlulela kwababaliweyo, abaneminyaka  
 engamashumi amabili nangaphezulu,  
 uyakunikela ngomnikelo kujehova-aeiou.  
 ocebileyo akayikunika kakhulu, ompofu  
 angatheli kancane kunenxenye yeshekeli,  
 lapho benikela ngomnikelo kujehova-  
 aeiou ukuba kwenzelwe ukubuyisana  
 kwemiphefumulo yenu. wothabatha imali  
 yokubuyisana kubantwana bakwa-israyeli,  
 uyimisele inkonzo yetende lokuhlangana,  
 ibe yisikhumbuzo sabantwana bakwa-  
 israyeli phambi kukajehova-aeiou, ukuba  
 kwenzelwe ukubuyisana kwemiphefumulo  
 yenu. ujeahova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose,  
 wathi: uyakwenzela umcengezi wethusi,  
 nesinqe sawo sethusi, ukuba kugezelwe  
 kuwo, uwubeke phakathi kwetende lokuh-  
 langana ne-altare, uthele amanzi kuwo.  
 u-aroni namadodana akhe bayakuhlamba  
 kuwo izandla zabo nezinyawo zabo. nxa  
 bengena etendeni lokuhlangana, bayakugeza  
 ngamanzi ukuba bangafi, noma besondela  
 e-altare ukuyokhonza, bawushise umnikelo  
 womlilo kujehova-aeiou; mabahlambe  
 izandla zabo nezinyawo zabo ukuba bangafi,  
 kube yisimiso esiphakade kubo, kuyena  
 nakuyo inzalo yakhe ezizukulwaneni zabo.  
 ujeahova-aeiou wakhuluma futhi kumose,  
 wathi: zithabathele amakha amahle, imure  
 eliphumayo lamashekeli angamakhulu

ayisihlanu, nokinamona othaphukayo  
 amabili namashumi ayisihlanu, nekalamu  
 elithaphukayo lamakhulu amabili na-  
 mashumi ayisihlanu, nekasiya lamakhulu  
 ayisihlanu ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele,  
 nehini lamafutha eminqumo. uwenze  
 amafutha angcwele okugcoba amakha  
 athakiweyo njengokwenza komthaki, abe  
 ngamafutha angcwele okugcoba. wog-  
 coba itende lokuhlangana nomphongolo  
 wobufakazi, netafula nezitsha zalo zonke,  
 nothi lwezibani nezitsha zalo, ne-altare  
 lempepho, ne-altare lomnikelo wokushiswa  
 nezitsha zalo zonke, nomcengezi nesinqe  
 sawo. wokungcwelisa ukuze kube ngcwele  
 kakhulu; bonke abakuthintayo bayakuba  
 ngcwele. wobagcoba u-aroni namadodana  
 akhe, ubangcwelise ukuba bangikhonze  
 esikhundleni sobupristi. ukhulume kubant-  
 wana bakwa-israyeli, uthi: lokhu kuyakuba  
 kimi amafutha angcwele okugcoba ez-  
 izukulwaneni zenu. mawangathelwa

emzimbeni womuntu, ningawenzi afana  
 nawo njengokuthakwa kwawo; angcwele,  
 mawabe ngcwele kini. yilowo nalowo  
 owathaka anjengawo nalowo owathela  
 kumfokazi uyakunqunywa kubantu bakubo.

ujeahova-aeiou wathi kumose: zitha-  
 bathele amakha athaphukayo, inathafi  
 neshehelethe nehelibena, amakha kanye  
 nenhlaka ecwengekileyo, kulingane konke,  
 wenze ngakho impepho, amakha njen-  
 gokwenza komthaki, ethelwe ngosawoti,  
 enhle, engcwele; ucolisise enye, uyibeke  
 phambi kobufakazi etendeni lokuhlangana,  
 lapho ngiyakuhlangana khona nawe, ibe  
 ngcwelengcwele kini. impepho oyakuyenza  
 ningazenzeli yona njengokuthakwa kwayo;  
 yoba ngcwele kuwe, yenzelwe ujeahova-aeiou.  
 yilowo nalowo oyakuyenza enjengayo ukuba  
 ihogelwe uyakunqunywa kubantu bakubo.

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ujeahova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi:  
 bheka, ngibize ngegama ubesaleli in-  
 dodana ka-uri kahuri, owesizwe sakwa-  
 juda. ngimgcwalisile ngomoya kalezi-ku,  
 ngokuhlakanipha nangokuqonda nangok-  
 wazi nangamandla emisebenzini yonke,  
 ukuba aqambe imisebenzi yobungcweti,  
 asebenze ngegolide, nangesiliya, nangeth-  
 usi, nangokuqopha amatshe okufakwa,  
 nangokuqopha imithi, yebo, ukuba  
 asebenze imisebenzi yonke. bheka, mina  
 ngimisile kanye naye u-oholiyabe indo-  
 dana ka-ahisamaki, owesizwe sakwadani;  
 ezinhliziyweni zazo zonke eziyizingcweti  
 ngenhliziyo ngifake ukuhlakanipha ukuba  
 zikwenze konke engikuyale ngakho: itende  
 lokuhlangana, nomphongolo wobufakazi,  
 nesihlalo somusa esiphezu kwawo, nezim-



pahla zonke zetende, netafula nezitsha zalo, nothi oluhle lwezibani nezitsha zonke zalo, ne-altare lempepho, ne-altare lomnikelo wokushiswa nezitsha zonke zalo, nomcengezi nesinqe sawo, nezingubo ezifekethisiweyo, nezambatho ezingcwele zika-aroni umpristi nezambatho zamadodana akhe zokuba bakhonze esikhundleni sobupristi, namafutha okugcoba, nempepho yamakha athaphukayo yendawo engcwele, yebo, zenze njengakho konke engikuyale ngakho. ujhova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yisho kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, uthi: anogcina amasabatha, ngokuba aluphawu phakathi kwami nani ezizukulwaneni zenu ukuba nazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou oningcweliso. gcinani isabatha, ngokuba lingcwele kini; yilowo nalowo olonayo uyakubulawa nokubulawa, ngokuba osebenza umsebenzi ngalo uyakunqunywa kubantu bakubo. izinsuku eziyisithupha kosetshezwaba, kepha ngosuku lwesikhombisa kuyisabatha lokuphumula, lingcwele kujehova-aeiou: bonke abasebenza umsebenzi ngosuku lwesabatha bayakubulawa nokubulawa. ngalokho abakwa-israyeli bayakuligcina isabatha, balilonde ezizukulwaneni zabo libe yisivumelwano esiphakade. liluphawu phakathi kwami nabantwana bakwa-israyeli kuze kube phakade, ngokuba ngezinsuku eziyisithupha ujhova-aeiou walenza izulu nomhlaba, kepha ngosuku lwesikhombisa waphumula, waqabuleka. eseqedile ukukhuluma nomose entabeni yasesinayi wamnika izibhebhe zombili zobufakazi, izibhebhe zamatshe, zilotshiwe ngomunwe kalezi-ku.

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abantu sebone ukuthi umose ulibele ukwehla entabeni, abantu babuthana ku-aroni, bathi kuye: vuka usenzele olezi-ku abazakuhamba phambi kwethu, ngokuba umose lowo, umuntu owasikhuphula ezweni lasegibithe, asazi ukuthi wehlelwe yini. u-aroni wayesethi kubo: khumalani amacici egolide asezindlebeni zawomkenu, nakwezamadodana enu, nakwezamadodakazi enu, niwalethe kimi. bonke abantu bakhumula ke amacici egolide asezindlebeni zabo, bawayisa ku-aroni. wawamukela ezandleni zabo, wawabumba ngengwedo, wawenza aba yithole elibunjiweyo, bathi: nampa olezi-ku bakho, israyeli, abakukhuphula ezweni lasegibithe. u-aroni wakubona, wakha i-altare phambi kwalo; u-aroni wamemezela wathi: kusasa kuzakuba khona umkhosi kajehova-aeiou. bavuka ekuseni ngakusasa, banikela ngeminikelo yokushiswa, baletha iminikelo yokuthula; abantu bahlala phansi ukuba badle, baphuze; bavuka ukuyodlala. ujhova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi:

hamba wehle, ngokuba abantu bakho owabakhuphula ezweni lasegibithe benzile isono; baphambukile masinyane endleleni engabayala ngayo. bazenzele ithole elibunjiweyo, balikhonza, balihlabela, bathi: nampa olezi-ku bakho, israyeli, abakukhuphula ezweni lasegibithe. ujhova-aeiou wathi kumose: ngibabonile laba bantu; bheka, bangabantu abantamo ilukhuni. ngalokho ngiyeke ukuba ulaka lwami lubavuthele, ngibaqede, ngikwenze ube yisizwe esikhulu. umose wamshweleza ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakhe, wathi: jehova-aeiou, ulaka lwakho lubavuthelelani abantu bakho owabakhuphula ezweni lasegibithe ngamandla amakhulu nangesandla esiqinileyo na? abasegibithe bayakusholoni ukuthi: wabakhiphela bona-ra-ukukhandleka ukuba ababulale ezintabeni, abaqothule ebusweni bomhlaba. phenduka olakeni lwakho oluvuthayo, uguquke kulobu bubi ngakubantu bakho. khumbula o-abrahama, no-isaka, no-israyeli, izinceku zakho, owazifungela kubo, wathi kubo: ngiyakwandisa inzalo yenu ibe nangezinkanyezi zezulu, nginike inzalo yenu lonke leli zwe engikhulumile ngalo, idle ifa lalo kuze kube phakade. ujhova-aeiou wayesephenduka ebubini abethi uzakubenza kubantu bakhe. umose waphenduka, wehla entabeni enezibhebhe zombili zobufakazi esandleni sakhe, izibhebhe ezazilotshwe nxazombili, zalotshwa ngalapha nangalapha. izibhebhe zazingumsebenzi kalezi-ku, nokuloba kwakungukuloba kukalezi-ku, kuqoshiwe ezibhebheni. ujesu wezwa um-sindo wabantu bekhamuluka, wathi kumose: kukhona um-sindo wempi ekamu. wathi: akusilo izwi labahalalisa ngokunqoba, akusilo izwi lokukhala ngokunqotshwa, kepha ngizwa um-sindo wabahlabelelayo. kwathi esasondela ekamu, wabona ithole nokusina; ulaka lukamose lwase luvutha, wazilahla izibhebhe ezandleni zakhe, wazaphula phansi kwentaba. wayeselithatha ithole ababelenzile, walishisa ngomlilo, walicolisa laze laba luthuli, walivumuzela emanzini, wabaphuzisa wona abantwana bakwa-israyeli. umose wathi ku-aroni: benzeni kuwe laba bantu ukuba ubhelele isono esingaka na? wathi u-aroni: ulaka lwenkosi yami malungavuthi; uyabazi abantu ukuthi bathanda ububi. ngokuba bathi kimi: senzele olezi-ku abazakuhamba phambi kwethu, ngokuba umose lowo, umuntu owasikhuphula ezweni lasegibithe, asazi ukuthi wehlelwe yini. ngase ngithi kubo: onalo igolide makalikhumule; base benginika lona, ngaliphonsa emlilweni, kwaphuma leli thole. umose wababona abantu ukuthi babedlulubundile; ngokuba u-aroni wayebakhululile baze bahlekwa yizitha zabo; umose wayesema esangweni lekamu, wathi: abakajehova-aeiou

mabeze kimi. onke amadodana kalevi ayesebuthana kuye. wayesethi kuwo: usho njalo uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: akube yilowo nalowo kini abhince inkemba yakhe ethangeni lakhe, adabule ekamu, aye emuva, aye phambili, kusukela kwelinye isango kuze kube kwelinye isango lekamu, yilowo nalowo abulale umfowabo, nalowo umngane wakhe, nalowo umakhelwane wakhe. amadodana kalevi enza njengezwi likamose, kwawa ngalolo suku abantu kungathi abayizinkulungwane ezintathu. wayesethi umose: njengalokhu yilowo nalowo emelene nendodana yakhe nanomfowabo, manizahlukanisele namuhla kujehova-aeiou ukuba aninike isibusiso namuhla. kwathi ngangomuso umose wathi kubantu: nenzile isono esikhulu; sengiyakukhuphukela kujehova-aeiou, uma mhlawumbe ngingenza ukubuyisana ngesono senu. umose wabuyela kujehova-aeiou, wathi: hawu, laba bantu benzile isono esikhulu, bazenzele olezi-ku ngegolide. nokho uma ubathethelela isono sabo; kepha uma ungabathetheleli, ake ungesule encwadini yakho oyilobileyo. uje-hova-aeiou wayesethi kumose: owonile kimi ngiyakumesula encwadini yami. kalokhu hamba-ke, uhole abantu, uye kuleyo ndawo engakhuluma ngayo kuwe; bheka, ingelosi yami iyakuhamba phambi kwakho; kepha mhla ngibahambela ngiyakuambela isono sabo kubo. uje-hova-aeiou wayesebashaya-ke abantu, ngokuba benza ithole lelo alenzayo u-aroni.

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uje-hova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: hamba wenyuke lapha, wena nabantu obakhuphulile ezweni lasegibithe, uye ezweni engalifungela ku-abrahama, naku-isaka, nakujakobe, ngathi: ngiyakulinika inzalo yakho. ngiyakuthuma ingelosi phambi kwakho, ngiwaxoshe amakhani, nama-amori, namaheti, namapherizi, namahivi, namajebusi, uye ezweni elichichima ubisi nezinyosi. angiyikukhuphuka ngiphakathi kwenu, lokhu ningabantu abantamo ilukhuni, funa nginiqede endleleni. abantu beyizwa le ndaba embi badabuka, akwabakho muntu owafaka izivunulo zakhe. uje-hova-aeiou wayesethi kumose: yisho kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, uthi: ningabantu abantamo ilukhuni; uma ngikhuphuka ngiphakathi kwenu nangokuphazima kweso nje, ngizakuniqeda. ngalokho khumulanani manje izivunulo zenu, ukuze ngazi ukuthi ngiyakwenzani kini. abantwana bakwa-israyeli bazihlubula izivunulo zabo, kusukela entabeni yasehorebe. umose wayevama ukulithatha itende, walimisa ngaphandle kwekamu, libe kude nekamu,

walibiza ngokuthi itende lokuhlangana. kwathi bonke abamfunayo uje-hova-aeiou baphuma, baya etendeni lokuhlangana elalingaphandle kwekamu. kwathi umose ephuma eya etendeni, bonke abantu basukuma bema, kwaba yilowo nalowo ngasemnyango wetende lakhe, bambuka umose waze wangena etendeni. kwathi umose engena etendeni, insika yefu yehla, yema ngasemnyango wetende; uje-hova-aeiou wakhuluma nomose. bonke abantu bayibona insika yefu imi ngasemnyango wetende; bonke abantu basukuma, bakhuleka, kwaba yilowo nalowo ngasemnyango wetende lakhe. uje-hova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose ubuso nobuso, njengalokhu umuntu ekhuluma nomhlobo wakhe. wabuyela ekamu, kepha inceku yakhe ujesu indodana kanuni, insizwa, ayiphumanga etendeni. umose wathi kujehova-aeiou: bheka, uthi kimi: khuphula laba bantu, kepha awungazisanga yena oyakumthuma nami. nokho ushilo ukuthi: ngiyakwazi ngegama, ufumene umusa emehlweni ami. ngalokho uma ngifumene umusa emehlweni akho, ake ungibonise izindlela zakho ukuba ngikwazi, ukuze ngifumane umusa emehlweni akho, ubhekisise ukuthi lesi sizwe singabantu bakho. wayesethi: ngiyakuhamba mina uqobo, ngikuphumuze, na? wathi kuye: uma ungahambi wena uqobo, ungasikhuphuli lapha. ngokuba kuyakwaziwa ngani ukuthi ngifumene umusa emehlweni akho, mina nabantu bakho, na? akungalokhu yini ukuthi uhamba nathi, ukuze sahlukaniswe, mina nabantu bakho, nabanye abantu abasebusweni bomhlaba na? uje-hova-aeiou wathi kumose: ngiyakwenza nalokho okushilo, ngokuba ufumene umusa emehlweni ami; ngiyakwazi ngegama. wayesethi: ake ngibone inkazimulo yakho. wathi: ngiyakudlulisa phambi kwakho ubuhle bami, ngilimemezele igama likajehova-aeiou phambi kwakho, ngibe nomusa kuyena engithanda ukuba nomusa kuye, ngibe nesihe kuyena engithanda ukuba nesihe kuye. wathi: awunakubona ubuso bami, ngokuba akukho muntu ongangibona, aphile. uje-hova-aeiou wathi: bheka, nansi indawo kimi; uyakuma edwaleni. kuyakuthi isadlula inkazimulo yami, ngiyakukufaka ofantwini lwedwala, ngikumboze ngesandla sami, ngize ngidlule. besengisusa isandla sami, ubone umhlane wami, kepha ubuso bami abuyikubonwa.

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uje-hova-aeiou wathi kumose: zibazele izibhebhe ezimbili zamatshe njengezokuqala, ngilobe ezibhebheni amazwi ayesezibhebheni zokuqala owazaphulayo. mawube usulungele kusasa, ukhuphukele entabeni

yasesinayi ekuseni, ume khona phambi kwami esiqongweni sentaba. akuyikukhuphuka muntu nawe, kungabonakali muntu entabeni yonke, futhi kungaklabi zimvu nazinkomo ngaphambi kwaleyo ntaba. wayesebaza izibhebhe ezimbili zamatshe njengezokuqala; umose wavuka ekuseni kakhulu, wakhuphukela entabeni yasesinayi, njengalokho ujejhova-aeiou emyalile; waphatha ngesandla sakhe izibhebhe ezimbili zamatshe. ujejhova-aeiou wehla ngefu, wema naye lapho, wamemezela igama likajejhova-aeiou. ujejhova-aeiou wadlula phambi kwakhe, wamemeza wathi: ngujejhova-aeiou! ngujejhova-aeiou! ngulezi-ku ogcwele isihe, onomusa, ophuza ukuthukuthela, novame ubumnene neqiniso, ogcinela abayizinkulungwane umusa, othethelela ububi neziphambeko nezono, ongayikuyekela onecala, ehambela ububi bawoyise kubantwana nakubantwana babantwana, kwabesizukulwane sesithathu nesesine. umose washesha wakhohamela emhlabathini, wakhuleka. wathi: nkosi, uma ngifumene umusa emehlweni akho, inkosi mayihambe iphakathi kwethu, ngokuba bangabantu abantamo ilukhuni; usithethelele ububi bethu nokona kwethu, usithabathe sibe yifa lakho. wayesethi: bheka, ngiyenza isivumelwano; phambi kwabantu bonke bakho ngiyakuzenza izimangalis ozingazange zenziwe emhlabeni wonke nakusiphi isizwe; bonke abantu okhona phakathi kwabo bayakuwubona umsebenzi kajejhova-aeiou, ngokuba kuyesabeka lokhu engikwenza kuwe. qaphela lokhu engikuyala ngakho namuhla: bheka, ngixosha phambi kwakho amamori, namakhanani, namaheti, namapherizi, namahivi, namajebusi. xwaya ukuba ungasenzi isivumelwano nabakhileyo ezweni oya kulo, funa babe lugibe kuwe. kepha niyakuwadliza ama-altare abo, niziphahlaze izinsika zabo, nibagawule o-ashera babo, ngokuba awuyikukhonza omunye ulezi-ku, lokhu ujejhova-aeiou, igama lakhe lingumhawu, ungulezi-ku onomhawu, funa wenze isivumelwano nabakhileyo ezweni, baye baphinge nawolezi-ku babo, bahlabele olezi-ku babo, omunye akumeme, ude umhlatshelelo wakhe, uthathelele amadodana akho amadodakazi abo, amadodakazi abo aye aphinge nawolezi-ku babo, enze ukuba amadodana akho aye aphinge nawolezi-ku babo. awuyikuzenzela olezi-ku ababunjiweyo. umkhosi wesinkwa esingamvubelo wowugcina. uyakudla isinkwa esingamvubelo izinsuku eziyisikhombisa, njengalokho ngakuyala, ngesikhathi esinquniweyo senyanga ka-abibi, ngokuba ngenyanga ka-abibi waphuma egibithe. konke okuvula isizalo kungokwami, nawo onke amaduna ezinkomo zakho, amaz-

ibulo ezinkomo nawezimvu. kepha izibulo lembongolo wolihlenga ngewundlu; uma ungalihlengi, ulaphule intamo. amazibulo onke amadodana akho wowahlenga, kungabonakali muntu phambi kwami engaphethe lutho. wosebenza izinsuku eziyisithupha, uphumule ngosuku lwesikhombisa; uyakuphumula ngesikhathi sokulima nangokuvuna. uyakugcina umkhosi wamasonto, owolibo lukalokweni ovuniweyo, nomkhosi wokuvuna ngasekupheleni komnyaka. kathathu ngomnyaka abesilisa bakho bonke bayakubonakala phambi kwenkosi ujejhova-aeiou, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli. ngokuba ngiyakuxosha izizwe phambi kwakho, ngandise imikhawulo yakho; akuyikubakho muntu olifisa izwe lakho, nxa ukhuphuka uya ukubonakala phambi kukajejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho kathathu ngomnyaka. awuyikunikela ngegazi lomhlatshelelo womkhosi wephasika kuze kuse. izandulela zilobo lwezwe lakho woziyisa endlini kajejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho. awuyikupheka izinyane lembuzi obisini lukanina. ujejhova-aeiou wathi kumose: zilobele lawa mazwi, ngokuba ngokwalawa mazwi ngenzile isivumelwano nawe nabakwa-israyeli. wayelapho nojejhova-aeiou izinsuku ezingamashumi amane nobusuku obungamashumi amane, kadlanga lutho, kaphuzanga manzi. waloba ezibhebheni amazwi esivumelwano, imiyalelo eyishumi. kwathi umose esehla entabeni yasesinayi, izibhebhe zombili zobufakazi zisesandleni sikamose esehla entabeni, umose wayengazi ukuthi isikhumba sobuso bakhe sasikhazimula ngenxa yokukhuluma kwakhe naye. bathi u-aroni nabo bonke abantwana bakwa-israyeli bembona umose, bheka, isikhumba sobuso bakhe sasikhazimula, besaba ukusondela kuye. umose wayesebabiza; u-aroni nazo zonke izinduna zenhlangano babuyela-ke kuye; umose wayesekhuluma kubo. ngasemuva bonke abantwana bakwa-israyeli basondela, wabayala ngakho konke ujejhova-aeiou akukhuluma kuye entabeni yasesinayi. umose eseqedile ukukhuluma nabo, wafaka iveli ebusweni bakhe. kepha umose esezakungena phambi kukajejhova-aeiou ukukhuluma naye, walikhuluma iveli waze waphuma; waphuma, wakhuluma kubantwana bakwa-israyeli lokho akuyalelweyo. abantwana bakwa-israyeli babubona ubuso bukamose ukuthi isikhumba sobuso bukamose sasikhazimula; umose wayesebuye walifaka iveli ebusweni bakhe waze wangena ukuyokhuluma naye.

umose wabutha yonke inhlangano yabantwana bakwa-israyeli, wathi kuyo: yilawa mazwi awayalile ujejhova-aeiou ukuba ni-

wenze. izinsuku eziyisithupha kosetshenzwa umsebenzi, kepha ngosuku lwesikhombisa kuyakuba kini usuku olungcwele, lube yisabatha lokuphumula likajehova-aeiou; bonke abenza umsebenzi ngalo bayakubulawa. aniyikubasa mlilo ezindlini zenu ngosuku lwesabatha. umose wakhuluma kuyo yonke inhlangano yabantwana bakwa-israyeli, wathi: yile nto ayale ngayo ujahova-aeiou, ethi: thabathani phakathi kwenu umnikelo ube ngokajehova-aeiou; bonke abanenhliziy o ethandayo mabawulethe, ube ngumnikelo kajehova-aeiou: igolide, nesiliva, nethusi, nokuluhlaza nokububende nokubomvu, nelinei elicolekileyo, noboya bezimbuzi, nezikhumba ezibomvu zezinqama, nezikhumba zamatahasi, nomuthi womtholo, namafutha okukhanyisa, namakha amafutha okugcoba nawemphepo ethaphukayo, namatshe amashohamu, namatshe okufakwa, abe ngawengubo yamahlombe nawesihlangu sesifuba. bonke abahlakaniphile ngenhliziyo mabeze, bakwenze konke ujahova-aeiou akuyalileyo: itabernakele, netende lalo, nesifulelo salo, nezinkibaniso zalo, namapulangwe alo, nemishayo yalo, nezinsika zalo, nezinyawo zalo; umphongolo nezinti zawo, nesihlalo somusa, nesihenqo seveli; itafula nezinti zalo nezitsha zonke zalo, nezinkwa zokubukwa; nothi lwezibani lokukhanyisa, nezitsha zalo nezibani zalo, namafutha okukhanyisa; ne-altare lempepho nezinti zalo, namafutha okugcoba, nempepho ethaphukayo, neveli lomnyango ngasemnyango wetabernakele; i-altare lomnikelo wokushiswa nehele lalo lethusi, nezinti zalo, nezitsha zonke zalo, nomcengezi nesinqe sawo, nezilenge zegceke, nezinsika zalo, nezinyawo zazo, neveli lesango legceke, nezikhonkwane zetabernakele, nezikhonkwane zegceke, nezintambo zazo, nezambatho ezifekethisiweyo zokukhonza endaweni engcwele, nezambatho ezingcwele zika-aroni umpristi, nezambatho zamadodana akhe zokukhonza esikhundleni sobupristi. yayisisuka yonke inhlangano yabantwana bakwa-israyeli ebusweni bukamose. bafika, kwaba yilowo nalowo owavuswa yinhliziy o yakhe nowaqhutshwa ngumoya wakhe, baletha umnikelo kajehova-aeiou ube ngowomsebenzi wetende lokuhlangana, nowenkonzo yonke yalo, nowezambatho ezingcwele. beza abesilisa nabesifazane, bonke abaqhutshwa yizinhliziy o zabo, baletha iziqhobosho namacici nezindandatho namasongo, izinto zonke zegolide, bonke ababenokunikela ngomnikelo wegolide kujehova-aeiou. bonke okwafunyanwa kubo okuluhlaza nokububende nokubomvu, nelinei elicolekileyo, noboya bezimbuzi, nezikhumba ezibomvu zezinqama, nezikhumba zamatahasi, bakuletha. bonke abanikela ngom-

nikelo wesiliva nowethusi baletha umnikelo kujehova-aeiou, nabo bonke okwafunyanwa kubo umuthi womtholo womsebenzi wenkonzo bawuletha. bonke abesifazane abahlakaniphile ngenhliziyo baphotha ngezandla zabo, baletha okuphothiweyo, okuluhlaza nokububende nokubomvu, nelinei elicolekileyo. bonke abesifazane abavuselwa yizinhliziy o zabo ukuhlakanipha baphotha uboya bezimbuzi. izinduna zaletha amatshe amashohamu namatshe okufakwa, awengubo yamahlombe nawesihlangu sesifuba, namakha, namafutha okukhanyisa nawokugcoba nawemphepo ethaphukayo. abantwana bakwa-israyeli bawuletha umnikelo wesihle kujehova-aeiou, bonke abesilisa nabesifazane, abanhliziyo yabo ibavusele ukulethela yonke imisebenzi ayale ngayo ujahova-aeiou ukuba yenziwe ngesandla sikamose. umose wathi kubantwana bakwa-israyeli: bhekani, ujahova-aeiou ubize ngegama ubesaleli indodana ka-uri kahure, owesizwe sakwajuda; umgcwalisile ngomoya kalezi-ku, ngokuhlakanipha nangokuqonda nangokwazi nangamandla emisebenzini yonke ukuba aqambe imisebenzi yobungcweti, asebenze ngegolide, nangesiliva, nangeth-usi, nangokuqopha amatshe okufakwa, nangokuqopha imithi, ukuba asebenze yonke imisebenzi yobungcweti. ubeke enhliziyweni yakhe ukuba afundise, yena no-oholiyabe indodana ka-ahisamaki, owesizwe sakwadani. laba ubagcwalisile ngokuhlakanipha kwenhliziyo ukuba basebenze yonke imisebenzi, eyomqophi neyengcweti neyomfekethisi, ngokuluhlaza nangokububende nangokubomvu, nangeleni elicolekileyo, neyomaluki, neyabasebenza namuphi umsebenzi, nabaqamba imisebenzi yobungcweti.

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obesaleli no-oholiyabe bayakusebenza nabo bonke abahlakaniphile ngenhliziyo, ujahova-aeiou abeke kubo ukuhlakanipha nokuqonda ukuba bazi ukwenza yonke imisebenzi yenkonzo yendlu engcwele njengakho konke ujahova-aeiou akuyalileyo. umose wababiza obesaleli no-oholiyabe nabo bonke abahlakaniphile ngenhliziyo, ujahova-aeiou abeke ukuhlakanipha ezinhliziyweni zabo, bonke abavuswa yizinhliziy o zabo ukuza emsebenzini ukuba bawenze. bawamukela kumose wonke umnikelo, abantwana bakwa-israyeli ababewulethele umsebenzi wenkonzo yendlu engcwele ukuba wenziwe ngawo. kepha babesaletha kuye njalo imihla ngemihla ekuseni iminikelo yesihle. bonke abahlakaniphileyo ababeyisebenza yonke imisebenzi yendlu engcwele beza, kwaba yilowo nalowo wavela emsebenzini

wakhe owawusebenzayo, bathi kumose: abantu baletha okuningi kakhulu kunokwanele inkonzo yomsebenzi ayalile ngawo uJehova-aeiou ukuba wenziwe. umose wayeseyala, kwamenyezelwa ekamu, kwathiwa: makungabe kusasetshenzwa ngowesilisa nangowesifazane omunye umsebenzi womnikelo wendlu engcwele. base bevinjelwa abantu ukuletha. okwase kwenziwe kwakwanele wonke umsebenzi obuyakwenziwa, futhi kwasala. bonke abahlakaniphile ngenhliziyo phakathi kwabo abasebenza umsebenzi benza itabernakele ngezilenge eziyishumi, bazenza ngelineni elicolekileyo lemicu ephothiweyo, nangokuluhlaza nangokububende nangokubomvu, zinamakherubi, umsebenzi wengcweti. ubude besilenge babuyizingalo ezingamashumi amabili nesishiyagalombili, nobubanzi besilenge babuyizingalo ezine; zonke izilenge zazinesilinganiso sinye. wahlanganisa izilenge eziyisihlanu esinye nesinye; wazihlanganisa nezinye izilenge eziyisihlanu esinye nesinye. wazenza izihibe eziluhlaza eceleni lesinye isilenge emphethweni ngasekuhlanganeni; wenze njalo naseceleni lesilenge sokugcina ngasekuhlanganeni kwesibili. wazenza izihibe ezingamashumi ayisihlanu kwesinye isilenge; wazenza izihibe ezingamashumi ayisihlanu eceleni lesilenge esisekuhlanganeni kwesibili; izihibe zazibhekana. wazenza izinkibaniso ezingamashumi ayisihlanu zegolide, wazihlanganisa izilenge esinye nesinye ngezinkibaniso, kwaba yitabernakele linye. wazenza izilenge ngoboya bezimbuzi, zibe yitende phezu kwetabernakele; wazenza izilenge eziyishumi nanye. ubude besilenge babuyizingalo ezingamashumi amathathu, nobubanzi bezilenge babuyizingalo ezine; izilenge eziyishumi nanye zazinesilinganiso sinye. wahlanganisa izilenge eziyisihlanu zodwa, nezilenge eziyisithupha zodwa. wazenza izihibe ezingamashumi ayisihlanu eceleni lesilenge sokugcina ekuhlanganeni, wazenza izihibe ezingamashumi ayisihlanu eceleni lesilenge ekuhlanganeni kwesibili. wazenza izinkibaniso ezingamashumi ayisihlanu zethusi zokuhlanganisa itende libe linye. wasenza isifulelo setende ngezikhumba ezibomvu zezinqama, nesifulelo ngezikhumba zamatahasi phezulu. wawenza amapulungwe amiyo etabernakele ngomuthi womtholo. ubude bepulangwe babuyizingalo eziyishumi, nobubanzi bepulangwe babuyingalo nenxenye. yilelo nalelo pulangwe lalinemisuka emibili, omunye malungana nomunye; wenze njalo kuwo onke amapulungwe etabernakele. wawenza amapulungwe etabernakele, amapulungwe angamashumi amabili ohlangothi lwaseningizimu olubheka ngaseningizimu. wazenza izinyawo ezingamashumi amane

zesiliva phansi kwamapulungwe angamashumi amabili, izinyawo ezimbili phansi kwepulangwe linye, ezemisuka yalo emibili, nezinyawo ezimbili phansi kwelinye ipulangwe, ezemisuka yalo emibili. uhlangothi lwesibili lwetabernakele ngasohlangothini lwasenyakatho walwenzela amapulungwe angamashumi amabili, nezinyawo zawo ezingamashumi amane zesiliva, izinyawo ezimbili phansi kwepulangwe linye nezinyawo ezimbili phansi kwelinye ipulangwe. uhlangothi lwetabernakele olungasemuva ngasentshonalanga walwenzela amapulungwe ayisithupha. amapulungwe amabili wawenzela amagumbi etabernakele angasemuva. ayemabili phansi, kanjalo aphelela aze afika phezulu esongweni lokuqala; wenze njalo kuwo omabili emagumbini omabili. kwakungamapulungwe ayisishiyagalombili nezinyawo zawo zesiliva, izinyawo eziyishumi nesithupha, izinyawo ezimbili phansi kwalelo nalelo pulangwe. wayenza imishayo ngomuthi womtholo, yaba ngeyisihlanu yamapulungwe olunye uhlangothi lwetabernakele, nemishayo eyisihlanu yamapulungwe olunye uhlangothi lwetabernakele, nemishayo eyisihlanu yamapulungwe etabernakele ohlangothini olungasemuva ngasentshonalanga. wawenza umshayo waphakathi ukuba udabule phakathi kwamapulungwe, kusukela ekugcineni ngalapha kuze kufike ekugcineni ngalapha. wanameka amapulungwe ngegolide, wawenza amasongo awo ngegolide, abe yizindawo zezinti; wanameka nezinti ngegolide. wasenza isihenqo ngokuluhlaza nangokububende nangokubomvu, nangelineni elicolekileyo lemicu ephothiweyo, wasenza saba namakherubi, umsebenzi wengcweti. wasenzela izinsika ezine zomtholo, wazinameka ngegolide; izingwegwe zazo zaziigolide; wazikhandela izinyawo ezine zesiliva. wawenza iveli lomnyango wetende ngokuluhlaza nangokububende nangokubomvu, nangelineni elicolekileyo lemicu ephothiweyo, umsebenzi womfekethisi, nezinsika zalo eziyisihlanu nezingwegwe zazo; wanameka izihloko zazo nezibopho zazo ngegolide; izinyawo zazo eziyisihlanu zaziythusi.

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ubesaleli wawenza umphongolo ngomuthi womtholo; ubude bawo babuyizingalo ezimbili nenxenye, ububanzi bawo babuyingalo nenxenye, nokuphakama kwawo kwakuyingalo nenxenye. wawunamameka ngegolide elicwengekileyo ngaphakathi nangaphandle, wawenzela udini lwegolide nxazonke. wawukhandela amasongo amane egolide ezinyaweni zawo zozine, amasongo amabili kolunye uhlangothi lwawo, namasongo am-

abili kolunye uhlangothi lwawo. wazenza izinti zomuthi womtholo, wazinameka ngegolide. wazifaka izinti emasongweni asezinhlangothini zomphongolo ukuba umphongolo uthwalwe ngazo. wasenza isihlalo somusa ngegolide elicwengekileyo; ubude baso babuyizingalo ezimbili nenxenye, nobubanzi baso babuyingalo nenxenye. wawenza amakherubi amabili ngegolide, wawenza ngomsebenzi okhandiweyo ekugcineni kwe-sihlalo somusa nxazombili, elinye ikherubi ekugcineni ngalapha neline ikherubi ekugcineni ngalapha; wawenza amakherubi abakunye nesihlalo somusa, ekugcineni kwaso ngalapha nangalapha. amakherubi awelula amaphiko awo ngaphezulu, amboza isihlalo somusa ngamaphiko awo, abhekana ngobuso; ubuso bamakherubi babheka isihlalo somusa. walenza itafula ngomuthi womtholo; ubude balo babuyizingalo ezimbili, nobubanzi balo babuyingalo, nokuphakama kwalo kwakuyingalo nenxenye. walinameka ngegolide elicwengekileyo, walenzela udini lwegolide nxazonke. walenzela usiko olulingene nesandla ngobubanzi nxazonke, walenzela usiko lwalo udini lwegolide nxazonke. walukhandela amasongo amane egolide, wawafaka amasongo emagumbini omane asezinyaweni zalo zozine. amasongo ayengasodinini, izindawo zezinti zokuthwala itafula. wazenza izinti ngomuthi womtholo, wazinameka ngegolide, ukuba itafula lithwalwe ngazo. wayesenza ngegolide elicwengekileyo izitsha ezazisetafuleni, izingqwebhe zalo, nezinkozo zalo, nezinkamba zalo, nezindebe zalo zokuthela. wawenza uthi lwezibani ngegolide elicwengekileyo, walwenza uthi lwezibani ngomsebenzi okhandiweyo, isinqe salo nesiqu salo; izimbizana zalo, namasumpa alo, nezimbali zalo kwakukunye nalo. kwakukhona amatatsha ayisithupha aphuma ezinhlangothini zalo, amatatsha amathathu othi lwezibani kolunye uhlangothi lwalo namatatsha amathathu othi lwezibani kolunye uhlangothi lwalo. izimbizana ezintathu zafaniswa nezimbali zemi-alimondi kwelinye igatsha, zinesumpa nembali; izimbizana ezintathu zafaniswa nezimbali zemi-alimondi kwelinye igatsha, zinesumpa nembali; kwakunjalo kuwo onke amatatsha ayisithupha aphuma othini lwezibani. kwakukhona othini lwezibani izimbizana ezine ezifana nezimbali zemi-alimondi, zinamasumpa azo nezimbali zazo, isumpa phansi kwamamatatsha amabili likunye nalo, neline isumpa phansi kwamamatatsha amabili likunye nalo, neline isumpa phansi kwamamatatsha amabili likunye nalo, kuwo onke amatatsha ayisithupha aphuma kulo. amasumpa alo namamatatsha alo ayekunye nalo; konke okwalo kwakungumsebenzi munye okhandiweyo wegolide elicwengekileyo. wazenza izibani

zalo eziyisikhombisa nezizenze zalo nezitsha zalo zensizi ngegolide elicwengekileyo. walwenza ngetalenta legolide elicwengekileyo, nazo zonke izinto zalo. walenza i-altare lempepho ngomuthi womtholo; ubude balo babuyingalo, nobubanzi balo babuyingalo; laba nezinhlangothi ezine ezilingeneyo; nokuphakama kwalo kwakuyizingalo ezimbili; izimpondo zalo zazikunye nalo. walinameka ngegolide elicwengekileyo ngaphezulu, nezinhlangothi zalo nxazonke, nezimpondo zalo; walenzela udini lwegolide nxazonke. walenzela amasongo amabili egolide phansi kodini lwalo nxazombili, ezinhlangothini zalo zombili, abeyizindawo zezinti zokulithwala. wazenza izinti ngomuthi womtholo, wazinameka ngegolide. wawenza amafutha angwele okugcoba, nempepho enhle yamakha athaphukayo, ngokobungcweti bomthaki.

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walenza i-altare lomnikelo wokushiswa ngomuthi womtholo; ubude balo babuyizingalo eziyisihlanu, nobubanzi balo babuyizingalo eziyisihlanu; laba nezinhlangothi ezine ezilingeneyo; nokuphakama kwalo kwakuyizingalo ezintathu. wazenza izimpondo zalo emagumbini alo omane, izimpondo zalo zazikunye nalo; walinameka ngethusi. wazenza zonke izinto ze-altare, amakhanzi, namafosholo, nezitsha, nezimfoloko, nemicengezi yomlilo; wazenza zonke izinto zalo ngethusi. walenzela i-altare ihele lethusi elenziwe njengenetha phansi kosiko oluzungeza i-altare ukuba lifinyelele ngaphakathi kwe-altare ukuya phezulu. wakhanda amasongo amane amagumbi omane ehele lethusi, abeyizindawo zezinti. wazenza izinti ngomuthi womtholo, wazinameka ngethusi. wazifaka izinti emasongweni ezinhlangothini ze-altare ukuba lithwalwe ngazo; walenza ngamapulangwe laba yigobongo. wawenza umcengezi wethusi nesinqe sawo ngethusi lezibuko zabesifazane abahlangana ukuyokhonza ngasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana. walenza negeke; ngaseningizimu ohlangothini lwaseningizimu izilenge zegceke zaziylineni elicolekileyo lemucu ephothiweyo, izingalo eziyikhulu. izinsika zazo zazingamashumi amabili, nezinyawo zazo zazingamashumi amabili zethusi; izingwegwe zezinsika nezibopho zazo zaziyliliva. ngasohlangothini lwasenyakatho yizingalo eziyikhulu, izinsika zazo zingamashumi amabili, nezinyawo zazo zingamashumi amabili zethusi; izingwegwe zezinsika nemishayo yazo kwakuyiliva. ngasohlangothini olungasentshonalanga izilenge zaziylizingalo ezingamashumi ayisihlanu, izinsika zazo zaziylishumi, nezinyawo zazo zaziyl-

ishumi; izingwegwe zezinsika nemishayo yazo kwakuyisiliva. nangasempumalanga ngasohlangothini olungasempumalanga yizingalo ezingamashumi ayisihlanu. izilenge kwelinye icele lesango zaziyingalo eziyishumi nanhlano; izinsika zazo zazintathu, nezinyawo zazo zazintathu. kwaba njalo nakwelinye icele: ngalapha nangalapha kwesango legceke zazikhona izilenge eziyingalo eziyishumi nanhlano; izinsika zazo zazintathu, nezinyawo zazo zazintathu. zonke izilenge zegceke nxazonke zazingezelini elicolekileyo lemicu ephothiweyo. izinyawo zezinsika zaziythusi, izingwegwe zezinsika nemishayo yazo kwakuyisiliva; izihloko zazo zazinamekwe ngesiliva; zonke izinsika zegceke zazinesibopho sesiliva. iveli lesango legceke lalingumsebenzi womfekethisi ngokuluhlaza nangokububende nangokubomvu, nangelineni elicolekileyo lemicu ephothiweyo; ubude balo babuyizingalo ezingamashumi amabili, nokuphakama ngokobubanzi bezilenge kwakuyizingalo eziyisihlanu ngokulingene nezilenge zegceke. izinsika zalo zazizine, nezinyawo zalo zazizine zethusi; izingwegwe zaziysiliva, ukunamakwa kwezihloko nokwezibopho kwakuyisiliva. zonke izikhonkwane zetabernakele nezegceke nxazonke zaziythusi. lokhu kuyimali yetabernakele, itabernakele lobufakazi, njengokubalwa kwayo ngesiyalezo sikamose, ngokubala kwamalevi ngesandla sika-itamari indodana ka-aroni umpristi. ubesaleli indodana ka-uri kahure, owesizwe sakwajuda, wakwenza konke ujevova-aeiou amyale ngakho umose. wayeno-oholiyabe indodana ka-ahisamaki, owesizwe sakwadani, umqophi nengcweti nomfekethisi ngokuluhlaza nangokububende nangokubomvu, nangelineni elicolekileyo lemicu ephothiweyo. lonke igolide okwasetshenzwa ngalo, wonke umsebenzi wendlu engcwele, igolide lomnikelo lalingamatalenta angamashumi amabili nesishiyagalolunye namashekeli angamakhulu ayisikhombisa namashumi amathathu ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele. isiliva lababebalwa esizweni lalingamatalenta ayikhulu namashekeli ayinkulungwane namakhulu ayisikhombisa namashumi ayisikhombisa nanhlano ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele, kwaba yilowo nalowo wanikela ngebeka eliyinxenye yeshekeli ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele kubo bonke abadlulela kwabaliweyo abaneminyaka engamashumi amabili nangaphezulu, abantu abayizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisithupha nantathu namakhulu ayisihlanu namashumi ayisihlanu. amatalenta ayikhulu esiliva ayengawokukhanda izinyawo zendlu engcwele, nezinyawo zesihenqo, izinyawo eziyikhulu ngamatalenta ayikhulu, italenta ngonyawo. ngamashekeli ayinkulungwane namakhulu

ayisikhombisa namashumi ayisikhombisa nanhlano wenza izingwegwe zezinsika, wanameka izihloko zazo, wazenzela izibopho. ithusi lomnikelo laba ngamatalenta angamashumi ayisikhombisa namashekeli ayizinkulungwane ezimbili namakhulu amane. wenza ngalo izinyawo zomnyango wetende lokuhlangana, ne-altare lethusi, nehele lalo lethusi, nezinto zonke ze-altare, nezinyawo zegceke nxazonke, nezinyawo zesango legceke, nazo zonke izikhonkwane zetabernakele, nazo zonke izikhonkwane zegceke nxazonke.

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ngokuluhlaza nangokububende nangokubomvu benza izambatho ezenziwe kahle zokukhonza endaweni engcwele; bamenzela u-aroni izambatho ezingcwele, njengalokho ujevova-aeiou emyalile umose. wayenza ingubo yamahlombe ngegolide, ngokuluhlaza nangokububende nangokubomvu, nangelineni elicolekileyo lemicu ephothiweyo. balikhanda igolide laba ngongcwecwe, balisika izincingwana ukuba zalukwe nokuluhlaza nokububende nokubomvu, nelinei elicolekileyo, umsebenzi wengcweti. bayenzela izzibza zamahlombe ezihlanganisiweyo; yahlanganiswa emaceleni omabili. ibhande elalukiwe kahle elalukuyo ukuyibhinca lalukunye nayo, lifana nokusetshenzwa kwayo, lalingegolide, lingokuluhlaza nangokububende nangokubomvu, nangelineni elicolekileyo lemicu ephothiweyo, njengalokho ujevova-aeiou emyalile umose. balungisa amatshes amashohamu ezungezwe yizisekelo zegolide, eqoshwe njengendandatho ngamagama amadodana ka-israyeli. wawabeka ezizibeni zengubo yamahlombe, abe ngamatshes esikhumbuzo sabantwana bakwa-israyeli, njengalokho ujevova-aeiou emyalile umose. wayesesenza isihlangu sesifuba, umsebenzi wengcweti, njengokusetshenzwa kwengubo yamahlombe, ngegolide, ngokuluhlaza nangokububende nangokubomvu, nangelineni elicolekileyo lemicu ephothiweyo. sasinezinhlangothi ezine ezilingeneyo; basenza isihlangu sesifuba siphindwe kabili; ubude baso babunjengokudazuluka kweminwe, nobubanzi baso babunjengokudazuluka kweminwe, siphindwe kabili. bafaka kuso izinhla ezine zamatshe; uhla lwesardiyo, netopazi, nerubi lwaba luhla lokuqala; uhla lwesibili lwaba yisimaragidu, nesafire, nedayimani; uhla lwesithathu lwaba yihiyakinte, ne-agathe, ne-amethiste; uhla lwesine lwaba yikrisolithi, neshohamu, nejaspi; ayezungeziwe yizisekelo zegolide lapho zifakwe khona. amatshes aye-ishumi nambili njengamagama amadodana ka-israyeli, njengamagama abo; njen-

gokuquosha kwendandatho yilelo nalelo lalinesama lakhe kuzo izizwe eziyishumi namibili. benza esihlangwini sesifuba amaketanga njengamagoda, umsebenzi othandelweyo wegolide elicwengekileyo. benza izisekelo ezimbili zegolide namasongo amabili egolide; bawafaka amasongo omabili emaceleni omabili esihlangu. base befaka amaketanga omabili egolide athandelweyo emasongweni omabili emaceleni esihlangu sesifuba. ezinye izihloko ezimbili zamaketanga athandelweyo bazifaka ezisekelweni ezimbili, wazibeka ngaphambili ezizibeni zengubo yamahlombe. base bewenza amasongo amabili egolide, bawafaka emaceleni omabili esihlangu sesifuba, eceleni laso elibhekene nengubo yamahlombe ngaphakathi. bawenza amasongo amabili egolide, bawafaka ezizibeni zombili zengubo yamahlombe phansi ngaphambili, eduze nokuhlangana kwayo, phezu kwebhande elifekethisiweyo lengubo yamahlombe. base bebopha isihlangu sesifuba ngamasongo aso emasongweni engubo yamahlombe ngentambo eluhlaza ukuba sibe phezu kwebhande elifekethisiweyo lengubo yamahlombe, ukuze isihlangu sesifuba singakhumuki engutsheni yamahlombe, njengalokho ujhova-aeiou emyalile umose. walenza ijazi lengubo yamahlombe ngokwalukiweyo, ngokuluhlaza lonke. imbobo yejazi ngaphakathi kwalo yayinjengembobo yebhantshi lensimbi, inomphetho oyizungeza imbobo yalo ukuba lingadatshulwa. benza emiphethweni yejazi amapomegranati ngokuluhlaza nangokububende nangokubomvu okuphothiweyo. bazonke izikhencezo zegolide elicwengekileyo, bazifaka izikhencezo phakathi kwamapomegranati emiphethweni yejazi nxazonke phakathi kwamapomegranati, isikhencezo nepomegranati, isikhencezo nepomegranati emiphethweni yejazi nxazonke, ukuba kukhonze ngalo, njengalokho ujhova-aeiou emyalile umose. base bebalukela u-aroni namadodana akhe amabhantshi elineni elicolekileyo lomsebenzi owalukiweyo, nesigqoko selineni elicolekileyo, nezinye izigqoko ezinhle zelineni elicolekileyo, namabhulukwe elineni ngelineni elicolekileyo lemicu ephothiweyo, nebhande lelineni elicolekileyo lemicu ephothiweyo nelokuluhlaza nelokububende nelokubomvu, umsebenzi womfeketshisi, njengalokho ujhova-aeiou emyalile umose. benza ungcwecwe womqhele ongcwele ngegolide elicwengekileyo, babhala kuye umbhalo njengokuquosha kwendandatho wokuthi: wahlukaniselwe ujhova-aeiou. babophela kuye intambo eluhlaza ukuba abekwe phezu esigqokweni, njengalokho ujhova-aeiou emyalile umose. njalo-ke kwaqedwa

wonke umsebenzi wetabernakele letende lokuhlangana; abantwana benza njengakho konke ujhova-aeiou amayale ngakho umose; benze njalo-ke. baliletha itabernakele kumose, itende nempahla yalo yonke, nezinkibaniso zalo, namapulungwe alo, nemishayo yalo, nezinsika zalo, nezinyawo zalo, nesifulelo sezikhumba ezibomvu zezinqama, nesifulelo sezikhumba zamatahasi, nesihlenqo seveli, nomphongolo wobufakazi, nezinti zawo, nesihlalo somusa; itafula nezinto zonke zalo, nezinkwa zokubukwa; uthi olucwengekileyo lwezibani nezibani zalo, izibani zihleliwe, nezinto zonke zalo, namafutha okukhanyisa, ne-altare legolide, namafutha okugcoba, nempepho ethaphukayo, neveli lomnyango wetende; i-altare lethusi, nehele lalo lethusi, nezinti zalo, nezinto zonke zalo, nomcengezi nesinqe sawo; izilenge zegceke, nezinsika zalo, nezinyawo zalo, neveli lesango legceke, nezintambo zalo, nezikhonkwane zalo, nempahla yonke yenkonzo yetabernakele, netende lokuhlangana; izambatho ezenziwe kahle zokukhonza endaweni engcwele, nezambatho ezingcwele zika-aroni umpristi, nezambatho zamadodana akhe zokukhonza esikhundleni sobupristi. njengakho konke ujhova-aeiou amayale ngakho umose, benze njalo abantwana bakwa-israyeli wonke umsebenzi. umose wabona wonke umsebenzi; bheka, babewenzile; njengalokho ujhova-aeiou eyalile, bawenza kanjalo; umose wababusisa.

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ujhova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga yokuqala wolimisa itabernakele letende lokuhlangana. wofaka khona umphongolo wobufakazi, uwuhlenqele umphongolo ngesihlenqo. ulingenise itafula, uhlele izinto eziphezu kwalo, ulungenise uthi lwezibani, ubeke izibani zalo. ubeke i-altare legolide lempepho phambi komphongolo wobufakazi, ulengise iveli lomnyango wetabernakele. ubeke i-altare lomnikelo wokushiswa phambi komnyango wetabernakele letende lokuhlangana. ubeke umcengezi phakathi kwetende lokuhlangana ne-altare, uthelwe amanzi kuwo. ulungise igceke nxazonke, ulengise iveli lesango legceke. uthabathe amafutha okugcoba, uligcobe itabernakele nakho konke okukulo, ulingcwelise kanye nempahla yalo yonke, libe ngcwele. ugcobe i-altare lomnikelo wokushiswa nezinto zalo zonke, ulingcwelise i-altare, i-altare libe ngcwelengcwele. ugcobe umcengezi nesinqe sawo, uwungcwelise. ulethe u-aroni namadodana akhe emnyango wetende lokuhlangana, ubageze ngamanzi. umembathise u-aroni izambatho ezingcwele,



umgcobe, umngcwelise ukuba angikhonze esikhundleni sobupristi. ulethe amadodana akhe, uwembathise amabhantshi, uwagcobe, njengalokho wamgcoba uyise, ukuba bangikhonze esikhundleni sobupristi, ukugcotshwa kwabo kube ngubupristi obuphakade kubo ezizukulwaneni zabo, wenze njalo umose; njengakho konke ujevova-aeiou amyale ngakho, wenze njalo-ke. kwathi enyangu yokuqala ngomnyaka wesibili, ngolokuqala lwenyanga itabernakele lamiswa. umose walimisa itabernakele, wabeka izinyawo zalo, wamisa amapulangwe alo, wafaka imishayo yalo, wamisa izinsika zalo. weneka itende phezu kwetabernakele, wabeka isifulelo setende phezu kwalo, njengalokho ujevova-aeiou emyalile umose. wathabatha, wabufaka ubufakazi emphongolweni, wafaka izinti emphongolweni, wabeka isihlalo somusa phezu komphongolo. wangenisa umphongolo etabernakele, wamisa isihengo seveli, wahlenqela umphongolo wobufakazi, njengalokho ujevova-aeiou emyalile umose. wafaka itafula etendeni lokuhlangana ohlangothini lwetabernakele olungasenyakatho ngaphandle kwesihengo. wahlala izinkwa phezu kwalo phambi kukajehova-aeiou, njengalokho ujevova-aeiou emyalile umose. walubeka uthi lwezibani etendeni lokuhlangana malungana netafula ohlangothini lwetabernakele olungaseningizimu. wazibeka izibani phambi kukajehova-aeiou, njengalokho ujevova-aeiou emyalile umose. walibeka i-altare legolide etendeni lokuhlangana ngaphambi kwesihengo. washisa lapho impepho yamakha athaphukayo, njengalokho ujevova-aeiou emyalile umose. walengisa iveli lomnyango wetabernakele. wabeka i-altare lomnikelo wokushiswa ngasemnyango wetabernakele letende lokuhlangana, wanikela kulo ngomnikelo wokushiswa nangomnikelo wempuphu, njengalokho ujevova-aeiou emyalile umose. wabeka umcengezi phakathi kwetende lokuhlangana ne-altare, wathela kuwo amanzi okugeza. omose no-aroni namadodana akhe bahlambela kuwo izandla zabo nezinyawo zabo. nxa bengena etendeni lokuhlangana nanxa besondela e-altare, bageza njengalokho ujevova-aeiou emyalile umose. walungisa igceke lizungeza itabernakele ne-altare, walengisa iveli lesango legceke; kanjalo-ke umose wawuqeda umsebenzi. ifu lase lisibekela itende lokuhlangana, nenkazimulo kajehova-aeiou yagcwalisa itabernakele. umose wayengenakungena etendeni lokuhlangana, ngokuba ifu lahlala phezu kwalo, nenkazimulo kajehova-aeiou yagcwalisa itabernakele. njalo lapho ifu lenyuswa etabernakele, abantwana bakwa-israyeli baqhubekela phambili ezinkambeni zabo zonke. kepha

uma ifu lingenyuswanga, babengaqhubeki kwaze kwafika usuku lokwenyuswa kwalo. ngokuba ifu likajehova-aeiou laliphezu kwetabernakele emini, nomlilo wawukulo ebusuku emehlweni ayo yonke indlu yakwa-israyeli ezinkambeni zabo zonke.

ujehova-aeiou esetendeni lokuhlangana wambiza umose, wakhuluma kuye, wathi: yisho kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, uthi kubo: nxa umuntu wakini eletha umnikelo kujehova-aeiou, anonikela ngomnikelo wenu wezinkomo zemihlambi nowezimvu. uma umnikelo wakhe ungumnikelo wokushiswa wemihlambi, uyakunikela ngeduna elingenasici, anikele ngalo ngasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana, aze amukeleke kujehova-aeiou. uyakubeka isandla sakhe enhloko yomnikelo wokushiswa; uyakwamukelwa ngenxa yakhe, umenzele ukubuyisana. wolihlaba iduna phambi kukajehova-aeiou, amadodana ka-aroni, abapristi, alethe igazi, afafaze ngegazi nxazonke ze-altare elingasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana. uyakuhlinza umnikelo wokushiswa, awuhlahlele izitho. amadodana ka-aroni umpristi abeke umlilo e-altare, ahlele izinkuni phezu komlilo; amadodana ka-aroni, abapristi, ahlele izitho, nenhloko, namanoni, phezu kwezinkuni ezisemilweni ophezu kwe-altare, ahlanze izibilini zalo namanqina alo ngamanzi, umpristi akushise konke e-altare, kube ngumnikelo wokushiswa, umnikelo womlilo, ube yiphunga eliminandi kujehova-aeiou. uma umnikelo wakhe ungowemihlambi, owasezimvini noma owasezimbuzini, ube ngumnikelo wokushiswa, wonikela ngeduna elingenasici. alihlabhe ngasohlangothini lwe-altare olungasenyakatho phambi kukajehova-aeiou; amadodana ka-aroni, abapristi, afafaze i-altare ngegazi lalo nxazonke. alihlahlele izitho nenhloko yalo namanoni alo, umpristi akuhlele phezu kwezinkuni ezisemilweni ophezu kwe-altare, ahlanze izibilini zalo namanqina alo ngamanzi, umpristi anikele ngakho konke, akushise e-altare kube ngumnikelo wokushiswa, umnikelo womlilo, ube yiphunga eliminandi kujehova-aeiou. uma umnikelo wakhe kujehova-aeiou ungumnikelo wokushiswa kwezinyoni, wonikela ngomnikelo wamahobhe noma ngowamaphuphu amajuba. umpristi awulethe e-altare, awushumpule inhloko, awushise e-altare, igazi lawo likhanyelwe ngasohlangothini lwe-altare, asuse ingila nezimpaphe, akulahle ngaseceleni kwe-altare ngasempumalanga endaweni yomlotha, awuqaque ngamaphiko awo, angawudabuli kodwa; umpristi awushise e-altare phezu kwezinkuni ezisemilweni, ube ngumnikelo wokushiswa, umnikelo womlilo, ube yiphunga eliminandi kujehova-aeiou.

puphu ecolekileyo, athele amafutha kuwo, abeke inhla kuwo, awulethe kumadodana ka-aroni, abapristi, acaphune kuwo ngokhweshe wempuphu ecolekileyo yawo nowamafutha awo, kanye nayo yonke inhla yawo, umpristi awushise ube yisikhumbuzo sawo e-altare, umnikelo womlilo, ube yiphunga eliminandi kujehova-aeiou; okuseleyo komnikelo wempuphu kuyakuba ngokuka-aroni nokwamadodana akhe; kungcwelelengcwele eminkelweni yomlilo kajehova-aeiou. nxa uletha umnikelo wempuphu ephekwe eziko, woba ngamaqebelengwane angenamvubelo empuphu ecolekileyo exovwe namafutha, noma imiqathane engenamvubelo, egcotshwe ngamafutha. uma umnikelo wakho ungumnikelo wempuphu ephekwe ngomqengele, woba ngowempuphu ecolekileyo engenamvubelo, exovwe ngamafutha. uwuhlephule izingcezu, uthele amafutha kuzo; kungumnikelo wempuphu. uma umnikelo wakho ungumnikelo wempuphu ephekwe ngokhamba, uyakwenziwa ngempuphu ecolekileyo kanye namafutha. woletsa kujehova-aeiou umnikelo wempuphu owenziwe ngalezo zinto, unikelwe kumpristi, yena awuyise e-altare. umpristi makathabathe okuyisikhumbuzo kuwo umnikelo wempuphu, akushise e-altare kube ngumnikelo womlilo, kube yiphunga eliminandi kujehova-aeiou. okuseleyo komnikelo wempuphu kuyakuba ngokuka-aroni nokwamadodana akhe; kungcwelelengcwele eminkelweni yomlilo kajehova-aeiou. awuyikwenziwa ngemvubelo umnikelo wempuphu eninikela ngawo kujehova-aeiou, ngokuba aniyikushisa imvubelo nazinyosi kube ngumnikelo womlilo kujehova-aeiou. anonikela ngakho kube ngumnikelo wolibo; kungenyukeli e-altare nokho, kube yiphunga eliminandi. yonke iminikelo yakho yempuphu iyoliswe ngosawoti; ungavumeli ukuba usawoti wesivumelwano sikalezi-ku wakho asilale eminkelweni wakho wempuphu; wonikela ngayo yonke iminikelo yakho inosawoti. uma unikela ngomnikelo wempuphu wolibo kujehova-aeiou, wonikela ngezikhwebu zamabele ezosiwe ngomlilo, amabele agquliweyo ezikhwebu ezintsha, ube ngumnikelo wempuphu wolibo lwakho, uthele amafutha kuwo, ubeke inhla phezu kwawo; kungumnikelo wempuphu. umpristi ashise okuyisikhumbuzo sawo, inxenye yamabele agquliweyo awo nenxenye yamafutha awo kanye nayo yonke inhla yawo; kungumnikelo womlilo kujehova-aeiou.

nxa umuntu enikela ngomnikelo wempuphu kujehova-aeiou, umnikelo woba yim-

uma umnikelo wakhe ungumhlatshelelo weminikelo yokuthula, enikela ngowemihlambi, noma iduna noma insikazi, wonikela ngawo phambi kukajehova-aeiou ungena-

sici. uyakubeka isandla sakhe enhloko yomnikelo wakhe, awuhlabe ngasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana, amadodana ka-aroni, abapristi, afafaze i-altare nxazonke ngegazi. wothabatha kuwo umhlatshelelo weminikelo yokuthula, anikele ngomnikelo womlilo kujehova-aeiou, umhlelo osibekela izibilini nawo onke amanoni aphezu kwezibilini, nezinsu zombili namanoni akuzo angasezinkalweni, namanoni aphezu kwesibindi, ewasusa ngasezinsweni. amadodana ka-aroni ayakukushisa e-altare phezu komnikelo wokushiswa ophezu kwezinkuni ezisemlilweni, kube ngumnikelo womlilo, kube yiphunga elimnandi kujehova-aeiou.

uma umnikelo wakhe nomhlatshelelo weminikelo yokuthula kujehova-aeiou ungowezimvu, noma iduna noma insikazi, wonikela ngawo ungenasici. uma enikela ngemvu, ibe ngumnikelo wakhe, wonikela ngayo phambi kukajehova-aeiou, abeke isandla sakhe enhloko yomnikelo wakhe, awuhlabe ngaphambi kwetende lokuhlangana, amadodana ka-aroni afafaze i-altare nxazonke ngegazi lawo. wothabatha kuwo umhlatshelelo weminikelo yokuthula, anikele ngomnikelo womlilo kujehova-aeiou amanoni awo, nomsila wonke ononileyo, awunqume eduze nomhlandla, namanoni asibekela izibilini, nawo onke amanoni aphezu kwezibilini, nezinsu zombili namanoni akuzo angasezinkalweni, namanoni aphezu kwesibindi, ewasusa ngasezinsweni. umpristi uyakukushisa e-altare; kungukudla komnikelo womlilo kujehova-aeiou. uma umnikelo wakhe uyimbuzi, wonikela ngayo phambi kukajehova-aeiou, abeke isandla sakhe enhloko yayo, ayihlabe ngaphambi kwetende lokuhlangana, amadodana ka-aroni afafaze i-altare nxazonke ngegazi layo. abesethabatha kuyo, anikele ngomnikelo wakhe ube ngumnikelo womlilo kujehova-aeiou, amanoni asibekela izibilini nawo onke amanoni aphezu kwezibilini, nezinsu zombili namanoni akuzo angasezinkalweni, namanoni aphezu kwesibindi, ewasusa ngasezinsweni. umpristi uyakukushisa e-altare; kungukudla komnikelo womlilo, kube yiphunga elimnandi; onke amanoni akujehova-aeiou. kuyakuba yisimiso esiphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu ezindlini zenu zonke zokuba ningadli amanoni nagazi.

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ujehova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yisho kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, uthi: uma umuntu ona kungengamabomu kuyo imiyalo uje-hova-aeiou ayale ngayo ukuthi akunakwenziwa akwenze noma yikuphi, uma kungumpristi ogcotshiweyo owone kanjalo, aze ehlisele abantu icala, wonikela

kujehova-aeiou ngesono sakhe one ngaso iduna elingenasici, kube ngumnikelo wesono, ayiyise inkunzi ebusweni bukahjehova-aeiou ngasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana, abeke isandla sakhe enhloko yenkunzi, ayihlabe inkunzi phambi kukajehova-aeiou. umpristi ogcotshiweyo wothabatha igazi lenkunzi, alilethe ngasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana, umpristi agcobhoze umunwe wakhe egazini, afafaze ngegazi kasikhombisa phambi kukajehova-aeiou, ngaphambi kwesihengo sendlu engcwele. umpristi abhece igazi ezimpondweni ze-altare lempepho ethaphukayo phambi kukajehova-aeiou elisetendeni lokuhlangana; lonke elinye igazi lenkunzi wolihlulula ngasesinqeni se-altare lomnikelo wokushiswa elingasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana. uyakuthabatha onke amanoni enkunzi yomnikelo wesono, amanoni asibekela izibilini nawo onke amanoni aphezu kwezibilini, nezinsu zombili namanoni akuzo angasezinkalweni, namanoni aphezu kwesibindi, ewasusa ngasezinsweni, njengalokho kwasuswa kuyo inkunzi yomhlatshelelo weminikelo yokuthula, umpristi akushise e-altare lomnikelo wokushiswa. isikhumba senkunzi, nayo yonke inyama yayo, nenhloko yayo, namanqina ayo, nezibilini zayo, nomswhani wayo, yebo, yonke inkunzi uyakuyikhiphela ngaphandle kwekamu, ayiyise endaweni ehlambulukileyo lapho uthululwa khona umlotha. uma-ke yonke inhlangano yakwa-israyeli iduka, leyo nto isitheke emehlweni ebandla, benza noma yikuphi kuyo yonke imiyalo uje-hova-aeiou ayale ngakho ukuthi akunakwenziwa, baze babe necala, lapho isono abone ngaso sesaziwe, ibandla liyakunikela ngeduna libe ngumnikelo wesono, lililethe phambi kwetende lokuhlangana. amalunga enhlangano ayakubeka izandla zawo enhloko yenkunzi phambi kukajehova-aeiou, inkunzi ihlatshwe phambi kukajehova-aeiou. umpristi ogcotshiweyo alethe igazi lenkunzi etendeni lokuhlangana. umpristi uyakugcobhoza umunwe wakhe egazini, afafaze ngalo kasikhombisa phambi kukajehova-aeiou phambi kwesihengo. uyakulibheca igazi ezimpondweni ze-altare eliphambi kukajehova-aeiou, elisetendeni lokuhlangana, athulule lonke elinye igazi ngasesinqeni se-altare lomnikelo wokushiswa elingasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana. abesethabatha kuyo onke amanoni, awashise e-altare. makenze njalo ngenkunzi; njengalokho wenza ngenkunzi yomnikelo wesono, makenze njalo nangalena. umpristi abenzele ukubuyisana, baze bathethelelwe. uyakuyikhiphela inkunzi ngaphandle kwekamu, ayishise, njengalokho wayishisa inkunzi yokuqala: lokhu kungumnikelo wesono webandla.

nxa kona induna, yenza kungengam-

abomu noma yikuphi kuyo yonke imiyalo ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wayo ayale ngakho ukuthi akunakwenziwa, ize ibe necala, uma-ke yaziswa isono sayo eyone ngaso, iyakuletha umnikelo wayo ube yimbuzi, eyeduna elingenasici. iyakubeka isandla sakhe enhloko yembuzi, iyihlabele endaweni lapho behlabela khona iminikelo yokushiswa phambi kukajehova-aeiou; kungumnikelo wesono.

umpristi wothabatha igazi lomnikelo wesono ngomunwe wakhe, alibhece ezimpondweni ze-altare lomnikelo wokushiswa, igazi lawo alithulule ngasesinqeni se-altare lomnikelo wokushiswa. onke amanoni awo uyakuwashisa e-altare njengamanoni omhlatshelelo weminikelo yokuthula, umpristi ayenzele ukubuyisana ngesono sayo, ize ithethelelwe. uma kona umuntukazana, enza kungengamabomu noma yikuphi kuyo imiyalo ujhova-aeiou ayale ngakho ukuthi akunakwenziwa, aze abe necala, uma aziswa isono sakhe one ngaso, woletsha umnikelo wakhe wembuzi, insikazi engenasici, ngesono sakhe one ngaso. uyakubeka isandla sakhe enhloko yomnikelo wesono, awuhlabane umnikelo wesono endaweni yomnikelo wokushiswa. umpristi wothabatha igazi lawo ngomunwe wakhe, alibhece ezimpondweni ze-altare lomnikelo wokushiswa, lonke elinye igazi lawo alithulule ngasesinqeni se-altare. onke amanoni awo uyakuwasusa, njengalokhu amanoni esuswa emhlatshelelweni weminikelo yokuthula, umpristi awashise e-altare abeyiphunga elimnandi kujehova-aeiou, umpristi amenzele ukubuyisana, aze athethelelwe.

uma eletha iwundlu libe ngumnikelo wakhe wesono, woletsha insikazi engenasici. uyakubeka isandla sakhe enhloko yomnikelo wesono, awuhlabane, ube ngumnikelo wesono endaweni lapho behlabela khona umnikelo wokushiswa. umpristi wothabatha igazi lomnikelo wesono ngomunwe wakhe, alibhece ezimpondweni ze-altare lomnikelo wokushiswa, lonke elinye igazi lawo alithulule ngasesinqeni se-altare. onke amanoni awo uyakuwasusa, njengalokhu amanoni emvu esuswa emhlatshelelweni weminikelo yokuthula, umpristi awashise e-altare phezu kweminikelo yomlilo kajehova-aeiou, umpristi amenzele ukubuyisana ngesono sakhe one ngaso, aze athethelelwe.

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uma umuntu ona lapho ezwa izwi lesifungo, engufakazi wokuthile, noma ekubonile noma ekwazi, engakusho nokho, khona wothwala ububi bakhe; noma umuntu ethinta into engcolileyo, noma isidumbu sesilo esingcolileyo, noma isidumbu senkomo engcolileyo, noma isidumbu sesilwanyana esikhasayo esingcolileyo, kumsithele, en-

gcolile nokho, woba necala. noma ethinta ukungcola komuntu, nakuba yikuphi ukungcola kwakhe angcole ngakho, kumsithele, lapho esekwazi woba necala. noma umuntu efunga ngamawala ngomlomo wakhe ukwenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka nokuba ukwenza okuhle, noma yikuphi umuntu angaphahluka ngakho ngesifungo, kumsithele, lapho esekwazi woba necala kokunye kwalokho. kuyakuthi lapho enecala kokunye kwalokho, avume lokho one ngakho, uyakuletha umnikelo wecala lakhe kujehova-aeiou ngesono sakhe one ngaso, insikazi yasezimvini, imvu noma imbuzi, kube ngumnikelo wesono, umpristi amenzele ukubuyisana ngesono sakhe. uma amandla akhe enganeli imvu, makalethe kujehova-aeiou ngesono one ngaso amahobhe amabili noma amaphuphu amabili amajuba, elinye libe ngumnikelo wesono, elinye libe ngumnikelo wokushiswa, awalethe kumpristi oyakunikela ngelomnikelo wesono kuqala, alishumpule inhloko entanyeni, angalidabuli kodwa, afafaze uhlangothi lwe-altare ngegazi lomnikelo wesono, igazi eliseleyo likhanyelwe ngasesinqeni se-altare; kungumnikelo wesono. uyakulungisa elesibili libe ngumnikelo wokushiswa njengokwesimiso, umpristi amenzele ukubuyisana ngesono sakhe one ngaso, aze athethelelwe.

kepha uma amandla akhe enganeli amahobhe amabili noma amaphuphu amabili amajuba, makalethe umnikelo wakhe ngalokho one ngakho, okweshumi kwe-efa lempuphu ecolikileyo, ube ngumnikelo wesono, angatheli mafutha phezu kwawo, angabeki nhlaka phezu kwawo, ngokuba kungumnikelo wesono, awulethe kumpristi, umpristi acaphune kuwo ngokhweshe, kube yisikhumbuzo sawo, akushise e-altare phezu kweminikelo yomlilo kajehova-aeiou; kungumnikelo wesono. umpristi uyakumenzela ukubuyisana ngesono sakhe one ngaso, nakuyiphi yalezi zinto, aze athethelelwe; okuseleyo kube ngokompristi njengomnikelo wempuphu.

ujehova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: uma umuntu esenza isiphambeko, one kungengamabomu ezintweni ezingcwele zikajehova-aeiou, woletsha kujehova-aeiou umnikelo wakhe wecala, inqama yasemhlambini engenasici njengokulinganisa kwakho namashekeli esiliva ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele, ibe ngumnikelo wecala, akhokhele lokho one ngakho entweni engcwele, athasisele kukho okwesihlanu, akunike umpristi, umpristi amenzele ukubuyisana ngenqama yomnikelo wecala, aze athethelelwe. uma umuntu ona, enza noma yikuphi kuyo imiyalo ujhova-aeiou ayale ngakho ukuthi akunakwenziwa, noma ebengakwazi, unecala nokho, futhi wothwala ububi bakhe. woletsha kumpristi inqama engenasici yasemhlambini njengokulinganisa

kwakho, ibe ngumnikelo wecala, umpristi amenzele ukubuyisana ngesiphosiso aphosiso ngaso engazi, aze athethelelwe. kungumnikelo wecala; nempela unecala phambi kukajehova-aeiou.

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ujehova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: uma umuntu ona, enze isiphambeko kujehova-aeiou, akhohlise umakhelwane wakhe ngento ebekiweyo, noma isibambiso noma into ephangiweyo, noma ecindezela umakhelwane wakhe, noma, lapho ethola into elahlekileyo, eyiphika, afunge amanga, noma yikuphi kukho konke lokhu umuntu akwenzayo one ngakho, khona kuyakuthi, uma onile aze abe necala, uyakukubuyisa lokho okuphangliweyo, noma lokho akudlileyo, noma lokho okwakubekwe kuye, noma lokho okwakhalekile akutholayo, noma yikuphi afungile amanga ngakho; makakubuyise, athasisele okwesihlanu kukho, amnike lowo okungokwakhe ngosuku lomnikelo wakhe wecala. woletla umnikelo wakhe wecala kujehova-aeiou, inqama engenasici yasemhlambini ngokulinganisa kwakho, ibe ngumnikelo wecala, iyiswe kumpristi, umpristi amenzele ukubuyisana phambi kukajehova-aeiou, aze athethelelwe konke angahle abe ekwenzile anecala ngakho. uje-hova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yala u-aroni namadodana akhe, uthi: nanku umthetho weminikelo yokushiswa: umnikelo wokushiswa uyakuhlala eziko le-altare ubusuku bonke kuze kuse, umlilo we-altare uhlale kulo uvutha njalo. umpristi uyakwembatha isambatho selineni, afake nebhulukwe lakhe lelineni emzimbeni wakhe, asuse umlotha womlilo oshise umnikelo wokushiswa e-altare, awuthele ngaseceleni kwe-altare. abesekhuma izambatho zakhe, embathe ezinye izambatho, akhiphele umlotha ngaphandle kwekamu endaweni elhambulukileyo. umlilo ophezu kwe-altare uyakuhlala kulo uvutha njalo, ungacimi; umpristi uyakubasa izinkuni kulo ekuseni njalo, ahlele kulo umnikelo wokushiswa, ashise kulo amanoni eminikelo yokuthula. umlilo wohlala e-altare uvutha njalo, ungacimi.

nanku umthetho weminikelo yempuphu: amadodana ka-aroni ayakunikela ngawo phambi kukajehova-aeiou ngaphambi kwe-altare. makucashunwe kuwo ngokhweshe impuphu ecolekileyo yomnikelo wempuphu namafutha awo, nayo yonke inhla epezu komnikelo wempuphu, akushise e-altare kube yisikhumbuzo sawo, kube yiphunga elimnandi kujehova-aeiou. okuseleyo kuwo kuyakudliwa ngu-aroni namadodana akhe, kudliwe ngaphandle kwemvubelo endaweni engcwele, bakudlele egcekeni

letende lokuhlangana. akuyikuphekwa ngemvubelo. ngikunike kube yisabelo sabo seminikelo yami yomlilo; kungcwelengcwele njengomnikelo wesono nanjengomnikelo wecala. bonke abesilisa phakathi kwabantwana baka-aroni bayakukudla kube yisimiso esiphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu seminikelo yomlilo kajehova-aeiou; konke okukuthintayo kuyakuba ngcwele. uje-hova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: nanku umnikelo ka-aroni nowamadodana akhe abayakunikela ngawo kujehova-aeiou mhla begcotshwa: okweshumi kwe-efa lempuphu ecolekileyo kube ngumnikelo wempuphu njalonjalo, inxenye yakho ekuseni nenxenye yakho kusihlwa. uyakwenziwa emqengeleni ngamafutha; usuxutshanisiwe wowungenisa, unikele ngomnikelo wempuphu, ube yizingcezu ezihleshuliweyo, zibe yiphunga elimnandi kujehova-aeiou. umpristi ogcotshiweyo esikhundleni sakhe phakathi kwamadodana akhe wonikela ngawo, kube yisimiso esiphakade; woshiswa wonke. yonke iminikelo yempuphu yompristi yoshiswa yonke, ingadliwa. uje-hova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yisho ku-aroni nakumadodana akhe, uthi: nanku umthetho weminikelo yesono; endaweni ohlatshelwe kuyo umnikelo wokushiswa, mawuhlatshelwe khona umnikelo wesono phambi kukajehova-aeiou; ungcwelengcwele. umpristi onikela ngawo ngesono wowudla, udlwe endaweni engcwele egcekeni letende lokuhlangana. konke okuyakuthinta in-yama yawo kuyakuba ngcwele; nxa ingubo ifafazwa ngegazi lawo, lapho kufafazwe khona uyakukugeza endaweni engcwele. kepha isitsha sebumba okuphekelwe kuso masaphulwe, kodwa uma kuphekelwa esitsheni sethusi, siyakuphucuzwa, sihas-hazwe ngamanzi. bonke abesilisa phakathi kwabapristi bayakuwudla; ungcwelengcwele. kepha makungadliwa umnikelo wesono okwangeniswa igazi lawo etendeni lokuhlangana ukuba kwenziwe ukubuyisana endaweni engcwele; woshiswa ngomlilo.

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nanku umthetho weminikelo yecala; ingcwelengcwele. endaweni abahlabela kuyo umnikelo wokushiswa, bayakuwuhlabela khona umnikelo wecala, kufafazwe i-altare nxazonke ngegazi lawo. uyakunikela ngawo onke amanoni awo, umsila ononileyo namanoni asibekela izibilini, nezinsobombili namanoni akuzo angasezinkalweni, namanoni aphezu kwesibindi, ewasusa ngasezinsweni, umpristi akushise e-altare kube ngumnikelo womlilo kujehova-aeiou; kungumnikelo wecala. bonke abesilisa phakathi kwabapristi bayakuwudla, udlwe endaweni engcwele; ungcwelengcwele.

umnikelo wecala unjengomnikelo wesono; umthetho wawo munye; umpristi owenza ukubuyisana ngawo woba ngowakhe. umpristi onikela ngomnikelo wokushiswa womuntu, isikhumba somnikelo wokushiswa anikele ngawo siyakuba ngesompristi. yonke iminikelo yempuphu ephekwe eziko, nayo yonke elungiselwa okhambeni nasemqengeleni, iyakuba ngeyalo umpristi anikele ngayo. yonke iminikelo yempuphu exovwe namafutha neyomileyo iyakuba ngeyamadodana onke ka-aroni, enye ithole njengenye. nanku umthetho womhlatsshelo weminikelo yokuthula okuyakunikelwa ngayo kujehova-aeiou. uma enikela ngawo ube ngumnikelo wokubonga, uyakunikela kanye nomhlatsshelo wokubonga ngamaqebelengwane angenamvubelo exovwe namafutha, nemiqathane engenamvubelo, egcotshwe ngamafutha, namaqebelengwane empuphu ecekileyo axovwe namafutha. kanye namaqebelengwane esinkwa esivutshelweyo uyakunikela ngalo mnikelo kanye nomhlatsshelo weminikelo yakhe yokuthula, ube ngowokubonga. athabathe kuwo libe linye njalo eminikelweni yakhe, libe ngumnikelo ophakanyiswayo kujehova-aeiou, libe ngelompristi ofafaza ngegazi leminikelo yokuthula. inyama yomhlatsshelo weminikelo yakhe yokuthula ongowokubonga iyakudliwa ngosuku lokunikela kwakhe, angashiyi lutho lwayo kuze kuse. kepha uma umhlatsshelo womnikelo wakhe ungowesithembiso noma ungowesihle, uyakudliwa ngalolo suku anikela ngalo ngomhlatsshelo wakhe; nangakusasa okuseleyo kuwo kuyakudliwa; kepha okusele enyameni yomhlatsshelo ngosuku lwesithathu kuyakushiswa ngomlilo. uma inyama yomhlatsshelo weminikelo yakhe yokuthula idliwa ngosuku lwesithathu, ayiyikwamukeleka, ingabalelwa kuye owanikela ngayo; iyakunengeka, nomuntu oyidlayo uyakuthwala ububi bakhe. inyama ethinta into engcolileyo ayinakudliwa, kepha iyakushiswa ngomlilo; nokho le nyama-ke bonke abahlambulukileyo bangayidla. kodwa umuntu oyidla inyama yomhlatsshelo weminikelo yokuthula engekajehova-aeiou esenakho ukungcola kwakhe, lowo muntu uyakunqunywa kubantu bakubo. nanxa umuntu ethinta into engcolileyo, ukungcola komuntu noma isilwane esingcolileyo noma into engcolileyo enengekayo, adle inyama yomhlatsshelo weminikelo yokuthula engekajehova-aeiou, lowo muntu uyakunqunywa kubantu bakubo. jehova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yisho kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, uthi: aniyikudla manoni enkomo, nawemvu, nawembuzi. amanoni engcuba namanoni okudweshuliweyo angasebenza yonke eminye imisebenzi; kepha ningawadli

nempela. ngokuba yilowo nalowo odla amanoni enkomo okunikelwa ngayo ibe ngumnikelo womlilo kujehova-aeiou, lowo muntu owadlayo uyakunqunywa kubantu bakubo. ningadli naliphi igazi, noma ngelenyoni noma ngelenkomo, nakuyiphi yezindlu zenu. yilowo nalowo odla igazi lowo muntu uyakunqunywa kubantu bakubo. ujeihova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yisho kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, uthi: onikela ngomhlatsshelo weminikelo yakhe yokuthula kujehova-aeiou uyakuletha umnikelo wakhe kujehova-aeiou emhlatsshelweni weminikelo yakhe yokuthula; izandla zakhe uqobo zilethe iminikelo yomlilo kajehova-aeiou, alethe amanoni kanye nesifuba ukuba isifuba sizuliswe, sibe ngumnikelo wokuzulisa phambi kukajehova-aeiou. umpristi makashise amanoni e-altare, kepha isifuba sibe ngesika-aroni nesamadodana akhe. anonika umpristi umlenze wokunene, ube ngumnikelo wokuphakanyiswa emhlatsshelweni yeminikelo yenu yokuthula. lowo phakathi kwamadodana ka-aroni onikela ngegazi leminikelo yokuthula nangamanoni koba ngowakhe umlenze wokunene, ube yisabelo sakhe. ngokuba isifuba sokuzuliswa nomlenze wokuphakanyiswa ngikuthabathe kwabakwa-israyeli emhlatsshelweni yeminikelo yabo yokuthula, ngakunika u-aroni umpristi namadodana akhe, kube yisimiso esiphakade kwabakwa-israyeli. lesi siyisabelo sika-aroni nesabelo samadodana akhe leminikelo yomlilo kajehova-aeiou mhlaba letha ukuba bamkhonze ujeihova-aeiou esikhundleni sobupristi, ayala ngakho ujeihova-aeiou ukuba bakuphiwe ngabantwana bakwa-israyeli mhlaba leba, kube yisimiso esiphakade ezizukulwaneni zabo. lowo ungumthetho weminikelo yokushiswa, noweminikelo yempuphu, noweminikelo yesono, noweminikelo yecala, nowokwahlukaniselwa, nowomhlatsshelo weminikelo yokuthula, ujeihova-aeiou amyala ngawo umose entabeni yasesinayi mhlaba eyala abakwa-israyeli ukuba banikele ngeminikelo yabo kujehova-aeiou ehlane lasesinayi.

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ujeihova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: thabatha u-aroni namadodana akhe kanye naye, nezambatho, namafutha okugcoba, nenkunzi yomnikelo wesono, nezinqama zombili, neqoma lezinkwa ezingenamvubelo, ubuthela inhlangano yonke ngasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana. umose wenza njengalokho ujeihova-aeiou emyalile; inhlangano yabuthelwa ngasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana. umose wayesethi kuyo inhlangano: nansi into ujeihova-aeiou ayale ngayo ukuba yenziwe.

umose waletha u-aroni namadodana akhe, wabageza ngamanzi. wamfaka ibhantshi, wambhincisa ibhande, wamembathisa ijazi; wamfaka ingubo yamahlombe, wambhincisa ibhande elifekethisiweyo lengubo yamahlombe, wayibophela kuye ngalo. wamfaka isihlangu sesifuba, nasesihlangwini sesifuba wabeka i-urimi nethumimi. wafaka isigqoko ekhanda lakhe, nasesigqokweni ngaphambili wafaka ungcwecwe wegolide, umqhele ongcwele, njengalokho ujevova-aeiou emyalile umose. umose wathatha amafutha okugcoba, waligcoba itabernakele nakho konke okuphakathi kwalo, wakungcwelisa. wafafaza ngawo i-altare kasikhombisa, waligcoba i-altare kanye nezitsha zonke zalo, nomcengezi nesinqe sawo, ukuba kungcweliswe. wathela amafutha okugcoba ekhanda lika-aroni, wamgcoba ukuba angcweliswe. umose wayeseletha amadodana ka-aroni, wawembathisa amabhantshi, wawabhincisa amabhande, wawafaka izigqoko, njengalokho ujevova-aeiou emyalile umose. waletha nenkunzi yomnikelo wesono; u-aroni namadodana akhe babeka izandla zabo enhloko yenkunzi yomnikelo wesono. wayeseyihlaba; umose wathatha igazi, walibheca ezimpondweni ze-altare nxazonke ngomunwe wakhe, waliphothula i-altare, walithulula igazi ngasesinqeni se-altare, walingcwelisa ukuba alenzele ukubuyisana. wathatha onke amanoni aphezu kwezibilini, namanoni aphezu kwesibindi, nezinsu zombili namanoni azo, umose wakushisa e-altare. kepha inkunzi nesikhumba sayo, nenyama yayo, nomswani wayo, wakushisa ngomlilo ngaphandle kwekamu, njengalokho ujevova-aeiou emyalile umose. wayeseletha inqama yomnikelo wokushiswa; u-aroni namadodana akhe babeka izandla zabo enhloko yenqama. wayihlaba, umose wafafaza i-altare ngegazi nxazonke. wayeseyihlahlela inyama izitho; umose washisa inhloko nezitho namanoni. wahlanza izibilini namanqina ngamanzi; umose washisa yonke inqama e-altare; yayingumnikelo wokushiswa, waba yiphunga elimnandi, umnikelo womlilo kujehova-aeiou, njengalokho ujevova-aeiou emyalile umose. waletha nanye inqama, inqama yokwahlukaniselwa; u-aroni namadodana akhe babeka izandla zabo enhloko yenqama. wayihlaba; umose wathatha igazi layo, walibheca esicutshini sendlebe yokunene ka-aroni, nasesithupheni sesandla sakhe sokunene, nakuqukula wonyawo lwakhe lokunene. wayeseletha amadodana ka-aroni, umose walibheca igazi esicutshini sendlebe yabo yokunene, nasesithupheni sesandla sabo sokunene, nakuqukula wonyawo lwabo lokunene; umose wafafaza i-altare ngegazi nxazonke. wawathatha amanoni, nomsila

ononileyo, nawo onke amanoni aphezu kwezibilini, namanoni aphezu kwesibindi, nezinsu zombili namanoni azo, nomlenze wokunene, naseqomeni lezinkwa ezingenamvubelo elalisebusweni bukajehova-aeiou wathatha iqebelengwane laba linye elingenamvubelo, neqebelengwane laba linye lesinkwa samafutha, nomqathane munye, wakubeka phezu kwamanoni naphezu komlenze wokunene, wakubeka konke ezandleni zika-aroni, nasezandleni zamadodana akhe, wakuzulisa kwaba ngumnikelo wokuzulisa phambi kukajehova-aeiou. umose wayesekuthatha ezandleni zabo, wakushisa e-altare emnikelweni wokushiswa; kwakungokokwahlukaniselwa, kwaba yiphunga elimnandi, umnikelo womlilo kujehova-aeiou. umose wathatha isifuba, wasizulisa saba ngumnikelo wokuzulisa phambi kukajehova-aeiou; sasiyisabelo sikamose sasengqameni yokwahlukaniselwa, njengalokho ujevova-aeiou emyalile umose. umose wayesethatha amafutha okugcoba, negazi elalise-altare, wafafaza ngalo u-aroni nezambatho zakhe, namadodana akhe kanye naye, nezambatho zamadodana akhe, wangcwelisa u-aroni nezambatho zakhe, namadodana akhe kanye naye, nezambatho zamadodana akhe. wathi umose ku-aroni nakumadodana akhe: phekani inyama ngasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana, niyidle kanye nesinkwa esiseqomeni lokwahlukaniselwa, njengalokho ngayala ngathi: u-aroni namadodana akhe bayakukudla. okuseleyo kwenyama nokwesinkwa anokushisa ngomlilo, ningaphumi emnyango wetende lokuhlangana izinsuku eziyisikhombisa, kungakapheli izinsuku zokwahlukaniselwa kwenu, ngokuba uyakunahlukanisela izinsuku eziyisikhombisa. ujevova-aeiou uyalile ukuba kwenziwe njengalokho kwenziwe namuhla, ukuze nenzelwe ukubuyisana. ngasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana niyakuhlala imini nobusuku izinsuku eziyisikhombisa, nisigcine isiyalezo sikajehova-aeiou, ukuze ningafi, ngokuba ngiyaliwe kanjalo. u-aroni namadodana akhe benza konke ujevova-aeiou ayale ngakho ngesandla sikamose.

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kwathi ngosuku lwesishiyagalombili umose wabiza u-aroni namadodana akhe namalunga akwa-israyeli, wathi ku-aroni: mawuzithathele ithole lenkunzi, libe ngumnikelo wesono, nenqama ibe ngumnikelo wokushiswa, okungenasici, unikele ngakho phambi kukajehova-aeiou. khuluma kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, uthi: thathani impongo, ibe ngumnikelo wesono, nethole newundlu, omabili abe nomnyaka munye, angenasici, abe ngumnikelo

wokushiswa, nenkunzi nenqama zibe yiminikelo yokuthula, zihlatshwe phambi kukajehova-aeiou, nomnikelo wempuphu oxovwe namafutha, ngokuba namuhla ujeihova-aeiou uyabonakala kini. baletheke lokho umose akuyalayo phambi kwetende lokuhlangana, nenhlangano yonke yasondela, yema phambi kukajehova-aeiou. wayesethi umose: nansi into ujeihova-aeiou ayala ngayo ukuba ninyenze, kuze kubonakale kini inkazimulo kajehova-aeiou. umose wathi ku-aroni: sondela e-altare, unikele ngomnikelo wakho wesono nangomnikelo wakho wokushiswa, uzenzele wena nabantu ukubuyisana, andukuba unikele ngomnikelo wabantu, ubenzele ukubuyisana, njengalokho ujeihova-aeiou eyalile. u-aroni wayesesondela e-altare, walihlaba ithole lomnikelo wesono ongowakhe. amadodana ka-aroni aletha igazi kuye; wagcobhoza umunwe egazini, walibheca ezimpondweni ze-altare, wathulula elinye igazi ngasesinqeni se-altare; kepha amanoni nezinsu namanoni aphezu kwesibindi emnikelweni wesono wakushisa e-altare, njengalokho ujeihova-aeiou emyalile umose. inyama nesikhumba wakushisa ngomlilo ngaphandle kwekamu. wawuhlaba umnikelo wokushiswa; amadodana ka-aroni aletha kuye igazi, wafafaza ngalo i-altare nxazonke. anikeza kuye umnikelo wokushiswa izitho ngezitho kanye nenhloko, wakushisa e-altare. wahlanza izibilini namanqina, wakushisa phezu komnikelo wokushiswa e-altare. wayeseletha umnikelo wabantu, wathatha impongo yomnikelo wesono ongowabantu, wayihlaba, wanikela ngayo ngenxa yesono njengowokuqala. walethe umnikelo wokushiswa, wanikela ngawo njengokwesimiso. wayeseletha umnikelo wempuphu, wagcwalisa isandla sakhe ngawo, wawushisa e-altare ngaphandle komnikelo wokushiswa wasekuseni. wahlaba inkunzi nenqama, zibe ngumhlatshelelo weminikelo yokuthula ongowabantu; amadodana ka-aroni aletha kuye igazi owafafaza ngalo i-altare nxazonke, namanoni enkunzi nawenqama, nomsila ononileyo, nalawo asibekela izibilini, nezinsu, namanoni esibindi, abeka amanoni phezu kwezifuba; wawashisa amanoni e-altare; izifuba nomlenze wokunene wakuzulisa, kube ngumnikelo wokuzulisa phambi kukajehova-aeiou, njengalokho umose eyalile. u-aroni waphakamisela izandla zakhe kubantu, wababusisa; wayesehla ekunikeleni ngomnikelo wesono nangomnikelo wokushiswa nangeminikelo yokuthula. omose no-aroni bangena etendeni lokuhlangana, babuye baphuma, bababusisa abantu; yayisibonakala inkazimulo kajehova-aeiou kubantu bonke. kwaphuma umlilo ngaphambi kukajehova-aeiou, waqeda umnikelo wokushiswa

namanoni e-altare; sebekubona abantu bonke bananela, bakhothamela phansi ngobuso.

## 10

onadabi no-abihu amadodana ka-aroni bathatha bobabili imicengezi yabo yomlilo, bafaka umlilo kuyo, babeka impepho phezu, banikela phambi kukajehova-aeiou ngomlilo ongafanele, angabayalanga ngawo. kwaphuma umlilo ngaphambi kukajehova-aeiou, wabaqeda, bafa phambi kukajehova-aeiou. umose wayesethi ku-aroni: yikho ujeihova-aeiou akukhuluma, ethi: kubo abaseduze nami ngiyakungcweliswa, phambi kwabantu bonke ngiyakukhazimuliswa. u-aroni wathula. umose wabiza omishayeli no-elisafani amadodana ka-uziyeli, uyisekazi ka-aroni, wathi kubo: sondelani, nibasuse abafowenu ngaphambi kwendlu engcwele, nibakhiphele ngaphandle kwekamu. base besondela, babasusa bembethe amabhantshi abo, babakhiphela ngaphandle kwekamu, njengalokho eshilo umose. umose wayesethi ku-aroni naku-eleyazare naku-itamari amadodana akhe: ningathukululi izinwele zamakhanda enu, ningaklebhuli izambatho zenu ukuba ningafi, ingathukuthelwa yonke inhlangano, kepha abafowenu, yonke indlu yakwa-israyeli, mabalilele ukushisa akuphembileyo ujeihova-aeiou. ningaphumi emnyango wetende lokuhlangana, funa nife, ngokuba amafutha okugcoba kajehova-aeiou aphezu kwenu. benza ke njengezwi likamose. ujeihova-aeiou wakhuluma ku-aroni, wathi: ungaphuzi wayini naluphuzo olunamandla, wena namadodana akho kanye nawe, nxa ningena etendeni lokuhlangana, ukuba ningafi; kuyakuba yisimiso esiphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu. niyakwahlukanisa okungcwele nokungcwele, okungcolileyo nokuhlambulukileyo, nize nifundise abantwana bakwa-israyeli zonke izimiso ujeihova-aeiou azikhulume kubo ngesandla sikamose. umose wakhuluma ku-aroni naku-eleyazare naku-itamari amadodana akhe aseleyo, wathi: thathani umnikelo wempuphu osele eminikelweni yomlilo kajehova-aeiou, niwudle ungenamvubelo ngaseceleni kwe-altare, ngokuba ungcelwelengcwele, niwudle endaweni engcwele, ngokuba kuyimfanelo yakho nemfanelo yamadodana akho eminikelweni yomlilo kajehova-aeiou; ngokuba ngiyaliwe kanjalo. isifuba sokuzulisa nomlenze wokuphakanyiswa niyakukudla endaweni ehambulukileyo, wena namadodana akho namadodakazi akho kanye nawe, ngokuba kuphiwe kube yimfanelo yakho nemfanelo yamadodana akho emihlatshelweni yeminikelo yokuthula yabantwana bakwa-israyeli. mabalethe umlenze



wokuphakanyiswa nesifuba sokuzuliswa kanye neminikelo yomlilo yamanoni ukuba bakuzulise, kube ngumnikelo wokuzuliswa phambi kukajehova-aeiou, kube ngokwakhokho nokwamadodana akho kanye nawe, kube yimfanelo ephakade, njengalokho ujahova-aeiou eyalile. umose wafunisisa impongo yomnikelo wesono; bheka, yayishisiwe; wabathukuthelela o-eleyazare no-itamari amadodana ka-aroni aseleyo, wathi: anidlanga ngani umnikelo wesono endaweni yendlu engcwele, njengokuba ungwelengcwele, futhi niphiwe wona ukuba niseuse ububi benhlango, niyenzele ukubuyisana phambi kukajehova-aeiou, na? bhekani, igazi lawo alingeniswanga phakathi endaweni engcwele; bekufanele ngempela ukuba niwudlele endaweni engcwele, njengalokho ngayala. u-aroni wathi kumose: bheka-ke, namuhla banikele ngomnikelo wabo wesono nangomnikelo wabo wokushiswa phambi kukajehova-aeiou; nokho ngehelwe yilokhu mina; uma bengidlile umnikelo wesono namuhla, bekuzakwamukeleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou na? esezwile lokho umose, kwaba kühle emehlweni akhe.

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ujehova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose naku-aroni, wathi kubo: yishoni kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, nithi: yilokhu okuphilayo eningakudla kuzo zonke izilwane zasemhlabeni: zonke ezahlukanisa inselo, nezidabula inselo kabili, nezetshisayo kuzo izilwane, lezo ningazidla. kepha lezi anyikuzidla kwezetshisayo nakwezahlukanisa inselo: ikamela, ngokuba liyetshisa, lingahlukanisi kodwa inselo; lingcolile kini; nembila, ngokuba iyetshisa, ingahlukanisi kodwa inselo; ingcolile kini; nonogwaja, ngokuba uyetshisa, ingahlukanisi kodwa inselo; ungcolile kini; nengulube, ngokuba iyahlukanisa inselo, idabula inselo kabili, ingetshisi kodwa; ingcolile kini. ningadli inyama yazo, ningathinti izidumbu zazo; zingcolile kini. lezi ningazidla kuzo zonke ezisemanzini: zonke ezinamaphiko nezingcwece ezisemanzini neziselwandle nezisemifuleni, lezo ningazidla. kepha zonke ezingenamaphiko nazingcwece neziselwandle nezisemifuleni, nazo zonke eziswebazelayo emanzini, nazo zonke izinto eziphilayo emanzini ziyisinengiso kini. zoba yisinengiso kini; ningadli inyama yazo; izidumbu zazo ziyakunengka kini. zonke ezingenamaphiko nazingcwece emanzini ziyisinengiso kini. yilezi eniyakunengwa yizo ezinyonini; aziyikudliwa, ziyisinengiso: ukhozi, nenqe, nengqungqulu, nonhloyile, noheshe ngezinhlalo zakhe, nawo onke amagwababa ngezinhlalo zawo,

nentshe, nenkovana, nenkanu, noklebe ngezinhlalo zakhe, nesikhova, nomphishamanzi, nomxwagele, nefukezi, nevuba, nophalane, nonogolantethe, nonozalizingwenya ngezinhlalo zakhe, noziningweni, nelulwane. nezilwanyana zonke ezinamaphiko, ezihamba ngezinyawo zozine, ziyisinengiso kini. kepha lezi ningazidla kuzo zonke izilwanyana ezinamaphiko, ezihamba ngezinyawo zozine, ezinamangina ngaphezu kwezinyawo zazo ukuxhuma ngazo emhlabeni; kuzo ningadla lezi: isikhonyane ngezinhlalo zazo, namaboni ngezinhlalo zawo, namadiye ngezinhlalo zawo, nezintethe ngezinhlalo zawo. kepha zonke ezinye izilwanyana ezinamaphiko nezinyawo ezine ziyisinengiso kini. niyakungcoliswa yilezi: bonke abathinta izidumbu zazo bayakuba ngabangcolile kuze kuhlwe. bonke abathwala utho lwezidumbu zazo bayakuhlana izingubo zabo, babe ngabangcolile kuze kuhlwe. zonke izilwane ezahlukanisa inselo, zingayidabuli kabili kodwa, zingetshisi, zingcolile kini; bonke abazithintayo bayakuba ngabangcolile. nazo zonke ezihamba ngezinhlalo kuzo zonke izilwane ezihamba ngezinyawo ezine zingcolile kini; bonke abathinta izidumbu zazo bayakuba ngabangcolile kuze kuhlwe. othwala izidumbu zazo makahlanze izingubo zakhe, abe ngongcolile kuze kuhlwe; zingcolile kini. lezi zingcolile kini kuzo izilwanyana ezinwabuzelayo emhlabeni: uchakide, nempuku, noxama ngezinhlalo zakhe, nesigcilekisha, nesiquzi, nentulo, nesibankwa, nonwabu. yilezo ezingcolile kini phakathi kwezilwanyana ezinwabuzelayo; bonke abazithintayo sezifile bayakuba ngabangcolile kuze kuhlwe. konke esiwela phezu kwakho esinye sazo sezifile kuyakuba ngokungcolile, noma kuyinto yomuthi noma yingubo noma yisikhumba noma yisaka noma yintoni okusetshenzwa ngayo; makufakwe emanzini, kube ngokungcolile kuze kuhlwe; khona kuyakuhlazeka. nezitsha zonke esiwela kuzo esinye sazo, noma yintoni ephakathi kwazo iyakuba ngengcolile, nize nizaphule. konke ukudla okudliwayo okukuzo, afika kukho futhi amanzi anjalo, kuyakuba ngokungcolile, nakho konke okuphuzwayo kuzo izitsha ezinjalo kuyakuba ngokungcolile. konke esiwela kukho izidumbu sazo kuyakuba ngokungcolile, noma iziko noma ikhazini; makuphohlozwe; kungcolile, kuyakuba ngokungcolile kini. kepha umthombo nomgodi lapho amanzi eqoqene khona uyakube uhlambulukile, kodwa okuthinta izidumbu zazo kuyakuba ngokungcolile. uma izidumbu zazo ziwela phezu kwembewu etshalwayo ezakuhlwaneyelwa, iyakuba ngehlambulukile. kepha uma amanzi ethelwa embewini, izidumbu zazo ziwele

phezu kwayo, ingcolile kini. uma kufa isilwane esidliwayo, othinta isidumbu saso uyakuba ngongcolile kuze kuhlwe. odla isidumbu saso makahlanze izingubo zakhe, abe ngongcolile kuze kuhlwe; nothwala isidumbu saso makahlanze izingubo zakhe, abe ngongcolile kuze kuhlwe. zonke izilwanyana ezinwabuzelayo emhlabeni ziyisinengiso; mazingadliwa. zonke ezihamba ngesisu, nazo zonke ezihamba ngezinyawo ezine noma ngeziningi, nazo zonke ezinwabuzelayo emhlabeni, ningazidli, ngokuba ziyisinengiso. ningazenzi ninengeke ngezilwanyana ezinwabuzelayo, ningazingcolisi ngazo, funa ningcole ngazo. ngokuba ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu; ngalokho zingcweliseni, nibe ngcwele, ngokuba mina ngingcwele; ningazingcolisi ngezilwanyana ezinwabuzelayo emhlabeni. ngokuba ngingujehova-aeiou owakukhuphula ezweni lasegibithe, ngibe ngulezi-ku wenu; ngalokho yibani ngcwele, ngokuba ngingcwele. yilowo umthetho wezilwane nowezinyoni nowezilwane zonke eziswebuzelayo emanzini, nowezilwanyana zonke ezinwabuzelayo emhlabeni, ukuba kwahlukaniswe okungcolileyo nokuhlambulukileyo, okuphilayo okudliwayo nokuphilayo okungadliwayo.

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ujehova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yisho kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, uthi: uma owesifazane ekhulelwa, azale umfana, uyakuba ngongcolile izinsuku eziyisikhombisa; njengasemihleni yokungcola ngefindo lakhe wohlala engcolile. ngosuku lwesishiya-galombili inyama yejwabu lakhe iyakusokwa. abesehlala esegazini lokuhlambuluka izinsuku ezingamashumi amathathu nantathu, angathinti lutho olungcwele, angangeni endlini engcwele, zize ziphelele izinsuku zokuhlambuluka kwakhe. kepha uma ezala intombazana, makabe ngongcolile amasono amabili njengasekungcoleni ngefindo lakhe, ahlale esegazini lokuhlambuluka izinsuku ezingamashumi ayisithupha nesithupha. nanxa seziphelile izinsuku zokuhlambuluka kwakhe ngomfana noma ngentombazana, makalethe imvu enomnyaka munye, ibe ngumnikelo wokushiswa, nephuphu lejuba noma ihobhe, libe ngumnikelo wesono, akulethe ngasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana kumpristi, yena anikele ngakho phambi kukajehova-aeiou, amenzele ukubuyisana, aze ahlambuluke emthonjeni wegazi lakhe. yilowo umthetho wozalayo umfana noma intombazana. uma amandla akhe enganeli imvu, khona uyakuthatha amahobhe amabili noma amaphuphu amabili amajuba, elinye libe ngumnikelo wokushiswa, elinye libe ngumnikelo wesono, umpristi amenzele ukubuyisana, aze

ahlambuluke.

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ujehova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose nakuaroni, wathi: nxa kumila esikhumbeni senyama yomuntu idunguza noma utwayi noma ibala elikhanyayo, kuvele esikhumbeni senyama yakhe isifo sochoko, makalethwe kuaroni umpristi, noma kwenye yamado-dana akhe, abapristi, umpristi abheke isifo esisesikhumbeni senyama; uma uboya obusebaleni buphendukile baba mhlophe, nanxa ibala libonakala lishonile kunesikhumba senyama yakhe, kuyisifo sochoko; umpristi uyakumbheka, ashoo athi ungcolile. uma ibala elikhanyayo limhlophe esikhumbeni senyama yakhe, lingabonakali lishonile kunesikhumba, noboya balo bungaphendukile baba mhlophe, khona umpristi uyakumvalela onesifo izinsuku eziyisikhombisa, umpristi ambheke ngosuku lwesikhombisa; uma isifo ngokubona kwakhe sisemi, ibala lingandanga esikhumbeni, bheka, khona umpristi uyakumvalela ezinye izinsuku eziyisikhombisa, umpristi abuye ambheke ngosuku lwesikhombisa; uma ibala lifiphele, isifo singandanga esikhumbeni, bheka, khona umpristi uyakusho athi uhlambulukile; kulutwayi; uyakuhlana izingubo zakhe, ahlambuluke. kepha uma utwayi lwanda esikhumbeni esezibonakalisile kumpristi ngokuhlambuluka kwakhe, abuye eziveze kumpristi, umpristi abheke; uma utwayi lwandile esikhumbeni, bheka, khona umpristi uyakusho athi ungcolile; kuluchoko. nxa isifo sochoko sikumuntu, yakulethwa kumpristi, umpristi abheke; bheka, uma kukhona idunguza elimhlophe esikhumbeni, liphendulile uboya baba mhlophe, nanxa kukhona inyama ebomvu edunguzeni, bheka, kuluchoko oludala esikhumbeni senyama yakhe; khona umpristi uyakusho athi ungcolile, angamvaleli, ngokuba ungcolile. uma uchoko luqhamuka esikhumbeni, ukuze uchoko lusibekele isikhumba sonke sonesifo, kusukela ekhanda kuze kufike ezinyaweni njengokubona kompristi, umpristi wobheka; uma uchoko lusibekele yonke inyama yakhe, bheka, uyakusho athi onesifo uhlambulukile; konke kuphendukile kwaba mhlophe: uhlambulukile. kepha njalo uma kuvela kuye inyama ebomvu, uyakuba ngongcolile. umpristi uyakubheka inyama ebomvu, ashoo athi ungcolile; inyama ebomvu ingcolile, iluchoko. uma-ke inyama ebomvu ibuye iphenduka ibe mhlophe, makaye kumpristi, umpristi ambheke; uma ibala liphendukile laba mhlophe, bheka, khona umpristi uyakusho athi onesifo uhlambulukile; uhlambulukile. nxa inyama ibinethumba esikhumbeni sayo, selaphola, kube yidun-

guza elimhlophe endaweni yethumba noma ibala elikhanyayo, limhlophe libomvana, khona kuyakuboniswa umpristi, umpristi abheke; uma libonakala lishonile kunesikhumba, uboya balo buphendukile baba mhlophe, bheka, makasho athi ungcolile: kuyisifo sochoko, siqhamukile ethumbeni. kepha uma umpristi elibheka, kungekho boya obumhlophe kulo, lingashonile kunesikhumba, kodwa lifiphele, bheka, khona umpristi uyakumvalela izinsuku eziyisikhombisa; uma landa nokwanda esikhumbeni, umpristi makasho athi ungcolile; kuyisifo. kodwa uma ibala elikhanyayo limi endaweni yalo lingandi, kuyisibanda sethumba; umpristi makasho athi uhlambulukile. nxa inyama inesibazi esikhumbeni sayo, inyama ebomvu yesibazi iphendeke ibala elikhanyayo, limhlophe libomvana noma limhlophe nje, umpristi makalibheke; uma uboya obusebaleni elikhanyayo buphendukile baba mhlophe, libonakala lishonile kunesikhumba, bheka, kuluchoko; luqhamukile esibazini; khona umpristi uyakusho athi ungcolile; kuyisifo sochoko. kepha uma umpristi elibheka, kungekho boya obumhlophe ebaleni elikhanyayo, lingashonile kunesikhumba, kodwa lifiphele, bheka, khona umpristi uyakumvalela izinsuku eziyisikhombisa, umpristi ambheke ngosuku lwesikhombisa; uma landile nokwanda esikhumbeni, umpristi uyakusho athi ungcolile; kuyisifo sochoko. uma ibala elikhanyayo limi endaweni yalo, lingandi esikhumbeni, kodwa lifiphele, kuyidunguza lesibazi; umpristi makasho athi uhlambulukile, ngokuba kuyisibanda sesibazi. nxa owesilisa noma owesifazane enesifo ekhanda noma esilevini, umpristi uyakubheka ibala; uma libonakala lishonile kunesikhumba, kube kulo izinwele ezincane ezimpofu, bheka, umpristi makasho athi ungcolile: kungumuna, kuluchoko lwekhanda noma olwesilevu. uma umpristi ebheka ibala lomuna, libonakala lingashonile kunesikhumba, kungekho zinwele ezimnyama kulo, bheka, khona umpristi uyakumvalela onesifo somuna izinsuku eziyisikhombisa, ngosuku lwesikhombisa umpristi abheke isifo; uma umuna ungandle, futhi kungekho zinwele ezimpofu kuwo, umuna ubonakala ungashonile kunesikhumba, bheka, yakuziphucula, angaphuculi umuna kodwa, umpristi amvalele onomuna ezinye izinsuku eziyisikhombisa; ngosuku lwesikhombisa umpristi abheke umuna; uma umuna ungandle esikhumbeni, futhi ubonakala ungashonile kunesikhumba, bheka, umpristi makasho athi uhlambulukile; makahlanze izingubo zakhe, ahlambuluke. kepha uma umuna wanda esikhumbeni esehlambulukile, umpristi wombheka; uma umuna wandile nokwanda esikhumbeni, bheka, umpristi

makangafuni izinwele ezimpofu; ungcolile. kodwa uma ngokubona kwakhe umuna umi, kumile kuwo izinwele ezimnyama, umuna usupholile, uhlambulukile; umpristi makasho athi uhlambulukile. nanxa owesilisa noma owesifazane enamabala akhanyayo esikhumbeni senyama yabo, amabala amhlophe akhanyayo, khona umpristi wobheka; uma amabala akhanyayo asesikhumbeni senyama yabo emhloshana efiphele, bheka, kuyisithembuzane esiqhamukile. uma izinwele zomuntu zisukile ekhanda lakhe, uyimpandla; uhlambulukile. uma izinwele zisukile ekhanda lakhe ngasebusweni, uyimpandla ebunzini; uhlambulukile. kepha uma kukhona empandleni esekhanda noma empandleni esebunzini isifo esimhlophe sibomvana, kuluchoko oluqhamuka empandleni esekhanda lakhe noma empandleni esebunzini lakhe. khona umpristi uyakumbheka; uma idunguza lesifo limhlophe libomvana empandleni esekhanda lakhe noma empandleni esebunzini lakhe, njengokubonakala kochoko esikhumbeni senyama, bheka, ungumuntu onochoko; ungcolile; umpristi makasho athi ungcolile; isifo sakhe sisekhanda lakhe. onochoko esikuye isifo, maziklejulwe izingubo zakhe, zithukululwe izinwele zakhe, amboze amadevu akhe, akhale athi: ngingcolile! ngingcolile! zonke izinsuku isifo sisekuye yakuba ngongcolile; ungcolile; yakuhlala yedwa; indawo yokuhlala kwakhe iyakuba ngaphandle kwekamu. ingubo esikuyo isifo sochoko, noma yingubo yoboya noma yingubo yelineni, noma sisezintanjeni eziqondileyo noma sikwezinqamulayo, ezelineni noma ezoboya bezimvu, noma sisesikhumbeni, noma sisentweni eyenziwe ngesikhumba, uma ibala liluhlazana noma libomvana engutsheni noma esikhumbeni noma ezintanjeni eziqondileyo noma kwezinqamulayo noma entweni yesikhumba, kuyisifo sochoko, siyakuboniswa umpristi. umpristi makabheke isifo, akuvalele lokho okunochoko izinsuku eziyisikhombisa, abheke isifo ngosuku lwesikhombisa; uma isifo sandile engutsheni noma ezintanjeni eziqondileyo noma kwezinqamulayo noma esikhumbeni, nakuba isikhumba sisetshenziswa kumuphi umsebenzi, bheka, isifo siluchoko olubi. woshisa ingubo, noma izintanjana eziqondileyo noma eziqamulayo, noma eyoboya bezimbuzi noma eyelineni, noma into yesikhumba esikuyo isifo, ngokuba kuluchoko olubi; kuyakushiswa ngomlilo. uma umpristi ebheka, isifo singandle engutsheni noma ezintanjeni eziqondileyo noma kwezinqamulayo noma entweni yesikhumba, bheka, umpristi woyala ukuba bahlanze into isifo esikuyo, ayivalele ezinye izinsuku eziyisikhombisa; umpristi ayibheke emva kokuhlanza kwesifo; bheka,

uma ibala lingaphendulile umbala walo, lingandile, ingcolile; woyishisa ngomlilo; kungumcothu odlayo noma iqothukile ngaphakathi noma ngaphandle. uma umpristi ebheka, ibala selifiphele lihlanziwe, bheka, makalintwengule engutsheni noma esikhumbeni noma ezintanjeni eziqondileyo noma kwezingamulayo; uma lisabonakala engutsheni noma ezintanjeni eziqondileyo noma kwezingamulayo noma entweni yesikhumba, wokushisa ngomlilo lokho isifo esikukho. ingubo noma izintanjana eziqondileyo noma ezingamulayo noma intoni yesikhumba oyakuyihlanza, uma ibala lisuka kukho, kohlanzwa ngokwesibili, kuhlambuluke. lowo ungumthetho wesifo sochoko engutsheni yoboya bezimvu noma kwevelineni noma ezintanjeni eziqondileyo noma kwezingamulayo noma entweni yesikhumba wokusho ukuthi kuhlambulukile noma kungcolile.

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ujehova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: lo uyakuba ngumthetho wonochoko ngosuku lokuhlanjululwa kwakhe: woletswa kumpristi, umpristi aphume ekamu, umpristi abheke; uma isifo sochoko sipholile konochoko, bheka, umpristi makayale ukuba oyakuhlanjululwa athathelwe izinyoni ezimbili ezihlambulukileyo nomsedari nendwangu ebomvu nehisopi, umpristi ayale ukuba ihlatshwe enye yezinyoni esitsheni sebumba phezu kwamanzi agobhozayo. inyani ezwayo uyakuyithatha kanye nomsedari nendwangu ebomvu nehisopi, akugcobhoze kanye nenyoni ezwayo egazini lenyoni eyahlathswa phezu kwamanzi agobhozayo, amfafaze kasikhombisa oyakuhlanjululwa ochokweni lwakhe, asho athi uhlambulukile, ayiyeke inyani ezwayo, iphumele endle. oyakuhlanjululwa makahlanze izingubo zakhe, aphucule zonke izinwele zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, ahlambuluke; emva kwalokho uyakungena ekamu, kepha ahlale ngaphandle kwetende lakhe izinsuku eziyisikhombisa. uyakuthi ngosuku lwesikhombisa aphucule zonke izinwele zekhanda lakhe nesilevu sakhe namashiya akhe, yebo, aphucule zonke izinwele zakhe, ahlanze izingubo zakhe, ageze umzimba wakhe ngamanzi, ahlambuluke. ngosuku lwesishiyagalombili wothatha izimvu zamaduna ezimbili ezingenasici, nexhukazi elinomnyaka munye elingenasici, nokweshumi okuthathu kwempuphu ecolekileyo, kube ngumnikelo wempuphu, kuxovwe namafutha nelogi lamafutha. umpristi ohlambululayo uyakumbeka umuntu oyakuhlanjululwa kanye nalezo zinto phambi kukajehova-aeiou ngasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana; umpristi

athabathe enye imvu yeduna, anikele ngayo ibe ngumnikelo wecala, nelogi lamafutha, akuzulise kube ngumnikelo wokuzuliswa phambi kukajehova-aeiou; uyakuhlaba imvu yeduna endaweni lapho kuhlatshwa khona umnikelo wesono nomnikelo wokushiswa, indawo engcwele, ngokuba umnikelo wecala ungowompristi njengomnikelo wesono; ungwelengcwele. umpristi wothabatha igazi kuwo umnikelo wecala, umpristi alibhece esicutshini sendlebe yokunene yoyakuhlanjululwa, nasesithupheni sesandla sakhe sokunene, nakuqukula wonyawo lwakhe lokunene, umpristi athabathe kulo ilogi lamafutha, awathele entendeni yesakhe isandla sokhohlo; umpristi agcobhoze umunwe wakhe wokunene emafutheni asesandleni sakhe sokhohlo, afafaze ngamafutha phambi kukajehova-aeiou kasikhombisa ngomunwe wakhe. amafutha aseleyo asesandleni sakhe umpristi uyakuwabheca esicutshini sendlebe yokunene yoyakuhlanjululwa, nasesithupheni sesandla sakhe sokunene, nakuqukula wonyawo lwakhe lokunene, phezu kwegazi lomnikelo wecala. amafutha aseleyo asesandleni sompristi uyakuwafaka ekhanda loyakuhlanjululwa, umpristi amenzele ukubuyisana phambi kukajehova-aeiou. umpristi wonikela ngomnikelo wesono, amenzele oyakuhlanjululwa ukubuyisana ngenxa yokungcola kwakhe, andukuba ahlabe umnikelo wokushiswa, umpristi anikele ngomnikelo wokushiswa nangomnikelo wempuphu e-altare, umpristi amenzele ukubuyisana, ahlambuluke. uma empofu, engenakuphumelela kulokho, wothabatha imvu yeduna ibe ngumnikelo wecala, uzulise ukumenzela ukubuyisana, nokweshumi kwempuphu ecolekileyo exovwe namafutha, kube ngumnikelo wempuphu, nelogi lamafutha, namahobhe amabili noma amaphuphu amabili amajuba, njengalokho angaphumelela kukho, elinye libe ngumnikelo wesono, elinye libe ngumnikelo wokushiswa. ngosuku lwesishiyagalombili awathele kumpristi ngasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana phambi kukajehova-aeiou ngenxa yokuhlanjululwa kwakhe. umpristi abesethabatha imvu yomnikelo wecala nelogi lamafutha, umpristi akuzulise kube ngumnikelo wokuzuliswa phambi kukajehova-aeiou; ahlabe imvu yomnikelo wecala, umpristi athabathe kulo igazi lomnikelo wecala, alibhece esicutshini sendlebe yokunene yoyakuhlanjululwa, nasesithupheni sesandla sakhe sokunene, nakuqukula wonyawo lwakhe lokunene; umpristi athele amafutha entendeni yesakhe isandla sokhohlo kasikhombisa; umpristi afafaze ngamafutha asesandleni sakhe sokhohlo kasikhombisa phambi kukajehova-aeiou ngomunwe wakhe wokunene; umpristi athabathe kuwo

amafutha asesandleni sakhe, awabhece esicutshini sendlebe yokunene yoyakuhlunjululwa, nasesithupheni sesandla sakhe sokunene, nakuqukula wonyawo lwakhe lokunene, endaweni yegazi lomnikelo wecala; amafutha aseleyo asesandleni sompristi wowabeka ekhanda loyakuhlunjululwa ukumenzela ukubuyisana phambi kukajehova-aeiou. uyakunikela ngelinye lamahobhe noma ngelamaphuphu amajuba, njengalokho angaphumelela kukho, yebo, njengalokho angaphumelela kukho, elinye libe ngumnikelo wesono, elinye libe ngumnikelo wokushiswa kanye nomnikelo wempuphu, umpristi amenzele ukubuyisana oyakuhlunjululwa phambi kukajehova-aeiou. lowo ungumthetho wakhe isifo sochoko esikuye, ongenakuphumelela kulokho okuqondene nokuhlambuluka kwakhe. ujhova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose naku-aroni, wathi: kuyakuthi lapho senifikile ezweni lasekhanani engininika lona libe yifa lenu, ngifake isifo sochoko endlini yezwe eniliphiweyo, umninindlu makeze amtshele umpristi, athi: kungathi kubakele isifo endlini. umpristi woyala ukuba bakhiphe okuphakathi endlini, engakangeni umpristi ukuyobona isifo, ukuze kungangcolile konke okusendlini, andukuba umpristi angene ukubona indlu. abesebhaka ibala; uma ibala lisezindongeni zendlu, linemishwe eluhlazana noma ebomvana, libonakala lishonile kunodonga, bheka, khona umpristi wophuma endlini, aye ngasemnyango wendlu, ayivale indlu izinsuku eziyisikhombisa, umpristi abuye ngosuku lwesikhombisa, abheke; uma ibala landile odongeni lwendlu, bheka, khona umpristi woyala ukuba bakhiphe amatshe isifo esikuwo, bawalahle endaweni engcolileyo ngaphandle komuzi; indlu iphalwe phakathi nxazonke, bathele udaka oluphalweyo endaweni engcolileyo ngaphandle komuzi. bothabatha amanye amatshe, bawafake endaweni yalawo matshe, bathabathe olunye udaka, bayinameke indlu. uma isifo sibuye siqhamuka endlini emva kokukhishwa kwamatshe nasemva kokuphalwa kwendlu nasemva kokunamekwa kwayo, umpristi uyakungena abheke; uma isifo sandile endlini, bheka, kuluchoko olubi endlini; ingcolile. woyibhidliza, amatshe ayo namapulangwe ayo nalo lonke udaka lwendlu akukhiphe emzini, akulahle endaweni engcolileyo. ongena endlini ngezinsuku isavaliwe uyakuba ngongcolile kuze kuhlwe. olala endlini makahlanze izingubo zakhe; nodlayo endlini makahlanze izingubo zakhe. uma umpristi engena azobheka, isifo singandile endlini emva kokunamekwa kwendlu, bheka, khona umpristi uyakusho athi indlu ihlambulukile, ngokuba isifo sipholile. wothabatha, ukuba ahlambulukise indlu,

izinyoni ezimbili nomsedari nendwangu ebomvu nehisopi, ahlabe enye yezinyoni esitheni sebumba phezu kwamanzi agobhozayo, athabathe umsedari nehisopi nendwangu ebomvu nenyoni ezwayo, akugcobhoze egazini lenyoni ehlatshiweyo nasemanzini agobhozayo, afafaze indlu kasikhombisa, ahlambulule indlu ngegazi lenyoni ezwayo nangomsedari nangehisopi nangendwangu ebomvu, ayiyeke inyoni ezwayo, iphume emzini iye endle, ayenzele kanjalo indlu ukubuyisana; iyakuhlambuluka. lowo ungumthetho wesifo sochoko esiyizinhlobonhlobo nowomuna, nowochoko lwengubo nolwendlu, nowedunguza nowotwayi nowebala elikhanyayo, ukufundisa nxa kungcolile nanxa kuhlambulukile; yilowo ungumthetho wochoko.

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ujehova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose naku-aroni, wathi: yishoni kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, nithi kubo: nxa owesilisa ecuciza emzimbeni wakhe, ungcolile ngokucuciza kwakhe. lokhu kuyakuba ngukungcola kwakhe ngokucuciza kwakhe: noma umzimba wakhe ucuciza, noma umzimba wakhe uvimbekile ekucucuzeni kwakhe, kungukungcola kwakhe. yonke imibhede alala kuyo ocucuzayo iyakuba ngengcolile; nezinto zonke ahlala kuzo ziyakuba ngezingcolile. yilowo nalowo othinta umbhede wakhe uyakuhlaza izingubo zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolile kuze kuhlwe. ohlala entweni ahlale kuyo ocucuzayo uyakuhlaza izingubo zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolile kuze kuhlwe. othinta inyama yocucuzayo uyakuhlaza izingubo zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolile kuze kuhlwe. uma ocucuzayo emfela ngamathe ohlambulukileyo, yena uyakuhlaza izingubo zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolile kuze kuhlwe. zonke izihlalo akhwela kuzo ocucuzayo ziyakuba ngezingcolile. bonke abathinta into eyayiphansi kwakhe bayakuba ngabangcolile kuze kuhlwe, nalowo othwala lezo zinto uyakuhlaza izingubo zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolile kuze kuhlwe. nalowo ocucuzayo amthinta, engahashazanga izandla zakhe ngamanzi, uyakuhlaza izingubo zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolile kuze kuhlwe. isitsha sebumba asithinta ocucuzayo siyakwaphulwa, nazo zonke izitsha zomuthi ziyakhashazwa ngamanzi. nxa ocucuzayo ehlambulukile ekucucuzeni kwakhe, uyakuzibalela izinsuku eziyisikhombisa zokuhlunjululwa kwakhe, ahlanze izingubo zakhe, ageze umzimba wakhe ngamanzi agobhozayo, ahlambuluke. ngosuku lwesishiyagalombili wozithabathela amahobhe amabili noma amaphuphu am-

abili amajuba, eze phambi kukajehova-aeiou ngasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana, awanike umpristi: umpristi anikele ngawo, elinye libe ngumnikelo wesono, elinye libe ngumnikelo wokushiswa, umpristi amenzele ukubuyisana phambi kukajehova-aeiou ngenxa yokucucua kwakhe. nxa umuntu eshaywa yizibuko, uyakugeza wonke umzimba wakhe ngamanzi, abe ngongcolile kuze kuhlwe. zonke izingubo nazo zonke izikhumba elikuzo izibuko lakhe ziyakuhlanzwa ngamanzi, zibe ngezingcolile kuze kuhlwe. nowesifazane elale naye indoda, imlalile yamthela ngamalotha, bayakugeza bobabili ngamanzi, babe ngabangcolile kuze kuhlwe. uma owesifazane ecucua, ukucucua kwakhe kube yigazi, uyakuhlala engcolile izinsuku eziyisikhombisa; bonke abamthintayo bayakuba ngabangcolile kuze kuhlwe. zonke izinto alala kuzo ekungcoleni kwakhe ziyakuba ngezingcolile; nakho konke ahlala kukho kuyakuba ngokungcolile. yilowo nalowo othinta umbhede wakhe uyakuhlanza izingubo zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolile kuze kuhlwe. yilowo nalowo othinta noma intoni ahlala kuyo uyakuhlanza izingubo zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolile kuze kuhlwe. uma kusembhedeni noma kukuyiphi into ahlala kuyo, nxa kuthintwa ngumuntu, yena uyakuhlala engcolile kuze kuhlwe. uma indoda ilala naye, ukungcola kwakhe kube kuyo, iyakuba ngongcolile izinsuku eziyisikhombisa; nayo yonke imibhede alala kuyo iyakuba ngongcolile. uma owesifazane ecucua igazi lakhe izinsuku eziningi, zingabi ngezokungcola kwakhe, noma ecucua kudlula isikhathi sokungcola kwakhe, zonke izinsuku zokucucua kokungcola kwakhe uyakuba njen-gasezinsukwini zokungcola kwakhe; ungcolile. imibhede yonke alala kuyo zonke izinsuku zokucucua kwakhe iyakuba kuye njengombhede wokungcola kwakhe; zonke izinto ahlala kuzo ziyakuba ngezingcolile njengokungcola kwefindo lakhe. yilowo nalowo othinta lezo zinto uyakuba ngongcolile, ahlanze izingubo zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolile kuze kuhlwe. kepha uma ehlambuluka ekucuzeni kwakhe, makazibalele izinsuku eziyisikhombisa, andukuba ahlambuluke. ngosuku lwesishiyagalombili wozithabathela amahobhe amabili noma amaphuphu amabili amajuba, awalethe kumpristi ngasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana. umpristi uyakunikela ngelinye libe ngumnikelo wesono, elinye libe ngumnikelo wokushiswa, umpristi amenzele ukubuyisana phambi kukajehova-aeiou ngenxa yokucucua kokungcola kwakhe. kanjalo nyakwahlukanisa abantwana bakwa-israyeli nokungcola kwabo ukuba bangafi ekungcoleni kwabo, lapho bengcolisa itaberna-kele

lami eliphakathi kwabo. lowo ungumthetho wocucuzayo nowoshaywa yizibuko, aze angcole ngakho, nowogula ngokungcola kwakhe, nowocucuzayo, umlisa noma owesifazane, nowakhe olala nongcolileyo.

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ujehova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose emva kokufa kwamadodana ka-aroni ekusondeleni kwawo phambi kukajehova-aeiou, afa. uje-hova-aeiou wathi kumose: khuluma ku-aroni umfowenu ukuba angangeni njalo endaweni engcwele ngaphakathi kwesihlenqo ngaphambi kwesihlalo somusa esiphezu komphongolo, ukuze angafi, ngokuba ngiyakubonakala efwini phezu kwesihlalo somusa. u-aroni kangene endaweni engcwele nalokhu: iduna, libe ngumnikelo wesono, nenqama, ibe ngumnikelo wokushiswa, embathe ibhantshi elingcwele lelineni, abe nebhulukwe lelineni emzimbeni wakhe, abhince ibhante lelineni, afake isigqoko selineni; lezi ziyizambatho ezingcwele; uyakugeza umzimba wakhe ngamanzi, azembathe. wothabatha enhlanganweni yabantwana bakwa-israyeli izimpongo ezimbili zibe ngumnikelo wesono, nenqama ibe ngumnikelo wokushiswa. u-aroni kanikele ngenkunzi yomnikelo wesono engenxa yakhe, azenzele yena nendlu yakhe ukubuyisana. wothabatha izimpongo zombili, azibeke phambi kukajehova-aeiou ngasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana. u-aroni uyakwenza inkatho ngezimpongo zombili, enye inkatho ibe ngekajehova-aeiou, enye inkatho ibe ngeka-azazeli. u-aroni wonikela ngempango edliwe yinkatho kajehova-aeiou, anikele ngayo ibe ngumnikelo wesono. kepha impongo edliwe yinkatho ka-azazeli iyakubekwa phambi kukajehova-aeiou isezwa ukuba kwenziwe ukubuyisana ngayo, ithunywe ku-azazeli ehlane. u-aroni wonikela ngenkunzi yomnikelo wesono engenxa yakhe, azenzele yena nendlu yakhe ukubuyisana, ahlabe inkunzi yomnikelo wesono engenxa yakhe. wothabatha umcengezi womlilo ogcwele amalale omlilo ase-altare phambi kukajehova-aeiou, izandla zakhe zigcwele imphepo ethaphukayo icolisisiwe, akulethe ngaphakathi kwesihlenqo, abeke imphepo emlilweni phambi kukajehova-aeiou ukuba ifu lempepo lisibekele isihlalo somusa esiphezu kobufakazi, ukuze angafi; athabathe kulo igazi lenkunzi, afafaze ngalo isihlalo somusa ngasempumalanga ngomunwe wakhe, nangaphambi kwesihlalo somusa afafaze ngegazi kasikhombisa ngomunwe wakhe. abesehlaba impongo yomnikelo wesono engenxa yabantu, alethe igazi layo ngaphakathi kwesihlenqo, enze ngegazi layo njengalokho wenza ngegazi lenkunzi,

afafaze ngalo isihlalo somusa nangaphambi kwesihlalo somusa, enzele indawo engcwele ukubuyisana ngenxa yokungcola kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli nangenxa yeziphambeko zabo ezonweni zabo zonke; akenzele njalo netende lokuhlangana elihlezi nabo phakathi kokungcola kwabo. akuyikubakho muntu etendeni lokuhlangana, nxa engena ukwenza ukubuyisana endaweni engcwele aze aphume, azenzele ukubuyisana, yena nendlu yakhe nebandla lonke lakwa-israyeli. uyakuphuma, aye e-altare eliphambi kukajehova-aeiou, alenzele ukubuyisana, athabathe kulo igazi lenkunzi nakulo igazi lempongo, alibhece ezimpondweni ze-altare nxazonke. uyakulifafaza ngegazi kasikhombisa ngomunwe wakhe, alihlambulule, alingcwelise ekungcoleni kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli. eseqedile ukwenzela indawo engcwele ukubuyisana, netende lokuhlangana ne-altare, uyakunikela ngempengo ezwayo; u-aroni abeke izandla zakhe zombili enhloko yempengo ezwayo, avume phezu kwayo bonke ububi babantwana bakwa-israyeli neziphambeko ezonweni zabo zonke, akubeke enhloko yempongo, ayithume ngesandla somuntu olungiselwe lokhu, iye ehlane, impongo ithwale ububi babo bonke, iye nabo kwahlongasibi, bayiyeke impongo ehlane. u-aroni uyakungena etendeni lokuhlangana, akhumule izambatho zelineni azembetheyo ekungeneni kwakhe endaweni engcwele, azishiye khona. uyakugeza umzimba wakhe ngamanzi endaweni engcwele, agqoke izambatho zakhe, aphume, anikele ngomnikelo wakhe wokushiswa nangomnikelo wokushiswa wabantu, azenzele yena nabantu ukubuyisana. amanoni omnikelo wesono uyakuwashisa e-altare. ovuma ukuba impongo iye kuzazeli uyakuhlanya izingubo zakhe, ageze umzimba wakhe ngamanzi, andukuba angene ekamu. inkunzi yomnikelo wesono nempongo yomnikelo wesono, elangeniswa igazi lazo ukwenza ukubuyisana endaweni engcwele, ziyakukhishelwa ngaphandle kwekamu, kushiswe ngomlilo izikhumba zazo nenyama yazo nomswani wazo. ozishisayo wohlanza izingubo zakhe, ageze umzimba wakhe ngamanzi, andukuba angene ekamu. lokhu kuyakuba yisimiso esiphakade kini: ngenyanga yesikhombisa ngolweshumi lwenyanga nyakuthobisa imiphefumulo yenu, ningasebenzi msebenzi, owokuzalwa ekhaya nomfokazi ogogobeleyo phakathi kwenu. ngokuba ngalolo suku nyakwenzelwa ukubuyisana ukuba nihlanjululwe; nyakuhlambuluka ezonweni zenu zonke phambi kukajehova-aeiou. kuyisabatha lokuphumula okuzothileyo kini; anothobisa imiphefumulo yenu; kuyisimiso esiphakade. umpristi oyakugcotshwa ahlukaniselwe abe ngumpristi esikhundleni

sikayise uyakwenza ukubuyisana, afake izambatho zelineni, izambatho ezingcwele, enzele indlu engcwele ukubuyisana, enzele abapristi nabantu bonke bebandla ukubuyisana. lokho kuyakuba yisimiso esiphakade kini ukwenzela abantwana bakwa-israyeli ukubuyisana ngenxa yezono zabo zonke kanye ngomnyaka. wenza-ke njengalokho ujhova-aeiou emyalile umose.

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ujehova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yisho ku-aroni, nakumadodana akhe, nakubo bonke abantwana bakwa-israyeli, uthi kubo: lokhu kuyikho ayale ngakho ujhova-aeiou, ethi: yilowo nalowo muntu wendlu yakwa-israyeli ohlaba inkunzi noma imvana noma imbuzi ekamu, noma eyibulala ngaphandle kwekamu, engayilethanga emnyango wetende lokuhlangana ukunikela ngayo ibe ngumnikelo kajehova-aeiou ngaphambi kwetabernakele likajehova-aeiou, lowo muntu wobalelwa icala legazi; uchithile igazi; lowo muntu uyakunqunywa kubantu bakubo. ngalokho abantwana bakwa-israyeli bayakuletha imihlatshelo yabo abayihlaba endle, bayilethe kujehova-aeiou ngasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana, kumpristi, banikele ngayo ibe yiminikelo yokuthula kujehova-aeiou. umpristi wofafaza ngegazi i-altare likajehova-aeiou ngasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana, ashise amanoni, abe yiphunga eliminandi kujehova-aeiou. abasayikuhlabela amademoni imihlatshelo yabo abaye kuwo ukuphinga. lokho kuyakuba yisimiso esiphakade kubo ezizukulwaneni zabo. wothi kubo: yilowo nalowo muntu wendlu yakwa-israyeli noma owabafokazi abagogobeleyo phakathi kwabo onikela ngomnikelo wokushiswa noma ngomhlatshelo, engayilethi emnyango wetende lokuhlangana ukunikela ngawo kujehova-aeiou, lowo muntu uyakunqunywa kubantu bakubo. yilowo nalowo muntu wendlu yakwa-israyeli noma owabafokazi abagogobeleyo phakathi kwabo odla igazi noma yiliphi, ngiyakumisa ubuso bami bumelane nalowo muntu odla igazi, ngimnqume kubantu bakubo. ngokuba umphefumulo womzimba usegazini; ngimnike lona e-altare ukwenzela imiphefumulo yenu ukubuyisana, lokhu kuyigazi elenza ukubuyisana ngomphefumulo. ngalokho ngathi kubantwana bakwa-israyeli: makungabikho muntu kini odla igazi; nomfokazi ogogobeleyo phakathi kwenu makangadli igazi. yilowo nalowo muntu wabantwana bakwa-israyeli noma owabafokazi abagogobeleyo phakathi kwabo ozingela, abambe isilwane noma inyoni edliwayo, makachithe igazi layo, alisibekele ngothuli. ngokuba umphefumulo wenyama

yonke, igazi layo lihlangene nomphefumulo wayo; ngalokho ngathi kubantwana bakwa-israyeli: maningadli igazi lenyama noma iyiphi, ngokuba umphefumulo wenyama yonke uyigazi layo; yilowo nalowo oyidlayo uyakunqunywa. yilowo nalowo odla ingcuba noma lokho okudweshulwe yizilo, noma engowokuzalwa ekhaya noma engumfokazi, makahlanze izingubo zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolile kuze kuhlwe; khona uyakuhlambuluka. kepha uma engazihlanzi, angagezi umzimba wakhe, uyakuthwala ububi bakhe.

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ujehova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yisho kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, uthi kubo: ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu. ningenzi njengokwemisebenzi yezwe lasegibithe enahlala kulo, ningenzi futhi njengokwemisebenzi yezwe lasekhanani enginyisa kulo, ningahambi ngemithetho yabo. nenze izahlulelo zami, nigcine imithetho yami ukuba nihambe ngayo; ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu. ngalokho anogcina izimiso zami nezahlulelo zami; uma umuntu ezenza, uyakuphila ngazo; ngingujehova-aeiou. makungasondeli muntu kowakubo ukwambula ubunqunu bakhe; ngingujehova-aeiou. ubunqunu bukayihlo, ubunqunu bukanyoko, ungabambuli, ungunyoko; ungambuli ubunqunu bakhe. ubunqunu bomkayihlo ungabambuli; kungubunqunu bukayihlo. ungambuli ubunqunu bukadadewenu, indodakazi kayihlo noma indodakazi kanyoko, noma ezelwe kini, noma ezelwe kwelinye; ungambuli ubunqunu babo. ungambuli ubunqunu bendodakazi yendodana yakho noma obendodakazi yendodakazi yakho; awuyikwambula ubunqunu babo, ngokuba obabo bungubunqunu bakho. ungambuli ubunqunu bendodakazi yomkayihlo, ezelwe nguyihlo; ungudadewenu; awuyikwambula ubunqunu bakhe. ungambuli ubunqunu bukadadewabo kayihlo; uyisihlobo sikayihlo. ungambuli ubunqunu bukadadewabo kanyoko, ngokuba uyisihlobo sikanyoko. ungambuli ubunqunu bomfowabo kayihlo, ungasondeli kumkakhe; unguyihlokazi. ungambuli ubunqunu bukamalokazana wakho; ungumkandodana yakho; awuyikwambula ubunqunu bakhe. ungambuli ubunqunu bomkamfowenu; kungubunqunu bomfowenu. ungambuli ubunqunu bowesifazane kanye nobendodakazi yakhe; ungathathi indodakazi yendodana yakhe, noma indodakazi yendodakazi yakhe ukwambula ubunqunu bayo, ngokuba bayizihlobo; kungukonakala. ungathathi owesifazane kanye nodadewabo ukuba wambule ubunqunu bakhe kanye nomunye esekhona, aze am-

bange. ungasondeli kowesifazane, wambule ubunqunu bakhe esangcolile ngokungcola kwakhe. ungalali nomkamakhelwane ukuzingcolisa ngaye. unganikeli ngenzalo yakho ukuyahlukanisela kumoloki, unghlambalazi igama likalezi-ku wakho; ngingujehova-aeiou. ungalali nowesilisa njenganowesifazane; kuyisinengiso. ungalali nesilwane ukuzingcolisa ngaso; nowesifazane makangemi phambi kwesilwane ukuba alale naso; kuyichilo. ningazingcolisi nangeyodwa yalezo zinto, ngokuba ngazo zonke lezo zingcolile lezi zizwe engizixosha phambi kwakho. izwe lingcolile; ngalokho ngahambela ububi balo kulo, izwe lahlanza abantu balo. gcinani izimiso zami nezahlulelo zami, ningenzi nesisodwa salezo zinengiso, noma owokuzalwa ekhaya noma umfokazi ogogobeleyo phakathi kwenu ngokuba zonke lezo zinengiso bazenza abantu balelo zwe ababekhona ngaphambi kwenu, izwe selangcola ukuze izwe linganihlazi nani, nxa nilingcolisa, njengalokho lahlanza isizwe esasikhona phambi kwenu. ngokuba bonke abenza lezo zinengiso, yebo, abazenzayo bayakunqunywa kubantu bakubo. ngalokho gcinani isiyalezo sami ukuba ningenzi nalinye lalawo masiko anengekayo, ayenziwa ngaphambi kwenu, ningazingcolisi ngawo; ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu.

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ujehova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yisho kuyo yonke inhlangu yabantwana bakwa-israyeli, uthi kuyo: niyakuba ngcwele, ngokuba mina jehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu ngingcwele. yilowo nalowo makahloniphe unina noyise, nigcine amasabatha ami; ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu. ningaphendukeli kuzo izithombe, ningazenzeli olezi-ku ababunjiweyo; ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu. nxa ninikela kujehova-aeiou ngomhlathelo weminikelo yokuthula, anonikela ngawo ukuba namukeleke. uyakudliwa ngosuku lokunikela kwenu nangakusasa; uma kusele okuthile kuze kube lusuku lwesithathu, kuyakushiswa ngomlilo. uma kudliwa nokuncane ngosuku lwesithathu, kuyisinengiso; awuyikwamukeleka; yilowo nalowo owudlayo uyakuthwala ububi bakhe, ngokuba udumazile okungcwele kukalezi-ku; lowo muntu uyakunqunywa kubantu bakubo. nxa nivuna isivuno sezwe lakini, awuyikuvuna ngokupheleleyo emagubini ensimu yakho, ungakhothozi umkhothozo wesivuno sakho. awuyikukhothoza isivini sakho, ungabuthi izithelo zesivini ezivuthulukileyo; wozishiyela abampofu nabafokazi; ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu. ningebi, ningakhohlisani, ningaqambelani amanga. ningafungeli igama lami



amanga, uze uhlambalaze igama likalezi-ku; ngingujehova-aeiou. ungamcindezeli umakhelwane wakho, ungamphangi; inkokhelo yomqashwa ayiyikuhlala kuwe ubusuku bonke kuze kuse. ungaqalekisi isithulu, ungabeki isikhubekiso phambi kwempumputhe, kepha wesabe ulezi-ku wakho; ngingujehova-aeiou. ningenzi ukungalungi ekwahluleleni; ungakhethi ubuso bompofu, ungavuni ubuso bomkhulu, kepha wahlulele umakhelwane wakho ngokulunga.

ungahambahambi ucetheza phakathi kwabantu bakho, ungamelani nokuphila komakhelwane wakho; ngingujehova-aeiou. ungazondi umfowenu enhliziyweni yakho; ungamkhuza nokumkhuza umakhelwane wakho, kepha ungabi nasono ngaye.

ungaphindisi, ungabi namagqubu nabantwana babantu bakho, kepha wothanda umakhelwane wakho njengalokhu uzithanda wena; ngingujehova-aeiou. niyakucina izimiso zami; ungavumeli izilwane zakho zizekwe ngolunye uhlobo; ungahlwanyeli ensimini yakho izinhlobo ezimbili zembewu; kungezi phezu kwakho ingubo eyizinhlobonhlobo zezintanjana. olala nowesifazane oyisigqilakazi eyingoduso, engahlengiwe, engakhululiwe ngesihle, makabe nesijeziso, angabulawa nokho, ngokuba wayengakhululekile. uyakuletha umnikelo wakhe wecala kujehova-aeiou ngasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana, inqama ibe ngumnikelo wecala. umpristi uyakumenzela ukubuyisana ngenqama yomnikelo wecala phambi kukajehova-aeiou ngesono sakhe one ngaso, athethelelwe isono sakhe one ngaso. nanxa senifikile ezweni, nitshale imithi eyizinhlobonhlobo edliwayo, anothi izithelo zayo zingukungasoki kwayo; iminyaka emithathu iyakuba njengengasokiwe kini; mazingadliwa. kepha ngomnyaka wesine zonke izithelo zayo ziyakuba ngcwele, ezokumdumisa uje-hova-aeiou. ngomnyaka wesihlanu niyakudla kuzo izithelo zayo, ukuze inithetele kakhulu; ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu. aniyikudla lutho olunegazi, ningenzi imilingo, ningahloli imihlola. aniyikudilinga amakhanda enu emaceleni; ungoni isilevu sakho emaceleni. aniyikuzigcaba emizimbeni yenu ngenxa yabafileyo, ningazilobi amabala; ngingujehova-aeiou.

awuyikuhlambalaza indodakazi yakho ukuyenza isifebe, funa izwe lehlelwe ngubufebe, izwe ligcwele ukonakala. anogcina amasabatha ami, nihloniphe indlu yami engcwele; ngingujehova-aeiou.

ningaphendukeli kwabanamadlozi nakubathakathi, ningabafuni ukuba ningcoliswe yi-bo; ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu. wosukuma phambi kwempunga, uhloniphe ubuso bomuntu omdala, umesabe ulezi-ku wakho; ngingujehova-aeiou. uma

umfokazi egogobele kuwe ezweni lakini, aniyikumhlupha. umfokazi ogogobeleyo kini uyakuba kini njengowokuzalwa ekhaya phakathi kwenu, umthande njengalokhu uzithanda wena, ngokuba naningabafokazi ezweni lasegibithe; ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu. aniyikwenza ukungalungi ekwahluleleni, ekulinganiseni ubude noma isisindo noma ubuningi. niyakuba nezilinganiso ezilungileyo, nezisindo ezilungileyo, ne-efa elilungileyo, nehini elilungileyo; ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu owanikhipha ezweni lasegibithe. anogcina zonke izimiso zami nazo zonke izahlulelo zami, nizenze; ngingujehova-aeiou.

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ujehova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: futhi uyakusho kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, uthi: yilowo nalowo wabantwana bakwa-israyeli, noma owabafokazi abagogobeleyo kwa-israyeli, onikela ngenzalo yakhe kumoloki, wobulawa nokubulawa, abantu balelo zwe bamkhande ngamatshe. ngiyakubeka ubuso bami bumelane nalowo muntu, ngimnqume kubantu bakubo, ngokuba unikela ngenzalo yakhe kumoloki ukungcolisa indlu yami engcwele nokuhlambalaza igama lami elingcwele. uma abantu balelo zwe besitheza kancane amehlo abo kulowo muntu, lapho enikela ngenzalo yakhe kumoloki, bangambulali, ngiyakubeka ubuso bami bumelane nalowo muntu nomndeni wakhe, ngimnqume kubantu bakubo kanye nabo bonke abaya kuye ukuphinga, beyophinga nomoloki. nalowo muntu ophendukela kwabanamadlozi nakubathakathi ukuya kubo ukuba aphiinge, ngiyakubeka ubuso bami bumelane nalowo muntu, ngimnqume kubantu bakubo. ngalokho zingcweleliseni nibe ngcwele, ngokuba ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu. anogcina izimiso zami, nizenze; ngingujehova-aeiou oningcweleliso.

ngokuba yilowo nalowo othuka uyise noma unina wobulawa nokubulawa; uthukile uyise noma unina; igazi lakhe liyakuba phezu kwakhe. umuntu ophiinga nomfazi womunye umuntu nophinga nomkamakhelwane wakhe, isiphingi nesiphingikazi ziyakubulawa nokubulawa. umuntu olala nomkayise wambulile ubunqunu bukayise; bobabili bobulawa nokubulawa, igazi labo libe phezu kwabo. uma umuntu elala nomalokazana wakhe, bobabili bobulawa nokubulawa; benzile ichilo; igazi labo malibe phezu kwabo. uma indoda ilala nowesilisa njenganowesifazane, bobabili benzile isinengiso; bobulawa nokubulawa, igazi labo libe phezu kwabo. uma umuntu ethatha umfazi kanye nonina, kungukonakala; bayakushiswa ngomlilo yena nabo, ukuze kungabikho konakala phakathi

kwenu. uma umuntu elala nesilwane, wobulawa nokubulawa, nishlabhe isilwane.

uma owesifazane esondela esilwaneni, alale naso, wobulala owesifazane nesilwane; bobulawa nokubulawa, igazi labo libe phezu kwabo. uma umuntu ethatha udadewabo, indodakazi kayise noma indodakazi kanina, abone ubunqunu bakhe, naye abone ubunqunu bakhe, kuyihlazo; bayakunqunywa phambi kwabantwana babantu bakubo; wambulile ubunqunu bukadadewabo; uyakuthwala ububi bakhe. uma umuntu elala nowesifazane onefindo lakhe, ambule ubunqunu bakhe, unqunisile umthombo wakhe, naye wambulile umthombo wegazi lakhe; bobabili bayakunqunywa kubantu bakubo. ungambuli ubunqunu bukadadewabo kanyoko, noma obukadadewabo kayihlo, ngokuba unqunisile isihlobo sakhe; bayakuthwala ububi babo. uma umuntu elala nomkayisekazi, wambulile ubunqunu bukayisekazi; bayakuthwala isono sabo; bayakufa beyizimpulule. uma umuntu ethatha umkamfowabo, kungukungcola; wambulile ubunqunu bomfowabo; bayakuba yizimpulule. ngalokho anogcina zonke izimiso zami, nazo zonke izahlulelo zami, nizenze ukuba izwe lapho nginiyisa khona ukuba nihlale kulo linganihlanzi. anyikuhamba ngamasiko esizwe engisixosha phambi kwenu, ngokuba benza zonke lezo zinto; ngalokho nganengwa yibo. kepha ngishilo kini ukuthi: niyakulidla ifa lezwe labo, ngininike lona libe ngelenu, izwe elichichima ubisi nezinyosi, ngingujehova-aeiou onahlukanisile nabezizwe. ngalokho anohlukanisa izilwane ezihlambulukileyo nezingcolileyo, izinyoni ezingcolileyo nezihlambulukileyo, ningenzi imiphefumulo yenu inengeke ngesilwane noma ngenyoni noma ngantoni enwabuzelayo emhlabeni, engizahlukanisile nani, ngathi zingcolile. niyakuba ngcwele kimi, ngokuba mina jehova-aeiou ngingcwele; nginahlukanisile nabezizwe ukuba nibe ngabami. owesilisa noma owesifazane, elikubo idlozi, noma umthakathi bobulawa nokubulawa, bakhandwe ngamatshe, igazi labo libe phezu kwabo.

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ujehova-aeiou wathi kumose: khuluma kubapristi, amadodana ka-aroni, uthi kubo: makungabikho ozingcolisayo ngofileyo phakathi kwabantu bakubo, ngaphandle kwezihlobo ezinyamanye naye, okungukuthi unina, noyise, nendodana yakhe, nendodakazi yakhe, nomfowabo, nodadewabo, intombi eseduze naye, engenandoda; angazingcolisa ngaye. akayikuzingcolisa, eyisikhulu phakathi kwabantu bakubo, ukuze aziphlambalaze. abayikuzigega amakhanda

abo, bangasiphuculi isilevu emaceleni, bangazigcabi emzimbeni. bayakuba ngcwele kulezi-ku wabo, bangahlambalazi igama likalezi-ku wabo, ngokuba banikela ngeminikelo yomlilo kajejehova-aeiou, isinkwa sikalezi-ku wabo; ngalokho bayakuba ngcwele. angathathi owesifazane oyisifebe nowonakeleyo, angathathi owesifazane olahliwe yindoda yakhe, ngokuba ngcwele kulezi-ku wakhe. ngalokho uyakumngcwelisa, ngokuba unikela ngesinkwa sikalezi-ku wakho; uyakuba ngcwele kuwe, ngokuba mina jehova-aeiou oningcwelisayo ngingcwele. indodakazi yompristi, uma izingcolisa ngokufeba, iyamhlambalaza noyise; yoshiswa ngomlilo. ongumpristi omkhulu phakathi kwabafowabo, kuthele ekhanda lakhe amafutha okugoba, nowahlukaniselwa ukuba embathe izambatho, akayikuthukulula izinwele zekhanda lakhe, angaklebhuli izambatho zakhe, angangeni nakumuphi umuntu ofileyo, angazingcolisi ngoyise noma ngonina, futhi angaphumi endlini engcwele, angahlambalazi indlu engcwele kalezi-ku wakhe; ngokuba umqhele wamafutha okugoba kalezi-ku wakhe uphezu kwakhe; ngingujehova-aeiou. wothatha umfazi oseiyintombi. umfelokazi noma umfazi olahliweyo noma owesifazane owonakelayo, isifebe, laba akayikubathatha, kepha uyakuthatha intombi yabantu bakubo ibe ngumkakhe. akayikuhlambalaza inzalo yakhe phakathi kwabantu bakhe; ngokuba ngingujehova-aeiou oningcwelisayo. ujejehova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yisho ku-aroni, uthi: umuntu wenzalo yakho ezizukulwaneni zayo oyisilima makangasondeli ukunikela ngesinkwa sikalezi-ku wakhe. ngokuba umuntu oyisilima akayikusondela; impumputhe noma unyonga, noma onekhala eliyisicaba, noma ozitho zakhe zingalingene, noma umuntu ononyawo olwaphukileyo, noma onesandla esaphukileyo, noma onesifumbu, noma oyisichwe, noma onomlanga esweni lakhe, noma onesithembuzane, noma onomuna, noma oyisilima ngamasende; akungabikho muntu wenzalo ka-aroni umpristi oyisilima oyakusondela ukunikela ngeminikelo yomlilo kajejehova-aeiou; uyisilima; makangasondeli ukunikela ngesinkwa sikalezi-ku wakhe. uyakudla isinkwa sikalezi-ku wakhe, esingcwelengcwele nesingcwele. kuphela akayikungena kuso isihengo, futhi angasondeli e-altare, ngokuba uyisilima, ukuze angahlambalazi izindlu zami ezingcwele, ngokuba ngingujehova-aeiou obangcwelisayo. umose wakhuluma lokho ku-aroni, nakumadodana akhe, nakubo bonke abantwana bakwa-israyeli.

ujehova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yisho ku-aroni nakumadodana akhe ukuba bahlukane nezinto ezingcwele zabantwana bakwa-israyeli abangcwelelisa zona, bangalhlambalazi igama lami elingcwele; ngingujehova-aeiou. yisho kubo ukuthi: yilowo nalowo wenzalo yenu yonke ezizukulwaneni zenu osondela ezintweni ezingcwele abantwana bakwa-israyeli abazingcwelelisa ujeahova-aeiou, esengcolile, lowo muntu uyakunqunywa, angabikho phambi kwami; ngingujehova-aeiou. yilowo nalowo wenzalo ka-aroni onochoko noma ocucuzayo akayikudla izinto ezingcwele aze ahlambuluke. nalowo othinta okungcolile ngabafileyo, noma umuntu oshaywa yizibuko, nalowo othinta okunwabuzelayo angangcoliswa ngakho, noma umuntu angangcoliswa ngaye, nakuba enokungcola kuni, umuntu othinta okunjalo uyakuba ngongcolile kuze kuhlwe, angazidli izinto ezingcwele, uma engagezi umzimba wakhe ngamanzi. selishonile ilanga uyakuba ngohlambulukile, andukuba adle izinto ezingcwele, ngokuba ziyisinkwa sakhe. ingcuba nokudweshulwe yizilo akayikudla ukuzingcolisa ngakho; ngingujehova-aeiou. ngalokho abogcina isiyalezo sami, funa babe nesono ngaso, bafele kuso, uma besihlambalaza, ngingujehova-aeiou obangcwelelisa. umfokazi akayikudla okungcwele; umuntu ogogobeleyo wompristi noma umqashwa angadli okungcwele. kepha uma umpristi ethenga umuntu eyintengo yemali yakhe, yena angakudla; nabazelwe emzini wakhe bangadla isinkwa sakhe. uma indodakazi yompristi igana umfokazi, yona mayingadli emnikelweni wokuphakanyiswa wezinto ezingcwele. kepha uma indodakazi yompristi ingumfelokazi noma ingolahlweyo ingenamntwana, bese yibuyela endlini kayise njengasebusheni bayo, iyakudla isinkwa sikayise; kepha umfokazi makangasidli. uma umuntu edla okungcwele engazi, wothasisela okwesihlanu kwakho, amnike umpristi okungcwele. abayikuhlambalaza izinto ezingcwele zabantwana bakwa-israyeli abanikela ngazo kujehova-aeiou, bangabethwesi ububi obutholisa icala, lapho bedla izinto zabo ezingcwele; ngokuba ngingujehova-aeiou obangcwelelisa. ujeahova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yisho ku-aroni, nakumadodana akhe, nakubo bonke abantwana bakwa-israyeli, uthi kubo: yilowo nalowo wendlu ka-israyeli noma umfokazi kwa-israyeli onikela ngomnikelo wakhe, noma owesithembiso sakhe noma owemnikelo yakhe yesihle, okunikelwa ngayo kujehova-aeiou ibe ngumnikelo wokushiswa, ukuze namukeleke, wonikela ngeduna

elingenasici lezinkomo, elezimvu noma elezimbu. noma yintoni enesici anyikunikelwa ngayo; ngokuba anyikwamukeleka ngayo. umuntu onikela ngomhlatshelelo weminikelo yokuthula kujehova-aeiou ukugcwalisa isithembiso noma owomnikelo wesihle ezinkomeni noma ezimvini, umelwe ukuphelela ukuba wamukeleke, kungabi sici kuwo. ephuphuthekayo noma eyaphukileyo noma elimeleyo noma enesilonda noma enokhwekhe noma enomuna, ninganikeli ngazo kujehova-aeiou, futhi ninganikeli ngazo zibe ngumnikelo womlilo e-altare kujehova-aeiou. inkunzi noma imvina enesitho esidluleleyo noma enesitho esincane, unganikela ngazo zibe ngumnikelo wesihle, kepha uma ungowesithembiso awunakwamukeleka. anyikunikelwa kujehova-aeiou ngento etheniwe ngokukhandwa noma ngokuchotshozwa noma ngokudwengulwa noma ngokunqunywa; ningenzi kanjalo ezweni lakini. anyikwamukela esandleni sowezizwe, ninikele ngezinjalo zibe yisinkwa sikalezi-ku wenu, ngokuba ukonakala kwazo kukuzo, zinobulima; anyikwamukeleka ngazo. ujeahova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: nxa kuzalwa inkunzi noma imvu noma imbuzi, iyakuhlala kunina izinsuku eziyisikhombisa; kusukela osukwini lwesishiyagalombili nangasemula iyakwamukelwa ibe ngumnikelo womlilo kujehova-aeiou. noma kuyinkomazi noma imvukazi, anyikuyihlaba kanye nomntwana wayo ngalusuku lunye. nxa nihlabela ujeahova-aeiou umhlatshelelo wokubonga, niyakumhlabela ukuba namukeleke. uyakudliwa ngalolo suku, ningashiyi lutho lwawo kuze kuse; ngingujehova-aeiou. ngalokho anogcina imiyalo yami, niyenze; ngingujehova-aeiou. ningahlambalazi igama lami elingcwele; kepha ngiyangcwelelisa phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli; ngingujehova-aeiou oningcwelelisa, owanikhipha ezweni lasegibithe, ngibe ngulezi-ku wenu; ngingujehova-aeiou.

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ujehova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yisho kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, uthi kubo: imikhosi emisiweyo kajehova-aeiou eniyakuyimemezela ibe yimihlangano engcwele, yona iyimikhosi yami emisiweyo. umsebenzi uyakwenziwa izinsuku eziyisithupha; kepha ngosuku lwesikhombisa kuyisabatha lokuphumula okuzothileyo, umhlangano ongcwele; ningasebenzi msebenzi; kuyisabatha kujehova-aeiou ezindlini zenu zonke. nansi imikhosi emisiweyo kajehova-aeiou, imihlangano engcwele eniyakuyimemezela ngezikhathi zayo ezimisiweyo. ngenyanga yokuqala ngolweshumi nane lwenyanga kusihlwa

kuyiphasika likajehova-aeiou. ngosuku lweshumi nanhlano lwaleyo nyanga kungumkhosi wesinkwa esingenamvubelo kujehova-aeiou; niyakudla isinkwa esingenamvubelo izinsuku eziyisikhombisa. ngosuku lokuqala niyakuba nomhlangano ongwele, ningasebenzi msebenzi. kepha niyakunikela ngomnikelo womlilo kujehova-aeiou izinsuku eziyisikhombisa. ngosuku lwesikhombisa kungumhlangano ongwele; ningasebenzi msebenzi. ujejhova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yisho kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, uthi kubo: nxa nifikile ezweni engininika lona, nivune isivuno salo, anoletha kumpristi isithungu solibo lwesivuno senu; yena asizulise isithungu phambi kukajehova-aeiou ukuba samukelwe ngenxa yenu; ngakusasa emva kwesabatha umpristi uyakusizulisa. ngalolo suku enizulisa ngalo isithungu, niyakunikela ngemvu yeduna en-genasici, enomnyaka munye, ibe ngumnikelo wokushiswa kujehova-aeiou. umnikelo wawo wempuphu woba ngokweshumi bona-rukukhandlekali kwempuphu ecolekileyo, exovwe namafutha, umnikelo womlilo kujehova-aeiou, ube yiphunga elimnandi, nomnikelo wawo wokuphuzwa woba ngokwesine kwehini lewayini. aniyikudla isinkwa notshwele nezikhwebu ezintsha, kuze kufike lolo suku, ningakaleti umnikelo kalezi-ku wenu; kuyisimiso esiphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu ezindlini zenu zonke.

anozibalela kusukela kolwangakusasa emva kwesabatha, ngosuku enaletha ngalo isithungu somnikelo wokuzuliswa, kuze kube ngamasabatha ayisikhombisa apheleleyo; kuze kufike olwangakusasa emva kwesabatha lesikhombisa anobala izinsuku ezingamashumi ayisihlanu, ninikele ngomnikelo omusha wempuphu kujehova-aeiou. maniphume ezindlini zenu nezinkwa ezimbili zokuzuliswa zokweshumi bona-rukukhandlekali kwempuphu ecolekileyo, ziphekwe nemvubelo, zibe lulibo kujehova-aeiou.

kanye nesinkwa niyakunikela ngezimvu eziyisikhombisa ezingenasici zinomnyaka munye, neduna nezinqama ezimbili, zibe ngumnikelo wokushiswa kujehova-aeiou kanye nomnikelo wazo wempuphu neminikelo yazo yokuphuzwa, umnikelo womlilo, ube yiphunga elimnandi kujehova-aeiou. niyakunikela ngempongo ibe ngumnikelo wesono, nezimvu ezimbili zamaduna ezinomnyaka munye, zibe ngumhlatshelelo weminikelo yokuthula. umpristi uyakuzizulisa kanye nesinkwa solibo zibe ngumnikelo wokuzuliswa phambi kukajehova-aeiou kanye nezimvu ezimbili; ziyakuba ngcwele kujehova-aeiou, zibe ngezompri. niyakumemezela ngalolo suku, nibe nomhlangano ongwele; ningasebenzi msebenzi; kuyisimiso esiphakade ezindlini zenu zonke ezizukulwaneni zenu. nxa

nivuna isivuno sezwe lakini, awuyiku-vuna ngokupheleleyo emagumbini esinimu yakho, ungakhothozi umkhothozi wesivuno sakho; uwushiyele abampofu nabafokazi; ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho.

ujehova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yisho kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, uthi: ngenyanga yesikhombisa ngolokuqala lwenyanga anoba nokuphumula okuzothileyo, isikhumbuzo ngokushaya amacilongo, umhlangano ongwele. ningasebenzi msebenzi, ninikele ngomnikelo womlilo kujehova-aeiou. ujejhova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: kepha ngolweshumi lwaleyo nyanga yesikhombisa kulusuku lokubuyisana; anoba nomhlangano ongwele, nithobise imiphefumulo yenu, ninikele ngomnikelo womlilo kujehova-aeiou. ningasebenzi msebenzi ngalolo suku, ngokuba kulusuku lokubuyisana ukunenzela ukubuyisana phambi kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu. ngokuba yilowo nalowo muntu ongathotshiswa ngalolo suku uyakunqunywa kubantu bakubo. yilowo nalowo muntu owenza umsebenzi othile ngalolo suku, lowo muntu ngiyakumbhubhisa, angabikho kubantu bakubo. ningasebenzi msebenzi; kuyisimiso esiphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu ezindlini zenu zonke. kuyakuba yisabatha lokuphumula okuzothileyo kini, nithobise imiphefumulo yenu; ngolwesishiyagalolunye lwenyanga kusihlwa, kusukela kusihlwa kuze kube kusihlwa, anogcina isabatha lenu. ujejhova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yisho kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, uthi: ngosuku lweshumi nanhlano lwaleyo nyanga yesikhombisa kungumkhosi wamadokodo izinsuku eziyisikhombisa kujehova-aeiou. ngosuku lokuqala kuyakuba ngumhlangano ongwele, ningasebenzi msebenzi. izinsuku eziyisikhombisa niyakunikela ngomnikelo womlilo kujehova-aeiou; ngosuku lwesishiyagalombili nibe nomhlangano ozothileyo, ninikele ngomnikelo womlilo kujehova-aeiou; kungumhlangano wokugcina; ningasebenzi msebenzi.

le iyimikhosi emisiweyo kajehova-aeiou eniyakuyimemezela ibe yimihlangano engcwele ukunikela ngomnikelo womlilo kujehova-aeiou, umnikelo wokushiswa nomnikelo wempuphu, umhlatshelelo neminikelo yokuphuzwa, kube yilowo nalowo ngosuku lwawo, ngaphandle kwamasabatha kajehova-aeiou, nangaphandle kweziphu zenu, nangaphandle kwezithembiso zenu zonke, nangaphandle kweminikelo yenu yonke yesihle eninikela ngayo kujehova-aeiou. kepha ngosuku lweshumi nanhlano lwenyanga yesikhombisa, lapho senibuthile izithelo zezwe, anogcina umkhosi kajehova-aeiou izinsuku eziyisikhombisa; ngosuku lokuqala makube ngukuphumula okuzothileyo, nangosuku lwesishiyagalombili kube ngukuphumula okuzothileyo. ngosuku

lokuqala anothabatha izithelo zemithi emihle, namagatsha amasundu, nezingatsha zemithi edumbileyo, neminyezane yemifula, nethabe phambi kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu izinsuku eziyisikhombisa. niyakuwugcina ube ngumkhosi kujehova-aeiou izinsuku eziyisikhombisa ngomnyaka; kuyisimiso esiphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu; niwugcine ngenyanga yesikhombisa. niyakuhlala emadokodweni izinsuku eziyisikhombisa, bonke abangabokuzalwa kwa-israyeli bahlale emadokodweni, ukuze izizukulwane zenu zazi ukuthi ngabahlalisa abantwana bakwa-israyeli emadokodweni ekubakhipheni kwami ezweni lasegibithe, ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu. umose wabatshela-ke abantwana bakwa-israyeli imikhosi emisiweyo kajehova-aeiou.

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ujehova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yala abantwana bakwa-israyeli ukuba balethe kuwe amafutha eminqumo acwengekileyo agxotshelwe ukukhanyisa, ukuba izibani zivuthe njalonjalo. ngaphandle kweshenqo sobufakazi etendeni lokuhlangana u-aroni uyakuzilungisa njalo phambi kukajehova-aeiou, aqale kusihlwa kuze kuse; kuyakuba yisimiso esiphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu, alungise njalo izibani othini olucwengekileyo phambi kukajehova-aeiou. wothabatha impuphu ecolekileyo, upheke ngayo amaqebelengwane ayishumi nambili, iqebelengwane linye libe nokweshumi bona-ra-ukukhandlekali. wowabeka izinqwaba ezimbili, ayisitupha abe senqwabeni inye etafuleni elicwengekileyo phambi kukajehova-aeiou. uyakubeka inhla ecwengekileyo ezingwabeni zombili, ibe yisikhumbuzo esinkweni nomnikelo womlilo kujehova-aeiou. amasabatha ngamasabatha uyakuzihlela phambi kukajehova-aeiou njalo; kungenxa yabantwana bakwa-israyeli, kuyisivumelwano esiphakade. ziyakuba ngezika-aroni nezamadodana akhe, bazidlele endaweni engcwele, ngokuba zingcwele ngcwele, zingezakhe phakathi kweminikelo yomlilo kajehova-aeiou ngesimiso esiphakade. indodana yowesifazane wakwa-israyeli, uyise wayo engowasegibithe, yaphuma yaya phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli; indodana yowesifazane wakwa-israyeli nomuntu wakwa-israyeli baxabana ekamu; indodana yowesifazane wakwa-israyeli yahlambalaza igama, yathuka; yaletswa kumose. igama likanina lalingushelomiti indodakazi kadibiri, owesizwe sakwadani. bayifaka etilongweni ukuba batshelwe ngomlomo kajehova-aeiou. uje-hova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: mkhiphele ngaphandle kwekamu lowo othukile; bonke abamuzwa

mababeke izandla zabo ekhanda lakhe, inhlangano yonke imkhande ngamatshe. uyakukhuluma kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, uthi: yilowo nalowo oqalekisa ulezi-ku wakhe uyakuthwala isono sakhe. ohlambalaza igama likajehova-aeiou wobulawa nokubulawa, yonke inhlangano imkhande nokumkhanda ngamatshe; umfokazi noma owokuzalwa ekhaya, nxa ehlambalaza igama likajehova-aeiou, wobulawa. oshaya umuntu aze afe wobulawa nokubulawa. oshaya inkomo ize ife uyakuyikhokha, kube ngukuphila ngokuphila. uma umuntu elimaza umakhelwane wakhe, njengalokho enzile yena kuyakwenziwa kanjalo kuye, kube ngukwaphuka ngokwaphuka, neso ngeso, nezinyo ngezinyo; njengalokho elimazile umuntu, kanjalo kuyakwenziwa kuye. obulala inkomo woyikhokha; obulala umuntu wobulawa. niyakuba nomthetho munye kumfokazi nakowokuzalwa ekhaya; ngokuba ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu. umose wakhuluma-ke kubantwana bakwa-israyeli; bamkhiphela othukileyo ngaphandle kwekamu, bamkhanda ngamatshe. abantwana bakwa-israyeli benza njengalokho uje-hova-aeiou emyalile umose.

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ujehova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose entabeni yasesinayi, wathi: yisho kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, uthi kubo: nxa nifika ezweni engininika lona, izwe liyakumgcinela uje-hova-aeiou isabatha. iminyaka eyisitupha uyakulima insimu yakho, iminyaka eyisitupha uyakuthena isivini sakho, ubuthe izithelo zaso, kepha ngomnyaka wesikhombisa kuyakuba khona isabatha lokuphumula okuzothileyo kwezwe, isabatha kuye uje-hova-aeiou; awuyikulima insimu yakho, ungatheni isivini sakho. amakhikhizela esivuno sakho awuyikuwawuna, nezithelo zomvini wakho ongatheniwe awuyikuzikha; kuyakuba ngumnyaka wokuphumula okuzothileyo kwezwe. isabatha lezwe liyakuba ngukudla kwenu, okwakho nokwenceku yakho nokwencekukazi yakho nokomqashwa wakho nokomfokazi wakho ogogobeleyo kuwe; nakuzo izinkomo zakho nezilwane ezisezweni konke ukuthela kwalo kuyakuba ngukudla. uyakuzibalela amasabatha ayisikhombisa eminyaka, iminyaka eyisikhombisa iphindwe kasikhombisa, kube kuwe izinsuku zamasabatha ayisikhombisa eminyaka, kube yiminyaka engamashumi amane nesishiyagalolunye. uyakuthuma izwi lecilongo elizwakala kakhulu ngolweshumi lwenyanga yesikhombisa; ngosuku lokubuyisana niyakuthuma izwi lecilongo ezweni lonke lakini. niyakuwugcwelisa umnyaka wamashumi ayisihlanu, nimemezele inkululeko ezweni lonke kubo bonke

abakhileyo kulo; kuyakuba yijubili kini, nibuyele, kube yilowo nalowo efeni lakhe, nibuyele, kube yilowo nalowo kwabomndeni wakhe. lo mnyaka wamashumi ayisihlanu uyakuba yijubili kini; anyikulima, ningavuni amakhikhizela awo, ningakhi ngawo ezomvini ongatheniwe. ngokuba uyijubili; uyakuba ngcwele kini, nidle izithelo zawo zasensimini. ngalowo mnyaka wejubili niyakubuyela, kube yilowo nalowo efeni lakhe. uma uthengisa ngotho kumakhelwane wakho noma uthenga esandleni somakhelwane wakho, ningadlani; njengenani leminyaka esemva kwejubili yakuthenga kumakhelwane wakho nanjengenani leminyaka yezithelo yakuthengisa kuwe. ngobuningi beminyaka uyakwandisa intengo yalo nangobuncane beminyaka uyakunciphisa intengo yalo; ngokuba uthengisa kuwe ngenani lezithelo. anyikudlana, kepha uyakwesaba ulezi-ku wakho, ngokuba ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho. ngalokho azenza izimiso zami, nigcine izahlulelo zami, nizenze, nihlale ezweni nilondekile. izwe liyakuthela izithelo zalo, nidle nisuthe, nihlale kulo nilondekile. uma nisho ukuthi: siyakudlani ngomnyaka wesikhombisa? bheka, asiyaikulima, asiyaikubutha ukudla kwethu, khona ngiyakuyala isibusiso sami sehlele phezu kwenu ngomnyaka wesithupha, uze uthole ukudla kweminyaka emithathu. niyakulima ngomnyaka wesishiyagalombili, nidle izithelo zikanyasa; uze ufike umnyaka wesishiyagalolunye, kungene izithelo zawo, niyakudla unyasa. akuyikuthengiswa ngezwe kuze kube phakade, ngokuba izwe lingelami, nina-ke ningabafakazi nabagobeleyo kimi. ezweni lonke lefa lenu niyakuvuma ukuhlengwa kwezwe. uma umfowenu eba mpofu, athengise ngefa lakhe, kuyakufika isihlobo sakhe, sihlenge lona umfowabo athengisile ngalo. uma umuntu engenaye ongalihlenga, kodwa ebeseba ngocebileyo, athole okwanele ukulihlenga, makabale iminyaka selokhu kwathengiswa ngalo, abuyisele okudluleleyo kulowo muntu athengisa kuye ngalo, aze abuyele efeni lakhe. uma engatholi amandla okuzibuyiselela lona, lelo athengise ngalo liyakusala esandleni solithengileyo, uze ufike umnyaka wejubili; ngejubili liyakuphuma, yena abuyele efeni lakhe. uma umuntu ethengisa ngendlu yokuhlala emzini onogange, angayihlenga ungakapheli umnyaka selokhu wathengisa ngayo, ngokuba umnyaka wonke uyakuba nelungelo lokuyihlenga. uma ingahlengwanga umnyaka usuphelile, leyo ndlu esemzini onogange iyakuqiniswa ibe ngeyakhe owayithenga kuze kube phakade ezizukulwaneni zakhe; ayiyikuphuma ngejubili. kepha izindlu zemizana engenalugange nxazonke ziyakubalwa kanye namasimu

asemaphandleni; zingahlengwa, ziphume ngejubili. kodwa imizi yamalevi, izindlu zemizi yefa lawo amalevi angazihlenga noma nini. uma umlevi engahlengi, indlu okwathengiswa ngayo nomuzi wefa lakhe kuyakuphuma ngejubili, ngokuba izindlu zemizi yamalevi ziyifa lawo phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli. izwe lamadlelo emizi yawo akunakuthengiswa ngalo, ngokuba liyifa lawo kuze kube phakade. uma umfowenu eba mpofu, engenamandla okukukhokhela, uyakumsekela, ahlale nawe njengomfokazi nogogobeleyo. ungathathi kuye inzalo engafanele nenzuzo, kepha wesabe ulezi-ku wakho, ukuze umfowenu ahlale nawe. awuyikumnika imali yakho ngenzalo, ungamuphi ukudla kwakho ngenzuzo. ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu owanikhipha ezweni lasegibithe ukuninika izwe lasekhanani, ngibe ngulezi-ku wenu. uma umfowenu eba mpofu ekuwe, azithengise kuwe, awuyikumsebenza njengesigqila, kepha abe njengomqashwa nogogobeleyo kuwe; uyakusebenza kuwe kuze kufike umnyaka wejubili, andukuba aphume kuwe, yena nabantwana bakhe kanye naye, abuyele kwabomndeni wakhe, abuyele nasefeni lawoyise. ngokuba bayizinceku zami engazikhipha ezweni lasegibithe; akuyikuthengiswa ngazo zibe yizigqila. awuyikubusa kalukhuni phezu kwakhe, kepha wesabe ulezi-ku wakho. izigqila zakho nezigqilakazi zakho oyakuba nazo; niyakuzithenga izigqila nezigqilakazi kwabezizwe abanizungezayo. futhi kubantwana babafokazi abagogobeleyo kini, kubona niyakuthenga nakwabomndeni wabo abakini ababazalile ezweni lakini, babe yifa lenu. niyakubenza ifa labantwana benu emva kwenu ukuba babe yifa labo; niyakuthatha kubo izigqila zenu kuze kube phakade; kepha anyikubusa kalukhuni phezu kwabafowenu, abantwana bakwa-israyeli, omunye phezu komunye. uma umfokazi noma ogogobeleyo kuwe eba ngocebileyo, umfowenu abe mpofu kuye, azithengise kumfokazi noma kogogobeleyo kuwe noma kowohlanga lwabomndeni wabafokazi, angahlengwa nxa sekuthengisiwe ngaye; omunye wabafowabo angamhlenga; noma uyisekazi noma indodana kayisekazi angamhlenga; noma omunye owakubo owabomndeni wakhe angamhlenga; noma eba ngocebileyo, angazihlenga yena. uyakubalisana nalowo owamthengayo, aqale ngomnyaka owazithengisa kuye ngawo, kuze kube ngumnyaka wejubili; imali yentengiso iyakuba njengenani leminyaka; uyakuba naye njengesikhathi somqashwa. uma isasele iminyaka eminingi, njengayo uyakubuyisa intengo yokuhlengwa kwakhe emalini athengwa ngayo. uma isasele iminyaka eyingcosana kuze

kufike umnyaka wejubili, uyakubalisana naye; ngeminyaka yakhe uyakubuyisa imali yokuhlangwa kwakhe. njengenceku eqashwa iminyaka ngeminyaka uyakuba naye; akayikubusa kalukhuni phezu kwakhe emehlweni akho. uma engahlengwanga ngalezo zindlela, uyakuphuma ngomnyaka wejubili, yena nabantwana bakhe kanye naye. ngokuba abantwana bakwaisrayeli bayizinceku kimi; bayizinceku zami engazikhipha ezweni lasegibithe; ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu.

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ningenzi izithombe, ningamisi izithombe ezibaziweyo noma insika; ningabeki itshe eline-mifanekiso ezweni lakini ukukhotamela kulo; ngokuba ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu. anogcina amasabatha ami, nihloniphe indlu yami engcwele; ngingujehova-aeiou. uma nihamba ngezimiso zami, nigcine imiyalo yami, niyenze, ngiyakuninika imvula ngesikhathi sayo, izwe lithile ukudla kwalo, imithi yasendle ithele izithelo zayo. ukubhula kwenu kuyakufinyelela ekuvunweni kwemivini, ukuvunwa kwemivini kuyakufinyelela esikhathini sokulima; niyakudla isinkwa senu, nisuthe, nihlale ezweni lakini nilondekile. ngiyakunika ukuthula ezweni, nilale phansi ningesatshiswa muntu; ngiyakuqothula izilwane ezimbi ezweni, nenkemba ayiyikudabula ezweni lakini. niyakuxosha izitha zenu, ziwe phambi kwenu ngenkemba. abayisihlanu kini bayakuxosha abayikhulu, nabayikhulu kini bayakuxosha izinkulungwane eziyishumi, izitha zenu ziwe phambi kwenu ngenkemba. ngiyakuninaka, nginenze ukuba nizale, nande, ngimise isivumelwano sami nani. niyakudla unyasa omdala, nikhiphe unyasa ngenxa yokusha. ngiyakubeka itabernakele lami phakathi kwenu, umphefumulo wami awuyikunengwa yinina. ngiyakuhamba phakathi kwenu, ngibe ngulezi-ku wenu, nibe ngabantu bami. ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu owanikhipha ezweni lasegibithe ukuba ningabi yizigqila zabo; ngaphulile izikeyi zejoka lenu, ngenza ukuba nihambe niluleme. kepha uma ningalaleli, ningayenzi yonke le miyalo, uma nilahla izimiso zami, uma umphefumulo wenu unengwa yizahlulelo zami, ukuze ningayenzi yonke imiyalo yami, kepha naphule isivumelwano sami, nami ngiyakwenza lokhu kini; ngiyakunehlisela ingebhe nesifuba nomkhuhlane oyakuqeda amehlo, udangalise umphefumulo; niyakuhlwanyela ngeze imbewu yenu, ngokuba izitha zenu ziyakuyidla. ngiyakubeka ubuso bami bumelane nani, nibulawe phambi kwezitha zenu; abanizondayo bayakubusa phezu

kwenu, nibaleke ningaxoshwa muntu. kepha uma ningangilaleli nangalezo zinto, ngiyakubuye nginishaye kasikhombisa ngezono zenu. ngiyakwaphula ukuzidla kwamandla enu, ngenze izulu lenu libe njen-gensimbi, nomhlabathi wenu ube njengeth-usi. amandla enu ayakuchithwa ngeze, ngokuba izwe lakini aliyikuthela ukudla kwalo, nemithi yezwe ayiyikuthela izithelo zayo. uma nihamba niphambene nami, ningangilaleli, ngiyakubuye nginehlisele izinhlupheko ziphindwe kasikhombisa njengezono zenu. ngiyakuthuma phakathi kwenu izilo zasendle ziyakunaphuca abantwana benu, zibulale izinkomo zenu, zinciphise, izindlela zenu zibe yihlane. kepha uma ningaxwayiswa yimi ngalezo zinto, kodwa nihamba niphambene nami, nami ngiyakuhamba ngiphambene nani, ngin-ishaye, yebo, mina, kasikhombisa ngezono zenu. ngiyakunehlisela inkemba yempindiselo eyakuphindisela isivumelwano sami; senibuthelwe emizini yenu, ngiyakuthuma isifo phakathi kwenu, ninikelwe esandleni sesitha. nxa ngaphula uzime lwesinkwa, abesifazane abayishumi bayakupheka isinkwa sakho eziko linye, babuyise isinkwa senu ngesisindo; niyakudla ningasuthi. kepha uma ningangilaleli nangazo zonke lezo zinto, kodwa nihamba niphambene nami, nami ngiyakuhamba ngiphambene nani ngokufutheka, ngikushaye kasikhombisa ngezono zakho. niyakudla inyama yamadodana enu, senyama yamadodakazi enu niyakuyidla. ngiyakuchitha izindawo zenu eziphakemeyo, ngingume ama-altare enu emphepo, ngilahle izidumbu zenu phezu kwezidumbu zezithombe zenu; umphefumulo wami uyakunengwa yinina. ngiyakuyenza imizi yenu ibe yizwekufa, ngizenze izindlu zenu ezingcwele zibe yincithakalo; angisayikuhogela unqambothi lwamaphunga lwenu olumnandi. ngiyakulenza izwe libe yincithakalo; izitha zenu ezihlala kulo ziyakumangala ngakho. nina-ke ngiyakunihlakazela ezizweni, ngihoshe inkemba emva kwenu, izwe lakini libe yincithakalo, nemizi yenu ibe yizwekufa. khona izwe liyakuthokoza ngamasabatha alo ngesikhathi lhlhezi lichithekile, nina nisekhona ezweni lezitha zenu; khona izwe liyakuphumula, lithokoze ngamasabatha alo. ngesikhathi lhlhezi lichithekile liyakuphumula, lokho kuphumula elalingenakho ngamasabatha enu, lapho nanisahlezi kulo. abaseleyo bakini ngiyakubehlisela itwetwe ezinhliziyweni zabo emazweni ezitha zabo; ubuhashahasha beqabunga elinyakaziswayo buyakubaxosha, babaleke njengalokhu umuntu ebalekela inkemba, bawe bengaxoshwa muntu. bayakukhubeka, omunye phezu komunye, kungathi kuphambi kwenkemba, bengax-

oshwa muntu; aniyikuba namandla okuma phambi kwezitha zenu. niyakubhubha phakathi kwezizwe, izwe lezitha zenu linidle. abaseleyo bakini bayakonda ngobubi babo emazweni ezitha zenu, nangobubi bayoyise bayakonda kanye nabo. bayakuvuma ububi babo nobubi bayoyise ngeziphambeko zabo abaphambeka ngazo kimi, nokuthi njen-gokuba bahamba bephambene nami, nami ngahamba ngiphambene nabo, ngabayisa ezweni lezitha zabo; uma-ke izinhliziyi zabo ezingasokile zithobeka, besamukela isijeziso sobubi babo, ngiyakukhumbula isivumelwano sami nojakobe; nesivumelwano sami no-isaka, nesivumelwano sami no-abrahama ngiyakusikhumbula, ngilikhumbule nezwe. izwe liyakushiywa yibo, lithokoze ngamasabatha alo, lisahlezi lichithekile, lingenabo; bayakwamukela isijeziso sobubi babo, ngokuba, yebo, ngokuba balahla izahlulelo zami nangokuba umphefumulo wabo wanengwa yizimiso zami. kepha uma kunjalo, sebekhona ezweni lezitha zabo, angiyikubalahla, ngin-ganenga yibo, ukuze ngibaqothule, ngisaphule isivumelwano sami nabo, ngokuba ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wabo; kepha ngenxa yabo ngiyakukhumbula isivumelwano sawokhokho babo engabakhipha ezweni lasenziwe emehlweni ezizwe ukuba ngibe ngulezi-ku wabo; ngingujehova-aeiou.

lezo ziyizimiso nezahlulelo nemithetho akwenzayo uje-hova-aeiou phakathi kwakhe nabantwana bakwa-israyeli entabeni yas-esinayi ngesandla sikamose.

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ujehova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yisho kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, uthi kubo: nxa umuntu enza isithembiso esithile, lapho uyakulinganisa abantu kujehova-aeiou, ukulinganisa kwakho owesilisa, kusukela koneminyaka engamashumi amabili kuze kube koneminyaka engamashumi ayisithupha, kuyakuba ngamashekeli angamashumi ayisihlanu esiliva ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele. uma kungowesifazane, ukulinganisa kwakho kuyakuba ngamashekeli angamashumi amathathu. uma kusukela koneminyaka eyisihlanu kuze kube koneminyaka engamashumi amabili, ukulinganisa kwakho owesilisa kuyakuba ngamashekeli angamashumi amabili, nowesifazane amashekeli ayishumi. uma kusukela konenyanga kuze kube koneminyaka eyisihlanu, ukulinganisa kwakho owesilisa kuyakuba ngamashekeli ayisihlanu esiliva, nokulinganisa kwakho owesifazane kuyakuba ngamashekeli amathathu esiliva. uma kusukela koneminyaka engamashumi ayisithupha kuya phezulu, nalapho kungowesilisa, ukulinganisa kwakho kuyakuba

ngamashekeli ayishumi nanhlanu, nowesifazane kube ngamashekeli ayishumi. kepha uma empofu kunokulinganisa kwakho, uyakubekwa phambi kompristi, umpristi amlinganise; umpristi uyakumlinganisa ngokwamandla akhe owathembisayo.

uma kuyizilwane okunganikela ngazo kujehova-aeiou, zonke ezinjalo umuntu anikela ngazo kujehova-aeiou ziyakuba ngcwele. akayikuziphambanisa, angazenani ngezinye, esihle ngesibi nesibi ngesihle; uma enana nokwenana isilwane ngesilwane, sona lesa kanye naso okwenanwa ngaso ziyakuba ngcwele. uma kuyisilwane esingcolileyo okunganikela ngaso kujehova-aeiou, uyakusibeka isilwane phambi kompristi, umpristi asilinganise, noma sihle noma sibi; njengalokho wena mpristi ulinganisa, kuyakuba njalo. kepha uma ethanda ngempela ukusihlenga, uyakuthasisela okwesihlanu kwaso kukho ukulinganisa kwakho. nxa umuntu eyakungcwelisa indlu yakhe ibe ngcwele kujehova-aeiou, umpristi uyakuyilinganisa uma inhle noma imbi; njengalokhu umpristi eyilinganisa, kuyakuba njalo. uma oy-ingcwelisayo ethanda ukuyihlenga indlu yakhe, uyakuthasisela okwesihlanu kwemali yokulinganisa kwakho, ibe ngeyakhe. uma umuntu eyakumngcwelisa uje-hova-aeiou inxenye yensimu yefa lakhe, ukulinganisa kwakho kuyakuba njengokuhlwaneyelwa kwayo, ukuhlwaneyelwa kwehomere lebhali kube ngamashekeli angamashumi ayisihlanu esiliva. uma engcwelisa insimu yakhe kusukela emnyakeni wejubili, iyakuma ngokulinganisa kwakho. kepha uma engcwelisa insimu emva kwejubili, umpristi uyakumbalela imali ngeminyaka eseleyo kuze kufike umnyaka wejubili, kuncishiswe ukulinganisa kwakho. uma ongcwelisa insimu ethanda ngempela ukuyihlenga, uyakuthasisela kuyo okwesihlanu kwemali yokulinganisa kwakho, iqiniswe kuye. uma engahlengi insimu, noma ethengisile ngensimu komunye umuntu, ayisayikuhlengwa. kepha insimu ekuphumeni kwayo ngejubili iyakuba ngcwele kujehova-aeiou njengensimu eyahlukaniswayo; iyakuba yifa lompristi. uma engcwelisela uje-hova-aeiou insimu ayithengileyo, engesiyo insimu yefa lakhe, umpristi uyakumbalela imali yokulinganisa kwakho kuze kufike umnyaka wejubili, anike ukulinganisa kwakho ngalolo suku kube yinto engcwele kujehova-aeiou. ngomnyaka wejubili insimu iyakubuyela kuye eyathengwa kuye, yebo, kuye olifa lensimu lingelakhe. konke ukulinganisa kwakho kuyakuba ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele; amagera angamashumi amabili ayakuba yishekeli. kepha izibulo lezilwane elenziwe libe yizibulo kujehova-aeiou aliyikungcweliswa muntu; noma liyinkabi



noma liyimvu, lingelikajehova-aeiou. uma kungelesilwane esingcolileyo, uyakulihlenga ngokulinganisa kwakho, athasisele kukho okwesihlanu kwakho; uma lingahlengwa, kuyakuthengiswa ngalo ngokulinganisa kwakho. nokho into yonke eyahlukaniswa, umuntu ayahlukanisela ujahova-aeiou kukho konke anakho, noma abantu, noma izilwane, noma insimu yefa lakhe, akuyikuthengiswa ngayo, ingahlengwa; konke okwahlukanisiwe kungcwelengcwele kujehova-aeiou. akukho muntu owaqalekiswa, owaqalekiswa kubantu, ongahlengwa; wobulawa nokubulawa. nokweshumi konke kwezwe, okwembewu yezwe noma okwezithelo zemithi, kungokukajehova-aeiou; kungcwele kujehova-aeiou. uma umuntu ethanda ukuhlenga okuthile okokweshumi kwakhe, uyakuthasisela kukho okwesihlanu kwakho. konke okweshumi kwezinkomo noma okwezimvu, zonke ezidlula phansi kwentonga, okweshumi kuyakuba ngcwele kujehova-aeiou. akayikuhlola, uma kuhle noma kubi, angakwenani ngokunye; kepha uma ngempela ekwenana ngokunye, lokhu nalokho akwenana ngakho kuyakuba ngcwele; akuyikuhlengwa. leyo iyimiyalo ujahova-aeiou ayala ngayo umose ngabantwana bakwa-israyeli entabeni yasesinayi.

ujehova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose ehlane lasesinayi etendeni lokuhlangana ngolokuqala lwenyanga yesibili ngomnyaka wesibili emva kokuphuma kwabo egibithe, wathi: balani umumo wenhlangano yonke yabantwana bakwa-israyeli ngemindeni yabo nangezindlu zawoyise njengokomumo wamagama abo, bonke abesilisa ngezinhloko zabo; kusukela kwabaneminyaka engamashumi amabili kuya phezulu, bonke abakwa-israyeli abangaphuma impi, wena no-aroni anobabala ngamabandla abo. kanye nani kuzakuba khona indoda ibe nye kuleso naleso sizwe, yileyo naleyo ibe yinhloko yendlu kayise. lawa angamagama amadoda ayakuma nani: kwarubeni: u-elisuri indodana kashedewuri. kwasimeyoni: ushelumiyeli indodana kasurishadayi. kwajuda: unaheshoni indodana ka-aminadaba. kwa-isakare: unethaneli indodana kasuware. kwazebuloni: u-eliyabe indodana kaheloni. kubantwana bakwajosefa: kwefrayimi: u-elishama indodana ka-amihudi; kwamanase: ugamaliyeli indodana kapedasuri. kwabenjamini: u-abidani indodana kagideyoni. kwadani: u-ahiyezeri indodana ka-amishadayi. kwa-asheri: upagiyele indodana ka-okirani. kwagadi: u-eliyasafa indodana kadehuweli. kwanafetali: u-ahira indodana ka-enani. yilabo ababebizwa enhlanganweni, izikhulu zezizwe zawoyise; babe yizinhloko zemizi yakwa-israyeli. omose no-aroni base bethatha lawo madoda aseshiwo ngamagama. babutha inhlangano yonke ngolokuqala lwenyanga yesibili, basho okhokho babo ngemindeni yabo nangezindlu zawoyise njengokomumo wamagama, kusukela kwabaneminyaka engamashumi amabili kuya phezulu, ngezinhloko zabo. njengalokho uje-hova-aeiou eyalile umose, wababala kanjalo ehlane lasesinayi. abantwana bakwarubeni, izibulo lika-israyeli, izizukulwane zabo ngemindeni yabo nangezindlu zawoyise njengokomumo wamagama, ngezinhloko zabo, bonke abesilisa kusukela kwabaneminyaka engamashumi amabili kuya phezulu, bonke abangaphuma impi: labo ababalwayo kubo, abesizwe sakwarubeni, babe yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amane nesithupha namakhulu ayisihlanu. kubantwana bakwasimeyoni, izizukulwane zabo ngemindeni yabo nangezindlu zawoyise, labo ababalwayo kubo njengokomumo wamagama, ngezinhloko zabo, bonke abesilisa kusukela kwabaneminyaka engamashumi amabili kuya phezulu, bonke abangaphuma impi: labo ababalwayo kubo, abesizwe sakwasimeyoni, babe yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisihlanu nesishiyagalolunye namakhulu amathathu. kubantwana

bakwagadi, izizukulwane zabo ngemindeni yabo nangezindlu zawoyise njengokomumo wamagama, kusukela kwabaneminyaka engamashumi amabili kuya phezulu, bonke abangaphuma impi: labo ababalwayo kubo, abesizwe sakwagadi, babe yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amane nanhlanu namakhulu ayisithupha namashumi ayisihlanu. kubantwana bakwajuda, izizukulwane zabo ngemindeni yabo nangezindlu zawoyise njengokomumo wamagama, kusukela kwabaneminyaka engamashumi amabili kuya phezulu, bonke abangaphuma impi: labo ababalwayo kubo, abesizwe sakwajuda, babe yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisikhombisa nane namakhulu ayisithupha. kubantwana bakwa-isakare, izizukulwane zabo ngemindeni yabo nangezindlu zawoyise njengokomumo wamagama, kusukela kwabaneminyaka engamashumi amabili kuya phezulu, bonke abangaphuma impi: labo ababalwayo kubo, abesizwe sakwa-isakare, babe yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisihlanu nane namakhulu amane. kubantwana bakwazebuloni, izizukulwane zabo ngemindeni yabo nangezindlu zawoyise njengokomumo wamagama, kusukela kwabaneminyaka engamashumi amabili kuya phezulu, bonke abangaphuma impi: labo ababalwayo kubo, abesizwe sakwazebuloni, babe yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisihlanu nesikhombisa namakhulu amane. kubantwana bakwajosefa, okungukuthi kubantwana bakwa-efrayimi, izizukulwane zabo ngemindeni yabo nangezindlu zawoyise njengokomumo wamagama, kusukela kwabaneminyaka engamashumi amabili kuya phezulu, bonke abangaphuma impi: labo ababalwayo kubo, abesizwe sakwamanase, babe yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amathathu nambili namakhulu amabili. kubantwana bakwabenjamini, izizukulwane zabo ngemindeni yabo nangezindlu zawoyise njengokomumo wamagama, kusukela kwabaneminyaka engamashumi amabili kuya phezulu, bonke abangaphuma impi: labo ababalwayo kubo, abesizwe sakwabenjamini, babe yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amathathu nanhlanu namakhulu amane. kubantwana bakwadani, izizukulwane zabo ngemindeni yabo nangezindlu zawoyise njengokomumo wamagama, kusukela kwabaneminyaka engamashumi amabili kuya phezulu, bonke abangaphuma impi: labo ababalwayo kubo, abesizwe sakwasimeyoni, izizukulwane zabo ngemindeni yabo nangezindlu zawoyise njengokomumo wamagama, kusukela kwabaneminyaka engamashumi amabili kuya phezulu, bonke abangaphuma impi: labo ababalwayo kubo, abesizwe

sakwadani, babe yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisithupha nambili namakhulu ayisikhombisa. kubantwana bakwa-asher, izizukulwane zabo ngemindeni yabo nangezindlu zawoyise njengokomumo wamagama, kusukela kwabaneminyaka engamashumi amabili kuyo phezulu, bonke abangaphuma impi: labo ababalwayo kubo, abesizwe sakwa-asher, babe yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amane nanye namakhulu ayisihlanu. kubantwana bakwanafetali, izizukulwane zabo ngemindeni yabo nangezindlu zawoyise njengokomumo wamagama, kusukela kwabaneminyaka engamashumi amabili kuya phezulu, bonke abangaphuma impi: labo ababalwayo kubo, abesizwe sakwanafetali, babe yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisihlanu nantathu namakhulu amane. yilabo ababalwayo, ababalwa ngumose nangu-aroni kanye nezikhulu zakwa-israyeli, zingamadoda ayishumi nambili, kwaba yileyo naleyo yamela indlu kayise. bonke ababalwayo babantwana bakwa-israyeli ngezindlu zawoyise kusukela kwabaneminyaka engamashumi amabili kuya phezulu, bonke abakwa-israyeli abangaphuma impi, bonke ababalwayo babe yizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisithupha nantathu namakhulu ayisihlanu namashumi ayisihlanu. kepha amalevi ngokwesizwe sawoyise awabalwanga phakathi kwabo. ngokuba ujezova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: isizwe sakwalevi kuphela awuyikusbala, ungabali umumo waso phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli, kepha beka amalevi phezu kwetabernakele lobufakazi, naphezu kwazo zonke izimpahla zalo, nakho konke okwalo; ayakuthwala itabernakele nayo yonke impahla yalo; ayakukhonza kulo, amise alihaqe. ekusukeni kwetabernakele amalevi ayakulisusa, ekumsweni kwalo amalevi alimise; umfokazi osondelayo uyakubulawa. abantwana bakwa-israyeli bayakumisa amatende abo, kube yilowo nalowo ekamu labo, yilowo nalowo ngasebhaneleni labo, ngamabandla abo. kepha amalevi ayakumisa nxazonke zetabernakele lobufakazi, ukuze kungabikho lulaka phezu kwenhlangano yabantwana bakwa-israyeli, amalevi agcine izimfanelo zetabernakele lobufakazi. abantwana bakwa-israyeli benze njalo; benza kukho konke njengalokho ujezova-aeiou emyalile umose.

## 2

ujezova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose naku-aroni, wathi: abantwana bakwa-israyeli bayakumisa, kube yilowo nalowo ngasebhaneleni lakhe ngasezibonisweni zezindlu zawoyise; bayakumisa nxazonke maqondana netende lokuhlangana. abamisa

ngasempumalanga ngasekuphumeni kwe-  
langu bayakuba ngabebhanela lekamu lakwajuda ngamabandla abo; isikhulu sabantwana lakwajuda sibe ngunaheshoni indodana ka-aminadaba. ibandla lakhe nalabo ababalwayo kubo babe yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisikhombisa nane namakhulu ayisithupha. abamisa eceleni kwakhe bayakuba yisizwe sakwa-isakare; isikhulu sabantwana bakwa-isakare siyakuba ngunethaneli indodana kasuwari; ibandla lakhe nalabo ababalwayo kulo babe yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisihlanu nane namakhulu amane. isizwe sakwazebuloni; isikhulu sabantwana bakwazebuloni siyakuba ngu-eliyabe indodana kaheloni; ibandla lakhe nalabo ababalwayo kulo babe yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisihlanu nesikhombisa namakhulu amane. bonke ababalwayo bekamu lakwajuda babe yizinkulungwane eziyikhulu namashumi ayisishiyagalombili nesithupha namakhulu amane ngamabandla abo. labo bayakusuka kuqala. ibhanela lekamu lakwarubeni liyakuba ngaseningizimu ngamabandla abo; isikhulu sabantwana bakwarubeni siyakuba ngu-elisuri indodana kashedewuri. ibandla lakhe nalabo ababalwayo kulo babe yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amane nesithupha namakhulu ayisihlanu. abamisa eceleni kwakhe bayakuba yisizwe sakwasimeyoni; isikhulu sabantwana bakwasimeyoni siyakuba ngushelumiyeli indodana kasurishadayi. ibandla lakhe nalabo ababalwayo kubo babe yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisihlanu nesishiyagalolunye namakhulu amathathu. nesizwe sakwagadi; isikhulu sabantwana bakwagadi siyakuba ngu-eliasafa indodana karehuweli. ibandla lakhe nalabo ababalwayo kubo babe yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amane nantathu namakhulu ayisithupha namashumi ayisihlanu. bonke ababalwayo bekamu lakwarubeni babe yizinkulungwane eziyikhulu namashumi ayisihlanu nanye namakhulu amane namashumi ayisihlanu ngamabandla abo. labo bayakusuka babe ngabesibili. itende lokuhlangana liyakusuka kanye nekamu lamalevi, liphakathi kwamakamu; njengalokhu bemisa, kanjalo bayakusuka, kube yilowo nalowo muntu endaweni yakhe, ngamabhanela abo. ibhanela lekamu lakwa-efrayimi liyakuba ngasentshonalanga ngamabandla abo; isikhulu sabantwana bakwa-efrayimi siyakuba ngu-elishama indodana ka-amihudi. ibandla lakhe nalabo ababalwayo kubo babe yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amane namakhulu ayisihlanu. eceleni kwakhe kuyakuba khona isizwe sakwamanase; isikhulu sabantwana bakwamanase siyakuba ngugamaliyeli indodana kapedasuri. ibandla lakhe nalabo ababalwayo

kubo babe yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amathathu nambili namakhulu amabili. nesizwe sakwabenjamini; isikhulu sabantwana bakwabenjamini siyakuba ngu-abidani indodana kagideyoni. ibandla lakhe nalabo ababalwayo kubo babe yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amathathu nanhlano namakhulu amane. bonke ababalwayo bekamu lakwa-efrayimi babe yizinkulungwane eziyikhulu nesishiyagalombili nekhulu ngamabandla abo. labo bayakusuka babe ngabesithathu. ibhanela lekamu lakwadani liyakuba ngasenyakatho ngamabandla abo; isikhulu sabantwana bakwadani siyakuba ngu-ahiezeri indodana ka-amishadayi. ibandla lakhe nalabo ababalwayo kubo babe yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisithupha nambili namakhulu ayisikhombisa. abamisa eceleni kwakhe bayakuba yisizwe sakwa-asheri; isikhulu sabantwana bakwa-asheri siyakuba ngupagiyeli indodana ka-okirani. ibandla lakhe nalabo ababalwayo kubo babe yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amane nanye namakhulu ayisihlanu. nesizwe sakwanafetali; isikhulu sabantwana bakwanafetali siyakuba ngu-ahira indodana ka-enani. ibandla lakhe nalabo ababalwayo kubo babe yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisihlanu nantathu namakhulu amane. bonke ababalwayo bekamu lakwadani babe yizinkulungwane eziyikhulu namashumi ayisihlanu nesikhombisa namakhulu ayisithupha. labo bayakusuka babe ngabokugcina namabhanela abo. yilabo ababalwayo kubantwana bakwa-israyeli ngezindlu zawoyise; bonke ababalwayo bamakamu ngamabandla abo babe yizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisithupha nantathu namakhulu ayisihlanu namashumi ayisihlanu. kepha amalevi ayengabalwa phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli, njengalokho ujhova-aeiou emyalile umose. benze njalo-ke abantwana bakwa-israyeli: njengakho konke ujhova-aeiou amyle ngakho umose, kanjalo bamisa ngemabhaneleni abo, kanjalo basuka, kwaba yilowo ngemindeni yabo nangezindlu zawoyise.

### 3

lezi ziyizizukulwane zika-aroni nezikamose ngalolo suku ujhova-aeiou akhuluma ngalo kumose entabeni yasesinayi. lawa angamagama amadodana ka-aroni: unadabi izibulo, no-abihu, no-eleyazare, no-itamari. yilawo angamagama amadodana ka-aroni, abapristi abagcotshiweyo, abahlukaniselwa ukukhonza esikhundleni sobupristi. onadabi no-abihu bafa phambi kukajehova-aeiou, benikela ngomlilo ongafanele ebusweni bukajehova-aeiou ehlane lasesinayi; babenengabantwana. kwase kukhonza o-eleyazare

no-itamari esikhundleni sobupristi ebusweni buka-aroni uyise. ujhova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: sondeza isizwe sakwalevi, usimise phambi kuka-aroni, umpristi, ukuba simkhonze. bayakugcina izimfanelo zakho nezimfanelo zenhlangano yonke phambi kwetende lokuhlangana ukwenza inkonzo yetabernakele. bayakugcina yonke impahla yetende lokuhlangana nezimfanelo zabantwana bakwa-israyeli ukwenza inkonzo yetabernakele. uyakunikela amalevi ku-aroni nakumadodana akhe; ayanikelwa ngempela kuye, evela kubantwana bakwa-israyeli. uyakumisa u-aroni namadodana akhe, bagcine ubupristi babo; umfokazi osondelayo uyakubulawa. ujhova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: mina ngikhiphile amalevi phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli esikhundleni samazibulo onke avula isizalo phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli; amalevi ayakuba ngawami. ngokuba onke amazibulo angawami; ngalolo suku engabulala ngalo onke amazibulo ezweni lasegibithe ngazingcweliselwa amazibulo onke kwa-israyeli, awabantu nawezilwane; ayakuba ngawami; ngingujehova-aeiou. ujhova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose ehlane lasesinayi, wathi: bala abantwana bakwalevi ngezindlu zawoyise ngemindeni yabo; uyakubala bonke abesilisa kusukela kwabanenyanaga kuya phezulu. umose wababala njengezwi likajehova-aeiou, njengalokho wayalwa. lawa angamadodana kalevi ngamagama awo: ogereshoni, nokohati, nomerari. lawa angamagama amadodana kagereshoni ngemindeni yawo: olibini noshimeyi. namadodana kakohati ngemindeni yawo: o-amramu, nojisihari, no-hebroni, no-uziyeli. namadodana kamerari ngemindeni yawo: omaheli nomushi. leyo iyimindeni yamalevi ngezindlu zawoyise. kwagereshoni kwavela umndeni wamalibini nomndeni wamashimeyi; yileyo eyimindeni yamagereshoni. labo ababalwayo kubo njengokomumo wabesilisa bonke kusukela kwabanenyanaga kuya phezulu, ababalwayo kubo babe yizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa namakhulu ayisihlanu. imindeni yamagereshoni iyakumisa emva kwetabernakele ngasentshonalanga. isikhulu sendlu kayise wamagereshoni siyakuba ngu-eliasafa indodana kalayeli. imfanelo yamadodana kagereshoni etendeni lokuhlangana iyakuba yitabernakele, netende, nesimbozo salo, neveli lomnyango wetende lokuhlangana, nezilenge zegceke, neveli lomnyango wegceke elingasetaabernakele nangase-altare nxazonke, nezintambo zalo, nayo yonke inkonzo yalokho. kwakohati kwavela umndeni wama-amramu, nomndeni wamajisihari, nomndeni wamahebroni, nomndeni wama-uziyeli; yileyo eyimin-

deni yamakohati. njengokomumo wabo bonke abesilisa kusukela kwabanenyanaga kuya phezulu babe yizinkulungwane eziyisishiyagalombili namakhulu ayisithupha, begcina inkonzo yendlu engcwele. imindeni yamadodana kakohati iyakumisa eceleni kwetabernakele ngaseningizimu. isikhulu sendlu kayise wemindeni yamakohati siyakuba ngu-elisafani indodana ka-uziyeli. okugcinwa yibo kuyakuba ngumphongo, netafula, nothi lwezibani, nama-altare, nezimpahla zendlu engcwele abakhonza ngazo, neveli, nayo yonke inkonzo yalokho. u-eleyazare indodana ka-aroni umpristi uyakuba yisikhulu sezikhulu zamalevi, abonise abagcina inkonzo yendlu engcwele. kwamerari kwavela umndeni wamamaheli nomndeni wamamushi; yileyo eyimindeni yamamerari. labo ababalwayo kubo njengokomumo wabesilisa bonke kusukela kwabanenyanaga kuya phezulu babe yizinkulungwane eziyisithupha namakhulu amabili. isikhulu sendlu kayise wemindeni yamamerari sasingusuriyeli indodana ka-abihayili; bayakumisa eceleni kwetabernakele ngasenyakatho. imfanelo emiselwe amadodana kamerari iyakuba ngamapulangwe etabernakele, nemishayo yalo, nezinsika zalo, nezinyawo zalo, nezinto zonke zalo, nenkonzo yonke yalokho, nezinsika zegceke nxazonke, nezinyawo zazo, nezikhonkwane zazo, nezintambo zazo. labo abamisa phambi kwetabernakele ngasempumalanga, ngaphambi kwetende lokuhlangana ngasekuphumeni kwelanga, bayakuba ngomose no-aroni namadodana akhe, begcina inkonzo yendlu engcwele, begcina imfanelo yabantwana bakwa-israyeli; umfokazi osondelayo uyakubulawa. bonke ababalwayo bamalevi ababalwa ngumose nangu-aroni ngesiyalezo sikajehova-aeiou ngemindeni yabo, bonke abesilisa kusukela kwabanenyanaga kuya phezulu, babe yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nambili. ujeihova-aeiou wathi kumose: bala onke amazibulo esilisa abantwana bakwa-israyeli kusukela kwabanenyanaga kuya phezulu, ubale umumo wamagama abo. uyakungithabathela amalevi ngingujeihova-aeiou esikhundleni samazibulo onke abantwana bakwa-israyeli, nezinkomo zamalevi esikhundleni samazibulo onke ezinkomo zabantwana bakwa-israyeli. umose wabala, njengalokho ujeihova-aeiou emyalile, onke amazibulo phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli. onke amazibulo esilisa njengokomumo wamagama kusukela kwabanenyanaga kuya phezulu alabo ababalwayo kubo ayeyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nambili namakhulu amabili namashumi ayisikhombisa nantathu. ujeihova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: thabatha amalevi

esikhundleni samazibulo onke phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli nezinkomo zamalevi esikhundleni sezinkomo zabo, amalevi abe ngawami; ngingujeihova-aeiou. ukuba kuhlengwe labo abangamakhulu amabili namashumi ayisikhombisa nantathu bamazibulo abantwana bakwa-israyeli abadlula amalevi, uyakuthabatha amashekeli ayisihlanu ngamunye ngenhloko; ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele uyakuwat habatha ishekeli lingamagera angamashumi amabili; umnike u-aroni namadodana akhe imali umumo wabo odlulelayo ohlengwa ngayo. umose wayesethatha imali yokuhlanga kulabo abadlula abahlengiwe ngamalevi; kuwo amazibulo abantwana bakwa-israyeli wayithatha imali, amashekeli ayinkulungwane namakhulu amathathu namashumi ayisithupha nanhlanu ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele. umose wamnika u-aroni namadodana akhe imali yokuhlanga njengezwi likajehova-aeiou, njengalokho ujeihova-aeiou emyalile umose.

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ujeihova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose naku-aroni, wathi: bala umumo wamadodana kakohati phakathi kwamadodana kalevi ngemindeni yawo nangezindlu zawoyise, kusukela kwabaneminyaka engamashumi amathathu kuya phezulu kuze kufike kwabaneminyaka engamashumi ayisihlanu, bonke abangena enkonzweni ukwenza umsebenzi etendeni lokuhlangana. nanku umsebenzi wamadodana kakohati etendeni lokuhlangana: izinto ezingcwele engcwele. nxa ikamu lisuka, u-aroni uyakungena kanye namadodana akhe, behlise iveli lesihengo, basibekele umphongo wobufakazi ngalo, bawembese isikhumba samatahasi, bendlale phezu kwawo indwangu eluhlaza yonke, bafake izinti zawo. etafuleni lezinkwa zokubukwa bayakwendlala indwangu eluhlaza, babeke kuyo izingqembe, nezinkwa, nezinkamba, nezindebe zokuthela; nesinkwa esinganqamukiyo siyakuba phezu kwalo. bayakwendlala phezu kwazo indwangu ebomvu, bayisibekele ngesikhumba samatahasi, bafake izinti zalo. bayakuthabatha indwangu eluhlaza, balusibekele uthi lwezibani, nezibani zalo, nezizenze zalo, nezitsha zalo zomlotha, nezitsha zonke zalo zamafutha abakhonza ngazo kulo; bayakulufaka kanye nezinto zalo zonke esikhumbeni samatahasi, babeke konke ohlakeni. e-altare legolide bayakwendlala indwangu eluhlaza, bayisibekele ngesikhumba samatahasi, bafake izinti zalo. bayakuthabatha zonke izitsha zokukhonza abakhonza ngazo endlini engcwele, bazifake endwangwini eluhlaza, bazisibekele ngesikhumba samatahasi, bazibeke ohlakeni. bayakususa umlotha

e-altare, bendlale kulo indwangu ebubende, babeke kuyo zonke izinto zalo abakhonza ngazo kulo, imicengezi yempepho, nezimfoloko, namafoholo, nezitsha, nezinto zonke ze-altare, bendlale phezu kwazo isimbozo sesikhumba samatahasi, bafake izinti zalo. nxa u-aroni namadodana akhe sebeqedile ukusibekela indlu engcwele nempahla yonke yendlu engcwele, lapho ikamu liyakusuka, emva kwalokho amadodana kakohati ayakufika ukukuthwala, kepha awayikuthinta okungcwele, funa afe. lezo zinto zingumthwalo wamadodana kakohati etendeni lokuhlangana. imfanelo ka-eleyazare indodana ka-aroni umpristi iyakuba ngamafutha okukhanyisa nemphepo ethaphukayo, nomnikelo wempuphu wemihla yonke, namafutha okugcoba; imfanelo yakhe iyitabernakele lonke nakho konke okukulo, indlu engcwele nezinto zayo. ujhova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose naku-aroni, wathi: ninganqumi isizwe semindeni yamakohati kumalevi, kepha ukuba baphile, bangafi, lapho besondela ezintweni ezingcwele, nenze kanje kubo: u-aroni namadodana akhe bayakungena, babamise, kube yilowo nalowo emsebenzini wakhe nasemthwalweni wakhe; kepha abayikungena ukubona okungcwele nangesikhashana nje, funa bafe. ujhova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: bala umumo wamadodana kagereshoni nawo ngezindlu zawoyise nangemindeni yawo kusukela kwabaneminyaka engamashumi amathathu kuya phezulu kuze kube kwabaneminyaka engamashumi ayisihlanu, bonke abangena enkonzweni ukwenza umsebenzi etendeni lokuhlangana. nanku umsebenzi wemindeni yamagereshoni ngokukhonza nangokuthwala: bayakuthwala izilenge zetabernakele, netende lokuhlangana, nesimbozo salo, nesimbozo sesikhumba samatahasi esiphezu kwalo, neveli lomnyango wetende lokuhlangana, nezilenge zegceke, neveli lomnyango wesango legceke elingasetabernakele nangase-altare nxa-zoneke, nezintambo zakho, nezinto zonke zokukhonza kwabo; nakho konke okwenzelwa zona bayakukwenza. ngesiyalezo sika-aroni nangesamadodana akhe uyakwenziwa wonke umsebenzi wamadodana amagereshoni emithwalweni yawo yonke nasemisebenzini yawo yonke; niwamisele yonke imithwalo yawo ezakugcinwa yiwo. lowo ungumsebenzi wemindeni yamadodana amagereshoni etendeni lokuhlangana; okugcinwa yiwo kube phansi kwesandla sika-itamari indodana ka-aroni umpristi. amadodana kamerari uwabale ngemindeni yawo nangezindlu zawoyise; kusukela kwabaneminyaka engamashumi amathathu kuya phezulu kuze kube kwabaneminyaka engamashumi ayisihlanu wobabala bonke

abangena emsebenzini ukwenza umsebenzi wetende lokuhlangana. nakhu okuzakugcinwa yiwo ukuba bakuthwale ngokomsebenzi wabo wonke etendeni lokuhlangana: amapulungwe etabernakele, nemishayo yalo, nezinsika zalo, nezinyawo zalo, nezinsika zegceke nxazonke, nezinyawo zazo, nezikhonkwane zazo, nezintambo zazo, nempahla yonke yazo, nenkonzo yonke yazo, nibamisele ngamagama impahla abafanele ukuyithwala. lowo ungumsebenzi wemindeni yamadodana kamerari ngokomsebenzi wabo wonke etendeni lokuhlangana phansi kwesandla sika-itamari indodana ka-aroni umpristi. omose no-aroni nezikhulu zehlalano babala amadodana amakohati ngemindeni yawo nangezindlu zawoyise, kusukela kwabaneminyaka engamashumi amathathu kuya phezulu kuze kube kwabaneminyaka engamashumi ayisihlanu, bonke abangena emsebenzini ukukhonza etendeni lokuhlangana; labo ababalwayo kubo ngemindeni yabo babe yizinkulungwane ezimbili namakhulu ayisikhombisa namashumi ayisihlanu. yilabo ababalwayo bemindeni yamakohati, bonke abakhonza etendeni lokuhlangana, ababalwa ngumose nangu-aroni njengesiyalezo sikajehova-aeiou ngesandla sikamose. labo ababalwayo bamadodana kagereshoni ngemindeni yawo nangezindlu zawoyise, kusukela kwabaneminyaka engamashumi amathathu kuya phezulu kuze kube kwabaneminyaka engamashumi ayisihlanu, bonke abangena emsebenzini ukukhonza etendeni lokuhlangana, labo ababalwayo kubo ngemindeni yabo nangezindlu zawoyise babe yizinkulungwane ezimbili namakhulu ayisithupha namashumi amathathu. yilabo ababalwayo bemindeni yamadodana kagereshoni, bonke abakhonza etendeni lokuhlangana, ababalwa ngumose nangu-aroni njengesiyalezo sikajehova-aeiou. labo ababalwayo bemindeni yamadodana kamerari ngemindeni yawo nangezindlu zawoyise, kusukela kwabaneminyaka engamashumi amathathu kuya phezulu kuze kube kwabaneminyaka engamashumi ayisihlanu, bonke abangena emsebenzini ukukhonza etendeni lokuhlangana, labo ababalwayo kubo ngemindeni yabo babe yizinkulungwane ezintathu namakhulu amabili. yilabo ababalwayo bemindeni yamadodana kamerari ababalwa ngumose nangu-aroni njengesiyalezo sikajehova-aeiou ngesandla sikamose. bonke ababalwayo bamalevi ababalwa ngumose nangu-aroni nayizikhulu zakwa-israyeli ngemindeni yabo nangezindlu zawoyise, kusukela kwabaneminyaka engamashumi amathathu kuya phezulu kuze kube kwabaneminyaka engamashumi ayisihlanu, bonke abangena ukwenza umsebenzi wenkonzo nomsebenzi

wokuthwala etendeni lokuhlangana, labo ababalwayo kubo babe yizinkulungwane eziyisishiyagalombili namakhulu ayisihlanu namashumi ayisishiyagalombili. njengesiyalezo sikajehova-aeiou babalwa ngesandla sikamose, yilowo nalowo ngokomsebenzi wakhe nangokomthwala wakhe. base bebalwa-ke, njengalokho ujahova-aeiou emyalile umose.

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ujehova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yala abantwana bakwa-israyeli ukuba bakhiphe ekamu bonke abanochoko, nabo bonke abacucayo, nabo bonke abangcoliswe ngabafileyo, nikhiphe abesilisa nabesifazane, nibakhiphele ngaphandle kwekamu ukuba bangangcolisi ikamu engihlala phakathi kwalo. abantwana bakwa-israyeli benze njalo, babakhiphela ngaphandle kwekamu; njengalokho ujahova-aeiou ekhulume kumose, benze njalo-ke abantwana bakwa-israyeli. ujahova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yisho kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, uthi: nxa owesilisa noma owesifazane enza isono esenziwa ngabantu ukuphambeka kujehova-aeiou, lowo muntu abeseba necala, uyakuvuma isono sakhe asenzileyo, alikhokhe icala lakhe ngokupheleleyo, athasisela kukho okwesihlanu, akunike lowo abenecala kuye. kepha uma umuntu engenasihlobo elingakhokhelwa kuso icala, inkokhelo yecala eyenzelwa ujahova-aeiou iyakuba ngeyompristi, ngaphandle kwenqama yokubuyisana ayakwenzelwa ukubuyisana ngayo. yonke iminikelo yokuphakanyiswa yezinto ezingcwele zabantwana bakwa-israyeli abanikela ngayo kumpristi iyakuba ngeyakhe. izinto ezingcwele zalowo nalowo ziyakuba ngezakhe; noma kungaba yini umuntu akunika umpristi, kuyakuba ngokwakhe. ujahova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yisho kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, uthi kubo: uma umfazi womuntu eduka, aphambuke kuye, alale nenye indoda kusithekile emehlweni endoda yakhe, kufihlwe, angcoliswe, kungekho fakazi nokho ngaye, futhi engabanjwanga, afikelwe ngumoya wesikhwele, abenesikhwele ngomkakhe, yena engcolisiwe, noma efikelwe ngumoya wesikhwele, abenesikhwele ngomkakhe kodwa yena engangcoliswanga, indoda iyakuletha umkayo kumpristi, imlethele umnikelo wakhe, ube ngokweshumi kwe-efa lempuphu yebhali, angatheli mafutha kuyo, angabeki nanhlaka kuyo, ngokuba kungumnikelo wempuphu wesikhwele, umnikelo wempuphu wesikhumbuzo sokukhumbuzo ngobubi. umpristi uyakumsondeza, ambeke phambi kukajehova-aeiou, umpristi athathe amanzi angcwele esitsheni sebumba, athathe kulo

uthuli oluphansi etabernakele, alufake emanzini, umpristi ambeke owesifazane phambi kukajehova-aeiou, athukulele izinwele zekhanda lowesifazane, afake umnikelo wempuphu wesikhumbuzo ezandleni zakhe, ongumnikelo wempuphu wesikhwele; umpristi abe namanzi ababayo esandleni sakhe aveza isiqalekiso. umpristi amfungise, athi kowesifazane: uma kungalalanga ndoda nawe, ungadukelanga ekungcoleni usephansi kwendoda yakho, mawukhululeke kulawa manzi ababayo aveza isiqalekiso; kepha uma udukile usephansi kwendoda yakho, futhi ungcolisiwe, kulale nawe enye indoda ngaphandle kwendoda yakho, umpristi uyakufungisa owesifazane ngesifungo sesiqalekiso, umpristi athi kowesifazane: ujahova-aeiou makakwenze isiqalekiso nesifungo phakathi kwabantu bakini, lapho ujahova-aeiou eshwabanisa ithanga lakho, avuvukalise isisu sakho. lawa manzi aveza isiqalekiso ayakungena ezibilini zakho, avuvukalise isisu sakho, ashwabanise ithanga lakho. owesifazane uyakuthi: amen! amen! umpristi uyakubala lezi ziqalekiso encwadini, azesule ngamanzi ababayo, aphuzise owesifazane amanzi ababayo aveza isiqalekiso; amanzi aveza isiqalekiso ayakungena kuye, ababe. umpristi uyakuthatha umnikelo wempuphu wesikhwele esandleni sowesifazane, azulise umnikelo wempuphu phambi kukajehova-aeiou, awulethe e-altare; umpristi uyakucaphuna ukhweshe womnikelo wempuphu, ube yisikhumbuzo sawo, awushise e-altare, andukuba amphuzise owesifazane amanzi. nxa esemphuzisile amanzi, kuyakuthi uma engcolisiwe waphambuka endodeni yakhe, amanzi aveza isiqalekiso angene kuye, ababe, isisu sakhe sivuvukale, ithanga lakhe lishwabane, owesifazane aqalekisiwe phakathi kwabantu bakubo. kepha uma owesifazane engangcolisiwe kodwa ehlambulule, uyakukhululeka, athole inzalo. lowo ungumthetho wesikhwele, lapho umfazi esephansi kwendoda yakhe eduka, angcolisiwe, noma lapho indoda ifikelwa ngumoya wesikhwele, ibe nesikhwele ngomkayo; khona iyakumbeka owesifazane phambi kukajehova-aeiou, umpristi agcine wonke lo mthetho kuye. indoda iyakukhululeka ebubini, kepha owesifazane uyakubuthwala ububi bakhe.

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ujehova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yisho kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, uthi kubo: nxa owesilisa noma owesifazane enza isithembiso esithile, isithembiso somnaziri, ukuzahlukanisela kujehova-aeiou, uyakuzahlukanisa newayini nophuzo olunamandla, angaphuzi uviniga wewayini,

noviniga wophuzo olunamandla, angaphuzi okwezithelo zomvini, futhi angadli izithelo zomvini ezimanzi nezomileyo. zonke izinsuku zobunaziri bakhe akayikudla lutho olwenziwe ngewayini lezithelo zomvini, kusukela ezimbumbulwini kuze kufike emakhasini. zonke izinsuku zesithembiso sakhe sobunaziri kungasondeli mpucok ekhanda lakhe; uyakuba ngcwele zize ziphelele izinsuku azahlukanisela ngazo kujehova-aeiou, avume isihluthu sezinswele zekhanda lakhe sibe side. zonke izinsuku engumnaziri kajehova-aeiou akayikundela esidumbini. akayikuzingcolisa ngoyise noma ngonina, noma ngomfowabo noma ngodadewabo, nxa befike, ngokuba isithembiso sakhe sobunaziri sisekhanda lakhe. zonke izinsuku zobunaziri bakhe ungwele kujehova-aeiou. uma umuntu efa ngokuzumayo eceleni kwakhe, angcolise ikhanda lobunaziri bakhe, uyakuphucula ikhanda lakhe ngosuku lokuhlunjululwa kwakhe, aliphucule ngosuku lwesikhombisa. ngosuku lwesishiyagalombili uyakuletha amahobhe amabili noma amaphuphu amabili amajuba kumpristi ngasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana; umpristi uyakunikela ngelinye libe ngumnikelo wesono nangelinye libe ngumnikelo wokushiswa, amenzele ukubuyisana, ngokuba wona ngenxa yofileyo; abesengcwele ikhanda lakhe ngalolo suku. uyakwahlukanisela kujehova-aeiou izinsuku zobunaziri bakhe, alethe imvu yeduna enomnyaka munye, ibe ngumnikelo wecala; kepha izinsuku zakuqala ziyakuba yize, ngokuba ubunaziri bakhe bungcolisiwe. nanku umthetho womnaziri lapho izinsuku zobunaziri bakhe seziphelile wokuthi uyakulethwa emnyango wetende lokuhlangana, anikele ngomnikelo wakhe kujehova-aeiou, imvu yeduna enomnyaka munye engenasici ibe ngumnikelo wokushiswa, neyisikazi enomnyaka munye engenasici ibe ngumnikelo wesono, nenqama engenasici ibe ngumnikelo wokuthula, neqoma lesinkwa esingenamvubelo, amaqebelengwane empuphu ecekileyo exovwe namafutha, nemiqathane engenamvubelo, egcotshwe ngamafutha, nomnikelo wempuphu nowokuphuzwa walokho. umpristi uyakukuletha phambi kukajehova-aeiou, anikele ngomnikelo wakhe wesono nangowokushiswa wakhe. uyakunikela ngenqama ibe ngumhlatshelel womnikelo wokuthula kajehova-aeiou kanye neqoma lesinkwa esingenamvubelo; futhi umpristi anikele ngomnikelo wayo wempuphu nangomnikelo wayo wokuphuzwa. umnazi uyakuphucula ikhanda lobunaziri bakhe ngasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana, athathe izinswele zekhanda lobunaziri bakhe, azibeke emilweni ophansi komhlatshelel weminikelo yokuthula. umpristi uyakutha-

batha umkhono ophekiweyo wenqama, neqebelengwane eqomeni, nomqathane ongenamvubelo, akufake ezandleni zomnazi, nxa esephuculile ubunaziri bakhe, umpristi akuzulise, kube ngumnikelo wokuzuliswa phambi kukajehova-aeiou; lokhu kungcwele kumpristi kanye nesifuba sokuzuliswa nethanga lokuphakanyiswa; emva kwalokho umnazi angaphuza iwayini. lowo ungumthetho womnazi owenzile isithembiso nowomnikelo wakhe kujehova-aeiou ngenxa yobunaziri bakhe, ngaphandle kokunye angaphumelela kukho; njengesithembiso sakhe asenzayo uyakwenza kanjalo njen-gomthetho wobunazi. uje-hova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yisho ku-aroni nakumadodana akhe, uthi: niyakubusisa kanje abantwana bakwa-israyeli, niyakusho kubo, nithi: uje-hova-aeiou makakubusise, akulondolozze; uje-hova-aeiou makakhanyise ubuso bakhe phezu kwakho, abe nomusa kuwe; uje-hova-aeiou makaphakamise ubuso bakhe phezu kwakho, akuphe ukuthula. bayakubeka kanjalo igama lami kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, mina ngibabusise.

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kwathi ngosuku umose aqeda ngalo ukumisa itabernakele, waligcoba, walingcwelela kanye nayo yonke impahla yalo, ne-altare, nazo zonke izitsha zalo, wazigcoba, wazingcwelela, izikhulu zakwa-israyeli, izinhloko zezindlu zawoyise zanikela; lezo zaziyizikhulu zezizwe, zazibekwe phezu kwababalwabo. zaletsha iminikelo yazo phambi kukajehova-aeiou, izinqola eziyisithupha ezimboziwe, nezinkabi eziyishumi nambili, yilezo zikhulu ezimbili zinenqola inye, yileso sinenkunzi; zazethula phambi kwetabernakele. uje-hova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: zamukele kuzo, ukuze zenze inkonzo yetende lokuhlangana, uzinike amalevi, kube yilowo nalowo muntu ngokomsebenzi wakhe. umose wathatha izinqola nezinkabi, wazinika amalevi. izinqola ezimbili nezinkabi ezine wazinika amadodana kagereshoni ngomsebenzi wawo, nezinqola ezine nezinkabi eziyisishiyagalombili wazinika amadodana kamerari ngomsebenzi wawo phansi kwesandla sika-itamari indodana ka-aroni umpristi. kepha amadodana kakohati akawanikanga lutho, ngokuba inkonzo yendlu engcwele yayiyiwo eyawo; ayithwala emahlombe awo. izikhulu zanikelela ukwahlukaniselwa kwe-altare ngosuku lokugcotshwa kwalo, izikhulu zanikela ngomnikelo wazo phambi kwe-altare. uje-hova-aeiou wathi kumose: izikhulu ziyakunikela ngomnikelo wazo, yileso naleso ngosuku lwaso, ube ngowahlukaniselwa kwe-altare. owanikela ngomnikelo wakhe ngosuku lokuqala ngunaheshoni indodana



ka-aminadaba, owesizwe sakwajuda. umnikelo wakhe wawuluqwebwe lwesiliva, isisindo salo singamashekeli ayikhulu namashumi amathathu, nokhamba lwesiliva olungamashekeli angamashumi ayisikhombisa ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele, zombili zigcwele impuphu ecolokileyo exovwe nama-futha, kube ngumnikelo wempuphu, nenkezo yegolide engamashekeli ayishumi egcwele impepho, neduna libe linye, nenqama ibe nye, nemvu yeduna enomnyaka munye, kube ngumnikelo wokushiswa, nempongo ibe nye, ibe ngumnikelo wesono. okomhlatsshelo kweminikelo yokuthula naku: izinkabi ezimbili, nezinqama eziyisihlanu, nezimpongo eziyisihlanu, nezimvu eziyisihlanu zamaduna ezinomnyaka munye; lokho kwakungumnikelo kanaheshoni indodana ka-aminadaba. ngosuku lwesibili kwanikela unethaneli indodana kasuwari, isikhulu sakwa-isakare. wanikela kwaba ngumnikelo wakhe uqwebwe lwesiliva, isisindo salo singamashekeli ayikhulu namashumi amathathu, nokhamba olungamashekeli angamashumi ayisikhombisa ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele, zombili zigcwele impuphu ecolokileyo exovwe nama-futha, kube ngumnikelo wempuphu, nenkezo yegolide engamashekeli ayishumi egcwele impepho, neduna libe linye, nenqama ibe nye, nemvu yeduna enomnyaka munye, kube ngumnikelo wokushiswa, nempongo ibe nye, ibe ngumnikelo wesono. okomhlatsshelo weminikelo yokuthula naku: izinkabi ezimbili, nezinqama eziyisihlanu, nezimpongo eziyisihlanu, nezimvu eziyisihlanu zamaduna ezinomnyaka munye; lokho kwakungumnikelo kanethaneli indodana kasuwari. ngosuku lwesithathu ngu-eliyabe indodana kaheloni, isikhulu sabantwana bakwazebuloni. umnikelo wakhe wawuluqwebwe lwesiliva, isisindo salo singamashekeli ayikhulu namashumi amathathu, nokhamba lwesiliva olungamashekeli angamashumi ayisikhombisa ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele, zombili zigcwele impuphu ecolokileyo exovwe nama-futha, kube ngumnikelo wempuphu, nenkezo yegolide engamashekeli ayishumi egcwele impepho, neduna libe linye, nenqama ibe nye, nemvu yeduna enomnyaka munye, kube ngumnikelo wokushiswa, nempongo ibe nye, ibe ngumnikelo wesono. okomhlatsshelo weminikelo yokuthula naku: izinkabi ezimbili, nezinqama eziyisihlanu, nezimpongo eziyisihlanu, nezimvu eziyisihlanu zamaduna ezinomnyaka munye; lokho kwakungumnikelo ka-eliyabe indodana kaheloni. ngosuku lwesine ngu-elisuri indodana kashedewuri, isikhulu sabantwana bakwarubeni. umnikelo wakhe wawuluqwebwe lwesiliva, isisindo salo singamashekeli ayikhulu namashumi amathathu nokhamba lwesiliva

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impepho, yileyo naleyo ingamashekeli ayishumi ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele; lonke igolide lezinkezo lalingamashekeli ayikhulu namashumi amabili;87 zonke izinkomo zomnikelo wokushiswa zaziyizinkunzi eziyishumi nambili, nezinqama eziyishumi nambili, nezimvu zamaduna ezinomnyaka munye eziyishumi nambili kanye nomnikelo wazo wempuphu, nezimpongo zomnikelo wesono eziyishumi nambili;88 izinkomo zonke zomhlatshelelo weminikelo yokuthula zaziyizinkunzi ezingamashumi amabili nane, nezinqama ezingamashumi ayisithupha, nezimpongo ezingamashumi ayisithupha, nezimvu zamaduna ezingamashumi ayisithupha. lokho kwakungukwahlukaniselwa kwe-altare; lapho lase ligcotshiwe.89 nanxa umose engena etendeni lokuhlangana ukuba akhulume naye, wezwa izwi likhuluma kuye, livela ngaphezu kwesihlalo somusa esisemphongolweni wobufakazi ngaphakathi kwamakherubi omabili; wayesekhuluma kuye.

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ujehova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yisho ku-aroni, uthi kuye: nxa ubeka izibani, izibani eziyisikhombisa mazikhanyise ngaphambi kothi lwezibani. u-aroni wenze njalo; wabeka izibani zalo ukuba zikhanyise ngaphambi kothi lwezibani, njengalokho uje-hova-aeiou emyalile umose. nanku umsebenzi wothi lwezibani, umsebenzi wegolide elikhandiweyo: kuze kube sesinqeni salo nasezimbalini zalo kwakungumsebenzi okhandiweyo; njengesifanekiso uje-hova-aeiou asibonise umose, wenze njalo uthi lwezibani. uje-hova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: thabatha amalevi phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli, ubahlambulule. uyakwenza kanje kubo ukuba ubahlambulule: fafaza amanzi okuphuthula, baziphucule umzimba wonke, bahlanze izingubo zabo, bazihlambulule. bathabathe iduna nomnikelo walo wempuphu, impuphu ecolekileyo exovwe namafutha; neliye iduna uyakulithabatha libe ngumnikelo wesono. uyakuletha amalevi phambi kwetende lokuhlangana, ubuthe yonke inhlangano yabantwana bakwa-israyeli, ulethe amalevi phambi kukajehova-aeiou; abantwana bakwa-israyeli babeke izandla zabo phezu kwamalevi, u-aroni azulise amalevi phambi kukajehova-aeiou abe ngumnikelo wokuzuliswa ovela kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, aze asebenze umsebenzi kajehova-aeiou. amalevi ayakubeka izandla zawo ezinhloko zezinkunzi, wena unikele ngenye ibe ngumnikelo wesono, enye ibe ngumnikelo wokushiswa kujehova-aeiou ukwenzela amalevi ukubuyisana. uyakubeka amalevi phambi kuka-aroni

naphambi kwamadodana akhe, unikele ngawo abe ngumnikelo wokuzuliswa kujehova-aeiou. uyakwahlukanisa amalevi phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli, amalevi abe ngawami. emva kwalokho amalevi ayakungena ukwenza inkonzo yetende lokuhlangana; uyakwahlambulula, unikele ngawo abe ngumnikelo wokuzuliswa. ngokuba mina nginikiwe wona phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli; esikhundleni sakho konke okuvula isizalo, amazibulo abo bonke abantwana bakwa-israyeli, ngizithabathele wona. ngokuba onke amazibulo phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli angawami, awabantu nawezilwane; mhla ngishaya amazibulo onke ezweni lasegibithe ngazingcweliselwa wona. ngithabathile amalevi esikhundleni samazibulo onke abantwana bakwa-israyeli. ngiwanikile amalevi abe yisipho sika-aroni nesamadodana akhe esivela kubantwana bakwa-israyeli ukusebenza umsebenzi wabantwana bakwa-israyeli etendeni lokuhlangana nokwenzela abantwana bakwa-israyeli ukubuyisana, ukuze kungabikho sifo phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli, lapho abantwana bakwa-israyeli besondela endlini engcwele. benze njalo-ke omose no-aroni nayo yonke inhlangano yabantwana bakwa-israyeli kumalevi; njengakho konke uje-hova-aeiou amyala ngakho umose ngamalevi, benze njalo kuwo abantwana bakwa-israyeli. amalevi aziphuthula, ahlanza izingubo zawo; u-aroni wanikela ngawo abe ngumnikelo wokuzuliswa phambi kukajehova-aeiou; u-aroni wawenzela ukubuyisana ukuwahlambulula. emva kwalokho amalevi angena ukwenza umsebenzi wawo etendeni lokuhlangana phambi kuka-aroni naphambi kwamadodana akhe; njengalokho uje-hova-aeiou emyalile umose ngamalevi, benze njalo-ke kuwo. uje-hova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yilokhu okungokwamalevi: kusukela kwabaneminyaka engamashumi amabili nanhlano kuya phezulu ayakungena ukugcina umsebenzi wenkonzo yetende lokuhlangana: kusukela kwabaneminyaka engamashumi ayisihlanu bayakuphuma emsebenzini wenkonzo, bangabe besakhonza; kodwa bayakukhonza kanye nabafowabo etendeni lokuhlangana, bagcine imfanelo kepha bangabe besakhonza. uyakwenze njalo kumalevi ngezimfanelo zawo.

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ujehova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose ehlane lasesinayi ngenyanga yokuqala yomnyaka wesibili, sebethumile ezweni lasegibithe, wathi: futhi abantwana bakwa-israyeli bayakugcina iphasika ngesikhathi salo esinqunyiweyo. ngosuku lweshumi nane

lwaleyo nyanga ngakusihlwa niyakuligcina ngesikhathi salo esinquniweyo; ngokwezimiso zalo zonke nangokwemithetho yalo anoligcina. umose wakhuluma kubantwana bakwa-israyeli ukuthi bolenza iphasika. balenza-ke iphasika ngenyanga yokuqala ngosuku lweshumi nane ngakusihlwa ehlane lasesinayi; njengakho konke ujevova-aeiou amyala ngakho umose, benze njalo-ke abantwana bakwa-israyeli. kwakukhona amadoda athile ayengcolisiwe yisidumbu somuntu, engenakulenza iphasika ngalolo suku; eza phambi kukamose naphambi kuka-aroni ngalowo muhla. lawo madoda athi kuye: singcolisiwe yisidumbu somuntu; svinjelelwani ukunikela ngomnikelo kajehova-aeiou ngesikhathi sawo esinquniweyo phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli na? umose wathi kuwo: yimani ukuba ngizwe ukuthi ujevova-aeiou uyakuyalani ngani. ujevova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yisho kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, uthi: uma umuntu wakini noma owezizukulwane zenu engcoliswa yisidumbu noma esekuhambeni, ekude, uyakulenza nokho iphasika kujehova-aeiou; ngenyanga yesibili ngosuku lweshumi nane ngakusihlwa bayakulenza; bayakulidla nesinkwa esingenamvubelo nemifino ebabayo; abayikushiya lutho kuze kube sekuseni, bangaphuli thambo lalo; ngokwezimiso zonke zephasika bayakulenza. kepha umuntu ohlambulukileyo, engekho ekuhambeni, oyeka ukulenza iphasika, lowo muntu uyakunqunywa kubantu bakubo, ngokuba akanikelanga ngomnikelo kajehova-aeiou ngesikhathi esinquniweyo; lowo muntu uyakuthwala ububi bakhe. uma umfokazi egogobele phakathi kwenu, ethanda ukulenza iphasika kujehova-aeiou ngokwesimiso sephasika nangokomthetho walo, uyakwenze njalo; niyakuba nesimiso sinye kumfokazi nakowokuzalwa ezweni. ngosuku itabernakele elamiswa ngalo ifu lalisibekela itabernakele, itende lobufakazi; ngakusihlwa laliphezu kwetabernakele njengokubonakala komlilo kwaze kwaba sekuseni. kwakunjalo ngesikhathi sonke: ifu lalisibekela, kwabonakala umlilo ebusuku. nalapho ifu lenyuswa etendeni, base behamba abantwana bakwa-israyeli, nasendaweni lapho ifu lalima khona, lapho abantwana bakwa-israyeli bamisa khona. ngesiyalezo sikajehova-aeiou abantwana bakwa-israyeli bahamba, nangesiyalezo sikajehova-aeiou bamisa; ngesikhathi ifu lihlahla phezu kwetabernakele bahlala ekamu. nalapho ifu lihlahla phezu kwetabernakele izinsuku eziningi, abantwana bakwa-israyeli bagcina isiyalezo sikajehova-aeiou, abahambanga. ngesinye isikhathi ifu laliphezu kwetabernakele izinsuku eziyingcosana nje; khona ngesiyalezo sikajehova-aeiou bahlala ekamu, nangesiyalezo sikajehova-

aeiou bahamba. nangesinye isikhathi ifu lahlahla kusihlwa kwaze kwaba sekuseni; nalapho ifu lenyuswa ekuseni, bahamba; noma lahlahla ubusuku nemini, bahamba lapho ifu lenyuswa. noma kwakuyizinsuku ezimbili, noma inyanga, noma isikhathi esingakanani ifu lisahlezi phezu kwetabernakele, abantwana bakwa-israyeli bahlala ekamu, abahambanga; kepha lapho lenyuswa, bahamba. ngesiyalezo sikajehova-aeiou bamisa, nangesiyalezo sikajehova-aeiou bahamba; bagcina inkonzo kajehova-aeiou ngesiyalezo sikajehova-aeiou ngesandla sikamose.

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ujevova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: uzenzele amacilongo amabili esiliva, uwenze ngomsebenzi okhandiweyo, uwasebenzise ekubizeni inhlangano nasekusukeni kwamakamu. nxa bewabetha, yonke inhlangano iyakubuthana kuwe ngasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana. uma bebetha elilodwa, izikhulu, izinhloko zezinkulungwane zakwa-israyeli, ziyakubuthana kuwe. nxa nihlaba umkhosi, amakamu asohlangothini lwasempumalanga ayakusuka. nanxa nihlaba umkhosi ngokwesibili, amakamu asohlangothini lwaseningizimu ayakusuka; bayakuhlaba umkhosi ekusukeni kwabo. kepha lapho liyakubuthwa ibandla, niyakubetha, ningahlabi umkhosi kodwa. amadodana ka-aroni, abapristi, ayakubetha amacilongo; kuyakuba kini isimiso esiphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu. nxa niphuma impi ezweni lakini ukuyokulwa nesitha esinicinezelayo, khona niyakuhlaba umkhosi ngamacilongo, nikhumbuleke phambi kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu, ninisidwe ezitheni zenu. nangezinsuku zokuthokoza kwenu, nangemikhosi emisiweyo, nasekwethwaseni kwenyanga niyakubetha amacilongo enu phezu kwemnikelo yenu yokushiswa naphezu kwemihlatshelo yeminikelo yenu yokuthula, ibe yisikhumbuzo senu phambi kukalezi-ku wenu; ngingujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu. kwathi ngomnyaka wesibili ngenyanga yesibili ngolwamashumi amabili lwenyanga ifu lenyuswa etabernakele lobufakazi. abantwana bakwa-israyeli basuka ehlane lasesinayi amabanga ngamabanga; ifu lema ehlane lasepharanu. ngokokuqala basuka ngokwesiyalezo sikajehova-aeiou ngesandla sikamose. kuqala lasuka ibhanela lekamu labantwana bakwajuda ngamabandla abo; unaheshoni indodana ka-aminadaba wayephezu kwalelo bandla. phezu kwebandla lesizwe sabantwana bakwa-isakare kwakungunethaneli indodana kasuwari. phezu kwebandla lesizwe sabantwana bakwazebuloni kwakungu-eliyabe indodana

kaheloni. itabernakele lasuswa; amadodana kagereshoni namadodana kamerari asuka elithwala itabernakele. lase lisuka ibhanela lekamu likarubeni ngamabandla abo; phezu kwalelo bandla kwakungu-elisuri indodana kashedewuri. phezu kwebandla lesizwe sabantwana bakwasimeyoni kwakungushe-lumiyeli indodana kasurishadayi. phezu kwebandla lesizwe sabantwana bakwagadi kwakungu-eliyasafa indodana kadehuweli. kwase kusuka amakohati ethwala izinto ezingcwele; itabernakele lamiswa, wona engakafiki. lase lisuka ibhanela lekamu labantwana bakwa-efrayimi ngamabandla abo; phezu kwebandla lakhe kwakungu-elishama indodana ka-amihudi. phezu kwebandla lesizwe sabantwana bakwamanase kwakungumaliyeli indodana kapedasuri. phezu kwebandla lesizwe sabantwana bakwabenjamini kwakungu-abidani indodana kagideyoni. lase lisuka ibhanela lekamu labantwana bakwadani elalisemva kwawo onke amakamu ngamabandla abo; phezu kwebandla lakhe kwakungu-ahiezeri indodana ka-amishadayi. phezu kwebandla lesizwe sabantwana bakwa-asheru kwakungupagieli indodana ka-okirani. phezu kwebandla lesizwe sabantwana bakwanafetali kwakungu-ahira indodana ka-enani. abantwana bakwa-israyeli bahamba ngokulandelana kanjalo ngamabandla abo; base besuka-ke. umose wathi kuhobabi indodana karehuweli wakwamidiyani, umukhwe kamose: siya endaweni ashilo ngayo ujevova-aeiou, wathi: ngiyakuninika yona. woza wena, uhambe nathi, siyakukwenzela okuhle, ngokuba ujevova-aeiou ukhulumile okuhle ngo-israyeli. wathi kuye: angiyikuhamba; kepha ngiyakusuka, ngiye ezweni lakithi nasezihlotsheni zami. kepha wathi: ake ungasishiyi; njengokuba uyazi ukuthi siyakumisa kanjani ehlane, uyakuba ngamekho ethu. kuyakuthi uma uhamba nathi, yebo, kwenzeke ukuthi, noma yikuphi okuhle ujevova-aeiou asenzela khona, khona lokho uyakukwenzela nawe. basuka entabeni kajehova-aeiou, bahamba ibanga lezinsuku ezintathu; umphongolo wesivumelwano sikajehova-aeiou wahamba phambi kwabo ibanga lezinsuku ezintathu ukubafunela indawo yokuphumula. ifu likajehova-aeiou laliphezu kwabo emini, lapho besuka ekamu. kwathi ekusukeni komphongolo umose washo wathi: vuka, jehova-aeiou; mazihlakazeke izitha zakho; abakuzondayo mababaleke ebusweni bakho. ekumeni kwawo wathi: buyela, jehova-aeiou, emindenini eyizinkulungwane zakwa-israyeli.

kwathi abantu bakhonona, kwabakubi ezindlebeni zikajehova-aeiou; esekuzwile ujevova-aeiou, yavutha intukuthelo yakhe; umlilo kajehova-aeiou washa phakathi kwabo, wabaqeda abasemkhawulweni wekamu. abantu base bekhala kumose; umose wakhuleka kujehova-aeiou, umlilo wabohla. igama laleyo ndawo laqanjwa ngokuthi ithabehera, ngokuba umlilo kajehova-aeiou washa phakathi kwabo. ingxubevange eyayiphakathi kwabo yaqala ukufisa nokufisa; nabantwana bakwa-israyeli babuye bakhala, bathi: ngubani oyakusipha inyama ukuba sidle na? siyakumbula izinhlanzi esazidla egibithe ngesihle, namakukamba, namakhabe, namaliki, nohanyanisi, nesweli; kepha manje umphefumulo wethu usuwomile; akukho lutho impela; ngaphandle kwaleli mana akukho lutho emehlweni ethu. imana lafana nembewu yekoriyanderi, nokubonakala kwalo kwakunjengokubonakala kwenhlaka yebedola. abantwana baphuma ukuligqoka, baligaya ematsheni, noma beligqula ezigqulweni, balipheka emakhanzini, benza ngalo amaqebelengwane; ukuzwakala kwalo kwakunjengokuzwakala kweqebelengwane lamafutha. nxa amazolo elala phezu kwekamu ebusuku, imana lawela phezu kwawo. umose wezwa abantu bekhala emindenini yabo, kwaba yilowo nalowo muntu ngasemnyango wetende lakhe; intukuthelo kajehova-aeiou yavutha kakhulu; kwakukubi emehlweni kamose. umose wathi kujehova-aeiou: uyiphatheleni kabi ineku yakho na? angifumananga ngani umusa emehlweni akho ukuba ubeke umthwalo wabo bonke laba bantu phezu kwami na? ngakhulelwa bonke laba bantu yini, ngabazala, ukuze uthi kimi: bagone ngasesifubeni sakho njengomondli egona umntwana oncelayo, ubayise ezweni owalifungela oyise, na? ngingathathaphi inyama ukubanika bonke laba bantu na? ngokuba bakhala kimi, bathi: siphe inyama ukuba sidle. anginakuthwala bonke laba bantu ngedwa, ngokuba kuyangisinda. uma ungiphatha kanje, ake ungibulale nokungibulala, uma ngifumene umusa emehlweni akho; mangingaluboni usizi lwami. ujevova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: ngibuthele amadoda angamashumi ayisikhombisa amalunga akwa-israyeli, owaziyo ukuthi angamalunga abantu nezinduna zabo, uwalethe etendeni lokuhlanguka ukuba eme khona nawe. ngiyakwehla, ngikhulume nawe khona, ngithathe okomoya ophezu kwakho, ngikubeke kuwo; ayakuthwala umthwalo wabantu kanye nawe, ukuze ungawuthwali wedwa. yisho kubantu ukuthi: zingcweliseleli olwangakusasa, niyakudla inyama,

lokhu nikhalile ezindlebeni zikajehova-aeiou ngokuthi: ngubani oyakusipha inyama ukuba sidle, ngokuba kwakukuhle kithi egibithe, ngalokho ujahova-aeiou uyakuninika inyama, nize nidle. aniyikuyidla usuku lube lunye, noma izinsuku zibe zimbili, noma izinsuku zibe yisihlanu, noma izinsuku zibe yishumi, noma izinsuku zibe ngamashumi amabili, kepha inyanga epheleleyo, ize iphume ngamakhala enu, inengeke kini, ngokuba nimlahlile ujahova-aeiou ophakathi kwenu, nakhala phambi kwakhe ngokuthi: saphumelani egibithe na? wayesethi umose: abantu engiphakathi kwabo bayizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisithupha abayimigundatshani; wena-ke uthi: ngiyakubanika inyama ukuba badle inyanga epheleleyo. bayakuhlatselwa izimvu nezinkomo ukuba zibanele na? noma bayakubuthelwa yini izinhlanzi zonke zolwandle ukuba zibanele na? ujahova-aeiou wathi kumose: isandla sikajehova-aeiou sifinyele na? usuyakubona uma izwi lami liyakwenzeka kuwe noma qha. umose waphuma, wabatshela abantu amazwi kajehova-aeiou; wabutha amadoda angamashumi ayisikhombisa amalunga abantu, wawamisa ngasetendeni nxazonke. ujahova-aeiou wehla ngefu, wakhuluma kuye, wathabatha okomoya ophezu kwakhe, wakubeka kumalunga angamashumi ayisikhombisa; kwathi umoya esahlezi kuwo, aprofetha, kepha awaze akuphinda. kodwa kwasala amadoda amabili ekamu, igama lenye lalingu-elidadi, igama leyesibili lingumedadi; umoya wayehlala phezu kwawo; ayephakathi kwalawo alotshiweyo, kepha awayanga etendeni; aprofetha ekamu. kwagijima insizwa, yabika kumose, yathi: o-elidadi nomedadi bayaprofetha ekamu. ujesu indodana kanuni, inceku kamose, owabakhethiweyo bakhe, waphendula wathi: nkosi yami, mose, benqabele. umose wathi kubo: unomhawu ngenxa yami na? sengathi bonke abantu bakajehova-aeiou bangaba ngabaprofethi, ujahova-aeiou abeke umoya wakhe phezu kwabo. umose wangena ekamu, yena namalunga akwa-israyeli. kwavuka umoya ovela kujehova-aeiou, waletha izigwaca zivela ngaselwandle, waziwisa ngasekamu kungathi ibanga losuku ngalapha nebanga losuku ngalapha kwekamu nxazonke, nokuphakama phezu komhlaba kungathi izingalo ezimbili. abantu bavuka lonke lolo suku, nobusuku bonke, nalo lonke usuku olulandelayo, babutha izigwaca; owabutha okuncane wabutha amahomere ayishumi; bazenekela ngasekamu nxazonke. inyama isekhona phakathi kwamazinyo abo, ingakahlafunwa, ulaka lukajehova-aeiou lwavuthela abantu, ujahova-aeiou wabashaya abantu ngokufa okukhulu kakhulu. igama laleyo ndawo

laqanjwa ngokuthi ikibiroti hathawa, ngokuba bambela abantu abafisayo. abantu basuka ekibiroti hathawa, baya ehaseroti; bahlala ehaseroti.

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omiriyamu no-aroni bakhuluma bemelene nomose ngenxa yowesifazane wakwakushe amthathile; ngokube wayethathile owesifazane wakwakushe. bathi: imbala ujahova-aeiou ukhulumile kumose kuphela na? akakhulumanga nakithi na? ujahova-aeiou wakuzwa. kodwa lowo muntu umose wayemnene kunabo bonke abantu ababesebusweni bomhlaba. ujahova-aeiou wayesekhuluma ngokuzumayo kumose naku-aroni nakumiriyamu, wathi: wozani nina nobathathu etendeni lokuhlangana. baphuma bobathathu. ujahova-aeiou wehla esensikeni yefu, wema ngasemnyango wetende, wabiza o-aroni nomiriyamu; baphuma bobabili. wayesethi: yizwani manje amazwi ami: uma kukhona umprofethi phakathi kwenu, mina jehova-aeiou ngiyakuzibonakalisa kuye ngombono, ngikhulume kuye ngephupho. inceku yami umose akanjalo; uthembekile endlini yami yonke; ngiyakukhuluma naye umlomo nomlomo ngokusobala, kungabi ngamazwi ayimfumbi; isimo sikajehova-aeiou uyakusibona; anesabanga ngani ukukhuluma ngeceku yami umose na? intukuthelo kajehova-aeiou yabavuthela; wayesemuka. ifu lasuka phezu kwetende; bheka, umiriyamu wayesenochoko, enjengeqhwa; u-aroni wambhaka umiriyamu; bheka, wayenochoko. u-aroni wathi kumose: o nkosi, ake ungabeki isono phezu kwethu ngalokho esikwenzile ngobuwula, nangalokho esone ngakho. ake angabi njengofileyo, onyama yakhe idliwe inxenye, nxa ephuma esizalweni sikanina. umose wakhala kujehova-aeiou, wathi: o lezi-ku, mawumphulukise, ngiyakuncenga. ujahova-aeiou wathi kumose: uma uyise ebemkhafulele ebusweni, ubengebe namahloni izinsuku eziyisikhombisa na? makavalelwe ngaphandle kwekamu izinsuku eziyisikhombisa; ngasemva kwalokho uyakubuye angeniswe. umiriyamu wavalelwa ngaphandle kwekamu izinsuku eziyisikhombisa; abantu abahambanga, waze wabuyiswa umiriyamu. ngasemva abantu basuka ehaseroti, bamisa ehlane lasepharanu.

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ujehova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: thuma wena abantu ukuba bahlale izwe lasekhanani engibanika lona abantwana bakwa-israyeli; uthume umuntu waleso

naleso sizwe sawoyise, kube yilowo nalowo abe yinduna phakathi kwabo.<sup>3</sup> umose wabathuma-ke besuka ehlane lasepharanu ngesiyalezo sikajehova-aeiou; bonke babo babe ngabantu abayizinhloko zabantwana bakwa-israyeli. lawa angamagama abo: owesizwe sakwarubeni: ushamuwa indodana kazakuri. owesizwe sakwasimeyoni: ushafati indodana kahori. owesizwe sakwajuda: ukalebi indodana kafune. owesizwe sakwa-isakare: u-igali indodana kajosefa. owesizwe sakwa-efrayimi: uhosheya indodana kanuni. owesizwe sakwabenjamini: upaliti indodana karafu. owesizwe sakwazebuloni: ugadiyeli indodana kasodi. owesizwe sakwajosefa, owesizwe sakwamanase: ugadi indodana kasusi. owesizwe sakwadani: u-amiyeli indodana kagemali. owesizwe sakwa-asher: usethuru indodana kamikayeli. owesizwe sakwanafetali: unabi indodana kavofisi. owesizwe sakwagadi: ugewuweli indodana kamaki. yilawo amagama amadoda athunyuwa ngumose ukuhlola izwe. umose wambiza uhosheya indodana kanuni ngokuthi ujesu. umose wabathuma ukuhlola izwe lasekhanani, wathi kubo: yenyukani ngalapha, niye ngaseningizimu, nikhuphukele ezintabeni, nibone izwe ukuthi linjani, nabantu abakhe kulo ukuthi banamandla noma babuthakathaka, bay-ingcosana noma baningi yini, nokuthi izwe abakhe kulo linjani, noma lihle noma libi, nokuthi imizi abahlala kuyo injani, noma ngamakamu noma yizinqaba, nokuthi izwe linjani, noma livundile noma limpofu, noma linezinkuni noma qha. yibani nesibindi, nibuye nezithelo zezwe. kwase kuyisikhathi sezithelo zokuqala zomvini. base behamba-ke, bahlola izwe kusukela ehlane lasesini kuze kube serehobe ekuyeni ngasehamati. benyukela ngaseningizimu, bafika ehebroni; o-ahimani, nosheshayi, notalimayi, abantwana bakwa-anaki, babelapho. ihebroni lakhiwa iminyaka eyisikhombisa lingakakhiwa isowani lasegibithe. bafika esigodini sase-esikholi, banquma khona igatsha elinehlukuzo lezithelo zomvini, balithwala ngothi phakathi kwababili, kanye namapomegranati namakhiwane. leyo ndawo yathiwa isigodi sase-esikholi ngenxa yehlukuzo abantwana bakwa-israyeli abalinquma khona. base bebuya ekuhloleni izwe ngasekupheleni kwezinsuku ezingamashumi amane. baya bafika kumose naku-aroni nakuyo yonke inhlangano yabantwana bakwa-israyeli ehlane lasepharanu ekadeshi, babuyisela izwi kubo nakuyo yonke inhlangano, bababonisa izithelo zezwe. bamtshela bathi: safika-ke ezweni owasithuma kulo; ngempela livame ubisi nezinyosi; lokhu kuyizithelo zalo. nokho abantu abakhe ezweni banamandla, imizi ibiyelwe, mikhulu kakhulu; futhi sabona

abantwana bakwa-anaki khona. u-amaleki wakhile ezweni laseningizimu; amaheti, namajobusi, nama-amori ahlala ezintabeni; amakhanani akhile ngaselwandle naseceleni kwejordani. ukalebi wathulisa abantu phambi kukumose, wathi: masenyuke khona manje, silidle, ngokuba sinamandla okulingqoba. kepha amadoda ayenyuke naye athi: asinakwenyuka, sihlasele labo bantu, ngokuba banamandla kunathi. base belandisa abantwana bakwa-israyeli umbiko omubi ngezwe ababelihloli, bathi: izwe esilidabulile ukulihlola liyizwe elidla abakhileyo kulo; bonke abantu esababona kulo bangabantu abajahleleyo. sabona khona iziqhwaga, amadodana ka-anaki ayela eziqhwageni; emehlweni ethu saba njengezintethe, saba njalo nasemehlweni abo.

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inhlangano yonke yayisiphakamisa izwi layo, yakhala. abantu bakhala izinyembezi ngalobo busuku. bonke abantwana bakwa-israyeli bakhonona ngomose nango-aroni; yonke inhlangano yathi kubo: sengathi nga safu ezweni lasegibithe, noma sengathi nga safu kuleli hlane. ujeheva-aeiou usilethelani kuleli zwe, siwe ngenkamba na? omkethu nabancane bethu bayakuba yimpango; bekungengcono yini kithi ukubuyela egibithe na? bathi omunye komunye: masibeke induna, sibuyele egibithe. khona omose no-aroni bawa ngobuso babo phambi kwebandla lonke lehlangano yabantwana bakwa-israyeli. ujesu indodana kanuni nokalebi indodana kafune ababephakathi kwabahlola izwe baklebhula izingubo zabo, bakhuluma kuyo yonke inhlangano yabantwana bakwa-israyeli, bathi: izwe esalidabula ukulihlola liyizwe elihle kakhulu. uma ujeheva-aeiou esithanda, uyakusingenisa kulelo zwe, asinike lona, izwe elivame ubisi nezinyosi. kodwa ningahlubuki kujehova-aeiou, futhi ningesabi abantu balelo zwe; ngokuba bayisinkwa kithi; umthunzi wabo usukile phezu kwabo, kodwa ujeheva-aeiou unathi; ningabesabi. kepha inhlangano yonke yathi mabakhandwe ngamatshe. inkazimulo kajehova-aeiou yabonakala etendeni lokuhlangana kubo bonke abantwana bakwa-israyeli. ujeheva-aeiou wayesekhuluma kumose, wathi: koze kube nini laba bantu bengidelela na? koze kube nini bengakholwa yimi ngezibonakaliso zonke engizenzile phakathi kwabo na? ngiyakubashaya ngesifo, ngibaphuce ifa, ngikwenze isizwe esikhulu nesinamandla kunabo. umose wathi kujehova-aeiou: khona abasegibithe bayakukuzwa, ngokuba wakhuphula laba bantu ngamandla akho

phakathi kwabo, babatshele abakhe kuleli zwe; bezwile ukuthi wena jehova-aeiou uphakathi kwalaba bantu, babonane nawe jehova-aeiou ubuso nobuso; ifu lakho limi phezu kwabo, wena uhamba phambi kwabo usensikeni yefu emini nasensikeni yomlilo ebusuku. manje-ke uma ubulala laba bantu njengomuntu munye, izizwe ezizwe udumo lwakho ziyakukhuluma zithi: ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou ebengenamandla okungenisa abantu bakhe ezweni alifungela kubo, ngalokho ubabulele ehlane. kalokhu ake abe makhulu amandla enkosi njengokusho kwakho ukuthi: uje-hova-aeiou uyephuzo ukuthukuthela, uvame umasa, uthethelela ububi neziphambeko, angayekeli nokho onecala, kepha ahambele ububi bayoyise kubantwana, kuze kube sezizukulwaneni sesithathu nesesine. ake uthethelele ububi balaba bantu ngokobukhulu bomusa wakho, njengalokho uyekele laba bantu kusukela egibithe kuze kube manje. uje-hova-aeiou wathi: yebo, ngiyathethelela njengezwi lakho; kepha impela, kuphila kwami nenkazimulo kaje-hova-aeiou eyakugcwalisa wonke umhlaba, lokhu bonke labo bantu ababone inkazimulo yami nezibonakaliso zami engazenza egibithe nasehlane bengilingile kayishumi, abalalela izwi lami, abayikubona ngempela izwe engalifungela oyise, futhi aliyikubonwa muntu walabo abangidelela; kepha in-ceku yami ukalebi, lokhu wayenomunye umoya, wangilandela ngokupheleleyo, yena ngiyakumngenisisa ezweni aya kulo; inzalo yakhe iyakulidla. ama-amaleki namakhanani akhile esigodini; jikani kusasa, ningene ehlane ngasendleleni eya elwandle olubomvu. uje-hova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose naku-aroni, wathi: koze kube nini le nhlangano embi ikhonona ngami na? ngizwile ukukhonona kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli abakhonona ngakho ngami. yisho kubo ukuthi: kuphila kwami, ngiyakwenza kini impela njengalokho nikhulumile ezindlebeni zami: izidumbu zenu ziyakuwa kuleli hlane, nabo bonke ababawayo kini njengokomumo wenu wonke, kusukela kwa-baneminyaka engamashumi amabili kuya phezu, abakhononile ngami, abayikun-gena ngempela ezweni engaphakamisa ngalo isandla sami ukuthi bengiyakunakhisa kulo, ngaphandle kukakalebi indodana kajefune nojesu indodana kanuni. kepha abancane benu enasho ngabo ukuthi bayakuba yimpango, bona ngiyakubangenisa, balazi izwe enalilahla. nina-ke, izidumbu zenu ziyakuwa kuleli hlane. abantwana benu bayakuba ngabelusi ehlane iminyaka en-gamashumi amane, bathwale ukuphinga kwenu, izidumbu zenu zize ziqedwe ehlane. njengokomumo wezinsuku enahlola ngazo izwe, izinsuku ezingamashumi amane,

umnyaka ngosuku, niyakuthwala ububi benu, yebo, iminyaka engamashumi amane, nize nazi ukuthi kunjani uma ngimelana nani. mina jehova-aeiou ngikhulumile; ngiyakwenza lokho ngempela kuyo yonke le nhlangano embi engihlanganyeleyo; kuleli hlane bayakuqedwa, bafele khona. nalawo madoda athunywa ngumose ukuhlola izwe, abuya akhononisa yonke inhlangano ngaye ngokuletha umbiko omubi ngezwe, wona lawo madoda aletha umbiko omubi ngezwe afa ngesifo phambi kukaje-hova-aeiou. kepha ujesu indodana kanuni nokalebi indodana kajefune ababenalawo madoda ukuhlola izwe basinda. umose wakhuluma lawo mazwi kubo bonke abantwana bakwa-israyeli; abantu balila kakhulu. bavuka ekuseni kakhulu, benyukela esiqongweni sentaba, bathi: bhekani, sesilapha, kepha siyakuya endaweni ayithembisile uje-hova-aeiou, ngokuba sonile. umose wathi: neqelani izwi likaje-hova-aeiou na? akuyikuphumelela. ningenyuki, ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou akakho phakathi kwenu, ukuba ningashaywa ebusweni bezitha zenu. ngokuba ama-amaleki namakhanani alapho ngaphambi kwenu; niyakuwa ngenkomba, lokhu nibuyele emuva ekumlandeleni uje-hova-aeiou; nga-lokho uje-hova-aeiou akayikuba khona phakathi kwenu. ngokuzidla bakhuphukela nokho esiqongweni sentaba, kepha umphon-golo wesivumelwano sika-je-hova-aeiou nomose awuphumanga ekamu. ayesehla ama-amaleki kanye namakhanani ayehlala kuleyo ntaba, abashaya, abaqothula kwaze kwaba sehorma.

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uje-hova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yisho kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, uthi kubo: nxa nifika ezweni eniyakwakha kulo, engininika lona, nenze umnikelo womlilo kujehova-aeiou, umnikelo wokushiswa, noma umhlatsshelo wokugcwalisa isithem-biso, noma umnikelo wesihle, noma owemikhosi yenu emisiweyo, ukwenza iphunga elimnandi kujehova-aeiou, owezinkomo noma owezimvu, khona-ke onikela ngomnikelo wakhe wolet-ha kujehova-aeiou umnikelo wempuphu wok-weshumi kwempuphu ecolekileyo exovwe nokwesine kwehini lamafutha; newayini libe ngumnikelo wokuphuzwa, okwesine kwehini ngemvana inye, wolilungisela umnikelo wokushiswa noma umhlatsshelo. kepha inqama uyakuyilungisela okweshumi bona-ra-ukukhandlekali kwempuphu ecolekileyo exovwe nokwesithathu kwehini lamafutha, kube ngumnikelo wempuphu; uyakunikela okwesithathu kwehini lewayini libe ngum-nikelo wokuphuzwa nephunga elimnandi



kujehova-aeiou. nxa ulungisa iduna libe ngumnikelo wokushiswa, noma umhlathshelo wokugcwalisa isithembiso, noma kube yiminikelo yokuthula kujehova-aeiou, uyakunikela ngomnikelo wempuphu wokweshumi okuthathu kwempuphu ecolekileyo exovwe nenxenye yehini lamafutha kanye neduna. uyakunikela ngenxenye yehini lewayini libe ngumnikelo wokuphuzwa, kube ngumnikelo womlilo wephunga elimnandi kujehova-aeiou. kuyakwenziwa kanjalo ngaleyo naleyo nkunzi, noma ngaleyo naleyo nqama, noma ngaleyo naleyo mvana yeduna, noma ngamazinyane ezimbuzi. njengokomumo eniwlungisayo niyakwenze njalo kuleyo naleyo njengokomumo wazo. bonke abokuzalwa ekhaya bayakwenza lezo zinto ngaleyo ndlela, benikela ngomnikelo womlilo wephunga elimnandi kujehova-aeiou. uma umfokazi egogobele kuwe, noma ubani ophakathi kwenu ezizukulwaneni zenu eyakunikela ngomnikelo womlilo wephunga elimnandi kujehova-aeiou, uyakwenza njengalokhu nenza nina. ebandleni kuyakuba yisimiso sinye kini nakumfokazi ogogobeleyo kini, isimiso esiphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu; njengani uyakuba njalo umfokazi phambi kukajehova-aeiou. kuyakuba ngumthetho munye nesimiso sinye kinina nakumfokazi ogogobeleyo kini. ujejhova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yisho kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, uthi kubo: nxa nifika ezweni enginiyisa kulo, kuyakuthi, lapho nidla isinkwa sezwe, ninikele ngomnikelo wokuphakanyiswa kujehova-aeiou. ngolibo lomgqakazo wenu niyakunikela ngeqebelengwane libe ngumnikelo wokuphakanyiswa; njengalokhu nenza umnikelo wokuphakanyiswa wesibuya, niyakuwenza kanjalo. ngolibo lomgqakazo wenu niyakunika ujejhova-aeiou umnikelo wokuphakanyiswa ezizukulwaneni zenu. nxa niduka ningagcini yonke le miyalo ujejhova-aeiou ayikhulumile kumose, konke ujejhova-aeiou anyalile ngesandla sikamose, kusukela osukwini ujejhova-aeiou ayala ngalo nangasemuva ezizukulwaneni zenu, kuyakuthi uma kwenziwe kungengamabomu, futhi kungesemehlweni enhlangano, inhlangano yonke inikele ngeduna libe ngumnikelo wokushiswa wephunga elimnandi kujehova-aeiou kanye nomnikelo wayo wempuphu, nomnikelo wayo wokuphuzwa ngokomthetho, nempongo ibe nye, ibe ngumnikelo wesono. umpristi uyakuyenzela yonke inhlangano yabantwana bakwa-israyeli ukubuyisana, baze bathethelelwe, ngokuba kwakungengamabomu, futhi baletihle umnikelo wabo, umnikelo womlilo kujehova-aeiou, nomnikelo wabo wesono phambi kukajehova-aeiou ngesiphosiso sabo; yonke inhlangano yabantwana bakwa-israyeli iyakuthethelelwa kanye nomfokazi

ogogobeleyo kubo, ngokuba kubo bonke abantu kwakungesiphosiso. uma umuntu ona kungengamabomu, uyakunikela ngembuzikazi enomnyaka munye, ibe ngumnikelo wesono. umpristi uyakwenzela umuntu ophosisayo ukubuyisana, nxa ona kungengamabomu phambi kukajehova-aeiou ukumenzela ukubuyisana, athethelelwe. niyakuba nomthetho munye kowenza kungengamabomu, nakowokuzalwa ekhaya phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli nakumfokazi ogogobeleyo phakathi kwabo. kepha okwenza ngesandla esiphakemeyo, noma engowokuzalwa ekhaya noma engumfokazi, uyamhlambalaza ujejhova-aeiou; lowo muntu uyakunqunywa kubantu bakubo. ngokuba udelele izwi likajehova-aeiou, nomyalo wakhe uwaphulile; lowo muntu uyakunqunywa impela, ububi bakhe bube phezu kwakhe. abantwana bakwa-israyeli besesehlane bafumana umuntu otheza izinkuni ngosuku lwesabatha. abamfumana etheza izinkuni bamyisa kumose nakuaroni nakuyo yonke inhlangano. bambeka ukuba alindwe, ngokuba kwakungakanqunywa ukuthi kuyakwenziwani kuye. ujejhova-aeiou wathi kumose: lowo muntu wobulawa nokubulawa; yonke inhlangano iyakumkhanda ngamatshe ngaphandle kwekamu. yonke inhlangano yamkhiphela ngaphandle kwekamu, yamkhanda ngamatshe, wafa, njengalokho ujejhova-aeiou emyalile umose. ujejhova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yisho kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, usho kubo ukuba bazenzele insephe emiphetweni yezingubo zabo ezizukulwaneni zabo, futhi ukuba babeke igoda eliluhlaza ensepheni yemiphetho yonke; lokhu kuyakuba kini insephe ukuba niyibheke, nikhumbule yonke imiyalo kajehova-aeiou, niyenze, ningahambi ngeyenu inhliziyonangawenu amehlo enanivama ukukulandela ngokuphinga, ukuba nikhumbule, niyenze yonke imiyalo yami, nibe ngcwele kulezi-ku wenu. ngingujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu owanikhipha ezweni lasegibithe, ngibe ngulezi-ku wenu; ngingujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu.

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ukora kajisihari kakohati kalevi, kanye nodathani no-abiramu, amadodana ka-eliyabe, no-oni indodana kapheleti, amadodana karubeni, bathatha amadoda, bamvukela umose benabathile babantwana bakwa-israyeli, abangamakhulu amabili namashumi ayisihlanu, izikhulu zenhlangano, amanzusa ebandla, amadoda adumileyo; babahlanganela omose noaroni, bathi kubo: sekwanele okwenu, lokhu inhlangano yonke ingcwele, bonke bayo, nojejhova-aeiou ekubo; niziphakamiselani,

pho, phezu kwebandla likajehova-aeiou na? umose esekuzwile wawa ngobuso bakhe; wakhuluma kukora nakulo iviyo lakhe, wathi: kusasa ujahova-aeiou uyakwazisa ukuthi ngubani ongowakhe nokuthi ngubani ongcweli, amsondeze kuye; lowo ayakumkhetha uyakumsondeza kuye. yenzani lokhu: zithabatheleni imicengezi yomlilo, wena kora neviyo lakho lonke, nifake kuyo umlilo, nibeke impepho kuyo phambi kukajehova-aeiou kusasa; kuyakuthi umuntu amkhethayo ujahova-aeiou, abengcweli; sekwanele okwenu, madodana kalevi. umose wathi kukora: ake nizwe, madodana kalevi: kuyinto encane yini kini ukuthi ulezi-ku ka-israyeli unahlukenisile nenhlango ka-israyeli, wanisondeza kuye ukwenza inkonzo yetabernakele likajehova-aeiou nokuma phambi kwenhlango ukuyikhonza, nokuthi ukusondezile wena, nabafowenu bonke, amadodana kalevi, kanye nawa na? senifisa nobupristi futhi na? ngalokho wena nalo lonke iviyo lakho nimhlanganyele ujahova-aeiou; no-aroni uyini yena ukuba nikhonone ngaye na? umose wathuma wabiza odathani no-abiramu, amadodana ka-eliyabe; bathi: asiyyikukhuphuka; kuyinto encane yini ukuthi wasikhuphula ezweni elivame ubisi nezinyosi ukuba usibulale ehlane; usuyazenza nesikhulu phezu kwethu na? futhi awusingenisanga ezweni elivame ubisi nezinyosi, awusinikanga ifa lamasimu nelezivini; uyakubhobozamehlo alaba bantu na? asiyyikukhuphuka. umose wathukuthela kakhulu, wathi kujehova-aeiou: unganaki umnikelo wabo; angithathanga nayinje imbongo kubo, futhi angilimazanga namunye kubo. umose wayesethi kukora: wena yiba nayo yonke inhlango yakho phambi kukajehova-aeiou kusasa, wena, nabo, no-aroni; thabathani, kube yilowo nalowo umcengezi wakhe womlilo, nibeke impepho kuyo, nilethe phambi kukajehova-aeiou kube yilowo nalowo umcengezi wakhe, imicengezi yomlilo engamakhulu amabili namashumi ayisihlanu, nawe futhi no-aroni, kube yilowo nalowo umcengezi wakhe. base bethatha, kwaba yilowo nalowo umcengezi wakhe womlilo, bafaka kuyo umlilo, babeka impepho ngaphezulu, bema ngasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana kanye nomose no-aroni. ukora wahlanganisa kubo yonke inhlango ngasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana; inkazimulo kajehova-aeiou yabonakala kuyo yonke inhlango. ujahova-aeiou wayesekhuluma kumose naku-aroni, wathi: zahlukaniseni nale nhlangano ukuba ngibaqede ngokuphazima kweso. bawo ngobuso babo, bathi: lezi-ku, lezi-ku wemimoya yenyama yonke, kona umuntu munye, uthukuthelele inhlango

yonke, na? ujahova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yisho kuyo inhlango, uthi: khuphukani ngasekamu likakora nelikadathani nelika-abiramu. umose wavuka waya kudathani naku-abiramu; amalunga akwa-israyeli amlandela. wayesekhuluma kuyo inhlango, wathi: ake nisuke ematendeni alaba bantu ababi, ningathinti lutho olwabo, funa nqedwe ngezono zabo zonke. base bekhuphuka ekamu likakora nelikadathani nelika abiramu nxazonke; odathani no-abiramu baphuma, bema ngasemnyango wamatende abo kanye nawomkabo, namadodana abo, nezingane zabo. umose wathi: niyakwazi ngalokhu ukuthi ujahova-aeiou ungithumile ukwenza yonke le misebenzi, ngokuba angiyenzanga ngowami umqondo. uma laba bantu befa ngokufa kwabantu bonke, noma behlelwa ngokwehlela abantu bonke, ujahova-aeiou uyakube kangithumanga. kepha uma ujahova-aeiou edala into entsha, umhlaba uvule umlomo wawo, ubagwinye kanye nakho konke okwabo, bashone besezwa endaweni yabaflelo, niyakuqonda ukuthi laba bantu bamdelele ujahova-aeiou. kwathi eseqedile onke lawo mazwi, umhlaba ophansi kwabo waqhekezeka; umhlaba wavula umlomo wawo, wabagwinya nezindlu zabo, nabantu bonke bakakora, nempahla yabo yonke. bona bashona besezwa nakho konke okwabo endaweni yabaflelo; umhlaba wabagqiba, baqothulwa ebandleni. bonke abakwa-israyeli ababebazungeza babaleka ngokukhala kwabo, ngokuba bathi: funa umhlaba usigwinye nathi. umlilo waphuma kujehova-aeiou, waqeda abantu abangamakhulu amabili namashumi ayisihlanu, ababenikele ngemphepho. ujahova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yisho ku-eleyazare indodana ka-aroni umpristi ukuba akhiphe imicengezi yomlilo ekusheni, wena uwuhlakaze umlilo laphaya, ngokuba ingcweli, imicengezi yalaba boni abone imiphfumulo yabo ibe ngongcwewe abakhandiweyo abayakulimboza i-altare, ngokuba banikela ngayo phambi kukajehova-aeiou; ngalokho ingcweli; iyakuba luphawu kubantwana bakwa-israyeli. u-eleyazare umpristi wayithatha imicengezi yethusi abanikele ngayo abashileyo; babakhanda baba yisimbozo se-altare, babe yisikhumbuzo kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, ukuze umfokazi ongesiye owenzalo ka-aroni angasondeli ukushisa impepho phambi kukajehova-aeiou, angabi njengokora neviyo lakhe, njengalokho ujahova-aeiou wakhuluma kuye ngesandla sikamose. kepha ngolwan-gakusasa yonke inhlango yabantwana bakwa-israyeli yakhonona ngomose nango-aroni, yathi: nibabulele abantu bakajehova-aeiou. kwathi inhlango isibahlanganyele

omose no-aroni, babheka ngasetendeni lokuhlangana; bheka, ifu lalisibekela, inkazimulo kajehova-aeiou yabonakala. omose no-aroni bafika ngaphambi kwetende lokuhlangana. ujevova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: khuphuka kule nhlangano ukuba ngibaqede ngokuphazima kweso. bawa ngobuso babo. umose wathi ku-aroni: thatha umcengezi wakho womlilo, ubeke kuwo umlilo wase-altare, ufake impepho ngaphezulu, ukuyise masinyane kuyo inhlangano, uyenzele ukubuyisana, ngokuba kuphume intukuthelo kujehova-aeiou; isifo sesiqalile. u-aroni wayesekuthatha njenga-lokhe ekhulumile umose, wagijima phakathi kwebandla; bheka, isifo sase siqalile phakathi kwabantu; wabeka impepho, wabenzela abantu ukubuyisana. wema phakathi kwabafileyo nabaphilayo; isifo sanqamuka. abafile ngesifo babe yizinkulungwane eziyishumi nane namakhulu ayisikhombisa ngaphandle kwalabo abafanengdaba kakora. u-aroni wabuyela kumose ngasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana; isifo sanqamuka.

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ujevova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: khuluma kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, uthabathe kubo izintonga, ibe nye kuleyo naleyo ndlu kayise, kuzo zonke izikhulu njengezindlu zawoyise, izintonga eziyishumi nambili; loba wena igama lalowo nalowo muntu entongeni yakhe. uyakuloba igama lika-aroni entongeni kalevi, ngokuba kuyakuba yintonga inye kuleyo naleyo nhloko yezindlu zawoyise. uyakuzibekela etendeni lokuhlangana ngaphambi kobufakazi, lapho ngihlangana khona nawe. kuyakuthi umuntu engiyakumkhetha, intonga yakhe ihlume, ngenze ukuba kuphele ngakimi ukukhonona kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli abakhonona ngakho ngani. umose wakhuluma kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, zonke izikhulu zamnika izintonga ngayinye kuleso naleso sikhulu njengezindlu zawoyise, izintonga eziyishumi nambili. umose wazibeka izintonga phambi kukajehova-aeiou etendeni lobufakazi. kwathi ngolwangakusasa umose wangena etendeni lobufakazi; bheka, intonga ka-aroni yendlu kalevi ibisihlumlile, ivezile imiqumbe, iqhakazile izimbali, ithele ama-alimondi avuthiweyo. umose wakhiphela bonke abantwana bakwa-israyeli zonke izintonga ngaphambi kukajehova-aeiou, babheka, yilowo nalowo wathatha intonga yakhe. ujevova-aeiou wathi kumose: buyisa intonga ka-aroni ngaphambi kobufakazi, igcinwe ibe luphawu kubahlabuki, ukuze uqede ukukhonona kwabo ngami ukuba bangafi. umose wenze njalo; njengalokho ujevova-

aeiou emyalile, wenze njalo-ke. abantwana bakwa-israyeli bakhuluma kumose, bathi: bheka, siyaphela, siyashabalala, sishabalala sonke. bonke abasondelayo abasondela etabernakele likajehova-aeiou bayakufa; siyakuphela sonke na?

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ujevova-aeiou wathi ku-aroni: wena namadodana akho nendlu kayihlo kanye nawe niyakuthwala ububi bendlu engcwele; wena namadodana akho kanye nawe niyakuthwala ububi bobupristi benu. nabafowenu, isizwe sakwalevi, isizwe sikayihlo, sondela nabo ukuba bahlanganiswe nawe, bakukhonze; kepha wena namadodana akho kanye nawe niyakuba ngaphambi kwetende lobufakazi. bayakugcina imfanelo yakho nenkonzo yetende lonke; kodwa abayikusondela emphahleni yendlu engcwele nase-altare, ukuze bangafi, nabo nani. bayakuhlanganiswa nawe, bagcine inkonzo yetende lokuhlangana kuwo wonke umsebenzi wetende; umfokazi akayikusondela kuwe. niyakugcina inkonzo yendlu engcwele nenkonzo yase-altare, ukuze ulaka lungabe lusaba khona phezu kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli. bhekani, mina ngithabathe abafowenu amalevi phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli; bayisipho kini, benikelwe kujehova-aeiou ukwenza umsebenzi wetende lokuhlangana. wena namadodana akho kanye nawe niyakugcina ubupristi kukho konke okwe-altare, nakukho konke okuphakathi kwesihlenqo; niyakukhonza; ngiyaninika ubupristi njen-genkonzo yesipho; umfokazi osondelayo wobulawa. ujevova-aeiou wakhuluma ku-aroni, wathi: bheka, mina ngikunike ukugcina iminikelo yami yokuphakanyiswa; zonke izinto ezingcwelisiwe zabantwana bakwa-israyeli ngikunikile zona wena namadodana akho ngenxa yokugcotshwa, kube yisimiso esiphakade. lokhu kuyakuba ngokwakho ezintweni ezingcwelengcwele ezisale emlilweni: yonke iminikelo yabo, yonke iminikelo yabo yempuphu, nayo yonke iminikelo yabo yesono, nayo yonke iminikelo yabo yecala abanikela ngayo kimi iyakuba ngcwelengcwele kuwe nakumadodana akho. niyakudlela lokhu endaweni engcwelengcwele; bonke abesilisa bayakukudla; kuyakuba ngcwele kuwe. lokhu kungokwako: umnikelo wokuphakanyiswa wesipho sabo, nayo yonke iminikelo yokuzuliswa yabantwana bakwa-israyeli; ngiyinikile wena namadodana akho namadodakazi akho kanye nawe ibe yimfanelo ephakade; yilowo nalowo ohlambulukileyo endlini yakho uyakukudla. konke okuhle kwamanoni nakho konke okuhle kwewayini nokwamabele, ulibo lwalokho abanikela ngakho kujehova-aeiou ngikunikile khona. ulibo

oluvuthwa kuqala lwakho konke okusezweni lakubo abaluletha kujehova-aeiou luyakuba ngolwakho; yilowo nalowo ohlambulukileyo endlini yakho uyakukudla. konke okwahlukanisiwe kwa-israyeli kuyakuba ngokwakho. konke okuvula isizalo senyama yonke abanikela ngakho kujehova-aeiou, okomuntu nokwesilwane, kuyakuba ngokwakho; nokho izibulo lomuntu wolihlenga ngempela, nezibulo lezilwane ezingcolileyo wolihlenga. okuhlelwayo kuyakuhlelwa kusukela kokunenyanga ngokulinganisa kwakho ngemali yamashekeli ayisihlanu ngokweshekeli lendlu engcele elingamagera angamashumi amabili. kepha izibulo lenkomo, noma izibulo lemvu, noma izibulo lembuzi, awuyikulihlenga, lingcwele; uyakufafaza i-altare ngegazi lazo, ushise amanoni azo abe ngumnikelo womlilo wephunga eliminandi kujehova-aeiou. inyama yazo iyakuba ngeyakho; njengesifuba sokuzuliswa nomlenze wokunene iyakuba ngeyakho. yonke iminikelo yezinto ezingcwele abantwana bakwa-israyeli abanikela ngayo ngiyinikile wena namadodana akho namadodakazi akho kanye nawe ibe yimfanelo ephakade; kuyisivumelwano sikasawoti kuze kube phakade ngaphambi kukajehova-aeiou kuwena nakuyo inzalo yakho kanye nawe. ujeahova-aeiou wathi ku-aroni: awuyikuba nafa ezweni lakubo, futhi ungabi nasabelo phakathi kwabo; mina ngiyisabelo sakho nefa lakho phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli. bhekani, ngibanikile abantwana bakwalevi konke okweshumi kwa-israyeli, kube yifa labo, ngomsebenzi abawusebenzayo, inkonzo yetende lokuhlangana. abantwana bakwa-israyeli mangababe besasondela etendeni lokuhlangana, funa bathwale isono, bafe. kepha amalevi ayakugcina inkonzo yetende lokuhlangana, athwale ububi bawo; kuyakuba yisimiso esiphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu; naphakathi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli abayikuba nafa. ngokuba okweshumi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli abanikela ngakho, kube ngumnikelo wokuphakanyiswa kujehova-aeiou, ngikunikile amalevi kube yifa lawo; ngalokho ngishilo kuwo, ngathi: phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli anyikubanafa.

ujeahova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: futhi uyakukhuluma kumalevi, uthi kuwo: nxa nithabatha kwabakwa-israyeli okweshumi engininike khona kuvela kubo, kube yifa lenu, niyakunikela ngumnikelo wokuphakanyiswa kujehova-aeiou, okweshumi kokweshumi. umnikelo wenu wokuphakanyiswa uyakubalelwa nina, njengalokho bekungamabele esibuya nanjengokugqwala kwesikhamo sewayini. kanjalo nani niyakunikela ngumnikelo wokuphakanyiswa kujehova-aeiou ngakho konke okweshumi kwenu enikwa-

mukelayo kubantwana bakwa-israyeli; niyakunikela ku-aroni umpristi ngumnikelo wokuphakanyiswa kajehova-aeiou. kuzo zonke izipho zenu niyakunikela ngayo yonke iminikelo yokuphakanyiswa kujehova-aeiou, konke okuhle kwayo, ixenye yayo engcelisiweyo. ngalokho uyakusho kubo ukuthi: nxa niphakamisa okuhle kwayo, kuyakubalelwa amalevi njengokwanda kwesibuya nokwanda kwesikhamo sewayini. niyakukudlela ezindaweni zonke, nina nabezindlu zenu, ngokuba kungumvuzo wenu ngomsebenzi wenu etendeni lokuhlangana. anyikuthwala sono ngenxa yakho, lapho seniphakamisa okuhle kwakho, ningahlambalazi izinto ezingcwele zabantwana bakwa-israyeli ukuba ningafi.

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ujeahova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose naku-aroni, wathi: lokhu kuyisimiso somthetho ujeahova-aeiou ayalile ngaso ukuthi: yisho kubantwana bakwa-israyeli ukuba balethe kuwe isithole esibomvu esingenasici, singansolo, okungazange kubekwe ijoka phezu kwaso, nisinike u-eleyazare umpristi, yena asikhiphele ngaphandle kwekamu, sihlathshwe phambi kwakhe; u-eleyazare umpristi uyakuthabatha igazi laso ngomunwe wakhe, afafaze kasikhombisa ngaphambi kwetende lokuhlangana ngegazi laso, isithole sishiswe phambi kwakhe, isikhumba saso, nenyama yaso, negazi laso, kanye nomswani waso kushiswe; umpristi uyakuthabatha umsedari, nehisopi, nendwangu ebomvu, akuphonse phakathi kokushayo kwesithole. umpristi useyakuhlanza izingubo zakhe, ageze umzimba wakhe ngamanzi, andukuba angene ekamu, umpristi abe ngongcolile kuze kuhlwe. osishisayo uyakuhlanya izingubo zakhe ngamanzi, ageze umzimba wakhe ngamanzi, abe ngongcolile kuze kuhlwe. umuntu ohlambulukileyo uyakubutha umlotha wesithole, awubekele ngaphandle kwekamu endaweni ehlabulukileyo, ugcinelwe inhlangano yabantwana bakwa-israyeli kube ngamanzi okuphotihula; kungumnikelo wesono. obutha umlotha wesithole uyakuhlanya izingubo zakhe, abe ngongcolile kuze kuhlwe; kuyakuba yisimiso esiphakade kubantwana bakwa-israyeli nakumfokazi ogogobeleyo phakathi kwabo. othinta isidumbu somuntu uyakuba ngongcolile izinsuku eziyisikhombisa. uyakuziphothula ngawo ngosuku lwesithathu, nangosuku lwesikhombisa uyakuhlambuluka; kepha uma engaziphothuli ngosuku lwesithathu, akayikuhlambuluka ngosuku lwesikhombisa. yilowo nalowo othinta isidumbu somuntu ofileyo, angaziphothuli, uyang-

colisa itabernakele likajehova-aeiou; lowo muntu uyakunqunywa ku-israyeli, ngokuba amanzi okuphothula akafafazwanga ngawo; uyakuba ngongcolile; ukungcola kwakhe kuse kuye. nanku umthetho, uma umuntu efela etendeni: yilowo nalowo ongena etendeni nalowo osetendeni uyakuba ngongcolile izinsuku eziyisikhombisa. nazo zonke izitsha ezivulekileyo ezingenaso isisibekelo esiboshwe kuzo zingcolile. yilowo nalowo othinta endle obulewe ngenkomba, noma isidumbu, noma ithambo lomuntu, noma ithuna, uyakuba ngongcolile izinsuku eziyisikhombisa. abangcolileyo bayakuthatha umlotha wokushayo komnikelo wesono, namanzi agobhozayo ayakuthelwa kanye nawo esitsheni, umuntu ohlambulukileyo athabathe ihisopi, algicobhoze emanzini, afafaze ngawo itende, nezitsha zonke, nabantu ababelapho, nowathinta ithambo, noma ababuleweyo, noma abafileyo, noma ithuna, umuntu ohlambulukileyo amfafaze ongcolileyo ngosuku lwesithathu nangosuku lwesikhombisa, amphothule ngosuku lwesikhombisa, ahlanze izingubo zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, ahlambuluke ngakusihlwa. kepha umuntu ongcolayo engaziphothuli, lowo muntu uyakunqunywa phakathi kwebandla, ngokuba ungcolisile indlu engwele kajehova-aeiou; amanzi okuphothula akafafazwanga ngawo; ungcolile. kuyakuba yisimiso esiphakade kubo; ofafaza amanzi okuphothula uyakuhlanza izingubo zakhe, nothinta amanzi okuphothula uyakuba ngongcolile kuze kuhlwe. lokhu umuntu ongcolileyo akuthintayo kuyakuba ngokungcolile; umuntu okuthintayo uyakuba ngongcolile kuze kuhlwe.

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abantwana bakwa-israyeli, yonke inhlangu, bafika ehlane lasesini ngenyanga yokuqala; abantu bahlala ekadeshi; umiriyamu wafela khona, wembelwa khona futhi. kwakungekho manzi lapho kuyo inhlangu; babahlanganyela omose no-aroni. abantu balwa nomose, bakhuluma bathi: sengathi ngabe safu ekufeni kwabafowethu phambi kukajehova-aeiou. niletheleni ibandla likajehova-aeiou kuleli hlane, ukuze sifele lapha, thina nezinkomo zethu, na? nasikhuphulelani egibithe, ukuze silethwe kule ndawo embi, na? akusiyo indawo yembewu, noma eyamakhivane, noma eyemivini, noma eyamapomegranati, kungekho futhi amanzi okuphutha. omose no-aroni basuka ebusweni bebandla ukuya ngasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana, bawa ngobuso babo; inkazimulo kajehova-aeiou yabonakala kubo. ujejhova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: thabatha intonga, ubuthe inhlangu, wena no-aroni um-

fowenu, nikhulume kulo idwala eliphambi kwamehlo abo ukuba liveze amanzi alo; uyakubavezela amanzi edwaleni, phakuzi unike inhlangu nezinkomo zayo uku-phuza. umose wathabatha intonga phambi kukajehova-aeiou, njengalokho eyalile. omose no-aroni babutha ibandla phambi kwedwala; wathi-ke kubo: yizwani manje nina bahlubuki; siyakunivezela yini amanzi kuleli dwala na? umose waphakamisa isandla sakhe, walishaya idwala kabili ngen-tonga yakhe, kwaphuma amanzi amaningi, inhlangu yaphuza kanye nezinkomo zayo. ujejhova-aeiou wathi kumose naku-aroni: njengokuba anikholwanga yimi ukungingcwelisa emehlweni abantwana bakwa-israyeli, ngalokho aniyikungenisa leli bandla ezweni engibanike lona. lokhu kwakungamanzi asemeriba, ngokuba abantwana bakwa-israyeli balwa nojejhova-aeiou, wangcweliswa kubo. umose wathuma izithunywa enkosini yakwa-edomi, zisuka ekadeshi, wathi: usho kanje umfowenu u-israyeli: uyazazi zonke izinkathazo ezisehlele ukuthi obaba behlela egibithe, sahlala egibithe isikhathi eside; abaseg-ibithe basiphatha kabi thina nawobaba; lapho sakhalakujehova-aeiou, walizwa izwi lethu, wathuma ingelosi, wasikhipha egibithe; bheka sesisekadeshi, umuzi oseceleni komkhawulo wakho; ake sidabule izwe lakho; asiyikudabula amasimu nezivini, singaphuzi amanzi emithombo; siyakuhamba ngomgwaqo wenkosi, singajiki ngakwesokunene nangakwesokohlo size sidlule umkhawulo wakho. u-edomi wathi kuye: awuyikudabula kimi, funa ngikusukele ngenkomba. abantwana bakwa-israyeli bathi kuye: siyakukhuphuka ngomgwaqo; uma siphuza amanzi akho, mina nezinkomo zami, ngiyakukhokhela imali yawo. mangid-abule nje ngezinyawo zami, kungabi ngokunye. kepha wathi: awuyikudabula. u-edomi wayesephuma wamsukela nabantu abaninge nesandla esinamandla. kanjalo u-edomi wala ukuba u-israyeli adabule izwe lakhe; ngalokho u-israyeli wachezuka kuye. basuka ekadeshi; abantwana bakwa-israyeli, inhlangu yonke, bafika entabeni yasehori. ujejhova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose naku-aroni entabeni yasehori ngasemkhawulweni wezwe lakwa-edomi, wathi: u-aroni uyakubuthelwa kubantu bakhe, ngokuba akayikungeni ezweni engibanike lona abantwana bakwa-israyeli, lokhu nahlubuka ezwini lami ngasemanzini asemeriba. thabatha o-aroni no-eleyazare, indodana yakhe, ubakhuphulele entabeni yasehori, umkhumule u-aroni izambatho zakhe, uzifake ku-eleyazare indodana yakhe; u-aroni uyakubuthelwa kubantu bakhe, afele khona. umose wenza njengalokho ujejhova-aeiou eyalile; bakhuphukela entabeni yasehori

emehlweni enhlangano yonke. umose wamkhumula u-aroni izambatho zakhe, wazifaka ku-eleyazare indodana yakhe; u-aroni wafela khona esiqongweni sentaba; omose no-eleyazare behla entabeni. lapho inhlangano yonke ibona ukuthi u-aroni ufile, bamlilela u-aroni izinsuku ezingamashumi amathathu, yonke indlu yakwa-israyeli.

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umkhanani, inkosi yase-aradi, owayakhe eningizimu, wezwa ukuthi u-israyeli uyeza ngendlela yase-atarimi; walwa no-israyeli, wathumba abanye kubo. u-israyeli wenza isithembiso kujehova-aeiou, wathi: uma unikhela nokunikela laba bantu esandleni sami, ngiyakuchitha impela imizi yabo. uje-hova-aeiou walilalela izwi lika-israyeli, wanikela amakhanani; bawaqothula kanye nemizi yawo; igama laleyo ndawo lathiwa ihorma. basuka entabeni yasehori ngendlela yolwandle olubomvu ukuba bazungeze izwe lakwa-edomi; inhliziyo yabantu yaphela amandla ngexa yendlela. abantu bakhuluma kabi ngolezi-ku nan-gomose, bathi: nisikhuphuleleni egibithe ukuba sifele ehlane na? ngokuba akukho sinkwa, akukho manzi; umphefumulo wethu uyanengwa yilesi sinkwa esilulana. uje-hova-aeiou wathuma izinyoka ezine-sihlungu phakathi kwabantu, zabaluma abantu; abantu abaningi bakwa-israyeli bafa. abantu bafika kumose, bathi: sonile, ngokuba sikhulume kabi ngoje-hova-aeiou nangawe; khuleka kujehova-aeiou ukuba asuse izinyoka kithi. umose wabakhulekela abantu. uje-hova-aeiou wathi kumose: zenzele inyoka enesihlungu, uyibeke ensikeni; kuyakuthi yilowo nalowo olunywayo, lapho eyibheka, uyakusinda. umose wenza inyoka yethusi, wayibeka ensikeni; kwathi lapho inyoka imlumile umuntu, uma ebeyibheka inyoka yethusi, wasinda. abantwana bakwa-israyeli bahamba, bamisa e-oboti. basuka e-oboti, bamisa e-iy-e abarimi ehlane elingaphandle kwelak-wamowabi ngasempumalanga. basuka lapho, bamisa esigodini sasezeredi. basuka lapho, bamisa ngaphesheya kwe-arinoni elisehlane, elivela emkhawulweni wama-amori, ngokuba i-arinoni lingumkhawulo welakwamowabi, phakathi kwelakwamowabi nama-amori. ngalokho kuthiwa encwadini yezimpi zikajehova-aeiou: ivahebi lasesu-fa, nezigodi zase-arinoni, nomthambeka wezigodi othambeka ngasezweni le-ari, on-cike emkhawulweni wakwamowabi. basuka lapho, baya eberi; lokhu kungumthombo asho ngawo uje-hova-aeiou kumose, wathi: butha abantu, ngibaphe amanzi. u-israyeli wayesehlabelela lesi sihlabelelo sokuthi: mpompoza, mthombo, nihlabelele

kuwo, umthombo ezawumba izikhulu, abawugubha abakhulu babantu ngentonga yobukhosi nangezindondolo zabo. basuka ehlane, baya emathana. basuka emathana, baya enahaliyeli; basuka enahaliyeli, baya ebamoti; basuka ebamoti, baya esigodini esisezweni lakwamowabi nasesiqongweni sasepisiga, elibheke ngenzansi ngasehlane. u-israyeli wathuma izithunywa kusihoni inkosi yama-amori, wathi: ake sidabule izwe lakho; asiyikuchezukela emasimini noma ezivinini, singaphuzi amanzi emithombo; siyakuhamba ngomgwaqo wenkosi, size sidlule umkhawulo wakho. usihoni wayengamvumeli u-israyeli ukudabula izwe lakhe, kepha usihoni wabutha bonke abantu bakhe, waphuma eyomhlaselela u-israyeli ehlane, wafika ejahasi, walwa no-israyeli. u-israyeli wamngoba ngosiko lwenkamba, wadla izwe lakhe, kusukela e-arinoni kuze kufike ejaboki nakubo abantwana bakwa-amoni, ngokuba umkhawulo wabantwana bakwa-amoni wawunamandla. u-israyeli wathatha yonke le mizi; u-israyeli wahlala emizini yonke yama-amori eheshiboni nasemizini yonke yalo. ngokuba iheshiboni lalingumuzi kasihoni inkosi yama-amori owayelwile nenkosi endala yakwamowabi, wathatha lonke izwe lakhe esandleni sakhe kwaze kwafika e-arinoni. ngalokho abakhulu ngezaga basho bathi: wozani eheshiboni; makwaxhiwe, umuzi kasihoni umiswe; ngokuba umlilo uphumile eheshiboni; ilangabi livelile emzini kasihoni; liqedile i-ari lakwamowabi nabakhe emadulini ase-arinoni. maye kuwena mowabi! niphelile, nina bantu bakakemoshi; unikele amado-dana akhe abe ngababaleki, namadodakazi akhe athunjwe kusihoni inkosi yama-amori. sibacibishele; iheshiboni liphelile kuze kube sediboni; sichithile kuze kube senofa elingasemedeba. kanjalo u-israyeli wahlala ezweni lama-amori. umose wathuma ukuhlola ijazeri, bathatha imizi yalo, baxosha ama-amori ayelapho. baphenduka, bakhuphuka ngendlela yasebashani; u-ogi inkosi yasebashani waphuma, wabasukela, yena nabo bonke abantu bakhe, ukuyokulwa ngase-edireyi. uje-hova-aeiou wathi kumose: ningamesabi, ngokuba ngimnikele esandleni sakho kanye nabantu bakhe bonke nezwe lakhe; uyakwenza kuye njengalokho wenza kusihoni inkosi yama-amori owahlala eheshiboni. base bemngoba-ke, namado-dana akhe, nabo bonke abantu bakhe, waze wangasalelwa muntu; badla izwe lakubo.

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abantwana bakwa-israyeli bahamba, bamisa emathafeni akwamowabi ngaphesheya kwe-jordani ngasejeriko. ubalaki indodana kasi-pori wabona konke akwenzile u-israyeli kuwo

ama-amori. umowabi wayesesaba kakhulu abantu, ngokuba babebaninge; umowabi waba nosizi ngenxa yabantwana bakwa-israyeli. umowabi wathi kumalunga akwamidiyani: manje leli bandla liyakukhotha konke okungakithi nxazonke, njengalokhu inkabi ikhotha utshani bedlelo. ubalaki indodana kasi-pori wayeyinkosi yakwamowabi ngaleso sikhathi. wathuma izithunywa kubileyamu indodana kabeyori epethori elingasemfuleni ezweni labantwana babantu bakhe ukumbiza ngokuthi: bheka, nampa abantu abaphumile egibithe; bheka, basibekela ubuso bomhlaba; se-behlala malungana nami; ngalokho ake uze manje, ungigalekisele laba bantu, ngokuba bayangahlala; mhlawumbe ngingaze ngibe namandla ukuba sibanqobe, ngibaxoshe ezweni, ngokuba ngiyazi ukuthi ombusisayo ubusisiwe, nomqalekisayo uqalekisiwe. amalunga akwamowabi namalunga akwamidiyani asuka enenkokhelo yokubhala esandleni sawo; ayesefika kubileyamu, akhuluma kuye amazwi kabalaki. wathike kuwo: hlalani lapha lobu busuku, nginibuyisele izwi, njengalokhu uje-hova-aeiou eyakukhuluma kimi. izikhulu zakwamowabi zahlala-ke kubileyamu. ulezi-ku wafika kubileyamu, wathi: ngobani lawa madoda akuwe na? ubileyamu wathi kulezi-ku: ubalaki indodana kasi-pori, inkosi yakwamowabi, uthumile kimi wathi: bheka, abantu abaphumile egibithe basibekela ubuso bomhlaba; woza kalokhu, ungigalekisele bona; mhlawumbe ngingaze ngibe namandla ukulwa nabo, ngibaxoshe. ulezi-ku wathi kubileyamu: awuyikuhamba nawo; awuyikuqalekisa abantu, ngokuba babusisiwe. ubileyamu wavuka ekuseni, wathi kuzo izikhulu zikabalaki: buyelani ezweni lakini, ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou uyangalela ukuba ngihambe nani. izikhulu zakwamowabi zasuka, zaya kubalaki, zathi: ubileyamu uyala ukufika nathi. ubalaki wabuye wathuma izikhulu, ziningi, zidumile kunezokuqala. zafika kubileyamu, zathi kuye: usho kanje ubalaki indodana kasi-pori, uthi: ake ungavinjwa lutho ukuza kimi, ngokuba ngiyakukunika udumo olukhulu, nakho konke ongitshele khona ngiyakukwenza; ake uze ngalokho manje, ungigalekisele laba bantu. ubileyamu waphendula wathi kuzo izinceku zikabalaki: noma ubalaki ebeyakunginika indlu yakhe igcwele isiliva negolide, anginakulid-lula izwi likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wami ukwenza okuncane nokukhulu. ngalokho ake nihlale nani lapha lobu busuku, ukuze ngazi ukuthi uje-hova-aeiou useyakukhulumanani kimi futhi. ulezi-ku weza kubileyamu ebusuku, wathi kuye: uma amadoda efika ukukubiza, vuka uhambe nawo; kepha lelo zwi kuphela engilikhu-

luma kuwe uyakulenza. ubileyamu wavuka ekuseni, wabophela imbongolo yakhe, wahamba nezikhulu zakwamowabi. intukuthelo kalezi-ku yavutha ngokuba wahamba; ingelosi kalezi-ku yema endleleni ukuba ime-lane naye. wayekhwele imbongolo yakhe, izinceku zakhe ezimbili zinaye. imbongolo yabona ingelosi kajehova-aeiou imi endleleni, inenkemba yayo ehoshiweyo esandleni sayo; imbongolo yachezuka endleleni, yaya ensimini, kepha ubileyamu wayishaya imbongolo ukuyibuyisela endleleni. ingelosi kajehova-aeiou yayisima endleleni engumngcingo phakathi kwezivini, kwaba ludonga ngalapha nodonga ngalapha. imbongolo yayibona ingelosi kajehova-aeiou, yazigqula odongeni, yalimaza unyawo lukabileyamu ngasodongeni; wabuye wayishaya. ingelosi kajehova-aeiou yaqhubeka yema endaweni eminyeneyo, lapho kwakungekho khona indlela yokujika ngakwesokunene noma ngakwesokhohlo. imbongolo yayibona ingelosi kajehova-aeiou, yalala phansi kukabileyamu; intukuthelo kabileyamu yavutha, wayishaya imbongolo ngenduku yakhe. uje-hova-aeiou wavula umlomo wembongolo, yathi kubileyamu: ngenzeni kuwe ukuba ungishaye kathathu na? ubileyamu wathi embongolweni: ngokuba ungiswabulele; sengathi ngabe kukhona inkemba esandleni sami, ngokuba ngabe sengikubulele. kepha imbongolo yathi kubileyamu: angisiyo imbongolo yakho oyikhwele konke ukuhamba kwakho kuze kube manje na? ngangivama ukwenza kanjalo kuwe na? wathi: qha. uje-hova-aeiou wayesevula-ke amehlo kabileyamu, wayibona ingelosi kajehova-aeiou imi endleleni, inenkemba yayo ehoshiweyo esandleni sayo; wagoba ikhanda, wawa ngobuso bakhe. ingelosi kajehova-aeiou yathi kuye: uyishayeleni imbongolo yakho kathathu na? bheka, ngiphumele ukumelana nawe, ngokuba indlela yakho iyingozi phambi kwami; imbongolo yangibona, yachezuka phambi kwami kathathu; uma ibingachezuka ngami, ngabe sengikubulele, ngayisindisa yona. wathi ubileyamu kuyo ingelosi kajehova-aeiou: ngonile; ngokuba bengingazi ukuthi umi endleleni umelene nami; ngalokho uma kukubi emehlweni akho, ngiyakubuyela emuva. yayisithi ingelosi kajehova-aeiou kubileyamu: hamba nalawa madoda, kepha lelo zwi kuphela engiyakulikhuluma kuwe uyakulikhuluma. ubileyamu wayesehamba nezikhulu zikabalaki. ubalaki esezwa ukuthi ubileyamu uyeza, waphuma ukumhlangebeza e-iri mowabi elisemkhawulweni wase-arinoni, lisecceleni komkhawulo. ubalaki wathi kubileyamu: angithumanga nokuthuma kuwe ukukubiza na? awufikanga ngani kimi? anginamandla yini okukunika udumo na? ubileyamu wathi kubalaki: bheka, sengifikile kuwe, anginamandla

nokho manje okukhuluma utho. izwi ulezi-ku alifaka emlonyeni wami, ngiyakukhuluma lona. ubileyamu wahamba nobalaki, bafika ekiriyati husoti. ubalaki wanikela ngezinkabi nangezimvu, wazithuma kubileyamu nakuzo izikhulu ezinaye. kwathi ekuseni ubalaki wamthatha ubileyamu, wamyisa ezindaweni eziphakemeyo zikabali, wabona elapho inxenye yabantu.

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ubileyamu wathi kubalaki: ngakhele lapha ama-altare ayisikhombisa, ungilungisele lapha izinkunzi eziyisikhombisa nezinqama eziyisikhombisa. ubalaki wenza-ke njengalokho ubileyamu ekhulumile; obalaki nobileyamu banikela kulelo nalelo altare inkunzi nengqama. ubileyamu wathi kubalaki: yima ngasemnikelweni wakho wokushiswa, mina ngihambe; mhlawumbe ujeheva-aeiou angafika ukungihlangabeza; konke angitshengisa khona ngiyakukutshela. waya edulini elingenalutho. ulezi-ku wahlangana nobileyamu; yena wathi kuye: sengilungisile ama-altare ayisikhombisa, nganikela ngenkunzi nangenqama kulelo nalelo altare. ujeheva-aeiou wafaka izwi emlonyeni kabileyamu, wathi: buyela kubalaki, ukhulume kanje. wayesebuyela kuye; bheka, wayemi ngasemnikelweni wokushiswa, yena nazo zonke izikhulu zakwamowabi. wayesethatha isisho sakhe, wathi: e-aramu ubalaki ungilandile, inkosi yakwamowabi ezintabeni zasempumalanga: woza ungiqalekisele ujakobe; woza umdleselele u-israyeli. ngingamqalekisa kanjani ongaqalekiswa ngulezi-ku na? ngingamdlelelela ongadlelelelwanga ngulezi-ku na? ngokuba ngisesiqongweni samadwala ngiyabona, ngisemadulini ngiyambuka; bheka, kungabantu abahlala bodwa, abangayikubalwa phakathi kwezizwe. ngubani ongabala uthuli lukajakobe, abale okwesine kuka-israyeli, na? mangife ukufa kolungileyo, nokuphela kwami makube njengokwakhe. ubalaki wathumela kubileyamu, wathi: wenzeni kimi na? ngakuthatha ukuba uqalekise izitha zami; bheka, uzibusisile nokuzibusisa. waphendula wathi: angiyikuqaphela ukukhuluma lokhu ulezi-ku akufakile emlonyeni wami na? ubalaki wayesethi kuye: ake uze nami, siye kwenye indawo, lapho ungababona khona; uyakubona inxenye yabo kuphela, ungaboni bonke; ungiqalekisele bona uselapho. wamyisa ensimini yasesofimu esiqongweni sasepisiga, wakha ama-altare ayisikhombisa, wanikela ngenkunzi nangenqama kulelo nalelo altare. wathi kubalaki: yima lapha ngasemnikelweni wakho wokushiswa, mina ngilinde laphaya. ujeheva-aeiou wayesehlangana

nobileyamu, wafaka izwi emlonyeni wakhe, wathi: buyela kubalaki, ukhulume kanje. wayesefika kuye; bheka, wayemi ngasemnikelweni wakhe wokushiswa, izikhulu zakwamowabi zinaye. ubalaki wathi kuye: ujeheva-aeiou ukhulume ngokuthini na? wayesethatha isisho sakhe, wathi: vuka, balaki, uzwe; ngilalele, wena ndodana kasipori: ulezi-ku akasiye umuntu ukuba aqambe amanga, nandodana yomuntu ukuba azisole; ushilo, angayikukwenza, na? ukhulumile, angayikukuphelelisa, na? bheka, ngiyaliwe ukubusisa; yena ubusisile, anginakukubuyisa. akabonanga ingozi kujakobe, akabukanga nankathazo kwa-israyeli. ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku wakhe unaye, nesenanelo senkosi siphakathi kwabo. ulezi-ku wabakhipha egibithe; unjengezimpondo zenyathi kubo. ayikho imilingo engamelana nojakobe; akukho ukubhula okungamelana no-israyeli; manje sekuyashiwo ngojakobe nango-israyeli ukuthi ulezi-ku wenzeni. bheka, abantu bavuka njengengonyamakazi, nanjengengonyama bayaziphakamisa; abayikulala phansi, bengakayidli impango, baphuze igazi lababuleweyo. ubalaki wayesethi kubileyamu: ungabaqalekisi nokubaqalekisa, futhi ungababusi nokubabusisa. kepha ubileyamu waphendula, wathi kubalaki: angikutshelanga yini ukuthi konke ulezi-ku akukhulumayo ngiyakukwenza na? wathi ubalaki kubileyamu: ake uze, ngikuyise kwenye indawo; mhlawumbe kungaba kuhle emehlweni kalezi-ku ukuba ungiqalekisele bona uselapho. ubalaki wamyisa ubileyamu esiqongweni sasepeyori elibheke ngenzansi ngasehlane. ubileyamu wayesethi kubalaki: ngakhele lapha ama-altare ayisikhombisa, ungilungisele izinkunzi eziyisikhombisa nezinqama eziyisikhombisa. ubalaki wenza-ke njengalokho eshilo ubileyamu; wanikela ngenkunzi nangenqama kulelo nalelo altare.

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ubileyamu esebonile ukuthi kwakukuhle kujehova-aeiou ukubusisa u-israyeli, akayanga njengakuqala ukulindela imilingo, kepha wabhekisa ubuso bakhe ngasehlane. ubileyamu waphakamisa amehlo akhe, wabona u-israyeli ehlezi ngokwezizwe zakhe; umoya kaJehova-aeiou wehlela phezu kwakhe. wayesethatha isisho sakhe, wathi: ubileyamu indodana kabeyori uthi, umuntu omehlo akhe avuliwe uthi, ozwileyo amazwi kalezi-ku, obonile umbono kasomandla uthi, ewela phansi, kuvulwe amehlo akhe: mahle kangaka amatende akho, jakobe, namatabernakele akho, israyeli. elulekile njengezigodi, njengamasimu ngasemfuleni, njengemihlaba ayitshalile ujeheva-aeiou, njengemisedari ngaseceleni kwamanzi.



amanzi ayakugobhoza, aphume ezimbizeni zakhe, imbewu yakhe ibe semanzini amaningi, inkosi yakhe ibe nkulu kunomagagi, umbuso wakhe uphakame. ulezi-ku wamkhipha egibithe; unjengezimpondo zenyathi kubo; uyakuqeda izizwe, izitha zakhe, aphule amathambo azo, azigwaze ngemicibisholo yakhe. wabuthalala, walala phansi njengengonyama, nanjengengonyamakazi, ngubani oyakumvusa na? mababusiswe bonke abakubusisayo, baqalekiswe bonke abakuqalekisayo. ulaka lukabalaki lwamvuthela ubileyamu, washaya izandla zakhe; ubalaki wathi kubileyamu: ngakubiza ukuba uqalekise izitha zami; bheka, ubabusisile nokubabusisa kathathu. ngalokho baleka uye endaweni yakho; bengithi ngiyakunikula udumo olukhulu; kepha bheka, ujevova-aeiou ugodlile udumo kuwe. ubileyamu wathi kubalaki: angikhulumanga yini kuzo izithunywa zakho owazithuma kimi ukuthi: noma ubalaki ebeyakunginika indlu yakhe igcwele isiliva negolide, anginakulidlula izwi likajehova-aeiou ngenhliziyo yami ukwenza okuhle noma bona-ra-ukukhandleka; akukhulumayo ujevova-aeiou lokhu ngiyakukukhuluma, na? bheka manje, ngibuyela kubantu bakithi; woza ngikumemezelele ukuthi laba bantu bayakwenzani kubantu bakini ngezinsuku ezizayo. wayesethatha isisho sakhe, wathi: ubileyamu indodana kabeyori uthi, umuntu oso lakhe livuliwe uthi, ozwileyo amazwi kalezi-ku, owazi ukwazi kophezukonke, obonile umbono kasomandla, ewela phansi, kuvulwe amehlo akhe, uthi: ngiyambona, kepha kungemanje; ngiyambheka, kodwa kungeseduze; kuyakuvela inkanyezi kujakobe, nentonga yobukhosi iyakuvuka kwa-israyeli, ishaye umowabi emaceleni, ichithe onke amadodana kasheti. u-edomi uyakuba yifa; useyiri uyakuba yifa naye, owayengowezitha zakhe, u-israyeli esenza okubuhawe, uyakuvela kujakobe, achithe insali emzini. wayesembuka u-amaleki, wathatha isisho sakhe, wathi: u-amaleki wayengesokuqala sezizwe, kepha ukugcina kwakhe kungukubhubha. wayesewabuka amakheni, wathatha isisho sakhe, wathi: inamandla indawo yakho yokuhlala; isidleke sakho simisiwe edwaleni. nokho ukayini uyakuchithwa uze uthunjwe nguashuri. wathatha isisho sakhe, wathi: maye, ngubani oyakuphila, laphe ulezi-ku ekwenza lokhu, na? imikhumbi iyakuvela ogwini lwasekitimi, imhluphe u-ashuri, imhluphe u-ebere, naye aye ekubhujisweni. ubileyamu wayesesuka, wahamba, wabuyela endaweni yakhe; ubalaki wahamba ngeyakhe indlela.

u-israyeli wahlala eshithimi; abantu baqala ukuphinga namadodakazi akwamowabi, ngokuba babiza abantu ukuba beze emihlatshelweni yawolezi-ku babo; abantu badla, bakhothamela olezi-ku babo. u-israyeli wazihlanganisa nobali peyori. intukuthelo kajehova-aeiou yayisimvuthela u-israyeli. ujevova-aeiou wathi kumose: thabatha zonke izinhloko zabantu, uziphanyekele ujevova-aeiou elangeni, ukuze intukuthelo evuthayo kajehova-aeiou ibuye ku-israyeli. umose wathi kubo abahluleli bakwa-israyeli: bulalani, kube yilowo nalowo abantu bakhe abazihlanganisile nobali peyori. bheka, umuntu wabantwana bakwa-israyeli wafika eletha kubafowabo owesifazane wakwamidiyani emehlweni kamose nasemehlweni enhlangano yonke yabantwana bakwa-israyeli, besakhala ngasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana. esekubona ufinehasi ka-eleyazare ka-aroni umpristi wavuka ephakathi kwenhlangano, wathatha umkhonto ngesandla sakhe, wamlandela umuntu wakwa-israyeli, wangena etendeni, wabagwaza bobabili, indoda yakwa-israyeli nowesifazane esiswini sakhe. sanqamuka-ke kanjalo isifo kubantwana bakwa-israyeli. abafayo ngaleso sifo babe yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nane. ujevova-aeiou wayesekhuluma kumose, wathi: ufinehasi ka-eleyazare ka-aroni umpristi ukhalimile intukuthelo yami kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, ngokuba wayehawuka ngomhawu wami phakathi kwabo, ukuze ngingaqothuli abantwana bakwa-israyeli ngomhawu wami. ngalokho yisho ukuthi: bheka, ngiyamnika isivumelwano sami sokuthula; siyakuba kuye nakuyo inzalo yakhe emva kwakhe isivumelwano sobupristi obuphakade, ngokuba wayenomhawu ngolezi-ku wakhe, wabenzela abantwana bakwa-israyeli ukubuyisana. igama lendoda yakwa-israyeli eyabulawa, eyabulawa kanye nowesifazane wakwamidiyani, lalinguzimri indodana kasalu, isikhulu sendlu kayise phakathi kwabakwasimeyoni. igama lowesifazane wakwamidiyani owabulawa lalingukozibi indodakazi kasuri owayeyinhloko yabantu bendlu kayise kwamidiyani. ujevova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: khathaza abakwamidiyani, ubashaye, ngokuba bayanikhathaza nina ngamacebo abanikohlise ngawo endabeni kapeyori nangendaba kakozibi indodakazi yesikhulu sakwamidiyani, udadewabo, owabulawa ngosuku lwesifo ngendaba kapeyori.

kwathi emva kwaleso sifo ujhova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose naku-eleyazare indodana ka-aroni umpristi, wathi: balani umumo wenhlangano yonke yabantwana bakwa-israyeli kusukela kwabaneminyaka engamashumi amabili kuya phezulu, ngezindlu zawoyise, bonke abakwa-israyeli abangaphuma impi. omose no-eleyazare umpristi bakhuluma nabo emathafeni akwamowabi ngasejordani ngasejeriko, bathi: yebo, bona abaneminyaka engamashumi amabili kuya phezulu, njen-galokho ujhova-aeiou eyalile umose nabantwana bakwa-israyeli abaphuma ezweni lasegibithe. urubeni, izibulo lika-israyeli: amadodana karubeni: kwahanoki: ngumndeni wakwahanoki; kwaphalu: ngumndeni wakwaphalu; kwahesironi: ngumndeni wakwahesironi; kwakarmi: ngumndeni wakwakarmi. yileyo eyimindeni yabakwarubeni; ababalwayo kuyo babe yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amane nantathu namakhulu ayisikhombisa namashumi amathathu. amadodana kaphalu: ngu-eliyabe. amadodana ka-eliyabe: ngone-muweli, nodathani, no-abiramu. laba bangodathani no-abiramu labo ababizwa yinhlangano ukuba balwe nomose no-aroni bekulo iviyo likakora, lilwa nojhova-aeiou; umhlaba wavula umlomo wawo, wabagwinya kanye nokora ekufeni kwalelo viyo, lapho umlilo waqeda amadoda angamakhulu amabili namashumi ayisihlanu, aba yisixwayiso. kepha amadodana kakora awafanga. amadodana kasimeyoni ngemindeni yawo: kwanemuweli: ngumndeni wakwanemuweli; kwajamini: ngumndeni wakwajamini; kwajakini: ngumndeni wakwajakini; kwazera: ngumndeni kwawazera; kwashawule: ngumndeni kwawashawule. yileyo eyimindeni yabakwasimeyoni, izinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nambili namakhulu amabili. amadodana kagadi ngemindeni yawo: kwasefoni: ngumndeni wakwasefoni; kwahagi: ngumndeni wakwahagi; kwashuni: ngumndeni kwawashuni; kwa-ozini: ngumndeni wakwa-ozini; kwakeri: ngumndeni wakwa-eri; kwa-arodi: ngumndeni wakwa-arodi; kwa-areli: ngumndeni wakwa-areli. yileyo eyimindeni yamadodana kagadi ngokwababalwayo kubo, izinkulungwane ezingamashumi amane namakhulu ayisihlanu. amadodana kajuda: ngo-eri no-onani; o-eri no-onani bafela ezweni lasekhanani. amadodana kajuda ngemindeni yawo: kwashela: ngumndeni kwawashela; kwapheresi: ngumndeni kwawapheresi; kwazera: ngumndeni kwawazera. amadodana kapheresi: kwahesironi: ngumndeni kwahesironi; kwahamule: ngumndeni kwawahamule.

yileyo eyimindeni kajuda ngokwababalwayo kubo, izinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisikhombisa nesithupha namakhulu ayisihlanu. amadodana ka-isakare ngemindeni yawo: kwathola: ngumndeni kwathola; kwaphuva: ngumndeni kwaphuva; kwajashubi: ngumndeni kwajashubi; kwashimroni: ngumndeni kwawashimroni. yileyo eyimindeni ka-isakare ngokwababalwayo kubo, izinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisithupha nane namakhulu amathathu. amadodana kazebuloni ngemindeni yawo: kwaseredi: ngumndeni kwawaseredi; kwaeloni: ngumndeni wakwa-eloni; kwajaleli: ngumndeni kwajaleli. yileyo eyimindeni yabakwazebuloni ngokwababalwayo kubo, izinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisithupha namakhulu ayisihlanu. amadodana ka-josefa ngemindeni yawo: ngomanase no-efrayimi. amadodana kamanase: kwamakiri: ngumndeni kwamakiri; umakiri wazala ugileyadi; kwagileyadi: ngumndeni kwagileyadi. lawa amadodana kagileyadi: kwa-izezeri: ngumndeni wakwa-izezeri; kwaheleki: ngumndeni wakwaheleki; kwa-asiriyeli: ngumndeni wakwa-asiriyeli; kwashekemi: ngumndeni kwawashhekemi; kwashemida: ngumndeni kwawashemida; kwaheferi: ngumndeni kwawahferi. uselofehadi indodana kaheferi wayengenamadodana enamadodakazi odwa; amagama amadodakazi kaselofehadi ayengomahela, nohogila, nomilka, notirisa. yileyo eyimindeni kamanase; ababalwayo kubo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisihlanu nambili namakhulu ayisikhombisa. lawa angamadodana ka-efrayimi ngemindeni yawo: kwashuthela: ngumndeni kwawashuthela; kwabekeri: ngumndeni kwawabekeri; kwathahani: ngumndeni kwathahani. lawa angamadodana kashuthela: kwa-eranu: ngumndeni wakwa-eranu. yileyo eyimindeni yamadodana ka-efrayimi ngokwababalwayo kubo, izinkulungwane ezingamashumi amathathu nambili namakhulu ayisihlanu. lawo angamadodana kajosefa ngemindeni yawo. amadodana kabenjamini ngemindeni yawo: kwabela: ngumndeni kwawabela; kwa-ashibeli: ngumndeni wakwa-ashibeli; kwa-ahiramu: ngumndeni wakwa-ahiramu; kwashefufamu: ngumndeni kwawashufamu; kwahufamu: ngumndeni kwawahufamu. amadodana kabela ayengo-arida nohamani; kwa-arida: ngumndeni wakwa-arida; kwanahamani: ngumndeni kwawahanamani. yilawo angamadodana kabenjamini ngemindeni yawo; ababalwayo kubo babe yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amane nanhlano namakhulu ayisithupha. lawa angamadodana kadani ngemindeni yawo: kwashuhamu: ngumndeni kwawashuhamu. yileyo eyimindeni kadani ngemindeni yayo. yonke imindeni

yabakwashuhamu ngokwababalwayo kubo yayiyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisithupha nane namakhulu amane. amadodana ka-asheri ngemindeni yawo: kwajimna: ngumndeni wakwajimna; kwajishiwi: ngumndeni wakwajishiwi; kwaberiya: ngumndeni wakwaberiya. kumadodana kaberiya: kwahebere: ngumndeni wakwahebere; kwamalikiyeli: ngumndeni wakwamalikiyeli. igama lendodakazi ka-asheri lalingusera. yileyo eyimindeni yamadodana ka-asheri ngokwababalwayo kubo, izinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisihlanu nantathu namakhulu amane. amadodana kanafetali ngemindeni yawo: kwajaseli: ngumndeni wakwasaseli; kwaguni: ngumndeni wakwaguni; kwajeseri: ngumndeni wakwajeseri; kwashilemi: ngumndeni wakwashilemi. yileyo eyimindeni kanafetali ngemindeni yawo; ababalwayo kubo babe yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amane nanhlano namakhulu amane. yilabo ababalwayo babantwana bakwa-israyeli, izinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisithupha nanye namakhulu ayisikhombisa namashumi amathathu. ujejhova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: izwe liyakwahlukaniselwa bona labo, libe yifa labo njengokomumo wamagama. abaningi uyakubanika ifa elikhulu, abayingcosana uyakubanika ifa elincane, yilowo nalowo anikwe ifa ngokwababalwayo kuye. izwe liyakwahlukaniswa nokho ngenkatho; bayakulidla ifa ngokwamagama ezizwe zawoyise. ngokwenkatho izwe liyakwahlukaniswa phakathi kwabaningi nabayingcosana. nampa ababalwayo babalevi ngemindeni yawo: kwagereshoni: ngumndeni wakwagereshoni; kwakohati: ngumndeni wakwakohati; kwamerari: ngumndeni wakwamerari. nansi imindeni yamalevi: ngumndeni wakwalibini, nomndeni wakwahebroni, nomndeni wakwamaheli, nomndeni wakwamushi, nomndeni wakwakora. ukohati wazala u-amramu. igama lomka-amramu lalingujokebedi indodakazi kalevi, owazalelwa ulevi egibithe; wazalela u-amramu o-aroni nomose nomiriyamu udadewabo. u-aroni wazala onadabi, no-abihu, no-eleyazare, no-itamari. onadabi no-abihu bafa, lapho benikela ngomlilo ongafanele phambi kukajehova-aeiou. ababalwayo kubo babe yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nantathu, bonke abesilisa kusukela kwabanenyanaga kuya phezulu; ngokuba ababalwanga phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli, lokhu abanikwanga ifa phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli. yilabo ababalwa ngumose nangu-eleyazare umpristi ababala abantwana bakwa-israyeli emathafeni akwamowabi ngasejordani ngasejeriko. kepha phakathi kwalabo kwakungekho muntu wababebaliwe ngu-

mose nangu-aroni umpristi, ababala abantwana bakwa-israyeli ehlane lasesinayi. ngokuba ujejhova-aeiou wayeshilo ngabo wathi: bayakufa nokufa ehlane. akusalanga muntu kubo ngaphandle kukakalebi indodana kajefune nojesu indodana kanuni.

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kwase kusondela amadodakazi kaselofehadi kaheferi kagileyadi kamakiri kamanase, awemindeni kamanase indodana kajosefa; lawa angamagama amadodakazi akhe: omahela, nonowa, nohogila, nomilka, notirisa. ema phambi kukamose naphambi kukaeleyazare umpristi, naphambi kwezikhulu, naphambi kwayo yonke inhlango ngasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana, athi: ubaba wafela ehlane; wayengekho phakathi kweviyo labahlanganyela ujejhova-aeiou kulo iviyo likakora; kepha wafa ngesakhe isono engenamadodana. igama likababa liyakusulelwani emndenini wakhe, lokhu engenandodana na? siphe ifa phakathi kwabafowabo bakababa. umose wayiletha indaba yawo phambi kukajehova-aeiou. ujejhova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: amadodakazi kaselofehadi akhulume kahle; uyakuwanika nokuwanika izwe eliyifa phakathi kwabafowabo bakayise ngokulidlulisela kuwo ifa likayise. wokhuluma kubantwana bakwa-israyeli ngokuthi: uma umuntu efa engenandodana, wolidlulisela ifa lakhe kuyo indodakazi yakhe. uma engenandodakazi, niyakunika abafowabo ifa lakhe. uma engenabafowabo, niyakunika abafowabo bakayise ifa lakhe. uma uyise engenabafowabo, niyakunika isihlobo sakhe esiseduze naye emndenini wabo ifa lakhe, alidle. lokhu kuyakuba yisimiso sesahlulelo kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, njengalokho ujejhova-aeiou emyalile umose. ujejhova-aeiou wathi kumose: khuphukela entabeni yase-abarimi, ubeke izwe engibanikile lona abantwana bakwa-israyeli. lapho ulibonile, nawe uyakubuthelwa kubantu bakini, njengalokho wabuthwa u-aroni, ngokuba ehlane lasesini ekulweni kwenhlangano nahlubuka ezwini lami lokungcwelelisa ngasemanzini phambi kwamehlo abo. lawa angamanzi asemeriba lasekadeshi ehlane lasesini. umose wayesekhuluma kujehova-aeiou, wathi: ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wemi-moya yenyama yonke makamise umuntu phezu kwenhlangano, ongaphuma phambi kwabo, angene phambi kwabo, abakhiphe, abangenise, ukuze inhlango kahle ujejhova-aeiou ingabi njengezimvu ezingenamalusi. ujejhova-aeiou wathi kumose: zithabathele ujesu indodana kanuni, umuntu onomoya, ubeke isandla sakho phezu kwakhe, umise ngaphambi kuka-eleyazare umpristi naphambi kwayo yonke inhlango, umnike

isikhundla emehlweni abo. uyakubeka udumo lwakho phezu kwakhe ukuba yonke inhlangano yabantwana bakwa-israyeli ilalele. uyakuma phambi kuka-eleyazare umpristi oyakumbuzela ngokunquma kwe-urimi phambi kukajehova-aeiou; ngezwi lakhe bayakuphuma nangezwi lakhe bayakungena, yena nabo bonke abantwana bakwa-israyeli kanye naye, yebo, yonke inhlangano. umose wenza-ke njengalokho uje-hova-aeiou emyalile; wamthatha ujesu, wambeka phambi kuka-eleyazare umpristi naphambi kwenhlangano yonke, wabeka izandla zakhe phezu kwakhe, wamnika isikhundla, njengalokho uje-hova-aeiou ekhulumile ngesandla sikamose.

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uje-hova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yala abantwana bakwa-israyeli, uthi kubo: umnikelo wami, isinkwa sami seminikelo yami yomlilo yephunga elimnandi kimi, niyakuqaphela ukunikela ngawo kimi ngesikhathi sawo. wothi kubo: lo ngumnikelo womlilo eniyakunikela ngawo kujehova-aeiou: izimvu zamaduna ezinomnyaka munye ezingenasici, zibe zimbili njalo ngosuku, zibe ngumnikelo oshiswa imihla yonke. enye imvu uyakunikela ngayo ekuseni, enye imvu unikele ngayo kusihlwa, kanye nokweshumi kwe-efa lempuphu ecolekileyo ibe ngumnikelo wempuphu, exovwe nokwesine kwehini lamafutha agxotshelweyo. kungumnikelo oshiswa imihla yonke, owamiswa entabeni yasesinayi ube yiphunga elimnandi, umnikelo womlilo kujehova-aeiou. umnikelo wawo wokuphuzwa uyakuba ngokwesine kwehini ngemvu inye; endaweni ongcewele uyakuthululela uje-hova-aeiou umnikelo wokuphuzwa wophuzo olunamandla. enye imvu uyakunikela ngayo kusihlwa, unikele ngayo ibe njengomnikelo wempuphu wasekuseni nomnikelo wawo wokuphuzwa, umnikelo womlilo wephunga elimnandi kujehova-aeiou. ngosuku lwesabatha izimvu zamaduna ezimbili ezinomnyaka munye ezingenasici, nokweshumi bona-ra-ukukhandlekaleli kwempuphu ecolekileyo kube ngumnikelo wempuphu exovwe namafutha kanye nomnikelo wawo wokuphuzwa: lokhu kungumnikelo oshiswa amasabatha onke ngaphandle komnikelo oshiswa imihla yonke nomnikelo wawo wokuphuzwa. ekwethwaseni kwenyanga niyakunikela ngomnikelo wokushiswa kujehova-aeiou: amaduna amabili, nenqama ibe nye, nezimvu zamaduna eziyisikhombisa ezinomnyaka munye ezingenasici, kanye nokweshumi okuthathu kwempuphu ecolekileyo ibe ngumnikelo wempuphu exovwe namafutha ngaleyo naleyo nkunzi, kanye nokweshumi

bona-ra-ukukhandlekaleli kwempuphu ecolekileyo kube ngumnikelo wempuphu exovwe namafutha ngenqama inye, nokweshumi kwempuphu ecolekileyo exovwe namafutha kube ngumnikelo wempuphu ngaleyo naleyo mvu, umnikelo wokushiswa wephunga elimnandi, umnikelo womlilo kujehova-aeiou. umnikelo wabo wokuphuzwa uyakuba yinxenye yehini lewayini ngenkunzi, nokwesithathu kwehini ngenqama, nokwesine kwehini ngemvu; lokhu kungumnikelo wokushiswa wezinyanga zonke kuzo zonke izinyanga zomnyaka. nempongo ibe nye, ibe ngumnikelo wesono kujehova-aeiou; kuyakunikelwa ngayo kanye nomnikelo oshiswa imihla yonke nomnikelo wawo wokuphuzwa. ngenyanga yokuqala ngosuku lweshumi nane lwenyanga kuyiphasika likajehova-aeiou. ngosuku lweshumi nanhlano lwaleyo nyanga kuyakuba ngumkhosi, kudliwe isinkwa esingenamvubelo izinsuku eziyisikhombisa. ngosuku lokuqala kuyakuba khona umhlangano ongcewele; ningasebenzi msebenzi, kepha ninikele ngomnikelo womlilo, umnikelo wokushiswa kujehova-aeiou, amaduna amabili, nenqama ibe nye, nezimvu zamaduna eziyisikhombisa ezinomnyaka munye, zibe ngezingenasici kini, kanye nomnikelo wazo wempuphu, impuphu ecolekileyo exovwe namafutha, ninikele ngokweshumi okuthathu ngenkunzi nangokweshumi bona-ra-ukukhandlekaleli ngenqama, unikele ngokweshumi ngaleyo naleyo mvu yezimvana eziyisikhombisa, nempongo ibe nye, ibe ngumnikelo wesono, ukunenzela ukubuyisana; ninikele ngalokho kanye nomnikelo oshiswa ekuseni, ngumnikelo oshiswa imihla yonke. niyakunikela kanjalo imihla yonke kube yizinsuku eziyisikhombisa, isinkwa somnikelo womlilo wephunga elimnandi kujehova-aeiou; kuyakunikelwa ngakho kanye nomnikelo oshiswa imihla yonke nomnikelo wawo wokuphuzwa. ngosuku lwesikhombisa niyakuba nomhlangano ongcewele; ningasebenzi msebenzi. ngosuku lolibo, lapho ninikele ngomnikelo omusha wempuphu kujehova-aeiou emkhosini wenu wamasonto, niyakuba nomhlangano ongcewele; ningasebenzi msebenzi, kepha ninikele ngomnikelo wokushiswa wephunga elimnandi: amaduna amabili, nenqama ibe nye, nezimvu zamaduna eziyisikhombisa ezinomnyaka munye, kanye nomnikelo wazo wempuphu, impuphu exovwe namafutha, okweshumi okuthathu ngaleyo naleyo nkunzi, nokweshumi bona-ra-ukukhandlekaleli ngenqama inye, nokweshumi ngaleyo naleyo mvu yezimvana eziyisikhombisa, nempongo ibe nye ukunenzela ukubuyisana. niyakunikela ngazo ngaphandle komnikelo oshiswa imihla yonke nomnikelo wawo wempuphu, zibe ngezingenasici kini, kanye neminikelo yazo

ngenyanga yesikhombisa ngolokuqala lwenyanga niyakuba nomhlango ongwele; ningasebenzi msebenzi; kulusuku lokubetha amacilongo kini. niyakunikela ngomnikelo wokushiswa ube yiphunga elimnandi kujehova-aeiou: iduna, nenqama, nezimvu zamaduna eziyisikhombisa ezinomnyaka munye ezingenasici, kanye nomnikelo wazo wempuphu, impuphu ecolekileyo exovwe namafutha, okweshumi okuthathu ngenkunzi, nokweshumi bona-ra-ukukhandlekaleli ngenqama, nokweshumi ngaleyo naleyo mvu yezimvana eziyisikhombisa, nempongo ibe nye, ibe ngumnikelo wesono, ukunen-zela ukubuyisana, ngaphandle komnikelo wokushiswa wenyanga eyethwasayo nomnikelo wazo wempuphu, nomnikelo oshiswa imihla yonke nomnikelo wazo wempuphu, neminikelo yazo yokuphuzwa ngokwesimiso sayo, kube yiphunga elimnandi, umnikelo womlilo kujehova-aeiou. ngolweshumi lwaleyo nyanga yesikhombisa niyakuba nomhlango ongwele, nithobise imiphefumulo yenu; ningasebenzi msebenzi, kepha nnikele ngomnikelo wokushiswa kujehova-aeiou ube yiphunga elimnandi: iduna, nenqama, nezimvu zamaduna eziyisikhombisa ezinomnyaka munye, zibe ngezingenasici kini, kanye nomnikelo wazo wempuphu, impuphu ecolekileyo exovwe namafutha, okweshumi okuthathu ngenkunzi, nokweshumi bona-ra-ukukhandlekaleli ngenqama, nokweshumi ngaleyo naleyo mvu yezimvana eziyisikhombisa, nempongo ibe nye, ibe ngumnikelo wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo wesono wokubuyisana, nomnikelo oshiswa imihla yonke nomnikelo wazo wempuphu, neminikelo yazo yokuphuzwa. ngosuku lweshumi nanhlano lwenyanga yesikhombisa niyakuba nomhlango ongwele; ningasebenzi msebenzi, nimgcinele ujevova-aeiou umkhosi izinsuku eziyisikhombisa, nnikele ngomnikelo wokushiswa, umnikelo womlilo wephunga elimnandi kujehova-aeiou: amaduna ayishumi nantathu, nezinqama ezimbili, nezimvu zamaduna eziyishumi nane ezinomnyaka munye, zibe ngezingenasici, kanye nomnikelo wazo wempuphu, impuphu ecolekileyo exovwe namafutha, okweshumi okuthathu ngaleyo naleyo nkunzi yezinkunzi eziyishumi nantathu, nokweshumi bona-ra-ukukhandlekaleli ngaleyo naleyo nqama yezinqama ezimbili, nokweshumi ngaleyo naleyo mvu yezimvana eziyishumi nane, nempongo ibe nye, ibe ngumnikelo wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo oshiswa imihla yonke nomnikelo wazo wempuphu nomnikelo wazo wokuphuzwa. ngosuku lwesibili: amaduna ayishumi

nambili, nezinqama ezimbili, nezimvu zamaduna eziyishumi nane ezinomnyaka munye ezingenasici, kanye nomnikelo wazo wempuphu, neminikelo yazo yokuphuzwa ngezinkunzi nangezinqama nangezimvu, njengokomumo wazo ngokwesimiso, nempongo ibe nye, ibe ngumnikelo wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo oshiswa imihla yonke nomnikelo wazo wempuphu, neminikelo yazo yokuphuzwa. ngosuku lwesithathu: izinkunzi eziyishumi nanye, nezinqama ezimbili, nezimvu zamaduna eziyishumi nane ezinomnyaka munye ezingenasici, kanye nomnikelo wazo wempuphu, neminikelo yazo yokuphuzwa ngezinkunzi nangezinqama nangezimvu, njengokomumo wazo ngokwesimiso, nempongo ibe nye, ibe ngumnikelo wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo oshiswa imihla yonke nomnikelo wazo wempuphu nomnikelo wazo wokuphuzwa. ngosuku lwesine: izinkunzi eziyishumi, nezinqama ezimbili, nezimvu zamaduna eziyishumi nane ezinomnyaka munye ezingenasici, kanye nomnikelo wazo wempuphu, neminikelo yazo yokuphuzwa ngezinkunzi nangezinqama nangezimvu, njengokomumo wazo ngokwesimiso, nempongo ibe nye, ibe ngumnikelo wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo oshiswa imihla yonke nomnikelo wazo wempuphu nomnikelo wazo wokuphuzwa. ngosuku lwesihlanu: izinkunzi eziyisishiyagalolunye, nezinqama ezimbili, nezimvu zamaduna eziyishumi nane ezinomnyaka munye ezingenasici, kanye nomnikelo wazo wempuphu, neminikelo yazo yokuphuzwa ngezinkunzi nangezinqama nangezimvu, njengokomumo wazo ngokwesimiso, nempongo ibe nye, ibe ngumnikelo wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo oshiswa imihla yonke nomnikelo wazo wempuphu nomnikelo wazo wokuphuzwa. ngosuku lwesithupha: izinkunzi eziyisishiyagalombili, nezinqama ezimbili, nezimvu zamaduna eziyishumi nane ezinomnyaka munye ezingenasici, kanye nomnikelo wazo wempuphu, neminikelo yazo yokuphuzwa ngezinkunzi nangezinqama nangezimvu, njengokomumo wazo ngokwesimiso, nempongo ibe nye, ibe ngumnikelo wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo oshiswa imihla yonke nomnikelo wazo wempuphu nomnikelo wazo wokuphuzwa. ngosuku lwesikhombisa: izinkunzi eziyisikhombisa, nezinqama ezimbili, nezimvu zamaduna eziyishumi nane ezinomnyaka munye ezingenasici, kanye nomnikelo wazo wempuphu, neminikelo yazo yokuphuzwa ngezinkunzi nangezinqama nangezimvu, njengokomumo wazo ngokwesimiso, nempongo ibe nye, ibe ngumnikelo wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo oshiswa imihla yonke nomnikelo wazo wempuphu nomnikelo wazo wokuphuzwa. ngosuku lwesishiyagalombili niyakuba nomhlango ozothileyo;

ningasebenzi msebenzi, kepha ninikele ngomnikelo wokushiswa, umnikelo womlilo wephunga elimnandi kujehova-aeiou: inkunzi ibe nye, nenqama ibe nye, nezimvu zamaDNA eziyisikhombisa ezinomnyaka munye ezingenasi, kanye nomnikelo wazo wempuphu neminikelo yazo yokuphuzwa ngenkunzi nangenqama nangezimvu, njen-gokomomo wazo ngokwesimiso, nempongo ibe nye, ibe ngumnikelo wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo oshiswa imihla yonke nomnikelo wawo wempuphu nomnikelo wawo woku-phuzwa.

lokho niyakunikela ngakho kujehova-aeiou ngemikhosi yenu emisiweyo, ngaphandle kwezithembiso zenu neminikelo yenu yesihle, kube yiminikelo yenu yokushiswa, neminikelo yenu yempuphu, neminikelo yenu yokuphuzwa, neminikelo yenu yokuthula. umose wabathshela abantwana bakwa-israyeli njengakho konke uje-hova-aeiou amyale ngakho umose.

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umose wayesekhuluma kuzo izinhloko zezizwe zabantwana bakwa-israyeli, ethi: yilokhu uje-hova-aeiou ayale ngakho ukuthi: nxa umuntu enza isithembiso kujehova-aeiou, noma efunga isifungo ukubopha umphefumulo wakhe ngesibopha esithile, akayikwaphula izwi lakhe; uyakwenza njengakho konke okuphuma emlonyeni wakhe. uma owesifazane enza isithembiso kujehova-aeiou, azibophe ngesibopha esithile esendlini kayise, esemusha, uyise esizwa isithembiso sakhe nesibopha sakhe abophe ngaso umphefumulo wakhe, engasho lutho kuye, izithembiso zakhe zonke ziyakuma, nazo zonke izibopha abophe ngazo umphefumulo wakhe ziyakuma; kepha uma uyise emalela ngosuku akuzwa ngalo, akuyikuma nesisodwa sezithembiso zakhe nesezibopha zakhe abophe ngazo umphefumulo wakhe; uje-hova-aeiou uyakumthethelela, ngokuba uyise umalele.

uma engowendoda, izithembiso zakhe zisephezu kwakhe noma okuphahlukiwe ngumlomo wakhe abophe ngakho umphefumulo wakhe, indoda yakhe bese ikuzwa, ingasho lutho kuye ngosuku ekuzwa ngalo, izithembiso zakhe ziyakuma, nezibopha zakhe abophe ngazo umphefumulo wakhe ziyakuma; kepha uma indoda yakhe imalela ngosuku ekuzwa ngalo, iyakwenza ize isithembiso sakhe esiphezu kwakhe nokuphahlukiwe ngumlomo wakhe abophe ngakho umphefumulo wakhe, uje-hova-aeiou amthethelele. kepha isithembiso somfelokazi noma esolahliweyo, konke abophe ngakho umphefumulo wakhe kuyakuma kuye. uma enzile isithembiso endlini yendoda yakhe, noma ebophe ngesibopha umphefumulo wakhe ngesifungo, indoda

yakhe bese ikuzwa, ingasho lutho kuye, ingamalelanga, zonke izithembiso zakhe ziyakuma, nazo zonke izibopha abophe ngazo umphefumulo wakhe ziyakuma; kepha uma indoda yakhe izenza ize ngosuku ezizwa ngalo, konke okuphuma emlonyeni wakhe mayelana nezithembiso zakhe namayelana nesibopha somphefumulo wakhe akuyikuma; indoda yakhe ikwenzile ize; uje-hova-aeiou uyakumthethelela. zonke izithembiso nazo zonke izifungo ezibophayo zokuthobisa umphefumulo, indoda yakhe ingaziqinisa, noma indoda yakhe izenze ize. kepha uma indoda yakhe ithula nokuthula kuye izinsuku ngezinsuku, iyaqinisa zonke izithembiso zakhe nazo zonke izibopha zakhe ziphezu kwakhe; iziqinisele, ngokuba ithulile kuye ngosuku eyazizwa ngalo; kepha uma izenza ize lapho isizizwile, iyakuthwala ububi bakhe. yilezo izimiso uje-hova-aeiou ayala ngazo umose phakathi kwendoda nomkayo, naphakathi kukayise nendodakazi yakhe isentsha endlini kayise.

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uje-hova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: baphindisele abantwana bakwa-israyeli kwabakwamidiyani, andukuba ubuthelwe kubantu bakini. umose wayesekhuluma kubantu, wathi: hlomiselani impi amadoda phakathi kwenu ukuba ahlasele abakwamidiyani, aphindisele uje-hova-aeiou kwabakwamidiyani; kuleso naleso sizwe njalo anoyithuma empini inkulungwane ezizweni zonke zakwa-israyeli. kwase kunikelwa ezinkulungwaneni zakwa-israyeli inkulungwane kuleso naleso sizwe, izinkulungwane eziyishumi nambili, zihlonjiselwe impi. umose wabathuma empini, kwaba yinkulungwane kuleso naleso sizwe, bona nofinehasi indodana ka-eleyazare umpristi, baye naye empini ephethe impahla yendlu engcwele namacilongo okuhlaba umkhosi esandleni sakhe. balwa nomidiyani, njengalokho uje-hova-aeiou emyalile umose, babulala abesilisa bonke. babulala amakhosi akwamidiyani kanye nabanye ababulawayo: o-evi, norekemi, nosuri, nohere, noreba, amakhosi ayisihlanu akwamidiyani; nobileyamu indodana kabeyori bambulala ngemkamba. abantwana bakwa-israyeli bathumba abesifazane bakwamidiyani nabancane babo; nazo zonke izinkomo zabo, nazo zonke izimvu zabo, nayo yonke impahla yabo bakuthatha kwaba yimpango yabo. yonke imizi yabo yasezindaweni, lapho bebehlela khona, nawo onke amakamu abo bakushisa ngomlilo. bathatha yonke impango nayo yonke impahla edliweyo, abantu nezilwane. baletha abathunjwa, nempango, nempahla edliweyo kumose naku-eleyazare umpristi, nakuyo inhlangano yabant-

wana bakwa-israyeli ekamu emathafeni akwamowabi angasejorani ngasejeriko. omose, no-eleyazare umpristi, nazo zonke izikhulu zenhlango baphuma ukubahlangabeza ngaphandle kwekamu. umose wazithukuthela iziphathimandla zebandla, izinduna zezinkulungwane nezinduna zamakhulu ezazibuya empini. umose wathi kuzo: nisindisile bonke abesifazane na? bhekani, laba benza ukuba abantwana bakwa-israyeli ngesiluleko sikabileyamu baphambeke kujehova-aeiou ngendaba yasepeyori, kwaba khona isifo phakathi yasehlangano kajehova-aeiou. ngalokho bulalani manje bonke abesilisa phakathi kwabantwana, nibulale nabo bonke abesifazane abayazi indoda ngokulala nayo. kepha onke amantombazana angazanga ndoda ngokulala nayo, nisisindisele wona. misani ngaphandle kwekamu izinsuku eziyisikhombisa; yilowo nalowo obulele umuntu, nalowo othintile obuleweyo, makaziphothule ngosuku lwesithathu nangosuku lwesikhombisa, nina nabathunjwa benu. nazo zonke izingubo, nakho konke okwenziwe ngesikhumba, nayo yonke imisebenzi yoboya bezimbuzi, nazo zonke izinto ezenziwe ngomuthi, niyakuziphothula mayelana nakho. umpristi u-eleyazare wathi kumadoda empi ayeyile ekulweni: lokhu kuyisimiso somthetho ukehova-aeiou ayale ngaso umose: kuphela igolide, nesiliva, nethusi, nensimbi, nethini, nomthofu, konke okungahlala emlilweni, niyakukudabulisa emlilweni, kuhlambuluke; kodwa kuyakuhlamlululwa ngamanzi okuphuthula, kepha konke okungenakuhlala emlilweni niyakukudabulisa emanzini. niyakuhlamba izingubo zenu ngosuku lwesikhombisa, nihlambuluke, andukuba ningene ekamu. ukehova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: balani impango yonke ethathiweyo, abantu nezilwane, wena no-eleyazare umpristi, nezinhloko zezindlu zawoyise benhlango, wena wahlukanisele impango kabili phakathi kwamadoda empi aya ekulweni nenhlango yonke, uthelisele ukehova-aeiou amadoda empi aya ekulweni, kube kunye emakhulwini ayisihlanu, awabantu, nawezinkomo, nawezimbongolo, nawezimvu, nikuthathe enxenyeni yabo, nikunike u-eleyazare umpristi, kube ngumnikelo wokuphakanyiswa kajehova-aeiou. enxenyeni yabantwana bakwa-israyeli wothabatha kube kunye emashumini ayisihlanu, awabantu, nawezinkomo, nawezimbongolo, nawezimvu, yebo, awezilwane zonke, ukunike amalevi agcina inkonzo yetabernakele likajehova-aeiou. omose no-eleyazare umpristi benza njengalokho ukehova-aeiou emyalile umose. impango ke eyayisele kwethathiwe ngamadoda empi yayiyizimvu eziyizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisithupha namashumi

ayisikhombisa nanhlanu, nezinkomo eziyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisikhombisa nambili, nezimbongolo eziyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisithupha nanye, nabantu, abesifazane abangazangan-doda ngokulala nayo, abayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amathathu nambili, bebonke. nenxenyeni eyayisabelo sabaphuma impi umumo wayo wawuyizimvu eziyizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu namashumi amathathu nesikhombisa namakhulu ayisihlanu, nentela kajehova-aeiou yezimvu yayingamakhulu ayisithupha namashumi ayisikhombisa nanhlanu. izinkomo zaziyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amathathu nesithupha, intela kajehova-aeiou kuzo ingamashumi ayisikhombisa nambili. izimbongolo zaziyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amathathu namakhulu ayisihlanu, intela kajehova-aeiou kuzo ingamashumi ayisithupha nanye. abantu babe yizinkulungwane eziyishumi nesithupha, intela kajehova-aeiou kubo ingamashumi amathathu nambili. umose wamnika u-eleyazare umpristi intela eyayingumnikelo wokuphakanyiswa kajehova-aeiou, njengalokho ukehova-aeiou emyalile umose. enxenyeni yabantwana bakwa-israyeli umose ayahlukanisa neyamadoda ayelwile inxenyeni yenhlangano yayiyizimvu eziyizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu namashumi amathathu nesikhombisa namakhulu ayisihlanu, nezinkomo eziyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amathathu nesithupha, nezimbongolo eziyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amathathu namakhulu ayisihlanu, nabantu abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi nesithupha yebo, kule nxenyeni yabantwana bakwa-israyeli umose wathatha kube kunye emashumini ayisihlanu, awabantu nawezilwane, wakunika amalevi agcina inkonzo yetabernakele likajehova-aeiou, njengalokho ukehova-aeiou emyalile umose. iziphathimandla ezaziphezu kwezinkulungwane zebandla, izinduna zezinkulungwane nezinduna zamakhulu, zasondela kumose, zathi kumose: izinceku zakho zibale onke amadoda empi asesandleni sethu, akwasala neyodwa yethu. silethile umnikelo kajehova-aeiou, kwaba yilowo nalowo lokho akutholileyo, izinto zegolide, nezigqizo, namasongo, nezindandatho, namacici, nemigexo ukuyenzela imiphefumulo yethu ukubuyisana phambi kukajehova-aeiou. omose no-eleyazare bamukela igolide kubo, namagugu asetshenziweyo. lonke igolide lomnikelo wokuphakanyiswa abanikela ngalo kujehova-aeiou, elezinduna zezinkulungwane nelezinduna zamakhulu, lalingamashekeli ayizinkulungwane eziyishumi nesithupha namakhulu ayisikhombisa namashumi ayisihlanu. ngokuba amadoda empi ayezithathele impango, kwaba yileyo

naleyo ngokwayo. omose no-eleyazare umpristi bamukela igolide kuzo izinduna zezinkulungwane nakwezamakhulu, baliletha etendeni lokuhlangana, laba yisikhumbuzo sabantwana bakwa-israyeli phambi kukajehova-aeiou.

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abantwana bakwarubeni nabantwana bakwagadi babenemfuyo eningi, nalapho belibona izwe lasejazeri nezwe lakwagilelayi ukuthi leyo ndawo iyindawo yezinkomo, abantwana bakwagadi nabantwana bakwarubeni beza bakhuluma kumose, naku-eleyazare umpristi, nakuzo izikhulu zenhlangano, bathi: i-atharoti, nediboni, nejazeri, nanimra, neheshiboni, ne-elehole, nesebamu, nenebo, nebehoni, izwe alinqoba ujeahova-aeiou phambi kwenhlangano ka-israyeli liyizwe lezinkomo, futhi izinceku zakho zinezinkomo. bathi futhi: uma sifumene umusa emehlweni akho, leli zwe malinikwe izinceku zakho libe yifa lazo; ungasiwelisi ijordani. umose wayesethi kubantwana bakwagadi nakubantwana bakwarubeni: abafowenu bayakuphuma impi, nina nihlale lapha, na? niqedelani inhliziyu yabantwana bakwa-israyeli ukuba bangaweli ukuya ezweni ujeahova-aeiou abanike lona na? benze njalo oyihlo mhlal ngibathuma besuka ekadeshi barineya ukubona izwe. ngokuba ekukhuphukeni kwabo ukuya esigodini sase-eshikoli balibona izwe, baqeda inhliziyu yabantwana bakwa-israyeli ukuba bangangeni ezweni ujeahova-aeiou abanike lona. intukuthelo kajeahova-aeiou yavutha ngalolo suku, wafunga wathi: impela kulaba bantu abaphuma egibithi, kusukela kwabaneminyaka engamashumi amabili kuya phezulu, akayikubona noyedwa izwe engalifungela u-abrahama, no-isaka, nojakobe, ngokuba bangilandelanga ngokupheleleyo, ngaphandle kukakalebi indodana kajeune, umkhenizi, nojesu indodana kanuni, ngokuba bamlandele ujeahova-aeiou ngokupheleleyo. intukuthelo kajeahova-aeiou yavuthela abakwa-israyeli, wabazulisa ehlane iminyaka engamashumi amane, saze saphela sonke leso sizukulwane esasenzile bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajeahova-aeiou. bhekani, senivukile nina esikhundleni sawoyihlo, inzalo yabantu abonayo, ukwandisa futhi intukuthelo kajeahova-aeiou evuthela u-israyeli. ngokuba uma nibuyela emuva ekuimlandeleni, uyakubuya abashiye ehlane, nize nibhubhise laba bantu. basondela kuye, bathi: siyakwakhela lapha izinkomo zethu izibaya nabancane bethu imizi; kepha thina uqobo lwethu siyakushesha sihlome, sihambe phambi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli, size sibafinyelelise endaweni yabo, abancane

bethu bahlale emizini ebiyelweyo ngenxa yabakhileyo ezweni. asiyikubuyela ezindlini zethu, abantwana bakwa-israyeli bengakalidli ifa labo, kube yilowo nalowo wabo. ngokuba asiyikulidla ifa nabongaphesheya kwejordani nangaphambili, lokhu silidile elethu nganeno kwejordani ngasempumalanga. umose wayesethi kubo: uma nenza lokhu, uma nihloma ukuba nihambe phambi kukajehova-aeiou, niphume impi, kuwele ijordani onke amadoda enu ahlomileyo phambi kukajehova-aeiou, aze axoshe izitha zakhe phambi kwakhe, izwe linqotshwe phambi kukajehova-aeiou, khona ngasemuva niyakubuya, nibe ngabangenacala kujehova-aeiou naku-israyeli, leli zwe libe yifa lenu phambi kukajehova-aeiou. kepha uma ningenzi njalo, bhekani, nonile kujehova-aeiou; yazini ukuthi isono senu siyakunifumana. zakheleni imizi yabancane benu nezibaya zezimvu zenu, nikwenze lokho okuphumileyo emlonyeni wenu. abantwana bakwagadi nabantwana bakwarubeni bakhuluma kumose, bathi: izinceku zakho ziyakwenza njengalokhu inkosi yami iyala. abancane bethu, nawomkethu, nezimvu zethu, nazo zonke izinkomo zethu kuyakuba lapho emizini yakwagileyadi, kepha izinceku zakho ziyakuwela, kube yilowo nalowo ohlomele ukulu, phambi kukajehova-aeiou, ziphume impi, njengalokhu isho inkosi yami. umose wayeseyala u-eleyazare umpristi, nojesu indodana kanuni, nezinhloko zezindlu zawoyise bezizwe zabantwana bakwa-israyeli ngabo. umose wathi kubo: uma abantwana bakwagadi nabantwana bakwarubeni bewela nani ijordani, bonke abahlomele ukulu, phambi kukajehova-aeiou, izwe linqotshwe phambi kwenu, niyakubanika izwe lakwagileyadi libe yifa labo; kepha uma bengaweli nani behlomile, bayakunikwa ifa phakathi kwenu ezweni lasekhanani. abantwana bakwagadi nabantwana bakwarubeni baphendula bathi: njengalokho ujeahova-aeiou eshilo kuzo izinceku zakho, siyakwenze njalo. siyakuwela, siye ezweni lasekhanani phambi kukajehova-aeiou sihlomile, izwe lefa lethu lisale nokho ngaphesheya kwejordani. umose wayesebanika abantwana bakwagadi nabantwana bakwarubeni nenxenye yesizwe sakwamanase indodana kajojese umbuso kasihoni inkosi yama-amori nombuso kagogi inkosi yasebashi, izwe nemizi yalo namaphethelo ayo, imizi yezwe nxazonke. abantwana bakwagadi bakha idiboni, ne-atharoti, ne-aroweri, ne-atharoti shofanu, nejazeri, nejogibeha, nebeti nimra, nebeti harana, imizi ebiyelweyo nezibaya zezimvu. abantwana bakwarubeni babuye bakha iheshiboni, ne-elehole, nekiriyaayimi, nenebo, neballi mehani iphendulwe ngamagama nesibima; banika imizi abayakhayo



amanye amagama. abantwana bakwamakiri indodana kamanase baya kwagileyadi, balithatha, baxosha ama-amori ayekulo. umose wanika umakiri indodana kamanase elakwagileyadi, wahlala kulo. ujayire indodana kamanase wahamba wathatha imizana yalo, wayibiza ngokuthi ihawoti jayire. unoba wahamba wathatha ikhenati nemizana yalo, walibiza ngokuthi inoba ngegama lakhe.

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nanka amabanga ohambo lwabantwana bakwa-israyeli abaphuma ngawo ezweni lasegibithe ngamabandla abo phansi kwesandla sikamose nesika-aroni. umose waloba ngokuhamba kwabo ngamabanga abo ngesiyalezo sikajehova-aeiou; nanka amabanga abo njengokuhamba kwabo. basuka eramsesi ngenyanga yokuqala ngosuku lweshumi nanhlanu lwenyanga yokuqala; ngolwangakusasa emva kwephasika abantwana bakwa-israyeli baphuma ngesandla esiphakemeyo emehlweni abo bonke abasegibithe, abasegibithe besembela onke amazibulo abo abulawa kubo ngu-jehova-aeiou, u-jehova-aeiou ebahlulele nawolezi-ku-babo. abantwana bakwa-israyeli basuka-ke eramsesi, bamisa esukoti. basuka esukoti, bamisa e-etamu elisecceleni kwehlane. basuka e-etamu, babuyela ephi hahiroti elingaphambi kwebali sefoni; bamisa phambi kwemigidoli. basuka ehahiroti, badabula phakathi kolwandle, baya ehlane, bahamba ibanga lezinsuku ezintathu ehlane lase-etamu, bamisa emara. basuka emara, bafika e-elim; e-elim kwakukhona imithombo eyishumi nambili yamanzi namasundu angamashumi ayisikhombisa; bamisa khona. basuka e-elim, bamisa ngaselwandle olubomvu. basuka elwandle olubomvu, bamisa ehlane lasesini. basuka ehlane lasesini, bamisa edofika. basuka edofika, bamisa e-alushi. basuka e-alushi, bamisa erefidimi, laphe kwakungekho manzi khona ukuba abantu baphuze. basuka erefidimi, bamisa ehlane lasesinayi. basuka ehlane lasesinayi, bamisa ekibiroti hathawa. basuka ekibiroti hathawa, bamisa ehaseroti. basuka ehaseroti, bamisa eritima. basuka eritima, bamisa erimoni pheresi. basuka erimoni pheresi, bamisa elibina. basuka elibina, bamisa erisa. basuka erisa, bamisa ekehelatha. basuka ekehelatha, bamisa entabeni yasesheferi. basuka entabeni yasesheferi, bamisa eharada. basuka eharada, bamisa emakeloti. basuka emakeloti, bamisa etahati. basuka etahati, bamisa ethera. basuka ethera, bamisa emitika. basuka emitika, bamisa ehashimona. basuka ehashimona, bamisa emoseroti. basuka emoseroti, bamisa ebene

jahakani. basuka ebene jahakani, bamisa ehozi hagidigadi. basuka ehozi hagidigadi, bamisa ejothabata. basuka ejothabata, bamisa e-abrona. basuka e-abrona, bamisa e-esiyoni geberi. basuka e-esiyoni geberi, bamisa ehlane lasesini eliyikadeshi. basuka ekadeshi, bamisa entabeni yasehozi ece- leni kwezwe lakwa-edomi. u-aroni umpristi wakhuphukela entabeni yasehozi ngesiyalezo sikajehova-aeiou, wafela khona ngomnyaka wamashumi amane emva kokuphuma kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli ezweni laseg- ibithe, ngenyanga yesihlanu ngolokuqala lwenyanga.

u-aroni wayeneminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amabili nantathu mhla efela entabeni yasehozi. umkhanani, inkosi yase-aradi, owahlala eningizimu ezweni lasekhanani, wezwa ngokufika kwa- bantwana bakwa-israyeli. basuka entabeni yasehozi, bamisa esalimona. basuka esal- imona, bamisa epunoni. basuka epunoni, bamisa e-oboti. basuka e-oboti, bamisa e-iyi abarimi emkhawulweni wakwamowabi. basuka e-iyimi, bamisa edibonigadi. basuka ediboni gadi, bamisa e-alimoni dibilatayimi. basuka e-alimoni dibilatayimi, bamisa ez- intabeni zase-abarimi ngaphambi kwenebo. basuka ezintabeni zase-abarimi, bamisa emathafeni akwamowabi ngasejordani ngasejeriko. bamisa ngasejordani kusukela ebeti jeshimoti kuze kufike e-abela shithimi emathafeni akwamowabi. u-jehova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose emathafeni ak- wamowabi ngasejordani ngasejeriko, wathi: yisho kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, uthi kubo; nxa niwela ijordani ukuba ningene ezweni lasekhanani, niyakuxosha bonke abakhileyo ezweni phambi kwenu, nichithe yonke imifanekiso yabo, nibulale zonke izithombe zabo ezibunjweyo, nibhidlize zonke izindawo zabo eziphakemeyo, nidle ifa lezwe, nibhale kulo, ngokuba ngininikile izwe ukuba nilidle. niyakulidla izwe ngenkatho ngokwemindeni yakini, abaningi nibanike ifa elikhulu, nabayingcosana nibanike ifa elin- cane, nakuphi laphe inkatho imudla khona umuntu, kuzakuba ngelakhe; niyakulidla ifa ngokwezizwe zawoyihlo. kepha uma ningaxoshi abantu bezwe phambi kwenu, labo enibashiyayo bayakuba njengezinkandi emehlweni enu nanjengameva ezinhlangoth- ini zenu, banikathaze ezweni enihlala kulo. kuyakuthi njengalokho bengithi ngiyakwenza kubo, ngenze njalo nakini.

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u-jehova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yala abantwana bakwa-israyeli, uthi kubo; nxa nifika ezweni lasekhanani lokhu kuyizwe eliyakuba yifa lenu, izwe lasekhanani ngokwemikhawulo yalo uh- langothi lwaseningizimu luyakusuka ehlane

lasesini, lugudle elakwa-edomi, umkhawulo wenu waseningizimu usuke ekugcineni kolwandle lukasawoti ngasempumalanga, umkhawulo wenu ujike ngaseningizimu kokhalo lwe-akrabimi, uze ufike esini, uphume eningizimu kwasekadeshi barineya, uye ehasari adari, uze ufike e-asimoni, umkhawulo ujike ngase-asimoni, uye emfuleni wasegibithe, uphume elwandle.

umkhawulo wasentshonalanga uyakuba lulwandle olukhulu, lona lube ngumkhawulo wenu wasentshonalanga.

lokhu kuyakuba ngumkhawulo wenu wasenyakatho: kusukela elwandle olukhulu anoziphawulela intaba yasehori; kusukela entabeni yasehori anoziphawulela indlela eya ehamati, umkhawulo uphume esedadi, andukuba umkhawulo uye ezifroni, uphume ehasari enani; lokho kuyakuba ngumkhawulo wenu wasenyakatho.

anoziphawulela umkhawulo wenu wasempumalanga, usukela ehasari enani uze ufike eshefamu; umkhawulo wehle eshefamu, uye eribila ngasempumalanga kwase-ayini, umkhawulo wehle njalo, uze ufinyelele emmagweni wangaselwandle lwasekinereti ngasempumalanga, umkhawulo wehlele ejordani, uphume ngaselwandle lukasawoti; lokho kuyakuba yizwe lakini ngokwemikhawulo yalo nxazonke.

umose wayala abantwana bakwa-israyeli, wathi: lelo liyizwe eniyakulidla ngenkatho, ujevova-aeiou ayale ngalo ukuba linikwe izizwe eziyisishiyagalolunye nenxenye, ngokuba isizwe sabantwana bakwarubeni njengezindlu zawoyise nesizwe sabantwana bakwagadi njengezindlu zawoyise sezilitholile, nenxenye yesizwe sakwamanase isilitholile ifa layo; lezi zizwe ezimbili nenxenye zathola ifa lazo ngaphesheya kwejordani ngasejeriko ngasempumalanga, lapho kuphuma khona ilanga. ujevova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: lawa angamagama amadoda ayakwahlukanisela izwe libe yifa lenu: u-eleyazare umpristi nojesu indodana kanuni. niyakuthabatha isikhulu sibe sinye kuleso naleso sizwe ukwahlukanisa izwe libe yifa lenu. yilawa-ke amagama amadoda: esizweni sakwajuda: ngukalebi indodana kajefune. esizweni sabantwana bakwasimeyoni: ngushemuweli indodana ka-amihudi. esizweni sakwabenjamine: ngu-elidadi indodana kakisiloni. esizweni sabantwana bakwadani: yisikhulu ubuki indodana kajogili. kubantwana bakwajosefa: esizweni sabantwana bakwamanase: yisikhulu uhaniyeli indodana ka-efodi. esizweni sabantwana bakwefrayimi: yisikhulu ukemuweli indodana kashifethani. esizweni sabantwana bakwazebuloni: yisikhulu u-elisafani indodana kaparinaki. esizweni sabantwana bakwasakare: yisikhulu upalitiyeli indodana

ka-azani. esizweni sabantwana bakwa asheri: yisikhulu u-ahihudi indodana kashelomi. esizweni sabantwana bakwanafetali: yisikhulu upedaheli indodana ka-amihudi. yilabo ujevova-aeiou abayala ukwahlukanisela abantwana bakwa-israyeli ifa ezweni lasekhanani.

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ujevova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose emath-afeni akwamowabi ngasejordani ngasejeriko, wathi: yala abantwana bakwa-israyeli ukuba banike amalevi kulo izwe eliyifa labo imizi ukuba ahlale kuyo; niyakunika amalevi namadlelo emizi nxazonke. imizi ayakuhlala kuyo, amadlelo awo abe ngawezinkomo zawo, nawempahla yawo, nawezilwane zonke zawo. amadlelo emizi eniyakunika wona amalevi ayakusuka ogangeni lomuzi izingalo eziyinkulungwane nxazonke. niyakulinganisa ngaphandle komuzi izingalo eziyizinkulungwane ezimbili ngasempumalanga, nezingalo eziyizinkulungwane ezimbili ngaseningizimu, nezingalo eziyizinkulungwane ezimbili ngasentshonalanga, nezingalo eziyizinkulungwane ezimbili ngasenyakatho, umuzi ube phakathi. lokho kuyakuba ngamadlelo emizi yawo. imizi eniyakuyinika amalevi iyakuba yimizi eyisithupha yokuphephela, eniyakuyinika umbulali ukuba abalekele kuyo; ngaphandle kwayo niyakuwanika imizi engamashumi amane nambili. yonke imizi eniyakuyinika amalevi iyakuba ngamashumi amane neshishiyagalombili, yona kanye namadlelo ayo. mayelana nemizi eniyakuyinika nithathe kulo izwe labantwana bakwa-israyeli, kwabaningi nithathe eminingi, kwabayingcosana nithathe eyingcosana, yilowo nalowo anike amalevi ngokuthatha kuyo imizi yakhe njengefa lakhe alidlayo. ujevova-aeiou wakhuluma kumose, wathi: yisho kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, uthi kubo: nxa niwela ijordani ningena ezweni lasekhanani, niyakumisela imizi ibe yimizi yokuphephela ukuba umbulali obulala umuntu kungengamabomu abalekele khona. iyakuba yimizi yenu yokuphepha kumphindiseli, ukuze umbulali angafi engakemi phambi kwenhlangano, ahlulelwe. imizi eniyakuwanika yona iyakuba yimizi yenu eyisithupha yokuphephela. niyakunikela imizi emithathu ngaphesheya kwejordani, ninikele imizi emithathu ezweni lasekhanani ibe yimizi yokuphephela. kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, nakumfokazi, nakogogo-beleyo phakathi kwabo lemizi iyakuba ngeyokuphephela ukuba yilowo nalowo obulala umuntu kungengamabomu abalekele khona. kepha uma umuntu eshaya omunye ngento yensimbi aze afe, ungumbulali; umbulali wobulawa nokubulawa. uma emshaya

ngetshe elisesandleni sakhe, umuntu angafa ngalo, aze afe, ungumbulali; umbulali wobulawa nokubulawa. uma emshaya ngesikhali somuthi esisesandleni sakhe, umuntu angafa ngaso, aze afe, ungumbulali; umbulali wobulawa nokubulawa. umphindiseli wegazi uyakumbulala umbulali uqobo lwakhe; lapho ehlangana naye, uyakumbulala. uma emgqula ngenzondo noma emphonsa emqamekele aze afe, noma emshaya ngesandla sakhe ngobutha aze afe, omshayileyo wobulawa nokubulawa; ungumbulali; umphindiseli wegazi uyakumbulala umbulali, lapho ehlangana naye. kepha uma emgqula engazelele kungengabutha, noma emphonsa ngento engamqamekelanga, noma ngetshe umuntu angafa ngalo, engamboni, emphonse ngalo aze afe, engeyiso isitha sakhe, ebengafuni futhi ukumona, khona inhlangano iyakwahlulela phakathi koshayileyo nomphindiseli wegazi ngokwalezi zahlulelo; inhlangano imophule umbulali esandleni somphindiseli wegazi, inhlangano imbuyisele emzini wakhe wokuphephela lapho ebebalekele khona, ahlale kuwo aze afe umpristi omkhulu owayegcotshiwe ngamafutha angcwele. kepha uma umbulali edlula ngesikhathi esithile umkhawulo womuzi wakhe wokuphephela lapho ebalekele khona, umphindiseli wegazi emfica ngaphandle komkhawulo womuzi wakhe wokuphephela, umphindiseli wegazi embulala umbulali, akayikuba nacala legazi, ngokuba ngaehlalile emzini wakhe wokuphephela waze wafa umpristi omkhulu; kepha emva kokufa kompristi omkhulu umbulali uyakubuyela ezweni eliyifa lakhe. lezi zinto ziyakuba yisimiso sesahlulelo kini ezizukulwaneni zenu kuzo zonke izindlu zenu. noma ubani obulala umuntu, umbulali uyakubulawa ngemilomo yawofakazi; kepha ufakazi oyedwa akayikufakazela muntu aze afe. futhi aniyikuthatha ihlawulo lokuphila kombulali onecala lokubulala, kodwa wobulawa nokubulawa. aniyikuthatha ihlawulo lobalekele emzini wakhe wokuphephela ukuba abuye ahlale ezweni, engakafi umpristi. aniyikungcolisa izwe enikulo, ngokuba igazi liyalingcolisa izwe; alikho ihlawulo lezwe ngegazi elichithakele kulo, kuphela ngegazi lolichithile. aniyikungcolisa izwe enakhe kulo, ngokuba mina jehova-aeiou ngihlala phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli.

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izinhloko zezindlu zawoyise bomndeni wabantwana bakwagileyadi kamakiri kamanase, abemindeni yamadodana kajosefa, zasondela, zakhuluma phambi kukamose naphambi kwezikhulu, izinhloko zezindlu zawoyise babantwana bakwa-israyeli, za-

thi: ujeheva-aeiou wayiyala inkosi yami ukubanika abantwana bakwa-israyeli izwe libe yifa labo ngenkatho; inkosi yami yayalwa futhi ngujeheva-aeiou ukuba ifa likaselofohadi umfowethu iwanike lona amadodakazi akhe. uma egana amadodana ezinye izizwe zabantwana bakwa-israyeli, ifa lawo liyakususwa efeni lawobaba, lithasiselwe efeni laleso sizwe ayakuba ngawaso, kususwe efeni lezwe lethu. lapho liyakuba khona ijubili labantwana bakwa-israyeli, ifa lawo liyakuthasiselwa efeni laleso-sizwe ayakuba ngawaso, ifa lawo lisuswe efeni lesizwe sawobaba. umose wabayala abantwana bakwa-israyeli njengezwi likajehova-aeiou, wathi: isizwe samadodana kajosefa sikhulume kahle. yilokho ayala ngakho ujeheva-aeiou ngamadodakazi kaselofohadi, ethi: mawagane njengokuhle emehlweni awo, kodwa agane nokho emndenini wesizwe sikayise. ifa labantwana bakwa-israyeli aliyikuhamba izizwe ngezizwe, ngokuba abantwana bakwa-israyeli bayakunamathela, kube yilowo nalowo efeni lesizwe sawoyise. yileyo naleyo ndodakazi enefa esizweni esithile sabantwana bakwa-israyeli iyakuba ngumfazi womndeni wesizwe sikayise, ukuze yilowo nalowo wabantwana bakwa-israyeli abe nefa lawoyise. ifa aliyikuhamba izizwe ngezizwe, ngokuba izizwe zabantwana bakwa-israyeli ziyakunamathela, kube yileso naleso efeni laso. njengalokho ujeheva-aeiou emyalile umose, enze njalo-ke amadodakazi kaselofohadi, ngokuba omahela, notirisa, nohogila, nomilka, nonowa, amadodakazi kaselofohadi, agana amadodana awoyisekazi. agana emindenini yamadodana kamanase indodana kajosefa, nefa lawo lahlala esizweni somndeni kayise. leyo iyimiyalo nezahlulelo ujeheva-aeiou ayala ngakho ngesandla sikamose abantwana bakwa-israyeli emathafeni akwamowabi ngasejordan ngasejeriko.

lawa angamazwi umose awakhuluma kubo bonke abakwa-israyeli ngaphesheya kwejordani ehlane e-araba, malungana nesufi, phakathi kwepharanu, nethofeli, nelabani, nehaseroti, nedi zahabi, kuyizin-suku ziyishumi nanye ukusuka ehorebe ngendlela yasentabeni yaseseyiri ukuya ekadeshi barineya. kwathi ngomnyaka wamashumi amane ngenyanga yeshumi nanye ngolokuqala lwenyanga umose wakhuluma kubantwana bakwa-israyeli njengakho konke ujevova-aeiou amyale ngakho ukuba akukhulume kubo, esenqobile usihoni inkosi yama-amori, owahlala eheshiboni, no-ogi inkosi yasebashi, owahlala e-ashtaroti ngase-edireyi. ngaphesheya kwejordani ezweni lakwamowabi umose waqala ukuchasisela lo mthetho ngokuthi: ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu wakhuluma kithi ehorebe, wathi: sekuyisikhathi eside nihlale kule ntaba; phendukani nihambe, niye entabeni yama-amori nasezindaweni zonke eziseduze nakhona e-araba, ezintabeni, nangenzansi, naseningizimu, nangesogwini lolwandle, ezweni lamakhanani, naselebanoni, kuze kube semfuleni omkhulu, umfula u-ewufathe. bhekani, ngilibekile izwe phambi kwenu; ngenani nilidle izwe ujevova-aeiou alifungela oyihlo, o-abrahama, no-isaka, nojakobe ukulinika bona nenzalo yabo emva kwabo. ngakhuluma kini ngaleso sikhathi, ngathi: anginakunithwala mina ngedwa; ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu unandisile; bhekani, namuhla ningangezinkanyezi zezulu ngobuningi. ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wawoyihlo makathasisele kulokhu eniyikho kayinkulungwane, anibusise, njengalokho wakhuluma kini. mina ngedwa ngingathwala kanjani izinhlopheko zenu, nemithwalo yenu, nokuxabana kwenu na? nizithathele amadoda ahlakaniiphileyo, aqondileyo, aziwayo ezizweni zenu, ngiwenze abe yizinhloko phezu kwenu. ngiphendula nathi: okukhulumileyo kuhle kithi ukukwenza. ngase ngithatha izinhloko zezizwe zenu, amadoda ahlakaniiphileyo naziwayo, ngawenza aba yizinhloko phezu kwenu: izinduna zezinkulungwane, nezinduna zamakhulu, nezinduna zamashumi ayisihlanu, nezinduna zamashumi, neziphathimandla ezizweni zenu. ngabayala abahluleli benu ngaleso sikhathi, ngathi: zwanini okuphakathi kwabafowenu, nahluhle ngokulungileyo phakathi komuntu nomfowabo, nomfokazi okuye. maningakhethi abantu ekwahluleleni, nimuzwe omncane njengomkhulu, ningesabi ubuso bamuntu, ngokuba ukwahlulela kungokukalezi-ku; indaba elukhuni kini niyilethe kimi, ngiyizwe. nganiyala ngaleso sikhathi ngakho konke ebeniyakukwenza. sasuka

ehorebe, sadabula lelo hlane elikhulu nelesabekayo enalibonayo ngasendleleni yasentabeni yama-amori, njengalokho ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu wasiyala, saze safika ekadeshi barineya. ngase ngithi kini: senifikile entabeni yama-amori ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu asinika yona. bhekani, ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu ulibekile izwe phambi kwenu: khuphukani nilidle, njengalokho ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wawoyihlo akhuluma kini; ningesabi, ningapheli amandla. nasondela kimi nina nonke, nathi: masithume amadoda phambi kwethu ukuba asihlomele izwe, asibuyisele izwi ngendlela esimelwe ukukhuphuka ngayo, nangemizi esiyakufika kuyo. leyo nto yaba nhle emehlweni ami, ngathatha kini amadoda ayishumi nambili, kwaba yindoda inye kuleso naleso sizwe. wona ayesepphenda, akhuphukela entabeni, afika esigodini sase-eshikoli, asihlola. athatha ngezandla zawo ezithelweni zezwe, azehlisela kithi, asibuyisele izwi, athi: yizwe elihle ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu asinika lona. nokho anithandanga ukukhuphuka, kepha nahlubuka esiyalezweni sikajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu; nakhonona ematendeni enu, nathi: ngokuba ujevova-aeiou wasizonda, wasikhipha ezweni lasegibithe ukuba asinikele esandleni sama-amori, sichithwe. siyakukhuphukelaphi na? abafowethu benzile izinhliziyi zethu ziphele amandla ngokusho ukuthi: abantu bakhulu, bade kunathi; imizi mikhulu, ibiyelwe kuze kube sezulwini; futhi sibonile amadodana ama-anaki khona. ngase ngithi kini: ningashaywa luvalo, ningabasabi. ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu ohamba phambi kwenu uyakunilwela njengakho konke anenzela khona egibithe emehlweni enu, nasehlane lapho ubone khona ukuthi ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho wakuthwala njengendoda ithwala indodana yayo, endleleni yonke enahamba ngayo, naze nafika kule ndawo. noma kunjalo, anikholwanga nokho ngujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu owahamba phambi kwenu endleleni ukunifunela indawo ukuba nimise kuyo amatende enu, ngomlilo ebusuku ukunibonisa indlela ebeniyakuhamba ngayo, nangefu emini. ujevova-aeiou wezwa izwi lokukhuluma kwenu, wathukuthela, wafunga wathi: impela akuyikubona noyedwa walaba bantu balesi sizukulwane esibi izwe elihle engafunga ukubanika lona oyihlo, ngaphandle kukakalebi indodana kafune; yena uyakulibona; ngiyakumnika yena nabantwana bakhe izwe alinyatheleyo, ngokuba umlandele ujevova-aeiou wakhe ngokupheleleyo. futhi ujevova-aeiou wangithukuthela ngenxa yenu, wathi: nawe awuyikungena khona; ujesu indodana kanuni omi phambi kwakho uyakungena

khona; mqinise wena, ngokuba uyakumenza u-israyeli adle ifa lalo. abancane benu enasho ukuthi bayakuba yimpango, nabantwana benu abangakwazi namuhla okuhle nbona-ra-ukukhandleka bayakungena khona, ngibanike lona, balidle. kepha nina anophenduka, nihambe, niye ehlane ngendlela eya elwandle olubomvu. nase niphendula, nithi kimi: sonile kujehova-aeiou; siyakukhuphuka silwe njengakho konke asiyala ngakho ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu. nabhincisa, kwaba yilowo nalowo izikhali zakhe zokulwa; kwase kuba lula kini ukuba nikhuphukele entabeni. ujevova-aeiou wayesethi kimi: yisho kubo ukuthi: ningakhuphuki, ningalwi, ngokuba angikho phakathi kwenu, ukuze ningabulawa phambi kwezitha zenu. ngakhuluma-ke kanjalo kini, analalela, kepha nahlubuka ezwini likajehova-aeiou, naziqhenya, nakhuphukela entabeni. ama-amori ayehlala kuleyo ntaba aphuma anihlasela, anixosha njen-gokwenza kwezinyosi, aninqoba eseyiri, kwaze kwaba sehora. nabuye nakhala phambi kukajehova-aeiou, kepha ujevova-aeiou akalalelanga izwi lenu, kanizwanga. nase nihlala ekadeshi izinsuku eziningi njengezinsuku enazihlala khona.

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sase siphenduka sahamba, saya ehlane ngendlela eya elwandle olubomvu, njengalo ebeshilo kimi ujevova-aeiou. sazungeza intaba yaseseyiri izinsuku eziningi. ujevova-aeiou wakhuluma kimi, wathi: sekuyisikhathi niyizungeza le ntaba; phendukani, niye ngasenyakatho. yala abantu ngokuthi: niyakudabula umkhawulo wabafowenu, abantwana bakwa-esawu abahlala eseyiri; bayakunesaba, kepha maniqaphele nokho, ningalwi nabo, ngokuba angiyikunika izwe labo, ngisho nendawo yamathe onyawo, lokhu ngimnikile u-esawu intaba yaseseyiri ibe yifa lakhe. niyakuthenga kubo ukudla ngemali ukuba nidle, nithenge kubo futhi amanzi ngemali ukuba niphuze. ngokuba ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ukubusile emsebenzini wonke wesandla sakho; ukwazile ukuhamba kwakho kuleli hlane elikhulu; nakule minyaka engamashumi amane ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho waba nawe, awuswela lutho. sase sidlula sisuka kubafowethu, abantwana bakwa-esawu abahlala eseyiri, sashiya indlela yase-araba, ne-elati, ne-esiyoni geberi. saphenduka sadlula ngendlela yasehlane lakwamowabi. ujevova-aeiou wayesethi kimi: ungakhathazi umowabi, ungaliw nabo ekulweni, ngokuba angiyikunika izwe lakhe libe yifa, lokhu ngibanikile abantwana bakwaloti i-ari libe yifa labo. kwakuhlala khona kuqala

ama-emi, abantu abakhulu, abanengi, abade njengama-anaki; laba bathiwa namarefa njengama-anaki, kepha abakwamowabi bababiza ngokuthi ama-emi. amahori nawo ayehlala eseyiri kuqala, kepha abantwana bakwa-esawu bawaxosha, bawachitha phambi kwabo, bakha esikhundleni sawo njengalo u-israyeli enza kulo izwe elaliyifa lakhe, aphiwe lona ngujevova-aeiou. sukani kalokhu, niwele umfula izeredi. sase siwela-ke umfula izeredi. izinsuku esahamba ngazo sisuka ekadeshi barineya saze sawela umfula izeredi zaziyiminyaka engamashumi amathathu nesishiyagalombili, kwaze kwaphela isizukulwane samadoda empi phakathi kwekamu, njengalo ujevova-aeiou afunga kuwo. futhi isandla sikajehova-aeiou sasimelene nawo ukuwachitha phakathi kwekamu, aze aphela. kwathi onke amadoda empi esephelile afa phakathi kwabantu, ujevova-aeiou wakhuluma kimi, wathi: wena uyakuwela i-ari, umkhawulo wakwamowabi; laphe usondela malungana nabantwana bakwa-amoni, ungabakhathazi, ungaliw nabo, ngokuba angiyikunika izwe labantwana bakwa-amoni libe yifa lenu, lokhu ngibanikile lona abantwana bakwaloti libe yifa labo. nalelo lithiwa izwe lamarefa; amarefa ahlala khona kuqala; kepha abakwa-amoni bawabiza ngokuthi amazamuzumi, abantu abakhulu, abanengi, abade njengama-anaki; kepha ujevova-aeiou wabachitha phambi kwabo; babaxosha, bakha esikhundleni sabo, njengalo ebenezela abantwana bakwa-esawu ababehlala eseyiri, laphe ewachitha amahori phambi kwabo, bawaxosha, bahlala esikhundleni sawo kuze kube namuhla; kanjalo nama-avi ayehlala emizaneni kwaze kwaba segaza, anqoba amakafitori ayevela ekafitori, akha esikhundleni sawo. sukani nihambe, niwele umfula i-arinoni; bhekani, nginikele esandleni sakho usihoni umamori, inkosi yaseheshiboni, nezwe lakhe: qala ukulidla, ulwe naye ekulweni. namuhla ngiyakuqala ukubeka uvalo nokukwesaba phezu kwezizwe zonke eziphansi kwezulu, eziyakuzwa indaba yakho, zithuthumele, ziqhaqhazele ngenxa yakho. ngase ngithuma izithuthu kusihihoni inkosi yaseheshiboni, zisuka ehlane lasekedemoti, zinamazwi okuthula, ngokuthi: mandigabule izwe lakho; ngiyakuhamba ngomgwao, ngingajiki ngakwesokunene noma ngakwesokholo. uyakuthengisa kimi ukudla ngemali ukuba ngidle, ningiphe amanzi ngemali ukuba ngiphuze; mandigabule kuphela ngezinyawo, njengalo bangenzela abantwana bakwa-esawu ababehlala eseyiri nabakwamowabi ababehlala e-ari, ngize ngiwele ijordani, ngingene ezweni ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu asinika lona. kepha usihoni inkosi yaseheshiboni akasivumelanga ukuba sid-

lule kuye, ngokuba ujeхова-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho wenza lukhuni umoya wakhe, wenza ukuba ibe nenkani inhliziyi yakhe, ukuze amnikele esandleni sakho njenganamuhla. ujeхова-aeiou wayesethi kimi: bheka, ngiqalile ukunikela usihoni nezwe lakhe phambi kwakho: qala ukulidla ukuba udle ifa lezwe lakhe. usihoni waphuma wasihlasela, yena nabo bonke abantu bakhe, ukuzokulwa ejahasi. ujeхова-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu wamnika phambi kwethu, samnqoba yena namadodana akhe nabantu bakhe bonke. sathatha yonke imizi yakhe ngaleso sikhathi, sachitha saqeda yonke imizi enamadoda nabesifazane nezingane; asishiyanga muntu; izinkomo kuphela sazithathela zona zaba yimpango yethu kanye nempango yemizi esasiyithathile. kusukela e-aroweri elisosebeni lomfula i-arinoni nasemzini osesigodini kuze kube kwagileyadi akubangakho muzi owasahlula ngokuphakama; ujeхова-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu wayinikela yonke phambi kwethu; izwe labantwana bakwa-amoni nokho awusondelanga kulo, uhlangothi lomfula ijakobi, nemizi esezintabeni, nakuphi lapho ulezi-ku wasenqabela khona.

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sase siphenduka sakhuphuka ngendlela eya ebashani; u-ogi inkosi yasebashani waphuma wasihlasela, yena nabo bonke abantu bakhe, ukuzokulwa ngase-edireyi. ujeхова-aeiou wayesethi kimi: ungamesabi, ngokuba ngimnikele yena nabo bonke abantu bakhe nezwe lakhe esandleni sakho, wena wenze kuye, njengalokho wenza kusihoni inkosi yama-amori, owahlala eheshiboni. ujeхова-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu wayesenikela esandleni sethu naye u-ogi inkosi yasebashani nabantu bakhe bonke; samnqoba, akwaze kwasala muntu kuye. sathatha yonke imizi yakhe ngaleso sikhathi; akubangakho muzi esingawuthathanga kubo: imizi engamashumi ayisithupha, sonke isifunda sase-arigobi, umbuso ka-ogi ebashani. yonke lena yayiyimizi ebiyelwe ngezingange eziphakemeyo, namasango, nemigoqo, ngaphandle kwemizana eminingi kakhulu. sayichitha sayiqeda, njengalokho senza kusihoni inkosi yaseheshiboni, sichitha siqeda yonke imizi enamadoda nabesifazane nezingane. kepha izinkomo nempango yemizi sakuthatha kwaba yimpango yethu. salithatha ngaleso sikhathi izwe esandleni samakhosi ama-amori apshesheya kwejordani, kusukela esigodini sase-arinoni kuze kube sentabeni yasehermoni eliyihermoni elibizwa ngamasidoni ngokuthi isiriyoni nama-amori alibiza ngokuthi iseniri yonke imizi yasethafeni, nalo lonke elakwagileyadi, nalo lonke ibashani kuze kube sesaleka

nase-edireyi, imizi yasembusweni ka-ogi ebashani. ngokuba u-ogi kuphela, inkosi yasebashani, wasala ensalini yamarefa; bheka, ibhokisi lakhe laliyibhokisi lensimbi; angithi liseraba kubantwana bakwa-amoni; ubude balo babuyizingalo eziyisishiyagalolunye, nobubanzi balo buyizingalo ezine, ngokwengalo yomuntu. lelo zwe salidla ngaleso sikhathi; izwe elisukela e-aroweri elisesigodini sase-arinoni, nenxenye yezintaba zakwagileyadi, nemizi yalo, sabanika khona abakwarubeni nabakwagadi; insali yakwagileyadi, nalo lonke ibashani, umbuso ka-ogi, nganika lokho inxenye yesizwe sakwamanase, sonke isifunda sase-arigobi nebashani lonke elibizwa ngokuthi izwe lamarefa. ujayire indodana kamanase wathatha sonke isifunda sase-arigobi kuze kube semkhawulweni wamageshuri nowa-mamahakhathi, wasibiza - lona ibashani - ngegama lakhe ngokuthi ihawoti jayire kuze kube namuhla. ngamnika umakiri elakwagileyadi. abakwarubeni nabakwagadi ngabanika okusukela kwagileyadi kuze kube sesigodini sase-arinoni phakathi nesigodi kwaba ngumkhawulo nasemfuleni ijakobi elingumkhawulo wabantwana bakwa-amoni, ne-araba futhi, nejordani elingumkhawulo, kusukela ekinereti kuze kube selwandle lwase-araba, ulwandle lukasawoti, phansi kwemithambeka yasepisiga ngasempumalanga. ngaleso sikhathi nganiyala ngathi: ujeхова-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu uninikile leli zwe ukuba nilidle; niyakuwela nihlomile phambi kwabafowenu, abantwana bakwa-israyeli, nonke eningamadoda anesibindi. kepha omkenu, nabancane benu, nezinkomo zenu - ngiyazi ukuthi ninezinkomo eziningi - bayakuhlala emizini yenu engininike yona, ujeхова-aeiou aze aphe abafowenu ukuphumula njengani, nabo balidle izwe ujeхова-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu ayakubanika lona ngaphesheya kwejordani, andukuba nibuyele, kube yilowo nalowo ezweni lakhe engininike lona. ngamnyala ujesu ngaleso sikhathi, ngathi: amehlo akho abonile konke ujeхова-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu akwenzile kulawo makhosi amabili: kanjalo ujeхова-aeiou uyakwenza kuyo yonke imibuso eniyidabulayo. aniyikubesaba, ngokuba ujeхова-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu nguyena onilwelayo. ngaleso sikhathi ngacela kujehova-aeiou, ngathi: nkosi jehova-aeiou, uqalile ukubonisa inceku yakho ubukhulu bakho nesandla sakho esinamandla, ngokuba ngumuphi ulezi-ku ezulwini nasemhlabeni ongenza njengemisebenzi yakho nanjengezenzo zakho zamandla na? ake ngiwele, ngilibone izwe elihle elingaphesheya kwejordani, leyo ntaba enhle, nelebanoni. kepha ujeхова-aeiou wangithukuthela ngexa yenu, akangizwanga; ujeхова-aeiou wayesethi

kimi: mawudele; ungabe usakhuluma nami ngale ndaba. khuphukela esiqongweni sasepisiga, uphakamisele amehlo akho ngasentshonalanga, nangasenyakatho, nangasengizimu, nangasempumalanga, ulibheke ngamehlo akho, ngokuba uyayikuliwela leli jordani. kepha yala ujesu, umqunge isibindi, umqinise, ngokuba uyakuwela phambi kwalaba bantu, abenze ukuba balidle izwe oyakulibona. sahlala-ke esigodini esimalungana nebeti peyori.

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manje-ke, israyeli, yizwa izimiso nezahlulelo enginifundisa zona ukuba nizenze, nize niphile, ningene nilidle izwe uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wawoyihlo aninika lona. aniyikuthasisela ezwini enginiyala ngalo, ninganciphisi futhi kulo, ukuba nigcine imiyalo kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu enginiyala ngayo. amehlo enu abonile okwenziwa nguje-hova-aeiou ngenxa kabali peyori ukuthi uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho wabachitha phakathi kwakho bonke abantu ababemlandela ubali peyori. kodwa nina enanamathela kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu nisekhona nonke nanamuhla. bhekani, nginifundisile izimiso nezahlulelo njengokungiyala kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wami ukuthi niyakwenza kanjalo phakathi kwezwe eningena kulo ukulidla. ngalokho manizigcine, nizenze, ngokuba lokhu kungukuhlakanipha kwenu nokuqonda kwenu emehlweni ezizwe eziyakuzizwa zonke lezi zimiso, zithi: impela lesi sizwe esikhulu singabantu abahlakaniphileyo nabaqondileyo. ngokuba yisiphi isizwe esikhulu esinolezi-ku oseduze naso njengeje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu, enjalo nanini lapo simbiza, na? yisiphi isizwe esikhulu esinezimiso nezahlulelo ezilungile njengawo wonke lo mthetho engiwubeka phambi kwenu namuhla na? kepha xwaya, ugcine kahle umphefumulo wakho, funa ukhohlwe izinto azibonayo amehlo akho, zimuke enhliziyweni yakho izinsuku zonke zokuhamba kwakho; bazise zona abantwana bakho nabantwana babantwana bakho: usuku owema ngalo phambi kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ehorebe, lapo uje-hova-aeiou wathi kimi: ngibuthele abantu, ngibezwise amazwi ami ukuba bafunde ukungesaba zonke izinsuku zokuhamba kwabo emhlabeni, bafundise nabantwana babo. nase nisondele, nema phansi kwentaba; intaba yavutha umlilo kwaze kwaba phakathi kwezulu, inobumnyama, namafu, nesigayegaye. uje-hova-aeiou wayesekhuluma kini ephakathi komlilo; nezwa izwi likhuluma, kepha anibonanga simo, kwakuyizwi kuphela. wanimezezelela isivumelwano sakhe anyala ngaso ukuba

nisenze, imiyalelo eyishumi; wayiloba ezibhebheni ezimbili zamatshe. uje-hova-aeiou wanginika ngaleso sikhathi ukunifundisa izimiso nezahlulelo ukuba nizenze ezweni eningena kulo ukulidla. gcinani kahle imiphefumulo yenu, lokhu ningabonanga simo ngalolo suku uje-hova-aeiou akhuluma ngalo kini ehorebe ephakathi komlilo, funa none, nizenzele izithombe ezibaziweyo, isimo somfanekiso wewesilisa noma owowesifazane, noma umfanekiso wesilwane esisemhlabeni, noma umfanekiso wenyoni enamaphiko, endizayo emkhathini, noma umfanekiso wesilwanyana esinwabuzelayo emhlabeni, noma umfanekiso wenhlanzi esemanzini phansi komhlaba, funa uphakamisele amehlo akho ezulwini, nalapho ubona ilanga nenyanga nezinkanyezi, lonke ibandla lezulu, uyengwe, uze ukhulele kukho, ukukhonze, okwabelwe izizwe zonke eziphansi kwezulu nguje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho. kepha uje-hova-aeiou wakuthatha, wakukhipha esithandweni sensimbi, igibithe, ube ngabantu befa kuye njenganamuhla. futhi uje-hova-aeiou wangithukuthela ngenxa yenu, wafunga ukuthi angiyikwela ijordani nokuthi angiyikungena kulelo zwe elihle uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akunika lona libe yifa lakho, kepha ngimelwe ukufa mina kulelizwe, ngingaweli ijordani; kodwa nina niyakuwela, nilidle lelo zwe elihle. xwayani, funa nikhohlwe isivumelwano sikajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu owasenza nani ngokuzenzela izithombe ezibaziweyo ngomfanekiso wento uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akwenqabela yona. ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ungumlilo oqothulayo, ungulezi-ku onomhawu. nxa uyakuzala abantwana nabantwana babantwana, nanxa senihlale isikhathi eside ezweni, none, nenze izithombe ezibaziweyo ngomfanekiso wento ethile, nenze bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, nimthukuthelise, ngifakazisa namuhla izulu nomhlaba ngani ukuthi niyakuphela nokuphela masinyane ezweni eniwela ijordani ukuya kulo ukuba nilidle; aniyikwandisa izinsuku zenu kulo: niyakuqothulwa nokuqothulwa. uje-hova-aeiou uyakunihlakazela ezizweni, nisale niyingcosana phakathi kwabezizwe, lapo uje-hova-aeiou eyakuniholeta khona. lapo niyakukhonza olezi-ku, umsebenzi wezandla zabantu, imithi namatshe, abangaboni, abangezwa, abangahogeli. uma nina nise-lapho nimfuna uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu, niyakumfumana, uma nimfuna ngayo wonke inhliziyoy yenu nangawo wonke umphefumulo wenu, uma usekuhluphekeni, zikwehlela zonke lezi zinto, uyakuphendukela kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ngezinsuku zokugcina, ulalele izwi lakhe, ngokuba

ujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ungulezi-ku onomusa; akayikukushiya, angakubhubhisi, angakhohlwa isivumelwano sawoyihlo asifungela bona. ngokuba ake ubuze izinsuku ezidlulileyo ezaziphambi kwakho, kusukela osukwini ulezi-ku adala ngalo umuntu emhlabeni, kusukela kolunye uhlangothi lwezulu kuze kufike kolunye, uma kwake kwaba khona into engaka nokuba kwake kwezwakala okungangayo na? abantu bake balizwa yini izwi likalezi-ku likhuluma livela phakathi komlilo, njengalokho wena uzwile, baphile, na? ulezi-ku wake walinga yini ukuhamba eyozithabathela isizwe phakathi kwesinye isizwe ngezilingo, nangezibonakaliso, nangezimangaliso, nangempi, nangesandla esinamandla, nangengalo eyeluliweyo, nangengebhe enkulu njengakho konke uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu anenzela khona egibithe phambi kwamehlo enu, na? wena waboniswa lokho ukuba wazi ukuthi uje-hova-aeiou ungulezi-ku, akakho omunye ngaphandle kwakhe. esezulwini wakuzwisa izwi lakhe ukuba akufundise; emhlabeni wakubonisa umlilo wakhe omkhulu; wena wezwa amazwi akhe evela phakathi komlilo. lokhu ebethanda oyihlo wakhetha inzalo yabo emva kwabo, wakukhipha yena uqobo ngamandla akhe amakhulu egibithe ukuba axoshe izizwe ezinkulu nezinamandla kunawe phambi kwakho, angenise wena, akunike izwe labo libe yifa lakho njenganamuhla. yazi namuhla, ukungenise ehliziyweni yakho ukuthi uje-hova-aeiou ungulezi-ku ezulwini phezulu nasemhlabeni phansi; akakho omunye. wogcina izimiso zakhe nemiyalo yakhe engikuyala ngakho namuhla ukuba kube kuhle kuwe, nakubantwana bakho emva kwakho, wandise izinsuku zakho ezweni uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akunika lona kuze kube phakade. khona umose wahlukanisa imizi emithathu ngaphesheya kwejordani ngasempumalanga ukuba umbulali abalekele khona, obulala umakhele-wane wakhe kungengamabomu, ebekade engamzondi, wothi aphile uma ebalekela komunye waleyo mizi: ibeseri elisehlane ezweni lethafa libe ngowabakwarubeni, neramoti elikwagileyadi libe ngowabakwagadi, negolani elisebashani libe ngowabakwamanase. yiwo umthetho umose awubeka phambi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli; yibo ubufakazi, nezimiso, nezahluhle umose akukhulumayo kubantwana bakwa-israyeli ekuphumeni kwabo egibithe, ngaphesheya kwejordani esigodini malungana nebeti peyori ezweni likasihoni inkosi yama-amori, owahlala eheshiboni, owanqotshwa ngumose nabantwana bakwa-israyeli ekuphumeni kwabo egibithe. balithatha izwe lakhe, balidla kanye nezwe lika-ogi inkosi yasebashani, amakhosi amabili ama-amori

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ayengaphesheya kwejordani ngasempumalanga, kusukela e-aroweri eliseceleni kwesigodi sase-arinoni kuze kube sentabeni yasesiyoni eyihermoni, nalo lonke i-araba ngaphesheya kwejordani ngasempumalanga, kuze kube selwandle lwase-araba phansi kwemithambeka yasepisiga.

umose wayesebiza wonke u-israyeli, wathi kuye: yizwa, israyeli, izimiso nezahluhle engizikhuluma ezindlebeni zakho namuhla ukuba uzifunde, uqaphele ukuzenza. uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu wenza isivumelwano nathi ehorebe. uje-hova-aeiou akasenzanga lesi sivumelwano nawobaba, wasenza nathi, yebo, thina esikhona lapha sonke namuhla siphilile. uje-hova-aeiou wakhuluma kinina ubuso nobuso entabeni ephakathi komlilo. mina ngema phakathi kukajehova-aeiou nani ngaleso sikhathi ukunazisa izwi likajehova-aeiou, ngokuba nesaba ngenxa yomlilo, anakhuphukela entabeni. wathi: nginguje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho owakukhipha ezweni lasegibithe, indlu yobugqila. ungabi nabanye olezi-ku ngaphandle kwami. ungazenzeli izithombe ezibaziweyo zomfanekiso wokusezulwini phezulu, nokusemhlabeni phansi, nokusemanzini phansi komhlaba; ungazikhothameli, ungazikhonzi, ngokuba mina je-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ngingulezi-ku onomhawu, ngihambela ububi bawoyise kubantwana kuso isizukulwane sesithathu nesesine sabangizondayo, kepha ngibenzela umusa abayizinkulungwane abangithandayo, bagcine imiyalelo yami. ungalingathi neze igama likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou akayikumyeka oliphatha neze igama lakhe. gcina usuku lwesabatha, ulungcwelise, njengalokho uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ekuyalile. izinsuku eziyisithupha uyakusebenza, uwenze wonke umsebenzi wakho, kepha usuku lwesikhombisa luyisabatha likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho; awuyikusebenza msebenzi ngalo, wena nendodana yakho, nendodakazi yakho, nenceku yakho, nencekukazi yakho, nenkabi yakho, nembongolo yakho, nezinkomo zakho, nomfokazi wakho ophakathi kwamasango akho, ukuba inceku yakho nencekukazi yakho ziphumule njengawe. wokhumbula ukuthi wawuyinceku ezweni lasegibithe nokuthi uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho wakukhipha khona ngesandla esinamandla nangengalo eyeluliweyo; ngalokho uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho wakuyala ukugcina usuku lwesabatha. yazisa uyihlo nonyoko, njengalokho uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho wakuyala, ukuze izinsuku zakho zibe zinde, kube kuhle kuwe ezweni uje-hova-aeiou



ulezi-ku wakho akunika lona. ungabulali. ungaphingi. ungebi. ungafakazi amanga ngomakhelwane wakho. ungafisi umfazi womakhelwane wakho; ungafisi indlu yomakhelwane wakho, nensimu yakhe, nenceku yakhe, nencekukazi yakhe, nenkabi yakhe, nembongo yakhe, nokunye okomakhelwane wakho. lawo mazwi uje-hova-aeiou wawakhuluma kuyo yonke inhlangano yenu entabeni, evela phakathi komlilo, nefu, nesigayegaye, ngezwi elikhulu, akathasiselanga lutho. wawaloba ezibhebheni ezimbili zamatshe, wanginika zona. kwathi lapho nilizwa izwi elivela phakathi kobumnyama, intaba ivutha umlilo, nasondela kimi, zonke izinhloko zenu zezizwe zenu namalunga enu, nathi: bheka, uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu usibonisile inkazimulo yakhe nobukhulu bakhe, salizwa izwi lakhe livela phakathi komlilo; sibonile namuhla ukuthi ulezi-ku uyakhuluma nomuntu, adlule aphile. ngalokho siyakufelani na? ngokuba lo mlilo omkhulu uyakusiqeda; uma silizwa futhi izwi likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu, siyakufa. ngokuba ngubani enyameni yonke ozwile njengathi izwi likalezi-ku ophilayo livela phakathi komlilo, waphila, na? sondela wena, uzwe konke uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu ayakukhuluma, usitshela konke uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu ayakukhuluma kuwe, sikuzwe, sikwenze. uje-hova-aeiou wawezwa amazwi enu ekukhulumeni kwenu kimi; uje-hova-aeiou wayesethi kimi: ngiwezwe amazwi alaba bantu abawakhulume kuwe; basho kahle konke abakukhulumile. sengathi kungaba khona kubo inhliziyu enjalo ukuba bangesabe, bagcine njalo yonke imiyalelo yami, kube kuhle kubo nakubantwana babo kuze kube phakade. hamba, usho kubo ukuthi: buyelani ematendeni enu. kepha wena, yima lapha ngakimi, ngikhulume kuwe yonke imiyalo, nezimiso, nezahlulelo oyakubafundisa khona ukuba bakwende ezweni engibanika lona ukuba balidze. niyakuqaphela ukwenza njengalokho uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu eniyalile, ningaphenduki ngakwesokunene noma ngakwesokhohlo. niyakuhamba njalo endleleni uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu anyale ngayo, ukuze niphile, kube kuhle kini, nandise izinsuku zenu ezweni eniyakulidla.

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nansi imiyalo, nezimiso, nezahlulelo uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu ayala ukuba nifundiswe khona, nikwenze ezweni eniya kulo ukulidla, ukuze umesabe uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, ugcine zonke izimiso zakhe nemiyalo yakhe engikuyala ngakho, wena nendodana yakho nendodana yendodana yakho zonke izinsuku zokuhamba kwakho,

kwandiswe imihla yakho. yizwa-ke, israyeli, uqaphele ukukwenza ukuba kube kuhle kuwe, nande ngamandla, njengalokho uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wawoyihlo wakuthembisa khona ezweni elivame ubisi nezinyosi. yizwa, israyeli: uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu, uje-hova-aeiou, munye; wothanda uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ngayo yonke inhliziyu yakho, nangawo wonke umphefumulo wakho, nangawo onke amandla akho. lawa mazwi engikuyala ngawo namuhla ayakuba senhliziyweni yakho, ubafundise impela wona abantwana bakho, uwakhulume lapho uhlezi endlini yakho, nalapho uhamba endleleni, nalapho ulala, nalapho uvuka. uyakuwabopha abe luphawu esandleni sakho, abe yisikhumbuzo phakathi kwamehlo akho. wowaloba ezinsikeni zomnyango wendlu yakho nasemasangweni akho. kuyakuthi lapho uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho eyakukun-genisa ezweni alifungela oyihlo, o-abrahama, no-isaka, nojakobe, ukunikela lona kanye nemizi emikhulu nemihle ongayakhanga, nezindlu zizigcwele zonke izinto ezinhlle ngazizigcwalisanga, nemithombo embiweyo ongayimbanga, nezivini neminqumo ongakutshalanga, nalapho udla usuthe, xwaya ukuba ungakhohlwa uje-hova-aeiou owakukhipha ezweni lasegibithe, indlu yobugqila. womesaba uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho; wokhonza yena, ufunge igama lakhe. aniyikulandela abanye olezi-ku, olezi-ku babantu abanizungezayo ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ophakathi kwakho ungulezi-ku onomhawu funa intukuthelo kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ikuvuthele, ikuchithe ebusweni bomhlaba. aniyikumlinga uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu, njengalokho namlinga emasa. niyakugcina nokugcina imiyalo kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu, nobufakazi bakhe, nezimiso zakhe akuyale ngakho. wokwenza okulungile nokuhle emehlweni kajehova-aeiou ukuba kube kuhle kuwe, ungene ulidle lelo zwe elihle uje-hova-aeiou alifungela oyihlo ukuxosha zonke izitha zakho phambi kwakho, njengalokho ekhulumile uje-hova-aeiou. lapho indodana yakho ikubuza ngesikhathi esizayo, ithi: buyini ubufakazi, nezimiso, nezahlulelo uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu anyale ngakho na? uyakusho kuyo indodana yakho ukuthi: sasiyizigqila zikafaro egibithe; uje-hova-aeiou wasikhipha egibithe ngesandla esinamandla; uje-hova-aeiou wenza izibonakaliso nezimangaliso ezinkulu nezesabekayo phezu kwegibithe, naphezu kukafaro, naphezu kwayo yonke indlu yakhe phambi kwamehlo ethu, wasikhipha lapho ukuba asingenise ukusinika izwe alifungela obaba. uje-hova-aeiou wasiyala ukwenza zonke lezo zimiso, simesabe uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu, kube kuhle

kithi njalo, ukuba asiphe siphile njen-ganamuhla. kuyakuba ngukulunga kithi, uma sigcina ukwenza yonke le miyalo phambi kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu, njengalokho esiyalile.

## 7

lapho ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho eyakukungenisa ezweni oya kulo ukulidla, axoshe izizwe eziningi phambi kwakho, amaheti, namagirigashi, nama-amori, namakhanani, namapherizi, namahivi, namajebusi, izizwe eziyisikhombisa ezinkulu nezinamandla kunawe, nalapho ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ezinikela phambi kwakho, uzinqobe, wozichitha nokuzichitha, ungenzi isivumelwano nazo, ungabi namusa kuzo, ungaganiselani nazo, ungayiniki indodana yakhe indodakazi yakho, ungathatheli indodana yakho indodakazi yakhe, ngokuba uyakuphambukisa indodana yakho ekungilandeleni ukuba bakhonze abanye olezi-ku, intukuthelo kajehova-aeiou ikuvuthele, akuchithe masinyane. niyakubaphatha kanje: niyakudiliza ama-altare abo, niphohloze izinsika zabo, ninqume o-ashera babo, nishise ngomlilo izithombe zabo ezibaziweyo. ngokuba uyiziswe esingwele kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho: ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ukukhethile ukuba ube yiziswe senzozo yakhe phezu kwezizwe zonke ezisebusweni bomhlaba. ujeheva-aeiou akanamathelelanga kini, kanikhetanga ngokuba nanibaningi kunezinye izizwe, ngokuba naniyingcosana kunezizwe zonke, kepha ngokuba ujeheva-aeiou enithanda nangokuba ebeyakugcina isifungo asifungela oyihlo ujeheva-aeiou unikhiphile ngesandla esinamandla, wanihlenga endlini yezigqila esandleni sikafaro inkosi yasegibithe. yazi-ke ukuthi ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ungulezi-ku, ulezi-ku othembekileyo, ogcina isivumelwano nomusa nabamthandayo abagcina imiyalo yakhe kuze kube sezizukulwaneni eziyinkulungwane, abaphindisele abamzondayo ebusweni babo, ababhubhise; akayikulibala kuyena omzondayo, uyakumphindisele ebusweni bakhe. ngalokho uyakugcina imiyalo, nezimiso, nezahluhle engikuyala ngakho namuhla ukukwenza. kuyakuthi ngokuba nilalela lezi zahluhle, nizigcine, nizenze, ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho uyakugcina isivumelwano nawe nomusa awufungela oyihlo, akuthande, akubusise, akwandise, abusise nenzalo yesisu sakho, nesithelo somhlabathi wakho, namabele akho, newayini lakho, namafutha akho, nenzalo yezinkomo zakho, nokwanda kwezimvu zakho ezweni alifungela oyihlo ukuninika lona. uyakubusiswa ngaphezu kwezizwe zonke, kungabikho mliisa nowesifazane

oyinyumba phakathi kwenu noma phakathi kwezinkomo zenu. ujeheva-aeiou uyakususa kuwe zonke izifo, angabeki kuwe izifo ezimbi zasegibithe ozaziyo, kepha azifake phezu kwabo bonke abakuzondayo. uyakuqeda zonke izizwe ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ayakuzinikela kuwe; iso lakho lingazihawukeli, ungakhonzi olezi-ku bazo, ngokuba lokho kuyakuba lugibe kuwe. uma uyakuthi enhliziyweni yakho: lezi zizwe ziningi kunam; ngingazixosha kanjani? ungazesabi, kodwa ukhumbule kahle lokho ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akwenza kufaro nakulo lonke igibithe: izilingo ezinkulu azibonayo amehlo akho, nezibonakaliso, nezimangaliso, nesandla esinamandla, nengalo eyeluliweyo ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akukhipha ngakho; uyakwenza kanje ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho kuzo zonke izizwe ozesabayo. futhi ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho uyakuthuma iminyovu phakathi kwazo, kuze kuthi bona abaseleyo abazithukusayo baphele phambi kwakho. ngalokho awuyikuzesaba, ngokuba ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho uphakathi kwakho, ulezi-ku omkhulu nowesabekayo. ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho uyakuxosha lezo zizwe phambi kwakho kancane kancane, ungaziqedi masinyane, funa izilwane zasendle zande ngaphezu kwakho. kepha ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho uyakuzinikela phambi kwakho, azingquzule ngokungquzula okukhulu, zize zichithwe. uyakuwanikela amakhosi azo esandleni sakho, wena uqede igama lawo phansi kwezulu; akuyikubakho muntu ongema phambi kwakho, uze uzichithe. izithombe ezibaziweyo zawolezi-ku bazo niyakuzishisa ngomlilo; awuyikufisa isiliva noma igolide elikuzo, ungazithatheli lona, funa ucushwe ngalo, ngokuba kuyisinengiso kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho; awuyikungenisa isinengiso endlini yakho, ube yinto eqalekisiweyo njengaso; uyakusenyanya nokusenyanya, unengwe nokunengwa yiso, ngokuba kuyinto eqalekisiweyo.

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yonke imiyalo engikuyala ngayo namuhla niyakuyigcina niyenze ukuba niphile, nande, ningenge ukulidla izwe ujeheva-aeiou alifungela oyihlo. woyikhumbula yonke indlela ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akuholile ngayo le minyaka engamashumi amane ehlane ukuba akuthobise, akuvivinye, azi okusenhliziyweni yakho, uma ubuyakuyigcina imiyalo yakhe noma qha. wakuthobisa-ke, wakulambisa, wakupha ukuba udle imana obungalazi, bebengalazi futhi oyihlo, ukuba akwazise ukuthi umuntu akaphili ngesinkwa sodwa; kepha ngakho konke okuphuma emlonjeni kajehova-

aeiou, yikho umuntu aphila ngakho. izingubo zakho azikugugela, nonyawo lwakho aluvuvukalanga le minyaka engamashumi amane. wokwazi enhliziyweni yakho ukuthi njengalokhu umuntu elaya indodana yakhe, kanjalo uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho uyakulaya wena. woyigcina imiyalo kaje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, uhambe ezindleleni zakhe, umesabe. ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho useyakenisa ezweni elihle, izwe elinemifudlana yamanzi, nemithombo, nezinzulu eziphuphuma ezigodini nasezintabeni, izwe likakolweni, nelebhalo, nelemivini, nelemikhiwane, nelamapomegranati, izwe leminqumo enamafutha, nelezinyosi, izwe lapho uyakudla khona isinkwa kungekho kuswela; awuyikudinga lutho; izwe elimatshe alo ayinsimbi, nelizintaba zalo ungemba kuzo ithuba. uyakudla usuthe, umbonge uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ngezwe elihle akunike lona. xwaya, funa ukhohlwe uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ngokungagcini imiyalo yakhe, nezahlelelo zakhe, nezimiso zakhe engikuyala ngakho namuhla, funa lapho usudlile wasutha, nalapho usuwakhile izindlu ezinhle, wahlala kuzo, kwandile izinkomo zakho nezimvu zakho, kwandile nesiliva lakho negolide lakho, kwandile konke onakho, inhlizyo yakho bese yiphakama, ukhohlwe uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho owakukhipha ezweni lasegibithe, indlu yobugqila, wakuphila ehlane elikhulu nelesabekayo elinezinyoka ezinesihlungu nawofezela nomhlabathi owomileyo, lapho kwakungekho manzi khona; wakuvezela amanzi edwaleni lensengetsha; wakupha imana ehlane, oyihlo ababengalazi, ukuba akuthobise, akuvivinye, akwenzele okuhle ngasekugcineni, uze uthi enhliziyweni yakho: amandla ami nezikhwepha zesandla sami kunginike le mfuyo. kepha womkhumbula uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, ngokuba nguyena okupha amandla okuzuza imfuyo ukuba amise isivumelwano sakhe asifungela oyihlo njengamuhla. kuyakuthi uma ukhohlwa uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, ulandele abanye olezi-ku, ubakhonze, ukhuleke kubo, ngiyanixwayisa namuhla ukuthi niyakubhubha nokubhubha. njengezizwe uje-hova-aeiou azenza ukuba zibhubhe phambi kwenu, kanjalo niyakubhubha nani, ngokuba naningalilaleli izwi likaje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu.

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yizwa, israyeli: wena uyakuwela ijordani namuhla, ungene udle izizwe ezinkulu nezimamandla kunawe, imizi emikhulu nebiyelwe kuze kube sezulwini, abantu abakhulu nabade, amadodana ama-anaki owaziyo, ozwile ngawo ukuthi: ngubani

ongema phambi kwamadodana ka-anaki na? yazi-ke namuhla ukuthi uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho unguye owela ngaphambi kwakho njengomlilo oqedayo; uyakubachitha, abanqobe, wena ubaxoshe, ubabhubhise masinyane, njengalokho ebekhuluma kuwe uje-hova-aeiou. ungakuhlumi enhliziyweni yakho, uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho esebaxoshile ngaphambi kwakho, ngokuthi: ngenxa yokulunga kwami uje-hova-aeiou ungengenile ukuba ngidle leli zwe, ingani kungenxa yobubi balezo zizwe uje-hova-aeiou azixosha phambi kwakho. akungokulunga kwakho noma ngobuqotho behliziywo yakho ungena ulidle izwe lazo, kepha kungobubi balezo zizwe uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho azixosha phambi kwakho nangokuba eyakulinqinisa izwi uje-hova-aeiou alifungela oyihlo, o-abrahama, no-isaka, nojakobe. yazi-ke uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akakuniki leli zwe elihle ukuba ulidle ngenxa yokulunga kwakho, ngokuba uyisizwe esintamo ilukhuni. khumbula, ungakhohlwa ukuthi wamthukut helisa uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ehlane; kusukela osukwini owaphuma ngalo ezweni lasegibithe waze wafika kule ndawo nanizinge nihlubuka kujehova-aeiou. nasehorebe namthukut helisa uje-hova-aeiou, uje-hova-aeiou wanithukuthelela ukuba anibhubhise. lapho sengikhuphukele entabeni ukuba ngamukele izibhebhe zamatshe, izibhebhe zesivumelwano uje-hova-aeiou asenza nani, ngahlala entabeni izinsuku ezingamashumi amane nobusuku obungamashumi amane; angidlanga sinkwa, angiphuzanga manzi. uje-hova-aeiou wanginika lezo zibhebhe ezimbili zamatshe, zilotshwe ngomunwe kalezi-ku; kwakulotshwe kuzona njengamazwi onke uje-hova-aeiou awakhuluma kini entabeni, ephakathi komlilo ngosuku lokuhlulanga. kwathi ngasekupheleni kwezinsuku ezingamashumi amane nobusuku obungamashumi amane uje-hova-aeiou wanginika izibhebhe zombili zamatshe, izibhebhe zesivumelwano. uje-hova-aeiou wathi kimi: vuka wehle lapha masinyane, ngokuba abantu bakho owabakhipha egibithe bonile, baphambukile masinyane endleleni engabayala ngayo; bazenzele isithombe esibunjiweyo. uje-hova-aeiou wabuye wakhuluma kimi, wathi: ngibabonile laba bantu; bheka, bangabantu abantamo ilukhuni; ngiyeke ukuba ngibabhubhise, ngesule igama labo phansi kwezulu, ngenze wena ube yisizwe esinamandla nesikhulu kunabo. ngase ngiphenduka ngehlentabeni, intaba yavutha umlilo; izibhebhe zombili zesivumelwano zazisezandleni zami zombili. ngase ngibheka, ngabona ukuthi nanonile kujehova-aeiou; nanizenzele ithole elibunjiweyo; naniphambukile masinyane endleleni uje-hova-aeiou abeniyale

ngayo. ngathatha-ke izibhebhe zombili, ngazilahla ezandleni zami zombili, ngazaphula phambi kwamehlo enu. ngawela phansi phambi kukajehova-aeiou njen-gakuqala izinsuku ezingamashumi amane nobusuku obungamashumi amane; angidlanga sinkwa, angiphuzanga manzi ngenxa yaso sonke isono senu enona ngaso ngokwenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou ukuba nimthukuthelese. ngokuba nangesaba intukuthelo nolaka uje-hova-aeiou anithukuthelela ngakho ukuba anibhubhise, kepha uje-hova-aeiou wangizwa nangaleso sikhathi. uje-hova-aeiou wathukuthelela kakhulu u-aroni ukuba ambhubhise; ngamkhulekela u-aroni ngaleso sikhathi. ngase ngithatha isono senu, ithole enanilenzile, ngalishisa ngomlilo, ngaligxoba, ngaligayisisa laze laba njen-gothuli, ngaphonsa uthuli lwalo emfudlaneni owehla entabeni. ethabehera nasemasa nasekibiroti hathawa namthukuthelesa uje-hova-aeiou. nalapho uje-hova-aeiou enithuma, nisuka ekadeshi barineya, ngokuthi: khuphukani, nilidle izwe engininike lona, nahlubuka ezweni likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu, anikholwanga nguye, analalela izwi lakhe. nimhlubukile uje-hova-aeiou kusukela osukwini enganiqabuka ngalo. ngawela phansi phambi kukajehova-aeiou lezo zinsuku ezingamashumi amane nobusuku obungamashumi amane engawa ngazo, ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou wayeshilo ukuthi uyakunibhubhisa. ngakhuleka kujehova-aeiou, ngathi: jehova-aeiou lezi-ku, ungabhubhisi abantu bakho nefa lakho olihlengile ngobukhulu bakho, walikhipha egibithe ngesandla esinamandla. khumbula izinceku zakho o-abrahama, no-isaka, nojakobe, ungabheki inkani yalaba bantu, nabubi babo, nasono sabo, funa izwe owasikhipha kulo lithi: lokhu uje-hova-aeiou wayengenamandla okubangenisa ezweni abathembise lona nangokuba wabazonda, ubakhiphile ukuba ababulale ehlane. nokho bangabantu bakho nefa lakho owalikhapha ngamandla akho amakhulu nangengalo yakho eyeluliweyo.

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ngaleso sikhathi uje-hova-aeiou wathi kimi: zibazele izibhebhe ezimbili zamatshe njengezokuqala, ukhuphukele kimi entabeni, uzenzele umphongolo womuthi. ngiyakuloba ezibhebheni amazwi ayesezibhebheni zokuqala owazaphula, uzifake emphongolweni. ngase ngenza-ke umphongolo womuthi womtholo, ngabaza izibhebhe ezimbili zamatshe njengezokuqala, ngakhiphukela entabeni nginezibhebhe zombili esandleni sami. waloba ezibhebheni njen-gukulotshwa kokuqala imiyalelo eyishumi

uje-hova-aeiou ayikhulumayo kini entabeni, ephakathi komlilo ngosuku lokuhlanguka; uje-hova-aeiou wanginika zona. ngase ngiphenduka ngehla entabeni, ngazifaka izibhebhe emphongolweni engiwezenile; zikhona lapho, njengalokho uje-hova-aeiou ebengiyala. abantwana bakwa-israyeli basuka ebeyeroti bene jahakani, bafika emosera; u-aroni wafela khona, wembelwa khona; u-eleyazere indodana yakhe wakhonza ebupristini esikhundleni sakhe. basuka lapho, baya egudigoda; basuka egudigoda baya ejothabata, izwe lemifudlana yamanzi. ngaleso sikhathi uje-hova-aeiou wahlukanisa isizwe sakwalevi ukuba sithwale umphongolo wesivumelwano sikajehova-aeiou, sime phambi kukajehova-aeiou ukumkhonza nokubusisa egameni lakhe, kuze kube namuhla. ngalokho ulevi akanasabelo noma ifa kanye nabafowabo; uje-hova-aeiou uyifa lakhe njengokukhuluma kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho kuye. ngahlala entabeni njengakuqala izinsuku ezingamashumi amane nobusuku obungamashumi amane; uje-hova-aeiou wangilalela nangaleso sikhathi, akanibhubhisa umphongolo. uje-hova-aeiou wayesethi kimi: vuka uhambe phambi kwabantu; bayakungena, bali-dle izwe engalifungela oyise ukubanika lona. manje-ke, israyeli, uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ufunani kuwe ngaphandle kokuba umesabe uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, uhambe ngezindlela zakhe zonke, umthande, umkhonze uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ngayo yonke inhliziyi yakho, nangawo wonke umphefumulo wakho, ugcine imiyalo kajehova-aeiou nezimiso zakhe engakuyala ngakho ngalolo suku ukuba kube kuhle kuwe, na? bheka, izulu nezulu lamazulu lingelikajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, nomhlaba nakho konke okukuwo. nokho uje-hova-aeiou wanamathela koyihlo, wabathanda, wakhetha inzalo yabo emva kwabo, yebo, nina ngaphezu kwabantu bonke, njenganamuhla. ngalokho sokani ijwabu lezinhliziyo zenu, ningabe nisaba ntamo ilukhuni. ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu ungulezi-ku wawolezi-ku, nenkosi yamakhosi, ulezi-ku omkhulu onamandla nowesabekayo, ongakhethi buso bamuntu, nongamukeli mvuzo. uyenza ukwahlulela kwezintandane nokomfelokazi, uyathanda umfokazi ngokumnika ukudla nezingubo. thandani-ke umfokazi, ngokuba naningabafokazi ezweni lasegibithe. womesaba uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, umkhonze, unamathele kuye, ufunge igama lakhe. uludumo lwakho, ungulezi-ku wakho okwenzele lezi zinto ezinkulu nezesabekayo azibonileyo amehlo akho. oyihlo behla, baya egibithe bengabantu abangamashumi ayisikhombisa; manje uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ukwenzile ube ngangezinkanyezi

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ngalokho wothanda ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, ugcine imfanelo yakhe, nezimiso zakhe, nezahlulelo zakhe, nemiyalo yakhe izinsuku zonke. yazini namuhla ngokuba angikhulumi kubantwana benu abangazanga nabangabonanga ukulaya kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu ubukhulu bakhe, nesandla sakhe esinamandla, nengalo yakhe eye-luliweyo, nezibonakaliso zakhe, nezenzo zakhe owazenza phakathi kwegibithe kufaro inkosi yasegibithe nakulo lonke izwe lakhe, nowakwenzayo kuyo impi yasegibithe, nakuwo amahhashi abo, nakuzo izinqola zabo, nokwenza kwakhe ukuba amanzi olwandle olubomvu abaminzise ekunioxsheni kwabo, nokubabhuhisa kukajehova-aeiou kuze kube namuhla, nowakwenzayo kuwe ehlane naze nafika kule ndawo, nowakwenzayo kudathani nakubiramu amadodana ka-eliyabe karubeni ukuthi umhlaba wavula umlomo wawo, wabagwinya nabendlu yabo, namatende abo, nayo yonke imfuyo eyabalandelayo phakathi kwabo bonke abakwa-israyeli. ngokuba amehlo enu abonile zonke izenzo ezinkulu zikajehova-aeiou azenzileyo. ngalokho niyakugcina yonke imiyalo engikuyala ngayo namuhla ukuba nibe namandla, ningene nilidle izwe eniwela ukuya kulo ukulidla, nokuba nandise izinsuku zenu ezweni ujevova-aeiou alifungela oyihlo ukubanika lona nenzalo yabo, izwe elivame ubisi nezinyosi. ngokuba izwe ongena kulo ukulidla alinjengezwe lasegibithe enaphuma kulo, lapho wahlwanyela khona imbewu yakho, wayinisele ngonyawo lwakho njengesivande semifino, kepha izwe eniya kulo ukulidla liyizwe lezintaba nelezigodi, liphuza amanzi emvula yezulu, izwe elinakekelwa ngujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho; amehlo kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akulo njalo, kusukela ekuqaleni komnyaka kuze kube sekupheleni komnyaka. kuyakuthi uma nilalela nokulalela imiyalo yami enginiyala ngayo namuhla ukuba nimthande ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu, nimkhonze ngayo yonke inhliziyu yenu nangawo wonke umphefumulo wenu, ngiyakuninika imvula yezwe lakini ngesikhathi sayo, imvula yokuqala nemvula yamuva, ukuba ubuthe amabele akho, newayini lakho, namafutha akho. ngiyakunika izinkomo zakho utshani emadlelweni akho; uyakudla, usuthe. xwayani funa inhliziyu ikhohliswe, niphambuke, nikhonze abanye olezi-ku, nikhuleke kubo, intukuthelo kajehova-aeiou inivuthele, avale izulu, ukuze kungabikho mvula, izwe lingabe lisathela izithelo zalo, niphela masinyane ezweni elihle ujevova-

aeiou aninika lona. niyakuwabeka lawa mazwi ami enhliziyweni yenu nasemphefumulweni wenu, niwabophe abe luphawu esandleni senu, abe yisikhumbuzo phakathi kwamehlo enu. niyakuwafundisa abantwana benu, ukhulume ngawo, lapho uhlezi endlini yakho, nalapho uhamba endleleni, nalapho ulala, nalapho uvuka. uyakuwaloba ezinsikeni zomnyango wendlu yakho nase-masangweni akho ukuba zandiswe izinsuku zakho nezinsuku zabantwana benu ezweni ujevova-aeiou alifungela oyihlo ukubanika lona, njengezinsuku zezulu phezu komhlaba. ngokuba uma nigcina nokugcina yonke le miyalo enginiyala ngayo ukuba niyenze, nimthande ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu, nihambe ngazo zonke izindlela zakhe, nima-mathele kuye, ujevova-aeiou uyakuzixosha zonke lezi zizwe phambi kwenu, nizidle izizwe ezinkulu nezinamandla kunani. yonke indawo lapho amathe onyawo lwakho eyakunyathela khona iyakuba ngeyenu, kusukela ehlane naselebanoni nasemfuleni, umfula u-ewufrathe, kuze kube selwandle olungasemuva, lube ngumkhawulo wenu. akuyikubakho muntu ongama phambi kwenu; ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu uyakubeka ingebhe novalo ngani ezweni lonke eniyakunyathela kulo, njengalokho akhuluma kini. bheka, ngibeka phambi kwakho namuhla isibusiso nesiqailekiso, isibusiso, uma niyilalela imiyalo kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu enginiyala ngayo namuhla, nesiqailekiso, uma ningayilaleli imiyalo kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu, kepha niphambuka endleleni enginiyala ngayo namuhla, ukulandela abanye olezi-ku eningabaziyo. kuyakuthi lapho ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho eyakukungenisa ezweni oya kulo ukulidla, usibeke isibusiso entabeni yasegerizimu nesiqailekiso entabeni yase-ebali, angithi ziphesheya kwejdani ngalaphaya kwendlela yasentshonalanga ezweni lamakhanani ahlala e-araba, malungana negiligali ngaseceleni kwama-oki asemore na? ngokuba niyakuwela ijdani, ningene ukulidla izwe ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu aninika lona, nilidle, nihlale kulo, niyakugcina ukuzenza zonke izimiso nezahlulelo engizibeka phambi kwenu namuhla.

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lezi ziyizimiso nezahlulelo eniyakugcina ukuzenza ezweni ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wawoyihlo akunike lona ukuba ulidle zonke izinsuku zokuphila kwenu emhlabeni. niyakuchitha nokuchitha zonke izindawo, lapho izizwe eniyakuzidla zazikhonza khona olezi-ku bazo ezintabeni eziphakemeyo, nasemadulini, naphansi kwayo yonke imithi eluhlaza, niwadilize ama-altare azo,

niziphohloze izinsika zazo, nibashise o-ashera bazo ngomlilo, nizinqume izithombe ezibaziweyo zawolezi-ku bazo, nesule igama lazo kuleyo ndawo. nina aniyikwenze njalo kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu. kodwa indawo ujeahova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu ayakuyikhetha kuzo zonke izizwe zenu ukuba abeke igama lakhe kuyo, leyo ndlu yakhe niyakuyifuna, nize kuyo, nilethe khona iminikelo yenu yokushiswa, nemihlatshelo yenu, nokweshumi kwenu, nomnikelo wenu wokuphakanyiswa wesandla senu, nezithembiso zenu, neminikelo yenu yesihle, namazibulo ezinkomo zenu nawezimvu zenu, nidle khona phambi kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu, nename kukho konke enibeka kukho isandla senu, nina nabendlu yenu, ujeahova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akubusise ngakho. aniyikwenza njengezinto zonke esizenzayo lapha namuhla, kube yilowo nalowo njengokulungile emehlweni akhe, ngokuba anakafiki ekuphumuleni nasefeni ujeahova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akunika lona. kepha lapho niwela ijordani, nihlale ezweni ujeahova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu aninika lona libe yifa lenu, aniphumuze ezitheni zenu zonke nxazonke ukuba nihlale nilondekile, kuyakuthi kuleyo ndawo ujeahova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu ayakuyikhetha ukuba kuhlale khona igama lakhe, niyise kukho konke enginiyala ngakho: iminikelo yenu yokushiswa, nemihlatshelo yenu, nokweshumi kwenu, nomnikelo wokuphakanyiswa wesandla senu, nezithembiso zenu ezikhethiweyo enizethembisa kujehova-aeiou; niyakwenama phambi kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu, nina namadodana enu, namadodakazi enu, nezinceku zenu, nezincekukazi zenu, nomlevi ophakathi kwamasango enu, lokhu engenasabelo nafa kini. xwaya ukuba unganikeli ngeminikelo yakho yokushiswa ezindaweni zonke ozibonayo, kepha kuleyo ndawo ujeahova-aeiou ayakuyikhetha kwesinye sezizwe zakho, uyakunikela lapho ngeminikelo yakho yokushiswa, wenze khona konke engikuyala ngakho. nokho ungahlaba, udle inyama ngaphakathi kwawo onke amasango akho njengesifiso somphfumulo wakho nanjengesibusiso sikajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akuphe sona; ongcolileyo nohlambulukileyo bangadla kukho njengokwensephe nokwendluzele. kuphela igazi aniyikulidla; uyakulithulula emhlabeni njengamanzi. ungekudle ngaphakathi kwamasango akho okweshumi kwamabele akho, noma okwe-wayini lakho, noma okwamafutha akho, noma okwamazibulo ezinkomo zakho, noma awezimvu zakho, noma izithembiso zakho ozenzayo, noma iminikelo yakho yesihle, noma umnikelo wokuphakanyiswa wesandla sakho, kepha ukudle phambi kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho kuleyo ndawo ayakuyikhetha ujeahova-aeiou ulezi-ku

wakho, wena nendodana yakho, nendodakazi yakho, nenceku yakho, nencekukazi yakho, nomlevi ophakathi kwamasango akho, wenama phambi kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho kukho konke obeka kukho isandla sakho. xwaya ukuba ungameyisi umlevi isikhathi sonke sokuhlala kwakho ezweni lakho. lapho ujeahova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho eyakwandisa umkhawulo wakho njengokukwethembisa kwakhe, uze uthi: ngiyakudla inyama, lokhu umphefumulo wakho ufisa ukudla inyama, ungayidla inyama njengesifiso sonke somphfumulo wakho. uma indawo ujeahova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ayakuyikhetha ukuba abeke kuyo igama lakhe ikude nawe, uyakuhlaba emhlambini wakho nasezimvini zakho akunike khona ujeahova-aeiou, njengalokho ngakuyala, udle phakathi kwamasango akho njengesifiso somphfumulo wakho. njengalokhu kudliwa insephe nendluzele, uyakukudla kanjalo; ongcolileyo nohlambulukileyo bayakudla ngokufananayo. qaphela kuphela ukuba ungalidli igazi, ngokuba igazi lingumphefumulo; awuyikuwudla umphefumulo kanye nenyama. ungalidli; lithulule emhlabeni njengamanzi. ungalidli ukuba kube kuhle nakubantwana bakho emva kwakho, lapho wenza okulungile emehlweni kajehova-aeiou. izinto zakho ezingcwele onazo nezithembiso zakho wozithatha, uye endaweni ayakuyikhetha ujeahova-aeiou, unikele ngeminikelo yakho yokushiswa, inyama negazi, e-altare likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, igazi lemihlatshele yakho lithululwe phezu kwe-altare likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, wena uyidle inyama. qaphela, uze onke lawa mazwi engikuyala ngawo ukuba kube kuhle kuwe nakubantwana bakho emva kwakho kuze kube phakade, lapho wenza okuhle nokulungile emehlweni kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho. nxa ujeahova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho eyakuzinquma izizwe ngaphambi kwakho, lapho ungena khona ukuzidla, nanxa usuzidlile wahlala ezweni lakubo, xwaya ukuba ungacushwa ukuzilandela sezichithiwe phambi kwakho, ungabuzi ngawolezi-ku bazo, uthi: lezi zizwe zikhonza kanjani olezi-ku bazo na? nami ngiyakwenza kanjalo. awuyikwenze njalo kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, ngokuba zenzile kolezi-ku bazo konke okuyisinengiso kujehova-aeiou akuzondayo, lokhu ziwashisela ngomlilo olezi-ku bazo amadodana azo namadodakazi azo. konke enginiyala ngakho, anoqaphela ukuba nikwenze; awuyikuthasisela kukho, futhi ungakunciphisi.

isibonakaliso nesimangaliso, isibonakaliso noma isimangaliso akhulume ngaso kuwe besesenzeke, athi: masilandele abanye olezi-ku ongabaziyo, sibakhonze, awuyikulelela amazwi alowo mprofethi, noma lowo mphuphi wamaphupho, ngokuba ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho uyakulinga ukuba azi ukuthi uyathanda yini ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ngayo yonke inhliziyi yakho nangawo wonke umphefumulo wakho na? niyakuhamba emva kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu, nimesabe, niyigcine imiyalo yakhe, nililalele izwi lakhe, nimkhonze, ninamathele kuye. lowo mprofethi noma lowo mphuphi wamaphupho wobulawa, ngokuba ukhulumile okunihlubukisa ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu owanikhipha ezweni lasegibithe, wakhulenga endlini yobugqila, ukuba akuphambukise endleleni ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akuyala ukuba uhambe ngayo. uyakukhipha kanjalo ububi phakathi kwakho. uma umfowenu, indodana yakho, noma indodakazi yakho, noma umkakho osesifubeni sakho, noma umngane wakho onjengomphefumulo wakho ekuyenga ngasese, ethi: masiye ukukhonza abanye olezi-ku ongabaziyo, wena nawoyihlo, olezi-ku babantu abakuzungezayo, beseduze nawe noma bekude nawe, kusukela kolunye uhlangothi lomhlaba kuze kufike kolunye uhlangothi lomhlaba, awuyikumvumela, ungamlaleli; iso lakho aliyikumhawukela, ungamyeki, ungamfihli, kepha wombulala impela; isandla sakho siyakuba phezu kwakhe kuqala ukumbulala, ngasemuva isandla sabantu bonke. uyakumkhanda ngamatshe ukuba afe, ngokuba uzamile ukukuhlubukisa ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho owakukhipha ezweni lasegibithe, indlu yobugqila. u-israyeli wonke uyakuzwa, esabe, angabe esabenza ububi obunjalo njengalobo obuphakathi kwakho. uma uyakuzwa ngomunye wemizi yakho ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akupha wona ukuba wakhe kuwo, kuthiwa: abantu abathile abonakeleyo baphumile phakathi kwakho, bahlubukisile abomuzi wabo ngokuthi: masiye sikhonze abanye olezi-ku eningabaziyo, wobuza, uphenye, ubuzisise; bheka, uma kuyiqiniso, leyo nto iqinisekile ukuthi isinengiso esinjalo senziwe phakathi kwakho, woshaya nokushaya abantu balowo muzi ngosiko lwenkemba, uwuchithe impela, nakho konke okuphakathi kwawo, nezinkomo zawo, ngosiko lwenkemba. uyakuyibuthela yonke impango yawo phakathi nesigcawu sawo, uwushise umuzi ngomlilo, nayo yonke impango yawo, ibe ngumnikelo oshiswa wonke kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, ube yinxiba njalo, ungabe usakhiwa futhi. akuyikunamathele lutho lokuqalekisiweyo esandleni sakho ukuba ujejhova-aeiou aphenduke entukuthelweni

yakhe evuthayo, akuphathe ngomusa, abe nesihe kuwe, akwandise, njengalokho afunga koyihlo, nxa ulalela izwi likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ukuba ugcine yonke imiyalo yakhe engikuyala ngayo namuhla, wenze okulungile emehlweni kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho.

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ningabantwana bakajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu; aniyikuzisika, ningaziphuculi phezu kwamahlo enu ngenxa yabafileyo. ngokuba ningabantu abangcwele kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu; ujejhova-aeiou unikhethile nibe yisizwe senzuzo yakhe ngaphezu kwezizwe zonke ezisebusweni bomhlaba. ungadli into enengekayo. nazi izilwane eningazidla: inkomo, nemvu, nembuzi, nendluzele, nensephe, nenxala, nempala, nempalampala, newula, negogo. ningadla nezilwane ezahlukanisa inselo, ezidabula inselo kabili, ezetshisayo kuzo izilwane. nokho lezi aniyikuzidla kwezetshisayo nakuzo ezidabula inselo: ikamela, nonogwaja, nembla, ngokuba ziyetshisa, zingahlukanisi kodwa inselo; zingcolile kini; nengulube, ngokuba iyahlukanisa inselo, ingetshisi kodwa; ingcolile kini; aniyikuyidla inyama yazo, ningathinti izidumbu zazo. lezi ningazidla kuzo zonke ezisemanzini: zonke ezinamaphiko nezingcwece; zonke ezingenamaphiko nazingcwece ningezidle; zingcolile kini. ningadla kuzo zonke izinyoni ezihlambulukileyo. kodwa yilezi eningayikudla kuzo: ukhozi, nenqe, nengungqulu, nesiphungumangathi, noheshe, nonhloyile ngezinhlobo zakhe, nawo onke amagwababa ngezinhlobo zawo, nentshe, nenkovana, nenkanku, noklebe ngezinhlobo zakhe, nesikhova, nomxwagele, nefukezi, nevuba, nophalane, nomphishamanzi, nonogolantethe, nonozalizingwenya ngezinhlobo zakhe, nozingweni, nelulwane. nezilwanyana zonke ezinamaphiko zingcolile kini: azinakudliwa. kepha ezinyonini zonke ezihlambulukileyo ningadla. aniyikudla lutho lwengcuba; ungamnika umfokazi ophakathi kwamabasango akho ukuba akude, noma uthengise ngakho kowezizwe, ngokuba wena uyisizwe esingcwele kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho. awuyikupheka izinyane lembuzi obisini lukanina. uyakunikela ngokweshumi kwazo zonke izithelo zembewu yakho, lokho okuvela ensimini iminyaka ngeminyaka, ukudle phambi kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho endaweni ayakuyikhetha yena ukuba igama lakhe lihlale kuyo, okweshumi kwamabele akho, nokwewayini lakho, nokwamafutha akho, nokwamazibulo ezinkomo zakho, nokwawezimvu zakho, ukuba ufunde ukumesaba ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho njalo. uma indlela ikude nawe, unge-

namandla okukuthwala, ngokuba ikude kakhulu nawe indawo ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ayakuyikhetha ukuba alibeke kuyo igama lakhe, lapho ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ekubusisa, uyakukwenana ngemali, uyisonge imali esandleni sakho, uye endaweni ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ayakuyikhetha, uthenge ngaleyo mali noma intoni umphefumulo wakho oyit handayo, izinkabi, noma izimvu, noma iwayini, noma uphuzo olunamandla, noma intoni umphefumulo wakho oyifunayo, udle khona phambi kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, wename, wena nabendlu yakho; nomlevi ophakathi kwamasango akho awuyikumeyisa, ngokuba akanasabelo nafa nawe. ngasekugcineni kweminyaka emithathu njalo uyakukhipha konke okweshumi kwezithelo zakho ngawona lowo mnyaka, ukubekelele phakathi kwamasango akho; nomlevi, lokhu engenasabelo nafa nawe, nomfokazi, nentandane, nomfelekazi, abangaphakathi kwamasango akho, bayakuza, badle, basuthe ukuba ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akubusise emsebenzini wonke wesandla sakho owenzayo.

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ngasekugcineni kweminyaka eyisikhombisa njalo uyakwenza uyekelo. nansi indlela yoyekelo: yilowo nalowo otshelakileyo uyakuyekela lokho akutshelakile umakhelwane wakhe; akayikukubiza kumakhelwane wakhe nakumfowabo, ngokuba uyekelo lukajehova-aeiou lumenyezelve. kowezizwe ungakubiza, kepha noma yikuphi okwakho okukumfowenu, lokho isandla sakho siyakuyekela. nokho ngabe kungabikho abampofu kuwe, ngokuba ujhova-aeiou uyakukubusisa nokukubusisa ezweni ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akunika lona libe yifa lakho ukuba ulidle, uma ulalela nokulalela izwi likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho kuphela, ugcine ukwenza yonke le miyalo engikuyala ngayo namuhla. ngokuba ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho uyakukubusisa njengokukwethembisa kwakhe, utshелеke izizwe eziningi, kepha ungatshelaki lutho kuzo; uyakubusa izizwe eziningi, kepha zona aziyikukubusa wena. uma kukhona kuwe ompofu, omunye wabafowenu, phakathi kwelithile lamasango ezweni lakini ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akunika lona, awuyikuyenza lukhuni inhliziyi yakho, ungamvaleli umfowenu ompofu isandla sakho, kepha umvulele nokumvulela isandla sakho, umtsheleke impela okwanele ukudinga kwakhe akuswelayo. xwaya ukuba kungabikho mcabango omubi enhliziyweni yakho ngokuthi: umnyaka wesikhombisa, umnyaka uyekelo, ususeduze; iso lakho beseliba libi kumfowenu ompofu, ungamniki lutho, abesekhala

kujehova-aeiou ngawe, kube yisono sakho. womnika nokumnika, inhliziyi yakho ingakhathazeki lapho umnika, ngokuba ngenxa yalokho ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho uyakukubusisa emsebenzini wakho wonke nakukho konke obeka kukho isandla sakho. ngokuba ompofu akasoze aphela ezweni; ngakho-ke ngiyakuyala ngithi: womvulela nokumvulela umfowenu isandla sakho, abaswelayo bakho nabampofu bakho ezweni lakini. uma umfowenu, umheberu noma umheberukazi, ethengiswa kuwe, akukhonze iminyaka eyisithupha, ngomnyaka wesikhombisa uyakumyekela ukuba ahambe. nxa umyekela ukuba ahambe, awuyikummukisa ze. uyakumthwesa nokumthwesa ngezimvu zakho, nangokwesibuya sakho, nangokwesikhamo sakho sewayini; njengalokho ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ekubusisile, kanjalo womnika yena. uyakukhumbula ukuthi wawuyisigqila ezweni lasigibithe nokuthi ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho wakuhlenga; ngalokho ngiyakuyala ngale nto namuhla. kuyakuthi uma ethi kuwe: angiyikusuka kuwe, lokhu ekuthanda wena nendlu yakho, ngokuba ehlala kahle kuwe, yakuthatha usungulo, ubhobozele indlebe yakhe emnyango, abeseba yinceku yakho kuze kube phakade. nakuyo inceku yakho uyakwenze njalo. makungabi lukhuni emehlweni akho lapho umyekela ukuba ahambe, ngokuba ukukhonzele iminyaka eyisithupha ngenxenye yemali yomqashwa; ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho uyakukubusisa kukho konke okwenzayo. onke amazibulo amaduna azalwa ezinkomeni zakho nasezimvini zakho wowangcwelisela ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho; awuyikusebenza ngezibulo lezinkomo zakho, ungaligundi izibulo lezimvu zakho. uyakulidla phambi kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho iminyaka ngeminyaka endaweni ujhova-aeiou ayakuyikhetha, wena nabendlu yakho. uma linesici, liqhuga, noma liyimpumputhe, noma yisiphi isici, awuyikunikela ngalo kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho. uyakulidla phakathi kwamasango akho, ongcolileyo nohlambulukileyo ngokufananayo, njen-gensephe nendluzele. kuphela igazi lalo awuyikulidla; lithululele emhlabathini njengamanzi.

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gcina inyanga ka-abibi, nilenze iphasika likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, ngokuba ngenyanga ka-abibi ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho wakukhipha egibithe ebusuku. uyakunikela ngephasika kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ezimvini nasezinkomeni endaweni ujhova-aeiou ayakuyikhetha ukuba kuhlale igama lakhe kuyo. awuyikudla



sinkwa esivutshelweyo kanye nalo; izinsuku eziyisikhombisa uyakudla isinkwa esingenamvubelo kanye nalo, isinkwa senhlupheko, ngokuba waphuma ezweni lasegibithe ngokunonopha ukuba ulukhum-bule usuku owaphuma ngalo ezweni lasegibithe zonke izinsuku zokuhamba kwakho. akuyikubonakala mvubelo kuwe emikhawulweni yakho yonke izinsuku eziyisikhombisa; futhi akuyikusala nyama oyihlabile ngosuku lokuqala kusihlwa ubusuku bonke kuze kuse. awunakuhlaba iphasika phakathi kwamasango akho ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akunika wona; kepha endaweni ayakuyikhetha ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ukuba igama lakhe lhlale kuyo, lapho uyakuhlaba iphasika kusihlwa ekushoneni kwelanga, ngesikhathi owa-phuma ngaso egibithe. uyakulipheka, ulidle endaweni ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ayakuyikhetha, uphenduke ekuseni, uye ematendeni akho. izinsuku eziyisithupha uyakudla isinkwa esingenamvubelo, ngosuku lwesikhombisa kube ngumhlango ozothileyo kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho; ungasebenzi msebenzi. wozibalela amasonto ayisikhombisa; kusukela esikhathini oqala ngaso ukubeka isikela ezinhlangeni zamabele woqala ukubala amasonto ayisikhombisa. uyakugcina umkhosi wamasonto kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ngesipho somnikelo wesihle wesandla sakho, oyakusinika njengokubusisa kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, wename phambi kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, wena nendodana yakho, nendodakazi yakho, nenceku yakho, nencekukazi yakho, nomlevi ophakathi kwamasango akho, nomfokazi, nentandane, nomfelokazi abaphakathi kwakho endaweni ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ayakuyikhetha ukuba igama lakhe lhlale kuyo. wokhumbula ukuthi wawuyisigqila egibithe, ugcine, uzenze lezi zimiso. wogcina umkhosi wamadokodo izinsuku eziyisikhombisa emva kokuba usubuthile okwesibuya sakho nokwesikhomo sakho sewayini, wename ngomkhosi wakho, wena nendodana yakho, nendodakazi yakho, nenceku yakho, nencekukazi yakho, nomlevi, nomfokazi, nentandane, nomfelokazi abaphakathi kwamasango akho. izinsuku eziyisikhombisa uyakumgcinela ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho umkhosi endaweni ujevova-aeiou ayakuyikhetha, ngokuba ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho uyakukubusisa kuzo zonke izithelo zakho nasemsebenzini wonke wezandla zakho, uthokoze kakhulu. kathathu ngomnyaka bonke abesilisa bakho bayakubonakala phambi kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho endaweni ayakuyikhetha: ngomkhosi wesinkwa esingenamvubelo, nangomkhosi wamasonto, nangomkhosi wamadokodo;

bangabonakali phambi kukajehova-aeiou bengenalutho; yilowo nalowo uyakunika njengamandla akhe, ngokwesibusiso ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akunike sona. uyakuzikhethela abahluleli nezinduna emasangweni akho onke ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akunika wona njengezizwe zakho; bayakwahlulela abantu babo ngokwahlulela okulungileyo. awuyikuphendukezela isahlulelo, ungakhethi ubuso bamuntu, ungafunjathiswa isipho, ngokuba isipho siphuphuthekisa amehlo ohlakaniphi-leyo, siphendukezela amazwi olungileyo. uyakulandela ukulunga okuyikho ukuba uphile, ulidle izwe ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akunika lona. ungazitshaleli u-ashera womuthi noma owaluphi uhlobo ngaseceleni kwe-altare likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho oyakuzenzela lona. ungazimiseli nansika ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ayizondayo.

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ungahlabeli ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho inkomo, noma imvu enesici, enbonara-ukukhandleka okuthile, ngokuba kuyisinengiso kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho. uma kutholakala phakathi kwakho, ngaphakathi kwelithile lamasango akho ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akunika wona, owesilisa noma owesifazane owenza bonara-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ngokweqa isivumelwano sakhe, wahamba, wakhonza abanye olezi-ku, wakhuleka kubo, noma ilanga, noma inyanga, noma ibandla lezulu, engingayalanga ngakho, besewubikela khona, ukuzwe, wokubuzisisa; bheka, uma kuqinisile, leyo nto iqinisekile yokuthi isinengiso esinjalo senziwe kwa-israyeli, uyakukhiphela lowo wesilisa noma lowo wesifazane owenze leyo nto embi emasangweni akho, lowo wesilisa noma lowo wesifazane umkhande ngamatsheshe ukuba afe. ngomlomo wawofakazi ababili noma ngowawofakazi abathathu uyakubulawa lowo ofanele ukufa; ngomlomo wofakazi munye akayikubulawa. isandla sawofakazi siyakuba ngesokuqala kuye ukumbulala, ngasemuva izandla zabantu bonke. kanjalo uyakukhipha ububi phakathi kwakho. uma kuvela indaba ekwahlulayo, ekwahluleleni phakathi kwegazi negazi, naphakathi kwecala necala, naphakathi kokushaya nokushaya, kuyizindaba zokuphikisana phakathi kwamasango akho, wosuka, uye endaweni ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ayakuyikhetha, uye kubapristi bamalevi, nakumahluleli oyakuba khona ngalezo zinsuku, ukuze bakutshalele isinqumo sokwahlulela, wenze njengezwi lesinqumo abayakukwazisa lona kuleyo ndawo ayakuyikhetha ujevova-aeiou, uqaphele ukwenza njengakho konke

abakufundisa khona; njengezwi lomthetho abayakukufundisa lona nanjengesahlulelo abayakukutshela sona uyakwenza, ungachezukele ngakwesokunene noma ngakwesokhohlo ekwahluleleni kwabo. umuntu oziqhenya ngokungalaleli umpristi omiyo ukukhonza phambi kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho noma umahluleli, lowo muntu makafe, wena ukhiphe ububi kwa-israyeli. bonke abantu bayakuzwa, besabe, bangabe besenza ngokuziqhenya. nxa ufikile ezweni ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akunika lona, ulidle, uhla kulo, uthi: ngiyakubeka inkosi phezu kwami njengazo zonke izizwe ezin-gizungezayo, uyakumbeka nokumbeka abe yinkosi phezu kwakho yena ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ayakumkhetha; uyakubeka omunye wabafowenu inkosi phezu kwakho, ungabeki phezu kwakho owezizwe, ongesiye umfowenu. kepha akayikuzandisela amahashi, angabuyiseli abantu egibithe, ukuze andise amahashi, ngokuba ujeheva-aeiou ushilo kini, wathi: anisayikubuyela ngaleyo ndlela. akayikuzandisela abafazi, ukuze inhliziyo yakhe ihlubuke, angazandiseli isiliva negolide. kuyakuthi nxa ehla esihlalweni sobukhosi sombuso wakhe, uyakuzilobela impinda yalo mthetho encwadini ngokuthatha kuleyo ekubapristi bamalevi; iyakuba kuye, ayifunde zonke izinsuku zokuhamba kwakhe ukuba afunde ukumesaba ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku wakhe, agcine onke amazwi omthetho wakhe nalezi zimiso ukuba azenze, inhliziyo yakhe ingaphakami ngaphezu kwabafowabo, angaphambuki emiyalweni, aye ngakwesokunene noma ngakwesokhohlo, ukuze azandise izinsuku zakhe embusweni wakhe, yena nabantwana bakhe phakathi kuka-israyeli.

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abapristi bamalevi, yebo, sonke isizwe sakwalevi asiyikuba nasabelo nafa kanye no-israyeli; siyakudla iminikelo yomlilo kajehova-aeiou nefa lakhe. asiyikuba nafa phakathi kwabafowabo; ujeheva-aeiou uyifa laso, njengalokho ekhulumile kuso. lokhu kuyakuba yimfanelo yabapristi ephuma kubantu abanikela ngomhlathshelo, noma inkomo noma imvu, ukuba bamnike umpristi umkhono, nemihlatshi yombili, nenanzi. ulibo lwamabele akho, nolwewayini lakho, nolwamafutha akho, nezandulela zoboya bezimvu zakho uyakumnika khona. ngokuba ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho umkhethile kuzo zonke izizwe zakho ukuba eme, akhonze egameni likajehova-aeiou, yena namadodana akhe, kuze kube phakade. uma umlevi evela noma kuliphi isango kwa-israyeli wonke, lapho egogobele khona, afike ngaso sonke isifiso somphefumulo wakhe

endaweni ujeheva-aeiou ayakuyikhetha, uyakukhonza egameni likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakhe njengokwenza kwabo bonke abafowabo amalevi emiyo khona phambi kukajehova-aeiou. ayakuphiwa izabelo ezilingeneyo ngaphandle kwalokho okuvela ngokuthengisa ngefa likayiye. nxa usufike ezweni ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akunika lona, awuyikufunda ukwenza iziningiso zalezo zizwe. makungafunyanwa kuwe umuntu odabulisa indodana yakhe noma indodakazi yakhe emililweni, noma umbhuli, noma ohlola imihlola, noma owenza imilingo, noma umlumbi, noma owenza iziphonso, noma obhula emadlozini, noma umthakathi, noma umlozikazana. ngokuba yilowo nalowo ozenza lezi zinto uyisinengiso kujehova-aeiou; ngenxa yalezi zinengiso ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho uyabaxosha phambi kwakho. mawuphelele kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho. ngokuba lezi zizwe oyakuzidla ziyabalalela abahlola imihlola nabanamadlozi; kepha wena ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akakuvumelanga ukwenza kanjalo. ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho uyakukuvusela umprofethi phakathi kwakho kubafowenu onjengami; nimlalele yena njengakho konke owakufisa kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ehorebe ngosuku lomhlangano ngokuthi: mangingabe ngisalizwa izwi likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wami, ngingabe ngisawubona lomlilo omkhulu futhi, funa ngife. ujeheva-aeiou wayesethi kimi: basho kahle lokho abakukhulumile. ngiyakubavusela umprofethi onjengawe phakathi kwabafowabo, ngibeke amazwi ami emlonjeni wakhe, akhulume kubo konke engimiyala ngakho. kuyakuthi yilowo nalowo ongayikulalela amazwi ami ayakuwakhuluma egameni lami, mina ngikufune kuye. kepha umprofethi oyakukhuluma izwi ngokuziqhenya egameni lami engingamyalanga ukulikhuluma, noma ekhuluma egameni labanye olezi-ku, lowo mprofethi uyakufa. uma uthi enhliziyweni yakho: singalazi kanjani izwi ujeheva-aeiou angalikhulumanga na? yazi-ke ukuthi lokhu umprofethi akukhulumayo egameni likajehova-aeiou, bese ingenzeki leyo nto, ingaveli iyiyi leyo nto, akusiye ujeheva-aeiou oyikhulumile; umprofethi uyikhulumile ngokuziqhenya; ungamesabi.

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lapho ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho eyakunquma izizwe ezizwe lazo ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akunika lona, bese wuzixosha, wakhe emizini yazo nasezindlini zazo, uyakuzahlukanisela imizi emithathu phakathi kwezwe lakho akunika lona ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ukuba ulidle. uyakuyilungisa indlela, wahlukanise

kathathu imikhawulo yezwe lakho ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akunika lona ukuba ulidle, ukuze bonke ababulali babalekele khona. nansi indaba yombulali oyakubalekela khona aze aphile: yilowo nalowo obulala umakhelwane wakhe kungengamabomu, ebekade engamzondi, njengomuntu oya ehlathini nomakhelwane wakhe ukugawula imithi, isandla sakhe bese sigalela ngezembe ukunquma umuthi, insimbi iphunyuke emphinini, imshaye umakhelwane wakhe aze afe, lowo uyakubalekela komunye wale mizi aze aphile, funa umphindiseli wegazi amxoshe umbulali isashisa inhliziyo yakhe, amfice, ngokuba indlela inde, amshaye aze afe, noma ebengafanele ukufa, lokhu ebekade engamzondi. ngalokho ngiyakuyala ngokuthi: uyakuzahlukanisela imizi emithathu. uma ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ewandisa umkhawulo wakho njengokufunga kwakhe koyihlo, akunike lonke izwe athembisa ukubanika lona oyihlo, uma ugcina yonke le miyalo ukuba uyenze, engikuyala ngakho namuhla, umthande ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, uhambe njalo ngezindlela zakhe, wozithasiselela eminye imizi emithathu ngaphandle kwaleyo emithathu ukuba igazi elingenacala lingachithwa phakathi kwezwe lakini akunika lona ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho libe yifa lakho, bese kuba yigazi phezu kwakho. kepha uma umuntu emzonda umakhelwane wakhe, emqamekela, amvukele, amshaye aze afe, abalekele komunye wale mizi, amalunga alowo muzi ayakuthuma amlande lapho, amnikele esandleni somphindiseli wegazi ukuba afe. iso lakho aliyikuhawukela, kepha wolikhapha igazi elingenacala kwa-israyeli ukuba kube kuhle kuwe. awuyikususa umncele womakhelwane wakho ababewubeka abadala efeni lakho oyakulidla ezweni ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akunika ukuba ulidle. ufakazi oyedwa nje akayikumvukela umuntu ngobubi, noma ngesono, noma kuyisiphi isono ona ngoso; ngomlomo wawofakazi ababili noma ngomlomo wawofakazi abathathu indaba iyakuqiniswa. uma ufakazi wamanga emvukela umuntu, afakaze ngaye ngbona-rakukhandleka, amadoda omabili axabeneyo ayakuma phambi kukajehova-aeiou, phambi kwabapristi nabahluleli abayakuba khona ngaleso sikhathi, abahluleli baphenyisise; bheka, uma ufakazi engufakazi wamanga ofakazile amanga ngomfowabo, niyakwenza kuye njengalokho ebecabange ukwenza kumfowabo; kanjalo uyakukhipha ububi phakathi kwakho. abaseleyo bayakuzwa, besabe, bangabe besabenza ububi obunjalo phakathi kwakho. iso lakho aliyikuhawukela; makube ngukuphila ngokuphila, iso ngeso, izinyo ngezinyo, isandla ngesandla, unyawo ngonyawo.

nxaphuma impi ukuhlasela izitha zakho, bese wubona amahhashi, nezinqola, nabantu abaningi kunawe, ungabesabi, ngokuba ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho unawe, yena owakukhuphula ezweni lasegibithe. kuyakuthi lapho nisondelela empini, afike umpristi, akhulume kubantu, athi kubo: yizwa, israyeli! nisondelela namuhla empini ukuhlasela izitha zenu; inhliziyo yenu mayingadangali, ningesabi, ningaqhahazeli, ningashaywa luvalo phambi kwazo, ngokuba ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho nguye ohamba nani, anilwele nezitha zenu ukuba anisindise. izinduna ziyakukhuluma kubantu, zithi: ngumuphi umuntu owakhile indlu entsha engayivulanga na? makahambe, abuyele endlini yakhe, funa afele empini, omunye umuntu ayivule. ngumuphi umuntu otshalile isivini engadlanga izithelo zaso na? makahambe, abuyele endlini yakhe, funa afele empini, omunye umuntu asidle. ngumuphi umuntu onengoduso engayithatanga na? makahambe, abuyele endlini yakhe, funa afele empini, omunye umuntu ayithathe. izinduna ziyakukhuluma futhi kubantu, zithi: ngumuphi umuntu owesabayo onenhliziyo edangeleyo na? makahambe, abuyele endlini yakhe, funa izinhliziyo zabafowabo zincibilike njengenhliziyo yakhe. kuyakuthi lapho izinduna seziquedile ukukhuluma, zikhethe izinduna zamabandla eziyakubahola abantu. nxa usondela emzini ukulwa nawo, mawumemezele ukuthula kuwo. kuyakuthi uma ukuphendula ngezwi lokuthula, uzivulele kuwe, abantu bonke abafunyaniswa phakathi kwawo baba yizinceku zempoqo, bakukhonze. uma ungenzi ukuthula kuwe kepha ukuhlasela, uyakuwuvimbezela, nalapho ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ewunikela esandleni sakho, uyakushaya bonke abesilisa bawo ngosiko lwenkempa, kepha abesifazane, nabantwana, nezinkomo, nakho konke okusemzini, yebo, yonke impango yawo, uyakukuthatha kube yimpango yakho, uyidle impango yezitha zakho ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akunike yona. uyakwenze njalo kuyo yonke imizi ekude kakhulu nawe, engesiyo imizi yalezi zizwe. kodwa emizini yalaba bantu ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akunika bona babe yifa lakho awuyikusindisa lutho oluphefumulayo, kepha uyakubabhubhisa nokubabhubhisa: amaheti, nama-amori, namakhanani, namapherizi, namahivi, namajebusi njengokukuyala kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, ukuze banganifundisi ukuba nenze zonke izinengiso zabo abazenzile kolezi-ku babo, none kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu. nxa uvimbezela umuzi isikhathi eside ngokulwa nawo ukuba uwuthathe,

awuyikuyichitha imithi ngokuyigalela ngezembe, ngokuba ungadla kuyo; ungayigawuli, ngokuba umuthi wasendle ungumuntu yini ukuba uvinjezelwe nguwe na? imithi oyaziyo ukuthi ayisiyo imithi yokudla, yiyona kuphela oyakuyichitha, uyigawule, wakhe izinqaba ngasemzini olwa nawe, uze uwe.

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uma kufunyaniswa obuleweyo ezweni akunika lona ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ukuba ulidle, elele endle, kungaziwa ukuthi ngubani ombuleleyo, kuyakufika amalunga akho nabahluleli bakho, balinganise amabanga okuya emizini emzungezayo obuleweyo, kuze kuthi umuzi oseduze nobuleweyo, amalunga alowo muzi athathe isithokazi ezinkomeni okungasenzwanga ngaso, singadonsanga ejokeni, amalunga alowo muzi asehlisele leso sithokazi esigodini esinamanzi ampompozayo, esingalinywanga, singatshalwanga, ayaphule intamo yesithokazi lapho esigodini; abapristi, amadodana kalevi, bayakusondela, ngokuba ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ubakhethile ukuba bamkhonze, babusise egameni likajehova-aeiou; ngezwi labo konke ukuxabana nokushaya kuyakunqunywa; onke amalunga alowo muzi oseduze nobuleweyo ayakuhlamba izandla zawo phezu kwesithokazi esaphulelwe intamo esigodini, aphenjule athi: izandla zethu azichithanga leli gazi, namehlo ethu awakubonanga. thethelela, jehova-aeiou, abantwana bakho u-israyeli obahlangileyo, ungavumeli igazi elingenacala phakathi kwabantu bakho u-israyeli, bese bethethelelwa igazi lelo. kanjalo uyakukhipha igazi elingenacala phakathi kwakho, ngokuba uyakwenza okulungile emehlweni kajehova-aeiou. lapho uphuma impi ukuhlasele izitha zakho ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho azinikela ezandleni zakho, uzithumbe, ubone phakathi kwabathunjwa owesifazane omuhle onamhela kuye, uthanda ukumthatha abe ngumkakho, myise ekhaya, aphucule ikhanda lakhe, asike izinzipho zakhe, akhumule izingubo zokuthunjwa kwakhe, ahlale endlini yakho, akhalele uyise nonina inyanga yonke, andukuba ungene kuye, ube yindoda yakhe, yena abe ngumkakho. kepha uma ungathokozi ngaye, womyeke ukuba ahambe, aye lapho ethanda khona; kodwa awuyikuthengisa ngaye neze nge-mali, ungampathathi njengesigqila, ngokuba usumonile. uma umuntu enabafazi ababili, omunye ethandeka omunye aliwa, bamzalele abantwana, othandekayo nowaliwayo, bese kuthi indodana eyizibulo ingeyowaliwayo, kuyakuthi mhla ewahlukanisela amadodana akhe ifa analo, makangayenzi indodana

yentandokazi izibulo phambi kwendodana yesaliwakazi okuyiyona eyizibulo, kepha avume ukuba indodana yowaliwayo ibe yizibulo ngokuyinika isabelo esiphindiweyo sakho konke anakho, ngokuba yona ingukuqala kwamandla akhe; ilungelo lezibulo lingelayo. uma umuntu enendodana enenkani nengezwayo, engalaleli izwi likayise noma izwi likanina, engalaleli noma beyilaya, uyise nonina bayakuyibamba, bayiyise kumalunga omuzi wakubo nasesangweni lendawo yakubo, bathi kumalunga omuzi: le ndodana yethu inenkani, ayizwa, ayilaleli izwi lethu; iyisishingi nesidakwa. onke amadoda omuzi wakubo ayakumkhanda ngamatshe aze afe; kanjalo uyakukhipha ububi phakathi kwakho, wonke u-israyeli ezwe, esabe. uma umuntu enzile isono esifanele ukufa, abulawe, umphanyeke emthini, isidumbu sakhe asiyikuhlala bonke ubusuku emthini, kepha wommbela nokummela ngalona lolu suku, ngokuba ophanyekiweyo uqalekisiwe ngulezi-ku, ukuba ungalingcolisi izwe lakini akunika lona ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho libe yifa lakho.

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awuyikubona inkabi yomfowenu noma imvu yakhe iduka, ucashe kuzo; wozibuyisela nokuzibuyisela kumfowenu. uma umfowenu engeseduze nawe noma ungamazi, woziyisa endlini yakho zibe nawe, aze azifune umfowenu, uzibuyisele kuye. uyakwenza kanjalo nangembongolo yakhe, wenze njalo nangezingubo zakhe, wenze njalo ngazo zonke izinto ezilahlekileyo zomfowenu alahlekelwa yizo, wazithola, uze ungacashi. awuyikubona imbongolo yomfowenu noma inkabi yakhe iwile endleleni, ucashe kuzo; womsiza nokumsiza ukuzivusa. owesifazane makangagqoki okwendoda, nendoda mayingembathi ingubo yowesifazane, ngokuba yilowo nalowo okwenza lokho uyisengiso kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho. uma uhlangana nesidleke senyoni endleleni phambi kwakho emthini noma siphansi, sinamazinyane noma sinamaqanda, unina efukamele amazinyane noma amaqanda, ungathathi unina kanye namazinyane, kepha uvumele unina ukuba asuke, wena uzithathele amazinyane ukuba kube kuhle kuwe, uzandise izinsuku zakho. nxa wakha indlu entsha, uyakwenza uthango ophahleni lwakho ukuba ungayehlisi indlu yakho igazi, uma umuntu ewa khona. awuyikutshala isivini sakho ngezinhlolo ezimbili zembewu, funa zonke izithelo zibe ngezindlu engcwele, imbewu owayitshalayo nezithelo zesivini. awuyikulima ngenkabi iboshelwe kanye nembongolo. awuyikugqoka ingubo eyizinhlobonhlobo zezintanjana, uboya bezimvu buhlanganisiwe nelineni. uyakuzenzela

izinsephe emiphethweni yomine yesambatho sakho osembathayo. uma umuntu ethatha umfazi, angene kuye, amale, amkhese ngezinto eziyihlazo, amenzele igama elibi, athi: ngamthatha lo wesifazane; kwathi sengisondele kuye, angifumanisanga iziqiniseko zobuntombi kuye, uyise nonina bentombi bayakuthatha iziqiniseko zobuntombi bentombi, baziye kumalunga omuzi esangweni, uyise wentombi athi kumalunga: ngamnika lowo muntu indodakazi yami ibe ngumkakhe, useyayala; bhekani, umkhesile ngezinto eziyihlazo ngokuthi: angifumanisanga iziqiniseko zobuntombi endodakazini yakho, nokho nazi iziqiniseko zobuntombi bendodakazi yami. bayakuyeneka ingubo phambi kwamalunga omuzi. amalunga alowo muzi ayakumthatha lowo muntu, amlaye, amhlawulise ngamashekeli esiliva ayikhulu, amnike wona uyise wentombi, ngokuba uveze igama elibi phezu kwentombi yakwa-israyeli, yona ibe ngumkakhe; angeyilahle zonke izinsuku zakhe. kepha-ke uma le nto iqinisile yokuthi iziqiniseko zobuntombi azifunyaniswanga entombini, bayakuyikhiphela intombi ngasemnyango wendlu kayise, amadoda omuzi ayikhande ngamatshe ize ife, ngokuba yenzile ubuwula kwa-israyeli, ifeba endlini kayise; kanjalo uyakukhipha ububi phakathi kwakho. uma indoda ifunyanwa ilele nowesifazane ogane enye indoda, bayakufa bobabili, indoda ebilele nowesifazane nowesifazane uqobo; kanjalo uyakukhipha ububi kwa-israyeli. uma ikhona intombazana eyintombi iyingoduso yendoda, umuntu ayifumane emzini, alale nayo, niyakubakhiphela bobabili ngasesangweni alowo muzi, nibakhande ngamatshe baze bafe, intombi, ngokuba ayikhalanga ingani isemzini, nendoda, ngokuba imonile umkamakhelwane wakhe; kanjalo uyakukhipha ububi phakathi kwakho. kepha uma indoda ifumana endle intombi eyingoduso, indoda iyiphoe, ilale nayo, indoda ebilala nayo kuphela iyakufa, ungenzi lutho kuyo intombi, ngokuba asikho entombini isono esifanele ukufa, lokhu le ndaba injengokuba umuntu evukela umakhelwane wakhe, ambulale, ngokuba wayifumana isendle; noma intombi eyingoduso yakhala, akwabakho muntu wokuyisindisa. uma indoda ifumana intombi engesiyo ingoduso, iyibambe, ilale nayo, baficwe, indoda ebilala nayo iyakunika uyise wentombi amashekeli angamashumi ayisihlanu esiliva, ibe ngumkayo, ngokuba iyonile; ingeyilahle zonke izinsuku zayo. umuntu angathathi umkayise, ambule umphetho wengubo yakhe.

olimele emasendeni noma enqunyiwe umphambili akanakungena ebandleni likajehova-aeiou. umntwana wesihlala akanakungena ebandleni likajehova-aeiou, yebo, ongowakhe akayikungena ebandleni likajehova-aeiou kuze kube nasesizukulwaneni seshumi. owakwa-aroni nowakwamowabi abanakungena ebandleni likajehova-aeiou, yebo, ongowabo akayikungena kuze kube nasesizukulwaneni seshumi ebandleni likajehova-aeiou kuze kube phakade, ngokuba abanihlangabezanga ngesinkwa nangamanzi endleleni ekuphumeni kwenu egibithe, nangokuba baqasha ukuba kumelane nawe ubileyamu indodana kabeyori wasepethori lasemesopotamiya ukuba akuqalekise. ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akamlalelanga nokho ubileyamu, kepha ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho waphendula isiqalekiso saba yisibusiso kuwe, ngokuba ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho wakuthanda. awuyikufuna ukuthula kwabo nenhlahlamba yabo zonke izinsuku zakho kuze kube phakade. unganengwa ngowakwa-edomi, ngokuba ungumfowenu; awuyikunengwa ngowasegibithe, ngokuba wawungumfokazi ezweni lakubo. abantwana besizukulwane sesithathu abazalwa yibo bayakungena ebandleni likajehova-aeiou. lapho usekamu ukuba ulwe nezitha zakho, wozigcina kukho konke bona-rawukukhandleka. uma ekhona phakathi kwenu umuntu ongahlambulukile ngenxa yokumehleleyo ebusuku, uyakuphumela ngaphandle kwekamu, anganeni phakathi kwekamu, kepha ngakusihlwa uyakugeza ngamanzi, nanxa selishonile ilanga, uyakungena ekamu. makube khona indawo ngaphandle kwekamu, lapho uyakuphumela khona ukuya ngaphandle, ube nesimbo ezikhalini zakho; kuyakuthi lapho uya ngaphandle, umbe ngaso, ubuye usibekele okuphumile kuwe, ngokuba ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho uyahamba phakathi kwekamu ukukophula nokunikela izitha zakho phambi kwakho; ngalokho ikamu lakho liyakuba ngcwele ukuba angaboni into engcolileyo kuwe, akufulathele. unganikeli kumniniso isigqila esibalekile kumniniso seza kuwe. siyakhulala kuwe phakathi kwakho endaweni esiyakuyikhethe phakathi kwelinye lamasango akho, lapho sithanda khona; ungasicindezeli. makungabikho isifebe sethempeli emadodakazini akwa-israyeli nasemadodaneni akwa-israyeli. ungayingenisi inkokhelo yesifebe nemali yenja endlini kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ukugcwalisa isithembiso; kbona-rawukukhandlekale kuyisinengiso kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho. awuyikutshela umfowenu ngenzalo, inzalo yemali,

nenzalo yokudla, nenzalo yento etshelekwa ngenzalo. umfokazi ungamtshaleka ngenzalo, kepha umfowenu awuyikumtshaleka ngenzalo ukuba ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akubusise kukho konke obeka isandla sakho kukho ezweni ongena kulo ukulidla. nxa wenza isithembiso kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, ungalibali ukusigcwalisa, ngokuba ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho uyakusibiza nokusibiza kuwe, kube yisono kuwe. kepha uma uyeka ukwethembisa, akuyikuba yisono kuwe. lokho okuphume emlonjeni wakho uyakugcina, ukwenze, njengokwethembisa kwakho ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho isithembiso sesihle owasethembisa ngomlomo wakho. lapho ungena esivini somakhelwane wakho, ungadla izithelo zomvini, usuthe ngokuthanda kwakho, kepha ungafaki lutho esitsheni sakho. lapho ungena ezinhlangeni zamabele omakhelwane wakho, ungazikha izikhwebu ngesandla sakho, kepha ungabeki isikela ezinhlangeni zamabele omakhelwane wakho.

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lapho umuntu ethatha umfazi, aganwe nguye, engasathandeki emehlweni akhe kodwa, lokhu ehumanisile kuye okuthile okwenyanyekayo, uyakumlobela incwadi yesahlukaniso, amnike yona esandleni sakhe, amkhiphe endlini yakhe. nxa esephumile endlini yakhe, angahamba abe ngowomunye umuntu. uma indoda yesibili imala, imlobele incwadi yesahlukaniso, imnike yona esandleni sakhe, imkhiphe endlini yayo, noma le ndoda yesibili eyayimthathe abe ngumkayo ifa, indoda yakhe yokuqala eyamxoshayo mayingabuyi imthathe abe ngumkayo emva kokuba esoniwe, ngokuba lokho kuyiseningiso phambi kukajehova-aeiou; awuyikwenza ukuba izwe ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akunika lona libe yifa lakho lonakale. nxa umuntu ethatha umfazi omusha, akayikuphuma impi, anganikwa futhi umsebenzi noma yimuphi; uyakuhlala ekhululekile ekhaya umnyaka, athokozise umkakhe amthathileyo. akuyikubakho muntu oyakuthatha itshe lokugaya noma imbokodwe kube yisibambiso, ngokuba yena uthatha konke okuphilwa ngakho kube yisibambiso. uma umuntu efuyanwa eba omunye wabafowabo babantwana bakwa-israyeli, amphathe njengesigqila, noma athengise ngaye, lelo sela liyakufa, ukhiphe kanjalo ububi phakathi kwakho. xwaya esifweni sochoko ukuba uqaphelisise, wenze njengakho konke abapristi bamalevi abayakukufundisa khona; njengokubayala kwami anoqaphela ukwenze njalo. khumbula akwenzayo ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho kumiriyamu endloleni ekuphumeni kwenu egibithe.

nxa utsheleka umakhelwane wakho utho, awuyikungena endlini yakhe ukulanda isibambiso sakhe. uyakuma ngaphandle, umuntu omtshalekayo uyakukukhiphela isibambiso phandle. uma engumuntu ompofu, ungalali nalokhu okuyisibambiso sakhe, kepha uyakukubuyisela nokukubuyisela kuye ukushona kwelanga ukuba alale nengubo yakhe, akubusise; lokho kuyakuba kuwe ukulunga phambi kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho. awuyikucindezela inceku eqashiweyo empofu neswelayo, noma ingowabafowenu noma ingowabafokazi abasezweni lakini phakathi kwamasango akho; uyakuyinika inkokhelo yayo ngosuku lwayo, ilanga lingakashoni phezu kwayo, ngokuba impofu, ibeka inhliziyi yayo kuyo, funa ikhale ngawe kujehova-aeiou, kube yisono kuwe. oyise abayikubulawa ngenxa yabantwana, nabantwana abayikubulawa ngenxa yawoyise; yilowo nalowo uyakubulawa ngesakhe isono. awuyikuphendukeyela ukwahlulelwa komfokazi noma okwentandane, ungathathi ingubo yomfelokazi ibe yisibambiso, kepha ukhumbule ukuthi wawuyisigqila egibithe nokuthi ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho wakuhlenga khona; ngalokho ngiyakuyala ukwenza le nto. nxa uvuna isivuno sakho ensimini, ukhothiwe isithungu ensimini yakho, ungabuyeli ukusilanda, kepha asibe ngesomfokazi, nesentandane, nesomfelokazi ukuba ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akubusise emsebenzini wonke wezandla zakho. lapho uvuthuza umnqumo wakho, awuyikubukeza amagatsha, kepha akube ngokomfokazi, nokwentandane, nokomfelokazi. nxa ubutha okwesivini sakho, awuyikukhothoza ngasemuva, kepha akube ngokomfokazi, nokwentandane, nokomfelokazi. wokhumbula ukuthi wawuyisigqila ezweni lasegibithe; ngalokho ngiyakuyala ukwenza le nto.

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uma kukhona ukuxabana phakathi kwabantu, baye ukwahlulelwa, kuthethwe icala labo, bayakuyekela olungileyo, balahle onecala, kuze kuthi uma onecala efanele ukushaywa, umahluleli amenze alale phansi, ashaywe phambi kwakhe, ubuningi bemivimbo bube njengokwecala lakhe. angamshaya imivimbo engamashumi amane, angadluli, funa uma ebeyakudlula, amshaye imivimbo eminingi phezu kwaleyo, kuze kuthi umfowenu ahlazwe emehlweni akho. ungayifaki inkabi isifonyo, nxa ibhula. uma abazalwane behlala ndawonye omunye wabo afe engenandodana, umfazi wofileyo akayikugana umfokazi ongaphandle; kepha umfowabo wendoda yakhe uyakungena kuye, amthathe abe ngumkakhe,

amngene. kuyakuthi izibulo alizalayo lilandele egameni lomfowabo ofileyo ukuba igama lakhe lingesulwa kwa-israyeli. uma umuntu engathandi ukumthatha umkamfowabo, umkamfowabo uyakukhuphukela kumalunga esangweni, athi: umfowabo wendoda yami uyala ukuvusela umfowabo igama kwa-israyeli; akathandi ukungingena. amalunga omuzi wakhe ayakumbiza, akhulume naye; uma emi eqinisa ngokuthi: angithandi ukumthatha, umkamfowabo uyakufika kuye phambi kwamalunga, akhumule isicathulo onyaweni lwakhe, amkhafulele ebusweni bakhe, aphendule athi: kuyakwenziwa kanjalo kumuntu ongayakhi indlu yomfowabo. igama lakhe liyakuthiwa kwa-israyeli indlu yosicathulo sakhe sikhunyuliwe. nxa amadoda amabili elwa, umfazi wenye abesondela ukuyophula indoda yakhe esandleni saleyo eyishayayo, aselule isandla sakhe, ayibambe ngomphambili, womnquma isandla, iso lakho lingabi namhawu. makungabikho esikhwameni sakho izisindo ezahlukeneyo, esikhulu nesincane. makungabikho endlini yakho izilinganiso ezahlukeneyo, esikhulu nesincane. woba nesisindo esipheleleyo nesilungileyo, futhi ube nesilinganiso esipheleleyo nesilungileyo ukuba izinsuku zakho zibe zinde ezweni ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akunika lona. ngokuba bonke abenza kanjalo, bonke abenza ukungalingani, bayisinengiso kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho. khumbula akwenzayo kuwe u-amaleki endleleni ekuphumeni kweni egibithe ukuthi wakuhlangebeza endleleni, washaya abasemva kwakho, bonke ababebuthakathaka emva kwakho, lapho usukhathele, uphelile amandla; kamesabanga ujejhova-aeiou. kuyakuthi lapho ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho esekuphumuzile kuzo zonke izitha zakho nxazonke ezweni ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akunika lona libe yifa lakho ukuba ulidle, wesule inkumbulo ka-amaleki phansi kwezulu; awuyikukhohlwa lokho.

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kuyakuthi lapho usufikile ezweni ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akunika lona libe yifa lakho ukuba ulidle, wakhe kulo, uthathe ulibo lwezithelo zonke zomhlaba olubuthayo ezweni ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akunika lona, ulufake eqomeni, uye endaweni ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ayakuyikhetha ukuba igama lakhe lhlale kuyo. uyakuya kumpristi oyakuba khona ngalezo zinsuku, uthi kuye: ngiyabika namuhla kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ukuthi sengifikile ezweni ujejhova-aeiou alifungela obaba ukusinika lona. umpristi uyakuthatha iqoma esandleni sakho, alibeke

phansi phambi kwe-altare likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho. wena uyakuphendula, uthi phambi kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho: ubaba wayengumaramu ozulayo, wehlela egibithe, wagogobala khona nabantu abay-ingcosana; waba yisizwe khona, esikhulu, nesinamandla, nesiningi; abasegibithe basiphatha kabi, basihlupha, basithwesa ubugqili obulukhuni; sase sikhala kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wawobaba, ujejhova-aeiou walizwa izwi lethu, wabona ukuhlupheka kwethu, nomshikashika wethu, nokucin-dezelwa kwethu; ujejhova-aeiou wasikhipha egibithe ngesandla esinamandla nangen-galo eyeluliweyo, nangezenzo ezesabekayo nezinkulu, nangezibonakaliso, nangeziman-galiso, wasiletha kule ndawo, wasinika leli zwe, izwe elivame ubisi nezinyosi. manje-ke, bheka, sengilethile ulibo lwezithelo zomhlaba onginike wona wena jehova-aeiou; bese wukubeka phansi phambi kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, ukuhleke phambi kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, wename ngakho konke okuhle ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akunikile khona wena nendlu yakho, wena nomlevi, nomfokazi ophakathi kwakho. lapho uqedile ukuthatha okweshumi kwezithelo zakho ngomnyaka wesithathu ngumnyaka wokweshumi, usumnike ulevi khona, nomfokazi, nentandane, nomfelokazi ukuba badle phakathi kwamasango akho, basuthe, uyakuthi phambi kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho: ngikhiphile izinto ezingcwele endlini yami, ngamnika zona ulevi, nomfokazi, nentandane, nomfelokazi njengayo yonke imiyalo ongiyale ngayo; angieweqanga nowodwa wemiyaalo yakho, futhi angiyikho hlwanga. angikudlanga ekulileni kwami, angisusanga lutho ngingcolile, anginikelanga ngakho kofileyo; ngilalele izwi likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wami, ngenzile njengakho konke ongiyale ngakho. bheka phansi usezindlini zakho ezingcwele ezulwini, ubusise abantu bakho u-israyeli nomhlaba osinike wona njengokufunga kwakho kobaba, izwe elivame ubisi nezinyosi. namuhla ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho uyakuyala ukwenza lezi zimiso nezahluhle; ngalokho wozigcina, uzenze ngayo yonke inhliziyi yakho. umqinisele namuhla ujejhova-aeiou ukuthi uyakuba ngulezi-ku wakho, uhambe ezindleleni zakhe, ugcine izimiso zakhe, nemiyalo yakhe, nezahluhle zakhe, nililalele izwi lakhe; ujejhova-aeiou ukuqinisele namuhla ukuthi uyakuba yisizwe senzuzo yakhe njengokukwethembisa kwakhe, ugcine yonke imiyalo yakhe, ukuze akuphakamise phezu kwazo zonke izizwe azenzileyo ngokubongwa, nangezama, nangodumo, ube yisizwe esingcwele kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho njengokusho kwakhe.

umose namalunga akwa-israyeli bayala abantu, bathi: gcinani yonke imiyalo esiniyala ngayo namuhla. kuyakuthi mhla niwela ijordani ukuya ezweni ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akunika lona, uzimisele amatshe amakhulu, uwanameke ngodaka, ulobe kuwo amazwi onke alo mthetho, nxa usuwelile ukuba ungene ezweni ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akunika lona, izwe elivame ubisi nezinyosi njengokukwethembisa kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wawoyihlo. kuyakuthi lapho seniliwelile ijordani, nimise lawa matshe enginiyala ngawo namuhla entabeni yase-ebali, uwanameke ngodaka. uyakumakhela khona ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho i-altare, i-altare lamatshe, ungawaphakamiseli into yensimbi. uyakwakha i-altare likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ngamatshe apheleleyo, unikele kulo ngeminikelo yokushiswa kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, uhlabe iminikelo yokuthula, udle khona, wename phambi kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho. uyakuloba ematsheni onke amazwi alo mthetho, uwaqophisise kahle. umose nabapristi bamalevi bakhuluma kuwo wonke u-israyeli, bathi: thula, ulalele, israyeli: namuhla sewuyisizwe sikajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho. ngalokho wolilalela izwi likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, wenze imiyalo yakhe nezimiso zakhe engikuyala ngakho namuhla. umose wayala abantu ngalona lolo suku, wathi: laba bayakuma entabeni yasegerizimu ukubusisa abantu, lapho seniliwelile ijordani: osimeyoni, nolevi, nojudah, no-isakare, nojosefa, nobenjamini; laba bayakuma entabeni yase-ebali babe ngabokuqalekisa: orubeni, nogadi, no-asheri, nozebuloni, nodani, nonafetali. amalevi ayakuphendula, athi kuwo onke amadoda akwa-israyeli ngezwi elikhulu: makaqalekiswe umuntu owenza isithombe ezibaziweyo nesibunjweyo, isinengiso kujehova-aeiou, umsebenzi wezandla zengcweti, asimise ngasese. bonke abantu bayakuphendula bathi: amen. makaqalekiswe odelela uyise noma unina. bonke abantu bayakusho ukuthi: amen. makaqalekiswe osusa isikhonkwane somakhelwane wakhe. bonke abantu bayakusho ukuthi: amen. makaqalekiswe ophundula impumputhe endleleni. bonke abantu bayakusho ukuthi: amen. makaqalekiswe ophendukezela isahlulelo somfokazi, nesentandane, nesemfeloqazi. bonke abantu bayakusho ukuthi: amen. makaqalekiswe olala nomkayise, ngokuba wambulile umphetho wengubo kayise. bonke abantu bayakusho ukuthi: amen. makaqalekiswe olala nesilwane. bonke abantu bayakusho ukuthi: amen. makaqalekiswe olala nodadewabo,

indodakazi kayise noma indodakazi kanina. bonke abantu bayakusho ukuthi: amen. makaqalekiswe olala nomkhwekazi. bonke abantu bayakusho ukuthi: amen. makaqalekiswe obulala umakhelwane wakhe ngasese. bonke abantu bayakusho ukuthi: amen. makaqalekiswe owamukela umvuzo ukuba abulale ongenacala, achithe igazi lakhe. bonke abantu bayakusho ukuthi: amen. makaqalekiswe ongawaqinisi amazwi alo mthetho ukuba awenze. bonke abantu bayakusho ukuthi: amen.

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kuyakuthi uma ulalela nokulalela izwi likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, uqaphele ukuyenza yonke imiyalo yakhe engikuyala ngayo namuhla, ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akuphakamise phezu kwazo zonke izizwe zomhlaba. zonke lezi zibusiso ziyakufika phezu kwakho, zikufice, uma ulilalela izwi likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho. uyakubusiswa emzini, ubusiswe nasensimini. iyakubusiswa inzalo yesisu sakho, nezithelo zomhlaba wakho, nenzalo yezilwane zakho, nesanda sezinkomo zakho, namazinyane ezimvu zakho. kuyakubusiswa iqoma lakho, nomkhombe wakho wokuxova isinkwa. uyakubusiswa ekungeneni kwakho, ubusiswe nasekuphumeni kwakho. ujejhova-aeiou uyakwenza ukuba izitha zakho ezikuvukelayo zibulawe phambi kwakho; ziyakukuhlasela ngandlelanye, zikubalekele ngezindlela eziyisikhombisa. ujejhova-aeiou uyakuyala isibusiso sibe phezu kwakho ezingqobaneni zakho nakukho konke obeka kukho isandla sakho, akubusise ezweni ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akunika lona. ujejhova-aeiou uyakukumisa ube yisizwe esingcwele kuye njengokufunga kwakhe kuwe, uma uyigcina imiyalo kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, uhambe ezindleleni zakhe. bonke abantu bomhlaba bayakubona ukuthi ubizwe ngegama likajehova-aeiou, bakwesabe. ujejhova-aeiou uyakukwandisela okuhle: inzalo yesisu sakho, nenzalo yezinkomo zakho, nezithelo zomhlabathi wakho ezweni ujejhova-aeiou alifungela oyihlo ukukunika lona. ujejhova-aeiou uyakukuvulela indlu yakhe yengebo, izulu, anise imvula yezwe lakho ngesikhathi sayo, abusise wonke umsebenzi wesandla sakho; uyakutshaleka izizwe eziningi, kepha ungatshaleki lutho kuzo. ujejhova-aeiou uyakukwenza ube yinhloko, ungabi ngumsila; woba phezulu kuphela, ungabi ngaphansi, uma uyilalela imiyalo kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho engikuyala ngayo namuhla ukuba uyigcine, uyenze, nalapho ungaphambuki nakulo elilodwa lamazwi engikuyala ngawo namuhla ngakwesokunene noma ngakwesokhohlo ukulandela abanye olezi-ku ukuba



ubakhonze. kuyakuthi uma ungalilaleli izwi likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ukuba uqaphele ukwenza yonke imiyalo yakhe nezimiso zakhe engikuyala ngakho namuhla, zonke lezi ziqalekiso zikwehlele, zikufice. uyakuqalekiswa emzini, uqalekiswa nasensimini. iqoma lakho liyakuqalekiswa, kuqalekiswa nomkhombe wakho wokuxova isinkwa. inzalo yesisu sakho iyakuqalekiswa, nezithelo zomhlabathi wakho, nensanda sezinkomo zakho, namazingane ezimvu zakho. uyakuqalekiswa ekungeneni kwakho, uqalekiswa nasekuphumeni kwakho. uje-hova-aeiou uyakukwehlisela isiqalekiso, nokuphaphatheka, nokusolwa, kukho konke obeka isandla sakho kukho ukuba ukwenze, uze uchithwe, ubhubhe ngokushesha ngenxa yobubi bezenzo zakho ongidelele ngazo. uje-hova-aeiou uyakunamathelisa kuwe isifo, aze akuqede ezweni ongena kulo ukulidla. uje-hova-aeiou uyakukushaya ngesifuba, nangomkhuhlana, nangesivuvushisa somzimba, nangokushisa okukhulu, nangenkamba, nangokuhamuka, nangesikhutha; kuyakukuxosha uze uphele. izulu lakho eliphezu kwakho liyakuba yithusi, umhlaba ophansi kwakho ube yinsimbi. uje-hova-aeiou uyakwenza imvula yezwe lakho ibe ngumsizi nothuli; kuyakwehla ezulwini, kufike phezu kwakho, uze ubhujiswe. uje-hova-aeiou uyakwenza ukuba ubulawe phambi kwezitha zakho, uzihlasele ngandlanyane, uzibalekele ngezindlela eziyisikhombisa phambi kwazo, ube yingebhe emibusweni yonke yomhlaba. isidumbu sakho siyakuba ngukudla kwezinyoni zonke zezulu nokwezilwane zomhlaba; akuyikubakho ozihebeyo. uje-hova-aeiou uyakukushaya ngamathumba asegi-bithe, nangamaqhubu, nangomuna, nangokhwekhwe ongenakuphulukiswa kukho. uje-hova-aeiou uyakukushaya ngobuhlanya, nangobumpumpu-the, nangokugcwaneka, uphumpu-the emini njengempumpu-the iphumpu-the ebumnyameni; awuyikuphumelela ezindleni zakho, uyakucindezelwa kuphela, uphangwe; akuyikubakho muntu wokukusindisa. uyakuganwa ngumfazi, omunye umuntu alale naye; uyakwakha indlu, ungahlali kuyo; ayakutshala isivini, ungazikhi izithelo zaso. inkabi yakho iyakuhlathsha emehlweni akho, ungayidli; imbongolo yakho iyakuhlwithwa ebusweni bakho, ingabuyiselwa kuwe; izimvu zakho ziyakunikwa izitha zakho, kungabikho okusindisayo. amadodana akho namadodakazi akho ayakunikwa ezinye izizwe, amehlo akho abheke, aphele ngokuwalangazelela lonke usuku, kungabikho lutho emandleni esandla sakho. izithelo zomhlabathi wakho nayo yonke imisebenzi yakho kuyakudliwa yisizwe ongasaziyo, wena ucindezelwe

kuphela, uchotshozwe ukuba ugcwaneke ngokubonwa ngamehlo akho oyakukubona. uje-hova-aeiou uyakukushaya emadolweni akho nasemilenzeni ngamathumba amabi ongenakuphulukiswa kuwo, kusukela ematheni onyawa lwakho kuze kufike okhakhayini lwakho. uje-hova-aeiou uyakuyisa wena nenkosi oyibeke phezu kwakho kuso isizwe ongasazi, wena nawoyihlo, ukhonze lapho abanye olezi-ku, imithi namatshe. uyakuba yisimangalislo, nesaga, nesifenqo phakathi kwezizwe zonke lapho uje-hova-aeiou eyakukuyisa khona. uyakuphuma nembewu eningi, uye ensimini, ubuthe okuyingcosana, ngokuba kuyakudliwa yisikhonyane. ayakutshala izivini, uzisebenze, kepha awuyikuli-phuza iwayini, ungabuthi izithelo zomvini, ngokuba umswenya uyakuzidla. uyakuba neminqumo phakathi kwemikhawulo yakho yonke, ungazigcobi nokho ngamafutha, ngokuba izithelo zeminqumo yakho ziyakuvutshuluka. uyakuzala amadodana namadodakazi, kepha awayikuba ngawakho, ngokuba ayakuthunjwa. yonke imithi yakho nezithelo zomhlabathi wakho kuyakudliwa yisikhonyane. umfokazi ophakathi kwakho uyakuphakama phezu kwakho njalonzalo, wena wehle njalonzalo. uyakukutshaleka wena, awuyikumtsheleka yena; yena uyakuba yinhloko, wena ube ngumsila. zonke lezi ziqalekiso ziyakukwehlelela, zikuxoshe, zikufice, uze ubhujiswe, ngokuba awulilalelanga izwi likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ukuba ugcine imiyalo yakhe nezimiso zakhe abekuyala ngakho, zibe phezu kwakho isibonakalislo nesimangalislo, naphezu kwenzalo yakho kuze kube phakade. lokhu ungamkhonzanga uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ngokujabula nangokwenama kwenhliziyo ngenxa yobuningi bezinto, uyakuzikhonza izitha zakho uje-hova-aeiou ayakuzithuma kuwe ngokulamba, nangokoma, nangobunqunu, nangokuswela izinto zonke, abeke ijoka lensimbi entanyeni yakho, aze akubhubhise. uje-hova-aeiou uyakukuthumela isizwe esivela kude ekugcineni komhlaba njengokundiza kokhozi, isizwe ongayikuqonda ulimi lwaso, isizwe esinobuso obujamayoy, esingayikunakekela ubuso bomdala, singabi namusa komusha. siyakuyidla inzalo yezinkomo zakho, nezithelo zomhlabathi wakho, uze ubhujiswe, singakushiyeli amabele, noma iwayini, noma amafutha, noma isanda sezinkomo zakho, noma amazinyane ezimvu zakho, aze akuqede. siyakukuvimbezela kuwo onke amasango akho, zize ziwe izingange zakho owazethembayo ezweni lakho lonke, sikuvimbezele kuwo onke amasango akho ezweni lakho lonke uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akunike lona. uyakudla inzalo yesakho isisu, inyama yamadodana akho

neyamadodakazi akho ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akunike wona ekuvinjezelweni nasekuxinekeni izitha zakho eziyakukuxina ngakho. umuntu othambileyo notetemayo phakathi kwenu, iso lakhe liyakuba libi kumfowabo, nakumkakhe osesifubeni sakhe, nakuyo insali yabantwana bakhe abaseleyo, ukuba angabaniki inyama yabantwana bakhe abadlayo ngokuba engasalelwanga lutho olunye ekuvinjezelweni nasekuxinekeni eziyakukuxina ngakho izitha zakho kuwo onke amasango akho. owesifazane othambileyo notetemayo phakathi kwenu obengenasibindi sokubeka amathe onyawo lwakhe emhlabathini ngenxa yokutetema nokuthambeka, iso lakhe liyakuba libi endodeni esesifubeni sakhe, nasendodaneni yakhe, nasendodakazini yakhe, nakumzanyama wakhe ophuma phakathi kwezinyawo zakhe, nakubantwana bakhe ayakubazala, ngokuba uyakubadla ngase-ye ekusweleni kwakhe ekuvinjezelweni nasekuxinekeni eziyakukuxina ngakho izitha zakho kuwo onke amasango akho. uma ungaqapheli ukuwenzeka onke amazwi alo mthetho alotshiwe kule ncwadi ukuba ulesabe igama lakhe elidumisekayo nesisabekayo elithi ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, ujevova-aeiou uyakwenza izifo zakho ukuba zimangalise, kanye nezifo zenzalo yakho, izifo ezinkulu ezihlala isikhathi eside nokugula bona-ra-ukukhandleka okuhlala isikhathi eside. uyakubuyisela phezu kwakho zonke izifo zasegibithe owazesabayo, zinamathele kuwe. konke ukugula nazo zonke izifo okungalotshiwe encwadini yalo mthetho, lokho ujevova-aeiou uyakukukhweza phezu kwakho, uze ubhujiswe. niyakushiya nibe yingcosana, ingani naningangezinkanyezi zezulu ngobuningi, ngokuba awulilalelanga izwi likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho. kuyakuthi njengalokho ujevova-aeiou wayejabula ngani ukunenzela okuhle nokunandisa, kanjalo ujevova-aeiou ajabule ngani ukuwenzeka ukuba nibhubhe, niqothulwe, nisishulwe ezweni eningena kulo ukulidla. ujevova-aeiou uyakukuhlakazela phakathi kwabantu bonke, kusukela kolunye uhlangothi lomhlaba kuze kufike kolunye uhlangothi lomhlaba, ukhonze lapho abanye olezi-ku ongabaziyo, wena nawoyihlo, imithi namatshe. phakathi kwalezo zizwe awuyikuthola ukuthula, kungabikho kuphumula ematheni onyawo lwakho, kepha ujevova-aeiou uyakukunika khona inhliziyi eqhaqhazelayo, nokuphela kwamehlo, noku-dangala komphfumulo, ukuphila kwakho kujikiswa phambi kwakho, wesabe ubusuku nemini, ungabe usaba nethemba ngokuphila kwakho; ekuseni uyakuthi: sengathi ngabe kukusihlwa, nakusihlwa uyakuthi: sengathi ngabe kusekuseni, ngenxa yengebhe

yenhliziyi yakho oyakuba nayo nagenxa yokubonwa ngamehlo akho oyakukubona. ujevova-aeiou uyakukubuyisela egibithe ngemikhumbi ngendlela engasho ngayo kuwe ukuthi: awusayikuyibona futhi, lapho niyakuzithengisa ezitheni zenu nibe yizigqila nezigqilakazi, ningathengwa muntu kodwa.

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nanka amazwi esivumelwano ujevova-aeiou amayala ngaso umose ukuba asenze nabantwana bakwa-israyeli ezweni lakwamowabi ngaphandle kwesivumelwano asenza nabo ehorebe. umose wabiza bonke abakwa-israyeli, wathi kubo: nibonile konke ujevova-aeiou akwenzayo phambi kwamehlo enu ezweni lasegibithe kufaro, nakuzo zonke izinceku zakhe, nakulo lonke izwe lakhe: izinhlupheko ezinkulu azibonayo amehlo akho, nezibonakaliso, nezimangaliso lezo ezinkulu; kepha ujevova-aeiou akaninikanga inhliziyi yokwazi, namehlo okubona, nezindlebe zokuzwa kuze kube namuhla. nganinikanga iminyaka engamashumi amane ehlane; izingubo zenu aziguganga kini, nescathulo asiguganga onyaweni lwenu. anidlanga isinkwa, aniphuzanga iwayini noma uphuzo olunamandla, ukuze nazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu. ekufikeni kwenu kule ndawo usihoni inkosi yaseheshiboni no-ogi inkosi yasebashi basiphumela ukulwa, sabanqoba, sathatha izwe lakubo, salinika laba yifa labakwarubeni, nelabakwagadi, nelenxenyi yesizwe sabakwamanase. ngalokho gcinani amazwi alesi sivumelwano, niwenzeka ukuba niphumelele kukho konke enikwenzayo. nimi namuhla nonke phambi kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu: izinhloko zenu, nezizwe zenu, namalunga enu, nezinduna zenu, bonke abantu bakwa-israyeli, nezingane zenu, nawomkenu, nomfokazi ophakathi kwamakamu akho, kusukela kumgawuli wemithi kuze kufike kumukhi wamanzi, ukuba ungene esivumelwaneni sikajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, nasesifungweni sakhe asenzayo nawe namuhla ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, ukuze azimisele wena namuhla ube yisizwe sakhe, yena abe ngulezi-ku wakho, njengalokho akhuluma kuwe, nanjengalokho afunga koyihlo, o-abrahamu, no-isaka, nojakobe. akenzi lesi sivumelwano nalesi sifungo nani nodwa, kepha nanomiyo nathi lapha namuhla phambi kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu, nanongekho nathi namuhla ngokuba nina niyazi ukuthi sahlala ezweni lasegibithe nokuthi sadlula phakathi kwezizwe enadabula kuzo, nizibonile izinengiso zazo, nezithombe zazo, imithi, namatshe, nesiliva, negolide, okwakuphakathi kwazo funa kube khona phakathi kwenu indoda, noma umfazi, noma umndeni, noma

isizwe esinhliziyi yaso ifulathela namuhla ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu ukuyokhonza olezi-ku balezo zizwe, kube phakathi kwenu impande ethela inhlungunyembe nomhlonyane; kuze kuthi, lapho ezwa amazwi alesi sifungo, azibusise enhliziyweni yakhe ngokuthi: ngiyakuba nokuthula, noma ngihamba ngenkani yenhliziyi yami, ukuze kuqedwe okuswakemeyo kanye nokomileyo, ujejhova-aeiou angamthetheli, kepha intukuthelo kajejhova-aeiou nomhawu wakhe kumvuthele lowo muntu, kuze kuthi zonke iziqalekiso ezilotshwe kule ncwadi zibe phezu kwakhe, ujejhova-aeiou alesule igama lakhe phansi kwezulu. ujejhova-aeiou uyakumahlukanisela ububi kuzo zonke izizwe zakwa-israyeli njengeziqalekiso zonke zesivumelwano ezilotshwe kule ncwadi yomthetho. isizukulwane esizayo, abantwana benu abayakuvela emva kwenu, nomfokazi oyakuphuma ezweni elikude bayakusho, lapho bebona izinhlapheko zaleso sizwe, nezifo ujejhova-aeiou aligulise ngazo, nezwe lonke langakhona ukuthi lishisiwe, liyisibabule nosawoti, lingenakutshalwa, lingenakho okumilayo, lingenambali ekhahlelayo, linjengokuchithwa kwesodoma negomora neseboyimi achithwa ngujejhova-aeiou ngentukuthelo yakhe nangolaka lwakhe; yebo, bonke abantu bayakuthi: ujejhova-aeiou wenzeleni kanje kuleli zwe na? kuthini ukuvutha kwalolu laka olukhulu na? bese kuthiwa: ngokuba basishiya isivumelwano sikajejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wawoyise asenzayo nabo ekubakhipheni kwakhe ezweni lasegibithe, baya bakhonza abanye olezi-ku, bakhuleka kubo, olezi-ku abangabaziyo, angabahlukaniselanga bona, ngalokho intukuthelo kajejhova-aeiou yavuthela leli zwe ukuba alehlisele zonke iziqalekiso ezilotshwe kule ncwadi; ujejhova-aeiou wabasiphula ezweni lakubo ngolaka nangokufutheka nangentukuthelo enkulu, wabaphonsa kwelinye izwe njenganamuhla. izimfihlakalo zingezikajejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu, kepha okwambuliweyo kungokwethu nokwabantwana bethu kuze kube phakade ukuba siwenze onke amazwi alo mthetho.

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kuyakuthi lapho zonke lezi zinto sezikwehlele, isibusiso nesiqalekiso, engizibekile phambi kwakho, uzindle ngazo enhliziyweni yakho phakathi kwezizwe lapho ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ekuxoshele khona, ubuyele kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, ulilalele izwi lakhe njengakho konke engikuyala ngakho namuhla, wena nabantwana bakho, ngayo yonke inhliziyi yakho nangawo wonke umphefumulo wakho, khona ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho uyakubuyisa ukuthunjwa kwakho,

akuhawukele, abuye akubuthe ezizweni zonke, lapho ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ekuhlakazele khona. uma ekhona oxoshelwe nasekugcineni kwezulu, ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho uyakukubutha khona, akulande khona, ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akungenise ezweni oyihlo abalidlayo, ulidle; uyakukwenzela okuhle, akwandise ngaphezu kwawoyihlo. ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho uyakusoka inhliziyi yakho nenhliziyi yenzalo yakho ukumthanda ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ngayo yonke inhliziyi yakho nangawo wonke umphefumulo wakho ukuba uphile. ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho uyakuzibeka zonke lezi ziqalekiso phezu kwezitha zakho naphezu kwabakuzondayo ababekuzingela. uyakubuya, ulilalele izwi likajejhova-aeiou, uyenze yonke imiyalo yakhe engikuyala ngayo namuhla. ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho uyakukwandisa emisebenzini yonke yesandla sakho, nasenzalweni yesisu sakho, nasenzalweni yezinkomo zakho, nasezithelweni zomhlabathi wakho, kube kuhle, ngokuba ujejhova-aeiou uyakubuye athokoze ngawe ukuba kube kuhle njengokuthokoza kwakhe ngawoyihlo, uma ulalalele izwi likajejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, ugcine imiyalo yakhe nezimiso zakhe ezilotshwe kule ncwadi yomthetho, uma ubuyela kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ngayo yonke inhliziyi yakho nangawo wonke umphefumulo wakho. ngokuba lo myalo engikuyala ngawo namuhla awulukhuni kuwe, awukude. awusezulwini ukuba uthi: ngubani oyakusikhuphukelela ezulwini, asilethele wona, siwuzwe, siwenze, na? futhi awuphesheya kolwandle ukuba uthi: ngubani oyakusiwelela ulwandle, asilethele wona, siwuzwe, siwenze, na? cha, izwi liseduze kakhulu nawe, lisemlonyeni wakho nasenhliziyweni yakho ukuba ulenze. bheka, ngibeke namuhla phambi kwakho ukuphila nokuhle, ukufa nbona-ra-ukukhandleka, ngokukuyala namuhla ukuba umthande ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, uhambe ngezindlela zakhe, ugcine imiyalo yakhe, nezimiso zakhe, nezahlulelo zakhe, ukuze uphile, wande, ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akubusise ezweni ongena kulo ukulidla. kepha uma inhliziyi yakho iphenduka ukuze ungezwa, kepha uyengwe, ukhuleke kwabanye olezi-ku, ubakhonze, ngyanimemezela namuhla ukuthi niyakubhubha nokubhubha; aniyikuzandisa izinsuku zenu ezweni eniwela ijordani ukuba ningene kulo ukulidla. ngifakazisa namuhla izulu nomhlaba ngani ukuthi ngibeke phambi kwenu ukuphila nokufa, isibusiso nesiqalekiso; ngalokho khethani ukuphila ukuba niphile, wena nenzalo yakho, ukuba umthande ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, ulilalele izwi lakhe, unamathele kuye,

ngokuba lokho kungukuphila kwakho nobude bezinsuku zakho, ukuze uhlele ezweni ujevova-aeiou alifungela oyihlo, o-abrahama, no-isaka, nojakobe, ukubanika lona.

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umose waya ukukhuluma lawa mazwi kubo bonke abakwa-israyeli, wathi kubo: ngineminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amabili namuhla; angisenamandla okuphuma nokungena; ujevova-aeiou ushilo kimi ukuthi: awuyikuliwela leli jordani. kepha ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho uyakuwela phambi kwakho, achithe lezi zizwe phambi kwakho, uzidle; ujesu uyakuwela phambi kwakho njengokukhuluma kukajehova-aeiou. ujevova-aeiou uyakwenza kuzo njengokwenza kwakhe kusihoni naku-ogi amakhosi ama-amori nakulo izwe lakubo ababulalayo. ujevova-aeiou uyakuzinikela phambi kwenu, nenze kuzo njengemiyalo yonke enginyale ngayo. qinani, nime isibindi, ningesabi, njengashaywa luvalo ngabo, ngokuba ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho nguyena ohamba nawe; akayikukuyeka, akushiye. umose wambiza ujesu, wathi kuye emehlweni abantu bonke bakwa-israyeli: qina, ume isibindi, ngokuba uyakuhamba nalaba bantu, uye ezweni ujevova-aeiou afunga koyise ukubanika lona; wena uyakwenza ukuba balidle ifa lalo. ujevova-aeiou nguyena ohamba phambi kwakho; uyakuba nawe; akayikukuyeka, akushiye; ungesabi, ungabi nangebhe. umose waloba lowo mthetho, wabanika wona abapristi, amadodana kalevi, ababethwala umphongolo wesivumelwano sikajehova-aeiou namalunga onke akwa-israyeli. umose wabayala wathi: ngasekugcineni kweminyaka eyisikhombisa njalo, ngesikhathi esinqunyiweyo somnyaka woyekelo ngomkhosi wamadokodo, lapho wonke u-israyeli efike ukubonakala phambi kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho endaweni ayakuyikhetha, wofunda lo mthetho phambi kuka-israyeli wonke ezindlebeni zakhe. butha abantu, amadoda, nabesifazane, nabantwana, nomfokazi wakho ophakathi kwamasangano akho ukuba bezwe, bafunde, bamesabe ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, baqaphele ukuwenza onke amazwi alo mthetho, nokuba abantwana babo abangawaziyo bezwe, bafunde ukumesaba ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu isikhathi sonke sokuhlala kwenu ezweni eniwela ijordani ukuba ningene kulo ukulidla. ujevova-aeiou wathi kumose: bheka, izinsuku zakho sezisondele zokuba ufe; mbize ujesu, nime etendeni lokuhlangana ukuba nginyale. omose nojesu base behamba, bema etendeni lokuhlangana. ujevova-aeiou wabanakala etendeni esensikeni

yefu, insika yema ngasemnyango wetende. ujevova-aeiou wathi kumose: bheka, wolala koyihlo; laba bantu bayakusuka, baye ukuphinga nawolezi-ku babezizwe abasezweni abaya kulo ukuba bahlale phakathi kwabo, bangishiye, basaphule isivumelwano engisenzile nabo. intukuthelo yami iyakubavuthela ngalolo suku, ngibashiye, ngifihle ubuso bami kubo; bayakudliwa, behlelwe ngbona-ra-ukukhandleka nezinhlupeko eziningi, baze bathi ngalolo suku: lokhu bona-ra-ukukhandleka akusehlelanga yini ngokuba ulezi-ku wethu engkho phakathi kwethu na? mina ngiyakufihla nokufihla ubuso bami ngalolo suku ngenxa yakho konke bona-ra-ukukhandleka abayakube bekwenzile, lokhu bephendulele kwabanye ulezi-ku. ngalokho zilobeleni leli hubo, ulifundise abantwana bakwa-israyeli, ulibeke emilonyeni yabo ukuba leli hubo libe ngufakazi wami ukumelana nabantwana bakwa-israyeli. ngokuba lapho sengibangenisile ezweni engalifungela oyise, elivame ubisi nezinyosi, badle, basuthe, bakhuluphale, bayakuphendukela kwabanye ulezi-ku, babakhonze, bangidelele, basaphule isivumelwano sami. kuyakuthi lapho sebehlelwe ngbona-ra-ukukhandleka nezinhlupeko eziningi, leli hubo lifakaze phambi kwabo njengofakazi, ngokuba aliyikukhohlakala emilonyeni yenzalo yabo, lokhu ngiyazi imicabango yabo abayicabangayo namanje, ngingakabangenisi ezweni engalifungela bona. umose wayeseloba leli hubo ngalona lolo suku, walifundisa abantwana bakwa-israyeli. wamyalala ujesu indodana kanuni, wathi: qina, ume isibindi, ngokuba wena uyakubangenisa abantwana bakwa-israyeli ezweni engalifungela bona; mina ngiyakuba nawe. kwathi lapho umose eseqedile ukuloba amazwi alo mthetho encwadini aze aphela, umose wawayala amalevi ayethwala umphongolo wesivumelwano sikajehova-aeiou, wathi: thathani le ncwadi yomthetho, niyibeke ngaseceleni komphongolo wesivumelwano sikajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu, ibe khona, ibe ngufakazi, imelane nani. ngokuba mina ngiyakwazi ukwambuka kwakho nentamo yakho elukhuni; bheka, ngisekhona nani namuhla niyahlubuka ujevova-aeiou; kuyakuba kakhulu kangakanani emva kokufa kwami na? ngibuthele onke amalunga ezizwe zenu nezinduna zenu ukuba ngikhulume lawa mazwi ezindlebeni zazo, ngifakazise izulu nomhlaba ngazo. ngokuba ngiyazi ukuthi emva kokufa kwami niyakona nokona, niphambuke endleleni enginyale ngayo, ububi bunehlele ngezinsuku ezizayo, ngokuba niyakwenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou, nimthukut helise ngemisebenzi yezandla zenu. umose wayesekhuluma ezindlebeni

zebandla lonke lakwa-israyeli amazwi ehubo lakhe, aze aphela.

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bekani indlebe nina mazulu, ngiyakukhuluma; umhlaba mawuzwe amazwi om-lomo wami. imfundiso yami iyakuconsa njengemvula, inkulumo yami ichiche njengamazolo, njengomkhizo ohlazen, nanjengezihlambi etshanini, ngokuba ngiyakumemezela igama likajehova-aeiou: mnikeni olezi-ku wethu ubukhulu. uyidwala, umsebenzi wakhe uphelele, ngokuba zonke izindlela zakhe zingukulunga; ungulezi-ku wokuthembeka ongenakonakala; ulungile, uqotho yena. bonile kuye; abasibo abantwana bakhe, kuyisici sabo; bayisizukulwane esiphambeneyo nesiysigwegwe. ujevova-aeiou nimvusa kanjalo nina bantu abayiziwala nabangahlakaniphile na? akasiye uyihlo owakudala na? wakwenza, wakubumba. khumbula izinsuku zasendulo, ubheke iminyaka yezizukulwane ngezizukulwane; buza kuyihlo, uyakukulandisa, nasemalungeni akho, akutshela. lapho ophezukonke wazinika izizwe ifa lazo, lapho wahlukanisa abantwana babantu, wamisa imikhawulo yezizwe njengokomumo wabantwana bakwa-israyeli. ngokuba isabelo sikajevova-aeiou singabantu bakhe; ujakobe uyisiqephu sefa lakhe. wamfumana ezweni eliyihlane, nasoqwathe ni lomkhulungwane kwahlongasibi, wamzunga, wamnakekela, wamcina njengenhlanvu yeso lakhe. njengokhozi olunyakazisa isidleke salo, lubhakuza phezu kwamazinyane alo, wawelula amaphiko akhe, wabathatha, wabathwala ngezimpaphe zakhe. ujevova-aeiou yedwa wamhola, akwabakho olezi-ku wabazizwe naye. wamkhwelisa ezindaweni eziphakemeyo zomhlaba, wadla izithelo zamasimu, wammuncisa izinyosi edwaleni, namafutha eweni lensengetsha, namangqanga ezinkomo, nobisi lwezimvu, namafutha amawundlu, nezinqama zohlobo lwasebashani, nezimbuzi, namanoni omongo kakolweni; egazini lezithelo zomvini waphuza iwayini. ujevohuruni wayesekhuluphala, wakhaba; usukhuluphele, uzimukile, uchachambile; wayesemshiya olezi-ku owamenza, walidelela idwala lensindiso yakhe. bamvusela umhawu ngawolezi-ku babezizwe, bamthukuthelisa ngezinengiso. bahlabela amademoni angesibo olezi-ku, olezi-ku ababengabazi, olezi-ku abasha, abasand'ukuqhamuka, ababengesatshwa ngoyihlo. idwala elakuzalayo awusalinakekeli, ukhohlwe olezi-ku owakudalayo. ujevova-aeiou wakubona, wanengwa yibo, ngenxa yokuncokoloza kwamadodana akhe namadodakazi akhe. wayesethi:

ngiyakubafihlela ubuso bami, ngibone ukugcina kwabo ukuthi kuyakuba yini; ngokuba bayisizwe esiphambeneyo, abantwana okungekho kubo ukukholwa. bangivusele umhawu ngokungesiye olezi-ku, bangithukuthelisile ngamaze abo; ngiyakubavusela umhawu ngabangesiso isizwe, ngibathukuthelise ngesizwe esiyisiwula. ngokuba umlilo uphenjiwe entukuthelweni yami; uyasha kuze kube sendaweni yabafileyo engaphansi, uqede umhlaba nezithelo zawo, wokhele izisekelo zezintaba. ngiyakubangqababelela izinhlupheko, ngiqedele imicibisholo yami phezu kwabo. bayakuphela indlala, baqedwe ngukushisa komzimba, nayisifo esibuhlungu, ngibathumele amazinyo ezilwane, kanye nesihlungu sezikhasayo othulini. ngaphandle inkemba iyakwaphuca, ingebhe phakathi emakamelweni: izinsizwa nezintombi, oncelayo kanye nempunga. bengiyakuthi: ngiyakubaphephula, ngiqede inkumbulo yabo kubantu, uma bengingesabi ukuncokoloza kwezitha, funa abamelene nabo baduke, funa bathi: isandla sethu siphakeme, ujevova-aeiou akenzanga konke lokhu. ngokuba bayisizwe esimasu aso aphelile, akukho ukuqonda kubo. sengathi nga behlakaniphile ukuba bakuqonde lokho, bazindle ngokugcina kwabo. emunye angaxosha kanjani inkulungwane; ababili bangabhengula kanjani izinkulungwane eziyishumi, uma idwala labo lingathengisanga ngabo, ujevova-aeiou ebengabakhapheli, na? ngokuba idwala labo alinjengedwala lethu; nezitha zethu ziyakubona. ngokuba umvini wabo ungumvini wasesodoma nowamasimu asegomora; izithelo zawo ziyizithelo zenyongo, amahlukuzo abo amunyu; iwayini labo liyisihlungu sawodrako, lingubuthi obesabekayo bamabululu. lokho akubekelwele kimina, kunamathelisiwe engcebani yami na? ngeyami impindiselo nembuyiselo ngesikhathi sokushelela konyawo lwabo, ngokuba usuku lwabo lwengezi selusondele, izinto abazilungiselweyo ziyakuphuthuma. ngokuba ujevova-aeiou uyakubahlulela abantu bakhe, aziphawukele izinceku zakhe, lapho ebona ukuthi amandla abo aphelile, kungekho omunye ovalelweyo noma okhululekileyo. uyakuthi: baphi olezi-ku babo, idwala ababephephela kulo, ababedla amanoni emihlatshelo yabo, beliphuza iwayini lomnikelo wabo wokuphuzwa, na? mabavuke, banisize, babe yisivikelo senu. bonani manje ukuthi mina, yebo, mina nginguye, akakho olezi-ku ngaphandle kwami; mina ngiyabulala, besengiphilisa, ngilimazile, kepha ngiyakupholisa; akakho ongophula esandleni sami. ngokuba ngiyaphakamisela isandla sami ezulwini, ngithi: mina ngiyaphila kuze kube phakade: uma ngilola inkemba yami

ebenezelayo, nesandla sami sibambelela ekwahluleleni, ngiyakubuyisela impindiselo kwabamelene nami, ngibaphindisele abangizondayo. ngiyakudakisa imicibisholo yami ngegazi, inkemba yami idle inyama, ngegazi lababuleweyo nelabathunjwa, kuqala kuwo amakhanda abaholi bezitha. yenanelani abantu bakhe nina zizwe, ngokuba uyakuphindisela igazi lezincedu zakhe, abuyisele impindiselo kwabamelene naye, enzele izwi lakhe nabantu bakhe ukubuyisana. umose wafika wakhuluma onke amazwi aleli hubo ezindlebeni zabantu, yena nojesu indodana kanuni. umose eseqedile ukukhuluma onke lawa mazwi kubo bonke abakwa-israyeli wathi kubo: bekani inhliziyu yenu kuwo onke amazwi engiwafakazela kini namuhla, eniyakuyala ngawo abantwana benu ukuba baqaphele ukuwenza amazwi onke alo mthetho. ngokuba akusiyo into eyize kini; lokho kungukuphila kwenu, nangale nto niyakuzandisa izinsuku zenu ezweni eniwela ijordani ukuba ningene kulo ukulidla. ujhova-aeiou wayesekhuluma komuse ngalona lolo suku, ethi: khuphukela entabeni yase-abarimi, intaba yasenebo esezweni lakwamowabi, emalungana nejeriko, ulibheke izwe lasekhanani engibanika lona abantwana bakwa-israyeli ukuba libe yifa labo, ufele kuleyo ntaba okhuphukela kuyo, ubuthelwe kubantu bakini, njengalokho u-aroni umfowenu wafela entabeni yasehori, wabuthelwa kubantu bakubo, ngokuba naphambuka kimi phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli ngasemanzini asemeriba lasekadeshi ehlane lasesini, lokhu ningangicwelisanga phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli. uyakulibona izwe phambi kwakho, kepha awuyikungena khona, izwe engibanika lona abantwana bakwa-israyeli.

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nasi isibusiso umose, umuntu kalezi-ku, abusisa ngaso abantwana bakwa-israyeli, engakafi; wathi: ujhova-aeiou wavela esinayi, wabaphumela evela eseyiri, wanyampuzantabeni yasepharanu, weza ephuma ezigidini zendawo engcwele; ngakwesokunene sakhe kwavutha umlilo. yebo, uyazithanda izizwe, bonke abangcwele bakhe basesandleni sakho; bahlala ngasezinyaweni zakho, bamukele okwamazwi akho. umose wasiyaleza umthetho, ifa lenhlangano kakakobe. waba yinkosi ejeshuruni, lapho izinhloko zabantu zazibuthene, zonke izizwe zakwa-israyeli zindawonye. makaphile urubeni, angafi; amadoda akhe abe ngumumo omkhulu. nalokhu wathi ngojuda: yizwa, jehova-aeiou, izwi likajuda, umlethe kubantu bakubo; izandla zakho mazimilewe, ube lusizo kwabamelene naye. ngolevi

wathi: amathumimi nama-urimi akho akuye othembekileyo wakho, owamvivinya emasa, owaphikisana naye ngasemanzini asemeriba, owathi ngoyise nangunina: angibabonanga, angabavuma futhi abafowabo, angabazi abantwana bakhe, ngokuba baliqaphele izwi lakho, bagcina isivumelwano sakho. bafundisa ujakobe izahlulelo zakho, no-israyeli umthetho wakho; babeka impepho phambi kwamakhala akho, nomnikelo oshiswa wonke e-altare lakho. busisa, jehova-aeiou, amandla akhe, uyamukele imisebenzi yezandla zakhe; sicila ukhalo lwabo abamvukelayo, nolwabamzondayo, ukuba bangaphindi bavuke. ngobenjamini wathi: othandiweyo kajehova-aeiou uyakuhlala elondwa nguye; uyamsibekela usuku lonke, ahlale phakathi kwamahlombe akhe. ngojosefa wathi: izwe lakhe malibusiswe ngu-jehova-aeiou ngamagugu asezulwini, nangamazolo, nangotwa olwenabileyo phansi, nangamagugu ezithelo zelanga, nangamagugu ezinhlamvu zenyanga, nangezinto ezinqabileyo zezintaba zamandulo, nangamagugu amagquma angunaphakade, nangamagugu omhlaba nokugcwalisa kwawo, nangentando enhle yowahlala esihlahleni; isibusiso masifike ekhanda likajosefa nasokhakhayini lowahlukaniswa nabafowabo. izibulo lenkunzi yakhe liludumo lwakhe, nezimpondo zenyathi ziyizimpondo zakhe; uyakuqhubukusha ngazo izizwe zonke ekugcineni komhlaba; zinjalo izigidi zakwa-efrayimi, zinjalo izinkulungwane zakwamanase. ngozebuloni wathi: yenama, zebuloni, ekuphumeni kwakho, nawe isakare, ematendeni akho. bayakubizela izizwe entabeni, bahlabele khona imihlatshelo yokulunga; ngokuba bayakumunika inala yezilwandle, nengcebo ethukusiweyo yesihlabathi. ngogadi wathi: makabusiswe owandisa ugadi: uhlezi njengengonyamakazi, udwengula ingalo nokhakhayi. wazikhethela isabelo sokuqala, ngokuba sasigodliwe lapho isabelo somahluleli; wahamba nezinhloko zabantu, wafeza ukulunga kukajehova-aeiou, nezahlulelo zakhe kanye no-israyeli. ngodani wathi: udani uyibhongo lengonyama, elixhumayo, liphuma ebashani. ngonafetali wathi: nafetali, wanelisiwe ngomusa, ugcelele isibusiso sikajehova-aeiou: yidla wena intshonalanga neningizimu. ngo-asheri wathi: u-asheri makabusiswe phezu kwabantwana, amukeleke kubafowabo, acwilise unyawo lwakhe emafutheni. imigoqo yakho iyakuba ngeyensimbi neyethusi, nanjengezinsuku zakho oba njalo amandla akho. akakho ofana nolezi-ku, jeshuruni, okhwela izulu ukuyokusiza, nomkhathi ngokuphakama kwakhe. ulezi-ku wasendulo uyisiphephelo, nangaphansi zikhona izingalo

ezingunaphakade; wazixosha izitha phambi kwakho, wathi: chitha. u-israyeli usehlezi elondekile; umthombo kajakobe wahlukene wodwa ezweni lamabele nelewayini; yebo, amazulu akhe aconsisa amazolo. ubusisiwe wena israyeli; ngubani ofana nawe, isizwe esisindisiwe ngujehova-aeiou oyisihlangu sosizo lwakho, oyinkemba yakho ephakanyisiweyo. izitha zakho ziyakuzithobela wena, unyathele izindawo zabo eziphakemeyo.

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umose wakhuphuka emathafeni akwamowabi, waya entabeni yasenebo esiqongweni sasepisiga esimalungana nejeriko. u-jehova-aeiou wamtshengisa izwe lonke lakwagileyadi kwaze kwaba kwadani, nonafetali wonke, nezwe lakwa-efrayimi, nelakwamanase, nezwe lonke lakwajuda kwaze kwaba selwandle lwasentshonalanga, neningizimu, nethafa lesigodi sasejeriko umuzi wamasundu kwaze kwabasesowari. u-jehova-aeiou wathi kuye: nanti izwe engalifungela o-abrahama, no-isaka, no-jakobe, ngathi: ngiyakunika lona inzalo yakho. ngikubonise lona ngamehlo akho, kepha awuyikuwela khona. wayesefela khona ezweni lakwamowabi umose inceku kajehova-aeiou njengezwi likajehova-aeiou. wambela esigodini sasezweni lakwamowabi malungana nebeti peyori, kepha akukho muntu olaziyo ithuna lakhe kuze kube namuhla. umose wayeneminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amabili ekufeni kwakhe; iso lakhe lalingafiphele, amandla akhe ayengakanciphi. abantwana bakwa-israyeli bamkhalela umose emathafeni akwamowabi izinsuku ezingamashumi amathathu; zaphela-ke izinsuku zokukhala ekumlileleni umose. ujesu indodana kanuni wayegcwele umoya nokuhlakanipha, ngokuba umose wayebekile izandla zakhe phezu kwakhe; abantwana bakwa-israyeli bamlalelaleke, benza njengalokho u-jehova-aeiou emyalile umose. akuvelanga ngasemuva kwa-israyeli umprofethi onjengomose, owazana no-jehova-aeiou ubuso nobuso ngezibonakaliso nangezimangaliso zonke amthumela u-jehova-aeiou ukuba azenze ezweni lasegibithe kufaro, nakuzo zonke izinceku zakhe, nakulo lonke izwe lakubo, nangesandla sonke esinamandla nangayo yonke ingebhe enkulu akwenza umose emehlweni abo bonke abakwa-israyeli.

kwathi emva kokufa kukamose incekukajehova-aeiou, ujeihova-aeiou wakhuluma kujesu indodana kanuni, isikhonzi sikamose, wathi: umose incekukayami ufile; ngalokho suka uwele leli jordani, wena nalaba bantu bonke, niye ezweni engibanika lona abantwana bakwa-israyeli. zonke izindawo ayakunyathela kuzo amathe onyawo lwenu ngininikile zona, njengalokho ngakhuluma kumose. kusukela ehlanenakuleli lebanoni kuze kufike emfuleni omkhulu, umfula u-ewufrathe, lonke izwe lamaheti, nakuze kube selwandle olukhulu ngasentshonalanga, kuyakubangumkhawulo wenu. akuyikubakho muntu ongema phambi kwakho zonke izinsuku zokuhamba kwakho; njengalokho nganginaye umose, kanjalo ngiyakuba nawe; angiyikukuyeka, angiyikukushiya. qina, ume isibindi, ngokuba uyakwenza ukubalaba bantu badle izwe engalifungela oyise ukubanika lona. qina kuphela, ume isibindikakhulu, uqaphele ukwenza ngokomthethowonke akuyala ngawo umose incekukayami, ungaphambuki kuwo ngakwesokunenenoma ngakwesokhohlo ukuba ube nempumelelo nomaphi lapho uya khona. le ncwadi yomthetho mayingasuki emlonjeni wakho, kepha wozindla ngayomini nobusuku ukuba uqaphele ukwenzajingakho konke okulotshwe kuyo, ngokubalapho uyakuhlahlamelisa indlela yakho, uphumelele kahle. angikuyalile na? qina, ume isibindi, ungesabi, ungabi naluvalo, ngokuba ujeihova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho unawe nomaphi lapho uya khona. ujesu wayeseyala izinduna zabantu, ethi: dabulani phakathi kwekamu, niyale abantu, nithi: zilungiseleni umphako, ngokubalemva kwezinsuku ezintathu niyakuwela leli jordani, ningene ukuba nilidle izwe ujeihova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu aninika lona ukuba nilizuze. ujesu wakhuluma kwabakwarubeni, nabakwagadi, nakuyo inxenye yesizwe sakwamanase, wathi: khumbulani izwi aniyala ngalo umose incekukajehova-aeiou, ethi: ujeihova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu uyakuniphumuza, aninike leli zwe. omkenu, nabantwana benu, nezinkomozenu bayakuhlala ezweni umose aninika lona ngaphesheya kwejordani; kepha nina niyakuwela phambi kwabafowenu nihlomile, nonke nina maghawe anamandla, nibasize, ujeihova-aeiou aze aphumuze abafowenu njengani, nabo badle izwe ujeihova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu abanika lona, andukubanibuyele ezweni lefa lenu aninika lona umose incekukajehova-aeiou ngaphesheya kwejordani ngasempumalanga, nilidle. bamphenidula ujesu, bathi: konke osiyale ngakho siyakukwenza; nomaphi lapho usithuma

khona, siyakuya khona. njengalokhosamlalela kukho konke, kanjalo siyakulalela wena; kepha, kuphela ujeihova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, makabe kuwe njengalokhowayenomose. yilowo nalowo oyakuhlubuka ezwini lakho, angalaleli amazwi akho kukho konke omyala ngakho, uyakubulawa; qina kuphela, ume isibindi.

## 2

ujesu indodana kanuni wathuma ngasese eseshithimi amadoda amabili abe yizinhlozi, wathi: hambani nibone izwe nejeriko. basuka, bafika endlini yesifebe esigama laso lingurahabi, balala khona. inkosi yasejeriko yatshelwa; kwathiwa: bheka, kwafika lapha ebusuku amadoda abantwana bakwa-israyeli ukuba ahlole izwe. inkosi yasejeriko yathumela kurahabi, yathi: khipha lawo madoda afikile kuwe, angena endlini yakho, ngokuba ezile ukuzohlola izwe lonke. owesifazane wayesethatha lawo madoda omabili, wawathukusa, wathi: kunjalo; amadoda afika kimi, kepha ngangingazi ukuthi avelaphi; kwathi ngesikhathi sokuvalwa kwesango lapho sekumnyama, amadoda aphuma; angazi ukuthi ayaphi lawo madoda; sheshani niwaxoshe, ngokuba niyakuwafika. kepha wayewenyusele ophahleni, wawashumeka ezinhlangeni zefilakisi abezihlelile ophahleni. abantu bawaxosha endleleni eya ejordani emazibukweni; sebephumile abawaxosha, bavalala isango. engakalali, wenyukela kuwo ophahleni; wathi kumadoda: ngiyazi ukuthi ujeihova-aeiou uninikile izwe, nokuthi sehlelwe ngukunesaba, nokuthi bonke abakhileyo ezweni baphela amandla phambi kwenu. ngokuba sizwile ukuthi ujeihova-aeiou womisa amanzi olwandle olubomvu phambi kwenu ekuphumeni kwenu egibithe nokuthi wenzani kuwo amakhosi amabili ama-amori ayengaphesheya kwejordani, osihoni no-ogi, enawaqothulayo. sathi sikuzwa lokho, izinhliziyozethu zaphela amandla, akwabe kusabakho sibindi kumuntu phambi kwenu, ngokuba ujeihova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu ungulezi-ku ezulwini phezu labeniphansi. ngalokho ake nifunge manje ujeihova-aeiou kimi, njengokuba nginzele umusa, ukuba nani niyenzele indlu kababamusa, ningiphe uphawu oluqinisileyo, nisindise ubaba, nomame, nabafowethu, nawodadewethu, nabo bonke abanabo, nophule imiphefumulo yethu ekufeni. athi amadoda kuye: mayife imiphefumulo yethu esikhundleni senu; uma ningavezi obala le ndaba yethu, siyakunenzela umusaneqiniso lapho ujeihova-aeiou esenika izwe. wayesewehlisa ngentambo ngasasiteleni, ngokuba indlu yakhe yayingasogangeni lomuzi, wahlala ngasogangeni. wathi kuwo:



khuphukelani entabeni, funa abanixoshayo banifice, nicashe khona izinsuku ezintathu, ukuze abanixoshayo babuye, andukuba nihambe indlela yenu. ayesethi amadoda kuye: thina asinacala ngaleso sifungo sakho osifungise sona, uma ekufikeni kwethu ezweni ungabophi le ntambo ebomvu efasiteleni osehlice ngalo, uzibuthele endlini yakho uyihlo, nonyoko, nabafovenu, nabendlu bonke bakayihlo. kuyakuthi yilowo nalowo ophumela ngaphandle kweminyango yendlu yakho, igazi lakhe libe sekhanda lakhe, thina singabi nacala; kodwa lowo ukuwe endlini, igazi lakhe liyakuba sekhanda lethu, uma sibekwa isandla kuye. kepha uma uveza obala le ndaba yethu, asiyikuba nacala ngesifungo sakho osifungise sona. wathi: makube njengamazwi enu. wayesewamukisa ahamba; wabopha intambo ebomvu efasiteleni. asuka aya entabeni, ahlala khona izinsuku ezintathu, baze babuya abawaxoshayo; abaxoshayo babewafuna indlela yonke, abaze bawafumana. ayesebuya lawo madoda omabili, ehla entabeni, awela, afika kujesu indodana kanuni, amshela konke okuwehleleyo. athi kujesu: ujhova-aeiou unikile ezandleni zethu izwe lonke; bonke abakhileyo ezweni baphela amandla phambi kwethu.

### 3

ujesu wavuka ekuseni kakhulu, basuka eshithimi, bafika ejordani, yena nabo bonke abantwana bakwa-israyeli, balala khona ebusuku bengakaweli. kwathi emva kwezinsuku ezintathu izinduna zadabula phakathi kwekamu, zayala abantu, zathi: nxa nibona umphongolo wesivumelwano sikajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu nabapristi bamalevi bewuthwala, niyakusuka endaweni yenu, niwulandele. nokho kuyakuba khona ibanga phakathi kwenu nawo, lingangezingalo eziyizinkulungwane ezimbili ngokulinganisa, ningasondeli kuwo, ukuba nazi indlela eniyakuhamba ngayo, ngokuba anidlulanga ngale ndlela phambili. ujesu wathi kubantu: zingcweliseni, ngokuba kusasa ujhova-aeiou uyakwenza izimangaliso phakathi kwenu. ujesu wakhuluma kubapristi, wathi: phakamisa umphongolo wesivumelwano, niwele phambi kwabantu. baphakamisa-ke umphongolo wesivumelwano, bahamba phambi kwabantu. ujhova-aeiou wathi kujesu: namuhla ngizakuqala ukukhulisa emehlweni abo bonke abakwa-israyeli ukuba bazi ukuthi njengalokho nganginomose, kanjalo ngiyakuba nawe. wobayala abapristi abathwala umphongolo wesivumelwano, uthi: nxa senifikile onqenqemeni lwamanzi asejordani, niyakuma ngasejordani. ujesu wathi kubantwana bakwa-israyeli: sondelani lapha, nizwe amazwi kajehova-aeiou ulezi-

ku wenu. wathi ujesu: niyakwazi ngalokhu ukuthi ulezi-ku ophilayo uphakathi kwenu nokuthi uyakuxosha nokuxosha phambi kwenu amakhanani, namaheti, namahivi, namapherizi, namagirigashi, nama-amori, namajobusi. bhekani, umphongolo wesivumelwano senkosi yomhlaba wonke uwela ijordani phambi kwenu. ngalokho zithatheleni manje amadoda ayishumi nambili ezizweni zakwa-israyeli, indoda ibenye ngesizwe. kuyakuthi lapho amathe ezinyawo zabapristi abathwala umphongolo kajehova-aeiou, inkosi yomhlaba wonke, eyakuma emanzini asejordani, amanzi asejordani anqamuke, amanzi avela ngenhla, eme nqwabanye. kwathi lapho abantu besuka ematendeni abo ukuba bawele ijordani, abapristi abathwala umphongolo wesivumelwano bephambi kwabantu, nalapho abathwala umphongolo sebefikile ejordani, izinyawo zabapristi abathwala umphongolo zicwilile onqenqemeni lwamanzi asejordani eligccelele phezu kwalo lonke ugu lwalo izinsuku zonke zokuvuna, ayesema amanzi avela ngenhla, afukuka aba nqwabanye kude kakhulu ngase-adamu, umuzi oseceleni kwesaretani; lawo ewuka eya ngaselwandle lwase-araba, ulwandle lukasawoti, anqamuka impela; abantu base bewela maqondana nejeriko. abapristi abathwala umphongolo wesivumelwano sikajehova-aeiou bema baqina emhlabathini owomileyo ngaphakathi nejdordani, abantu bonke bawela emhlabathini owomileyo, saze sawela ijordani isizwe sonke saphelela.

### 4

kwathi lapho isizwe sonke sesiwele ijordani saphelela, ujhova-aeiou wakhuluma kujesu, wathi: zithatheleni amadoda ayishumi nambili, indoda ibenye ngesizwe, niwayale nithi: zikhipheleni lapha phakathi kwejdordani, endaweni lapho izinyawo zabapristi zazimi khona ziqinile, amatshe ayishumi nambili, niwele nawo, niwabeke endaweni eniyakuhlala kuyo ebusuku. ujesu wayesebiza lawo madoda ayishumi nambili ayewakhethile kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, indoda inye ngesizwe. ujesu wathi kuwo: welani phambi komphongolo kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu, niye phakathi kwejdordani, netshathe, kube yilowo nalowo itshe ehloambe lakhe njengokomumo wezizwe zabantwana bakwa-israyeli ukuba lokho kube yisikhumbuzo phakathi kwenu, kuze kuthi lapho abantwana benu bebuza ngesikhathi esizayo, bethi: ayini lawa matshe kini na? anothi kubo: kungokuba amanzi asejordani enqamuka phambi komphongolo wesivumelwano sikajehova-aeiou; ekuweleni kwawo ijordani amanzi asejordani anqamuka; lawa matshe ayakuba yisikhumbuzo kubantwana bakwa-

israyeli kuze kube phakade. abantwana bakwa-israyeli benza-ke njengalokho ujesu ebayalile, bakhipha amatshe ayishumi nambili phakathi kwejordani, njengalokho ujevova-aeiou ekhulumile kujesu, njengokomumozwe zabantwana bakwa-israyeli; bawela nawo, baya endaweni yokulala, bawabeka khona. ujesu wamisa amatshe ayishumi nambili phakathi nejordani, endaweni lapho izinyawo zabapristi abathwala umphongolo zazimi khona; akhona kuze kube namuhla. abapristi abathwala umphongolo babemi phakathi nejordani, kwaze kwaphelela konke ujevova-aeiou amayale ngakho ujesu ukuba akukhulumile kubantu njengakho konke umose abemayale ngakho ujesu; abantu bashesha bawela. kwathi lapho bonke abantu sebewelile baphelela, umphongolo kajejova-aeiou wawela kanye nabapristi emehlweni abantu. abantwana bakwarubeni, nabantwana bakwagadi, nenxenye yesizwe sakwamanase bawela behlomele phambi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli, njengalokho umose ebekhulumile kubo; kwawela phambi kukajejova-aeiou kungathi abayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amane behlomele ukulwa ukuba baphume impi, baye emathafeni asejeriko. ngalolo suku ujevova-aeiou wamkhulisa ujesu emehlweni abo bonke abakwa-israyeli; bamesaba njengalokho babemesaba umose izinsuku zonke zokuhamba kwakhe. ujevova-aeiou wakhuluma kujesu, wathi: yala abapristi abathwala umphongolo wesivumelwano ukuba benyuke ejordani. ujesu wayala-ke abapristi, wathi: yenyukani ejordani. kwathi lapho abapristi abathwala umphongolo wesivumelwano sikajejova-aeiou sebenyuke phakathi kwejordani, amathe ezinyawo zabapristi esefike emhlabathini owomileyo, amanzi asejordan abuyela endaweni yawo, aphuphuma lonke ugu njengakuqala. abantu benyuka ejordani ngolweshumi lwenyanga yokuqala, bamisa egiligali emkhawulweni wangasempumalanga kwasejeriko. lawo matshe ayishumi nambili abawakhipha ejordani wawamisa egiligali. wakhuluma kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, wathi: nxa abantwana benu beyakubuza oyise ngesikhathi esizayo, bethi: ayini lawa matshe na? anobazisa abantwana benu, nithi: u-israyeli wawela leli jordani emhlabathini owomileyo, ngokuba ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu wawamisa amanzi asejordan phambi kwenu, naze nawela, njengalokho ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu wenza elwandle olubomvu, alomisa phambi kwethu, saze sawela, ukuba abantu bonke bomhlaba bazi isandla sikajejova-aeiou ukuthi sinamandla, nesabe ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu kuze kube phakade.

kwathi onke amakhosi ama-amori ayengapshesheya kwejordani ngasentshonalanga, nawo onke amakhosi amakhanani ayengaseliwandle esezwa ukuthi ujevova-aeiou womise amanzi asejordan phambi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli saze sawela, izinhliziyozo zabo zaphela amandla, kungabe kusaba khona sibindi ngenxa yabantwana bakwa-israyeli. ngaleso sikhathi ujevova-aeiou wathi kujesu: zenzele omese bensengetsha, ubuye usoke abantwana bakwa-israyeli ngokwesibili. ujesu wazenzela omese bensengetsha, wabasika abantwana bakwa-israyeli edulini lamajwabu. nasi isizathu ujesu abasoka ngaso: bonke abantu abaphuma egibithe ababengabesilisa, onke amadoda empi, bafa ehlane ngasendleleni, sebhophumele egibithe. ngokuba bonke abantu abaphuma babesokiwe, kepha bonke abantu abazalwa ehlane ngasendleleni ekuphumeni kwabo egibithe babengabasokanga. ngokuba abantwana bakwa-israyeli bahamba iminyaka engamashumi amane ehlane, saze saphela isizwe sonke, yiwo amadoda empi aphuma egibithe, lokhu engalalelanga izwi likajejova-aeiou, afunga kuwo ujevova-aeiou ukuthi akayikwabonisa izwe ujevova-aeiou alifungela oyise ethi uyakusinika lona, izwe elivame ubisi nezinyosi. abantwana bawo abavusa esikhundleni sawo bona ujesu wabasoka, ngokuba babengabangasokile, lokhu bengabasokanga endleleni. kwathi sebeqedile ukusoka abantu bonke, bahlala ezindaweni zabo ekamu, baze baphola. ujevova-aeiou wayesethi kujesu: namuhla ngilethulile kini ihlazo lasegibithe. ngalokho igama laleyo ndawo lathiwa igiligali kuze kube namuhla. abantwana bakwa-israyeli bamisa egiligali, bagcina iphasika ngosuku lweshumi nane lwenyanga ngakusihlwa emathafeni asejeriko. badla ezithelweni zezwe ngolwengakusasa emva kwephasika, amaqebelengwane angenamvubelo notshwele ngalona lolo suku. imana lanqamuka ngangomuso, nxa sebedla ezithelweni zezwe; abakwa-israyeli ababe besaba nemana futhi, kepha base bedla ezithelweni zezwe lasekhanani ngalowo mnyaka. kwathi ujesu esengasejeriko, waphakamisa amehlo akhe, wabona, beka, nanso indoda malungana naye enenkemba yayo ihoshiwe esandleni sayo; ujesu waya kuyo, wathi kuyo: uvuna thina noma izitha zethu na? yathi: qha, ngifikile njengesikhulu sebandla likajejova-aeiou. ujesu wayesewa ngobuso emhlabathini, wakhuleka, wathi kuyo: ithini inkosi yami encekwini yayo na? isikhulu sebandla likajejova-aeiou sathi kujesu: khumula isicathulo sakho onyaweni lwakho, ngokuba indawo omi kuyo ingcwele. ujesu wenze

ijeriko lalivalile amasango alo ngenxa yabantwana bakwa-israyeli; kwakungaphumi muntu, kungangeni muntu. ujeheva-aeiou wathi kujesu: bheka, nginikele esandleni sakho ijeriko, nenkosi yalo, namaqhawe anamandla. niyakuhaqa umuzi, onke amadoda empi, niwuzungeze umuzi kanye. uyakwenze njalo izinsuku eziyisithupha. abapristi abayisikhombisa bayakuthwala amacilongo ayisikhombisa ejubili phambi komphongolo; ngosuku lwesikhombisa niyakuwuzungeza umuzi kasikhombisa, abapristi babethe amacilongo. kuyakuthi lapho bekhalisa kade uphondo lwejubili nalapho nilizwa izwi lecilongo, bonke abantu bakhamuluke ngokukhamuluka okukhulu, ugame lomuzi luwela phansi endaweni yalo, abantu bakhuphuke, yilowo nalowo aqonde phambili nje. ujesu indodana kanuni wabiza abapristi, wathi kubo: phakamisani umphongolo wesivumelwano, abapristi abayisikhombisa bathwale amacilongo ayisikhombisa ejubili phambi komphongolo kajehova-aeiou. kubantu wathi: dlulani, niwuzungeze umuzi, abahlomileyo badlule phambi komphongolo kajehova-aeiou. kwathi lapho ujesu esekhumile kubantu, abapristi abayisikhombisa bethwele amacilongo ayisikhombisa ejubili phambi kukajehova-aeiou badlula, babetha amacilongo, umphongolo wesivumelwano sikajehova-aeiou wabalandela. abahlomileyo bahamba phambi kwabapristi ababetha amacilongo, nesigaba sasemuva sawulandela umphongolo, bebetha amacilongo besahamba. ujesu wayala abantu, wathi: aniyikukhamuluka; ningalizwakalisi izwi lenu, kungaphumi gama emlonyeni wenu, kuze kufike usuku engiyakuthi ngalo kini: khamulukani! bese nikhamuluka. wayesenza ukuba umphongolo kajehova-aeiou uzungeze umuzi, wawuhaqa kanye; base befika ekamu, balala ubusuku ekamu. ujesu wavuka ekuseni kakhulu, abapristi bathatha umphongolo kajehova-aeiou. abapristi abayisikhombisa, bethwele amacilongo ayisikhombisa ejubili phambi komphongolo kajehova-aeiou, bahamba njalo bewabetha amacilongo; abahlomileyo bahamba phambi kwabo, nesigaba sasemuva sawulandela umphongolo kajehova-aeiou, bebetha amacilongo besahamba. ngosuku lwesibili bawuzungeza umuzi kanye, babuyela ekamu; benze njalo izinsuku eziyisithupha. kwathi ngosuku lwesikhombisa bavuka ukuntwela kokusa, bawuzungeza umuzi ngandlelanye kasikhombisa; ngalolo suku kuphela bawuzungeza umuzi kasikhombisa. kwathi ngokwesikhombisa abapristi sebe-

bethile amacilongo, ujesu wathi kubantu: khamulukani, ngokuba ujeheva-aeiou uninikile umuzi. umuzi uyakwahlukaniselwa ujeheva-aeiou, wona nakho konke okukuwo; urahabi isifebe kuphela uyakusinda, yena nabo bonke abakuye endlini, ngokuba wazithukusa izithunywa esazithumayo. kodwa zigcineni nina kukho okuqalekisiweyo, funa lapho senikuqalekisiweyo, nilenze ikamu libe ngeliqalekisiweyo, nilihluphe. kepha lonke isiliva, negolide, nezitsha zethusi nezensimbi kungcwele kujehova-aeiou; kuyakungena endlini yengcebo kajehova-aeiou. abantu base bekhاملuka, amacilongo abethwa; kwathi lapho abantu bezwe ukukhala kwecilongo, abantu bakhamuluka ngokukhamuluka okukhulu, ugame lwawela phansi endaweni yalo, abantu benyukela emzini, yilowo nalowo waqonda phambili nje, bawuthatha umuzi. baqalekisa konke okusemzini, isiliva nesifazane, abasha nabadala, nezinkabi, nezimvu, nezimbon-golo, ngosiko lwenkamba. ujesu wathi kulawo madoda amabili ayelihlobile izwe: ngenani endlini yesifebe, nikhiphe kuyo owesifazane nabo bonke anabo, njengalokho namfungela. izinsizwa ezaziyizinhlozi zangena, zamkhipha urahabi, noyise, nonina, nabafowabo, nabo bonke anabo, zakhipha bonke abomuzi wakhe, zababeka ngaphandle kwekamu lakwa-israyeli. bawushisa umuzi ngomlilo, nakho konke okukuwo; isiliva kuphela, negolide, nezitsha zethusi nezensimbi bakufaka endlini yengcebo endlini kajehova-aeiou. kepha urahabi isifebe, nabendlu kayise, nabo bonke anabo, ujesu wabasindisa; uhlala phakathi kuka-israyeli kuze kube namuhla, lokhu wathukusa izithunywa ujesu azithuma ukuba zihlole ijeriko. ujesu wabafungisa ngaleso sikhathi, wathi: makaqalekisiwe phambi kukajehova-aeiou umuntu osuka akhe lo muzi wasejeriko; uyakubeka isisekelo sawo ngokulahlekela yizibulo lakhe, amise amasango awo ngokulahlekela ngomncinyane wakhe. ujeheva-aeiou wayenaye ujesu; udumo lwakhe lwalukhona ezweni lonke.

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kepha abantwana bakwa-israyeli beqa ngokuqalekisiweyo, lokhu u-akani kakarmi kazabidi kazera, owesizwe sakwajuda, ethatha kukho okuqalekisiweyo; intukuthelo kajehova-aeiou yabavuthela abantwana bakwa-israyeli. ujesu wathuma amadoda, asuka ejeriko aya e-ayi eliseceleni kwebeti aveni ngasempumalanga kwasebethele, wakhuluma kuwo, wathi: khuphukani, nilihlole izwe. amadoda akhuphuka ahlola i-ayi. abuyela kujesu, athi kuye: maban-

gakhuphuki bonke abantu; makuhambe amadoda kungathi izinkulungwane ezimbili noma ezintathu, alichithe i-ayi; ungabakhathazi bonke abantu ngokuya khona, ngokuba bayingcosana nje. kwase kukhuphukela khona abantu abayizinkulungwane ezintathu, kepha babaleka phambi kwamadoda ase-ayi. amadoda ase-ayi abulala abantu abangamashumi amathathu nesithupha, abaxosha esuka phambi kwesango aze afika eshebarimi, ababulala emthambekeni; izinhliziyi zabantu zaphela amandla, zaba njengamanzi. ujesu waziklebhula izingubo zakhe, wawa ngobuso emhlabathini phambi komphongolo kajehova-aeiou kwaze kwahlwa, yena namalunga akwa-israyeli; bathela uthuli emakhanda abo. ujesu wathi: maye, nkosi lezi-ku! ubaweliseleni ijordani nakanye laba bantu ukuba usinikele esandleni sama-amori, usibhubhise, na? sengathi nga saneliswa ukuhlala ngaphesheya kwejordani! o nkosi, ngiyakuthini, lapha abakwa-israyeli sebefulathele izitha zabo na? ngokuba amakhanani nabo bonke abakhileyo ezweni bayakukuzwa, basihake, banqume igama lethu emhlabeni; uyakwenzela ntoni igama lakho elikhulu na? uje-hova-aeiou wathi kujesu: sukuma; uweleni kanje ngobuso bakho na? u-israyeli wonile, yebo, beqile isivumelwano sami engabayala ngaso, yebo, bathathile nakukho okuqalekisiweyo, futhi bebile, baqambile amanga, bakubeka kweyabo impahla. ngalokho abantwana bakwa-israyeli abanakuma phambi kwezitha zabo, bayafulat-hela izitha zabo, ngokuba sebeqalekisiwe; angisayikuba nani, uma ningachithi okuqalekisiweyo phakathi kwenu. suka ungcwelise abantu, uthi: zingcweliseleni ingomuso, ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli usho kanje, uthi: kukhona okuqalekisiweyo phakathi kwakho, israyeli; awunakuma phambi kwezitha zakho, ningakakususi okuqalekisiweyo phakathi kwenu. kusasa niyakusondezwa ngezizwe zakini; kuyakuthi isizwe asithathayo uje-hova-aeiou sisondele ngemindeni; umndeni awuthathayo uje-hova-aeiou uyakusondela ngezindlu; indlu ayithathayo uje-hova-aeiou iyakusondela ngabantu. kuyakuthi othathwayo enokuqalekisiweyo ashiswe ngomlilo, yena nakho konke anakho, ngokuba eqile isivumelwano sikajehova-aeiou nangokuba esebenzile ubuwula kwa-israyeli. ujesu wayesevuka ekuseni kakhulu, wasondeza u-israyeli ngezizwe zakubo; isizwe sakwajuda sathathwa. wayesondeza imindeni yakwajuda; wathatha umndeni wakwazera, wawusondeza umndeni wakwazera ngabantu, kwathathwa uzabidi. wayisondeza indlu yakhe ngabantu; u-akani kakarmi kazabidi kazera, owesizwe sak-

wajuda, wathathwa. ujesu wayesethi ku-akani: ndodana yami, ake umnike uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli inkazimulo, uvume kuye, ungitshele okwenzileyo, ungangifihleli. u-akani wamphendula ujesu, wathi: kuyiqiniso, ngonile kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, ngenza ukuthi nokuthi. ngabona empangweni ingubo enhle yaseshineyari, namashekeli angamakhulu amabili esiliva, nesigaxa segolide esinesisindo esingamashekeli angamashumi ayisihlanu, ngakufisa, ngakuthatha; bheka, kuthukusiwe emhlabathini phakathi kwetende lami, nesiliva liphansi kwakho. ujesu wayesethuma izithunywa, zagijimela etendeni; bheka kwakuthukusiwe etendeni lakhe, isiliva liphansi. zakukhipha phakathi kwetende, zakuyisa kujesu nakubo bonke abantwana bakwa-israyeli, bakubeka phansi phambi kukajehova-aeiou. ujesu nabo bonke abakwa-israyeli benaye bamthatha u-akani indodana kazera, nesiliva, nengubo, nesigaxa segolide, namadodana akhe, namadodakazi akhe, nezinkabi zakhe, nezimbongolo zakhe, nezimvu zakhe, netende lakhe, nakho konke anakho, bakukhuphulela esigodini sase-akori. ujesu wayesethi: usihlupheleni na? uje-hova-aeiou uzakukuhlupha namuhla. bonke abakwa-israyeli bamkhanda ngamatshe; babashisa ngomlilo, babakhanda ngamatshe. bamisa phezu kwakhe inqwaba yamatshe; isekhona nanamuhla; uje-hova-aeiou waphenduka entukuthelweni yake enkulu. ngalokho igama laleyo ndawo laqanjwa ngokuthi isigodi sase-akori kuze kube namuhla.

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uje-hova-aeiou wathi kujesu: ungesabi, ungabi naluvalo; suka nabo bonke abantu bempi, ukhuphuke uye e-ayi; bheka, nginikele esandleni sakho inkosi yase-ayi, nabantu bayo, nomuzi wayo, nezwe layo; uyakwenza kulo i-ayi nenkosi yalo njengalokho wenza kulo ijeriko nenkosi yalo; impango yalo kuphela nezinkomo zalo niyakuziphangela khona. wuqamekele umuzi emva kwawo. ujesu wasuka kanye nabo bonke abantu bempi ukuba akhuphukele e-ayi; ujesu wakhetha amadoda ayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amathathu amaghave anamandla, wawathuma ebusuku. wawayala ngokuthi: bhekani, niyakuwuqamekela umuzi, emva komuzi, ningayi kude kakhulu nomuzi, nihlale nilungele nonke. mina nabantu bonke abanami siyakusondela emzini; kuyakuthi lapho bephuma ukusihlasela njengakuqala, sibaleke phambi kwabo. bayakuphuma, basilandele, size sibasuse emzini, ngokuba bayakusho ukuthi: babaleka phambi kwethu njengakuqala, bese sibaleka phambi

kwabo; niyakusuka ekuqamekeleni, niwudle umuzi, ngokuba ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu uyakuwunikela esandleni senu. kuyakuthi lapho seniwuthathile umuzi, nithungele umuzi ngomlilo, nenze njengezwi likajehova-aeiou; bhekani, senginiyalile. ujesu wayesebathuma, baya ukuyoqamekela, bahlala phakathi kwebethele ne-ayi ngasentshonalanga kwase-ayi; ujesu walala lobo busuku phakathi kwabantu. ujesu wavuka ekuseni kakhulu, wabutha abantu, wakhuphuka, yena namalunga akwa-israyeli, phambi kwabantu, waya e-ayi. bonke abantu bemp ayenabo bakhuphuka, basondela, baya phambi komuzi, bamisa ngasenyakatho kwase-ayi; kwakukhona isigodi phakathi kwakhe ne-ayi. wathatha amadoda kungathi izinkulungwane eziyisihlanu, wawaqamekelisa phakathi kwebethele ne-ayi ngasentshonalanga komuzi. sebehleliwe abantu, lonke ibandla elalingasenyakatho komuzi nabaqamekeleyo babo ababengasentshonalanga komuzi, ujesu waya ngalobo busuku phakathi kwesigodi. kwathi inkosi yase-ayi ikubona lokho, ashesha avuka ekuseni amadoda omuzi, aphuma ukuhlaselela u-israyeli, yona nabantu bayo, endaweni enqunyweyo ngaphambi kwehlane; yayingazi nokho ukuthi babekhona abayiqamekeleyo ngasemva komuzi. ujesu nabo bonke abakwa-israyeli benza kungathi bahluliwe phambi kwabo, babaleka ngendlela eya ehlane. bonke abantu basemzini babizwa ukuba babaxoshe; bamxosha ujesu, basuswa emzini. akusalanga muntu e-ayi nasebethele ongaphumanga ukubaxosha abakwa-israyeli, bawushiya umuzi ugengelezile, babaxosha abakwa-israyeli. ujevova-aeiou wathi kujesu: yelulela umkhonto osesandleni sakho ngase-ayi, ngokuba ngiyakulunikela esandleni sakho. ujesu welulela-ke umkhonto osesandleni sakhe ngasemzini. abaqamekeleyo bashesha basuka endaweni yabo, bagijima lapho eselula isandla sakhe, bangena emzini, bawuthatha; bawuthungela ngomlilo masinyane. lapho amadoda ase-ayi ebheka emva kwabo, abona, bheka, umusi womuzi wenyukela ngasezulwini; ayengenamandla ukubaleka ngalapha noma ngalapha, lapho abantu ababebalekele ngasehlane sebephendukela ababaxoshayo. ngokuba nxa ujesu nabo bonke abakwa-israyeli bebona ukuthi abaqamekeleyo bawuthathile umuzi nokuthi umusi womuzi wenyuka, base bebuyela emuva, bawabulala amadoda ase-ayi. labo abanye baphuma emzini ukuba babahlasele baze babe phakathi kuka-israyeli, abanye ngalapha, abanye ngalapha, bababulala, kwaze kwangasala muntu owaphenyuka, wabaleka. inkosi yase-ayi bayibamba isaphila, bayiyisa kujesu. kwathi lapho u-israyeli

eseqedile ukubulala bonke abakhileyo e-ayi endle ehlane, lapho ebexoshele khona, bese bewu bonke ngosiko lwenkamba baze baqedwa, bonke abakwa-israyeli babuyela e-ayi, balichitha ngosiko lwenkamba. bonke abawa ngalolo suku, abesilisa nabesifazane, babeyizinkulungwane eziyishumi nambili, abantu bonke base-ayi. ujesu akabuyisanga isandla sakhe awelula ngaso umkhonto, engakaqothuli bonke abakhileyo e-ayi. izinkomo kuphela nempango yalowo muzi u-israyeli waziphangela khona, njengezwi likajehova-aeiou amyala ngalo ujesu. ujesu wayeselishisa i-ayi, walenza laba yiduma lenxiwa kuze kube phakade; liyincithakalo kuze kube namuhla. inkosi yase-ayi wayiphanyeka emthini kwaze kwahlwa; ukushona kwelanga ujesu wabayala ukuba behlise isidumbu sayo emthini, basintshinga ngasesikheleni sesango lomuzi, wamisa phezu kwaso inqwaba enkulu yamatshe ekhona nanamuhla. khona ujesu wamakhele ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli i-altare entabeni yase-ebali, njengalokho umose inceku kajehova-aeiou wayala abantwana bakwa-israyeli, njengokulotshiweyo encwadini yomthetho kamose, i-altare lamatshe angabaziwe, angaphakanyiselwanga muntu insimbi; banikela phezu kwalo ngeminikelo yokushiswa kujehova-aeiou, banikela ngeminikelo yokuthula. waloba khona ematsheni impinda yomthetho kamose ayilobayo phambi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli. bonke abakwa-israyeli namalunga abo, nezinduna zabo, nabahluleli babo babemi ngalapha nangalapha komphongolo phambi kwabapristi bamalevi abathwala umphongolo wesivumelwano sikajehova-aeiou, abafokazi nabokuzalwa ekhaya, inxenye yabo ibhekene nentaba yasegerizimu, inxenye yabo ibhekene nentaba yase-ebali, njengalokho umose inceku kajehova-aeiou ebeyalile, ukuba babusise abantu bakwa-israyeli kuqala. ngasemva wafunda onke amazwi omthetho, isibusiso nesiqalekiso, njengalokho konke okulotshiwe encwadini yomthetho. akwabakho zwi kukho konke akuyalayo umose, angalifundanga ujesu phambi kwebandla lonke lakwa-israyeli, nabesifazane, nabantwana, nabafokazi ababehamba phakathi kwabo.

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kwathi lapho onke amakhosi ayengaphesheya kwejordani, ezintabeni, nasemathafeni, nasogwini lonke lolwandle olukhulu olubhekene nelebenoni, amaheti, nama-amori, namakhanani, nama-pherizi, namahivi, namajebusi, esezwa lokho, abuthana ndawonye ukuba alwe nojesu no-israyeli nganhliziyonye. kepha bathi ukuba abakhileyo egibeyoni bezwa

lokho ujesu ayekwenzile kulo ijeriko ne-ayi, nabo benza ubuqili, bahamba bazenzisa kwangathi bayizithunywa, babeka amasaka agugileyo ezimbongolweni zabo, nezimvaba zewayini ezigugileyo neziklebhukileyo, ebesezithungiwe, nezicathulo ezigugileyo eziciciyelweyo zisezinyaweni zabo, bembethe nezingubo ezigugileyo; isinkwa sonke somphako wabo sasomile, sikhuntile. baya kujesu ekamu lasegiligali, bathi kuye nakumadoda akwa-israyeli: sivela ezweni elikude; ngalokho manenze manje isivumelwano nathi. amadoda akwa-israyeli athi kumahivi: mhlawumbe nakhile phakathi kwethu; singenza kanjani isivumelwano nani na? bathi kujesu: siyizinceku zakho. ujesu wathi kubo: ningobani, futhi nivelaphi na? bathi kuye: izinceku zakho zivela ezweni elikude kakhulu ngenxa yegama likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, ngokuba siluzwile udumo lwakhe, nakho konke akwenzayo egibithe, nakho konke akwenza kuwo amakhosi omabili ama-amori ayengaphesheya kwejordani, usihoni inkosi yaseheshiboni no-ogi inkosi yasebashani, eyayise-ashitaroti. amalunga yethu nabo bonke abakhileyo ezweni lakithi bakhuluma kithi, bathi: phathani ezandleni zenu umphako wendlela, niye nibahlangabeze, nithi kubo: siyizinceku zenu; manenze isivumelwano nathi. lesi sinkwa somphako wethu sasithatha sisashisa ezindlini zethu ngosuku esaphuma ngalo ukuba siye kini; kepha manje, bhekani, sesomile, sikhuntile; lezi zimvaba zewayini esasizcwalisa zazizintsha; bhekani, seziklebhukile; lezi zingubo zethu nezicathulo zethu sezigugile ngenxa yendlela ende kakhulu. amadoda ayesethatha emphakweni wabo engabuzanga umlomo kajehova-aeiou. ujesu wabethembisa ukuthula, wenza isivumelwano nabo ukuba baphile; izikhulu zenhlangano zafunga kubo. kwathi emva kwezinsuku ezintathu sebesenzile isivumelwano nabo, bezwa ukuthi bangabakhelwane babo nokuthi bahlala phakathi kwabo. abantwana bakwa-israyeli base besuka, bafika emizini yabo ngosuku lwesithathu; imizi yabo yayiyigibeyoni, nekefira, neberoti, nekiriyaati jeharimi. abantwana bakwa-israyeli ababachithanga, ngokuba izikhulu zenhlangano zazifungile kubo uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli. yonke inhlangano yakhonona ngezikhulu. zonke izikhulu zase zithi kuyo yonke inhlangano: sifungile kubo uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli; ngalokho asinakubathinta manje. siyakwenza lokho kubo, sibayeke baphile, funa sehlelwe lulaka ngenxa yesifungo esasifunga kubo. izikhulu zase zithi kubo: mabayekwe baphile; baba ngabagawuli bemithi nabakhi bamanzi kuyo yonke inhlangano njengalokho izikhulu zazibatshelile. ujesu wababiza, wakhuluma

kubo, wathi: nisikhohliseleni ngokuthi: sikude kakhulu nani, lokhu nakhile phakathi kwethu, na? ngalokho seniqalekisiwe, akuyikunqamuka ukuvela kini izigqila, abagawuli bemithi nabakhi bamanzi kuyo indlu kalezi-ku wami. bamphendula ujesu, bathi: kungokuba izinceku zakho zatshelwa nokutshelwa ukuthi uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho wayala inceku yakhe umose ukuba aninike izwe lonke, achithe bonke abakhileyo ezweni phambi kwenu; ngalokho sesaba kakhulu ngokuphila kwethu ngenxa yenu, sakwenza lokho. bheka, manje sesisesandleni sakho; okuhle nokulungile emehlweni akho ukuba ukwenze kithi, kwenze. wayesenze njalo kubo, wabophula esandleni sabantwana bakwa-israyeli, baze bangababulali. ujesu wabenza ngalolo suku abagawuli bemithi nabakhi bamanzi kuyo inhlangano nakulo i-altare likajehova-aeiou kuze kube namuhla endaweni abeyakuyikhetha.

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kwathi lapho u-adoni sedeki inkosi yase-jerusalem esezwile ukuthi ujesu uthathile i-ayi, waliqeda nya njengalokho ebENZILE kulo ijeriko nenkosi yalo, wayenze njalo kulo i-ayi nenkosi yalo nokuthi abakhileyo egibeyoni benzile ukuthula no-israyeli, baba phakathi kwabo, besaba kakhulu, ngokuba igibeyoni lalingumuzi omkhulu njengomunye wemizi yamakhosi nangokuba lalilikhulu kune-ayi, onke amadoda alo engamaqhawe. ngalokho u-adoni sedeki inkosi yasejerusalem wathumela ku-hamu inkosi yasehebron, nakupiramu inkosi yasejarimuthi, nakujafiya inkosi yaselakishi, nakudebiri inkosi yase-egiloni, wathi: khuphukelani kimi, ningsize sichithe igibeyoni, ngokuba lenzile ukuthula nojesu nabantwana bakwa-israyeli. ngalokho amakhosi ayisihlanu ama-amori, inkosi yasejerusalem, nenkosi yasehebron, nenkosi yasejarimuthi, nenkosi yaselakishi, nenkosi yase-egiloni, ahlangu, akhuphuka, wona nawo onke amabandla awo, amisa malungana negibeyoni, alwa nalo. amadoda ase-gibeyoni athumela kujesu ekamu lasegiligali, athi: ungayekethisi isandla sakho ezincekweni zakho; shesha ukhuphukele kithi usisindise, usisize, ngokuba onke amakhosi ama-amori akhile ezintabeni asihlanganye. ujesu wayesekhuphuka egiligali, yena nabo bonke abantu bempi kanye naye, nawo onke amaqhawe anamandla. uje-hova-aeiou wathi kujesu: ungabesabi, ngokuba ngibanikele ezandleni zakho; akuyikubakho muntu wabo ongama phambi kwakho. ujesu wabafikela ngokuzumayo; wakhuphuka egiligali ubusuku bonke. uje-hova-aeiou wabangquzula ngaphambi kuka-israyeli, wabaceka ngokuceka okukhulu

ngasegibeyoni, wabaxosha ngendlela ekhuphukela ebeti horoni, wababulala kwaze kwaba se-azeka nasemakheda. kwathi besabalekela u-israyeli behla ebeti horoni, uje-hova-aeiou wawisa phezu kwabo amatshe amakhulu, ehla ezulwini, baze bafika e-azeka, bafa; babe baningi abafa ngesichotho kunababulawa ngu-israyeli ngenkamba. ujesu wayesekhuluma kujehova-aeiou mhla uje-hova-aeiou enikela ama-amori phambi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli, wathi ebusweni babakwa-israyeli: langa, yima egibeyoni, nawe nyanga, esigodini sase-ajaloni. lase lima ilanga, nenyanga yahlala, abantu baze baziphindisela ezitheni zabo. akulotshiwe yini lokho encwadini yolungileyo na? ilanga lema phakathi nomkhathi, alisheshanga ukushona kun-gathi usuku lonke. aluzange lube khona usuku olunjengalo ngaphambi kwalo noma ngasemva kwalo lokuba uje-hova-aeiou alilalele izwi lomuntu, ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou wamlwela u-israyeli. ujesu wabuyela ekamu lasegiligali, bonke abakwa-israyeli benaye. lawo makhosi omahlanu abaleka, acasha emhumeni wasemakheda. kwabikwa kujesu ukuthi: lawo makhosi omahlanu afunyanisiwe ecashile emhumeni wasemakheda. ujesu wathi: gingqelani amatshe amakhulu emlonyeni womhume, nibeke amadoda ngakuwo ukuba awalinde; kepha ningemi nina; xoshani izitha zenu, nibulale ezingasemuva, ningazivumeli ukuba zingene emizini yazo, ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu uzinikele esandleni senu. kwathi lapho ujesu nabantwana bakwa-israyeli sebeqedile ukubaceka ngokuceka okukhulu kakhulu baze baqedwa, insali yabo nokho isingenile emizini ebiyelweyo, bonke abantu babuyela ekamu kujesu emakheda ngokuthula, akwabakho onyakazisa ulimi lwakhe ngomuntu wabantwana bakwa-israyeli. wayesethi ujesu: vulani umlomo womhume, nikhiphele kimi lawo makhosi omahlanu emhumeni. benze njalo-ke; bawakhiphela kuye lawo makhosi omahlanu emhumeni: inkosi yasejerusalema, nenkosi yasehebroni, nenkosi yasejarimuthi, nenkosi yaselakishi, nenkosi yase-egiloni. kwathi lapho bekiphela kujesu lawo makhosi, ujesu wabiza onke amadoda akwa-israyeli, wathi ezinduneni zamadoda empi ezazihamba naye: sondelani, nibeke izinyawo zenu ezintanyeni zalawa makhosi. zasondela-ke, zabeka izinyawo zazo ezintanyeni zawo. ujesu wathi kuzo: ningesabi, ningabi naluvalo; qinani, nime isibindi, ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou uyakwenza kan-jalo kuzo zonke izitha zenu enilwa nazo. ngasemuva ujesu wawagenga, wawabulala, wawaphanyeka emithini eyisihlanu, alenga emithini kwaze kwahlwa. kwathi ngesikhathi sokushona kwelanga ujesu wayala,

bawehlisa emithini, bawaphonsa emhumeni lapho ebecashe khona, babeka amatshe amakhulu emlonyeni womhume; akhona nanamuhla. ujesu wathatha imakheda ngalolo suku, walichitha ngosiko lwenkamba kanye nenkosi yalo, wabaqothula nabo bonke abakulo, akashiyanga noyedwa owasalayo; wenza-ke kuyo inkosi yase-makheda njengalokho ebenzile kuyo inkosi yasejeriko. ujesu wasuka emakheda nabo bonke abakwa-israyeli benaye, waya elibina, walwa nelibina; uje-hova-aeiou walinikela nalo nenkosi yalo esandleni sakwa-israyeli, walichitha ngosiko lwenkamba nabo bonke abakulo, akashiyanga noyedwa owasala phakathi kwalo; wenza-ke kuyo inkosi yalo njengalokho ebenzile kuyo inkosi yasejeriko. ujesu wasuka elibina nabo bonke abakwa-israyeli benaye, waya elakishi, wamisa malungana nalo, walwa nalo; uje-hova-aeiou wanikela ilakishi esandleni sakwa-israyeli, walithatha ngosuku lwesibili, walichitha ngosiko lwenkamba kanye nabo bonke ababekulo njengakho konke abekwenzile kulo ilibina. khona kwakhuphuka uhoramu inkosi yasegezeri ukuba asize ilakishi; kepha ujesu wambulala nabantu bakhe, akaze amshiyela noyedwa owasalayo. ujesu wasuka elakishi, bonke abakwa-israyeli benaye, waya e-egiloni; bamisa malungana nalo, balwa nalo. balithatha ngalolo suku, balichitha ngosiko lwenkamba; nabo bonke ababekulo wabaqothula ngalolo suku njengakho konke abekwenzile kulo ilakishi. ujesu wakhuphuka e-egiloni, bonke abakwa-israyeli benaye, waya ehebroni, balwa nalo. balithatha, balichitha ngosiko lwenkamba kanye nenkosi yalo, nayo yonke imizi yalo, nabo bonke ababekulo; akashiyanga noyedwa owasalayo njengakho konke abekwenzile kulo i-egiloni, waliqothula nabo bonke abakulo. ujesu wabuyela nabo bonke abakwa-israyeli edebiri, walwa nalo; walithatha kanye nenkosi yalo nayo yonke imizi yalo, bayichitha ngosiko lwenkamba. baqothula bonke ababekulo, akashiyanga noyedwa owasalayo; njengalokho ebenzile kulo ihebroni, wenze njalo kulo idebiri nakuyo inkosi yalo, njengalokho ebenzile nakulo ilibina nakuyo inkosi yalo. wachitha-ke ujesu izwe lonke, izintaba, neningizimu, namathafa, nemithambeka, namakhosi onke alo; akashiyanga noyedwa owasalayo, kepha waqothula konke okuphefumlayo njengokuyala kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli. ujesu wabachitha kusukela ekadeshi barineya kuze kufike egaza, nezwe lonke lasegosheni kuze kufike egibeyoni. onke lawo makhosi nezwe lawo ujesu wakuthatha ngasikhathi sinye, ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli walwela u-israyeli. ujesu wabuyela ekamu lasegiligali, bonke abakwa-israyeli benaye.

kwathi lapho ujabini inkosi yasehasori ekuzwa lokho, wathumela kujobabi inkosi yasemadoni, nakuyo inkosi yaseshimroni, nakuyo inkosi yase-akishafu, nakuwo amakhosi angasenyakatho ezintabeni, nase-araba ngaseningizimu kwasekinereti, nasemthafeni, nasezintabeni zasedori ngasentshonalanga, nakuwo amakhanani ngasempumalanga nangasentshonalanga, nakuwo ama-amori, namaheti, namapherizi, namajebusi ezintabeni, namahivi ngaphansi kwehermoni ezweni lasemispa. aphuma wona nawo onke amabandla awo enawo, abantu abaningi, bengangesihlabathi es-isogwini lolwandle ngobuningi, namahhashi nezinqola eziningi kakhulu. onke lawo makhosi ahlalanga, eza amisa ndawonye ngasemanzini asemerome ukuba alwe no-israyeli. ujejhova-aeiou wathi kujesu: ungesabi ngenxa yabo, ngokuba kusasa ngalesi sikhathi ngizakubanikela bonke bebulwe ngaphambi kuka-israyeli; wena uyakunquma amahhashi abo imisipha, uzishise izinqola zabo ngomlilo. wayesefika ujesu nabo bonke abantu bempi benaye, babazuma ngasemanzini asemerone, babadumela. ujejhova-aeiou wabanikela esandleni sakwa-israyeli, babanqoba, babaxosha kwaze kwaba sesidoni elikhulu, nasemisirefoti mayimi, nasesigodini sasemispa ngasempumalanga, bababulala, abaze bamshiyela noyedwa owasalayo. ujesu wenza kubo njengokumyala kukajehova-aeiou: wanquma amahhashi abo imisipha, wazishisa izinqola zabo ngomlilo. ujesu wabuya ngaleso sikhathi, wathatha ihasori, wabulala inkosi yalo ngenkamba, ngokuba ihasori laliyinhloko yayo yonke leyo mibuso kuqala. bachitha bonke ababekulo ngosiko lwenkamba, babaqothula, akusalanga noyedwa ophefumulayo; walishisa ihasori ngomlilo. yonke imizi yalawo makhosi nawo onke amakhosi ayo ujesu wakuthatha, waku-chitha ngosiko lwenkamba, wakuqothula njengokuyala kukamose incekukajehova-aeiou. kepha imizi eyayimi emagqumeni ayo u-israyeli akashisanga namunye kuyo ngaphandle kwehasori kuphela; lowo ujesu wawushisa. impango yonke yale mizi nezinkomo abantwana bakwa-israyeli baziphangela khona; kepha bachitha bonke abantu ngosiko lwenkamba baze babaqeda; abashiyanga noyedwa ophefumulayo. njen-galokho ujejhova-aeiou ebemyalile umose incekukayhe, kanjalo umose wamyala ujesu; nojesu wenze njalo; akayekanga into neyodwa kukho konke ujejhova-aeiou amyala ngakho umose. ujesu wathatha-ke lonke lelo zwe, izintaba, neningizimu yonke, nalo lonke izwe lasegosheni, namathafa, ne-araba, nezintaba zakwa-israyeli,

namathafa akhe, kusukela entabeni yasehalaki kwenyukela eseyiri, yebo, nasebali gadi esigodini saselebanoni ngaphansi kwentaba yasehermoni; onke amakhosi abo wawathatha, wawagena, wawabulala. ujesu walwa isikhathi eside nawo onke lawo makhosi. akwabakho muzi owenza ukuthula nabantwana bakwa-israyeli ngaphandle kwamahivi akhileyo egibeyoni; bayinqoba yonke ngokulwa. ngokuba kwalela kujehova-aeiou ukwenza lukhuni izinhliziyi zabo ukuba bahlangabezane no-israyeli ngokulwa, ukuze abaqothule, angabawukeli, kepha abachithe, njen-galokho ujejhova-aeiou ebemyalile umose. ujesu wafika ngaleso sikhathi, wanquma ama-anaki ezintabeni ehebroni, nasedebiri, nase-anabi, nasezintabeni zakwajuda, nasezintabeni zakwa-israyeli, ujesu wawaqothula kanye nemizi yawo. akusalanga noyedwa kuwo ama-anaki ezweni labantwana bakwa-israyeli; asala egaza kuphela, nasegati, nase-ashidodi. wathatha-ke ujesu izwe lonke njengakho konke ujejhova-aeiou abekukhulumele kumose; ujesu walinika u-israyeli libe yifa lakhe ngokwezelelo zabo nezizwe zabo. izwe lake liphumula ekulweni.

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lawa angamakhosi ezwe anqotshwa ngabantwana bakwa-israyeli, belidla izwe lawo ngaphesheya kwejordani ngasempumalanga, kusukela esigodini sase-arinoni kuze kube sentabeni yasehermoni, nalo lonke i-araba ngasempumalanga: usihoni inkosi yama-amori owayehlala eheshiboni, ebusa kusukela e-aroweri elisecceleni kwesigodi sase-arinoni, naphakathi nesigodi, nenxenye yakwagileyadi, kuze kube semfuleni ijaboki, umkhawulo wabantwana bakwa-amoni, ne-araba kuze kufike elwandle lwasekinereti ngasempumalanga, kuze kube selwandle lwase-araba, ulwandle lukasawoti, ngasempumalanga endleleni eya ebeti jeshimoti nangaseningizimu ngaphansi kwemithambeka yasepisiga; futhi izwe lika-ogi inkosi yasebashi, owensali yamarefa, owahlala e-ashitaroti nase-edireyi, ebusa entabeni yasehermoni, nasesaleka, nakulo lonke ibashani kuze kube semkhawulweni wamageshuri nowamamahakhati, nenxenye yakwagileyadi, umkhawulo kashoni inkosi yaseheshiboni. umose incekukajehova-aeiou nabantwana bakwa-israyeli babebabulele; umose incekukajehova-aeiou wabanika lona abakwarubeni, nabakwagadi, nenxenye yesizwe sakwamanase, laba yifa labo. lawa angamakhosi ezwe anqotshwa ngujesu nangabantwana bakwa-israyeli ngaphesheya kwejordani ngasentshonalanga, kusukela ebali gadi esigodini saselebanoni kuze kufike entabeni yasehalaki eyenyukela



eseyiri, ujesu walinika izizwe zakwa-israyeli libe yifa ngokwezabelo zabo ezintabeni, nasemathafeni, nase-araba, nasemithambekeni, nasehlane, naseningizimu: amaheti, nama-amori, namakhanani, namapherizi, namahivi, namajobusi: inkosi yasejeriko: inye; inkosi yase-ayi elingaseceleni kwebethele: inye; inkosi yasejerusalema: inye; inkosi yasehebroni: inye; inkosi yasejarimuthi: inye; inkosi yaselakishi: inye; inkosi yase-egiloni: inye; inkosi yasegezeri: inye; inkosi yasedebiri: inye; inkosi yasegederi: inye; inkosi yasehorma: inye; inkosi yase-aradi: inye; inkosi yaselibina: inye; inkosi yase-adulamu: inye; inkosi yasemakheda: inye; inkosi yasebethele: inye; inkosi yasetaphuwa: inye; inkosi yaseheferi: inye; inkosi yase-afeki: inye; inkosi yaselasharoni: inye; inkosi yasemadoni: inye; inkosi yasehasori: inye; inkosi yase-shimroni meroni: inye; inkosi yase-akishafu: inye; inkosi yase thahanaki: inye; inkosi yasemegido: inye; inkosi yasekedeshi: inye; inkosi yasejokineyamu ekarmeli: inye; inkosi yasedori egqumeni lasedori: inye; inkosi yasegoyimi egilgali: inye; inkosi yasetirisa: inye; onke amakhosi ayengamashumi amathathu nanye.

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ujesu wayesemdala eneminyaka eminingi; ujhova-aeiou wathi kuye: usumdala uneminyaka eminingi, kepha kusasele izwe elikhulu kakhulu eliyakudliwa. leli liyizwe elisasele: amazwe onke amafilisti nawo onke amageshuri, kusukela esihori elingaphambi kwegibithe kuze kube semkhawulweni wase-ekroni ngasenyakatho, elibalelwa kumakhanani, amakhosi ayisihlanu amafilisti: amagaza, nama-ashidodi, nama-ashikeloni, namagiti, nama-ekroni, nama-avi, lonke izwe lamakhanani ngaseningizimu nemehara elingelamasidoni kuze kufike e-afeki nasemkhawulweni wama-amori, nezwe lamagebali nalo lonke ilebanoni ngasempumalanga, kusukela ebali gadi ngaphansi kwentaba yasehermoni kuze kufike ekuyeni ehamati, bonke abakhileyo ezintabeni, kusukela elebanoni kuze kube semisirefoti mayimi, onke amasidoni; mina ngiyakuwaxosha phambi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli, wena-ke ulabele abakwa-israyeli ngenkatho, libe yifa njengokukuyala kwami. ngalokho yahlukanisa leli zwe libe yifa lezizwe eziyisishiyagalolunye nelenxenye yesizwe sakwamanase. kanye naye abakwarubeni nabakwagadi balamukela ifa abanika lona umose ngaphesheya kwejordani ngasempumalanga, njengalokho ineku kajehova-aeiou umose yabanika: kusukela e-aroweri eliseceleni kwesigodi sase-arinoni, nomuzi ophakathi nesigodi, nalo lonke

ithafa lasemedeba kuze kufike ediboni, nayo yonke imizi kasihoni inkosi yama-amori owabusa eheshiboni, kuze kube semkhawulweni wabantwana bakwa-amoni, negileyadi nomkhawulo wamageshuri nowamamahakathi, nayo yonke intaba yasehermoni, nalo lonke ibashani kuze kufike esaleka, nawo wonke umbuso ka-ogi ebashani owayebusa e-ashitaroti nase-edireyi, owayesele kuyo insali yamarefa; umose wabanqoba, wabaxosha. kepha abantwana bakwa-israyeli abawaxoshanga amageshuri namamahakathi, kodwa ogeshuri nomahakha bahlala phakathi kuka-israyeli kuze kube namuhla. isizwe sakwalevi kuphela akasinikanga fa; iminikelo kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli yomlilo iyifa lakhe njengokukhuluma kwakhe kuye. umose wanika isizwe sabantwana bakwarubeni ngemindeni yabo. umkhawulo wabo wasuka e-aroweri eliseceleni kwesigodi sase-arinoni, nomuzi ophakathi nesigodi, nalo lonke ithafa ngasemedeba, neheshiboni nayo yonke imizi yalo yasehafeni, idiboni, nebamoti bali, nebeti bali mehoni, nejahasi, nekedemoti, nemefathi, nekiriyaayimi, nesibima, nesereti shahari entabeni yasesigodini, nebeti peyori, nemithambeka yasepisiga, nebeti jeshimoti, nayo yonke imizi yasehafeni, nawo wonke umbuso kasihoni inkosi yama-amori owayebusa eheshiboni, ambulalayo umose kanye nezikhulu zakwamidiyani, o-evi, norekemi, nosuri, nohure, noreba, izikhulu zikasihoni ezazakhe kulelo zwe. ubileyamu indodana kabeyori, umbhuli, naye bambulala abantwana bakwa-israyeli ngenkamba phakathi kwabanye ababulawa yibo. umkhawulo wabantwana bakwarubeni wawuyijordani nogu lwalo. lelo laliyifa labantwana bakwarubeni ngemindeni yabo, imizi nemizana yabo. umose wanika isizwe sakwagadi, abantwana bakwagadi, ngemindeni yaso. umkhawulo wabo wawuyijazeri, nayo yonke imizi yakwagileyadi, nenxenye yezwe labantwana bakwa-amoni, kuze kufike e-aroweri elingaphambi kw'eraba, kusukela eheshiboni kuze kufike eramati mispa nasebethonimi, kusukela emahanayimi kuze kufike emkhawulweni wedebiri; nasesigodini: ibeti haramu, nebeti nimra, nesukoti, nesafoni, insali yombuso kasihoni inkosi yaseheshiboni, ijordani nogu lwalo, kuze kufike ekupheleni kolwandle lwasekinereti phesheya kwejordani ngasempumalanga. lelo laliyifa labantwana bakwagadi ngemindeni yabo, imizi nemizana yabo. umose wanika inxenye yesizwe sakwamanase: kwaba ngokwenxenye yesizwe sabantwana bakwamanase ngemindeni yabo. umkhawulo wabo wasuka emahanayimi: lonke ibashani, wonke umbuso ka-ogi inkosi yasebashani, nayo yonke imizi yejeyire esebashani,

imizi engamashumi ayisithupha, nenxenye yakwagileyadi, ne-ashtaroti, ne-edireyi, imizi yombuso ka-ogi ebashani; lokho kwaba ngokwabantwana bakwamakiri indodana kamanase, inxenye yabantwana bakwamakiri ngemindeni yabo. lawo angamafa umose awabela emathafeni akwamowabi phesheya kwejordani, ngasejeriko ngasempumalanga. kepha isizwe sakwalevi umose akasinikanga fa; ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli uyifa labo njengokukhuluma kwakhe kubo.

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lawa angamafa abawathathayo abantwana bakwa-israyeli ezweni lasekhanani abababela wona u-eleyazare umpristi, nojesu indodana kanuni, nezinhloko zawoyise bezizwe zabantwana bakwa-israyeli, ngenkatho yefa labo, njengalokho ujhova-aeiou ebeyalile ngesandla sikamose ngezizwe eziyisishiyagalolunye nangenxenye yesizwe. ngokuba umose wayezinikile izizwe ezimbili nenxenye yesizwe ifa ngaphesheya kwejordani, kepha amalevi akawanikanga ifa phakathi kwabo. ngokuba abantwana bakwa-josefa babe yizizwe ezimbili, omanase no-efrayimi; abawanikanga amalevi isabelo ezweni, kuphela imizi ukuhlala kuyo, namadlelo ayo ezinkomo zawo, neyemfuyo yawo. njengalokho ujhova-aeiou amyala umose, benze njalo abantwana bakwa-israyeli, bahlukanisa izwe. abakwajuda basondela kujesu egiligali; ukalebi indodana kajefune, umkhenizi, wathi kuye: uyalazi wena izwi ujhova-aeiou alikhuluma kumose umuntu kalezi-ku ngami nangawe ekadeshi barineya. ngangineminyaka engamashumi amane lapho umose, incekukajehova-aeiou, wangithuma ngisuka ekadeshi barineya ukuba ngihlole izwe, ngabuyisela izwi kuye njengokusenhliziyweni yami. kepha abafowethu abakhuphuka nami baceda amandla enhliziyoyabantu, kodwa mina ngamlandela ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wami ngokupheleleyo. umose wafunga ngalolo suku, wathi: impela izwe unyawo lwakho olunyathele kulo liyakuba yifa lakho nelabantwana bakho kube phakade, ngokuba umlandele ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wami ngokupheleleyo. manjebheka, ujhova-aeiou ungisindisile njen-gokusho kwakhe le minyaka engamashumi amane nanhlanu, selokhu ujhova-aeiou akhuluma leli zwi kumose, u-israyeli esahamba ehlane; bheka, manje sengineminyaka engamashumi ayisishiyagalombili nanhlanu namuhla. ngisenamandla namuhla njengasosukwini umose angithuma ngalo; njengamandla ami ngaleso sikhathi anjalo amandla ami manje ekulweni, eku-phumeni nasekungeneni. ngalokho nginike manje le ntaba ujhova-aeiou akhuluma

ngayo ngalolo suku, ngokuba wezwa wena ngalolo suku ukuthi ama-anaki ayelapho enemizi emikhulu ebijelweyo; mhlawumbe ujhova-aeiou uyakuba nami, ngiwxoshe njengokukhuluma kukajehova-aeiou. ujesu wambusisa, wamnika ukalebi indodana kajefune ihebroni libe yifa lakhe. ngalokho ihebroni laba yifa likakalebi indodana kajefuni, umkhenizi, kuze kube namuhla, ngokuba wamlandela ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli ngokupheleleyo. igama lehebroni laliyikiryati araba kuqala ngomuntu owayemkhulu kuwo ama-anaki. izwe lase liphumula ekulweni.

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isabelo sesizwe sabantwana bakwajuda ngemindeni yabo sasingasemkhawulweni wakwa-edomi nasehlane lasesini ngaseningizimu, ngasekupheleni kwenizingizimu. umkhawulo wabo waseningizimu wasuka ekupheleni kolwandle lukasawoti, ethekewini elibheka ngaseningizimu, waphuma waya ngaseningizimu kommango wase-akarabimi, wadlula waya esini, wakhuphuka ngaseningizimu kwasekadeshi barineya, wadlula ngasehesironi, wenyukela e-adari, wajika waya ekaraka; wadlula waya e-asimoni, waya emfuleni wasegibithe; ukuphuma komkhawulo kwakungasewandle; lowo uyakuba ngumkhawulo wenu waseningizimu. umkhawulo wasempumalanga wawululwandle lukasawoti kuze kufike ekugcineni kwejordani. umkhawulo wasohlangothini lwasenyakatho wasuka ethekwini lolwandle ngasekugcineni kwejordani; umkhawulo wenyukela ebeti hogila, wadlula ngasenyakatho kwebeti araba; umkhawulo wakhuphukela etsheni likabohanu indodana karubeni; umkhawulo wenyukela edebiri usuka esigodini sase-akori ngasenyakatho, ubheka ngasegiligali elibhekana nommango wase-adumimi elingaseningizimu komfula; umkhawulo wawusudlula, waya emanzini asemthonjeni waseshemeshi; ukuphuma kwawo kwakungasemthonjeni waserogeli; wawusukhuphuka umkhawulo esigodini sendodana kahinomu ngaseceleni kwejobusi ngaseningizimu, eliyijerusalem; umkhawulo wenyukela esiqongweni sentaba engaphambi kwesigodi sikahinomu ngasentshonalanga ngasekugcineni kwesigodi samarefa ngasenyakatho; umkhawulo wawususuka esiqongweni sentaba, waya emthonjeni wamanzi asenefitowa, waphuma waya emizini yasentabeni yase-efroni; umkhawulo wasuka waya ebahala eliyikiryati jeharimi; umkhawulo wajika usuka ebahala ngasentshonalanga, waya entabeni yaseseyiri, wadlula waya eceleni kwentaba yasejeharimi ngasenyakatho, eliyikesaloni, wehlela ebeti shemeshi,

wadlula ngasethimna; umkhawulo wawusuphuma, waya eceleni kwe-ekroni ngasenyakatho; umkhawulo wasuka waya eshikeroni, wadlula waya entabeni yasebahala, waphuma ejabineyeli; ukuphuma komkhawulo kwakuselwandle. umkhawulo wasentshonalanga wawulwandle olukhulu nogu lwalo. lokho kungumkhawulo wabantwana bakwajuda nxazonke ngemindeni yabo. wamnika ukalebi indodana kafefune isabelo phakathi kwabantwana bakwajuda njengesiyalezo sikajehova-aeiou kujesu, umuzi ka-araba uyise ka-anaki, oyihebroni. ukalebi waxosha khona amadodana amathathu ka-anaki, osheshayi, no-ahimani, notalimayi, abantwana bakwa-anaki. wasuka lapho, wenyukela kwabakhileyo edebiri; igama ledebiri lalikiriyati seferi kuqala. ukalebi wathi: onqoba ikiriyati seferi, alithathe, yena ngiyakumnika u-akisa indodakazi yami abe ngumkakhe. u-otheniyele indodana kakenazi umfowabo kakalebi walithatha; wayesemnika u-akisa indodakazi yakhe abe ngumkakhe. kwathi ekufikeni kwakhe wamnxusa ukuba acele insimu kuyise; wehla embongolweni yakhe; ukalebi wathi kuye: ukhala ngani? wathi: ngiphe isipho; lokhu unginike izwe laseningizimu, ngiphe nemithombo yamanzi. wamupha imithombo yasenihla nemithombo yasenzansi. leli liyifa lesizwe sabantwana bakwajuda ngemindeni yabo. imizi esekupheleni kwesizwe sabantwana bakwajuda ngasemkhawulweni wakwa-edomi ngaseningizimu yayiyikabiseyeli, ne-edere, nejaguri, nekina, nedimona, ne-adada, nekedeshi, nehasori, ne-itanani, nezifi, neteleme, nebehaloti, nehasori hadatha, nekeriyote hesironi eliyhasori, ne-amamu, neshema, nemolada, nehasari gada, ne-heshimoni, nebeti pheleti, nehasari shuwali, neberi sheba, nebiziyotiya, nebahala, ne-ijimi, ne-eseme, ne-elitoladi, nekesili, ne-horma, nesikilagi, nemadimana, nesanisana, nelebawoti, neshilehimi, ne-ayini, nerimoni, yonke imizi ingamashumi amabili nesishiyagalolunye nemizana yayo. emathafeni: i-eshitawoli, nesora, ne-ashina, nezanowa, ne-eni ganimi, netaphuwa, ne-enamu, nejirimuthi, ne-adulamu, nesoko, ne-azeka, neshaharayimi, ne-aditayimi, negedera, negederotayimi, imizi iyishumi nane nemizana yayo. isenani, nehadasa, nemigidali gadi, nedilani, nemispa, nejokiteyeli, nelakishi, nebosikati, ne-egiloni, nekaboni, nelahimamu, nekitilishi, negederoti, nebeti dagoni, nenahama, nemakheda, imizi iyishumi nesithupha nemizana yayo. ilibina, ne-etere, ne-ashani, nejifita, ne-ashina, nenesibe, nekeyila, ne-akizibi, nemaresha, imizi iyisishiyagalolunye nemizana yayo. i-ekroni nemizi yalo nemizana yalo; kusukela e-ekroni kuze kufike elwandle,

yonke eyayiseceleni kwe-ashidodi nemizana yayo. i-ashidodi nemizi yalo nemizana yalo; igaza nemizi yalo nemizana yalo, kuze kufike emfuleni wasegibithe, naselwandle olukhulu nogu lwalo. ezintabeni: ishamiri, nejatiri, nesoko, nedana, nekiriyati sana eliyidebiri, ne-anabi, ne-eshitemo, ne-animi, negosheni, neholoni, negilo, imizi iyishumi nanye nemizana yayo. i-araba, neduma, ne-eshani, nejanimi, nebeti taphuwa, ne-afeka, nehumitha, nekiriyati araba eliyihebroni, nesiyori, imizi iyisishiyagalolunye nemizana yayo. imahoni, nekarmeli, nezifi, nejutha, nejizreyeli, nejokideyamu, nezanowa, nekeyini, negibeya, nethimna, imizi iyishumi nemizana yayo. ihalihuli, nebeti suri, negedori, nemaharati, nebeti anoti, ne-elitekoni, imizi iyisithupha nemizana yayo. ikiriyati bali eliyikiriyati jeharimi, neraba, imizi mibili nemizana yayo. ehlane: ibeti araba, nemidini, nesebaka, nenibishani, nomuzi kasawoti, ne-eni gedi, imizi iyisithupha nemizana yayo. amajebusi ayakhe ejerusalem abantwana bakwajuda babengenakuwaxosha, kepha amajebusi ahlala nabantwana bakwajuda ejerusalem kuze kube namuhla.

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isabelo sabantwana bakwajosefa sasuka ejordani ngasejeriko emanzini asejeriko ngasempumalanga, ihlane elenyuka ejeriko ezintabeni ukuya ebethele; sapuma ebethele, saya eluze, sadlula saya emkhawulweni wama-araki ngase-atharoti; sehlela ngasentshonalanga emkhawulweni wamajafeleti kuze kube semkhawulweni webeti horoni lasenzansi nasegezeri; ukuphuma kwaso kwakuselwandle. abantwana bakwajosefa, omanase no-efrayimi, base belidla ifa labo. umkhawulo wabantwana bakwa-efrayimi ngemindeni yabo wawunje: umkhawulo wefa labo ngasempumalanga wawuyi-atharoti adari kuze kube sebeti horoni lasenhla; umkhawulo waphuma ngasentshonalanga ngasemikemetha ngasenyakatho; umkhawulo wawusujika ngasempumalanga, waya etawanati shilo, walidlula ngasempumalanga kwasejanowa; wehla ejanowa, waya e-atharoti nasenahara, wafika ejeriko, waphumela ejordani. kusukela etaphuwa umkhawulo waya ngasentshonalanga, wafika emfuldaneni ikhona; ukuphuma kwawo kwakuselwandle. lelo liyifa lesizwe sabantwana bakwa-efrayimi ngemindeni yabo kanye nemizi eyahlukaniselwa abantwana bakwa-efrayimi phakathi kwefa labantwana bakwamanase, yonke imizi nemizana yayo. kodwa abawaxoshanga amakhanani ahlala egezeri, kepha amakhanani ahlala phakathi kuka-efrayimi kuze kube namuhla, aba yizinceku

lesi siyisabelo sesizwe sakwamanase, ngokuba wayeyizibulo likajosefa. umakirike, izibulo likamanase, uyise kagileyadi, wathola elakwagileyadi nebashani, lokhu eyindoda yempi. abanye abantwana bakwamanase babelwa nabo ngemindeni yabo: abantwana bakwa-abiyezeri, nabantwana bakwaheleki, nabantwana bakwa-asiriyeli, nabantwana bakwashekemi, nabantwana bakwaheferi, nabantwana bakwashemida; labo babe ngabantwana besilisa bakwamanase indodana kajosefa ngemindeni yabo. kepha uselofehadi kaheferi kagileyadi kamakiri kamanase wayengenamadodana, enamadodakazi odwa; lawa angamagama amadodakazi: omahela, nonowa, nohogila, nomilka, notirisa. asondela phambi kukaeleyazare umpri, naphambi kukajesu indodana kanuni, naphambi kwezikhulu, athi: ujejhova-aeiou wamjala umose ukuba asinike ifa phakathi kwabafowethu. wayesewanika ifa phakathi kwabafowabo bakayise njenge-siyalezo sikajehova-aeiou. umanase wabelwa izabelo eziyishumi ngaphandle kwelakwagileyadi nebashani ngaphesheya kwejordani, ngokuba amadodakazi kamanase aba nefa phakathi kwamadodana akhe; izwe lakwagileyadi laba ngelamanye amadodana kamanase. umkhawulo kamanase wasuka kwa-asheri, waya emikemetha elingaphambi kweshekemi; umkhawulo wawusuya ngakwesokunene kwabakhileyo e-ni taphuwa. izwe lasetaphuwa lalingelikamanase, kepha itaphuwa elisemkhawulweni kamanase lalingelabantwana bakwa-efrayimi. umkhawulo wehlela emfudlaneni ikhona ngaseningizimu komfula; leyo mizi yayingeka-efrayimi phakathi kwemizi kamanase; umkhawulo kamanase wawungasenyakatho komfula; ukuphuma kwawo kwakuselwandle; okwaseningizimu kwakungokuka-efrayimi, okwasenyakatho kwakungokukamanase, ulwandle lwalungumkhawulo wakhe; bafinyelela kwa-asheri ngasenyakatho nakwa-isakare ngasempumalanga. kwa-isakare nakwa-asheri umanase wabelwa ibeti sheyani kanye nemizana yalo, nejibileyamu kanye nemizana yalo, nabakhileyo edori kanye nemizana yalo, nabakhileyo e-ni dori kanye nemizana yalo, nabakhileyo ethahanaki kanye nemizana yalo, nabakhileyo emegido kanye nemizana yalo eyizimpakama ezintathu. kodwa abantwana bakwamanase babengenakunqoba leyo mizi; kepha amakhanani ayethanda ukuhlala kukulo zwe. kwathi lapho abantwana bakwa-israyeli sebeqinile, bawasebenzisa amakhanani, abawaxoshanga ngokupheleleyo. abantwana bakwajosefa bakhuluma

kujesu, bathi: unginikeleni isabelo sibe sinye nje nesinqamu sibe sinye kuphela, kube yifa lami, lokhu ngiyisizwe esikhulu, njengokuba ujejhova-aeiou ungibusisile kuze kube manje, na? ujesu wathi kubo: uma uyisizwe esikhulu, khuphukela ehlathini, uzicabele khona ezweni lamapherizi nakwelamarefa, lokhu izintaba zakwa-efrayimi ziminyene kuwe. bathi abantwana bakwajosefa: izintaba azisane; onke amakhanani ahlala ezweni lesigodi anezinqola zensimbi, wona asebeti sheyani kanye nemizana yalo nawo asesigodini sasejizreyeli. ujesu wayesekhuluma kuyo indlu kajosefa, naku-efrayimi, nakumanase, ethi: uyisizwe esikhulu, unamandla amakhulu; awuyikuba nasabelo esisodwa nje; kepha izintaba ziyakuba ngezakho; noma ziyihlathi, woligawula; namaphethelo alo mawabe ngawakho, ngokuba uyakuwaxosha amakhanani, nakuba enezinqola zensimbi nakuba enamandla.

yonke inhlangano yabantwana bakwa-israyeli yabuthana eshilo, yamisa khona itende lokuhlangana; izwe lanqotshwa phambi kwabo. kwasala phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli izizwe eziyisikhombisa ezingakabelwa ifa lazo. ujesu wathi kubantwana bakwa-israyeli: niyakuyekethisa kuze kube nini ukuya ukulidla izwe ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wawoyihlo aninike lona na? zimiselani amadoda amathathu izizwe ngezizwe; ngiyakuwathuma ukuba asuke ahambe ezweni, alilobe njengamafa azo, aze afike kimi. ayakwahlukanisa izabelo eziyisikhombisa: ujoda uyakuhlala emkhawulweni wakhe ngaseningizimu, indlu kajosefa ihlale emkhawulweni wayo ngasenyakatho. anoloba izwe kube yizabelo eziyisikhombisa, nikulethe lapha kimi, nginenzele inkatho lapha phambi kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu. ngokuba amalevi awanasabelo phakathi kwenu, lokhu ubupristi bukajehova-aeiou buyifa lawo; ogadi norubeni nenxene yesizwe sakwamanase sebamukela ifa labo ngaphesheya kwejordani ngasempumalanga abanika lona umose inceku kajehova-aeiou. amadoda ayesesuka, ahamba; ujesu wayala abahambayo ukuba balobe izwe, wathi: sukani nihambe ezweni, nililobe, nibuyele kimi, nginenzele inkatho phambi kukajehova-aeiou eshilo. ayesehamba amadoda, adabula izwe, aliloba ngemizi, kwaba yizabelo eziyisikhombisa encwadini; afika kujesu ekamu laseshilo. ujesu wawenzela inkatho eshilo phambi kukajehova-aeiou; ujesu wababela khona abantwana bakwa-israyeli izwe njengezabelo zalo. inkatho yadla isizwe sabantwana bakwabenjimini ngemindeni

yabo; umkhawulo wesabelo sabo waphuma phakathi kwabantwana bakwajuda nabantwana bakwajosefa. umkhawulo wabo ngasohlangothini lwasenyakatho waphuma ejordani; umkhawulo wenyuka eceleni kwejeriko ngasenyakatho, wakhuphukela ezintabeni ngasentshonalanga; ukuphuma kwawo kwakungasehlane lasebeti aveni. umkhawulo wasuka lapho, waya eluze eceleni kweluze eliyibethele ngaseningizimu; umkhawulo wawusehla e-atharoti adari ngasentabeni engaseningizimu kwasebeti horoni lasenzansi. umkhawulo wasuka, wajika ngasohlangothini lwasentshonalanga ngaseningizimu, kusukela entabeni ephambi kwebeti horoni ngaseningizimu; ukuphuma kwawo kwakungasekiriya bali eliyikiriya i jeharimi, umuzi wabantwana bakwajuda; lokho kwakuluhlangothi lwasentshonalanga. uhlangothi lwaseningizimu lwasuka ekupheleni kwekiriya i jeharimi, umkhawulo waphuma waya ngasentshonalanga emthonjeni wamanzi asenefitowa; umkhawulo wawusehla ngasekupheleni kwentaba engaphambi kwesigodi sendodana kahinomu esiyisigodi samarefa ngasenyakatho; wehlela esigodini sikahinomu eceleni kwamajebusi ngaseningizimu, wehlela e-eni rogeli; wasuka enyakatho, waphuma e-eni shemeshi, waya egeliloti elibhekene nommango wase-adumimi, wehlela etsheni likabohanu indodana karubeni; wadlula waya eceleni elibhekene ne-araba ngasenyakatho, wehlela e-araba; umkhawulo wadlula, waya eceleni kwebeti hogila ngasenyakatho, ukuphuma komkhawulo kwakungasethek-wini lasenyakatho kolwandle lukasawoti ngasekugcineni kwejordani ngaseningizimu; lokho kwakungumkhawulo waseningizimu. ijordani lalingumkhawulo walo ngasohlangothini lwasempumalanga. lokho kwakuyifa labantwana bakwabenjamine njengemikhawulo yabo nxazonke ngemindeneni yabo. imizi yesizwe sabantwana bakwabenjamine ngemindeneni yabo yayiyijeriko, nebeti hogila, ne-emeki kesisi, nebeti araba, nesemarayimi, nebethela, ne-avimi, nephara, ne-ofira, nekefari amoni, ne-ofini, negeba, imizi iyishumi nambili nemizana yayo; igibeyoni, nerama, nebeyerothi, nemispa, nekefira, nemosi, nerekebi, ne-iripeyeli, natarala, nesela, ne-elefi, nejobusi eliyijerusalema, negibeyati, nekiriya i, imizi iyishumi nane nemizana yayo. lokho kwakuyifa labantwana bakwabenjamine ngemindeneni yabo.

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inkatho yesibili yadla usimeyoni, isizwe sabantwana bakwasimeyoni ngemindeneni yabo; ifa labo laliphakathi kwefa labantwana bakwajuda. ifa labo laliyiberi sheba, nesheba,

nemolada, nehasari shuwali, nebala, ne-eseme, ne-elitoladi, nebethuli, nehorma, nesikilagi, nebeti marikaboti, nehasari susa, nebeti lebawoti, nesharuheni, imizi iyishumi nantathu nemizana yayo; i-ayini, nerimoni, ne-etere, ne-ashani, imizi mine nemizana yayo, nayo yonke imizana eyayinxazonke zaleyo mizi kuze kube sebalati beri, irama laseningizimu. lokho kwakuyifa lesizwe sabantwana bakwasimeyoni ngemindeneni yabo. ifa labantwana bakwasimeyoni lavela esabelweni sabantwana bakwajuda, ngokuba isabelo sabantwana bakwajuda sasisikhulu kubo; ngalokho abantwana bakwasimeyoni babenefa phakathi kwefa labo. inkatho yesithathu yadla abantwana bakwazebuloni ngemindeneni yabo; umkhawulo wefa labo wafika esaridi; umkhawulo wabo wenyukela ngasentshonalanga kuze kube semarala, wafinyelela nasedabesheti, wafinyelela nasemfuleni ngasempumalanga kwasejokineyamu, wajika wasuka esaridi ngasempumalanga, lapho kuphuma khona ilanga, kuze kube semkhawulweni wasek-isiloti thabori, waphuma waya edaberati, wenyukela ejafiya; kusukela lapho wadlula waya ngasempumalanga egati heferi, nase-eti kasini, waphuma waya erimoni elifika naseneya; umkhawulo wawusujika ngasenyakatho kwalo, waya ehanathoni; ukuphuma kwawo kwakungasesigodini sasejiftayeli; nekathati, nenahalali, neshimroni, nejidalu, nebethelama, imizi iyishumi nambili nemizana yayo. lokho kwakuyifa labantwana bakwazebuloni ngemindeneni yabo, leyo mizi kanye nemizana yayo. inkatho yesine yadla u-isakare, abantwana bakwasakare ngemindeneni yabo. umkhawulo wabo wawuyijizreyeli, nekesuloti, neshunemi, nehafarayimi, neshiyoni, ne-anaharati, nerabiti, nekishiyoni, ne-ebesi, neremeti, ne-eni ganimi, ne-enihada, nebeti phasesi; umkhawulo wafinyelela ethabori, naseshasuma, nasebeti shemeshi; ukuphuma komkhawulo wabo kwakusejordani, imizi iyishumi nesithupha nemizana yayo. lokho kwakuyifa lesizwe sabantwana bakwasakare ngemindeneni yabo, imizi kanye nemizana yayo. inkatho yesihlanu yadla isizwe sabantwana bakwa-asheri ngemindeneni yabo. umkhawulo wabo wawuyihelikati, nehali, nebetheni, ne-akishafu, ne-alameliki, ne-amadi, nemishali; wafinyelela ekameli ngasentshonalanga, nasesihori libinati; wajika ngasempumalanga, waya ebeti dagoni, wafinyelela kwazebuloni nasesigodini sasejiftayeli ngasenyakatho ukuya ebeti emeki naseneyiyeli, waphumela ekabuli ngakwesokhohlo; ne-ebironi, nerehobi, nehamoni, nekhana, nesidoni elikhulu; umkhawulo wajika waya erama, nasemzini obiyelweyo wasetire; umkhawulo wajika waya ehosa; ukuphuma kwawo kwakusel-

wandle ngasezweni lase-akizibi; ne-uma, ne-afeki, nerehobi, imizi ingamashumi amabili nemizana yayo. lokho kwakuyifa lesizwe sabantwana bakwa-asheri ngemindeni yabo, leyo mizi kanye nemizana yayo. inkatho yesithupha yadla abantwana bakwanafetali, abantwana bakwanafetali ngemindeni yabo. umkhawulo wabo wasuka ehelefi, kulo i-oki lasesahananini, nase-adami nekebi, nasejabineyeli, waze wafika elakumi; ukuphuma kwawo kwakungasejordan; umkhawulo wawusujika ngasentshonalanga, waya e-azinoti thabori; waphuma lapho, waya ehukoki; wafinyelela kwazebuloni ngaseningizimu, wafinyelela kwa-asheri ngasentshonalanga nakwajuda ngasejordan ngaseumpumalanga. imizi ebiyelweyo yayiyisidimi, neseri, nehamati, nerakati, nekinereti, ne-adama, nerama, nehasori, nekedeshi, ne-edireyi, ne-enihasori, nejireyoni, nemigidaliyeli, nehomeiri, nebeti anati, nebeti shemeshi, imizi iyishumi nesishiyagalolunye nemizana yayo. lokho kwakuyifa lesizwe sabantwana bakwanafetali ngemindeni yabo, imizi kanye nemizana yayo. inkatho yesikhombisa yadla abantwana bakwadani ngemindeni yabo. umkhawulo wefa labo wawuyisora, ne-eshitawoli, ne-iri shemeshi, neshahalabini, ne-ajaloni, nejitila, ne-eloni, nethima, ne-ekroni, ne-eliteke, negibethoni, nebalati, neje-hudi, nebene beraki, negati rimoni, neme jarikhoni, nerakhoni, kanye nomkhawulo malungana nejafo. umkhawulo wabantwana bakwadani waphuma kuwo; kepha abantwana bakwadani bakhuphuka balwa neleshemu, balithatha, balichitha ngosiko lwenkamba, balidla, bakha kulo, baliqamba ileshemu ngokuthi idani ngegama likadani uyise. lokho kwakuyifa lesizwe sabantwana bakwadani ngemindeni yabo, leyo mizi kanye nemizana yayo. base beqeda ukwabelana izwe libe yifa ngemikhawulo yalo; abantwana bakwa-israyeli bamnika ujesu indodana kanuni ifa phakathi kwabo; ngesiyalezo sikajehova-aeiou bamnika umuzi awucelayo, ithimnati sera, ezintabeni zakwa-efrayimi; wakha umuzi, wahlala kuwo. lawo angamafa abawabela ngenkatho u-eleyazare umpristi, nojesu indodana kanuni, nezinhloko zawoyise bezizwe zabantwana bakwa-israyeli eshilo phambi kukajehova-aeiou ngasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana. baqeda-ke ukwabela izwe.

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ujehova-aeiou wakhuluma kujesu, wathi: khuluma kubantwana bakwa-israyeli ngokuthi: zimiselani imizi yokuphephela engakhuluma ngayo kini ngesandla sikamose ukuba umbulali obulala umuntu ngesiphosiso kungengamabomu abalekele

khona, yona ibe yisiphephelo kumphindiseli wegazi. obalekelayo komunye waleyo mizi uyakuma ngasesikheleni sesango lomuzi, akhulume indaba yakhe ezindlebeni zamalunga alowo muzi, angene naye emzini, amuphe indawo ukuba ahlale phakathi kwabo. uma umphindiseli wegazi emxosha, awayikumnikela umbulali esandleni sakhe, ngokuba wambulala umakhelwane wakhe kungengamabomu ebekade engamzondi. uyakuhlala kulowo muzi aze eme phambi kwenhlangano ukuba kuthethwe icala, kuze kufe umpristi omkhulu okhona ngalezo zinsuku, andukuba umbulali abuye, afike kowakhe umuzi, nakweyakhe indlu, yebo, kulowo muzi abaleka kuwo. bangcwelisa ikedeshi lasegalile ezintabeni zakwanafetali, neshekemi ezintabeni zakwa-efrayimi, nekiriyadi araba eliyihebroni ezintabeni zakwajuda. phesheya kwejordani ngasejeriko ngaseumpumalanga bamisa ibeseri ehlane ethafeni esizweni sakwarubeni, neramoti kwagileyadi esizweni sakwagadi, negolanu ebashani esizweni sakwamanase. leyo yayiyimizi emiselwe bonke abantwana bakwa-israyeli nabafokazi ababegogobele phakathi kwabo, ukuze yilowo nalowo obulele umuntu ngesiphosiso abalekele khona, angafi ngesandla somphindiseli wegazi, aze eme phambi kwenhlangano.

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kwasondela izinhloko zawoyise bamalevi kuleyazare umpristi, nakujesu indodana kanuni, nakuzo izinhloko zawoyise bezizwe zabantwana bakwa-israyeli, bakhuluma kubo eshilo ezweni lasekhanani, bathi: uje-hovaeiou wayala ngesandla sikamose ukuba siphilwe imizi ukuhlala kuyo kanye namadlelo ayo, abe ngawezinkomo zethu. abantwana bakwa-israyeli base bewanika amalevi efeni labo njengesiyalezo sikajehovaeiou le mizi kanye namadlelo ayo. inkatho yadla imindeni yamakohati; abantwana bakwa-aroni umpristi ababe ngamalevi babelwa esizweni sakwajuda, nasesizweni sakwasimeyoni, nasesizweni sakwabenjamini imizi eyishumi nantathu. abantwana abaseleyo bamakohati babelwa emindenini yesizwe sakwa-efrayimi, nasesizweni sakwadani, nakuyo inxenye yesizwe sakwamanase imizi eyishumi. abantwana bakwagereshoni babelwa emindenini yesizwe sakwa-isakare, nasesizweni sakwa-asheri, nasesizweni sakwanafetali, nakuyo inxenye yesizwe sakwamanase ebashani imizi eyishumi nantathu. abantwana bakwamerari ngemindeni yabo babelwa esizweni sakwarubeni, nasesizweni sakwagadi, nasesizweni sakwazebuloni imizi eyishumi nambili. abantwana bakwa-israyeli bawanika amalevi ngenkatho leyo mizi kanye na-

madlelo ayo, njengalokho ujevova-aeiou ebeyalile ngesandla sikamose. abelwa esizweni sabantwana bakwajuda nasesizweni sabantwana bakwasimeyoni lemizi eshiwo lapha ngamagama yaba ngeyabantwana bakwa-aroni bemindeni yamakohati ayengamalevi; ngokuba inkatho yokuqala yaba ngeyabo. bawanika umuzi ka-araba owayenguyise ka-anaki, oyihabrani, ezintabeni zakwajuda, kanye namadlelo awo nxa zonke zawo. kepha amasimu omuzi nemizana yawo bamnika khona ukalebi indodana kajeftu kube yifa lakhe. abantwana bakwa-aroni, umpristi, babanika ihebroni kanye namadlelo alo, umuzi wokuphephela wombulali, nelibina kanye namadlelo alo, nejatiri namadlelo alo, ne-eshitemowa namadlelo alo, neholori namadlelo alo, nedebiri namadlelo alo, ne-ayini namadlelo alo, nejutha namadlelo alo, nebeti shemeshi namadlelo alo, imizi eyisishiyagalolunye kulezo zizwe zombili. esizweni sakwabenjimini: igibeyoni namadlelo alo, negeba namadlelo alo, ne-anathoti namadlelo alo, ne-alimoni namadlelo alo, imizi mine. yonke imizi yabantwana bakwa-aroni, abapristi, yayiyimizi eyishumi nantathu namadlelo ayo. imindeni yabantwana bamakohati amalevi, abantwana abaseleyo bamakohati, yabelwa ngenkatho imizi yabo esizweni sakwa-efrayimi. bayinika ishekemi namadlelo alo ezintabeni zakwa-efrayimi, umuzi wokuphephela wombulali, negezeri namadlelo alo, nekibisayimi namadlelo alo, nebeti-horoni namadlelo alo, imizi mine. esizweni sakwadani: i-elitheke namadlelo alo, negibethoni namadlelo alo, nejajloni namadlelo alo, negati rimoni namadlelo alo, imizi mine. kuyo inxenye yesizwe sakwamanase: ithahanaki namadlelo alo, negati rimoni namadlelo alo, imizi mibili. yonke imizi yemindeni yabantwana abaseleyo bamakohati yayiyishumi namadlelo ayo. abantwana bakwagereshoni bemindeni yamalevi babelwa kuyo inxenye yesizwe sakwamanase igolanu ebashani namadlelo alo, umuzi wokuphephela wombulali, nebeyeshitera namadlelo alo, imizi mibili. esizweni sakwa-isakare: ikishiyoni namadlelo alo, nedaberati namadlelo alo, nejirimuthi namadlelo alo, ne-eni ganimi namadlelo alo, imizi mine. esizweni sakwasheri: imishali namadlelo alo, ne-abidoni namadlelo alo, nehelikati namadlelo alo, nerekhobe namadlelo alo, imizi mine. esizweni sakwanafetali: ikedeshi lasegalile namadlelo alo, umuzi wokuphephela wombulali, nehamoti dori namadlelo alo, nekaritani namadlelo alo, imizi mithathu. yonke imizi yamagereshoni ngemindeni yawo yayiyimizi eyishumi nantathu namadlelo ayo. imindeni yabantwana bakwamerari, abaseleyo kumalevi, yabelwa esizweni sakwazebuloni

ijokineyamu namadlelo alo, nekarita namadlelo alo, nedimina namadlelo alo, nenahalali namadlelo alo, imizi mine. esizweni sakwarubeni: ibeseri namadlelo alo, nejahasi namadlelo alo, nekedemoti namadlelo alo, nemefahati namadlelo alo, imizi mine. esizweni sakwagadi: iramoti kwagilevadi namadlelo alo, umuzi wokuphephela wombulali, nemahanayimi namadlelo alo, neheshiboni namadlelo alo, nejazeri namadlelo alo, yonke iyimizi emine. yonke imizi yabantwana bakwamerari ngemindeni yabo, imindeni eseleyo yamalevi, isabelo sabo sasiyimizi eyishumi nambili. yonke imizi yamalevi phakathi kwefa labantwana bakwa-israyeli yayiyimizi engamashumi amane nesishiyagalombili namadlelo ayo. leyo mizi yonke yayinamadlelo ayo nxazonke zayo; kwakunjalo kuyo yonke leyo mizi. ujevova-aeiou wamnika-ke u-israyeli lonke izwe afunga ukubanika lona oyise, balidla, bakha kulo. ujevova-aeiou wabanika ukuphumula nxazonke njengakho konke ayekufungile koyise; kwakungekho muntu kuzo zonke izitha zabo owema phambi kwabo; ujevova-aeiou wanikela zonke izitha zabo esandleni sabo. akuphuthanga lutho kukho konke okuhle ujevova-aeiou akukhuluma khona kuyo indlu ka-israyeli; kwenziwa konke.

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ujesu wababiza abakwarubeni, nabakwagadi, nenxenye yesizwe sakwamanase, wathi kubo: nigcinile konke umose incekukajehova-aeiou anyala ngakho, nalalela izwi lami kukho konke enganiyala ngakho; anishiyanga abafowenu lezi zinsuku eziningi kuze kube namuhla, kepha nigcinile imfanelo yomyalo kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu. manje ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu ubanikile abafowenu ukuphumula njengalokho ebekhuluma kubo; ngalokho buyani, niye ematendeni enu ezweni lefa lenu aninika lona umose incekukajehova-aeiou ngaphesheya kwejordani. qaphelisisani kuphela ukwenza imiyalo nomthetho anyala ngakho umose incekukajehova-aeiou ukuba nimthande ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu, nihambe kuzo zonke izindlela zakhe, nigcine imiyalo yakhe, ninamathele kuye, nimkhonze ngayo yonke inhliziyu yenu nangawo wonke umphefumulo wenu. ujesu wayesebabusisa, wabamukisa; baya ematendeni abo. inxenye yesizwe sakwamanase umose wayeyabele izwe ebashani, kepha inxenye ujesu wayinika izwe phakathi kwabafowabo phesheya kwejordani ngasentshonalanga. lapho ujesu esebamukisa ukuba baye ematendeni abo, wababusisa, wakhuluma kubo, wathi: buyelani ematendeni enu nemfuyo

eningi: izinkomo eziningi kakhulu, nesiliva, negolide, nethusi, nensimbi, nezingubo eziningi, nabelane impango yezitha zenu nabafowenu. abantwana bakwarubeni nabantwana bakwagadi nenxenye yesizwe sakwamanase babuya, bamuka kubantwana bakwa-israyeli eshilo eliyizwe lasekhanani ukuba baye ezweni lakwagileyadi, izwe lefa labo, ababelwa lona njengesiyalezo sikajehova-aeiou ngesandla sikamose; sebefike eziyingeni zamatshe ngasejordani ezisezweni lasekhanani abantwana bakwarubeni nabantwana bakwagadi nenxenye yesizwe sakwamanase bakha khona i-altare ngasejordani, liyi-altare elikhulu ukubonakala kwalo. abantwana bakwa-israyeli bezwa kuthiwa: bhokani, abantwana bakwarubeni nabantwana bakwagadi nenxenye yesizwe sakwamanase bakhile i-altare malungana nezwe lasekhanani eziyingeni zamatshe ngasejordani ngaphesheya kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli. abantwana bakwa-israyeli sebezile lokho, yonke inhlangano yabantwana bakwa-israyeli yabuthana ngaseshilo ukuba ikhuphuke ilwe nabo. abantwana bakwa-israyeli bathuma kubantwana bakwarubeni nakubantwana bakwagadi nakuyo inxenye yesizwe sakwamanase ezweni lakwagileyadi ufinehasi indodana ka-eleyazare umpristi, nezikhulu eziyishumi kanye naye, isikhulu sibe sinye ngendlu kayise ezizweni zonke zakwa-israyeli, yileso naleso siyinhloko yendlu kayise phakathi kwemindeni yakwa-israyeli. bafika kubantwana bakwarubeni nakubantwana bakwagadi nakuyo inxenye yesizwe sakwamanase ezweni lakwagileyadi, bakhuluma kubo, bathi: isho kanje yonke inhlangano kajehova-aeiou, ithi: isiphambeko sini enisenzile kulezi-ku ka-israyeli ukuba nibuye namuhla ekumlandeleni ujeahova-aeiou ngokuzakhela i-altare, nihlubuke namuhla ujeahova-aeiou. ububi basepeyori buncane yini kithi esingakazi hlambululi kubo kuze kube namuhla, noma inhlangano kajehova-aeiou yehlelwa yisifo, ukuba nibuye namuhla ekumlandeleni ujeahova-aeiou na? kuzakuthi uma nihlubuka namuhla ujeahova-aeiou, athukuthelele yonke inhlangano ka-israyeli kusasa. kepha uma izwe lefa lenu lingcolile, welani, niye ezweni lefa likajehova-aeiou, lapho luhlala khona iabernakele likajehova-aeiou, nibe nefa phakathi kwethu; kepha ningahlubuki ujeahova-aeiou, ningahlubuki futhi kithi ngokuzakhela i-altare ngaphandle kwe-altare likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu. u-akani indodana kazeri akenzanga yini isiphambeko kukho okuqalekisiweyo, yonke inhlangano yakwa-israyeli yehlelwa yintukuthelo na? futhi akafanga yedwa lowo muntu ebubini bakhe. abantwana bakwarubeni nabantwana bakwagadi nenx-

enye yesizwe sakwamanase baphendula, bakhuluma kuzo izinhloko zemindeni yakwa-israyeli, bathi: ulezi-ku, ujeahova-aeiou ulezi-ku, yebo, ulezi-ku, ujeahova-aeiou ulezi-ku, uyakwazi, no-israyeli futhi uyakukwazi ukuthi uma kwakungokuhlubuka noma kungokuphambuka kujehova-aeiou, ungasisindisi namuhla ngokuthi sizakhele i-altare, sabuya ekumlandeleni ujeahova-aeiou; futhi uma kwakungokuba sinikele phezu kwalo ngeminikelo yokushiswa nangeminikelo yempuphu, nokuba sinikele ngemihlatshelo yeminikelo yokuthula phezu kwalo, ujeahova-aeiou uqobo makakubize. qha, impela senzile lokho ngokunakekela nangesizathu, sathi: ngesikhathi esizayo abantwana benu bangakhuluma kubantwana bethu ngokuthi: ninamsebenzi muni nojeahova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli na? ujeahova-aeiou wenzile ijordani umkhawulo phakathi kwethu nani, nina bantwana bakwarubeni nabantwana bakwagadi; aninasabelo kujehova-aeiou; abantwana benu bese bebuyisela emuva abantwana bethu ukuba bangabe besamesaba ujeahova-aeiou. sase sithi-ke: masenze silakhe i-altare, lingabi ngelomnikelo wokushiswa nelomhlatshelo, kepha libe ngufakazi phakathi kwethu nani naphakathi kwezizukulwane zethu emva kwethu, ukuze senze inkonzo kajehova-aeiou phambi kwakhe ngeminikelo yethu yokushiswa, nangemihlatshelo yethu, nangeminikelo yethu yokuthula, ukuba abantwana benu bangasho kubantwana bethu ngesikhathi esizayo ukuthi: aninasabelo kujehova-aeiou. sathi-ke: kuyakuthi lapho besho kanjalo kithi nakuzo izizukulwane zethu ngesikhathi esizayo, sisho ukuthi: bhokani isifanekiso se-altare likajehova-aeiou abalenzayo obaba, lingabi ngeleminikelo yokushiswa nelomhlatshelo; lingufakazi phakathi kwethu nani. makube kude nathi ukuba sihlubuke ujeahova-aeiou, sibuye namuhla ekumlandeleni ujeahova-aeiou ngokwakha i-altare leminikelo yokushiswa, neleminikelo yempuphu, nelelihlatshelo, ngaphandle kwe-altare likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu eliphambi kwetabernakele lakhe. kuthe ufinehasi umpristi, nezikhulu zenhlango, izinhloko zemindeni yakwa-israyeli ezazinaye sezizwile amazwi akhulunywa ngabantwana bakwarubeni, nangabantwana bakwagadi, nangabantwana bakwamanase, kwaba kuhle emehlweni abo. ufinehasi indodana ka-eleyazare umpristi wathi kubantwana bakwarubeni nakubantwana bakwagadi nakubantwana bakwamanase: namuhla siyazi ukuthi ujeahova-aeiou uphakathi kwethu, ngokuba anenzanga lesi siphambeko kujehova-aeiou; manje senophulile abantwana bakwa-israyeli esandleni sikajehova-aeiou. ufinehasi indodana



ka-eleyazare umpristi nezikhulu babuya kubantwana bakwarubeni nakubantwana bakwagadi ezweni lakwagileyadi, bebuyela ezweni lasekhanani kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, bababuyisela izwi. leyo nto yaba nhle emehlweni abantwana bakwa-israyeli; abantwana bakwa-israyeli bambonga ulezi-ku, ababe besasho ukuthi bayakukhuphuka babahlasele, bachithe izwe ababehlala kulo abantwana bakwarubeni nabantwana bakwagadi. abantwana bakwarubeni nabantwana bakwagadi balibiza i-altare ngokuthi: lingufakazi phakathi kwethu wokuthi ujejhova-aeiou ungulezi-ku.

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kwathi emva kwezinsuku eziningi, lapho ujejhova-aeiou esephumuzile u-israyeli ezitheni zabo zonke nxazonke, ujesu esem-dala eneminyaka eminingi, ujesu wabiza wonke u-israyeli, amalunga akhe, nezinhloko zakhe, nabahluleli bakhe, nezinduna zakhe, wathi kubo: sengimdala ngineminyaka eminingi; nibonile konke ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu akwenzile kuzo zonke lezi zizwe ngenxa yenu, ngokuba ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu nguye onilweleyo. bhekani, nginabele lezi zizwe eziseleyo zibe yifa lez-izwe zenu, kusukela ejordani, kanye nezizwe zonke engizinqumileyo, kuze kufike elwandle olukhulu ngasentshonalanga. ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu uyakuzixosha ngaphambi kwenu, azidungule ebusweni benu, nilidle izwe lazo, njengalokho ebekhuluma ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu kini. yimani kakhulu isibindi ukugcina nokwenza konke okulotshiwe encwadini yomthetho kamose, ukuze ningachezuki kukho ngakwesokunene noma ngakwesokhohlo, ukuba ningangeni kulezo zizwe ezisele phakathi kwenu, ningabizi amagama awolezi-ku bazo, ningabafungi, ningabakhonzi, ningabakhothameli, kepha ninamathele kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu, njengalokho nenzile kuze kube namuhla. ngokuba ujejhova-aeiou uxoshile ngaphambi kwenu izizwe ezinkulu ezinamandla, kepha nina, akukho muntu omile phambi kwenu kuze kube namuhla. umuntu oyedwa uxoshile inkulungwane, ngokuba ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu nguye onilweleyo, njengalokho ebekhuluma kini. qaphelisisani ukuba nimthande ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu. ngokuba uma nibuyela emuva, ninamathele ensalini yalezo zizwe, zona lezi ezisele phakathi kwenu, niganiselane nazo, ningene kuzo, nazo kini, yazini nokwazi ukuthi ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku akasayikuzixosha lezo zizwe phambi kwenu, kepha zoba lugibe nesihlabe kini, nenkalivasi ezinhlangothini zenu, nameva emehlweni enu, nize nibhubhe kuleli zwe elihle ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu aninike lona. bhekani,

namuhla ngiyahamba indlela yomhlaba wonke; niyazi ezinhliziyweni zenu zonke nasemiphefumulweni yenu yonke ukuthi akuphuthanga nento eyodwa kuzo zonke izinto ezinhle azikhuluma ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu ngani; kwenziwa konke kini, akuphuthanga nento eyodwa kukho. kuyakuthi njengalokho zonke izinto ezinhle zenziwe kini akhuluma ngazo ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu kini, kanjalo ujejhova-aeiou ehlixele phezu kwenu zonke izinto ezimbi, aze anibhubhise kuleli zwe elihle ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu aninike lona. uma neqa isivumelwano sikajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu akuyala ngaso, niye nikhonze abanye olezi-ku, nibakhothamele, intukuthelo kajehova-aeiou iyakunivuthela, nibhubhe masinyane ezweni elihle aninike lona.

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ujesu wabutha zonke izizwe zakwa-israyeli eshekemi, wabiza amalunga akwa-israyeli, nezinhloko zakhe, nabahluleli bakhe, nezinduna zakhe, bema phambi kukalezi-ku. ujesu wathi kubantu bonke: usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: oyihlo bahlala endulo ngaphesheya komfula, uthera uyise ka-abraham noyise kanahori, bakhonza abanye olezi-ku. ngamthatha uyihlo u-abraham ngaphesheya komfula, ngamhambisa ezweni lonke lasekhanani, ngayandisa inzalo yakhe, ngamupha u-isaka. ngamupha u-isaka ojakobe no-esawu; ngamnika u-esawu intaba yaseseyiri ukuba ayidle; yjakobe nabantwana bakhe behlela egibithe. ngathuma omose no-aroni, ngahlupha igibithe ngalokho engakwenza phakathi kwalo; ngasemuva nganikhipha. ngakhipha oyihlo egibithe; nafika elwandle; abasegibithe babaxosha oyihlo ngezinqola nangabamahhashi, baze bafika elwandle olubomvu. lapho bekhala kujehova-aeiou, wabeka ubumnyama phakathi kwenu nabasegibithe, waluhambisa ulwandle phezu kwabo, wabasibekela; amehlo enu abona engakwenzayo egibithe; nahlala ehlane izinsuku eziningi. nganingenisa ezweni lama-amori ahlala ngaphesheya kwejordani, alwa nani; ngawanikela esandleni senu, nadla izwe lawo; ngawachitha phambi kwenu. kwase kuvuka ubalaki indodana kasiropi, inkosi yakwamowabi, walwa no-israyeli; wathuma wabiza ubileyamu indodana kabeyori ukuba aniqalekise, kepha angithandanga ukumlalela ubileyamu, kodwa kakhulu wanibusisa, nganophula esandleni sakhe. nase niwela ijordani, nafika ejeriko; amadoda asejeriko alwa nani, nama-amori, namapherizi, namakhanani, namaheti, namagirigashi, namahivi, namajebusi, ngawanikela esandleni senu. ngathuma iminyovu phambi

kwenu eyawaxosha phambi kwenu amakhosi  
 omabili ama-amori, kungengankemba  
 yakho noma ngomnsalo wakho. nganinika  
 izwe eningakhandlekanga kulo, nemizi  
 eningayakhanga nihlala nokho kuyo;  
 niyadla ezivini naseminqumeni eningakut-  
 shalanga. manje yesabani ujeheva-aeiou,  
 nimkhonze ngobuqotho nangeqiniso,  
 nisuse olezi-ku ababakhonzayo oyihlo  
 phesheya komfula nasegibithe, nimkhonze  
 ujeheva-aeiou. uma kukubi emehlweni  
 enu ukumkhonza ujeheva-aeiou, kethani  
 namuhla ukuthi ngubani eniyakumkhonza,  
 noma olezi-ku ababakhonzayo oyihlo be-  
 sengaphesheya komfula, noma olezi-ku  
 bama-amori enihlala ezweni lawo; kepha  
 mina nendlu yami siyakumkhonza ujeheva-  
 aeiou. abantu baphendula bathi: makube  
 kude nathi ukumshiya ujeheva-aeiou ukuba  
 sikhonze abanye olezi-ku, ngokuba ujeheva-  
 aeiou ulezi-ku wethu nguye owasikhuphula  
 thina nawobaba ezweni lasegibithe, indlu  
 yobugqila, nowazenza lezo zibonakaliso  
 emehlweni ethu, wasilondoloza endleleni  
 yonke esahamba ngayo, naphakathi kwabo  
 bonke abantu esadlula phakathi kwabo.  
 ujeheva-aeiou waxosha phambi kwethu  
 bonke abantu, nama-amori futhi ayehlala  
 ezweni; ngalokho nathi siyakumkhonza  
 ujeheva-aeiou, ngokuba ungulezi-ku wethu.  
 ujesu wathi kubantu: aninakumkhonza  
 ujeheva-aeiou, ngokuba ungulezi-ku  
 ongcwele; ungulezi-ku onomhawu, akayiku-  
 thethelela iziphambeko zenu nezono zenu.  
 uma nimshiya ujeheva-aeiou, nikhonze olezi-  
 ku babezizwe, uyakuphenduka, anenzele  
 bona-ra-ukukhandleka, aniqede esenenzele  
 okuhle. kepha abantu bathi kujesu: qha,  
 ngokuba siyakumkhonza ujeheva-aeiou.  
 wayesethi ujesu kubantu: nina ningofakazi  
 benu bokuthi nizikhethele ujeheva-aeiou  
 ukuba nimkhonze yena. bathi: singofakazi.  
 wathi: susani manje olezi-ku babezizwe  
 abaphakathi kwenu, nithobele izinhliziyi  
 zenu kujheva-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli.  
 abantu bathi kujesu: ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-  
 ku wethu siyakumkhonza, sililalele izwi  
 lakhe. ujesu wayesenza isivumelwano  
 nabantu ngalolo suku, wabamisela isimiso  
 nomthetho eshekemi. ujesu waloba lawo  
 mazwi encwadini yomthetho kalezi-ku,  
 wathatha itshe elikhulu, walimisa lapho  
 phansi kwe-oki elingasendlini engcwele  
 kajheva-aeiou. wayesethi ujesu kubo  
 abantu bonke: bhokani, leli tshe liyakuba  
 ngufakazi ngathi, ngokuba lizwile onke  
 amazwi kajheva-aeiou awakhuluma kithi;  
 ngalokho liyakuba ngufakazi ngani, funa  
 nimphike ulezi-ku wenu. ujesu wayese-  
 bamukisa abantu, yilowo nalowo waya  
 efeni lakhe. kwathi emva kwalezo zinto  
 ujesu indodana kanuni, incekujheva-  
 aeiou, wafa eneminyaka eyikhulu neshumi.

bammabela emkhawulweni wefa lakhe ethim-  
 nati sera elisezintabeni zakwa-efrayimi  
 ngasenyakatho kwentaba yakwagahashi.  
 u-israyeli wamkhonza ujeheva-aeiou zonke  
 izinsuku zikajesu nazo zonke izinsuku  
 zamalunga ayekhona izinsuku ezithile  
 emva kukajesu, ayeyazi yonke imisebenzi  
 kajheva-aeiou ayeyenzele u-israyeli. am-  
 athambo kajosefa akhushulwa egibithe  
 ngabantwana bakwa-israyeli, bawembela es-  
 hekemi esiqeshini sezwe asithengayo ujakobe  
 kumadodana kahamori uyise kashekemi  
 ngamakesita ayikhulu, laba ifa labantwana  
 bakwajosefa. u-eleyazere indodana ka-aroni  
 wafa; bammabela egqumeni likafinehasi  
 indodana yakhe, abenikiwe lona ezintabeni  
 zakwa-efrayimi.

kwathi emva kokufa kukajesu abantwana bakwa-israyeli bambuza uJehova-aeiou, wathi: ngubani phakathi kwethu oyakusikhuphukelela kuwo amakhanani kuqala ukulwa nawo na? uJehova-aeiou wathi: kuyakukhuphuka uJuda; bheka, ngilinikele izwe esandleni sakhe. uJuda wayesethi kusimeyoni umfowabo: khuphuka nami, siye esabelweni sami, silwe namakhanani, nami ngiye esabelweni sakho. usimeyoni wayesehamba naye. uJuda wakhuphuka; uJehova-aeiou wanikela esandleni sabo amakhanani namapherizi, babulala kuwo abantu abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi ebezeki. ebezeki bafumana u-adoni bezeki, balwa naye, bawabulala amakhanani namapherizi. kepha u-adoni bezeki wabaleka; bamxosha, bambamba, bamnquma izithupha nawoqukula. wayesethi u-adoni bezeki: amakhosi angamashumi ayisikhombisa enqunyuwe izithupha nawoqukula acosha ukudla kwawo phansi kwetafula lami; njengalokho ngenzile, kanjalo ulezi-ku uphindisele kimi. bamyisa eJerusalem, wafela khona. abantwana bakwajuda balwa eJerusalem, balichitha ngosiko lwenkemba, bathungela umuzi ngomlilo. ngasemuva behla abantwana bakwajuda ukuba balwe namakhanani ayakhe ezintabeni, nangaseningizimu, nasenzansi. uJuda wayesehlasela amakhanani ayakhe ehebroni igama lehebroni laliyikiryati araba kuqala babulala osheshayi, no-ahimani, notalimayi. wasuka lapho, waya kwabakhe edebiri; igama ledebiri laliyikiryati seferi kuqala. ukalebi wathi: onqoba ikiryati seferi, alithathe, yena ngiyakumnika u-akisa indodakazi yami abe ngumkakhe. u-othenyeli indodana kakenazi, umnawe kakalebi, walithatha; wayesemnika u-akisa indodakazi yakhe abe ngumkakhe. kwathi ekufikeni kwakhe wamnxusa ukuba acele insimu kuyise; wehla embongolweni yakhe; ukalebi wathi kuye: ukhala ngani? wathi kuye: ngiphe isipho; lokhu unginike izwe laseningizimu ngiphe nemithombo yamanzi. ukalebi wamupha imithombo yasehla nemithombo yasenzansi. abantwana bomkhani umukhwe kamose benyuka emzini wamasundu nabantwana bakwajuda, baya ehlane lakwajuda elingaseningizimu kwase-aradi; baya bakha nabantu bakhona. uJuda wahamba nosimeyoni umfowabo, bachitha amakhanani ayakhe esefati, baliqothula. igama lomuzi laliyihorma. uJuda wathatha igaza nomkhawulo walo, ne-ashikeloni nomkhawulo walo, ne-ekroni nomkhawulo walo. uJehova-aeiou wayenaye uJuda, waxosha abasezintabeni; wayengakuxosha kodwa abakhe esigodini,

lokhu bebenezinqola zensimbi. bamnika ukalebi ihebroni, njengalokho ebekhulomile umose; waxosha khona amadodana amathathu ka-anaki. abantwana bakwabenjimini abawaxoshanga amajebusi ayakhe eJerusalem, kepha amajebusi ahlala nabantwana bakwabenjimini eJerusalem kuze kube namuhla. kwenyukela ebethele nabendlu kaJosefa; uJehova-aeiou wayenabo. abendlu kaJosefa bathuma bahlala ibethele; igama lomuzi laliyiluze kuqala. zase zibona izinhloli umuntu ephuma emzini, zathi kuye: ake usikhombise intuba yokungena emzini, siyakukwenzela umusa. wazikhombisa intuba yokungena emzini, zawuchitha umuzi ngosiko lwenkemba; kepha zamvumela lowo muntu nomndeni wakhe ukuba bahambe. lowo muntu wayesengena ezweni lamaheti, wakha umuzi, waqamba igama lawo ngokuthi iluze okuyigama lawo kuze kube namuhla. umanase akaxoshanga abasebeti sheyani nemizana yalo, nabasethahanaki nemizana yalo, nabakhe edori nemizana yalo, nabakhe ejibileyamu nemizana yalo, nabakhe emegido nemizana yalo; amakhanani aphumelela ukuhlala kulelo zwe. kwathi u-israyeli esenamandla, bawasebenzisa amakhanani, kepha abawaxoshanga nokuwaxosha. naye u-efrayimi akaxoshanga amakhanani ayakhe egezeri; kepha amakhanani ahlala phakathi kwabo egezeri. uzebuloni akaxoshanga abakhe ekitroni, nabakhe enahaloli; kepha amakhanani ahlala phakathi kwabo, asetshenziswa. u-asheru akaxoshanga abakhe e-ako, nabakhe esidoni, nase-ahlabi, nase-akizibi, nasehelba, nase-afiki, naserehobe; kepha ama-asheru ahlala phakathi kwamakhanani ayakhe kulelo zwe, ngokuba abawaxoshanga. unafetali akaxoshanga abakhe ebeti shemeshi nabakhe ebeti anati, kepha wahlala phakathi kwamakhanani ayakhe kulelo zwe; kodwa abakhe ebeti shemeshi nasebeti anati basetshenziswa yibo. ama-amori adudulela abantwana bakwadani ezintabeni, ngokuba awabavumelanga ukwehlela esigodini. kepha ama-amori aphumelela ukuhlala entabeni yaseheresi, nase-ajaloni, naseshalabimi; kodwa isandla sendlu kaJosefa sahlula, aze asetshenziswa. umkhawulo wama-amori wasukela ekwenyukeni kwe-akarabimi nasesela, waya ngenhla njalo.

ingelosi kaJehova-aeiou yakhuphuka egiligali, yaya ebokimi. yathi: nganikhuphula egibithe, nginilethile ezweni engalifungela oyihlo; ngathi: angisoze ngaphula kuze kube phakade isivumelwano sami nani, kepha aniyikwenza sivumelwano nabakhe kuleli zwe; niyakudiliza ama-altare abo.

kodwa anililalelanga izwi lami. nenze-  
 leni lokho na? ngalokho ngithi manje:  
 angiyikubaxosha phambi kwenu, kepha  
 bayakuba sezinhlangothini zenu, olezi-ku  
 babo babe lugibe kini. kwathi ingelosi  
 kajehova-aeiou isikhulumile lawo mazwi  
 kubo bonke abantwana bakwa-israyeli,  
 abantu badazuluka, bakhala. baqamba  
 igama laleyo ndawo ngokuthi ibokimi,  
 bahlabela ujeahova-aeiou khona. ujesu  
 esemukisile abantu, abantwana bakwa-  
 israyeli bahamba, yilowo nalowo waya  
 efeni lakhe ukuba balidle izwe. abantu  
 bamkhonza ujeahova-aeiou zinsuku zonke  
 zikajesu nezinsuku zonke zamalunga asalayo  
 emva kukajesu, ayebonile wonke umsebenzi  
 omkhulu ayewenzele u-israyeli. ujesu indo-  
 dana kanuni, incekukajehova-aeiou, wafa  
 eneminyaka eyikhulu neshumi. bammela  
 emkhawulweni wefa lakhe ethimnati heresi  
 ezintabeni zakwa-efrayimi ngasenyakatho  
 kwentaba yakwagahashi. naso sonke leso  
 sizukulwane sabuthelwa koyise; savela  
 esinye isizukulwane emva kwaso esasinga-  
 mazi ujeahova-aeiou nomsebenzi ayewenzele  
 u-israyeli. abantwana bakwa-israyeli benza  
 bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-  
 aeiou, bakhonza obali; bamshiya ujeahova-  
 aeiou ulezi-ku wawoyise owabakhipha  
 ezweni lasegibithe, balandela abanye olezi-  
 ku, olezi-ku babantu ababebazungeza,  
 babakhothamela, bamcunula ujeahova-aeiou.  
 bamshiya-ke ujeahova-aeiou, bakhonza obali  
 no-ashitaroti. intukuthelo kajehova-aeiou  
 yavuthela abakwa-israyeli, wabanikela  
 esandleni sabaphangi ababaphanga, wa-  
 thengisa ngabo esandleni sezitha zabo  
 nxazonke. ababe besaba nakuma phambi  
 kwezitha zabo. nomaphi lapho bephumela  
 khona, isandla sikajehova-aeiou sasimelene  
 nabo sibenzela bona-ra-ukukhandleka  
 njengokukhuluma kukajehova-aeiou  
 nanjengokufunga kukajehova-aeiou  
 kubo; bantula kakhulu. ujeahova-aeiou  
 wavusa abahluleli ababasindisa esandleni  
 sababaphangayo. nabahluleli ababalale-  
 langa, ngokuba baya baphinga nabanye  
 olezi-ku, babakhothamela; baphambuka  
 masinyane endleleni abahamba ngayo  
 oyise, belalela imiyalo kajehova-aeiou;  
 bona abenzanga njalo. lapho ujeahova-  
 aeiou ebavusela abahluleli, ujeahova-aeiou  
 wayenaye umahluleli, wabasindisa esandleni  
 sezitha zabo zinsuku zonke zomahluleli,  
 ngokuba ujeahova-aeiou waba nesihe  
 ngokubulawa kwabo ngenxa yababacin-  
 dezelayo nababakhathazayo. kepha kwathi  
 ekufeni komahluleli babuyela emuva,  
 bona kakhulu kunawoyise, ngokulan-  
 dela abanye olezi-ku ukuba babakhonze,  
 babakhothamele; abayekanga izenzo zabo  
 nendlela yabo yenkani. intukuthelo  
 kajehova-aeiou yavuthela u-israyeli, wathi:

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lezi ziyizizwe aziyekile ujeahova-aeiou  
 ukuze amvivinye ngazo u-israyeli, bonke  
 abakwa-israyeli ababengazi mpi ekhanani,  
 kuphela ukuba izizukulwane zabantwana  
 bakwa-israyeli zazi, zifundiswe impi,  
 ikakhulu labo ababengayazi ngaphambili.  
 amakhosi ayisihlanu amafilisti, nawo onke  
 amakhanani, namasidoni, namahivi ahlala  
 entabeni yaselebanoni, kusukela entabeni  
 yasebali hermoni kuze kube sekuyeni  
 ehamati. zazingezokuba u-israyeli avivinywe  
 ngazo, kwazeke uma beyakulalela imiyalo  
 kajehova-aeiou abayala ngayo oyise nge-  
 sandla sikamose. abantwana bakwa-israyeli  
 bahlala phakathi kwamakhanani, nama-  
 heti, nama-amori, namapherizi, namahivi,  
 namajebusi, bathatha amadodakazi awo  
 aba ngomkabo, banika amadodana awo  
 amadodakazi abo, bakhonza olezi-ku bawo.  
 abantwana bakwa-israyeli benza bona-ra-  
 ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou,  
 bamkhohlwa ujeahova-aeiou ulezi-ku wabo,  
 bakhonza obali no-ashitaroti. ngalokho  
 intukuthelo kajehova-aeiou yavuthela  
 u-israyeli, wathengisa ngabo esandleni  
 sikakushani rishatayimi inkosi yase-aramu  
 naharayimi; abantwana bakwa-israyeli  
 bamkhonza ukushani rishatayimi iminyaka  
 eyisishiyagalombili. kepha abantwana  
 bakwa-israyeli bakhala kujehova-aeiou;  
 ujeahova-aeiou wabavusela abantwana  
 bakwa-israyeli umsindisi owabasindisa,  
 u-otheniyeleli indodana kakenazi, um-  
 nawe kalelebi. umoya kajehova-aeiou  
 wayephezu kwakhe, wahlulela u-israyeli,  
 waphuma impi, ujeahova-aeiou wanikela  
 ukushani rishatayimi inkosi yase-aramu  
 naharayimi esandleni sakhe; isandla sakhe  
 samahlula ukushani rishatayimi. izwe lase  
 liba nokuthula iminyaka engamashumi  
 amane. wafa u-otheniyeleli indodana kak-  
 enazi. abantwana bakwa-israyeli babuyele  
 benza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni  
 kajehova-aeiou; ujeahova-aeiou wamnika  
 u-egiloni inkosi yakwamowabi amandla  
 phezu kuka-israyeli, lokhu benze bona-ra-  
 ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou.  
 wazibuthela abantwana bakwa-amoni  
 nabakwa-amaleki, waya wachitha u-israyeli,

badla umuzi wamasundu. abantwana bakwa-israyeli bamkhonza u-egiloni inkosi yakwamowabi iminyaka eyishumi nesishiya-galombili. kepha abantwana bakwa-israyeli bakhala kujehova-aeiou, ujejhova-aeiou wabavusela umsindisi, u-ehudi indodana kagera, umbenjamini, umuntu oyinxele; abantwana bakwa-israyeli bathuma isipho ngaye ku-egiloni inkosi yakwamowabi. u-ehudi wazenzela inkemba ebukhali izinsiko zombili, ubude bayo buyingalo, wayibhinca phansi kwengubo yakhe ethangeni lokunene. wamnika u-egiloni inkosi yakwamowabi isipho, kepha u-egiloni wayengumuntu okhuluphelelo kakhulu. kwathi eseqedile ukumnika isipho, wamukisa abantu ababesithwele isipho. kepha yena wabuya endaweni yezithombe ezibaziweyo engasegiligali, wathi: nginendaba eyisifuba kuwe nkosi. wathi: thulani. base bephuma bonke ababemi ngakuye. u-ehudi wasondela kuye; wayehlezi ekamelweni eliphezulu eliphilileyo; wayesethi u-ehudi: nginodaba oluvela kulezi-ku kuwe. wasukuma esihlalweni sakhe. u-ehudi wayeselula isandla sakhe sokhohlo, wabamba inkemba ethangeni lakhe lokunene, wamgwaza esiswini sakhe; kwangena nesibambo emva kwenkemba, amanoni azungeza inkemba, ngokuba akayikhiphanga inkemba esiswini sakhe; yaphumela emuva. u-ehudi wayesephumela ekamelweni eliphambili, wazivalela iminyango yekamelo eliphezulu, wayihluthulela. nxa esephumile yena, kwafika izinceku zakhe; zabona, bheka, iminyango yekamelo eliphezulu yayihluthulelwe; zathi: mhlawumbe uyembesa ezinyawo zakhe ekamelweni lakhe eliphilileyo. zalinda zaze zajabha; bheka, akayivulanga iminyango yekamelo eliphezulu; ngalokho zathatha ukiye, zayivula; bheka, inkosi yazo yayiwela phansi ifile. u-ehudi waphunyuka zisalinda, wadlula endaweni yezithombe ezibaziweyo, wabalekela eseyiri. kwathi esefikile, wabetha icilongo ezintabeni zakwa-efrayimi, abantwana bakwa-israyeli behla naye ezintabeni, yena ephambi kwabo. wathi kubo: ngilandeleni, ngokuba ujejhova-aeiou unikele izitha zenu abakwamowabi esandleni senu! behla emva kwakhe, bavimba amazibuko asejordan ababewela ngawo abakwamowabi, abavumanga ukuba kuwele muntu. babulala kwabakwamowabi ngaleso sikhathi kungathi abantu abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi abayizidlakela namajaha, akwaphunyuka muntu. umowabi wathotshiswa kanjalo ngalolo suku phansi kwesandla sakwa-israyeli. izwe laba nokuthula iminyaka engamashumi ayisishiyagalombili. emva kwakhe kwafika ushamgari indodana ka-anati owabulala kuwo amaflisti abantu abangamakhulu ayisithupha ngocijo lwenkabi; naye wasindisa

u-israyeli.

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abantwana bakwa-israyeli babuye benza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou, esefile u-ehudi. ujejhova-aeiou wathengisa ngabo esandleni sikajabini inkosi yasekhanani, owabusa ehasori, onduna yempi yakhe yayingusisera owahlala eharosheti labeziwe. abantwana bakwa-israyeli bakhala kujehova-aeiou, ngokuba wayenezinqola ezingamakhulu ayisishiyagalolunye zensimbi; wacindezela kakhulu abantwana bakwa-israyeli iminyaka engamashumi amabili. udebora umprofethikazi, umkalapidoti, wahlulela u-israyeli ngaleso sikhathi. wayehlala phansi kwesundu likadebora phakathi kwerama nebethela ezintabeni zakwa-efrayimi; abantwana bakwa-israyeli bakhuphukela kuye ukuba bahlulelwe. wathuma wabiza ubaraki indodana ka-abinohama wasekedeshi nafetali, wathi kuye: ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli akayalanga yini ngokuthi: hamba usondele entabeni yasethabori, uye nabantu abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi babantwana bakwanafetali nabantwana bakwazebuloni, na? ngiyakusondeza kuwe emfuldaneni ikishoni usisera induna yempi kajabini, nezinqola zakhe, nesixuku sakhe, ngimnikele esandleni sakho. ubaraki wathi kuye: uma uhamba nami, ngiyakuhamba; kepha uma ungahambi nami, angiyikuhamba. wathi kuye: impela ngiyakuhamba nawe, kodwa indlela oyakuhamba ngayo ayiyikuba ngeyodumo lwakho, ngokuba ujejhova-aeiou uyakumthengisa usisera esandleni sowe-sifazane. wayesesuka udebora, wahamba nobaraki, baya ekedeshi. ubaraki wabiza ozebuloni nonafetali ukuba beze ekedeshi; kwakhuphuka abantu abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi eziyathelweni zakhe; naye udebora wakhuphuka naye. kepha uhebere umkheni wayezahlukanisile namakheni, abantwana bakwahobabi umukhwe kamose, wamisa itende lakhe kwaze kwaba sekini laseshananimi eliseduze nekedeshi. bamtshela usisera ukuthi ubaraki indodana ka-abinohama ukhuphukele entabeni yasethabori. usisera wayesebutsha zonke izinqola zakhe, izinqola ezingamakhulu ayisishiyagalolunye zensimbi, nabantu bonke ababenaye, kusukela eharosheti labeziwe kuze kube semfuldaneni ikishoni. udebora wathi kubaraki: vuka, ngokuba yilolu suku ujejhova-aeiou anikele ngalo usisera esandleni sakho; ujejhova-aeiou akaphumanga phambi kwakho na? ubaraki wehla entabeni yasethabori nabantu abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi emva kwakhe. ujejhova-aeiou wamngquzula usisera nazo zonke izinqola zakhe nempi yakhe yonke

ngosiko lwenkemba phambi kukabaraki; usisera wehlika enqoleni yakhe, wabaleka ngezinyawo. kepha ubaraki waxosha izinqola nempi kwaze kwaba seharosheti labezizwe; yonke impi kasisera yawa ngosiko lwenkemba, akwasala muntu. kepha usisera wabaleka ngezinyawo, wafika etendeni likajayeli umkahebere umkheni, ngokuba kwakukhona ukuthula phakathi kukajabini inkosi yasehasori nendlu kahebere umkheni. ujayeli waphuma ukumhlangabeza usisera, wathi kuye: phambuka, nkosi yami; phambukela kimi, ungesabi. waphambukela kuye etendeni, wamembesa ingubo. wayesethi kuye: ake ungiphuzise ingcosana yamanzi, ngokuba ngomile. wavumbulula igabha lobisi, wamphuzisa, wamembesa. wathi kuye: yima emnyango wetende; kuyakuthi nxa kufika umuntu abuze kuwe athi: kukhona muntu lapha na? uthi: qha. ujayeli umkahebere wayesethatha isikhonkwane setende, waphatha isando ngesandla, wanyonyobela kuye, wambethela esikheleni sendlebe ngesikhonkwane, sagqobhoza, saphumela emhlabathini, ngokuba wayelele ubuthongo obukhulu ediniwe; wafa kanjalo. bheka, ubaraki esamxosha usisera, ujayeli waphuma ukumhlangabeza, wathi kuye: woza, ngikubonise omfunayo. waya kuye; bheka, usisera wayelele efle, isikhonkwane sisesikheleni sendlebe yakhe. ngalolo suku ulezi-ku wamngoba ujabini inkosi yasekhanani phambi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli. isandla sabantwana bakwa-israyeli saqhubeka saba namandla njalo phezu kukajabini inkosi yasekhanani, baze bamqeda ujabini inkosi yasekhanani.

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base behlabelela odebora nobaraki indodana ka-abinohama ngalolo suku, bethi: ngokuba abaholi beholile kwa-israyeli, ngokuba abantu bezinikela ngenhliziyo, bongani ujevova-aeiou. yizwani nina makhosi; bekani indlebe nina zikhulu; mina, yebo, mina ngiyakuhlabelela kujehova-aeiou, ngihubele kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli. jehova-aeiou, ekuphumeni kwakho eseyiri, ekusukeni kwakho ezweni lakwa-edomi umhlaba wamazama, namazulu aconsa, yebo, amafu aconsa amanzi. izintaba zathuthumela ebusweni bujakajehova-aeiou, yebo, nalo isinayi lelo, ebusweni bujakajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli. ezinsukwini zikashamgari indodana ka-anati, ezinsukwini zikajayeli imendo yayishiyiwe; ababeyakuhamba ngemendo bahamba ngemikhondo. abaholi baphela kwa-israyeli, banqamuka, ngaze ngavuka mina debora, ngavuka ngingunina kwa-israyeli. bakhetha olezi-ku abasha; lapho kwafika impi emasangweni; kwabonwa isihlangu noma

umkhonto yini phakathi kwezinkulungwane ezingamashumi amane kwa-israyeli na? inhliziyo yami ikubabusi bakwa-israyeli abazinikelayo ngenhliziyo phakathi kwabantu; bongani ujevova-aeiou. nina enigibela izimbongolo ezimhlophe, nina enihlezi emacansini, nani enihamba ngendlela, kulandeni. ekwahlukaniseni impango phakathi kwemiqengqe yamanzi balanda khona izenzo ezilungileyo zikajehova-aeiou, ukulunga kokubusa kwakhe kwa-israyeli; khona abantu bakajehova-aeiou behlela emasangweni. vuka, vuka, debora! vuka, vuka, uhube ihubo! vuka, baraki, uthumbe abathunjwa bakho, wena ndodana ka-abinohama! khona wayenza insali ukuba ibuse abakhulu; abantu bakajehova-aeiou bangibeka ukuba ngibuse iziqhwaga. kwavela kwa-efrayimi abampande yabo ikuma-amaleki; emva kwakho ngubenjamine phakathi kwabantu bakho. kwamakiri kwavela ababusi, kwazebuloni abaphethe intonga yomholi. izikhulu zakwa-isakare zazinaye udebora; njengo-isakare, kanjalo nobaraki; behlela ngokushesha esigodini ezinyathelweni zakhe. ngaseminonjaneni yakwarubeni kwakukhona ukululekana okukhulu kwenhliziyo. wahlalelani ezibayeni zezimvu ukuzwa ikhwelo lemihlambi na? ngaseminonjaneni yakwarubeni kwakukhona ukululekana okukhulu kwenhliziyo. ugileyadi wahlala phesheya kwejordani; udani walibalelani emikhunjini na? u-asheri wahlala ngasogwini lolwandle, wasala ngasemathekweni akhe. uzebuloni wayengabantu abazidela kwaze kwaba sekufeni, unafetali kanjalo ezindaweni eziphakemeyo zezwe. amakhosi afika alwa, alwa amakhosi asekhanani ethahanaki ngasemanzini asemegido; awathathanga nzuzo yamali. kwaliwa ezulwini; izinkanyezi ezindleleni zazo zalwa nosisera. umfudlana ikishoni wabakhukhula, umfudlana wamandulo, umfudlana ikishoni. awu, mphefumulo wami, nyathela ngamandla. khona zadubuzo izinselo zamahashi ngokugadula, ukugadula kwezinkweli zawo. qalekisini imerozi, kwasho ingelosi kajehova-aeiou; qalekisini nokuqalekisa abantu balo, ngokuba abezanga ukumsiza ujevova-aeiou ukuba bamsize ujevova-aeiou ukulwa neziqhwaga. uyakubusiswa phezu kwabesifazane ujayeli umkahebere umkheni, abusiswe phezu kwabesifazane basematendeni. wacela amanzi, wamupha ubisi, wamlethela amangqanga ngesitsha samakhosi. wafaka isandla sakhe esikhonkwane, esokunene sakhe esandweni sezisebenzi; ngesando wamshaya usisera, wadebeza ikhanda lakhe, yebo, wamgqobhoza, wambhoboza esikheleni sendlebe. wakhothama ngasezinyaweni zakhe, wawa, walala; ngasezinyaweni zakhe wafola, wawa;

lapho wakhothama khona, wawela khona efife. wabheka efasiteleni, wamemeza, unina kasisera wathi eheleni: inqola yakhe ilibalelani ukufika na? zilibaziselwani izinyawo zezinqola zakhe na? amakhosazana akhe ahlakaniiphileyo amphendula, yebo, wazibuyisela yena uqobo impendulo ngokuthi: angithi batholile babelana impango? intombi, yebo, izintombi ezimbili endodeni ngayinye; kusisera impango yezingubo ezinemibala, impango yezingubo ezinemibala ezifekethisiweyo; izingubo ezimbili ezinemibala ezifekethisiweyo zezintamo zaba yimpango. mazibhubhe kanjalo zonke izitha zinko, jehova-aeiou; kepha abamthandayo mababe njengelanga, lapho liphuma ngamandla alo. izwe selaba nokuthula iminyaka engamashumi amane.

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kepha abantwana bakwa-israyeli benza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou; uje-hova-aeiou wabanikela esandleni sakwamidiyani iminyaka eyisikhombisa. isandla sakwamidiyani samahlula u-israyeli; ngenxa yakwamidiyani abantwana bakwa-israyeli bazenzela imihume yasezintabeni, nemigede, nezinqaba. kwathi nxa abakwa-israyeli sebelimile, abakwamidiyani benyuka nama-maleki nabasempumalanga, bakhuphukela kubo, bamisa mayelana nabo, bachitha izithelo zomhlaba kwaze kwaba segaza, abashiyanga kudla kwa-israyeli, nazimvu, nazinkomo, nazimbongolo. ngokuba benyuka nezinkomo zabo namatende abo, bafika njengesikhonyane ngobuningi; babengenakubalwa bona namakamela abo; bafika ezweni ukuba baliqede. abakwa-israyeli baphela amandla ngenxa yakwamidiyani; base bekhala abantwana bakwa-israyeli kujehova-aeiou. kwathi lapho abantwana bakwa-israyeli besakhala kujehova-aeiou ngenxa yakwamidiyani, uje-hova-aeiou wathuma umprofethi kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, wathi kubo: usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: ngakukhuphula egibithe, ngakukhipha endlini yobugqila, nganophula esandleni sabasegibithe nasesandleni sabo bonke abancindezelayo, ngabaxosha phambi kwenu, nganinika izwe labo, ngathi kini: ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu; aniyikwesaba olezi-ku bama-amori enihlala ezweni lawo, kepha kanilalelanga izwi lami. kwafika ingelosi kajehova-aeiou, yahlala phansi kwe-oki lase-ofira likajowashi umabiyezeri; indodana yakhe ugideyoni yayibhula ukolweni esikhamweni sewayini ukuba amthukusele abakwamidiyani. ingelosi kajehova-aeiou yabonakala kuye, yathi kuye: uje-hova-aeiou unawe wena qhawe elinamandla. ugideyoni wathi kuyo:

o nkosi yami, uma uje-hova-aeiou enathi, konke lokhu kusehlele ngani na? ziphi izimangaliso zakhe abasitshela ngazo obaba, bathi: uje-hova-aeiou akasikhuphulanga egibithe na? kepha manje uje-hova-aeiou usilahlile, wasinikela esandleni sakwamidiyani. uje-hova-aeiou wambheka, wathi: hamba ngalawa mandla akho, umsindise u-israyeli esandleni sakwamidiyani; angikuthumanga na? wathi kuye: o nkosi, ngiyakumsindisa u-israyeli ngantoni na? bheka, umndeni wami umpofu kwamanase, mina ngingomncinyane endlini kababa. uje-hova-aeiou wathi kuye: impela ngiyakuba nawe; uyakubabulala abakwamidiyani kungathi bangumuntu munye. wathi kuye: uma ngifumene umusa emehlweni akho, unginike isibonakaliso ukuthi nguwe okhuluma nami. ake ungamuki lapha, ngize ngibuyeke kuwe, ngilethe isipho sami, ngisibeke phambi kwakho. wayesethi: ngiyakuhlala uze ubuye. ugideyoni wangena, walungisa izinyane lembuzi namaqebelengwane angenamvubelo e-efa lempuphu; wayibeka inyama eqomeni, wawuthela umhluzi ekhazini, wakukhiphela kuye phansi kwe-oki, wakunikela. ingelosi kalezi-ku yathi kuye: thatha inyama namaqebelengwane angenamvubelo, ukubeke edwaleni leli, uwuthulule umhluzi. wenze njalo. ingelosi kajehova-aeiou yase yelula isihloko sentonga esesandleni sayo, yathinta inyama namaqebelengwane angenamvubelo; kwenyuka umlilo edwaleni, wadla waqeda inyama namaqebelengwane angenamvubelo; ingelosi kajehova-aeiou yayisimuka emehlweni akhe. wayesebona ugideyoni ukuthi iyingelosi kajehova-aeiou; ugideyoni wathi: maye, nkosi lezi-ku! ngokuba ngibonile ingelosi kajehova-aeiou ubuso nobuso. uje-hova-aeiou wathi kuye: ukuthula makube kuwe; ungesabi, awuyikufa. ugideyoni wamakhela uje-hova-aeiou i-altare khona, waliqamba igama lokuthi jehova-aeiou shalomi; kuze kube namuhla lisekhona e-ofira lama-abiyezeri. kwathi ngalobo busuku uje-hova-aeiou wathi kuye: thatha iduna likayihlo nenye inkunzi eneminyaka eyisikhombisa, ubhidlize i-altare likabali uyihlo analo, ugawule u-ashera ongakulo, umakhele uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho i-altare esiqongweni sale nqaba ngokuhlelekileyo, uyithathe inkunzi yesibili, unikele ngomnikelo wokushiswa ngezinkuni zika-ashera ozakumgawula. ugideyoni wayesethatha amadoda ayishumi ezincekwini zakhe, wenza njengalokho uje-hova-aeiou ekhulumile kuye; kwathi lokhu ebesaba abendlu kayise nabantu bomuzi ukuba angakwenzi emini, wakwena ebusuku. lapho abantu bomuzi bevuka ekuseni kakhulu, bheka, i-altare likabali lase libhidliziwe, no-ashera owayengakulo

wayegawuliwe, nenkunzi yesibili yayinikelwe phezu kwe-altare elalakhiwe. bakhuluma omunye komunye, bathi: kwenziwe ngubani lokhu na? lapho becinga bebuza, bathi: ngugideyoni indodana kajowashi owenze lokhu. base bethi abantu bomuzi kujowashi: khipha indodana yakho ukuba ife, ngokuba ilibhidlile i-altare likabali nangokuba im-gawulile u-aschera owayengakulo. ujoyashi wathi kubo bonke ababemi ngakuye: niyakumlwela ubali, nimsindise yena, na? oyakumlwela ubali, makabulawe kusasa ekuseni; uma engulezi-ku, makazilwele yena, lokhu kukhona olibhidlile i-altare lakhe. ngalokho ngalolo suku wambiza ngokuthi ujerubali, ethi: ubali makalwe naye ngokuba elibhidlile i-altare lakhe. kwabuthana bonke abakwamidiyani, nama-amaleki, nabasempumalanga, bawela, bamisa esigodini sasejizreyeli. kepha umoya kajehova-aeiou wammbiza ugideyoni, wabetha icilongo, kwabuthana ama-abiyezeri, amlandela. wathuma izithunywa kulo lonke lakwamanase, nabo babuthana, bamlandela; wathuma izithunywa ku-ascheri, nakuzebuloni, nakunafetali, bakhuphuka ukuba babahlangabeze. ugideyoni wathi kulezi-ku: uma uzakusindisa u-israyeli ngesandla sami, njengalokho ukhulumile, bheka, ngiyakubeka uboya obugundi-weyo esibuyeni; uma kukhona amazolo eboyeni bodwa komile emhlabathini wonke, ngiyakwazi ukuthi uzakusindisa u-israyeli ngesandla sami, njengalokho ukhulumile. kwaba njalo, ngokuba wavuka ekuseni ngangomuso, wabucindezela uboya, wakhama amazolo eboyeni, kwagcwala isitsha amanzi. ugideyoni wathi kulezi-ku: intukuthelo yakho mayingangivutheli, ngizakukhuluma kanye kuphela: ake ngilinge kanye kuphela ngoboya; makube komile eboyeni bodwa, kube khona amazolo emhlabathini wonke. wenze njalo ulezi-ku ngalobo busuku, ngokuba kwakomile eboyeni bodwa, kepha emhlabathini wonke kwakukhona amazolo.

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ujerubali ongugideyoni nabantu bonke ababenaye bavuka ekuseni, bamisa ngasemthonjeni waseharodi; ikamu lakwamidiyani lalingasenyakatho kwabo ngasequmeni lasemore esigodini. uje-hova-aeiou wathi kugideyoni: abantu abanawe baningi kakhulu ukuba nginikele abakwamidiyani esandleni sabo, funa u-israyeli aziqhenye ngakimi ngokuthi: isandla sami singisindisile. ngalokho memeza ezindlebeni zabantu, uthi: owesabayu ethuthumela makabuye, amuke entabeni yakwagile-yadi! kwabuya abantu abayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nambili, kwasala abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi.

ujehova-aeiou wathi kugideyoni: abantu base baningi; behlisele ngasemanzini, ngikulinge bona khona; kuyakuthi lowo engizakusho ngaye kuwe ukuthi: lo uzakuhamba nawe, yena ahambe nawe; nalowo engizakusho ngaye kuwe ukuthi: lo akayikuhamba nawe, yena akayikuhamba. wayesebehlisela abantu ngasemanzini; uje-hova-aeiou wathi kugideyoni: bonke abaxhapha amanzi ngolimi lwabo njen-gokuxhapha kwenja babeke bodwa, kanjalo nabo bonke abaguqa ngamadolo ukuba baphuze. umumo wabaxhaphayo be-beka isandla emlonyeni wawungamadoda angamakhulu amathathu, kepha bonke abanye abantu baguqa ngamadolo ukuba baphuze amanzi. wayesethi uje-hova-aeiou kugideyoni: ngalawo madoda amakhulu amathathu axhaphayo ngizakunisindisa, ngibanikele abakwamidiyani esandleni sakho; bonke abanye abantu mabahambe, yilowo nalowo aye endaweni yakhe. abantu base bethatha umphako ngesandla sabo namacilongo abo; bonke abanye abakwa-israyeli wabathuma, kwabayilowo nalowo etendeni lakhe, wagcina lawo madoda amakhulu amathathu; ikamu lakwamidiyani laliphansi kwakhe esigodini. kwathi ngalobo busuku uje-hova-aeiou wathi kuye: vuka wehlele ekamu, ngokuba sengilnikele esandleni sakho. kepha uma wesaba ukwehla, yehla nophura udibi lwakho, niye ekamu; uzakuzwa ukuthi bathini, andukuba kuqiniswe izandla zakho ukuba wehlele ekamu. khona wehla nophura udibi lwakhe emaphethelweni abahlomileyo abasekamu. abakwamidiyani nama-amaleki nabo bonke abasempumalanga bahlala esigodini njen-gesikhonyane ngobuningi; amakamela abo ayengenakubalwa, engangesihlabathi esisogwini lolwandle ngobuningi. lapho efika ugideyoni, bheka, umuntu wayelandisa umngane wakhe iphupho, wathi: ngaphupha iphupho; bheka, iqebelengwane lesinkwa sebhali lagingqikela ekamu lakwamidiyani, lafika etendeni, lalishaya laze lawa, laligumbuqela, labhadalala. umngane wakhe waphendula wathi: lokhu akulutho ngaphandle kwenkamba kagideyoni indodana kajowashi, umuntu wakwa-israyeli; ulezi-ku unikele esandleni sakhe umidiyani nempi yonke. kwathi ugideyoni ekuzwa ukulandwa kwephupho nokuchazwa kwalo, wakhuleka; wabuyela ekamu lakwa-israyeli, wathi: vukani, ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou unikele esandleni senu impi yakwamidiyani. wahlukanisela amadoda angamakhulu amathathu izigaba ezintathu, wawanika, kwaba yileyo naleyo amacilongo ezandleni zawo, nezitsha ezingenalutho, nezimbaqa zisezitsheni. wathi kuwo: ngibukeni, nenze kanjalo; bhekani, nxa nifika emaphethelweni ekamu, kuyakuthi njengalokho kwenza



mina, nenze nani. nxa ngibetha icilongo, mina nabo bonke abanami, bethani nani amacilongo nxazonke zekamu, nithi: ekajehova-aeiou nekagideyoni! ugideyoni namadoda ayikhulu ayenaye base befika emaphethelweni ekamu ngasekuqaleni komlindo ophakathi, besand' ukubeka abalindi; babetha amacilongo, baphohloza izitsha abaziphethayo ngezandla. izigaba zontathu zabetha amacilongo, zaphohloza izitsha, zaphatha izimbaqa ngezandla zokhohlo namacilongo ngezandla zokunene ukuba ziwabethe; zamemeza zathi: inkemba kajehova-aeiou nekagideyoni! onke amadoda ayemi, kwaba yileyo naleyo, ahaqa ikamu; bonke abasekamu bagijima bamemeza. abetha amacilongo angamakhulu amathathu, ujeihova-aeiou wabhekisa inkemba yalowo nalowo ngakumngane wakhe nakulo ikamu lonke; ikamu labaleka kwaze kwaba sebeti shitha ngaseserera, laze lafika emkhawulweni we-abela mehola ngasethabati. amadoda akwa-israyeli ayebuthene evela kwanafetali, nakwa-asheri, nakulo lonke lakwamanase, abaxosha abakwamidiyani. ugideyoni wayesethuma izithunywa ezintabeni zonke zakwa-efrayimi, wathi: yehlani, nihlangabezane nabakwamidiyani, nibavimbe emanzini kuze kube sebetha bara nasejordani. onke amadoda akwa-efrayimi ayesebuthana, abavimbela emanzini kwaze kwaba sebetha bara nasejordani. abamba izikhulu ezimbili zakwamidiyani, o-orebi nozebi, ambulala u-orebi ngasedwaleni lika-orebi, nozebi bambulala ngasesikhamweni sewayini sikazezi, abaxosha abakwamidiyani; aletha ikhanda lika-orebi nelikazezi kugideyoni phesheya kwejordani.

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abantu bakwa-efrayimi bathi kuye: ukwenzeleni lokhu kithina ukuthi awusibizanga lapho uyakulwa nabakwamidiyani na? bamkhankatha kakhulu. wathi kubo: ngenzeni mina, uma kulinganiswa nokwenu na? ukukhothoza kwabakwa-efrayimi akukuhle yini kunokuvuna umvini kwama-biyezeri na? ulezi-ku unikele esandleni senu izikhulu zakwamidiyani, o-orebi nozebi; mina benginamandla okwenzani, uma kulinganiswa nokwenu, na? kwase kubohla ukuthukuthela kwabo ngaye, eseshilo lokho. ugideyoni wafika ejordani, wawela, yena namadoda angamakhulu amathathu ayenaye, eyethile, esaxosha nokho. wayesethi kubantu basesukoti: ake niphe abantu abangilandelayo izinkwa, ngokuba bayethile, ngisaxosha ozeba nosalimuna amakhosi akwamidiyani. izikhulu zasesukoti zathi: izandla zikazeza nosalimuna sezisesandleni sakho ukuba

siphe impi yakho isinkwa na? ugideyoni wathi: ngalokho nxa ujeihova-aeiou enikele ozeba nosalimuna esandleni sami, ngiyakuklebhula inyama yenu ngameva asehlane nangamazinyo ezingqola zokubhula. wenyuka lapho, waya ephenuweli, wakhuluma kubo ngokunjalo; abantu basephenuweli bamphendula njengabantu basesukoti bebephendulile. wakhuluma nakubo abantu basephenuweli, wathi: ekubuyeni kwami ngiphilile ngizakubhidliza lo mbhoshongo. ozeba nosalimuna babesekarkori, izimpi zabo zinabo kungathi abantu abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi nanhlanu, bonke ababesele empi yonke yabasempumalanga, ngokuba kwakuwile abantu abayizinkulungwane eziyikhulu namashumi amabili abahloma inkemba. ugideyoni wenyuka ngendlela yabahlala ematendeni ngasempumalanga kwasenoba nejogibela, wanqoba impi, impi yayithi ilondekile. ozeba nosalimuna babaleka, wabaxosha; wawabamba amakhosi omabili akwamidiyani, ozeba nosalimuna, wachitha impi yonke. ugideyoni indodana kajowashi wabuya empi ngasekwenyukeni kweheresi. wabamba insizwa yabantu basesukoti, wabuza kuyo; yona yamlobela izikhulu zasesukoti namalunga alo, abantu abangamashumi ayisikhombisa nesikhombisa. wayesefika kubantu basesukoti, wathi: bhekani ozeba nosalimuna enangiswabulela ngabo, nathi: izandla zikazeza nosalimuna sezisesandleni sakho ukuba siphe amadoda akho ayethileyo isinkwa na? wayesebamba amalunga omuzi, nameva asehlane, namazinyo ezingqola zokubhula, wagalela ngawo abantu basesukoti. wawubhidliza umbhoshongo wasephenuweli, wabulala abantu bomuzi. wayesesho kozeba nosalimuna, ethi: babe njani labo bantu enababulala ethabori na? bathi: babe njengawe; yilowo nalowo wafana nabantwana benkosi. wathi: babe ngabafowethu, amadodana kamame. kuphila kukajehova-aeiou, uma benibayekile baphila, bengingayikunibulala. wayesethi kujetheri izibulo lakhe: suka ubabulale. kepha umfana kahoshanga inkemba yakhe, ngokuba wesaba lokhu engumfana. base bethi ozeba nosalimuna: suka wena, usihlasele, ngokuba njengendoda anjalo amandla ayo. wayesesuka ugideyoni, wababulala ozeba nosalimuna, wathatha izimbedu ezinjengenyanga ezazisezintanyeni zamakamela abo. abantu bakwa-israyeli bathi kugideyoni: sibuse, wena nendodana yakho, nendodana yendodana yakho futhi, ngokuba usisindisile esandleni sakwamidiyani. ugideyoni wathi kubo: angiyikunibusa, nendodana yami ayiyikunibusa; ngujehova-aeiou oyakunibusa. ugideyoni wathi kubo: mangicele okuthile kini ukuba ninginike, kube yilowo nalowo

amacici empango yakhe. babenamacici egolide, lokhu bebengabakwa-ishmayeli. bathi: siyakunikwa wona impela. beneka ingubo, baphonsa khona, kwaba yilowo nalowo amacici empango yakhe. isisindo samacici egolide awacelayo sasingamashekeli ayinkulungwane namakhulu ayisikhombisa egolide, ngaphandle kwezimbedu ezinjengenyanga, neziqhaza, nezingubo ezibubende ezazembethwe ngamakhosi akwamidiyani, nangaphandle kwamaketa-tanga ayesezintanyeni zamakamela awo. ugideyoni wenza ingubo yamahlombe ngakho, wayibeka emzini wakhe e-ofira; bonke abakwa-israyeli baya baphinga nayo khona; yaba lugibe kugideyoni nendlu yakhe. abakwamidiyani bathotshiswa kan-jalo phambi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli, ababe besaphakamisa amakhanda abo. izwe lathula iminyaka engamashumi amane ezinsukwini zikagideyoni. ujerubali indodana kajowashi waya wahlala endlini yakhe. ugideyoni wayenamadodana angamashumi ayisikhombisa aphuma okhalweni lwakhe, ngokuba wayenabafazi abaningi. isancinza sakhe esasisheskemi naso samzalela indodana, sayiqamba igama lokuthi u-abimeleki. ugideyoni indodana kajowashi wafa esemdala, wembelwa ethuneni likajowashi uyise e-ofira lama-abiyezeri. kwathi esefile ugideyoni, abantwana bakwa-israyeli babuye baphinga nawobali, bamenza ubali beriti ulezi-ku wabo. abantwana bakwa-israyeli babengakhumbuli ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wabo owabophula esandleni sezitha zonke zabo nxazonke. abenzanga umusa kuyo indlu kajerubali ongugideyoni njengakho konke okuhle ayekwenzile ku-israyeli.

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u-abimeleki indodana kajerubali waya kubafowabo bakanina, wakhuluma kubo nomndeni wonke wendlu kayise kanina, wathi: ake nikhulume ezindlebeni zabo bonke abantu baseshekemi, nithi: yikuphi okuhle kini ukuba onke amadodana kajerubali angabantu abangamashumi ayisikhombisa anibuse nokuba nibuswe ngumuntu munye na? khumbulani ukuthi mina ngiyithambo lenu nenyama yenu. abafowabo bakanina base bekhuluma ngaye ezindlebeni zabo bonke abantu baseshekemi onke lawo mazwi; izinhlizyo zabo zathanda ukumlandela u-abimeleki, ngokuba bathi: ungumfowethu. bamnika amashekeli angamashumi ayisikhombisa esiliva endlini kabali beriti, u-abimeleki aqasha ngawo izidenga namayiyane, bamlandela. waya endlini kayise e-ofira, wabulala abafowabo, amadodana kajerubali, abantu abangamashumi ayisikhombisa etsheni linye, kepha kwasala ujothamu indodana encinyane

kajerubali, ngokuba wacasha. bonke abantu baseshekemi bahlangana nabo bonke abase-beti milo, baya bambeka u-abimeleki inkosi ngase-okini letshe lesikhumbuzo elalise-shekemi. lapho kubikwa lokho kujothamu, waya wema esiqongweni sentaba yasegerizimu, waphakamisa izwi lakhe, wamemeza, wathi kubo: ngilaleleni nina bantu baseshekemi ukuba ulezi-ku anilalele nina. imithi yake yaya ukuzigcobela inkosi, yathi kuwo umnqumo: yiba yinkosi yethu. kepha umnqumo wathi kuyo: ngiyakuwayeka yini amafutha ami abadunyiswa ngawo olezi-ku nabantu, ngiye ngintengantenge phezu kwemithi, na? imithi yayisithi kuwo umkhwane: woza wena, ube yinkosi yethu. kepha umkhwane wathi kuyo: ngiyakubuyeka yini ubumnandi bami nezithelo zami ezinhle, ngiye ngintengantenge phezu kwemithi, na? yayisithi imithi kuwo umvini: woza wena, ube yinkosi yethu. umvini wathi kuyo: ngiyakuliyeke yini iwayini lami elithokozisa olezi-ku nabantu, ngiye ngintengantenge phezu kwemithi, na? yonke imithi yayisithi kuso isihlahla somkhaya: woza wena, ube yinkosi yethu. isihlahla somkhaya sathi kuyo imithi: uma ningicoba impela ngibe yinkosi yenu, wozani niphephele emthunzini wami; uma kungenjalo, makuphume umlilo kuso isihlahla somkhaya, uqede imisedari yaselebanoni. ngalokho uma nenzile ngeqiniso nangobuqotho lapho nimbeka u-abimeleki inkosi, uma nimphathile kahle ujerubali nendlu yakhe, nenza kuye njen-gokufanele izandla zakhe ngokuba ubaba wanilwela wazidela, wanophula esandleni sabakwamidiyani; kepha niyivukele namuhla indlu kababa, nibulele amadodana akhe, abantu abangamashumi ayisikhombisa etsheni linye, nimbekile u-abimeleki indodana yesigqilakazi sakhe inkosi yabaseshekemi ngokuba engumfowenu; uma nimphathile kahle ujerubali nendlu yakhe namuhla, thokozani ngo-abimeleki, naye athokoze ngani; kepha uma kungenjalo, makuphume umlilo ku-abimeleki, uqede abantu baseshekemi nebeti milo, umlilo uphume nakubantu baseshekemi nasebeti milo, umqede u-abimeleki. ujothamu wayesebaleka, weqa, waya eberi, wahlala khona ngenxa ka-abimeleki umfowabo. u-abimeleki wayeyisikhulu phezu kuka-israyeli iminyaka emithathu. ulezi-ku wathuma umoya omubi phakathi kuka-abimeleki nabantu baseshekemi; abaseshekemi bambhumbuluzo u-abimeleki ukuba ubudlova obenziwe kuwo amadodana angamashumi ayisikhombisa kajerubali bufike, negazi labo libekwe phezu kuka-abimeleki umfowabo owababulala, naphezu kwabaseshekemi abaqinisa izandla zakhe ukuba abulale abafowabo. abaseshekemi bambekela abaqamekeli eziqongweni zezintaba,

baphanga bonke ababedlula kubo ngaleyo ndlela; kwabikwa ku-abimeleki. kwafika ugali indodana ka-ebedi nabafowabo, waya eshekemi; abaseshekemi bamethemba. baya endle, bavuna izivini zabo, banyathela imivini, bagubha umkhosi, bangena endlini kalezi-ku wabo, badla, baphuza, bamqalekisa u-abimeleki. ugali indodana ka-ebedi wathi: ngubani u-abimeleki, ngubani ushekemi, ukuba simkhonze, na? akasiyo indodana kajerubali, nozebule yinduna yakhe na? khonzani abantu bakahamori uyise kashekemi. thina siyakumkhonzelani yena na? sengathi laba bantu nga besesandleni sami; bengiyakumsusa u-abimeleki. wathi ku-abimeleki: yandisa impi yakho, uphume. lapha uezubule umphathi womuzi ezwa amazwi kagali indodana ka-ebedi, kwavutha ulaka lwakhe. wathuma izithunywa ku-abimeleki ngobuqili, wathi: bheka, ugali indodana ka-ebedi nabafowabo bafikile eshekemi; bheka, bakuvusela umuzi. ngalokho vukani ebusuku, wena nabantu abanawe, niqamekele endle; kuyakuthi ekuseni lisaphuma ilanga, uvuke, uhlaselwe umuzi; bheka, lapho yena nabantu abanye bephuma ukuba balwe nawe, wenze kubo njengokubona kwakho. u-abimeleki nabo bonke abantu ababenaye basuka ebusuku, baqamekela ishekemi ngezigaba ezine. ugali indodana ka-ebedi waphuma, wema esikhaleni sesango lomuzi; u-abimeleki wayeseqhamuka nabantu ababenaye ekuqamekeleni. lapho ugali ebona abantu, wathi kuzebule: bheka, kwehla abantu eziqongweni zezintaba. uezubule wathi kuye: uyabona amathunzi ezintaba kungathi ngabantu. ugali wabuye wakhuluma, wathi: bheka, kwehla abantu enkabeni yezwe, esinye isigaba sifika ngendlela ye-oki lokuhlola imihlola. uezubule wayesethi kuye: uphi manje umlomo wakho ukuba uthi: ngubani u-abimeleki ukuba simkhonze na? akusibo labo bantu obadeleleyo na? ake uphume manje, ulwe nabo. ugali waphuma phambi kwabantu baseshekemi, walwa no-abimeleki. u-abimeleki wamxosha, wabaleka phambi kwakhe, kwaba abaningi bekhutshaziwe kwaze kwaba sesikhaleni sesango. u-abimeleki wahlala e-aruma; uezubule wamxosha ugali nabafowabo ukuba bangahlali eshekemi. kwathi ngangomuso abantu baya endle, bamtshela u-abimeleki. wathatha abantu, wabahlukanisela izigaba ezintathu, waqamekela endle; wabheka, nampa abantu bephuma emzini; wabavukela, wababulala. u-abimeleki nezigaba ezazinaye zadumela, zema esikhaleni sesango lomuzi; izigaba zombili zadumela bonke abasendle, zababulala. u-abimeleki walwa nomuzi lonke lolo suku; wawuthatha umuzi, wabulala abantu ababekuwo, wawubhidliza umuzi,

wahlwanyela usawoti kuwo. lapho bezwa lokho bonke abasembhoshongweni waseshekemi, bangena enqabeni yendlu yase-eli beriti. kwabikwa ku-abimeleki ukuthi bonke abasembhoshongweni waseshekemi babehlangene ndawonye. u-abimeleki wenyukela entabeni yasesalimoni, yena nabantu bonke ababenaye; u-abimeleki wathatha izembe ngesandla, wagawula igatsha emithini, walithatha, walibeka ehlobo, wathi kubantu ababenaye: lokho eningibone ngikwenza, sheshani nikwenze njengami. bonke abantu bagawula, kwaba yilowo nalowo igatsha lakhe kanjalo, bamlandela u-abimeleki, bawabeka enqabeni, bayithungela inqaba ngomlilo phezu kwabo; bafa bonke abantu abasembhoshongweni waseshekemi, kungathi abayinkulungwane, abesilisa nabesifazane. u-abimeleki wayeseya ethebesi, wamisa malungana nethebesi, walithatha. kepha phakathi komuzi wawukhona umbhoshongo oqinileyo; babalekela khona bonke abesilisa nabesifazane, nabo bonke abomuzi, bazi-valela phakathi, benyukela ophahleni lombhoshongo. u-abimeleki wafika embhoshongweni, walwa nawo, wasondela emnyango wombhoshongo ukuba awushise ngomlilo. owesifazane othile waphonsa imbokodwe ekhanda lika-abimeleki, wachimiza ikhanda lakhe. wayeseshesha ebiza udibi olwaluphethe izikhali zakhe, wathi kulo: hosha inkemba yakho, ungibulale ukuba abantu bangasho ngami ukuthi: wabulawa ngowesifazane. udibi lwakhe lwase lungwaza, wafa. kwathi abantu bakwa-israyeli bebonile ukuthi u-abimeleki ufle, bamuka baya, kwaba yilowo nalowo endaweni yakhe. kanjalo ulezi-ku wabuyisela ububi buka-abimeleki abebenzile kuyise ngokubulala abafowabo abangamashumi ayisikhombisa. ulezi-ku wabuyisela bonke ububi babantu baseshekemi emakhanda abo, behlelwa yisiqalekiso sikajothamu indodana kajerubali.

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emva kuka-abimeleki kwavela uthola indodana kaphuwa kadodo, umuntu wakwa-isakare, ukuba asindise u-israyeli; wayehlala eshamiri ezintabeni zakwa-efrayimi. wamahlulela u-israyeli iminyaka engamashumi amabili nantathu, wafa, wembelwa eshamiri. emva kwakhe kwavela ujayire wawkagileyadi, wamahlulela u-israyeli iminyaka engamashumi amabili nambili. wayenamadodana angamashumi amathathu agibela amathole ezimbon-golo angamashumi amathathu; ayenemizi engamashumi amathathu ethiwa ihavoti jayire kuze kube namuhla, esezweni lakwagileyadi. ujayire wafa, wembelwa

ekhamoni. abantwana bakwa-israyeli babuye benza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou, babakhonza obali, no-ashitaroti, nawolezi-ku base-aramu, nawolezi-ku basesidoni, nawolezi-ku bakwamowabi, nawolezi-ku babantwana bakwa-amoni, nawolezi-ku bamaflisti, bamshiya ujeхова-aeiou, kabamkhonza. intukuthelo kajehova-aeiou yamvuthela u-israyeli, wathengisa ngabo esandleni samaflisti nasesandleni sabantwana bakwa-amoni. bakhathaza, bacindezela abantwana bakwa-israyeli ngalowo mnyaka; iminyaka eyishumi nesishiyagalombili babacindezela bonke abantwana bakwa-israyeli ababengaphesheya kwejordani ezweni lama-amori elikwagileyadi. abantwana bakwa-amoni bawela ijordani ukuba balwe nojuda nobenjaminini nendlu yakwa-efrayimi; u-israyeli wantula kakhulu. abantwana bakwa-israyeli bakhala kujehova-aeiou, bathi: sonile kuwe, ngokuba simshiyele ulezi-ku wethu, sakhonza obali. ujeхова-aeiou wathi kubantwana bakwa-israyeli: anginisindisanga yini kubo abasegibithe, nakuwo ama-amori, nakubo abantwana bakwa-amoni, nakuwo amaflisti, na? nacindezela ngamasidoni, nama-amaleki, namamahoni, nakhala kimi, nganisindisa esandleni sawo. nokho ningishiyile, nakhonza abanye olezi-ku; ngalokho angisayikunisindisa. hambani nikhale kolezi-ku enibakhethileyo; mabanisindise ngesikhathi sosizi lwenu. abantwana bakwa-israyeli bathi kujehova-aeiou: sonile; yenza kithi okuthandayo; kepha ake usophule kuphela namuhla. base besusa olezi-ku babezizwe phakathi kwabo, bamkhonza ujeхова-aeiou; umphefumulo wakhe wakhathazeka ngokuhlupheka kwabakwa-israyeli. kwabuthwa abantwana bakwa-amoni, bamisa kwagileyadi. kepha abantwana bakwa-israyeli babuthana, bamisa emispa. abantu, izikhulu zakwagileyadi, bathi omunye komunye: ngumphu umuntu oyakuqala ukulwa nabantwana bakwa-amoni na? yena uyakuba yinhloko yabo bonke abakhe kwagileyadi.

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ujefta wakwagileyadi wayeyiqhawe elinamandla; wayeyindodana yesifebe; ugileyadi wamzala ujefta. umkagileyadi wamazala amadodana; esekhulile amadodana omkakhe amxosha ujefta, athi kuye: awuyikulidla ifa endlini kababa, ngokuba uyindodana yomunye owesifazane. ujefta wabalekela abafowabo, wahlala ezweni lasethobi; kwabuthana kujefta amayiyane, aphuma naye. kwathi emva kwesikhashana abantwana bakwa-amoni balwa no-israyeli. bathi abantwana bakwa-amoni belwa no-israyeli, amalunga akwagileyadi aya

amlanda ujefta ezweni lasethobi. athi kujefta: woza ube ngumholi wethu, silwe nabantwana bakwa-amoni. ujefta wathi kumalunga akwagileyadi: aningizondanga yini, nangixosha endlini kababa na? nizelani kimi manje nisekhluphekeni na? amalunga akwagileyadi athi kujefta: sibuyele kuwe manje ngalokhu ukuba uhambe nathi, ulwe nabantwana bakwa-amoni, ube yinhloko phezu kwabo bonke abakhe kwagileyadi. wayesethi ujefta kumalunga akwagileyadi: uma ningibuyisa ukulwa nabantwana bakwa-amoni, ujeхова-aeiou abanikele phambi kwami, ngiyakuba yinhloko yenu. amalunga akwagileyadi athi kujefta: ujeхова-aeiou makabe ngufakazi wethu; impela siyakwenza njengezwi lakho. ujefta wayesehamba namalunga akwagileyadi; abantu bamenza inhloko nomholi phezu kwabo; ujefta wakhuluma onke amazwi akhe phambi kukajehova-aeiou emispa. ujefta wathuma izithunywa enkosini yabantwana bakwa-amoni, wathi: unamsebenzi muni nami ukuba uze kimi ukulwa nezwe lakithi na? inkosi yabantwana bakwa-amoni yathi kuzo izithunywa zikajefta: ngokuba u-israyeli walithatha izwe lakithi ekukhuphukeni kwakhe egibithe, kusukela e-arinoni kuze kube sejaboki nasejordani, buyisani lawo mazwe ngokuthula. ujefta wabuye wathuma izithunywa enkosini yabantwana bakwa-amoni, wathi kuyo: usho kanje ujefta, uthi: u-israyeli akathathanga izwe lakwamowabi nezwe labantwana bakwa-amoni. ngokuba ekukhuphukeni kwabo egibithe, u-israyeli ehamba ehlane waze wafika elwandle olubomvu, wafika nasekadesh, u-israyeli wathuma izithunywa enkosini yakwa-edomi, wathi: ake ngidabule izwe lakho; kepha inkosi yakwa-edomi ayilalelanga; nasenkosini yakwamowabi wathuma kanjalo; kepha ayivumanga; u-israyeli wayesehlala ekadesh. wayesehamba ehlane, wazungeza izwe lakwa-edomi nezwe lakwamowabi, weza ngasempumalanga kwezwe lakwamowabi, wamisa ngaphesheya kwe-arinoni; kepha abangenanga emkhawulweni wakwamowabi, ngokuba i-arinoni lalingumkhawulo wakwamowabi. :18 num. 21:13. u-israyeli wayesethuma izithunywa kusihoni inkosi yama-amori, inkosi yaseheshiboni; u-israyeli wathi kuye: ake sidabule izwe lakho, siye endaweni yethu. kodwa usihoni akamethembanga u-israyeli ukuba adabule emkhawulweni wakhe; kepha usihoni wabutha bonke abantu bakhe, wamisa ejahasi, walwa no-israyeli. ujeхова-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli wanikela usihoni nabo bonke abantu bakhe esandleni sakwa-israyeli, bababulala; u-israyeli wadla izwe lonke lama-amori, abantu balelo zwe. badla izwe lonke lama-amori, kusukela e-arinoni kuze kube sejaboki, kusukela ehlane

kuze kube sejordani. manje ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli uwaxoshile ama-amori phambi kwabantu bakhe u-israyeli; wena uyakulidla izwe na? awuyikudla lelo uke-moshi ulezi-ku wakho akunika lona ukuba ulidle na? kanjalo bonke ujevova-aeiou, ulezi-ku wethu, abaxosha phambi kwethu, siyalidla elabo. pho, ungcono yini kunobal-aki indodana kasipori, inkosi yakwamowabi, na? wake waphikisana no-israyeli, wake walwa nabo na? u-israyeli esahlala eheshiboni nasemizaneni yalo, nase-aroweri nasemizaneni yalo, nasemizini yonke engase-celeni kwe-arinoni iminyaka engamakhulu amathathu, anisaphucanga ngani yona ngaleso sikhathi na? mina angikonanga, kepha wena wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka kimi ngokulwa nami; ujevova-aeiou umahluleli makahlulele namuhla phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli nabantwana bakwa-amoni. kodwa inkosi yabantwana bakwa-amoni ayilalelanga amazwi kajefta awathuma kuyo. khona umoya kajejova-aeiou wafika kujefta, wadlula kwagileyadi nakwamanase, wadlula nasemispa lakwagileyadi; esuka emispa lakwagileyadi wadlulela kubantwana bakwa-amoni. ujefta wenza isithembiso kujehova-aeiou, wathi: uma uyakunikela impela abantwana bakwa-amoni esandleni sami, kuyakuthi noma yikuphi okuphuma eminyango yendlu yami ukungihlangabeza, lapho ngibuya ngokuthula kubantwana bakwa-amoni, kube ngokukajehova-aeiou, nginikele ngakho kube ngumnikelo wokushiswa. ujefta wayes-edlulela kubantwana bakwa-amoni ukulwa nabo; ujevova-aeiou wabanikela esandleni sakhe. wababulala kusukela e-aroweri kuze kufike eminiti, imizi engamashumi amabili, nase-abela keramimi ngokuceka okukhulu kakhulu. kanjalo abantwana bakwa-amoni banqotshwa phambi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli. ujefta weza emispa endlini yakhe; bheka, indodakazi yakhe yaphuma ukumhlangebeza, iza nezigubhu nokusina; yayingumntwana oyedwa; ngaphandle kwakhe wayengenandodana nandodakazi. kwathi lapho eyibona, waklebhula izingubo zakhe, wathi: hawu, mntanami, ungithobisele kakhulu, ungomunye wabangihluphayo, ngokuba ngivulile umlomo kujehova-aeiou, angise-nakubuya. wathi kuye: baba, uvulile umlomo wakho kujehova-aeiou; yenza kimi njengokuphumileyo emlonyeni wakho, lokhu ujevova-aeiou ekuphindisele ezitheni zakho, abantwana bakwa-amoni. yathi kuyise: mangelzewe lokhu: ngiyeke izinyanga ezimbili ukuba ngiye, ngehlele ezintabeni, ngililele ubuntombi bami, mina nabangane bami. wathi: hamba. wayimukisa izinyanga ezimbili; yamuka yona nabangane bayo, yalilela ubuntombi

bayo ezintabeni. kwathi ngasekupheleni kwezinyanga ezimbili, yabuyela kuyise owenza kuyo njengokwesithembiso sakhe asethembisileyo; ayiyazanga indoda. kwaba yisimiso kwa-israyeli ukuba amadodakazi akwa-israyeli aye yonke iminyaka ukuyitusa indodakazi kajefta wakwagileyadi izinsuku ezine ngomnyaka.

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amadoda akwa-efrayimi abuthana, aya ngasenyakatho; athi kujefta: uwelelani ukulwa nabantwana bakwa-amoni, ungasibizanga ukuba sihambe nawe, na? siyakushisa ngomlilo indlu yakho phezu kwakho. ujefta wathi kubo: mina nabantu bami sasilwa kakhulu nabantwana bakwa-amoni; nganibiza, aningisindisanga esandleni sabo. nxa sengibonile ukuthi aningisindisanga, ngabeka ukuphila kwami esandleni sami, ngadlulela kubantwana bakwa-amoni, ujevova-aeiou wabanikela esandleni sami; ngalokho nikhuphukeleni kimi namuhla ukulwa nami na? ujefta wayesebutha bonke abantu bakwagileyadi, walwa no-efrayimi; abantu bakwagileyadi bamahlula u-efrayimi, ngokuba bathi: ningababalekileyo kwab-efrayimi nina bakwagileyadi phakathi kwabakwa-efrayimi naphakathi kwabakwamanase. abakwagileyadi bavimba amazibuko asejordani phambi kwabakwa-efrayimi; kwathi lapho ababalekileyo bakwa-efrayimi bethi: mangiwele, abantu bakwagileyadi bathi kuye: ungowakwa-efrayimi na? uma ethi: cha, bathi kuye: shono uthi: shiboleti, abesethi: siboleti, ngokuba engaqaphelanga ukuliphimisa kahle; base bambamba, bambulala ngase-mazibukweni asejordani; kwawa ngaleso sikhathi abakwa-efrayimi abayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amane nambili. ujefta wamahlulela u-israyeli iminyaka eyisithupha. wafa ujefta wakwagileyadi, wambelwa komunye wemizi yakwagileyadi. emva kwakhe u-ibisani wasebetlehema wahlulela u-israyeli. wayenamadodana angamashumi amathathu; amadodakazi angamashumi amathathu wawendisela, wathathela amadodana akhe izintombi ezingamashumi amathathu. wamahlulela u-israyeli iminyaka eyisikhombisa. u-ibisani wafa, wembelwa ebetlehema. emva kwakhe u-eloni wakwazebuloni wahlulela u-israyeli; wamahlulela u-israyeli iminyaka eyishumi. u-eloni wakwazebuloni wafa, wembelwa e-ajaloni ezweni lakwazebuloni. emva kwakhe u-abidoni indodana kahileli wasepirathoni wahlulela u-israyeli. wayenamadodana angamashumi amane namadodana amadodana akhe angamashumi amathathu agibela amathole ezimbongolo angamashumi

ayisikhombisa; wamahlulela u-israyeli iminyaka eyisishiyagalombili. u-abidoni indodana kahileli wasepirathoni wafa, wembelwa epirathoni ezweni lakwa-efrayimi ezintabeni zama-amaleki.

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abantwana bakwa-israyeli babuye benza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou; ukehova-aeiou wabanikela esandleni samafilisti iminyaka engamashumi amane. kwakukhona umuntu othile wasesora womndeni wakwadani ogama lakhe lalingu-manowa; umkakhe wayeyinyumba engazali. ingelosi kajehova-aeiou yabonakala kowesifazane, yathi kuye: bheka-ke, uyinyumba, awuzali, kepha uyakukhulelwa, uzale indodana. ngalokho ake uxwaye ungaphuzi wayini naluphuzo olunamandla, ungadli lutho olungcolileyo, ngokuba bheka, uyakukhulelwa, uzale indodana, impuco ayiyikuthinta ekhanda layo, ngokuba umntwana uyakuba ngumnaziri kalezi-ku kwasesizalweni; uyakuqala ukusindisa u-israyeli esandleni samafilisti. owesifazane wayeseya ukubika endodeni yakhe, ethi: kufikile kimi umuntu kalezi-ku, isimo sakhe sasinjengesimo sengelosi kalezi-ku, sesabeka kakhulu; angimbuzanga ukuthi uvelaphi, naye akangitshelanga igama lakhe. kepha wathi kimi: bheka, uyakukhulelwa, uzale indodana; ngakho ungaphuzi wayini naluphuzo olunamandla, ungadli lutho olungcolileyo, ngokuba umntwana uyakuba ngumnaziri kalezi-ku kwasesizalweni kuze kube sosukwini lokufa kwakhe. umanowa wayesemncenga ukehova-aeiou, wathi: o nkosi, umuntu kalezi-ku owamthumayo ake abuyele kithi, asifundise ukuthi siyakwenzani kumntwana ozakuzalwa. ulezi-ku walalela izwi likamanowa; ingelosi kalezi-ku yabuyela kowesifazane ehlezi endle; kepha umanowa indoda yakhe wayengenaye. owesifazane washesha, wagijima, wayitshela indoda yakhe, wathi kuyo: bheka, ubonakele kimi lowo muntu owafika kimi ngolunye usuku. umanowa wasukuma wamlandela umkakhe, wafika kulowo muntu, wathi kuye: wena ungumuntu lowo owakhluma kowesifazane na? wathi: nginguye. wayesethi umanowa: nxa esenzekile amazwi akho, iyakuba yini indlela yomntwana, kuyakwenziwani na? ingelosi kajehova-aeiou yathi kumanowa: konke engakushoyo kowesifazane makakuxwaye. kangadli lutho oluvela ezithelweni zomvini, kangaphuzi wayini naluphuzo olunamandla, kangadli lutho olungcolileyo; konke engamyaleza ngakho kakugcine. umanowa wayesethi engelosini kajehova-aeiou: ake sikulibazise, sikulungisele izinyane lembuzi. ingelosi kajehova-aeiou yathi kumanowa: noma

ungilibazisa, angiyikudla ukudla kwakho; uma ulungisa umnikelo wokushiswa, uyakunikela ngawo kujehova-aeiou. ngokuba umanowa wayengazi ukuthi uyingelosi kajehova-aeiou. umanowa wathi engelosini kajehova-aeiou: ngubani igama lakho ukuba, lapho esenzekile amazwi akho, sikudumise? ingelosi kajehova-aeiou yathi kuye: ubuzelani igama lami, lokhu liyimfihlakalo, na? umanowa walithatha izinyane lembuzi kanye nomnikelo wempuphu, wanikela ngakho kujehova-aeiou edwaleni. yase yenza okumangalisayo, umanowa nomkakhe bebukela. kwathi ilangabi lisaphuma e-altare lenyukela ngasezulwini, ingelosi kajehova-aeiou yenyuka elangabini le-altare; umanowa nomkakhe babukela; bawa ngobuso emhlabathini. kepha ingelosi kajehova-aeiou ayiphindanga ukubonakala kumanowa nomkakhe. khona umanowa waqonda ukuthi ingelosi kajehova-aeiou. umanowa wathi kumkakhe: siyakufa nokufa, ngokuba simbonile ulezi-ku. kepha umkakhe wathi kuye: uma ulezi-ku ebethanda ukusibulala, nga engamukelanga esandleni sethu umnikelo wokushiswa nomnikelo wempuphu, futhi nga engasibonisanga konke lokho, nga engasitshelanga izinto njengalezi. owesifazane wazala indodana, waqamba igama layo ngokuthi usamsoni; umntwana wakhula, ukehova-aeiou wambusisa. umoya kajehova-aeiou waqala ukumqhuba emahane dani phakathi kwesora ne-eshitawoli.

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usamsoni wehlela ethimna; wabona owesifazane ethimna wamadodakazi amafilisti. wakhuphuka, wabatshele uyise nonina, wathi: ngibonile owesifazane ethimna wamadodakazi amafilisti; ngalokho ngithatheleni yena abe ngumkami. uyise nonina base bethi kuye: akakho yini owesifazane phakathi kwamadodakazi abafowenu noma phakathi kwabo bonke abantu bami, kuze uye kuthatha umfazi kumafilisti angasokile, na? usamsoni wathi kuyise: ngithathele yena, ngokuba uyathandeka kimi. kepha uyise nonina babengazi ukuthi lokho kwavela kujehova-aeiou, ngokuba wayefuna ithuba lokulwa namafilisti. ngaleso sikhathi amafilisti ayebusa phezu kuka-israyeli. usamsoni wayesehla noyise nonina, baya ethimna, bafika ezivinini zasethimna; bheka, ibhongo lengonyama lamhlangabeza libhodla. umoya kajehova-aeiou wafika phezu kwakhe ngamandla, walidwengula kungathi udwengula izinyane lembuzi, engaphethe lutho esandleni sakhe; kepha akabatshelanga uyise nonina abekwenzile. wehla, wakhuluma nowesifazane; wathandeka kusamsoni. emva kwesikhathi wabuya ukuba amthathe, waphambuka

ukuyobona isidumbu sengonyama; bheka, kwakukhona iqulo lezinyosi esidumbini sengonyama kanye noju. wazitapa ngezandla zakhe, wahamba, wahamba edla, wafika kuyise nonina, wabapha, badla nabo; kepha akabatshelelanga ukuthi wayetape izinyosi esidumbini sengonyama. uyise wehla, waya kulowo wesifazane, usamsoni wenza idili khona, ngokuba zazenze njalo izinsizwa. kwathi lapho bombona, baletha abayeni abangamashumi amathathu ukuba babe naye. usamsoni wathi kubo: ake ngininike imfumbe; uma ningitshela yona kahle ngezinsuku eziyisikhombisa zedili, niyiqandele, ngiyakunika amayembe angamashumi amathathu nezingubo zokuphendulela ezingamashumi amathathu; kepha uma ningenakuyiqandela kimi, niyakunginika amayembe angamashumi amathathu nezingubo zokuphendulela ezingamashumi amathathu. bathi kuye: yisho imfumbe yakho ukuba siyizwe. wayesethi kubo: kodlayo kwaphuma ukudla, konamandla kwavela okumnandi. babengenakuyiqandela imfumbe ngezinsuku ezintathu. kwathi ngosuku lwesikhombisa bathi kumkasamsoni: yenza umyeni wakho ukuba asichasisele imfumbe, funa sikushise wena nendlu kayihlo ngomlilo; nisimemele ukuba nisdle na? akunjalo na? umkasamsoni wakhala phambi kwakhe, wathi: uyangizonda kuphela, awungithandi; unikile abakithi imfumbe, awungitshelanga yona. wathi kuye: bheka, angibatshelelanga ubaba nomame, ngiyakukutshela wena na? wakhala phambi kwakhe izinsuku eziyisikhombisa, lisekhona idili labo; kwathi ngosuku lwesikhombisa wayesemtshela, ngokuba wamcindezela kakhulu; wayisho imfumbe kwabakubo. abantu bomuzi bathi kuye ngosuku lwesikhombisa, lingakashoni ilanga: kuyini okumnandi kunezinyosi? kuyini okunamandla kunengonyama na? wathi kubo: uma beningalimanga ngesithokazi sami, ngabe ningayiqandelelanga imfumbe yami. umoya kajehovaeiou wafika kuye ngamandla, wehlela e-ashikeloni, wabulala abantu abangamashumi amathathu kubo, wathatha isambatho sabo, wabanika abayiqandele imfumbe izingubo zokuphendulela. intukuthelo yakhe yavutha, wenyukela endlini kayise. kepha umkasamsoni wanikwa kumngane wakhe owabe ngomunye wabayeni bakhe.

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kodwa kwathi emva kwesikhathi, ngesikhathi sokuvuna ukolweni, usamsoni wahambela umkakhe enezinyane lembuzi; wathi: ngiyakungena kumkami ekamelweni. kepha uyise kavumanga ukuba angene.

uyise wathi: bengithi impela umalile nokumala; ngalokho ngamnika umngane wakho; udadewabo omelamayo kamuhle kunaye na? ake umthathe esikhundleni sakhe. usamsoni wathi kubo: okwalesi sikhathi anginacala kumafalisti, uma ngiwenzela bona-ra-ukukhandleka. usamsoni wahamba, wabamba izimpungushe ezingamakhulu amathathu, wathatha izikhuni, wazibhekisana ngemisila, wafaka isikhuni phakathi kwemisila ngamibili. wazithungela izikhuni ngomlilo, wazivumela ukuba zingene phakathi kwamabele amafalisti engakavunwa, washisa amaqhinqa nezinhlaga zamabele kanye nezivini neminqumo. amafalisti ayesethi: ngubani okwenzile lokho na? bathi: ngusamsoni, umkhwenyana wowasethimna, ngokuba yena uthathe umkakhe, wamnika umngane wakhe. amafalisti akhuphuka, amshisa yena noyise ngomlilo. usamsoni wathi kubo: uma nenze njalo, impela ngiyakuphindisela kini, andukuba ngiyeke. wababulala ithebe nethanga ngokubulala okukhulu; wehla, wahlala ofantwini lwedwala lase-etamu. amafalisti akhuphuka, amisa kwajuda, ahlakazeka elehi. abantu bakwajuda bathi: nisikhuphukeleleni na? bathi: sikhuphukele ukuba simbophe usamsoni, senze kuye njengalokho enze kithina. abantu abayizinkulungwane ezintathu bakwajuda behlela ofantwini lwedwala lase-etamu, bathi kusamsoni: awukwazi yini ukuthi amafalisti abusa phezu kwethu na? kuyini, pho, lokho okwenzile kithina na? wathi kubo: njengalokho benza kimi, ngenze njalo kubo. base bethi kuye: sehlele ukuba sikubophe, ukuze sikunikele esandleni samafalisti. usamsoni wathi kubo: fungani kimi ukuthi nina anyikungisukela. basho kuye, bathi: qha, kepha siyakukubopha nokukubopha, sikunikele esandleni sawo, kodwa impela asiyyikukubulala. bam-bopha ngezintambo ezimbili ezintsha, bamkhuphulela edwaleni. lapho efika elehi, amafalisti amhlangabeza ekhamuluka; umoya kajehovaeiou wafika kuye ngamandla, izintambo ezazisezingalweni zakhe zaba njengefhlakisi elishiswe ngomlilo, nezibopha zakhe zancibilika, zasuka ezandleni zakhe. wafumana umhlathi wembongolo osemusha, welula isandla sakhe, wawuthatha, wabulala ngawo abantu abayinkulungwane. wathi usamsoni: ngomhlathi wembongolo ngibulele inqwaba, yebo, izinqwaba ezimbili, ngomhlathi wembongolo abantu abayinkulungwane. kwathi eseqedile ukukhuluma, wawulaha umhlathi esandleni sakhe; leyo ndawo yathiwa iramati lehi. wayesomile kakhulu, wakhala kujehovaeiou, wathi: wenzile lokhu kukhululeka okukhulu ngesandla seneku yakho; kepha manje sengiyakufa ukoma, ngiwele esandleni

sabangasokile. kodwa ulezi-ku wadabula isigoxi esiselehi, kwaphuma amanzi kuso; lapho esephuzile, umoya wakhe wabuya, wahlumeleleka; ngalokho igama laso labizwa ngokuthi i-eni hakore eliselehi kuze kube namuhla. wahlulela u-israyeli ngezinsuku zamaflisti iminyaka engamashumi amabili.

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usamsoni waya egaza; wabona lapho isifebe, wangena kuso. kwathiwa kumagaza: usamsoni ufikile lapha. bamhaqa, bamqamekela ubusuku bonke esangweni lomuzi; bathula ubusuku bonke, bathi: makube sekukhanyeni kokusa; khona siyakumbulala. usamsoni walala kwaze kwaba phakathi kwamabili; wavuka phakathi kobusuku, wabamba izivalo zesango lomuzi nezinsika zombili, wazincothula kanye nomqoko, wazibeka emahlombe akhe, wazikhuphulela esiqongweni sentaba ephambi kwehebroni. kwathi ngasemuva wathanda owesifazane esigodini sasoreki ogama lakhe lalingudelila. amakhosi amafлисти enyukela kuye, athi kuye: myenge, ubone ukuthi amandla akhe amakhulu aphi nokuthi singamahlula ngani ukuba simbophe, simnqobe; siyakukunika, kube yilowo nalowo, izinhlamvu eziyinkulungwane nekhulu zesiliva. udelila wathi kusamsoni: ake ungitshele ukuthi amandla akho amakhulu aphi nokuthi ungaboshwa ngani, unqotshwe. usamsoni wathi kuye: uma bengibopha ngezinsinga eziyisikhombisa ezimanzi ezingakomi, ngiyakuba buthakathaka, ngibe njengomunye umuntu. amakhosi amafлисти ayeseletha kuye izinsinga eziyisikhombisa ezimanzi ezingakomi, wambopha ngazo. wayenabaqamekeli behlezi ekamelweni eliphakathi. wayesethi kuye: amafлисти aphezu kwakho, samsoni. wayesegqabula izinsinga njengentambo yeflakisi igqatshulwa, lapho izwa umlilo. ngalokho amandla akhe awaziwanga. wayesethi udelila kusamsoni: bheka, udlale ngami, wangitshela amanga; ake ungitshele manje ukuthi ungaboshwa ngani. wathi kuye: uma bengibopha ngamagoda amasha okungasetshenziwanga ngawo, ngiyakuba buthakathaka, ngibe njengomunye umuntu. udelila wayesethatha amagoda amasha, wambopha ngawo, wathi kuye: amafлисти aphezu kwakho, samsoni. abaqamekeli babehlezi ekamelweni eliphakathi. wawagqabula ezingalweni zakhe njengomucwana. udelila wayesethi kusamsoni: kuze kube manje udlale ngami, wangitshela amanga; ngitshele ukuthi ungaboshwa ngani. wathi kuye: uma weluka amagoda ayisikhombisa ekhanda lami nezintambo zakho zokwelukwa.

wawabethela-ke ngesikhonkwane, wathi kuye: amafлисти aphezu kwakho, samsoni. wavuka ebuthongweni, wasincothula isikhonkwane sokweluka nezintambo zokwelukwa. wayesethi kuye: ungasho kanjani ukuthi uyangithanda, nxa inhlizyo yakho ingenami na? usudlale ngami kathathu, awungitshelanga ukuthi amandla akho aphi. kwathi lapho emcindezela yonke imihla ngamazwi akhe, emgquguza, wakhathazeka umphefumulo wakhe kwaze kwaba sekufeni. wamtshela inhlizyo yakhe yonke, wathi kuye: akuthintanga mpucokhanda lami, ngokuba bengingumnaziri kalezi-ku kwasesizalweni sikamame; uma ngiphuculwa, amandla ami ayakumuka kimi, ngiyakuba buthakathaka, ngibe njengomunye umuntu. udelila wabona ukuthi wayemtshelile yonke inhlizyo yakhe; wathuma wawabiza amakhosi amafлисти, wathi: yenyukani kalokhu, ngokuba ungitshelile yonke inhlizyo yakhe. ayesenyukela kuye amakhosi amafлисти, aletsha imali esandleni sawo, wamlalisa ubuthongo emathangeni akhe, wabiza umuntu, waphucula amagoda ayisikhombisa ekhanda lakhe; waqala ukumhlupha, amandla akhe amuka kuye. wathi: amafлисти aphezu kwakho, samsoni. wavuka ebuthongweni, wathi: ngiyakuphuma njengangezinye izikhathi, ngizithintithe. kepha wayengazi ukuthi ujhova-aeiou wayemukile kuye. amafлисти ambamba, awakhipha amehlo akhe; amehlisela egaza, ambopha ngamaketanga; wasila etilongweni. nokho izinwele zekhanda lakhe zaqala ukuhluma futhi esephuculiwe. amakhosi amafлисти abuthana ukuba ahlabele udagoni ulezi-ku wawo umhlatshele omkhulu, athokoze, ngokuba athi: ulezi-ku wethu unikele usamsoni isitha sethu esandleni sethu. abantu bambona, bamtusa ulezi-ku wabo, ngokuba bathi: ulezi-ku wethu unikele esandleni sethu isitha sethu nomchithi wezwe lakithi obulele abaningi phakathi kwethu. kwathi lapho izinhlizyo zabo sezasile, bathi: mbizeni usamsoni ukuba asidlalele. bambiza usamsoni esetilongweni, wadlala phambi kwabo, bambeka phakathi kwezinsika. usamsoni wathi kumfana owayembambe ngesandla: ngivumele ukuphatha izinsika indlu emi ngazo ukuba ngencike kuzo. indlu yayigcwele abesilisa nabesifazane; namakhosi onke amafлисти ayelapho; ophahleni kwakukhona abantu kungathi abayizinkulungwane ezintathu, abesilisa nabesifazane, ababebukela ukudlala kukasamsoni. usamsoni wakhala kujehova-aeiou, wathi: nkosi lezi-ku, ake ungikhumbule, ungiqinise kube kanye kuphela, lezi-ku, ukuba ngiphindise kumafлисти ngempindiselo ibenye ngenxa yamehlo ami omabili. usamsoni wayesebamba izinsika ezimbili eziphakathi eyayimi



ngazo indlu, wencika kuzo, kwenye ngesandla sokunene, kwenye ngesokhohlo. usamsoni wathi: mangife namafilisti. wakhothama ngamandla akhe onke, indlu yawela phezu kwamakhosi naphezu kwabo bonke abantu ababe kuyo. abafileyo ababulalayo ekufeni kwakhe babebanengi kunabo ababulalayo ekuhambeni kwakhe. base behla abafowabo nayo yonke indlu kayise, bamthatha, bamenyusa, bammabela phakathi kwesora ne-eshitawoli ethuneni likamanowa uyise. wamahlulela u-israyeli iminyaka engamashumi amabili.

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kwakukhona umuntu wasezintabeni zakwa-efrayimi ogama lakhe lalingumika. yena wathi kunina: lezo zinhlamvu eziyinkulungwane nekhulu zesiliva ezathathwa kuwe, owaziqalekisa, wakhuluma ngazo ezindlebeni zami, bheka, leyo mali ikimi; ngayithatha. unina wathi: mayibusiswe ngujehova-aeiou indodana yami. wabuyisela kunina lezo zinhlamvu eziyinkulungwane nekhulu zesiliva; unina wathi: ngiyangcwelisa impela leli siliva kujehova-aeiou esandleni sami, libe ngelendodana yami ukuba kwenziwe isithombe esibaziweyo nesibunjiweyo; manje ngiyakulibuyisela kuwe. kepha walibuyisela isiliva kunina, unina wathatha izinhlamvu ezingamakhulu amabili zesiliva, wazinika umkhandi wesiliva owenza ngazo isithombe esibaziweyo nesibunjiweyo; zase zihlala endlini kamika. lowo muntu umika wayenendlu enawolezi-ku, wenza ingubo yamahlombe namatherafi, wahlukanisela enye indodana yakhe ibe ngumpristi wakhe. ngalezo zinsuku kwakungekho nkosi kwa-israyeli; yilowo nalowo wenza okulungile emehlweni akhe. kwakukhona insizwa yasebetlehema juda yomndeni wakwajuda eyayingumlevi; yayigogobele khona. lowo muntu wamuka emzini, ibetlehema juda, ukuyobona lapho engathola khona indawo; ekuhambeni kwakhe wafika ezintabeni zakwa-efrayimi endlini kamika. umika wathi kuye: uvelaphi na? wathi kuye: ngingumlevi wasebetlehema juda; ngiyahamba ukubona lapho ngingathola khona indawo. umika wayesethi kuye: hlala kimi, ube ngubaba nompristi wami, ngiyakukunika izinhlamvu eziyishumi zesiliva ngomnyaka, nesambatho, nokudla kwakho. umlevi wangena. umlevi wavuma ukuhlala kulowo muntu; nensizwa yaba kuye njengendodana yakhe. umika wayesahlukanisela umlevi, leyo nsizwa yaba ngumpristi wakhe, yahlala endlini kamika. wayesethi umika: manje sengiyazi ukuthi ujeheva-aeiou uyakungenzela okuhle, lokhu ngingomlevi ongumpristi wami.

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ngalezo zinsuku kwakungekho nkosi kwa-israyeli; ngalezo zinsuku isizwe sakwadani sazifunela ifa lokuhlala, ngokuba kuze kube ngalolo suku babengabelwanga ifa phakathi kwezizwe zakwa-israyeli. abantwana bakwadani bathuma abantu abayisihlanu bomndeni wabo, bephuma kuso sonke isizwe sabo, amaqhawe, besesora nase-eshitawoli, ukuba bahlole izwe, balicinge; bathi kubo: hambani, nilicinge izwe, bafika ezintabeni zakwa-efrayimi endlini kamika, bahlala khona. lapha besengasendlini kamika, balazi izwi lensizwa engumlevi, baphambukela khona, bathi kuye: waletywa ngubani lapha? wenzani kule ndawo? ufunani lapha? wathi kubo: umika ungenzele ukuthi nokuthi; ungiquashile ngaba ngumpristi wakhe. base bethi kuye: ake umbuze ulezi-ku ukuze sazi uma indlela yethu esiyihambayo iyakuba nempumelelo. umpristi wathi kubo: hambani nokuthula; indlela eniyihambayo iphambi kukajehova-aeiou. base bemuka labo bantu abayisihlanu, bafika elayishi, babona abantu abakulo ukuthi basahlala belondekile ngendlela yamasidoni, benokuthula, bengenaluvala, ngokuba kwakungekho ezweni onamandla ukuba abajabhise ngalutho; babekude namasidoni, bengenandaba nabanye abantu. babuye bafika kubafowabo esora nase-eshitawoli; abafowabo bathi kubo: nithini na? bathi: sukani, senyukele kubo, ngokuba silibonile izwe; bhekani, lihle kakhulu; niyathula yini? ningenqeni ukuhamba, ningene ukuba nilidle izwe. nxa nihamba, niyakufika kubantu abalondekileyo, izwe libanzi, ngokuba ulezi-ku ulinikele esandleni senu, indawo lapho kungekho khona ukuswela lutho olusemhlabeni. kwase kuphuma lapho kumndeni wakwadani esora nase-eshitawoli abantu abangamakhulu ayisithupha bebhincile izikhali zokulwa. benyuka, bamisa ekiriyati jeharimi kwajuda; ngalokho bayibiza leyo ndawo ngokuthi imahane dani kuye kube namuhla; bheka, lingasemva kwekiriyati jeharimi. basuka khona, baya ezintabeni zakwa-efrayimi, bafika endlini kamika. abantu abayisihlanu ababeyile ukuhlola izwe laselayishi base bephendula, bathi kubafowabo: niyazi yini ukuthi kukhona kulezi zindlu ingubo yamahlombe, namatherafi, nesithombe esibaziweyo, nesithombe esibunjiweyo na? ngalokho cabangani manje ukuthi niyakwenzani. baphambuka khona, bafika endlini yensizwa yomlevi, endlini kamika, bayibuza impilo. abantu abangamakhulu ayisithupha bebhince izikhali zokulwa abangabantwana bakwadani bema ngasesikheleni sesango. abantu abayisihlanu ababeyile ukuhlola izwe benyuka, bafika

lapho, basithatha isithombe esibaziweyo, nengubo yamahlombe, namatherafi, nesithombe esibunjiweyo; umpristi wema ngasesikhaleni sesango kanye nabantu abangamakhulu ayisithupha bebhince izikhali zokulwa. labo sebengenile endlini kamika basithatha isithombe esibaziweyo, nengubo yamahlombe, namatherafi, nesithombe esibunjiweyo; umpristi wathi kubo: nenzani na? bathi kuye: thula, ubeke isandla sakho emlonyeni wakho, uhambe nathi, ube ngubaba nompristi wethu; kuhle yini ukuba ube ngumpristi wendlu yomuntu munye kunokuba ube ngumpristi wesizwe nomndeni kwa-israyeli na? yayisithokoza inhliziyo yompristi, wayithatha ingubo yamahlombe, namatherafi, nesithombe esibaziweyo, wangena phakathi kwabantu. baphenduka, bamuka, babeka izingane, nezinkomo, nempahla phambi kwabo. sebezide nendlu kamika abantu abasezindlini ekiseduze nendlu kamika babuthana, babafica abantwana bakwadani. bamezeza kubantwana bakwadani, baphenduka, bathi kumika: yini ukuba ufike nesixuku na? wathi: nithathile olezi-ku bami engaben-zayo, nompristi, namuka; ngisenani na? nisholoni kimi ukuthi: yini na? abantwana bakwadani base bethi kuye: izwi lakho malingezwakali phakathi kwethu, funa abantu bathukuthele, banehlele, ulahlekelwe ngukuphila kwakho kanye nabendlu yakho. bahamba abantwana bakwadani; umika esebonile ukuthi banamandla kunaye, waphenduka, wabuyela endlini yakhe. bathatha abekwenzile umika nompristi wakhe, bafika elayishi kubantu abanokuthula belondekile, bababulala ngosiko lwenkemba; bashisa umuzi ngomlilo. kwakungekho owophulayo, ngokuba wawukude nesidini; babengenandaba nabanye abantu; wawusesigodini esingasebeti rehobe. bawakha umuzi, bahlala kuwo. baqamba igama lomuzi ngokuthi udani ngegama likadani uyise owazalelwa u-israyeli; kepha igama lomuzi lalilyilayishi kuqala. abantwana bakwadani bazimisela isithombe esibaziweyo; ujonathani indodana kagereshomu kamose yena namadodana akhe babe ngabapristi besizwe sakwadani kwaze kwaba ngosuku lokuthunjwa kwezwe. base bemisa isithombe esibaziweyo sikamika abesenzile sonke isikhathi indlu kalezi-ku iseshilo.

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kwathi ngalezo zinsuku kungekho inkosi kwa-israyeli, kwakukhona umlevi othile owayegogobele ohlangothini olungasemuva kwezintaba zakwa-efrayimi, owazithathela isancinza ebetlehema juda. isancinza sakhe samgilela ubufebe, sasuka kuye, saya endlini

kayise ebetlehema juda, sahlala khona isikhathi esiyizinyanga ezine. umyeni waso wasuka, wasilandela ukuba akhulume kuyo inhliziyo yaso, asibuyise, enenceku yakhe nezimbongolo ezimbili; samngenisa endlini kayise; lapho uyise wentombi embona, wathokoza ukuhlangana naye. umukhwe wakhe, uyise wentombi, wambambezela, wahlala kuye izinsuku ezintathu; badla, baphuza, bahlala khona. kwathi ngo-suku lwesine bavuka ekuseni kakhulu, wasuka ukuba ahambe; uyise wentombi wathi kumkhwenyana wakhe: hlumelela inhliziyo yakho ngocezu lwesinkwa, andukuba nihambe. bahlala phansi, badla, baphuza bobabili kanyekanye; uyise wentombi wathi kuyo indoda: ake udele, ulale ubusuku, ithokoze inhliziyo yakho. kepha lowo muntu wasukuma nokho ukuba ahambe; wayesemcengisisa umukhwe wakhe, wabuye walala khona. wavuka ekuseni kakhulu ngosuku lwesihlanu ukuba ahambe; uyise wentombi wathi: ake uhlumelele inhliziyo yakho, nihlale lize lithambame ilanga. badla-ke bobabili. lapho umuntu esesukuma ukuba ahambe, yena nesancinza sakhe nenceku yakhe, umukhwe wakhe, uyise wentombi, wathi kuye: bheka, ilanga seliyatham-bama, sekuzakuhlwa; ake uhlale ubusuku bonke; yebo, ilanga seliyakuphela; hlala lapha ukuba inhliziyo yakho ithokoze, nivuke kusasa ekuseni kakhulu, nihambe indlela yenu ukuba ufike etendeni lakho. kepha akavumanga lowo muntu ukuhlala lobo busuku, kodwa wavuka wahamba, wafika malungana nejebusi eliyijerusalem; kwakukhona naye izimbongolo ezimbili ziboshelwe izihlalo; nesancinza sakhe sasinaye. sebengasejebusi, ilanga lase lidlulile kakhulu; inceku yathi enkosini yayo: ake uze, siphambukele kulo muzi wamajebusi, sihlale kuwo. inkosi yayo yathi kuyo: asiyikuphambukela emzini wabafokazi ongesiwo owabantwana bakwa-israyeli, kepha siyakudlulela egibeya. yayisithi encek-wini: woza, sisondele kwenye yalezi zindawo; siyakulala egibeya noma erama. base bethula bahamba; ilanga lashona bengasegibeya elingelakwabenjamini. baphambukela lapho ukuba bangene, balale egibeya; wangena, wahlala phansi esigcawini somuzi; ngokuba kwakungekho muntu owabamukela endlini yakhe ukuba balale khona. bheka, kwafika ixhegu livela emsebenzini walo ensimini kusihlwa; lalingumuntu wasezintabeni zakwa-efrayimi, lagogobala egibeya; kepha abantu baleyo ndawo babe ngabakwabenjamini. waphakamisa amehlo akhe, wabona isihambi esigcawini somuzi; ixhegu lase lithi: uyangaphi na? uvelaphi na? wathi kulo: siyadlula sivela ebetlehema juda, siya ohlangothini olungasemuva kwezintaba zakwa-efrayimi; ngivela khona;

ngaya ebetlehma juda; sengiya endlini kajehova-aeiou, kepha akukho muntu ongakajehova endlini yakhe. kukhona nokho utshani nefoliji lezimbongolo zethu; mina-ke nginesinkwa newayini, kanjalo nencekukazi yakho nensizwa enathi, izinceku zakho; akusweleke lutho. lase lithi ixhegu: ukuthula makube kuwe; kepha konke okuswelayo makube phezu kwami; kepha ungalingi esigcawini. lase limngenisa endlini yalo, lazinika izimbongolo ifoliji; bageza izinyawo zabo, badla, baphuza. besajabulisa izinhliziyi zabo, bheka, abantu bomuzi, abantu ababi, bahaqa indlu nxazonke, bangqongqotha emnyango; basho kumninindlu, ixhegu, bathi: khipha lowo muntu owangena endlini yakho ukuba simazi. ixhegu, umninindlu, laphumela kubo, lathi kubo: hhayi, bafowethu, ngiyancela, ningenzi bona-ra-ukukhandleka okungako; lokhu lo muntu engenile endlini yami, ningenzi lobu buwula. bhekani, nansi indodakazi yami, intombi, nesancinza sakhe; ngiyakubakhipha bona manje, nibone, nenze kubo njengokuthanda kweni; kepha kulo muntu ningenzi ubuwula obunjalo. kepha abantu kabavumanga ukumlalela; khona lowo muntu wasibamba isancinza sakhe, wasikhiphela kubo; basazi, basona ubusuku bonke kwaze kwaba sekuseni; ekuthatheni kokusa basiyeka. owesifazane wayesefika ngovivi lokusa, wawa ngasemnyango wendlu yomuntu, lapho yayikhona inkosi yakhe, kwaze kwakhanya. inkosi yakhe yavuka ekuseni, yavula iminyango yendlu, yaphuma ukuba ihambe indlela yayo; bheka, owesifazane, isancinza sakhe, wayewile ngasemnyango wendlu, izandla zakhe ziphezu kombundu. yathi kuye: vuka sihambe, kepha akuphendulanga muntu. yayisimbeka embongolweni yayo; wasuka lowo muntu, waya endaweni yakhe. lapho esengenile endlini yakhe, wathatha umese, wabamba isancinza sakhe, wasihlalela ithambo ngethambo, kwaba yizinqamuzi ziyishumi nambili, wasithuma emikhawulweni yonke yakwa-israyeli. kwathi bonke abakubonayo bathi: akuzange kwenziwe okunjalo, akuzange kubonwe kusukela osukwini abantwana bakwa-israyeli abakhuphuka ngalo ezweni lasegibithe kuze kube namuhla; zindlani ngalokho, nilulekane, nikhulume.

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base bephuma bonke abantwana bakwa-israyeli, inhlango yahlango njengomuntu munye, kusukela kwadani kwaze kwaba seberi sheba kanye nezwe lakwagileyadi kujehova-aeiou emispa. izinhloko zabantu bonke, izizwe zonke zakwa-israyeli, zafika ebandleni labantu bakalezi-ku, abantu abayimigundatshani; abayizinku-

lungwane ezingamakhulu amane, abahlome inkemba. abantwana bakwabenjimini bezwa ukuthi abantwana bakwa-israyeli babenyukele emispa. bathi abantwana bakwa-israyeli: sitsheleni ukuthi lobu bubi benziwa kanjani na? umlevi, umyeni wovesifazane owayebulewe, waphendula wathi: ngafika egibeya lakwabenjimini, mina nesancinza sami, ukulala khona. abantu basegibeya bangivukela, bahaqa indlu nxazonke zami ebusuku; bacabanga ukungibulala mina, nesancinza sami basona; sesifile. ngase ngithatha isancinza sami, ngasihlalela, ngasithuma ezweni lonke lefa lakwa-israyeli, ngokuba babesebenzile ukona nobuwula kwa-israyeli. bhekani nina bantwana bakwa-israyeli, nina nonke; qondisani, niluleke lapha. bonke abantu bavuka njengomuntu munye, bathi: asiyikuya, sisho namunye etendeni lakhe; asiyikuphambukela sisho namunye endlini yakhe. kepha nakhu esiyakukwenza egibeya: siyakulihlasela ngenkatho, sithathe abantu abayishumi ekhulwini kuzo zonke izizwe zakwa-israyeli, nabayikhulu enkulungwaneni, nabayinkulungwane ezinkulungwaneni ziyishumi, ukuba balande ukudla kwabantu, nalapho sebefake egibeya lakwabenjimini benze ngokobuwula ababenzile kwa-israyeli. abantu bonke bakwa-israyeli babehlanyele umuzi, bebumbene kungathi ngumuntu munye. izizwe zakwa-israyeli zathuma abantu emindenini yonke yakwabenjimini, zathi: ububi buni lobu obenziwe phakathi kwenu na? ngalokho khiphani labo bantu, abantu ababi, abasegibeya, ukuba sibabulale, sixoshe ububi kwa-israyeli. kepha ubenjimini kavumanga ukulalela izwi labafowabo, abantwana bakwa-israyeli. abantwana bakwabenjimini babuthana egibeya, bevela emizini, ukuba babhume balwe nabantwana bakwa-israyeli. abantwana bakwabenjimini abavela emizini bakalwa ngalolo suku baba ngamadoda ayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nesithupa ahlome inkemba ngaphandle kwabakhileyo egibeya ababalwa baba ngamakhulu ayisikhombisa, amadoda akhethiweyo. phakathi kwabo bonke labo bantu kwakukhona amadoda angamakhulu ayisikhombisa akhethiweyo angamanxele; onke ayekwazi ukuphonsa amatshe ngisho nasonweleni, engageji. abantu bakwa-israyeli ngaphandle kwabenjimini babalwa baba yizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amane, amadoda ahlome inkemba; bonke labo babe ngamadoda empi. abantwana bakwa-israyeli bavuka, bakhuphuka ebethela, babuza kulezi-ku, bathi: ngubani oyakusikhuphukelela kuqala ukulwa nabantwana bakwabenjimini na? ujeheva-aeiou wathi: ngujoda kuqala. abantwana bakwa-israyeli bavuka ekuseni, bamisa

malungana negibeya. abantu bakwa-israyeli baphuma ukuba balwe nobenjimini; abantu bakwa-israyeli bazihlelela ukulwa nabo egibeya. abantwana bakwabenjamini baphuma egibeya, babulala kwabakwa-israyeli ngalolo suku amadoda ayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nambili. abantu, amadoda akwa-israyeli, baziqinisa, babuye bahlela impi endaweni abazihlela kuyo ngosuku lokuqala. abantwana bakwa-israyeli bakhuphuka, bakhala phambi kukalezi-ku kwaze kwahlwa; babuza kujehova-aeiou, bathi: siyakuphinda sisondele ukulwa nabantwana bakwabenjamini umfowethu na? ujeihova-aeiou wathi: yenyukelani kuye. abantwana bakwa-israyeli basondela kubantwana bakwabenjamini ngosuku lwesibili. ubenjimini waphuma egibeya ukuhlangabezana nabo ngosuku lwesibili, wabuye wabulala kubantwana bakwa-israyeli amadoda ayizinkulungwane eziyishumi nesishiyagalombili; bonke labo babehlome inkemba. base bekhuphuka bonke abantwana bakwa-israyeli, abantu bonke, bafika ebethele, bakhala, bahlala khona phambi kukajehova-aeiou, bazila ukudla ngalolo suku kwaze kwahlwa; banikela ngeminikelo yokushiswa nangeminikelo yokuthula phambi kukajehova-aeiou. abantwana bakwa-israyeli babuza kujehova-aeiou ngokuba umphongolo wesivumelwano sikalezi-ku wawulapho ngalezo zinsuku; ufinehasi indodana ka-eleyazare ka-aroni wema phambi kwawo ngalezo zinsuku bathi: siyakuphinda siphume ukuba silwe nabantwana bakwabenjamini umfowethu, nokuba siyeke na? ujeihova-aeiou wathi: khuphukani, ngokuba kusasa ngiyakubanikela esandleni sakho. u-israyeli wabeka abaqamekeli kulo igibeya nxazonke. abantwana bakwa-israyeli bakhuphuka ukulwa nabantwana bakwabenjamini ngosuku lwesithathu, bazihlelela ukulwa negibeya njengakwezinye izikhathi. abantwana bakwabenjamini baphuma ukulwa nabantu, badonswa, baphuma emzini; baqala ukubulala nokuceka abantu njengakwezinye izikhathi emendweni, omunye okhuphukela ebethele, omunye oya egibeya ensimini, kungathi amadoda angamashumi amathathu kwa-israyeli. abantwana bakwabenjamini bathi: babulewe phambi kwethu njengakuqala. kepha abantwana bakwa-israyeli bathi: masibaleke, sibadonse, baphume emzini, baye emendweni. bonke abantu bakwa-israyeli basuka endaweni yabo, bazihlela ebali tamari; abaqamekeli bakwa-israyeli bavumbuluka endaweni yabo emare geba. kweza malungana negibeya abantu abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi abakhethiweyo kuye wonke u-israyeli; ukulwa kwakunzima, kepha babangazi ukuthi ingozi isifikile kubo. ujeihova-aeiou

wanqoba ubenjimini phambi kuka-israyeli; abantwana bakwa-israyeli babulala ngalolo suku kwabenjamini abayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nanhlano nekhulu; bonke labo babehlome inkemba. base bebona abantwana bakwabenjamini ukuthi banqotshiwe; abantu bakwa-israyeli bamdela ubenjimini lokhu bebethehamba abaqamekeli ababebabekile ngasegibeya; abaqamekeli bashesha badumela egibeya; abaqamekeli basuka bachitha umuzi wonke ngosiko lwenkemba. isiboniso esinqunyweyo phakathi kwabantu bakwa-israyeli nabaqamekeli sasiyilesi sokuba bathunqise umusi omkhulu wenyuke emzini. abantu bakwa-israyeli babuyela emuva empini; ubenjimini wayeseqalile ukubulala nokuceka kubantu bakwa-israyeli kungathi abantu abangamashumi amathathu, ngokuba bathi: impela babulewe phambi kwethu njengasekulweni kwakuqala. kepha lapho sekuqale ukuthunqa insika yomusi emzini, abakwabenjamini babheka emuva, nanko umuzi wonke uthunqela ngasezulwini. base bephenduka abantu bakwa-israyeli, nabantu bakwabenjamini bashaywa luvalo, ngokuba babona ukuthi behlelwe ngububi. ngalokho bafulathela phambi kwabantu bakwa-israyeli, bahamba ngendlela yasehlane, kepha ukulwa kwabalandela; abaphuma emizini bababulala phakathi kwayo. babahaq abakwabenjamini nxazonke, babaxosha, babanyathela phansi endaweni yabo yokuphumula, baze bafika malungana negibeya ngasempumalanga. kwawa abantu bakwabenjamini abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi nesishiyagalombili; bonke labo babe ngamaqhawe. baphenduka babalekela ehlane edwaleni lakwarimoni; bakhothoza kubo emendweni abantu abayizinkulungwane eziyisihlanu, babaxosha kwaze kwabasegideyomu, babulala kubo abantu abayizinkulungwane ezimbili. bonke abawa ngalolo suku kwabenjamini babe ngabantu abayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nanhlano abahlome inkemba; bonke labo babe ngamaqhawe. kepha abantu abangamakulu ayisithupha baphenduka, babalekela ehlane edwaleni lakwarimoni, bahlala edwaleni lakwarimoni izinyanga ezine. abantu bakwa-israyeli babuyela kubantwana bakwabenjamini, bababulala ngosiko lwenkemba ababesaphila emzini, nezinkomo, yebo, konke okwafunyaniswayo; futhi yonke imizi abayifumanisayo bayithungela ngomlilo.

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abantu bakwa-israyeli babefungile emispa, bethi: akuyikubakho muntu oyakunika owakwabenjamini indodakazi yakhe ibe ngumkakhe. abantu base befika ebethele,

bahlala khona kwaze kwahlwa phambi kukalezi-ku, baphakamisa izwi labo, bakhala kakhulu. bathi: jehova-aeiou lezi-ku ka-israyeli, lokhu kwenzelweni kwa-israyeli ukuba kusilale namuhla esinye isizwe sakwa-israyeli na? kwathi ngakusasa abantu bavuka ekuseni, bakha khona i-altare, banikela ngeminikelo yokushiswa neminikelo yokuthula. abantwana bakwa-israyeli bathi: yisiphi phakathi kwazo zonke izizwe zakwa-israyeli esingakhuphukelanga ebandleni kujehova-aeiou na? ngokuba bebefungile isifungo esikhulu ngaye ongakhuphukeli kujehova-aeiou emispa ukuthi wobulawa nokubulawa. abantwana bakwa-israyeli bamhawukela ubenjamini umfowabo, bathi: kunqun-yiwe namuhla esinye isizwe kwa-israyeli. siyakwenze njani ukuba abaseleyo babe nabafazi, lokhu sifungile ujeheva-aeiou ukuthi asiyakubanika amadodakazi ethu abe ngomkabo, na? bathi: yisiphi kuzo izizwe zakwa-israyeli esingakhuphukelanga kujehova-aeiou emispa na? bheka, akufikanga muntu ekamu ovela ejabeshi gileyadi ukuya ebandleni. sebebaw abantu; bheka, kwakungekho muntu kwabakhile ejabeshi gileyadi lapho. inhlangano yathuma khona abantu abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi nambili abangamaqhawe amakhulu, yabayala yathi: hambani nibabulale abakhe ejabeshi gileyadi ngosiko lwenkamba kanye nabesifazane nezingane. yilokhu eniyakukwenza: niyakuchitha nokuchitha bonke abesilisa nabo bonke abesifazane abake balala nendoda. bafumana phakathi kwabakhileyo ejabeshi gileyadi izintombi ezintsha ezingamakhulu amane ezingazanga ndoda ngokulala nayo; baziya ekamu eshilo elisezweni lasekhanani. yonke inhlangano yathuma yakhuluma kubantwana bakwabenjamini ababesedwaleni lakwarimoni, yamemezela ukuthula kubo. ubenjamini wabuya ngaleso sikhathi; babanika abesifazane ababebasindisile kwabesifazane basejabeshi gileyadi; kepha ababanelanga. abantu bamhawukela ubenjamini, ngokuba ujeheva-aeiou wayenze ukwahlukana ezizweni zakwa-israyeli. amalunga enhlangano ayesethi: siyakwenze njani ukuba abaseleyo babe nabafazi, lokhu abesifazane bechithiwe kwabenjamini, na? athi: nga liba khona ifa labaphunyukileyo bakwabenjamini, ukuze kungesulwa sizwe kwa-israyeli. kepha asinakubanika nokho amadodakazi ethu abe ngomkabo, ngokuba abantwana bakwa-israyeli babefungile bethi: makaqalekiswe onika owakwabenjamini umfazi. athi: bheka, kukhona umkhosi kajeheva-aeiou iminyaka ngeminyaka eshilo elingasenyakatho kwasebethele ngasempumalanga komendo okhuphuka ebethele uya eshekemi nangaseningizimu kwasele-

bona. abayala abantwana bakwabenjamini, athi: hambani niqamekele ezivinini, nibone: bhekani, uma amadodakazi aseshilo ephuma ukusina lapho kusinwa khona, anophuma ezivinini, nizibambe, kube yilowo nalowo umkakhe kuwo amadodakazi aseshilo, niye ezweni lakwabenjamini. kuyakuthi lapho oyise noma abanewabo befika ukuphikisana nathi, sithi kubo: sinikeni wona ngomusa, ngokuba asithathanga, kwaba yilowo nalowo umkakhe empini, futhi anibanikanga wona; khona ngabe nitholile icala. abantwana bakwabenjamini benze njalo, bazithathela abafazi njengenani labo kwabasinayo, ababaqhwagayo; bahamba, babuyela efeni labo, bakha imizi, bahlala kuyo. abantwana bakwa-israyeli bamuka khona ngaleso sikhathi, yilowo nalowo waya esizweni sakhe nasemndenini wakhe, baphuma lapho, yilowo nalowo waya efeni lakhe. ngalezo zinsuku kwakungekho nkosi kwa-israyeli; yilowo nalowo wenza okulungile emehlweni akhe.

kwakukhona umuntu waseramatayimi sofimu lasezintabeni zakwa-efrayimi ogama lakhe lalingu-elkana indodana kajerohamu ka-elihu katholu kasufi wakwa-efrayimi; wayenabafazi ababili, igama lomunye lalinguhana, igama lomunye lalinguphenina; uphenina wayenabantwana, kepha uhana wayengenabantwana. lowo muntu wenyuka emzini wakhe iminyaka ngeminyaka ukukhonza nokuhlabela ujeheva-aeiou sebawoti eshilo. kwakukhona lapho amadodana amabili ka-eli, ohofini nofinehasi, bengabapristi bakajehova-aeiou. kwathi ngosuku u-elkana ahlaba ngalo, wanika uphenina umkakhe nawo onke amadodana akhe namadodakazi akhe izabelo; kepha wanika uhana isabelo siphindwa kabili, ngokuba wayemthanda uhana, kepha ujeheva-aeiou wayesivalile isizalo sakhe. isitha sakhe samncokoloza kakhulu ukuba amthukuthelise, ngokuba ujeheva-aeiou wayesivalile isizalo sakhe. kwathi ukuba u-elkana enze njalo iminyaka ngeminyaka, lapho enyukela endlini kajehova-aeiou, wamncokoloza kanjalo; ngalokho wakhala, akadlanga lutho. wayesethi u-elkana umyeni wakhe kuye: hana, ukhalelani na? awudli ngani? inhliziyo yakho idabukeleni na? angidluli yini amadodana ayishumi kuwe na? uhana wasukuma, nxa sebedlile eshilo, bephuzile. u-eli umpristi wayehlezi esihlalweni sakhe ngasensikeni yomnyango wethempeli likajehova-aeiou. umphefumulo wakhe wawunomnyu, wakhuleka kujehova-aeiou, wakhala kakhulu. wenza isithembiso, wathi: jehova-aeiou sebawoti, ubheke nokubheka ukuhlupheka kwencekukazi yakho, ungikhumbule, ungakhohlwa incekukazi yakho, unike incekukazi yakho umntwana wesilisa, bese ngimnika ujeheva-aeiou zonke izinsuku zokuhamba kwakhe, kungathinti mpuco ekhanda lakhe. kwathi esaqhubeka ukukhuleka phambi kukajehova-aeiou, u-eli waqaphela umlomo wakhe. uhana wayekhuluma enhliziyweni yakhe, kwabikizela izindebe zakhe zomlomo kuphela, kepha izwi lakhe lalingezwakali; ngalokho u-eli wacabanga ukuthi udakiwe. u-eli wathi kuye: uyakudakwa kuze kube nini na? susa iwayini lakho kuwe. uhana waphendula wathi: hhayi, nkosi, ngingowesifazane ohluphekileyo; angiphuzanga iwayini naphuzo olunamandla, kepha bengithulula umphefumulo wami phambi kukajehova-aeiou. ungasho ukuthi incekukazi yakho ingowesifazane omubi, ngokuba kungobuningi bosizi lwami nangokuncokolozwa kwami ngikhulumile kuze kube manje. wayesephendula u-eli ethi: hamba ngokuthula; ulezi-ku wakwa-israyeli makakunike okucelileyo kuye. wathi:

incekukazi yakho mayifumane umusa emehlweni akho. owesifazane wayesehamba, wadla, ubuso bakhe ababe busanyukumala. bavuka ekuseni kakhulu, bakhuleka phambi kukajehova-aeiou, babuya, bafika endlini yabo erama; u-elkana wamazi uhana umkakhe, ujeheva-aeiou wamkhumbula. kwathi sesiphelele isikhathi, uhana wakhulelwa, wazala indodana, waqamba igama layo ngokuthi usamuweli, ethi: ngimcelile kujehova-aeiou. lowo muntu u-elkana wenyuka kanye nendlu yakhe ukuyonikela kujehova-aeiou umhlatshelelo weminyaka nesithembiso sakhe. kepha uhana ak-enyukanga, ngokuba wathi kumyeni wakhe: hhayi aze alunyulwe umntwana; khona ngiyakumyisa ukuba abonakale phambi kukajehova-aeiou, ahlale khona njalo. wayesethi u-elkana umyeni wakhe kuye: yenza okuhle emehlweni akho; hlala uze umlumule; ujeheva-aeiou makaqinise izwi lakhe kuphela. owesifazane wayesehlala, wancelisa indodana yakhe waze wayilumula. eseyilumulile wenyuka nayo enezinkunzi ezintathu, ne-efa lempuphu, nemvaba yewayini, wakuyisa endlini kajehova-aeiou eshilo; umntwana wayesemncane. bahlaba inkunzi, bamyisa umntwana ku-eli. wathi: e nkosi, kuphila komphefumulo wakho, nkosi yami, ngingowesifazane owayemi kuwe lapha, ekhuleka kujehova-aeiou. ngamkhulekela lo mntwana; ujeheva-aeiou unginkile lokho engakucela kuye; ngalokho nami ngimnikele kujehova-aeiou; zonke izinsuku zokuphila kwakhe unikelwe kujehova-aeiou. bakhuleka kujehova-aeiou khona.

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uhana wakhuleka wathi: inhliziyo yami iyethaba kujehova-aeiou, uphondo lwami luphakeme kujehova-aeiou; umlomo wami ukhamisile phezu kwezitha zami, ngokuba ngenama ngensindiso yakho. akakho ongcwele njengejeheva-aeiou, ngokuba akakho noyedwa ngaphandle kwakho; futhi alikho idwala elinjengolezi-ku wethu. ningabe nisakhuluma ngokuzidla kangaka, kungaphumi ukuqhosha emlonyeni wenu, ngokuba ujeheva-aeiou ungulezi-ku wokwazi; izenzo zilinganiswa nguye. iminsalo yamaqhawe yaphuliwe, kepha abakhubekayo babbhinciswa amandla. ababesuthile baqashelwa isinkwa; ababelambile sebeyekile ukulamba; yebo, oyinyumba uzele abayisikhombisa; onabantwana abaningi uyawuma. ujeheva-aeiou uyabulala, abesephilile; uyehlisela endaweni yabafuleyo, abesenyusa. ujeheva-aeiou uyaphofisa, abesecebisa; uyathobisa, abesephakamisa. uyamvusa ompofu othulini, uyaphakamisa impabanga ezaleni, abahlalise nezikhulu, ba-

dle ifa lesihlalo sobukhosi, ngokuba izinsika zomhlaba zingezikajehova-aeiou; ubekile izwe phezu kwazo. uyakugcina izinyawo zabathembekileyo bakhe, kepha ababi bayakuthuliswa ebumnyameni, ngokuba akukho muntu oyakwahlula ngamandla. abakwa nojehova-aeiou bayakuphahlazwa; uyakuduma ezulwini phezu kwabo; uje-hova-aeiou uyakwahlulela amajukujuku omhlaba, anike inkosi yakhe amandla, aphakamise uphondo logcotshiweyo wakhe. u-elkana waya erama endlini yakhe. umntwana wakhonza uje-hova-aeiou phambi kuka-eli umpristi. amadodana ka-eli ayenga-bantu ababi; ayengamazi uje-hova-aeiou. kwakungumthetho wabapristi kubantu ukuba, nxa umuntu enikela ngomhlats-helo, kufike inceku yompristi inyama isabila, iphethe ngesandla ingwegwe emazinyo mathathu, ihlabe ngayo emcengezini, noma esocweni, noma ebhodweni, noma ekhazini; konke ekwenyusayo ingwegwe, umpristi wakuthatha. benze njalo eshilo kubo bonke abakwa-israyeli ababefika khona. yebo, bengakashisi amanoni, yafika inceku yompristi, yathi kumuntu ohlabayo: lethla inyama yokoselwa umpristi, ngokuba akayikuthatha kuwe inyama ephekiweyo kepha eluhlaza. uma lowo muntu wathi kuye: bayakushisa nokushisa amanoni kuqala, besewuthatha njengokuthanda kwakho, yathi: hhayi, woyiletha manje; uma ungayilethi, ngiyakuyithatha ngamandla. isono sezinsizwa sasisikhulu kakhulu phambi kukajehova-aeiou, ngokuba abantu bawudelela umnikelo kajehova-aeiou. usamuweli wakhonza phambi kukajehova-aeiou esengumntwana, egqoke ingubo yamahlombe yelineni. futhi unina wamenzela ijazana, waliyisa kuye iminyaka ngeminyaka esenyuka nomyeni wakhe ukuyonikela ngomhlats-helo weminyaka yonke. u-eli wabusisa u-elkana nomkakhe, wathi: uje-hova-aeiou makakunike inzalo ngalo wesifazane ngenxa yalokho uje-hova-aeiou atshelekwa khona. base bebuyela ekhaya. uje-hova-aeiou wamhambela uhana; wakhulelwa, wazala amadodana amathathu namadodakazi amabili. umntwana usamuweli wakhula phambi kukajehova-aeiou. u-eli wayesemdala kakhulu, wezwa konke amadodana akhe akwenzayo ku-israyeli wonke, nokuthi ayelala nabesifazane ababekhonza ngasemnyango wetende lokuhlangana. wathi kuwo: nenzelani izinto ezinjalo na? ngokuba ngiyezwa imisebenzi yenu emibi kubo bonke laba bantu. hhayi, madodana ami, akusilo izwi elihle engilizwayo lenekwa ngabantu bakajehova-aeiou. uma umuntu ona kumuntu, ulezi-ku uyakumahlulela, kepha uma umuntu ona kujehova-aeiou, uyakulanyulelwa ngubani na? kodwa

awalalelanga izwi likayise, ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou wayethanda ukuwabulala. umntwana usamuweli waqhubeka wakhula, waba muhle kujehova-aeiou nakubantu. kwafika umuntu kalezi-ku ku-eli, wathi kuye: uje-hova-aeiou usho kanje, uthi: angithi ngazibonakalisa kuyo indlu kayihlo, besesegibithe besendlini kafaro. ngamkhetha kuzo zonke izizwe zakwa-israyeli ukuba abe ngumpristi wami, anikele e-altare lami, ashise impepho, afake ingubo yamahlombe phambi kwami, nganika indlu kayihlo yonke iminikelo yomlilo yabantwana bakwa-israyeli. niwukhahlelelani umhlats-helo wami nomnikelo wami ngiyale ngakho endlini yami, udumise amadodana akho phezu kwami, nizikhuluphalise ngeminikelo emihle kunayo yonke yakwa-israyeli, abantu bami, na? ngalokho uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli uthi: ngasho nokusho ukuthi indlu yakho nendlu kayihlo yohamba phambi kwami kuze kube phakade. kepha manje uje-hova-aeiou uthi: makube kude nami, ngokuba abangidumisayo ngiyakubadumisa; abangidelelayo bayakweyiswa. bheka, izinsuku ziyeza engiyakumnquma ngazo ingalo yakho nengalo yendlu kayihlo ukuba kungabikho xhegu endlini yakho. uyakubona ukuhlupheka kwendlu yami kukho konke okuhle ayakwenzelwa khona u-israyeli; akuyikubakho xhegu endlini yakho kuze kube phakade. kepha angiyikumnquma umuntu wakho e-altare lami ukuba aqede amehlo akho, abangele usizi umphefumulo wakho; yonke inzalo yendlu yakho iyakufa isebudodeni bayo. lokhu kuyakuba yisiboniso kuwe esiyakwehlela amadodana akho amabili, ohofini nofinehasi; ngalusuku lunye bayakufa bobabili. ngiyakuzivusela umpristi othem-bekileyo oyakwenza njengokusenhliziweni yami nasengqondweni yami; ngiyaku-makhela indlu eqinileyo; uyakuhamba phambi kogcotshiweyo wami kuze kube phakade. kuyakuthi bonke abasele endlini yakho bafike bamkhotamele ngohlamvu lwesiliva neqebelengwane lesinkwa, bathi: ake ungibeke kwesinye sezikhundla zompristi ukuba ngidle ucezu lwesinkwa.

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umntwana usamuweli wamkhonza uje-hova-aeiou phambi kuka-eli. izwi likajehova-aeiou lalingavamile ngalezo zinsuku; nombono wawuyivelakancane. kwathi ngaleso sikhathi u-eli elele endaweni yakhe - amehlo akhe ayeqale ukufiphala waze wangaba nakho ukubona - isibani sikalezi-ku sasingakacimi, usamuweli elele ethempelini likajehova-aeiou, lapho kwakukhona umphongolo kalezi-ku, uje-hova-aeiou wambiza usamuweli; wathi yena: ngi-

lapha. wagijimela ku-eli, wathi: ngilapha, njengokuba ungibizile. wathi: angikubizanga; buya ulale. wahamba, walala. ujeхова-aeiou waphinda wambiza usamuweli. usamuweli wavuka, waya ku-eli, wathi: ngilapha, njengokuba ungibizile. wathi: angikubizanga, ndodana yami; buya ulale. kepha usamuweli wayengakamazi ujeхова-aeiou, nezwi likajeхова-aeiou lalingakambulelwa kuye. ujeхова-aeiou wambiza usamuweli ngokwesithathu. wavuka, waya ku-eli, wathi: ngilapha, njengokuba ungibizile. u-eli wayeseqonda ukuthi ngujeхова-aeiou ombizile umntwana. u-eli wathi kusamuweli: hamba, ulale; kuyakuthi uma ekubiza, usho ukuthi: khuluma, jeхова-aeiou, ngokuba inceku yakho iyezwa. wayesehamba usamuweli, walala endaweni yakhe. ujeхова-aeiou wafika, wema, wambiza njengakwezinye izikhathi: samuweli, samuweli! usamuweli wathi: khuluma, ngokuba inceku yakho iyezwa. ujeхова-aeiou wathi kusamuweli: bheka, ngiyakwenza into kwa-israyeli ziyakuneneza ngayo izindlebe zombili zabo bonke abayizwayo. ngalolo suku ngiyakumehlisela u-eli konke engikukhulumile ngendlu yakhe, kusukela ekuqaleni kuze kube sekugcineni. ngokuba ngimtshelile ukuthi ngiyakwahlulela indlu yakhe kuze kube phakade ngobubi abaziyo, lokhu amadodana akhe ayezehlisele isiqalekiso, engawakhuzanga. ngalokho ngifungile ngendlu ka-eli ukuthi ububi bendlu ka-eli abuyikuhlangukwa ngomhlatshele nangomnikelo kuze kube phakade. usamuweli walala kwaze kwasa, wavula iminyango yendlu kajeхова-aeiou. usamuweli wesaba ukumtshela u-eli umbono. u-eli wayesembiza usamuweli, wathi: samuweli, ndodana yami! wathi: ngilapha. wathi: yintoni owayikhulumayo kuwe na? ake ungayifihli kimi; ulezi-ku makenze njalo kuwe, enezele futhi, uma ungifihlela izwi elilodwa lakho konke lokho owakukhuluma kuwe. usamuweli wayesemtshela konke, akamfihlelanga lutho. wathi: ngujeхова-aeiou; makenze okuhle emehlweni akhe. usamuweli wakhula; ujeхова-aeiou wayenaye; akawisanga phansi nelilodwa lamazwi akhe. wonke u-israyeli kusukela kwadani kuze kube seberi sheba wazi ukuthi usamuweli uqinisiwe ukuba abe ngumprofethi kajeхова-aeiou. ujeхова-aeiou waphinda wabonakala eshilo, ngokuba ujeхова-aeiou wazibonakalisa kusamuweli eshilo ngezwi likajeхова-aeiou.

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izwi likasamuweli lafika kuye wonke u-israyeli. u-israyeli waphuma ukulwa namafilisti, wamisa ngase-ebeni ezeri; amafilisti amisa e-afeki. amafilisti azihlela

ukuhlangana no-israyeli; impi yaqhubeka, u-israyeli wahlulwa phambi kwamafilisti abulala empini ngasendle kungathi abantu abayizinkulungwane ezine. kwathi abantu bengena ekamu, amalanga akwa-israyeli athi: ujeхова-aeiou usubalaleleni phambi kwamafilisti na? masithathe umphongolo wesivumelwano sikajeхова-aeiou eshilo, siwulethe kithi, ufike phakathi kwethu, usisindise esandleni sezitha zethu. abantu base bethumela eshilo, bathatha khona umphongolo wesivumelwano sikajeхова-aeiou sebawoti ohlezi phezu kwamakherubi; amadodana amabili ka-eli, ohofini nofinehasi, ayelapho nomphongolo wesivumelwano sikalezi-ku. kwathi umphongolo wesivumelwano sikajeхова-aeiou ufika ekamu, wonke u-israyeli wakhumuluka ngokukhamuluka okukhulu, kwaze kwaduma umhlaba. amafilisti esezwa umsindo wokukhamuluka athi: uthini umsindo walokhu kukhamuluka okukhulu ekamu lamaheberu na? aqonda ukuthi umphongolo kajeхова-aeiou ufikile ekamu. amafilisti esaba, ngokuba athi: ulezi-ku ufikile ekamu. athi-ke: maye kithina! ngokuba akuzange kube khona okunje ngaphambili. maye kithina! ngubani oyakusophula esandleni salaba olezi-ku abanamandla na? yilaba olezi-ku abashaya abasegibithe ngazo zonke izifo ehlane. qinani nibe ngamadoda nina mafilisti ukuba ningabi yizigqila zamaheberu, njengalokho ebeyizigqila zenu. yibani ngamadoda, nilwe! amafilisti alwa, u-israyeli wachithwa, babaleka, kwaba yilowo nalowo etendeni lakhe; kwaba khona ukuceka okukhulu, ngokuba kwawa ku-israyeli abantu abayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amathathu aba yimigundatshani. umphongolo kalezi-ku wathathwa; amadodana omabili ka-eli, ohofini nofinehasi, abulawa. kwaphuma umuntu wakwabenjamini empini, wagijima waya eshilo ngalolo suku, izingubo zakhe ziklebhukile, enomhlabathi ekhanda. eku-fikeni kwakhe, bheka, u-eli wayehlezi esihlalweni sakhe ngaseceleni komgwaqo, ngokuba inhliziyo yakhe yayithuthumela ngomphongolo kalezi-ku. esengenile emzini lowo muntu, wakubika, wakhala umuzi wonke. lapho u-eli ezwa umsindo wokukhala, wathi: uthini umsindo walokhu kumemeza na? lowo muntu washesha waya wamtshela u-eli. u-eli wayeneminyaka engamashumi ayisishiyagalolune neshiyagalombili; amehlo akhe ayequndekile, engenakubona. lowo muntu wathi ku-eli: nginguye owaphuma empini, ngibaleke empini namuhla. wathi: bekunjani, ndodana yami, na? owaletsha umbiko waphendula wathi: u-israyeli ubalekile phambi kwamafilisti; kwakukhona ukubulawa okukhulu phakathi kwabantu; amadodana akho omabili ohofini nofinehasi afike, nomphongolo kalezi-ku uthathiwe.



kwathi esaphatha umphongolo kalezi-ku, wawa nyovane esihlalweni sakhe ngaseceleni kwesango, kwaphuka intamo yakhe, wafa, ngokuba wayengumuntu omdala, esinda. wayebahlulele abakwa-israyeli iminyaka engamashumi amane. umalokazana wakhe, umkafinehasi, wayekhulelwe esezakubeletha; esezwile umbiko wokuthi umphongolo kalezi-ku uthathiwe nokuthi kufle uyisezala nomyeni wakhe, wakhonkoba, wabeletha, ngokuba wafikelwa yimihelo. ngesikhathi sokufa kwakhe abesifazane ababemi kuye bathi kuye: ungesabi, ngokuba ubelethe indodana. kepha akaphendulanga, akaku-nakanga. wamqamba umntwana ngokuthi u-ikabodi, ethi: inkazimulo isukile kwa-israyeli, ngokuba umphongolo kalezi-ku uthathiwe, nangenxa kayshezala wakhe nomyeni wakhe. wathi: inkazimulo isukile kwa-israyeli, ngokuba umphongolo kalezi-ku uthathiwe.

## 5

amafilisti athatha umphongolo kalezi-ku, awususa e-ebeni ezeri, awuyisa e-ashidodi. amafilisti awuthatha umphongolo kalezi-ku, awungenisa endlini kadagoni, awubeka ngakuye udagoni. abase-ashidodi sebe-vukile kusasa ekuseni, bheka, udagoni wayewile phansi ngobuso phambi komphongolo kajehova-aeiou. bamthatha udagoni, bambuyisela endaweni yakhe. se-bevukile kusasa ekuseni, bheka, udagoni wayewile phansi ngobuso phambi komphongolo kajehova-aeiou; ikhanda likadagoni nezimpama zombili zezandla zakhe zazingamukile zisembundwini; kwasala isidumbu sakhe kuphela. ngalokho abapristi bakadagoni nabo bonke abangena endlini kadagoni abanyatheli embundwini kadagoni e-ashidodi kuze kube namuhla. kepha isandla sikajehova-aeiou sasinzima phezu kwabase-ashidodi, wabachitha, wababulala ngamathumba, i-ashidodi nemikhawulo yalo. abantu base-ashidodi sebona ukuthi kunjalo bathi: umphongolo kalezi-ku ka-israyeli awuyikuhlala kithi, ngokuba isandla sakhe silukhuni phezu kwethu naphezu kukadagoni ulezi-ku wethu. bathuma babuthela kubo onke amakhosi amafilisti, bathi: siyakwenzani ngomphongolo kalezi-ku ka-israyeli na? athi: umphongolo kalezi-ku ka-israyeli mawususelwe egati. bawususela umphongolo kalezi-ku ka-israyeli khona. kwathi sebewusesele khona, isandla sikajehova-aeiou sasiphezu kwalowo muzi ngokungquzula okukhulu, wabulala abantu bomuzi abancane nabakhulu; kwaqhamuka amathumba kubo. base bethuma umphongolo kalezi-ku e-ekroni. kwathi ekufikeni komphongolo kalezi-ku e-ekroni abase-ekroni bakhala bathi: balethile umphongolo kalezi-ku ka-

israyeli kithi ukuba usibulale thina nabantu bakithi. bathuma babutha onke amakhosi amafilisti, bathi: wususeni umphongolo kalezi-ku ka-israyeli, ubuyele endlini yawo, ukuba ungasibulali thina nabantu bakithi, ngokuba kwakukhona ukungquzuka okokufa emzini wonke; isandla sikalezi-ku sasinzima kakhulu khona. abantu abangafanga bashaywa ngamathumba; ukukhala komuzi kwenyukela ezulwini.

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umphongolo kajehova-aeiou wawusezweni lamafilisti izinyanga eziyisikhombisa. amafilisti abiza abapristi nababhuli, athi: siyakwenze njani ngomphongolo kajehova-aeiou na? saziseni ukuthi singawubuyisela kanjani endaweni yawo. bathi: uma nimukisa umphongolo kalezi-ku ka-israyeli, ningawumukisi ze, kepha anobuyisela nokubuyisela kuye umnikelo wecala; khona niyakuphiliswa, kwazeke kini ukuthi isandla sakhe asisuswa ngani kini. athi: uyakuba yini umnikelo wecala esiyakuwubuyisela kuye na? bathi: amathumba ayisihlanu egolide namagundane ayisihlanu egolide njengomumo wamakhosi amafilisti, ngokuba kuyisifo sinye esikubo bonke nakuwo amakhosi enu. niyakwenza imifanekiso yamathumba enu nemifanekiso yamagundane enu alonayo izwe, nimnike ulezi-ku ka-israyeli udumo; mhlawumbe uyakusenza lula isandla sakhe phezu kwenu, naphezu kwawolezi-ku benu, naphezu kwezwe lakini. nenzeleni zibe lukhuni izinhlizyo zenu, njengalokho abasegibithe nofaro bazenza lukhuni izinhlizyo zabo na? lapho esebenzile phakathi kwabo, ababavumelanga yini ukuba bahambe na? manje thathani nilungise inqola entsha nezinkomo ezimbili ezincelisayo okungafikanga joka phezu kwazo, nizibophele izinkomo enqoleni, nibuyisele ekhaya amankonyane azo, nithathe umphongolo kajehova-aeiou, niwubeke enqoleni, nifake impahla yegolide eniyibuyisela kuye ibe ngumnikelo wecala ebhokisini eliseceleni kwawo, niyimukise, ihambe. anobona, uma yenyuka ngendlela yasemkhawulweni wayo ukuya ebeti shemeshi, nguye osenzele lobo bubu obukhulu; kepha uma kungenjalo, siyakwazi ukuthi akusiso isandla sakhe esisishayileyo; sehlelwa ingozi nje. abantu benze njalo; bathatha izinkomo ezimbili ezincelisayo, bazibophela enqoleni, bazivalela amankonyane azo ekhaya, bawubeka umphongolo kajehova-aeiou enqoleni kanye nebhokisi lamagundane egolide nemifanekiso yamathumba abo. izinkomo zaqonda endleleni, zaya ngasebeti shemeshi, zahamba ngomendo, zihamba zikhala, zingaphambukeli ngakwesokunene

noma ngakwesokhohlo; amakhosi amafilisti azilandela, aze afika emkhawulweni wasebeti shemeshi. abasebeti shemeshi babevuna ukolweni esigodini, baphakamisa amehlo abo, bawubona umphongolo, bathokoza ukuwubona. inqola yangena ensimini kajesu wasebeti shemeshi, yema khona, lapho kwakukhona itshe elikhulu; babanda inqola yaba yizinkuni, banikela ngezinkomo zaba ngumnikelo wokushiswa kujehova-aeiou. amalevi ayethulile umphongolo kajehova-aeiou nebhokisi elalinawo, okwakukulo impahla yegolide, akubeka etsheni elikhulu; abantu basebeti shemeshi banikela ngeminikelo yokushiswa, bahlabela ujevova-aeiou imihlatshelo ngalolo suku. amakhosi ayisihlanu amafilisti esekubonile abuyela e-ekroni ngalolo suku. lawa angamathumba egolide amafilisti awabuyisa abe ngumnikelo wecala kujehova-aeiou: elinye ngele-ashidodi, nelineye ngelegaza, nelineye ngele-ashikeloni, nelineye ngelegati, nelineye ngele-ekroni; namagundane egolide ayenjengomumo wemizi yonke yamafilisti yamakhosi ayisihlanu, imizi ebiyelweyo nemizana yasemaphandleni, okubufakazi bakho kuyitshe elikhulu abawubeka kulo umphongolo kajehova-aeiou, elikhona nanamuhla ensimini kajesu wasebeti shemeshi. wabulala abantu basebeti shemeshi, ngokuba babebukile umphongolo kajehova-aeiou; wabulala kubantu amadoda angamashumi ayisikhombisa emadodeni ayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisihlanu; abantu balila, ngokuba ujevova-aeiou wabulala abantu ngokubulala okukhulu. abantu basebeti shemeshi base bethi: ngubani ongama phambi kukajevova-aeiou, lo lezi-ku ongcwele, na? uyakwenyukela kubani esuka kithina na? bathuma izithunywa kwabakhileyo ekiriyati jeharimi, bathi: amafilisti awubuyisele umphongolo kajehova-aeiou; yehlani, niwukhuphulele kini.

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abantu basekiriyati jeharimi bafika, bakhuphula umphongolo kajehova-aeiou, bawungenisa endlini ka-abinadaba entabeni, bamngcwelisa u-eleyazare indodana yakhe ukuba agcine umphongolo kajehova-aeiou. kwathi kusukela osukwini umphongolo owahlala ngalo ekiriyati jeharimi, kwaba yisikhathi eside, ngokuba saba yiminyaka engamashumi amabili; yonke indlu yakwa-israyeli yakhalala ujevova-aeiou. usamuweli wakhuluma kuyo yonke indlu ka-israyeli, wathi: uma nibuyela kujehova-aeiou ngayo yonke inhliziyo yenu, susani kini olezi-ku babezizwe no-ashitaroti, nibhekise izinhliziyu zenu kujehova-aeiou, nimkhonze yena yedwa; uyakunophula esandleni samafilisti. abakwa-israyeli base besusa

obali no-ashitaroti, bamkhonza ujevova-aeiou yedwa. usamuweli wathi: buthani wonke u-israyeli emispa; ngiyakunikhulekela kujehova-aeiou. babuthana emispa, bakha amanzi, bawathulula phambi kukajevova-aeiou, bazila ngalolo suku, bathi khona: sonile kujehova-aeiou. usamuweli wahlulela abantwana bakwa-israyeli emispa. amafilisti esezwile ukuthi abantwana bakwa-israyeli babuthene emispa, amakhosi amafilisti akhuphuka ukulwa no-israyeli. abantwana bakwa-israyeli bekuzwile lokho bawesaba amafilisti. abantwana bakwa-israyeli bathi kusamuweli: ungaphezi ukusikhalela kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu ukuba asisindise esandleni samafilisti. usamuweli wathatha iwundlu elincelayo, wanikela ngalo libe ngumnikelo oshiswa wonke kujehova-aeiou; usamuweli wamkhalela u-israyeli kujehova-aeiou; ujevova-aeiou wamphendula. usamuweli esanikela ngominikelo wokushiswa, amafilisti asondela ukulwa no-israyeli; kepha ujevova-aeiou waduma ngokuduma okukhulu phezu kwamafilisti ngalolo suku, wawangquzula, abulawa phambi kuka-israyeli. abantu bakwa-israyeli baphuma emispa, bawaxosha amafilisti, bawabulala, baze bafika ngaphansi ebeti kari. usamuweli wathatha itshe, walimisa phakathi kwemispa nesheni, waqamba igama lalo ngokuthi i-ebeni ezeri, ethi: kuze kube manje ujevova-aeiou usisizile. ayesahlulwa amafilisti, awabe esaphinda ukungena emikhawulweni ka-israyeli; isandla sikajevova-aeiou sasimelene namafilisti zonke izinsuku zikasamuweli. imizi amafilisti ayeyithathile ku-israyeli yabuyiselwa ku-israyeli, kusukela e-ekroni kuze kube segati; umkhawulo wayo u-israyeli wawophula esandleni samafilisti. kwaba khona ukuthula phakathi kuka-israyeli nama-amori. usamuweli wahlulela u-israyeli zonke izinsuku zokuhamba kwakhe. wahamba iminyaka ngeminyaka ezungeza, waya ebethele, nasegiligali, nasemispa; wahlulela u-israyeli kuzo zonke lezo zindawo. wayebuyela erama, ngokuba indlu yakhe yayilapho; wahlulela u-israyeli khona, wamakhela lapho ujevova-aeiou i-altare.

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kwathi usamuweli esemdala, wabeka amadodana akhe abe ngabahluleli phezu kuka-israyeli. igama lendodana yakhe eyizibulo lalingujoweli; igama leyesibili lalingu-abiya; babe ngabahluleli eberi sheba. amadodana akhe ayengahambi ngezindlela zakhe, kepha aphambukela inzuzo embi, athengwa ngemivuzo, aphendukezela izahlulelo. kwabuthana onke amalunga akwa-israyeli, aya kusamuweli erama; athi kuye: bheka,

usumdala, amadodana akho awahambi ngezindlela zakho; sibekele inkosi ukuba isahlulele njengezizwe zonke. kepha leyo nto yaba mbi emehlweni kasamuweli, lapho bethi: siphe inkosi ukuba isahlulele. usamuweli wayesekhuleka kujehova-aeiou. ujejhova-aeiou wathi kusamuweli: lalela izwi labantu kukho konke abakushoyo kuwe, ngokuba akusuwe abakulahleleyo, kepha balahle mina, ukuze ngingabi yinkosi phezu kwabo. njengemisebenzi yonke abayenzileyo, kusukela osukwini engabakhuphula ngalo egibithe kuze kube namuhla, bangishiya bekhonza abanye olezi-ku, benze njalo nakuwe. manje lalela izwi labo, ugamele nokugamela kubo kuphela, ubatshela amalungelo enkosi eyakubusa phezu kwabo. usamuweli wabatshele abantu abacela kuye inkosi onke amazwi kajehova-aeiou. wathi: nanka amalungelo enkosi eyakubusa phezu kwenu: iyakuthatha amadodana enu, izibekele wona ezinqoleni zayo nasemahhashini ayo, agijime phambi kwezinqola zayo; iyakuzibekela wona abe yizinduna zezinkulungwane nezinduna zamashumi ayisihlanu, alime umhlabathi wayo, avune isivuno sayo, enze izikhali zayo zokulwa nempahla yezinqola zayo. iyakuthatha amadodakazi enu abe ngabathaki, nabapheki, nabaphekizinkwa. iyakuthatha amasimu enu, nezivini zenu, neminqumo yenu emihle, ikunike izinceku zayo. iyakuthatha okweshumi kwembewu yenu nokwesivini zenu, ikunike izinduna zayo nezinceku zayo. iyakuthatha izinceku zenu, nezincekukazi zenu, nezinsizwa zenu ezinhle, nezimbongolo zenu, izenze ukuba zisebenze imisebenzi yayo. iyakuthatha okweshumi kwezimvu zenu, nibe yizinceku zayo. niyakukhala ngalolo suku ngenxa yenkosi yenu, eniyakube nizikhethela yona; kepha ujejhova-aeiou akayikuniphendula ngalolo suku. kepha abantu bala ukulalela izwi likasamuweli, bathi: hhayi, sifuna ukuba kube khona inkosi phezu kwethu, ukuze nathi sibe njengezizwe zonke, inkosi yethu isahlulele, iphume phambi kwethu, ilwe izimpi zethu. usamuweli wezwa onke amazwi abantu, wawalanda ezindlebeni zikajehova-aeiou. ujejhova-aeiou wathi kusamuweli: lalela izwi labo, ubanike inkosi. usamuweli wathi kubantu bakwa-israyeli: hambani niye, kube yilowo nalowo emzini wakini.

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kwakukhona umuntu wakwabenjimini ogama lakhe lalingukishi indodana kabibiyeli kaserori kabekhorati ka-afiya, indodana yowakwabenjimini, iqhawe elinamandla. wayenendodana egama layo lalingusawule, insizwa enhle; kwakungekho

muntu omuhle kunaye phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli; kusukela emahlombe akhe kuya phezulu wayemude kunabo bonke abantu. izimbongolo zikakishi uyise kasawule zalahleka. ukishi wathi kusawule indodana yakhe: thatha enye yezinceku, usuke, uye kufuna izimbongolo. wadabula izintaba zakwa-efrayimi, wadabula izwe laseshalisha, kepha abazifumana; base bedabula izwe laseshalami, nalapho zazingekho; wadabula izwe labakwabenjimini, kepha kabazifumana. sebefikile ezweni lasesufi, usawule wathi kuyo inceku yakhe eyayinaye: woza sibuye, funa ubaba aziyeke izimbongolo, enene ngathi. yathi kuye: bheka, kukhona kulo muzi umuntu kalezi-ku, umuntu ohloniphekayo; konke akushoyo kuyakwenzeka impela; masiye khona, mhlawumbe angasitshela indlela esihamba ngayo. wayesethi usawule kuyo inceku yakhe: kepha bheka, uma siya khona, siyakulethani kulowo muntu na? ngokuba isinkwa siphelile ezitsheni zethu; akukho nto esingayiyisa kulowo muntu kalezi-ku; sinani, pho, na? inceku yabuye yamphendula usawule, yathi: ngiphethe esandleni sami okwesine kweshelile lesiliva; lokhu ngiyakumnika khona lowo muntu kalezi-ku ukuba asitshela indlela yethu. endulo kwa-israyeli, lapho umuntu ebeyakubaza kulezi-ku, washo wathi: woza siye kumboni; ngokuba lo othiwa umprofethi manje wabizwa kuqala ngokuthi umboni. usawule wayesethi kuyo inceku yakhe: lihle izwi lakho; woza sihambe. base beya emzini lapho lowo muntu kalezi-ku wayekhona. besakhuphuka ummango womuzi bafumana amantombazana eyakukha amanzi; bathi kuwo: umboni ukhona na? abaphendula athi: ukhona; nangu ngaphambi kwakho; shesha kodwa, ngokuba ufikile namuhla emzini, lokhu abantu benomhlatshelelo namuhla endaweni ephakemeyo; ekungeneni kwenu emzini niyakumfumana, engakenyukeli endaweni ephakemeyo ukuyokudla; ngokuba abantu abayikudla engakafiki, lokhu nguye obusisa umhlatshelelo, andukuba abamenyiweyo badle. ngalokho-ke, khuphukani manje, ngokuba niyakumfumana ngalesi sikhathi. benyukela emzini; besangena emzini, bheka, usamuweli waphumela kubo ukuyakwenyukela endaweni ephakemeyo. ujejhova-aeiou wayemambulele usamuweli ngayizolo, usawule engakafiki, ethi: kusasa ngalesi sikhathi ngiyakuthuma kuwe umuntu wasezweni lakwabenjimini; uyakumgcoba abe ngumholi wabantu bami u-israyeli, asindise abantu bami esandleni samafilisti, ngokuba ngibonile abantu bami, lokhu ukukhala kwabo kufikile kimi. usamuweli esembonile usawule, ujejhova-aeiou wathi kuye: nangu umuntu engakhuluma ngaye kuwe, ngathi: lo uyakubusa

abantu bami. usawule wayesesondela kusamuweli esangweni, wathi: ake ungitshele ukuthi iphi indlu yomboni. usamuweli wamphendula usawule, wathi: yimi engingumboni; khuphuka phambi kwami, uye endaweni ephakemeyo, ngokuba niyakudla nami namuhla; ekuseni ngiyakukumkisa, ngikutshela konke okusenhliziyweni yakho. izimbongolo zakho esezinezinsuku ezintathu zilahlekile, ungabeki inhliziyi yakho kuzo, ngokuba zitholiwe. ngokukabani konke okunxanelekayo kwa-israyeli na? akusikho okwakho nokwendlu yonke kayihlo na? usawule waphendula wathi: angisiye owakwabenjamini yini, owesincane sezizwe zakwa-israyeli, na? nomndeni wakithi awumncane yini kuyo yonke imindeni yesizwe sakwabenjamini na? ukuhlumelani kimi ngale ndlela na? usamuweli wamthatha usawule nenceku yakhe, wabangenisela endlini yokudlela, wabahlalisa endaweni engumqoka phakathi kwabamenyiweyo, kungathi abangamashumi amathathu. usamuweli wathi kumpheki: lethasabelo engakunika sona engasho kuwe ngaso ukuthi: sibeke ngakuwe. umpheki waphakamisa umlenze nokwakuphezu kwawo, wawubeka phambi kukasawule. usamuweli wathi: nakhu ohlinzekwe ngakho. kubeke phambi kwakho, udle, ngokuba kugcinelwe wena kuze kufike lesi sikhathi, njengalokho ngithe ngimemile abantu. usawule wayesedla nosamuweli ngalolo suku. sebhile endaweni ephakemeyo bangena emzini; wakhuluma nosawule ophahleni lwendlu. bavuka ekuseni; kwathi kusantwela, usamuweli wabiza usawule esophahleni lwendlu, wathi: vuka ukuba ngikumukise. wayesevuka usawule, baphuma bobabili, baya phandle, yena nosamuweli. besehlela ngasekugcineni komuzi, usamuweli wathi kusawule: yisho kuyo inceku ukuba idlule phambi kwethu yadlula-ke kepha yima wena manje ukuba ngikuzwise izwi likalezi-ku.

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usamuweli wayesethatha umfuma wama-futha, wawathela ekhanda lakhe, wamanga, wathi: angithi ujejhova-aeiou ukugcobile ukuba ube ngumholi wefa lakhe na? nxa usumukile kimi namuhla, uyakufumana abantu ababili ngasethuneni likaraheli emkhawulweni wakwabenjamini eselisa; bayakuthi kuwe: izimbongolo owawuyekuzifuna zitholiwe; bheka, uyihlo uyekile izimbongolo, uyenqena ngani, ethi: ngiyakwenze njani ngomntanami na? nxa usukile khona uye phambili, uyakufika kulo i-oki lasethabori; kuyakuhlangana nawe khona abantu abathathu bekhuphukela kulezi-ku ebethele, omunye ephethe amazinyane am-

athathu ezimbuze, omunye ephethe izinkwa ezintathu, omunye ephethe imvaba yewayini; bayakubingelela, bakunike izinkwa ezimbili oyakuzamukela ezandleni zabo. emva kwalokho uyakufika entabeni kalezi-ku, lapho likhona ikhanda lamafilesti; kuyakuthi nxa usufikile khona emzini, uhlangane neviyo labaprofethi behla endaweni ephakemeyo benogubhu, nesigubhu, negenkle, nehabhu phambi kwabo, beprofetha; umoya kajehova-aeiou uyakwehlela phezu kwakho, uyakuprofetha kanye nabo, uphenduke omunye umuntu. kuyakuthi lapho lezo zibonakaliso sezifikile kuwe, wenze esikufumanayo isandla sakho, ngokuba ulezi-ku unawe. uyakwehla phambi kwami ukuya egiligali; bheka, ngiyakwehlela kuwe ukuba nginikele ngeminikelo yokushiswa, ngihlabe imihlatshelo yokuthula; uyakuhlala izinsuku eziyisikhombisa, ngize ngifike kuwe, ngikutshela oyakukwenza. kwathi esefulathela emuka kusamuweli, ulezi-ku waphendukisa inhliziyi yakhe yaba ngenye; zonke lezo zibonakaliso zafika ngalona lolo suku. lapho sebefike khona entabeni, bheka, iviyo labaprofethi lahlangana naye; umoya kalezi-ku wehlela phezu kwakhe, waprofetha phakathi kwabo. kwathi bonke ababemazi kuqala sebebona ukuthi waprofetha nabaprofethi, abantu bathi omunye komunye: kuyini lokhu okwehlele indodana kakishi na? kanti naye usawule uphakathi kwabaprofethi na? kwaphendula umuntu wakhona, wathi: ngubani uyise na? ngalokho kwaba yisaga ukuthi: naye usawule uphakathi kwabaprofethi na? eseqedile ukuprofetha wafika endaweni ephakemeyo. uyisekazi kasawule wathi kuye nasencekwini yakhe: nike naya ngaphi na? wathi: besiyekufuna izimbongolo; lapho sesibonile ukuthi azikho, sase siya kusamuweli. uyisekazi kasawule wathi: ake ningitshele: utheni kini usamuweli na? usawule wathi kuyisekazi: usitshele impela ukuthi izimbongolo zitholiwe. kepha indaba yombuso akhuluma ngayo usamuweli akamtshelanga yona. usamuweli wabizela abantu kujehova-aeiou emispa; wathi kubantu bakwa-israyeli: ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli usho kanje, uthi: ngenyusa u-israyeli egibithe, nganophula esandleni sabasegibithe nasesandleni sayo yonke imibuso eyanindezelayo; kepha namuhla nimlahlile ulezi-ku wenu, yena owanisindisa ezingozini zenu zonke nasezinsizini zenu, nishilo nathi: hhayi, kepha beka inkosi phezu kwethu. ngalokho yimani phambi kukajehova-aeiou ngezizwe zenu nangezinkulungwane zenu. usamuweli wayesesondeza zonke izizwe zakwa-israyeli, kwadliwa isizwe sakwabenjamini. wayesesondeza isizwe sakwabenjamini ngemindeniyabo, kwadliwa umndeni wakwa-

matri; kwadiwa usawule indodana kakishi; kepha lapho bebemfuna, akafunyanwanga. babuye babuza ujeheva-aeiou ukuthi: useza-kufika lowo muntu na? ujeheva-aeiou waphendula wathi: bheka, ucashile empheleni. bagijima, bamlanda khona; wema phakathi kwabantu, wayemude kunabo bonke abantu kusukela emahlombe kuya phezulu. usamuweli wathi kubo bonke abantu: mbhekeni amkhethele ujeheva-aeiou ukuthi akakho onjengaye kubantu bonke. base bekhamuluka abantu bonke, bathi: mayime njalo inkosi. usamuweli wayesebatshele abantu amalungelo ombuso, wawaloba encwadini, wayibeka phambi kukajehova-aeiou. usamuweli wamukisa bonke abantu, yilowo nalowo waya ekhaya lakubo. naye usawule waya ekhaya lakhe egibeya; kwahamba naye impi ezinhliziyo zayo ulezi-ku azithintile. kepha abantu ababi bathi: uyakusisindisa kanjani lowo na? bamdelela, abamnikanga isipho. kepha wathula.

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kwenyuka unahashi wakwa-amoni, wamisa ejabeshi gileyadi; bonke abantu basejabeshi bathi kunahashi: yenza isivumelwano nathi, siyakukukhonza. unahashi wakwa-amoni wathi kubo: ngiyakusenza nani ngalokhu ukuba kukhishwe onke amehlo enu okunene, ngikubeke kube yihlazo kuye wonke u-israyeli. amalunga asejabeshi athi kuye: siyeke izinsuku eziyisikhombisa ukuba sithume izithunywa emikhawulweni yonke yakwa-israyeli; uma kungekho osisindisayo, siyakuphumela kuwe. izithunywa zafika egibeya likasawule, zakhuluma lawo mazwi ezindlebeni zabantu; bonke abantu badazuluka, bakhala. bheka, usawule weza elandela izinkabi, evela ensimini; usawule wathi: yini ukuba abantu bakhale na? bamtshela amazwi abantu basejabeshi. umoya kalezi-ku wehlela phezulu kukasawule esezwile lawo mazwi; intukuthelo yakhe yavutha kakhulu. wathatha izinkabi ezimbili, wazihlahlela, wazithuma emikhawulweni yonke yakwa-israyeli ngesandla sezithunywa, ethi: ongaphumi emva kukasawule nosamuweli kuyakwenziwa kanjalo kuzo izinkabi zakhe. ingebhe ngojeheva-aeiou yehlela phezulu kwabantu, baphuma njengomuntu munye. wababala ebezeki; abantwana bakwa-israyeli babe yizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu, nabantu bakwajuda babe yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amathathu. bathi kuzo izithunywa ezazifikile: niyakusho kanje kubantu basejabeshi gileyadi, nithi: kusasa lapho ilanga libalele niyakukhululwa. izithunywa zafika, zabatshele abantu basejabeshi; bathokoza. ngalokho abantu basejabeshi bathi: kusasa siyakuphumela

kini, nenze kithi konke okuhle emehlweni enu. kwathi ngangomuso usawule wawiva abantu ngezigaba ezintathu; bafika phakathi kwekamu ngomlindo wokusa, babulala abakwa-amoni, laze lashisa ilanga; kwathi abaseleyo bahlakazeka, akusalanga kubo ababili bendawonye. abantu bathi kusawule: ngubani oshilo ukuthi usawule uyakuba yinkosi phezulu kwethu na? lethani labo bantu ukuba sibabulale. usawule wathi: akuyikubulawa muntu namuhla, ngokuba namuhla ujeheva-aeiou usebenzile ukusindiswa kwa-israyeli. usamuweli wayesethi kubantu: wozani siye egiligali, sibuye sivuse umbuso khona. bonke abantu baya egiligali, bambeka khona usawule waba yinkosi phambi kukajehova-aeiou egiligali; babala khona imihlatshelo yeminikelo yokuthula phambi kukajehova-aeiou; usawule nabo bonke abantu bakwa-israyeli bathokoza kakhulu khona.

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usamuweli wathi kuye wonke u-israyeli: bhekani, ngilalele izwi lenu kukho konke enikushilo yo kimi, ngibekile inkosi phezulu kwenu. manje bhekani, inkosi iyahamba phambi kwenu; mina sengimdala, ngiyimpunga; nanka amadodana ami akini; ngihambile phambi kwenu kwasebusheni bami kuze kube namuhla. bhekani, ngilapha: fakazani ngami phambi kukajehova-aeiou naphambi kogcotshiweyo wakhe ukuthi ngithathe inkabi kabani, ngithathe imbongo kabani, ngikhohlisile ubani, ngicindezele ubani, ngamukele umvuzo esandleni sikabani ukuba ngifihle amehlo ami ngawo na? ngiyakukubuyisela kini. bathi: awusikhohlisanga, awusicindezelelanga, awamukelanga lutho esandleni samuntu. wayesethi kubo: ujeheva-aeiou ungufakazi ngani, nogcotshiweyo wakhe ungufakazi namuhla ukuthi anifumananga lutho esandleni sami. bathi: ungufakazi. usamuweli wathi kubantu: ngujeheva-aeiou, yena owabeka omose no-aroni nowakhu-phula oyihlo ezweni lasegibithe. kalokhu yimani ukuba ngiphendulane nani phambi kukajehova-aeiou ngezenzo zonke ezilungileyo zikajehova-aeiou azenza kini nakoyihlo. lapho uyakobe esefikile egibithe, oyihlo bakhala kujehova-aeiou, ujeheva-aeiou wathuma omose no-aroni abakhipha oyihlo egibithe, babahlalisa kule ndawo. kepha bakhohlwa ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku wabo, wathengisa ngabo esandleni sikasisera induna yempi yasehasori, nasesandleni samafilisti, nasesandleni senkosi yakwamowabi, balwa nabo. bakhala kujehova-aeiou, bathi: sonile, ngokuba simshiyele ujeheva-aeiou, sakhonza obali no-ashitaroti; kodwa kalokhu sophule esandleni sezitha zethu, siyakukukhonza.

ujehova-aeiou wayesethuma ojerubali, nobedani, nojefta, nosamuweli, wanophula esandleni sezitha zenu nxazonke, nahlala nalondeka. kepha lapho nabona unahashi inkosi yabantwana bakwa-aroni ephuma ukulwa nani, nathi kimi: hhayi, kepha masibuswe yinkosi, ingani ujeahova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu wayeyinkosi yenu. manje nansi inkosi eniyikhethileyo neniyicileleyo; bhekani, ujeahova-aeiou ubekile inkosi phezu kwenu. uma nimesaba ujeahova-aeiou, nimkhonze, nilalele izwi lakhe, ningahlubuki esiyalezweni sakhe, khona nina nenkosi yenu ebusa phezu kwenu niyakulandela ujeahova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu; kepha uma ningalaleli izwi likajehova-aeiou, nihlubuke esiyalezweni sikajehova-aeiou, khona isandla sikajehova-aeiou siyakumelana nani, njen-galokho samelana nawoyihlo. ngalokho yimani nibone le nto enkulu ayakuyenza ujeahova-aeiou phambi kwamahlo enu. angithi kuyisikhathi sokuvuna ukolweni namuhla na? ngiyakukhuleka kujehova-aeiou ukuba athume ukuduma nemvula, nazi, nibone ukuthi bona-ra-ukukhandleka kwenu enikwenzile emehlwini kumawuli wayesekhuleka kujehova-aeiou; ujeahova-aeiou wathuma ukuduma nemvula ngalolo suku; bonke abantu besaba kakhulu ujeahova-aeiou nosamuweli. bonke abantu bathi kusamuweli: khulekela izinceku zakho kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ukuba singafi, ngokuba senezela kuzo zonke izono zethu ububi bokuzicelela inkosi. usamuweli wathi kubantu: ningesabi; impela nen-zile konke lokho bona-ra-ukukhandleka; kepha ningaphambuki ekumlandeleni ujeahova-aeiou, kodwa mkhonzeni ujeahova-aeiou ngayo yonke inhliziyi yenu; yebo, ningaphambuki ukuba nilandele izinto eziyize ezingenakusiza nezingenakophula, ngokuba ziyize. ngokuba ujeahova-aeiou akayikushiya abantu bakhe ngenxa yegama lakhe elikhulu, lokhu kwakukuhle kujehova-aeiou ukuzenzela nina nibe ngabantu bakhe. futhi nami, makube kude nami ukuba ngone kujehova-aeiou ngokuyeka ukunikhulekela; kakhulu ngiyakunifundisa indlela enhle nelungileyo. yesabani ujeahova-aeiou kuphela, nimkhonze ngeqiniso ngenhliziyi yenu yonke, ngokuba bhekani okukhulu anenzele khona. kodwa uma nisenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka, niyakubhubha nina nenkosi yenu.

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usawule wabusa umnyaka; esebusile iminyaka emibili kwa-israyeli. usawule wazikhethela abantu abayizinkulungwane ezintathu kwa-israyeli; izinkulungwane ezimbili zazinosawule emikimashi nasentabeni

yasebetlehema, nenkulungwane yayino-jonathani egibeya lakwabenjamini; abanye abantu wabamukisa, kwaba yilowo nalowo etendeni lakhe. ujonathani wachitha ikhanda lamafilisti elalisegeba, amafil-isti akuzwa. usawule wabetha icilongo ezweni lonke, wathi: makezwe amaheberu. wonke u-israyeli wezwa kuthiwa usawule uchithile ikhanda lamafilisti nokuthi u-israyeli uyanengeka kuwo amafilisti. abantu babuthwa ukuba bamlandele usawule, baye egiligali. amafilisti abuthana ukuba alwe no-israyeli: izinqola eziyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amathathu, nabamahhashi abayizinkulungwane eziyisithupha, nabantu abangangesihlabathi esisogwini lolwandle ngobuningi; benyuka bamisa emikimashi ngasempumalanga kwasebeti aveni. lapho abantu bakwa-israyeli bebona ukuthi basen-gcingweni, ngokuba bacindezelwa kakhulu, abantu bacasha emihumeni, nasemahlozini, nasemaweni, nasezinqabeni, nasemigodini. namaheberu ayewilele ijordani ukuya ezweni lakwagadi nakwelakwagileyadi; kepha usawule wayesegiligali; abantu bonke bamlandela bethuthumela. wahlala izinsuku eziyisikhombisa njengesikhathi esimisiwe ngusamuweli, kepha usamuweli akafikanga egiligali; abantu bahlakazeka kuye. usawule wayesethi: lehani kimi um-nikelo wokushiswa neminikelo yokuthula. wanikela ngomnikelo wokushiswa. kwathi eseqedile ukunikela ngomnikelo wokushiswa, bheka, usamuweli wafika; usawule waphuma ukumhlangabeza ukuba ambingelele. usamuweli wathi: wenzeni na? usawule wathi: njengokuba ngabona ukuthi abantu bahlakazekile kimi, nokuthi awufikanga ngesikhathi esimisiweyo, nokuthi amafil-isti abuthene emikimashi, ngathi: manje amafilisti ayakwehlela kimi egiligali ngin-gakhulekanga; ngase ngiziphoka, nganikela ngomnikelo wokushiswa. usamuweli wathi kusawule: wenze ngobuwula, awugcinanga umyalo kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akuyala ngawo, ngokuba ujeahova-aeiou ubeseyakuqinisa umbuso wakho kwa-israyeli kuze kube phakade. kepha manje umbuso wakho awuyikuhubeka; ujeahova-aeiou usezifunele umuntu ngokwenhliziyi yakhe; ujeahova-aeiou ummisile abe ngumholi wabantu bakhe, ngokuba ungagcinanga lokho ujeahova-aeiou akuyala ngakho. usamuweli wayesuka, wakhuphuka egiligali, waya egibeya lakwabenjamini. usawule wabala abantu abafumaniseka bekuye, kungathi abantu abangamakhulu aya-isithupha. osawule nojonathani indodana yakhe nabantu ababe naye bahlala egeba lakwabenjamini, kepha amafilisti amisa emikimashi. abaphangi baphuma ekamu lamafilisti ngezigaba ezintathu; esinye isigaba sahamba ngendlela eya e-ofira

ezweni laseshuhali; esinye isigaba sahamba ngendlela eya ebeti horoni; esinye isigaba sahamba ngendlela eya emkhawulweni obheka esigodini saseseboyimi ngasehlane. kwakungekho mkhandi ezweni lonke lakwa-israyeli, ngokuba amafilisti athi: funa amaheberu azenzele izinkemba nemikhonto. bonke abakwa-israyeli behlela kuwo amafilisti, kwaba yilowo nalowo ukuba alose umese wakhe, nempumulo yakhe, nembazo yakhe, nesikela lakhe; imali yayiyipimi ngezimpumulo nangezimfoloko, nenxenye yesithathu yeshekeli ngezimbazo nangokulungisa izincingo zezinkabi. kwathi ngosuku lokulwa akwabakho nkemba namkhonto esandleni samuntu owayenosawule nojonathani; kodwa kosawule nojonathani indodana yakhe kwakukhona. ikhanda lamafilisti laphuma, laya ngasentubeni yasemikimashi.

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kwathi ngosuku oluthile ujonathani indodana kasawule wathi odibini oluphethe izikhali zakhe: woza siwele, siye ekhandeni lamafilisti elingaphesheya. kepha akamtshelanga uyise. usawule wahlala emaphethelweni asagibeya phansi kompomegranati osemigroni; abantu ababe naye babe ngamakhulu ayisithupha; u-ahiya indodana ka-ahithubi, umfowabo ka-ikabodi indodana ka-finehasi ka-eli, umpristi ka-jehova-aeiou eshilo, wayembethe ingubo yamahlombe. abantu babengazi ukuthi ujonathani uhambile. phakathi kwezintuba ujonathani afuna ukuwela ngazo ukuya ekhandeni lamafilisti kwakukhona ugedla lwesiwa ngalapha nogedla lwesiwa ngalapha; igama lolunye laliyibosezi, negama lolunye laliyisene. olunye ugedla lwaluphakeme ngasenyakatho phambi kwemikimashi, nolunye ngaseningizimu phambi kwegeba. ujonathani wathi odibini lwakhe oluphethe izikhali zakhe: woza siwele, siye ekhandeni lababo abangasokile; ingabe u-jehova-aeiou uyakusisebenzela, ngokuba akukho okumthiyayo u-jehova-aeiou ukuba asindise ngabaningi noma ngabayingcosana. ophethe izikhali zakhe wathi kuye: yenza konke okusenhliziyweni yakho: hamba, bheka, nginawe njengenhliziy yakho. wayesethi ujonathani kuye: bheka, siyakuwela, siye kulabo bantu, sizibonakalise kubo. uma bethi kithi: hlalani size sifike kini, khona siyakuma endaweni yethu, singenyukeli kubo. kepha uma bethi: yenyukelani kithi, siyakwenyuka, ngokuba u-jehova-aeiou ubanikele esandleni sethu; lokhu kuyakuba yisibonakaliso kithi. bobabili bazibonakalisa kulo ikhanda lamafilisti; amafilisti ayesethi: bhekani, amaheberu aphuma emigodini acashe kuyo. abantu

basekhandeni bamphendula ujonathani nodibi lwakhe, bathi: khuphukelani kithi, siyakunifundisa indaba. ujonathani wayesethi odibini oluphethe izikhali zakhe: khuphuka emva kwami, ngokuba u-jehova-aeiou ubanikele esandleni sakwa-israyeli. ujonathani wakhuphuka ngezandla zakhe nangezinyawo zakhe, nodibi lwakhe emva kwakhe; bawa phambi kukajonathani, nodibi lwezikhali zakhe lwababulala emva kwakhe. lokho kuceka kokuqala abakwenzayo ujonathani nodibi lwezikhali zakhe kwakungabantu kungathi amashumi amabili ebangeni elingathi inxenye ye-eka lensimu. kwaba khona ukuthuthumela ekamu, nasandle, naphakathi kwabantu bonke; ikhanda nabaphangi bathuthumela nabo, nomhlaba wamazama, kwaze kwaba ngukuthuthumela okukhulu. abalindi bakasawule egibeya lakwabenjamini babona, bheka, isixuku sahlakazeka, saya ngalapha nangalapha. usawule wayesethi kubantu ababe naye: balani manje, nibone ukuthi ngubani omukile kithi. babala, bheka, ujonathani nodibi lwezikhali zakhe babengekho. usawule wathi ku-ahiya: lethu umphongolo kalezi-ku. ngokuba umphongolo kalezi-ku wawukhona ngaleso sikhathi kwabakwa-israyeli. kwathi usawule esakhuluma kumpri, umsindo owawusekamu lamafilisti waqhubeka, wanda; usawule wathi kumpri: susa isandla sakho. usawule nabo bonke abantu ababe naye babuthana, baya ekulweni; bheka, yilowo nalowo washaya omunye ngenkemba, kwaba khona ukungquzuka okukhulu kakhulu. amaheberu ayenamafilisti kuqala nawo akhuphukela ekamu nxazonke, aphendukela kwabakwa-israyeli ababe nosawule nojonathani. abantu bonke bakwa-israyeli ababecashile ezintabeni zakwa-efrayimi sebezwele ukuthi amafilisti abaleka, nabo bawaxosha ekulweni. u-jehova-aeiou wasindisa u-israyeli ngalolo suku; ukulwa kwadlulela ebeti aveni. abantu bakwa-israyeli babecindezelwa ngalolo suku, kepha usawule wafungisa abantu, wathi: makaqalekiswe umuntu odla ukudla kungakahlwi, ngingakaziphindisele ezitheni zami. akwabakho muntu owezwa ukudla. abantu bonke beza ehlathini; kwakukhona izinyosi phansi. abantu sebengenile ehlathini, bheka, izinyosi zaconsa, kepha akwabakho muntu obeka isandla emlonyeni, ngokuba abantu besaba isifungo. kepha ujonathani akezwanga lapho uyise efungisa abantu; ngalokho welula isihloko senduku esesandleni sakhe, wasicwilisa ezinyosini, wabeka isandla emlonyeni; ayeseqabuka amehlo akhe. kwase kuthatha omunye wabantu, wathi: uyihlo wabafungisa nokubafungisa abantu, ethi: makaqalekiswe umuntu odla ukudla

namuhla. abantu babephelile amandla. wayesethi ujonathani: ubaba uhluphile izwe; ake nibone ukuthi amehlo ami aseqabukile, ngokuba ngizwe ingcosana yalezi zinyosi. kakhulu kangakanani, uma abantu bebedlile impela impango yezitha zabo abayifumanayo, ngokuba nga engabulawanga kakhulu amafilisti na? babulala amafilisti ngalolo suku kusukela emikimashi kuze kube se-ajaloni; abantu baphela amandla kakhulu. abantu batheleka empangweni, bathatha izimvu, nezinkabi, namankonyane, bakubulalela phansi; abantu bakudla kanye negazi. base bemshela usawule, bethi: bheka, abantu bayona kujehova-aeiou ngokudla okunegazi. wathi: nenze kabi; gingqelani kimi itshe elikhulu namuhla. wathi usawule: hlakazekelani phakathi kwabantu, nithi kubo: lethani kimi, kube yilowo nalowo inkabi yakhe, nalowo imvu yakhe, nizihlabe lapha, nidle, ningoni kujehova-aeiou ngokudla okunegazi. bonke abantu baletha, kwaba yilowo nalowo inkabi yakhe ngalobo busuku ngesandla sakhe, bazihlaba khona. usawule wamakhela ujevova-aeiou i-altare; kwakuyi-altare lokuqala amakhela lona ujevova-aeiou. usawule wathi: masehle, silandele amafilisti ebusuku, siwaphange kuze kuse, singashiya ebayedwa kuwo. bathi: yenza konke okuhle emehlweni akho. umpristi wayesethi: masondele lapha kulezi-ku. usawule wabuza kulezi-ku wathi: ngehle ngilandele amafilisti na? uyakuwanikela esandleni sakwa-israyeli na? kepha akamphendulanga ngalolo suku. usawule wathi: sondelani lapha nina nonke zinhloko zabantu, nazi, nibone ukuthi bekuyisiphi lesi sono sanamuhla. ngokuba, kuphila kukajehova-aeiou osindisa u-israyeli, nokuba sikujonathani indodana yami, uyakufa nokufa. kepha akwabakho noyedwa owamphendulayo. wayesethi ku-israyeli wonke: buyelani nganhlaye nina, mina nojonathani indodana yami siyakubuyela nganhlaye. abantu bathi kusawule: yenza okuhle emehlweni akho. ngalokho usawule wathi kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli: malivele iqiniso. ojonathani nosawule badliwa yinkatho, kepha abantu baphunyuka. usawule wathi: yenzani inkatho phakathi kwami nojonathani indodana yami. wadliwa ujonathani. usawule wayesethi kujonathani: ngitshele okwenzileyo. ujonathani wantshela wathi: impela ngezwa ingcosana yezinyosi ngesihloko senduku eyayisesandleni sami; bheka, sengizakufa. usawule wathi: makenze njalo ulezi-ku, enezele futhi, ngokuba uyakufa nokufa, jonathani! abantu bathi kusawule: uyakufa yini ujonathani okwenzile lokho kusindisa okukhulu kwa-israyeli na? makube kude; kuphila kukajehova-aeiou, akuyikwela

phansi nolulodwa unwele lwekhanda lakhe, ngokuba usebenzile nolezi-ku namuhla. abantu bamhlenga ukuba angafi. usawule wayesenyuka ebuya ekulandeleni amafilisti; aya endaweni yawo. usawule esethathile umbuso wakwa-israyeli walwa nazo zonke izitha zakhe nxazonke, nomowabi, nabantwana bakwa-amoni, no-edomi, namakhosi asesoba, namafilisti; nomaphi lapho ebheka khona, wayehlula. wenza okobuqhawe, wanqoba ama-amaleki, wamophula u-israyeli esandleni sabaphangi. amadodana kasawule ayengojonathani, no-ishivi, nomaliki shuwa; amagama amadodakazi akhe amabili yilawa: igama lenkulu lalingumerabi, igama lencane lalingumikhali. igama lomkasawule lalingu-ahinohama indodakazi ka-ahimahazi; igama lenduna yempi yakhe lalingu-abineri indodana kaneri uyisekazi kasawule. ukishi uyise kasawule noneri uyise ka-abineri babe ngamadodana ka-abiyeli. kwakukhona ukulwa okunzima namafilisti zonke izinsuku zikasawule; lapho usawule ebona iqhawe nendoda enamandla wazithathela bona.

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usamuweli wathi kusawule: ujevova-aeiou wangithuma ukuba ngikugcobe ube yinkosi phezu kwabantu bakhe u-israyeli; ngalokho lalela amazwi kajehova-aeiou. usho kanje ujevova-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: ngiyakuhambela umamaleki ngalokho akwenzayo ku-israyeli wamelana naye endleleni ekukhuphukeni kwakhe egibithe. hamba manje, unqobe u-amaleki, uchithe impela konke anakho, ungamhawukeli, kepha bulala abesilisa, nabesifazane, nezingane, nabancelayo, nezinkabi, nezimvu, namakamela, nezimbongolo. usawule wayesebiza abantu, wababala ethelayimi, izinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili zemigundatshani nezinkulungwane eziyishumi zabantu bakwajuda. usawule wafika emzini ka-amaleki, waqamekela esigodini. usawule wathi kumakheni: hambani nimuke, nehle kuwo ama-amaleki, funa nginichithe kanye nawo, ngokuba nabenzela umusa bonke abantwana bakwa-israyeli ekukhuphukeni kwabo egibithe. ayesesuka amakheni phakathi kwama-amaleki. usawule wahlula ama-amaleki kusukela ehavila kuya ngaseshuri elingaphambi kwasegibithe. wabamba u-agagi inkosi yama-amaleki esaphilile, wachitha impela bonke abantu ngosiko lwenkamba. kepha usawule nabantu bayeka u-agagi nezinhle nezikhulupheleyo zezimvu nezezinkabi, namawundlu, nakho konke okuhle; babengavumi ukukuqeda lokho; kodwa zonke izinto ezidelekileyo nezondileyo baziqeda nya. lase lifika izwi likajehova-aeiou kusamuweli, lithi: ngiyazisola ukuthi ngibekile usawule inkosi,



ngokuba ubuyile ekungilandeleni, kafezanga amazwi ami. usamuweli wathukuthela, wakhala kujehova-aeiou ubusuku bonke. usamuweli wavuka kusasa ukuba amhlangabeze usawule ekuseni; kwabikwa kusamuweli ukuthi: usawule wafika ekarmeli; bheka, wazimisela insika, wasuka, wadlula, wehla waya egilgali. usamuweli wafika kusawule; usawule wathi kuye: mawubusiswe ngujehova-aeiou; sengifezile izwi likajehova-aeiou. usamuweli wayesethi: kuthini, pho, lokhu kukhala kwezimvu ezindlebeni zami, nokukhala kwezinkabi engikuzwayo, na? usawule wathi: babuye nazo kuma-amaleki, ngokuba abantu bayeka ezinhle zezimvu nezezinkabi ukuba bahlabele ujeihova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho; ezinye siziqedile nya. usamuweli wayesethi kusawule: kahle, ngikutshela lokho ujeihova-aeiou akukhulumile kimi kulobu busuku. wathi kuye: khuluma. wathi usamuweli: nakuba wawumncane emehlweni akho, awenziwanga yini waba yinhloko yezizwe zakwa-israyeli na? ujeihova-aeiou wakugcoba, waba yinkosi phezu kuka-israyeli. ujeihova-aeiou wakuthuma indlela, wathi: hamba uqede nya izoni, ama-amaleki, ulwe nawo aze aphele. awulalelanga ngani izwi likajehova-aeiou, kepha watheleka phakathi kwempango, wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou, na? usawule wathi kusamuweli: ngililalele izwi likajehova-aeiou, ngihambile indlela ujeihova-aeiou owangithuma yona, ngimlethile u-agagi inkosi yama-amaleki, ngachitha impela ama-amaleki. kepha abantu bathatha kuyo impango, izimvu nezinkabi, okuhle kokuqalekisiweyo, ukuba bahlabele ujeihova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho egilgali. usamuweli wathi: ujeihova-aeiou uyenamela yini iminikelo yokushiswa nemihlatshelo, njengalokhu enamele ukulalelwa kwezwi likajehova-aeiou, na? bheka, ukulalela kuhle kunomhlatshelo, nokuqaphela kuhle kunamanoni ezinqama. ngokuba ukwambuka kunjengesono sokubhula, nenkani ifana nokukhonza izithombe namatherafi. ngokuba ulilahlile izwi likajehova-aeiou, naye ukulahlile wena ukuba ungabe usaba yinkosi. usawule wayesethi kusamuweli: ngonile, ngokuba ngeqile isiyalezo sikajehova-aeiou namazwi akho, lokhu ngesaba abantu, ngalalela izwi labo. ngalokho ake uthethelele isono sami, ubuye nami ukuba ngikhuleke kujehova-aeiou. usamuweli wathi kusawule: angiyikubuya nawe, ngokuba ulilahlile izwi likajehova-aeiou, naye ujeihova-aeiou ukulahlile wena ukuba ungabe usaba yinkosi phezu kuka-israyeli. usamuweli esephenduka ukuhamba, wabamba umphetho wengubo yakhe, yaklebhuka. usamuweli wathi kuye: ujeihova-aeiou uklebhulile

umbuso ka-israyeli kuwe namuhla, uwnikile umngane wakho omuhle kunawe. ithemba lika-israyeli aliyikuqamba amanga, lizisole, ngokuba alisiye umuntu ukuba lizisole. wayesethi: ngonile, kepha ake ungituse manje phambi kwamalunga abantu bami naphambi kuka-israyeli, ubuye nami ukuba ngikhuleke kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho. usamuweli wabuya, wamlandela usawule; usawule wakhuleka kujehova-aeiou. usamuweli wayesethi: lethani kimi u-agagi inkosi yama-amaleki. u-agagi wafika kuye esasile. u-agagi wathi: impela umunyu wokufa udlulile. usamuweli wathi: njengalokho inkemba yakho ibaphucile abesifazane abantwana, kanjalo unyoko uyakwaphucwa abantwana kunabanye. usamuweli wayesehlalela u-agagi phambi kukajehova-aeiou egilgali. usamuweli waya erama, kepha usawule wakhuphukela ekhaya egibeya likasawule. usamuweli akaphindanga ukumbona usawule waze wafa, kepha usamuweli wamkhalela usawule; ujeihova-aeiou wazisola ukuthi wayembekile usawule inkosi phezu kuka-israyeli.

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ujeihova-aeiou wathi kusamuweli: uyakumkhalela kuze kube nini na? ngokuba ngimlahlile ukuba angabe esaba yinkosi phezu kuka-israyeli. gcwalisa uphondo lwakho ngamafutha, uhambe; ngiyakukuthuma kujese wasebetlehema, ngokuba ngizibonele inkosi phakathi kwamadodana akhe. wathi usamuweli: ngingahamba kanjani? uma usawule ekuzwa, uyakungibulala. ujeihova-aeiou wathi: hamba nesithokazi, uthi: ngize ukuhlabela ujeihova-aeiou. mbize ujese ekuhlabeni; ngiyakukwazisa ukuthi uyakwenzani: uyakungigcoba lowo engiyakumusho kuwe. usamuweli wenza lokho akushoyo ujeihova-aeiou, waya ebetlehema. amalunga omuzi amhlangabeza ethuthumela, athi: ukufika kwakho kunokuthula na? wathi: yebo, kunokuthula; ngize ukuhlabela ujeihova-aeiou; zingcweliseni, nize nami ekuhlabeni. wabangcwelisa ujese namadodana akhe, wababiza ukuba beze ekuhlabeni. kwathi sebefikile, wabheka u-eliyabe, wathi: impela ogcotshiweyo kajehova-aeiou uphambi kwakhe. kepha ujeihova-aeiou wathi kusamuweli: ungabheki isimo sakhe nobude bomzimba wakhe, ngokuba ngimalile, lokhu ujeihova-aeiou engabukisi okomuntu; umuntu ubheka okusemehlweni, kepha ujeihova-aeiou ubheka okusenhliziyweni. ujese wayesebiza u-abinadaba, wamdlulisa phambi kukasamuweli. wathi: nalona ujeihova-aeiou akamkhetanga. ujese wayesedlulisa ushama. wathi: nalona ujeihova-aeiou

akamkhetanga. ujese wadlulisa ayisikhombisa kumadodana akhe phambi kukasamuweli. usamuweli wathi kujese: ujhova-aeiou akawakhethanga nalawa. usamuweli wathi kujese: sebhophelile abafana na? wathi: kusasele omncane; bheka, uyalisa izimvu. usamuweli wathi kujese: thumela umlande, ngokuba asiyikubuya, engakafiki lapha. wathumela, wamngenisa. wayebomvana enamehlo amahle, emuhle ngokubukwa. ujhova-aeiou wathi: suka umgcobe, ngokuba lona nguyey. usamuweli wayesethatha uphondo lwamafutha, wamgcoba phakathi kwabafowabo; umoya kajehova-aeiou wehlala phezu kukadavide ngamandla, kusukela kulolo suku kuya phambili. wayesesuka usamuweli, waya erama. umoya kajehova-aeiou wamuka kusawule, nomoya omubi owavela kujehova-aeiou wamzuma. izinceku zikasawule zathi kuye: bheka-ke, umoya omubi ovela kuleziku ukuzumile, mayisho inkosi yethu ukuba izinceku eziphambi kwakho zifune umuntu owazi ukubetha ihabhu; kuyakuthi lapho ufikelwa ngumoya omubi ovela kuleziku, abethe ngesandla sakhe, kube kuhle kuwe. usawule wayesethi kuzo izinceku zakhe: ngiboneleni umuntu owazi ukubetha kahle, nimlethe kimi. kwaphendula enye insizwa, yathi: bheka, ngibonile indodana kajese wasebetlehema eyazi ukubetha, eyiqhawe elinamandla, eyindoda yempi nehlakaniphile ekukhulumeni, ebukeya, emuhle futhi; ujhova-aeiou unayo. ngalokho usawule wathuma izithunywa kujese, wathi: thuma kimi udavide indodana yakho osezimvini. ujese wathatha imbongolo ithwele isinkwa, nemvaba yewayini, nezinyane lembuzi, wakuthuma kusawule ngesandla sikadavide indodana yakhe. udavide wafika kusawule, wema phambi kwakhe; wamthanda kakhulu, waba ludubi lwezikhali zakhe. usawule wathumela kujese, wathi: akeme phambi kwami udavide, ngokuba ufumene umusa emehlweni ami. kwathi nxa umoya owavela kuleziku emehlela usawule, udavide wathatha ihabhu, walibetha ngesandla sakhe; wayesekhululeka usawule, waba ngcono, umoya omubi wamuka kuye.

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amafilisti abutha izimpi zawo ukuba alwe; abuthana esoko lakwajuda, amisa phakathi kwesoko ne-azeka e-efesi damimi. usawule nabantu bakwa-israyeli babuthana, bamisa esigodini sase-ela, bahlela impi ukuhlangabezana namafilisti. amafilisti ayemi entabeni ngalapha, u-israyeli wayemi entabeni ngalapha; kwakukhona isigodi phakathi kwabo. kwaphuma iqhawe elikhulu ekamu lamafilisti, igama lalo lingu-goliyati wasegati, obude bakhe buyizingalo

eziyisithupha nesandla. wayenesigqoko sethusi ekhanda, egqoke ibhantshi lensimbi; isisindo sebhantshi sasingamashekeli ayizinkulungwane eziyisihlanu ethusi. wayenezivikelo zethusi emilenzeni, nengcula yethusi phakathi kwamahlombe. uthi lomkhonto wakhe lwalunjengogongo lomaluki; isihloko somkhonto sasingamashekeli angamakhulu ayisithupha ensimbi; ophethe isihlangu wahamba phambi kwakhe. wema, wameleza ezinhleni zakwa-israyeli, wathi kuzo: niphumelani ukuhlela impi na? angisiye umfilisti, nina niyizinceku zikasawule, na? zikhetheleni umuntu, ehle eze kimi. uma enamandla okulwa nami, angibulale, siyakuba yizigqila zenu; kepha uma ngimahlula, ngimbulale, niyakuba yizigqila zethu, nisikhonze. umfilisti wathi: ngiyazeyisa namuhla izinhla zakwa-israyeli; nginikeni umuntu, silwe naye. lapho usawule naye wonke u-israyeli bezwa lawo mazwi omfilisti, bashaywa luvalo, besaba kakhulu. udavide wayeyindodana yalowo mfrati wasebetlehema juda ogama lakhe lalingujese; wayenamadodana ayisishiyagalombili; lowo muntu wayemdala ezinsukwini zikasawule phakathi kwabantu. amadodana amathathu amakhulu kajese ayemlandele usawule ukuya empini; amagama amadodana akhe amathathu ayeyile empini ayengu-eliyabe izibulo, emelamayo ngu-abinadaba, neyesithathu ngushama. udavide nguyey owayengomncinyane; amathathu amakhulu amlandela usawule. udavide wahamba wabuya ukuyakwalusa izimvu zikayise ebetlehema. umfilisti wasondela ekuseni nakusihlwa, wema khona izinsuku ezingamashumi amane. ujese wathi kudavide indodana yakhe: ake uthathele abafowenu i-efa lalolu tshwele nalezi zinkwa eziyishumi, usheshe uye ekamu labafowenu, uphathela induna yenkulungwane lawa makhekheba kashizi, ubheke impilo yabafowenu, uthathe isibambiso kubo. usawule nabo bonke abantu bakwa-israyeli base besesigodini sase-ela, belwa namafilisti. udavide wavuka ekuseni kakhulu, washiya izimvu kumlindi, wathatha, wahamba, njengalokho ujese amyale ngakho; wafika enqabeni yezinqola, impi isaphuma ukuyakuhlelwa, yahlaba umkhosi. u-israyeli namafilisti bahlela impi, babhekana. udavide washiya impahla yakhe esandleni somlindi wempahla, wagijimela empini, wabingelela abafowabo. kepha esakhuluma nabo, bheka, kwenyuka iqhawe elikhulu, umfilisti wasegati, ngugoliyati igama lalo, ephuma ezinhleni zamaafilisti, wakhuluma wona lawo mazwi; udavide wawezwa. bonke abantu bakwa-israyeli sebebonile lo muntu bambalekela, besaba kakhulu. abantu bakwa-israyeli bathi: nimbonile lowo muntu owenyukile na? ngokuba wenyukile

ukuyakweyisa u-israyeli; kuyakuthi umuntu ombulalayo, inkosi imcebise ngengecho enkulu, imnike indodakazi yayo, iyenze indlu kayise ibe ngekhululekile kwa-israyeli. udavide wakhuluma kubantu ababemi naye, wathi: kuyakwenziwa ntoni kumuntu obulala lowo mfilisti, asuse ihlazo kwa-israyeli, na? ngokuba ngubani lowo mfilisti ongasokile ukuba ayeyise impi kalezi-ku ophilayo na? abantu bamphendula ngalona lelo zwi; bathi-ke: kuyakwenziwa kanjalo kumuntu ombulalayo. u-eliyabe umfowabo omkhulu wezwa lapho ekhuluma kubantu; intukuthelo ka-eliyabe yamvuthela udavide, wathi: wehleleni na? uzishye kubani leziya zimvu ezingengakanani ehlane na? mina ngiyakwazi ukuziphakamisa kwakho nobubi benhliziyo yakho, ngokuba wehlile ukuba ubuke impi. kepha udavide wathi: ngenzeni na? bekungumbuzo nje. wamfulathela, wabhaka komunye, wakhuluma lona lelo zwi; abantu bamphendula njengakuqala. esezwakele amazwi abewakhulumele udavide alandwa phambi kukasawule; wambiza. udavide wayesethi kusawule: makungaqedwa nhlizyo yamuntu ngalowo; inceku yakho iyakuhamba ilwe nalowo mfilisti. usawule wathi kudavide: awunamandla okuya kulowo mfilisti, ulwe naye, ngokuba ungumfana nje, yena eyindoda yempi kwasebusheni bakhe. udavide wathi kusawule: inceku yakho yayizalusa izimvu zikayise; lapho kwafika ingonyama nebhene kwathatha imvu emhlambini, ngaphuma ngakulandela, ngakubulala, ngayophula emlonyeni wakho; lapho kwangivukela, ngakubamba ngesilevu, ngakwahlula, ngakubulala. inceku yakho yahlula ingonyama nebhene, nalowo mfilisti ongasokile uyakuba njengenye yazo, lokhu eyeyisile impi kalezi-ku ophilayo. udavide wathi: ujhova-aeiou owangophula ozisheni lwengonyama nasozisheni lwebhere uyakungophula nasesandleni salowo mfilisti. usawule wathi kudavide: hamba, ujhova-aeiou uyakuba nawe. usawule wamambathisa ezakhe izingubo, wamfaka isigqoko sethushi ekhanda, wamgqokisa ibhantshi lensimbi. udavide wabhinca inkemba yakhe phezu kwezambatho zakhe, wazama ukuhamba, ngokuba wayengakazilingi. udavide wathi kusawule: anginakuhamba nalezi, angikazilingi. udavide wayesezikhumula. wathatha induku yakhe ngesandla, wazikhethela amatsho ayisihlanu abushelezi emfudlaneni, wawafaka esikhwameni somalusi ayenaso, eyikeni lakhe, indwayimana yakhe isesandleni sakhe; wayesesondela kumfilisti. weza umfilisti, wafika wasondela kudavide; umuntu ophethe isihlangu wahamba phambi kwakhe. umfilisti esabuka wambona udavide, wameyisa, ngokuba wayengumfana nje, ebomvana, ebukeya emuhle. umfilisti

wathi kudavide: ngiyinja yini ukuba uze kimi unezinduku na? umfilisti wamthuka udavide ngawolezi-ku bakhe. umfilisti wathi kudavide: woza kimi, nginike izinyoni zezulu nezilwane zasendle inyama yakho. udavide wayesethi kumfilisti: wena uza kimi nenkemba, nomkhonto, nengcula, kepha mina ngiza kuwe ngegama likajehova-aeiou sebawoti, ulezi-ku wempi ka-israyeli oye- isile. namuhla ujhova-aeiou uyakunikela esandleni sami; ngiyakubulala, ngisuse ikhanda lakho kuwe, nginike namuhla izinyoni zezulu nezilwane zomhlaba izidumbu zempi yamafilisti, ukuze umhlaba wonke wazi ukuthi kukhona ulezi-ku kwa-israyeli, yazi yonke le nhlangano ukuthi ujhova-aeiou akasindisi ngenkemba nangomkhonto; ngokuba ukulwa kungokukajehova-aeiou; uyakunikela esandleni sethu. kwathi lapho esuka umfilisti weza wasondela ukuhlangebezana nodavide, udavide washesha wagjijela ngasempini ukuhlangana nomfilisti. udavide wafaka isandla sakhe esikhwameni sakhe, wakhapha khona itshe, waliphonsa, wamshaya umfilisti ebunzini, itshe lashona ebunzini, wawela phansi ngobuso. udavide wamahlula umfilisti ngendwayimana nangetshe, wamshaya umfilisti, wambulala; kodwa kwakungekho nkemba esandleni sikadavide. wayesegijima udavide, wema phezu komfilisti, wathatha inkemba yakhe, wayihosha emgodleni wayo, wambulala, wamnquma ikhanda ngayo. lapho amafilisti ebona ukuthi iqhawe lawo lifile, abaleka. abantu bakwa-israyeli nabakwajuda basuka bakhambuluka, bawaxosha amafilisti kwaze kwaba segayi nasemasangweni ase-ekroni. abalimeleyo bamafilisti bawa ngasendleleni eya eshaharayimi, kwaze kwaba segati nase-ekroni. abantwana bakwa-israyeli babuya ekuxosheni amafilisti, baphanga ikamu lawo. udavide wathatha ikhanda lomfilisti, waliyisa ejerusalem; kepha wafaka izikhali zakhe etendeni lakhe. lapho usawule embona udavide ephuma ukuhlangebezana nomfilisti, wathi kubabineri induna yempi: abineri, yindodana kabani lo mfana na? u-abineri wathi: kuphila kwakho, nkosi, angazi. yayisithi inkosi: buza wena ukuthi iyindodana kabani le nsizwa. udavide esabuya ekubulaleni umfilisti, u-abineri wamthatha wamyisa phambi kukasawule, ephethe ikhanda lomfilisti esandleni sakhe. usawule wathi kuye: uyindodana kabani wena mfana na? udavide waphendula wathi: ngiyindodana yenceku yakho ujese wasebetlehem.

njengenhliziyi yakhe. usawule wamthatha ngalolo suku, akabe esamvumela ukubuyela endlini kayise. ojonathani nodavide benza isivumelwano, ngokuba wamthanda njen- genhliziyi yakhe. ujonathani wakhumula ingubo ayenayo, wayinika udavide, nezinye izimbatho zakhe kwaze kwaba nenkamba yakhe, nomnsalo wakhe, nebhande lakhe. udavide waphuma, waya nomaphi lapho usawule emthuma khona, waziphatha ngokuhlakanipha; usawule wambeka phezu kwamadoda empi; wayemuhle emehlweni abantu bonke nasemehlweni ezinceku zikasawule. kwathi ekufikeni kwabo, udavide esebuya ekubulaleni umfilisti, abesifazane baphuma emizini yonke yakwa-israyeli, behlabelela besina, ukuba bamhlangebeze usawule inkosi ngezigubhu, nangokuthokoza, nangezinkenenezo. abesi- fazane bavumelana ngokudlala, bathi: us- awule ubulele izinkulungwane zakhe, kepha udavide izinkulungwane zakhe eziyishumi. usawule wathukuthela kakhulu, laba libi lelo zwi emehlweni akhe; wathi: bamnike udavide izinkulungwane eziyishumi, kepha mina banginike izinkulungwane nje; sekum- salele umbuso kuphela. usawule wambheka udavide kusukela kulolo suku kuya pham- bili. kwathi ngangomuso umoya omubi owavela kulezi-ku wamehlela usawule, wab- heva phakathi kwendlu; udavide wayebetha ngesandla sakhe njengokwenza kwakhe izin- suku ngezinsuku; usawule wayenomkhonto wakhe esandleni sakhe. usawule wawuciba umkhonto, ngokuba wathi: ngiyakumb- hujela udavide odongeni. kepha udavide washalaza phambi kwakhe kabili. usawule wamesaba udavide, ngokuba ujeihova-aeiou wayenaye, kepha wayesukile kusawule. ngalokho usawule wamsusa kuye, wambeka abe yinduna yakhe yenkulungwane; waye- phuma engena phambi kwabantu. udavide waziphatha ngokuhlakanipha kuzo zonke izindlela zakhe; ujeihova-aeiou wayenaye. lapho usawule ebona ukuthi waziphatha ngokuhlakanipha, wamesaba. kepha wonke u-israyeli nojuda bamthanda udavide, ngokuba wayephuma engena phambi kwabo. usawule wathi kudavide: bheka, indodakazi yami enkulu umerabi ngiyakuku- nika yona ibe ngumkakho; yiba yiqhawe lami kuphela, ulwe izimpi zikajehova-aeiou. ngokuba usawule wathi: isandla sami masingabi phezu kwakhe, kepha isandla samafilisti masibe phezu kwakhe. udavide wathi kusawule: mina ngingubani, kuyini ukuphila kwami, nomnden i kababa uyini kwa-israyeli ukuba ngibe ngumkhwenyana wenkosi? kepha kwathi ngesikhathi umerabi indodakazi kasawule ebeyakunikwa uda- vide, wanikwa ku-adriyeli wasemehola abe ngumkakhe. umikhali indodakazi kasawule wamthanda udavide; bamtshela usawule,

kwaba kuhle emehlweni akhe. wayesethi usawule: ngiyakumnika yena ukuba abe lugibe kuye, isandla samafilisti sibe phezu kwakhe. ngalokho usawule wathi kudavide: uyakuba ngumkhwenyana wami ngokwesi- bili namuhla. usawule wayaleza izinceku zakhe ngokuthi: khulumani nodavide nges- ese, nithi: bheka, inkosi yenamile ngawe, nazo zonke izinceku zayo ziyakuthanda; ngalokho yiba ngumkhwenyana wenkosi.

izinceku zikasawule zakhuluma lawo mazwi ezindlebeni zikadavide. udavide wathi: kuyinto elula emehlweni enu ukuba ngibe ngumkhwenyana wenkosi, lokhu ngingumuntu ompofu nodelelikileyo na? izinceku zikasawule zamtshela zathi: wakhuluma kanjalo udavide. usawule wathi: niyakusho kanje kudavide, nithi: inkosi ayifuni ilobolo, kuphela amajwabu ayikhulu amafilisti ukuba kuphindiswe ezitheni zenkosi. usawule wacabanga ukumwisa udavide ngesandla samafilisti. izinceku zakhe zamtshela udavide lawo mazwi, kwaba kuhle emehlweni kadavide ukuba abe ngumkhwenyana wenkosi, kepha izinsuku zazingakapheleli; udavide wasuka waya, yena nabantu bakhe, wabulala kuwo amafilisti abantu abangamakhulu amabili; udavide waletsha amajwabu abo, bawayisa enkosini ephelele ukuba abe ngumkhwenyana wenkosi. usawule wayesemnika umikhali indodakazi yakhe abe ngumkakhe. usawule wabona, wazi ukuthi ujeihova-aeiou unodavide; umikhali indodakazi kasawule wamthanda. usawule wayesemesaba udavide kakhulu; usawule wayeyisitha sikadavide sonke isikhathi. kwase kuphuma izikhulu zamafilisti; kwathi njalo uma zisaphuma, udavide waziphatha ngokuhlakanipha kakhulu kunazo zonke izinceku zikasawule, laze laduma kakhulu igama lakhe.

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usawule wakhuluma kujonathani indo- dana yakhe nakuzo zonke izinceku zakhe ngokubulala udavide. kepha ujonathani indodana kasawule wamenamela kakhulu udavide. ujonathani wamtshela udavide, wathi: usawule ubaba ufuna ukukubalala; ngalokho ake uxwaye kusasa, uhlale esitha, ucashe; ngiyakuphuma ngime ngakubaba endle lapho ukhona, ngikhulume ngawe nobaba; uma ngibona okuthile, ngiyakukut- shela. ujonathani wakhuluma okuhle ngodavide kusawule uyise, wathi kuye: inkosi mayingayoni inceku yayo udavide, ngokuba akakonanga, nemisebenzi yakhe kuwe ilungile kakhulu; wabeka ukuphila kwakhe esandleni sakhe, wabulala um- filisti, ujeihova-aeiou wamenzela wonke u-israyeli insindiso enkulu, wakubona wena,

wathokoza; pho, uyakulonelani igazi elingenacala, umbulale udavide engone lutho na? usawule walilalela izwi likajonathani; usawule wafunga wathi: kuphila kukajehova-aeiou, akayikubulawa. ujonathani wambiza udavide; ujonathani wamtshela konke lokho. ujonathani wamyisa udavide kusawule, waba khona ebusweni bakhe njengakuqala. kwabuye kwaba khona impi futhi; udavide waphuma walwa namaflisti, wawaceka ngokuceka okukhulu; ambalekela. umoya omubi owavela kujehova-aeiou wamehlela usawule ehlezi endlini yakhe, ephephe umkhonto esandleni sakhe; udavide wayebetha ngesandla. usawule wafuna ukumbhujela udavide ngomkhonto odongeni, kepha wanyelela ebusweni bukasawule, wagwaza ngomkhonto odongeni; udavide wabaleka, waphunyuka ngalobu busuku. usawule wathuma izithunywa endlini kadavide ukuba zimlindle, zimbulale ekuseni; umikhali umkadavide wamtshela wathi: uma ungasindisi ukuphila kwakho ngalobu busuku, uyakubulawa kusasa. umikhali wamehlisa udavide ngefasitele, wahamba, wabaleka, waphunyuka. umikhali wathatha itherafi, walibeka embhedeni, wabeka isicamelo soboya bezimbuzi ngasekhanda lalo, walembesa izingubo. lapho usawule esethuma izithunywa ukumthatha udavide, wathi: uyagula. usawule wathuma izithunywa ukumbona udavide, ethi: mkhuphuleni kimi ngombhede ukuba ngimbulale. lapho izithunywa zingena, bheka, itherafi lalisembhedeni, isicamelo soboya bezimbuzi singasekhanda lalo. usawule wathi kumikhali: ungikhohliseleni kanje, uvumele isitha sami ukuba sihambe, siphunyuke, na? umikhali wamphendula usawule ngokuthi: wathi kimi: ngivumele ukuba ngihambe; ngiyakubulalelani na? wayesebaleka udavide, waphunyuka, waya kusamuweli erama, wamtshela konke usawule abekwenzile kuye. yena nosamuweli baya bahlala enayoti. kwabikwa kusawule, kwathiwa: bheka, udavide usenayoti erama. usawule wathuma izithunywa ukumthatha udavide; lapho zibona iviyo labaprofethi beprofetha, usamuweli emi engumholi wabo, umoya kalezi-ku wazehlela izithunywa zikasawule, nazo zaprofetha. kwabikwa kusawule; wathuma ezinye izithunywa; nazo zaprofetha. usawule wayesephinda wathuma izithunywa ngokwesithathu; nazo zaprofetha. wayeseya naye erama, wafika emthonjeni oseseku, wabuza ukuthi: baphi osamuweli nodavide na? kwathiwa: bheka, basenayoti erama. wayeseya khona enayoti erama; umoya kalezi-ku wehlela naphezu kwakhe, wahambahamba waprofetha, waze wafika enayoti erama. naye wakhumula izingubo zakhe, waprofetha naye phambi kukasamuweli, walala phansi enqunu lonke

lolo suku nabo bonke lobo busuku. ngalokho kwathiwa: naye usawule uphakathi kwabaprofethi na?

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udavide wabaleka enayoti erama, weza, wathi phambi kukajonathani: ngenzeni na? liyini icala lami na? siyini isono sami phambi kukayihlo ukuba afune ukuphila kwami na? wathi kuye: makube kude lokho; awuyikufa; bheka, ubaba akenzi lutho olukhulu noma oluncane engakwambuleli kimi; pho, ubaba ubeyakungifihlela le nto na? akuyikuba njalo. udavide wabuye wafunga, wathi: uyihlo uyazi kahle ukuthi ngifumene umusa emehlweni akho; uthi: makangazi lokhu ujonathani, funa abe nosizi. kepha, kuphila kukajehova-aeiou nokuphila kwakho, kukhona isinyathelo esisodwa nje phakathi kwami nokufa. ujonathani wayesethi kudavide: noma kuyini inhliziyi yakho ekushoyo, ngiyakukwenzela khona. udavide wathi kujonathani: bheka, kusasa iyakwethwasa inyanga; angifanele ukuphutha ukuhlala nenkosi ekudleni, kepha ngivumele ukuba ngihambe, ngicashe endle kube kuzo sosukwini lwesithathu ngakusihlwa. uma uyihlo engifica ngingekho, wothi: udavide wacela nokucela ukuba agijimele ebetlehema umuzi wakhe, ngokuba kukhona lapho umhlathelo weminyaka ngeminyaka owenzelwa wonke umndeni wakubo. uma esho ukuthi: kulungile, inceku yakho iyakuba nokuthula; kepha uma ethukuthela, yazi-ke ukuthi unqume bona-ra-ukukhandleka. ngalokho yenzela inceku yakho isihawu, ngokuba ungenisile inceku yakho esivumelwaneni sikajehova-aeiou nawe; kepha uma kukhona ububi kimi, ngibulale wena, ngokuba ubuyakungiyiselani kuyihlo na? ujonathani wathi: makube kude nawe, ngokuba uma bengazi nakani ukuthi kunqunywe bona-ra-ukukhandleka ngubaba ukuba wehlele yikho, bencingayikukutshela na? udavide wayesethi kujonathani: ngubani oyakungitshela, uma mhlawumbe uyihlo ekuphendula kabi na? ujonathani wathi kudavide: woza siye endle. baphuma bobabili, baya endle. ujonathani wathi kudavide: jehova-aeiou lezi-ku ka-israyeli, nxa ngimphenya ubaba ngalesi sikhathi kusasa noma ngomhlomunye, bheka, uma kukuhle kudavide, ngiyakuthumela kuwe, ngikwambulele kuwe. ujejhova-aeiou makenze njalo kujonathani, enezele futhi, uma kukuhle kubaba ukukwenzela bona-ra-ukukhandleka, ngingakwambuleli kuwe, ngikuvumele ukuba uhambe kahle; ujejhova-aeiou makabe nawe, njengalokho ayenobaba. awuyikungenzela umusa kajehova-aeiou ukuba ngingafi ngisekhona kuphela, kepha

futhi mawunganqumi isihawu sakho endlini yami kuze kube phakade, hhayi nalapho ujejhova-aeiou esenqumile zonke izitha zikadavide ebusweni bomhlaba. ujonathani wayesenza isivumelwano nendlu kadavide; futhi ujejhova-aeiou wakubiza esandleni sezitha zikadavide. ujonathani waphinda wamfungisa ukumthanda kwakhe, ngokuba wamthanda njengokuba ethanda umphefumulo wakhe. ujonathani wayesethi kuye: kusasa iyakwethwasa inyanga; uyakuficwa ungekho, ngokuba isihlalo sakho siyakuba ze. usuhlalile izinsuku ezintathu; yehla masinyane, uye kuleyo ndawo owacasha kuyo ngosuku lwesenzo leso, uhlale ngasetsheni lase-ezeli. ngiyakucibishela imicibisholo emithathu ngaseceleni kwalo, kungathi ngicibishela isigicibisholo. bheka, ngiyakuthuma umfana ngokuthi: hamba ufune imicibisholo. uma ngithi kumfana: bheka, imicibisholo inganeno kwakho, yithathe, woza wena, ngokuba ungaba nokuthula, akukho lutho, kuphila kukajehova-aeiou. kepha uma ngithi kanje kumfana: bheka, imicibisholo ingalaphaya kwakho, hamba, ngokuba ujejhova-aeiou ukumukisile. namaqondana nendaba esikhulume ngayo mina nawe, bheka, ujejhova-aeiou uphakathi kwakho nami kuze kube phakade. udavide wacasha masinyane endle; isethwasile inyanga, inkosi yahlala ekudleni ukuba idle. inkosi yahlala esihlalweni sayo njengakwezinye izikhathi, isihlalo esingasodongeni; ujonathani wema, u-abineri wahlala ngaseceleni kukasawule; kepha indawo kadavide yayiyize. kodwa usawule akakhulumanga lutho ngalolo suku, ngokuba wacabanga ukuthi: okuthile kumehlele; akahlambulukile, impela akahlambulukile. kwathi ngangomuso emva kokwethwasa kwenyanga ngolwesibili indawo kadavide yayiyize; usawule wathi kujonathani indodana yakhe: indodana kajese ayifikanga ngani ekudleni nayizolo nanamuhla na? ujonathani wamphendula usawule, wathi: udavide wangicela nokungicela ukuba aye ebetlehma, wathi: ake ungivumelele ukuba ngihambe, ngokuba umndeni wakithi unomhlatshelo emzini; umfowethu ungijalile; manje-ke, uma ngifumene umusa emehlweni akho, mangihambe ngibone abafowethu. ngalokho akafikanga etafuleni lenkosi. intukuthelo kasawule yayisimvuthela ujonathani, wathi kuye: wena ndodana yowesifazane owonakeleyo nohlubukileyo, angazi yini ukuthi ukhethile indodana kajese kube yihlazo lakho nehla lobunqunu bukanyoko, na? ngokuba izinsuku zonke indodana kajese isekhona emhlabeni awuyikuzinza nombuso wakho. ngalokho thumela umlethe kimi, ngokuba ungowokufa yena. ujonathani wamphendula usawule uyise,

wathi kuye: uyakubulalelwani? wenzeni na? usawule wamgema ngomkhonto ukuba amgwaze; wayesekwazi ujonathani ukuthi uyise unqume ukumbulala udavide. ujonathani wasuka etafuleni evutha ulaka, akadlanga kudla ngosuku lwesibili lwenyanga, ngokuba wayenosisi ngenxa kadavide, lokhu uyise emhlazisile. kwathi ekuseni ujonathani waphuma, waya endle ngesikhathi abasimisile nodavide, umfana omncane enaye. wathi kumfana wakhe: gijima, ufune imicibisholo engiyicibishelayo. esagijima umfana, wacibishela umcibisholo ngaphambi kwakhe. umfana esefikile endaweni yomcibisholo ujonathani ayicibishelayo, ujonathani wamemeza emva komfana, wathi: umcibisholo awungaphambi kwakho na? ujonathani wamemeza emva komfana, wathi: shesha, ukhawuleze, ungemi. umfana kajonathani waqoqa imicibisholo, wafika enkosini yakhe. kepha umfana wayengazi lutho; ojonathani nodavide kuphela babeyazi le ndaba. ujonathani wanika umfana wakhe izikhali zakhe, wathi kuye: hamba, uziyise emzini. esehambile umfana, udavide wavuka ngaseningizimu, wawa phansi ngobuso bakhe, wakhothama kathathu; bangana, bakhalelana, waze wakhala kakhulu udavide. ujonathani wathi kudavide: hamba kahle, lokhu sifungile sobabili igama likajehova-aeiou ngokuthi: ujejhova-aeiou uyakuba phakathi kwami nawe naphakathi kwenzalo yami nenzalo yakho kuze kube phakade. wavuka, wahamba; ujonathani wangena emzini.

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udavide wayeseya enobi ku-ahimeleki umpristi; u-ahimeleki waya ukumhlalangeza udavide ethuthumela, wathi kuye: yini ukuba uwedwa, kungekho muntu nawe, na? udavide wathi ku-ahimeleki umpristi: inkosi ingiyalezile udaba, yathi kimi: makungazi muntu ngalolu daba engikuthuma ngalo nengikuyale ngalo. izinsizwa zami ngizazisile indawo ethile. manje kuyini okuphansi kwesandla sakho na? nginike esandleni sami isinkwa eziyisihlanu noma kuyini okukhona. umpristi wamphendula udavide, wathi: asikho isinkwa esivamileyo nje phansi kwesandla sami, kepha kukhona isinkwa esingcwele, uma izinsizwa zizigcinile esifazaneni kuphela. udavide wamphendula umpristi, wathi: impela abesifazane bavinjelwe kithina ngalezi zinsuku; izinto zezinsizwa zazingcwele ekuphumeni kwami; noma kuyindlela evamileyo nje, izinto zazo zisengcwele nanamuhla. umpristi wayesemnika isinkwa esingcwele, ngokuba kwakungekho sinkwa lapho, isinkwa sokubukwa kuphela, ebesisusiwe phambi kukajehova-aeiou

ukuba kubekwe isinkwa esisashisayo mhlalasisuswa. kepha umuntu othile wezincku zikasawule wayelapho ngalolo suku, ebambekile phambi kukajehova-aeiou, ogama lakhe lalingudowegi wabakwa-edomi, omkhulu wabelusi bakasawule. udavide wathi ku-ahimeleki: akukho lapho phansi kwesandla sakho umkhonto noma inkemba na? ngokuba angifikanga nenkemba yami nezikhali zami, ngokuba udaba lwenkosi lwalusheshisa. wayesethi umpristi: inkemba kagoliyati umfilisti owambulala esigodini sase-ela, bheka, ilapho, isongiwe nengugubo emva kwengubo yamahlombe. uma uthanda ukuyithatha, yithathe, ngokuba ayikho lapha enye ngaphandle kwayo. udavide wathi: ayikho enjengayo; nginike yona. wayesesuka udavide, wabaleka ngalolo suku ngokwesaba usawule, waya ku-akhishi inkosi yasegati. izincku zika-akhishi zathi kuye: lo akasiye udavide, inkosi yezwe, na? abavumelananga yini ngaye omunye nomunye, besina bethi: usawule ubulele izinkulungwane zakhe, kepha udavide izinkulungwane zakhe eziyishumi, na? udavide wabeka lawo mazwi enhliziyweni yakhe, wamesaba kakhulu u-akhishi inkosi yasegati. waguquka ingqondo phambi kwabo, wazenza ohlanyayo ezandleni zabo, wadweba ezivalweni zamasango, wehlisela amathe esilevini. u-akhishi wayesethi ezinckwini zakhe: bheka, uyabona ukuthi lo muntu uyahlanya; nimletheleni kimi na? ngiswela izinhlanga yini ukuba nimlethe lo muntu ukuzenza uhlanya ebusweni bami na? angene endlini yami lona na?

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udavide wayesesuka khona, wabaleka, waya emhumeni wase-adulamu; lapho abafowabo nabo bonke abendlu kayise bekuzwa, behlela khona kuye. kwabuthana kuye bonke abanosizi, nabo bonke abanesikwenetu, nabo bonke abanenhliziyo enomunyu, waba yinduna phezu kwabo; kwakukhona naye kungathi abantu abangamakhulu amane. udavide wasuka khona, waya emispa lakwamowabi, wathi enkosini yakwamowabi: ake beze ubaba nomame, bahlale kini, ngize ngazi ukuthi ulezi-ku uyakwenzani kimi. wabaletsha phambi kwenkosi yakwamowabi, bahlala kuye zonke izinsuku udavide esenqabeni. umprofethi ugadi wathi kudavide: ungahlali enqabeni; hamba uye ezweni lakwajuda. wayesesuka udavide, wafika ehlathini lasehereti. usawule wezwa ukuthi udavide uyaziwa nabantu ababe naye; usawule wayehlezi egibeya phansi komtamariske egqumeni ephethe umkhonto esandleni sakhe, zonke izincku zimi ngakuye. usawule wathi ezinckwini zakhe ezazimi ngakuye: yizwani nina bak-

wabenjamini; indodana kajese iyakuninika nonke amasimu nezivini, inenze nonke nibe yizinduna zezinkulungwane nezinduna zamakhulu, ngokuba ningenzele nonke ugobe, akwababikho ongitshelelayo lapho indodana yami yenza isivumelwano nendodana kajese, akwababikho kini ongidabukelayo nongitshelelayo ukuthi indodana yami ingivusele incuku yami ukuba ingiqamekele njenganamuhla. udowegi wakwa-edomi owayemi ngakuzo izincku zikasawule waphendula wathi: ngabona indodana kajese iza enobi ku-ahimeleki indodana ka-ahithubi. wambuzela kujehova-aeiou, wamnika umphako, wamnika nenkemba kagoliyati umfilisti. inkosi yayisithumela ukubiza u-ahimeleki umpristi, indodana ka-ahithubi, nendlu yonke kayise, abapristi ababesenobi; beza bonke enkosini. usawule wathi: yizwa-ke, wena ndodana ka-ahithubi. waphendula wathi: ngilapha, nkosi. usawule wathi kuye: ningenzeleleni ugobe, wena nendodana kajese, ngokuyinika isinkwa nenkemba, uyibuzele kulezi-ku ukuba ingivukele, ingiqamekele njenganamuhla, na? u-ahimeleki waphendula inkosi, wathi: ngubani kuzo zonke izincku zakho othembekile njengodavide, umkhwenyana wenkosi, nenduna yabalindi bakho, nodumileyo endlini yakho, na? ngiqale namuhla yini ukumbuzela kujehova-aeiou na? makube kude nami; inkosi mayingabeki cala enckwini yayo, nakuyo yonke indlu kababa, ngokuba incuku yakho ayazi lutho lwayo yonke le ndaba, oluncane noma olukhulu. inkosi yayisithi: uyakufa nokufa, ahimeleki, wena nayo yonke indlu kayihlo. inkosi yathi kuzo izigijimi ezazimi ngakuyo: sondelani, nibulale abapristi bakajehova-aeiou, ngokuba nesandla sabo sinaye udavide nangokuba bazi ukuthi udavide wabaleka, bengakwambulelanga kimi. kepha izincku zenkosi azivumanga ukwelula isandla sazo ukuba zisukele abapristi bakajehova-aeiou. inkosi yathi kudowegi: sondela wena, usukele abapristi. udowegi wabakwa-edomi wasondela, wabasukela abapristi, wabulala ngalolo suku abantu abangamashumi ayisishiyagalombili nanhlanu, abembethe ingubo yamahlombe yelineni. inobi, umuzi wabapristi, walichitha ngosiko lwenkemba, abesilisa nabesifazane, izingane nabance-layo, izinkabi nezimbongolo nezimvu, ngosiko lwenkemba. omunye wamadodana ka-ahimeleki indodana ka-ahithubi ogama lakhe lingu-abi-yathara wabaleka, wamlandela udavide. u-abi-yathara wamtshela udavide ukuthi usawule ubulele abapristi bakajehova-aeiou. udavide wathi ku-abi-yathara: ngazi ngalolo suku mhlaludowegi wakwa-edomi elapho ukuthi uyakumthshela nokumthshela usawule; yimi engibangele ukuba bafe abantu bonke

bendlu kayihlo. hlala kimi, ungesabi, ngokuba ofuna ukuphila kwami ufuna ukuphila kwakho, kepha uyakulondolozeka kimi.

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kwabikwa kudavide ukuthi: bheka, amafilisti ayalwa nekeyila, aphanga izibuya. ngalokho udavide wabuza kujehova-aeiou, wathi: ngiye ngibulale lawo mafilisti na? ujevova-aeiou wathi kudavide: hamba uwabulale amafilisti, usindise ikeyila. abantu bakadavide bathi kuye: bheka, siyesaba lapha kwajuda; kakhulu kangakanani, uma siya ekeyila, silwe nezimpi zamafilisti na? udavide waphinda wabuza kujehova-aeiou. ujevova-aeiou wamphen-dula wathi: suka wehlele ekeyila, ngokuba ngiyakunikela amafilisti esandleni sakho. udavide nabantu bakhe baya ekeyila, balwa namafilisti, bathumba izinkomo zawo, bawaceka ngokuceka okukhulu. wayesebasindisa udavide abasekeyila. kwathi lapho u-abiyathara indodana ka-ahimeleki ebaleka eya kudavide ekeyila, wehla, ingubo yamahlombe isesandleni sakhe. kwabikwa kusawule ukuthi udavide ufikile ekeyila. wayesethi usawule: ulezi-ku umkhaphela esandleni sami, ngokuba uzivalele ngokun-gena emzini onamasango nemigoqo. usawule wabiza abantu bonke, baye empini, behlele ekeyila, bavimbezele udavide na-bantu bakhe. udavide wazi ukuthi usawule uceba bona-ra-ukukhandleka ngaye; wathi ku-abiyathara umpristi: lethla ingubo yamahlombe. wayesethi udavide: jehova-aeiou lezi-ku ka-israyeli, inceku yakho izwile nokuzwa ukuthi usawule ufuna ukuza ekeyila ukuba achithe umuzi ngexha yami. abantu basekeyila bayakungikhaphela yini esandleni sakhe na? usawule uyakwehla njengalokho inceku yakho izwile na? jehova-aeiou lezi-ku ka-israyeli, ake uyitshela inceku yakho. wathi ujevova-aeiou: uyakwehla. wayesethi udavide: abantu basekeyila bayakungikhaphela mina nabantu bami esandleni sikasawule na? wathi ujevova-aeiou: bayakukhaphela. wayesesuka udavide nabantu bakhe kungathi abanga-makhulu ayisithupha, baphuma ekeyila, bahamba lapho bebenokuhamba khona. kwabikwa kusawule ukuthi udavide ubalek-ile ekeyila; wayeseyeka ukuphuma. udavide wahlala ehlane ezinqabeni, wahlala ez-intabeni ezisehlane lasezifi. usawule wamfuna zonke izinsuku, kepha ulezi-ku akamnikelanga esandleni sakhe. udavide wabona ukuthi usawule uphumele ukufuna ukuphila kwakhe; udavide wayesehlane lasezifi ehoreshi. kwasuka ujonathani indodana kasawule, waya kudavide ehore-shi, waqinisa isandla sakhe kulezi-ku.

wathi kuye: ungesabi, ngokuba isandla sikasawule ubaba asiyikukufumana; wena uyakuba yinkosi phezu kuka-israyeli, mina ngikwelame; nosawule ubaba uyakwazi lokho. benza isivumelwano bobabili phambi kukajehova-aeiou; udavide wahlala ehoreshi, ujonathani waya endlini yakhe. kwase kwenyuka abasezifi, baya kusawule egibeya, bathi: udavide akacashi yini kithi ezinqabeni zasehoreshi entabeni yasekhhila elingaseningizimu kwasehlane na? ngalokho yehla, nkosi, uma kuyisifiso senhliziyo yakho ukwehla, thina simkhaphele esan-dleni senkosi. usawule wathi: manibuswe, ngokuba ningihawukele. manihambe, niqinise, nazi, nibone indawo yakhe lapho kukhona unyawo lwakhe nokuthi ubonwe ngubani khona, ngokuba ngitsheliwe ukuthi unobuqili impela. bhekani, nizazi zonke izindawo zokucasha, lapho ecasha khona, nibuyele kimi nineqiniso; ngiyakuhamba nani; kuyakuthi uma ekhona ezweni, ngimfice phakathi kwayo yonke imindeni yakwajuda. base besuka, baya ezifi phambi kukasawule; kepha udavide nabantu bakhe babesehlane lasemahoni e-araba ngas-eningizimu kwasehlane. usawule nabantu bakhe baya ukumfuna. udavide watshelewa; wehlele-ke eweni, wahlala ehlane lasema-honi. usawule ekuzwa, wamxosha udavide ehlane lasemahoni. usawule wahamba ngalapha kwentaba, udavide nabantu bakhe bahamba ngale kwentaba; udavide washesha wahamba ngokumesaba usawule, ngokuba usawule nabantu bakhe bahaqa udavide nabantu bakhe ukuba bababambe. kepha kwafika isithunywa kusawule, sithi: shesha ufike, ngokuba amafilisti angenele izwe. wayesebuya usawule ekumxosheni udavide, wahamba ukuhlangebazana namafilisti; ngalokho babiza leyo ndawo ngokuthi isela hamalekoti. udavide wakhuphuka lapho, wahlala ezinqabeni zase-eni gedi.

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kwathi usawule esebuyile ekuxosheni amafilisti, kwabikwa kuye ukuthi: bheka, udavide usehlane lase-eni gedi. usawule wayesethatha abantu abayizinkulungwane ezintathu abakhethiweyo kuye wonke u-israyeli, wahamba ukumfuna udavide nabantu bakhe emadwaleni amagogo. wafika ezibayeni zezimvu ngasendleleni, lapho kukhona umhume; usawule wangena khona ukuba embese izinyawo zakhe. udavide nabantu bakhe babehlezi emuva emhumeni. abantu bakadavide bathi kuye: bheka, nantu usuku ujevova-aeiou asho ngalo kuwe ukuthi: bheka, ngiyakunikela isitha sakho esandleni sakho, wenze kuso okuhle emehlweni akho. wayesesuka udavide, wasika ngasese umphetho wengubo



kasawule. kwathi ngasemuva udavide wahlabele enhliziyweni, ngokuba wayesikile umphetho wengubo kasawule. wathi kubantu bakhe: makube kude nami, jehova-aeiou, ukuba ngenze okunjalo kuyo inkosi yami, ogcotshiweyo kajehova-aeiou, ngelulele isandla sami kuye, lokhu engogcotshiweyo kajehova-aeiou. udavide wabathiya ngalawo mazwi, akabavumelanga ukuba bamvukele usawule. usawule wasuka emhumeni, wahamba. naye udavide wasuka ngasemuva, waphuma emhumeni, wamemeza emva kukasawule, ethi: nkosi yami, nkosi! usawule wabheka emuva, udavide wakhothamela phansi ngobuso, wakhuleka. udavide wathi kusawule: ulalelani amazwi abantu abathi: bheka, udavide ufuna ukukulimaza? bheka, namuhla amehlo akho abonile ukuthi uje-hova-aeiou wayekunikele esandleni sami emhumeni; abanye bathi mangikubulale, kepha ngakuhawukela, ngathi: angiyikwelulele isandla sami kuyo inkosi yami, ngokuba ingogcotshiweyo kajehova-aeiou. futhi, baba, bheka, yebo, bheka, umphetho wengubo yakho usesandleni sami, ngokuba lokhu ngasika umphetho wengubo yakho ngingakubulalanga, yazi, ubone ukuthi akukho bubi nasiphambeko esandleni sami, angonanga kuwe, noma uqamekela ukuphila kwami ukuba ukuthathe. uje-hova-aeiou makahlulele phakathi kwami nawe, uje-hova-aeiou angiphindisele kuwe, kepha isandla sami asiyikuba phezu kwakho. kunjenge-saga sasendulo esithi: kwababi kuvela bona-ra-ukukhandleka; ngalokho isandla sami asiyikuba phezu kwakho. inkosi yakwa-israyeli iphumele ukulandela bani na? uxosha bani na? uxoshainja efleyo, intwakumba eyodwa nje. uje-hova-aeiou makabe ngumahluleli, ahlulele phakathi kwami nawe, abheka, angimele, angikhulule esandleni sakho. kwathi udavide eseqedile ukukhuluma lawo mazwi kusawule, usawule wathi: yizwi lakho leli, ndodana yami davide, na? usawule wadzuluka, wakhala. wayesethi kudavide: ulungile kunami, ngokuba wena ungiphindisele ngokuhle, kepha mina ngikuphindisele ngbona-ra-ukukhandleka. ulandile namuhla ukuthi ungenzele okuhle, njengokuba, laphe uje-hova-aeiou ebenginikele esandleni sakho, awungibulalanga. ngokuba uma umuntu efika isitha sakhe, uyasivumela ukuba sihambe ngendlela enhle na? uje-hova-aeiou makakuphindisele ngokuhle ngokwenzileyo kimi namuhla. manje bheka, ngiyazi ukuthi uyakuba yinkosi impela, nombuso wakwa-israyeli uyakuqiniswa esandleni sakho. ngalokho ngifungele uje-hova-aeiou ukuthi awuyikunquma inzalo yami emva kwami nokuthi awuyikwesula igama lami endlini kababa. udavide wafunga kusawule;

usawule wagoduka, kepha udavide nabantu bakhe bakhuphukela enqabeni.

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usamuweli wafa; wahlangana wonke u-israyeli, wamlilela, wammbela ngasendlini yakhe erama. udavide wasuka, wehlela ehlane lasepharanu. kwakukhona umuntu emahoni onemfuyo yakhe ekarmeli; lowo muntu wayemkhulu kakhulu, wayenezimvu eziyizinkulungwane ezintathu nezimbuzi eziyinkulungwane; wayezigunda izimvu zakhe ekarmeli. igama lalowo muntu lalingunabali; igama lomkakhe lalingu-abigayili; owesifazane wayehlakaniphile, ebukeya emuhle, kepha indoda yayilukhuni inobubi emisebenzini yayo; yayingekakalebi. udavide wezwa ehlane ukuthi unabali ugunda izimvu zakhe. udavide wathuma izinsizwa eziyishumi; udavide wathi kuzo izinsizwa: khuphukelani ekarmeli, niye kunabali, nimbengelele egameni lami, nithi kumfowethu: ukuthula makube kuwe, ukuthula nakube kuyo indlu yakho, ukuthula makube kukho konke onakho. manje sengizwile ukuthi unabagundi; abelusi bakho babe nathi, asibalimazanga, abalahlekelwa lutho zonke izinsuku besekarmeli. buza izinsizwa zakho, ziyakukutshela; ngalokho izinsizwa mazithole umusa emehlweni akho, ngokuba sifikile ngosuku oluhle; ake unike izinceku zakho nendodana yakho udavide okungafunyanwa esandleni sakho. sezifikile izinsizwa zikadavide zakhuluma kunabali njengawo onke lawo mazwi egameni likadavide, bese zilinda. unabali waziphendula izinceku zikadavide, wathi: ngubani udavide na? ngubani indodana kajese na? namuhla kukhona izinceku eziningi ezeqa emakhosini azo. ngithathe yini isinkwa sami, namanzi ami, nengikuhlabele abagundi bami, ngikuphe abantu engingabazi ukuthi bavelaphi, na? zase ziphenduka izinsizwa zikadavide endleleni yazo, zabuyela, zamtshela onke lawo mazwi. udavide wathi kubantu bakhe: bhincani, ke, yilowo nalowo inkemba yakhe. zabhinca-ke, kwaba yilowo nalowo inkemba yakhe; naye udavide wabhinca inkemba yakhe; kwakhuphuka emva kukadavide abantu kungathi abangamakhulu amane, kepha abangamakhulu amabili bahlala empahleni. kodwa enye yezinsizwa yamtshela u-abigayili umkanabali, yathi: bheka, udavide wathuma izithunywa zivela ehlane ukuba zibengelele inkosi yethu, kepha yazithukuthelela. nokho labo bantu basiphatha kahle, asilimalanga, asilahlekelwanga lutho zonke izinsuku sisahambisana nabo sisindle; babe lugange kithi ubusuku nemini, sonke isikhathi sinabo salusa izimvu. ngalokho yazi, ubone ukuthi uyakwenzani, ngokuba

bona-ra-ukukhandleka sekunqunyelwe inkosi yethu endlu yayo yonke, lokhu engumuntu omubi kangaka, ukuze umuntu angekhulume naye. u-abigayili wayese-shesha, wathatha izinkwa ezingamakhulu amabili, nezimvaba ezimbili zewayini, nezimvu eziyisihlanu ezilungisiweyo, namaseya ayisihlanu otshwele, nezigaxa eziyikhulu zezithelo zomvini ezomileyo, nezigaxa ezingamakhulu amabili zamakhiwane, wakubeka ezimbongolweni. wathi kuzo izinsizwa: hambani phambi kwami; bhekani, ngiyanilandela. kepha akayitshelanga indoda yakhe unabali. kwathi esakhwele imbongo, esehla endaweni esithekileyo yentaba, bheka, kwehlela kuye udavide nabantu bakhe, wahlangana nabo. udavide wayeshilo ukuthi: impela ngikugcinele ize konke lowo muntu anakho ehlane ukuba angalahlekelwa lutho lwakho konke okwakhe, ngokuba ungibuyisele bona-ra-ukukhandleka ngokuhle. ulezi-ku makenze njalo kuzo izitha zikadavide, enezele futhi, uma ngishiya ngasekuseni kusasa kukho konke okungokwakhe nokukodwa okungokwesilisa. lapho u-abigayili embona udavide, washesha wehlika embongolweni yakhe, wawa ngobuso phambi kukadavide, wakhothamela phansi. wawa ngaseziyaweni zakhe, wathi: lobo bubi mabube phezu kwami, nkosi; incekekazi yakho mayikhulume ezindlebeni zakho, uzwe amazwi incekekazi yakho. inkosi yami mayinganakekeli lowo muntu omubi unabali, ngokuba unjengegama lakhe, unjalo yena; ngunabali igama lakhe, nobuwula bukuye; kepha mina ncekekazi yakho angizibonanga izinsizwa zenkosi yami owazithumayo. ngalokho, nkosi, kuphila kukajehova-aeiou nokuphila komphefumulo wakho, njengokuba ujeahova-aeiou ekuvimbele ukungena ecaleni legazi nokuzisindisa ngesandla sakho, ngalokho-ke mazibe njengonabali izitha zakho nabayifunela inkosi yami ububi. manje-ke, lesi sipho esilethwa yincekekazi yakho enkosini yami, masinikwe izinsizwa ezilandela inkosi yami. ake uthethelele icala lencekekazi yakho, ngokuba ujeahova-aeiou uyakuyenzela nokuyenzela inkosi yami indlu eqinileyo impela, lokhu inkosi yami ilwa izimpi zikajehova-aeiou; ububi abuyikufunyanwa kuwe zonke izinsuku zakho. noma kusukuma umuntu ukukuxosha nokufuna ukuphila kwakho, umphefumulo wenkosi yami uyakube uboshiwe emshuqulwini wabaphilayo kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho; imiphefumulo yezitha zakho uyakuyikijela kungathi iphakathi kwendwayimana. kuyakuthi lapho ujeahova-aeiou esekwenzile enkosini yami njengakho konke okuhle akukhulumileyo ngawe, akubeke ube ngumbusi kwa-israyeli, akuyikuba yisikhubekiso kuwe, kungabi

nesanya enhliziyweni yenkosi yami ukuthi uchithile igazi ngeze nokuthi inkosi yami izisindisile; kepha lapho ujeahova-aeiou eseyenzele inkosi yami okuhle, khumbula incekekazi yakho. udavide wayesethi ku-abigayili: makabusiswe ujeahova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli okuthume namuhla ukungihlangabeza. futhi makubusiswe ukhulakanipha kwakho, ubusiswe nawe ongivimbele namuhla ukungena ecaleni legazi nokuzisindisa ngesandla sami. ngokuba impela, kuphila kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli ongivimbele ukuze ngingakulimazi, uma ungasheshanga ukuza ukuba ungihlangabeze, impela nga kungasalanga kunabali ngasekuseni kusasa nokukodwa okungokwesilisa. udavide wayesamukela esandleni sakhe lokho amlethele khona; wathi kuye: khuphukela endlini yakho ngokuthula; bheka, ngililalele izwi lakho, ngibuvumile ubuso bakho. u-abigayili wafika kunabali; bheka, wayenedili endlini yakhe, linjengedili lenkosi; inhliziyo kanabali yayithokoza phakathi kwakhe, ngokuba wayephuze kakhulu; ngalokho akamtshelanga lutho oluncane nolukhulu kwaze kwaba sekuseni. kwathi ekuseni, lapho iwayini seliphumile kunabali, umkakhe wamtshela lezo zinto, inhliziyo yakhe yafa phakathi kwakhe, waba njengetshe. kwathi emva kwezinsuku eziyishumi ujeahova-aeiou wamshaya unabali, wafa. udavide esezwile ukuthi unabali ufile, wathi: makabusiswe ujeahova-aeiou omele indaba yehlazo lami esandleni sikanabali, ovimbele inceku yakhe ebubini, wabuyisela ububi bukanabali ekhanda lakhe. udavide wathumela wakhuluma ku-abigayili ukuba amthathe abe ngumkakhe. izinceku zikadavide sezifikile ku-abigayili ekarmeli, zakhuluma kuye, zathi: udavide usithumile kuwe ukuba akuthathe, ube ngumkakhe. wasukuma, wakhothama, ubuso bakhe bubheke phansi, wathi: bheka, incekekazi yakho mayibe yisigqilakazi sokuqiza izinyawo zezinceku zenkosi yami. u-abigayili washesha wasuka, wakhwela imbongo kanye nezintombi zakhe ezazihamba naye; wazilandela izithunywa zikadavide, waba ngumkakhe. udavide wathatha no-ahinohama wase-jizreyeli; baba ngomkakhe bobabili. kepha usawule wayesemnike upaliti indodana kalayishi wasegalimi umikhali indodakazi yakhe.

abasezifi beza kusawule egibeya, bathi: udavide akacashi yini entabeni yasehakhila engaphambi kwehlane na? usawule wasuka, wehlela ehlane lasezifi nabantu abakhethiweyo bakwa-israyeli abayizinkulungwane ezintathu ukuba amfume udavide ehlane.

usawule wamisa entabeni yasehakhila engaphambi kwehlane ngasendleleni. kepha udavide wahlala ehlane, wabona ukuthi usawule uyamlandela ehlane. udavide wayesethuma izinhlozi, wazi ukuthi usawule ufikile impela. udavide wasuka, weza endaweni usawule amise kuyo; udavide wabona indawo usawule ahlala kuyo, eno-abineri indodana kaneri, induna yempi yakhe; usawule wayelele ezinqoleni, abantu bemise ngakuye nxazonke. udavide wayesethatha washo ku-ahimeleki umhethi naku-abishayi indodana kaseruya, umfowabo kajowabe, ethi: ngubani oyakwehla nami ukuya kusawule ekamu na? u-abishayi wathi: ngiyakwehla nawe. odavide no-abishayi bafika kubantu ebusuku; bheka, usawule wayelele ubuthongo ezinqoleni, umkhonto wakhe uxgunyeke emhlabathini ngasekhanda lakhe; u-abineri nabantu bakhe babelele ngakuye nxazonke. u-abishayi wathi kudavide: ulezi-ku unikele isitha sakho esandleni sakho namuhla; ngalokho mangimwaze kanye ngomkhonto uze udle umhlabathi, ngingamphindi. udavide wathi ku-abishayi: ungambulali, ngokuba ngubani ongelulela isandla sakhe kogcotshiweyo kajehova-aeiou, angabi nacala, na? udavide wathi: kuphila kukajehova-aeiou, uajehova-aeiou uyakumshaya, noma kufika nje usuku lwakhe lokufa, noma ehlela empini, abhubhe. uajehova-aeiou makenqabe ukuba ngelulele isandla sami kogcotshiweyo kajehova-aeiou; ake uthathe umkhonto ongasekhanda lakhe nesigubhu samanzi, sihambe. udavide wayesethatha umkhonto nesigubhu samanzi ngasekhanda likasawule, bahamba, kungaboni muntu, kungazi muntu, kungavuki muntu, ngokuba babelele bonke, lokhu bebehlelewe ngubuthongo obunzima obuvela kujehova-aeiou. udavide wayesewelela phesheya, wema esiqongweni sentaba ekude, isikhala esikhulu siphakathi kwabo. udavide wabiza abantu no-abineri indodana kaneri, ethi: awusabeli, abineri, na? u-abineri wayesesabela ethi: ungubani wena obiza inkosi na? udavide wathi ku-abineri: awusiye umuntu okungekho onjengawe kwa-israyeli na? awulindanga ngani inkosi yakho, inkosi? ngokuba kwafika omunye wabantu ukuyobulala inkosi yakho, inkosi. akukuhle okwenzileyo. kuphila kukajehova-aeiou, nimelwe ukufa, ngokuba anilindanga inkosi yenu, ogcotshiweyo kajehova-aeiou. manje bhekani ukuthi umkhonto wenkosi uphi nesigubhu samanzi esasingasekhanda lakhe. usawule walazi izwi likadavide, wathi: yizwi lakho leli, ndodana yami davide, na? udavide wathi: yizwi lami, nkosi yami, nkosi. wathi: inkosi yami iyixoshelani inceku yayo na? ngokuba ngenzeni na? ngububuni bunibusesandleni sami na? ngalokho mayizwe inkosi yami, inkosi,

amazwi enceku yayo. uma nguajehova-aeiou okuncokoloza ngami, makamukele umnikelo, kepha uma kungabantwana babantu, mabaqalekiswe phambi kukajehova-aeiou, ngokuba bangioxshile namuhla ukuba ngingazihlanganisi nefa likajehova-aeiou, bethi: hamba ukhonze abanye olezi-ku. ngalokho igazi lami malingaweli emhlabathini ngikude noajehova-aeiou, ngokuba inkosi yakwa-israyeli iphumele ukufuna intwakumba eyodwa, njengalokhu kuzingelwa intendele ezintabeni. usawule wathi: ngonile; buya, ndodana yami davide, ngokuba angisayikukulimaza, lokhu ukuphila kwami bekuyigugu emehlweni akho namuhla; bheka, ngenze okwesiwula, ngidukile kakhulu. udavide waphendula wathi: bheka, umkhonto, nkosi! makuwele enye yezinsizwa, iwulande. uajehova-aeiou uyakuphindisela, kube yilowo nalowo ngokulunga kwakhe nangokuthembeka kwakhe, lokhu uajehova-aeiou ekunikele esandleni sami namuhla, angavuma ukwelulela isandla sami kogcotshiweyo kajehova-aeiou. futhi bheka, njengalokho ukuphila kwakho kwakukhulu ngalolo suku emehlweni ami, ukuphila kwami makube kukhulu emehlweni kajehova-aeiou, yena angophule ekuhluphekeni konke. usawule wathi kudavide: mawubusiwe wena ndodana yami davide; uyakwenza izinto ezinkulu, uphumelele kahle. wayesehamba udavide ngendlela yakhe, usawule wabuyela endaweni yakhe.

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udavide wathi enhliziyweni yakhe: ngiyakubhubha ngelinye ilanga ngesandla sikasawule; akukho okungcono kimi kunokuba ngibaleke, ngiye ezweni lamafilisti; usawule uyakungiyeka, angabe esangifuna emikhawulweni yonke yakwa-israyeli, ngiphonyuke esandleni sakhe. wayesesuka udavide, wawela, yena nabantu abangamakhulu ayisithupha ababe naye, waya ku-akhishi indodana kamahoki, inkosi yasegati. udavide wahlala no-akhishi egati, yena nabantu bakhe, kwaba yilowo nalowo nomuzi wakhe, udavide enawomkakhe bobabili, o-ahinohama wasejizreyeli no-abigayili wasekarmeli umkanabali. kwabikwa kusawule ukuthi udavide ubalekele egati; akabe esamfuna futhi. udavide wathi ku-akhishi: uma ngifumene umusa emehlweni akho, mabanginike indawo komunye wemizi yasemaphandleni ukuba ngihlale khona, ngokuba inceku yakho izakuhlalelani nawe emzini wenkosi na? u-akhishi wamnika isikilagi ngalolo suku; ngalokho isikilagi lingelamakhosi kuze kube namuhla. umumo wezinsuku zokuhlala kukadavide ezweni lamafilisti wawungumnyaka nezinyanga

ezone. udavide nabantu bakhe benyuka, bangelana amageshuri, namagirizi, nama-amaleki, ngokuba lawo ayakhe kulelo zwe kwasendulo ekuyiweni eshuri kuze kube sezweni lasegibithe. udavide walichitha izwe, akashiyanga muntu ephilile, owesilisa nowesifazane, wathatha izimvu, nezinkabi, nezimbongolo, namakamela, nezingubo, wabuza, wafika ku-akhishi. u-akhishi wathi: ningenelephi namuhla na? udavide wathi: bekuseningizimu kwajuda, naseningizimu kwamajerameli, naseningizimu kwamakheni. udavide akashiyanga owesilisa nowesifazane ephilile ukubayisa egati, ethi: funa basicebe ngokuthi: wenze njalo udavide. yayinjalo indlela yakhe zonke izinsuku ehlezi ezweni lamafilisti. u-akhishi wakholwa ngudavide, wathi: wenze ukuba anengwe nokunengwa ngabantu bakhe abakwa-israyeli; ngalokho uyakuba yinceku yami kuze kube nini.

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kwathi ngalezo zinsuku amafilisti abutha amabutho awo ukuba aphume impi no-israyeli. u-akhishi wathi kudavide: yazi nokwazi ukuthi uyakuphuma impi nami, wena nabantu bakho. udavide wathi ku-akhishi: ngalokho uyakwazi ukuthi inceku yakho iyakwenzani. u-akhishi wathi kudavide: ngalokho ngiyakukubeka ube ngumlindi wekhanda lami kuze kube nini. usamuweli wayesefile; wonke u-israyeli wamkhalala, wambela erama umuzi wakhe. usawule wayexoshile ezweni abanamadlozi phakathi kwabo nabathakathi. amafilisti abuthana afika, amisa eshunemi; usawule wabutha wonke u-israyeli, wamisa egilibowa. lapho usawule ebona impi yamafilisti, wesaba, inhliziyo yakhe yathuthumela kakhulu. usawule wabuza kujehova-aeiou; ujejhova-aeiou akamphendulanga nangamaphupho, nangeurimi, nangabaprofethi. wayesethi usawule kuzo izinceku zakhe: ngifuneleni owesifazane onedlozi ukuba ngiye kuye, ngibuze kuye. izinceku zakhe zathi kuye: bheka, kukhona owesifazane onedlozi e-eni dori. usawule waziguqula, wembatha ezinye izingubo, wahamba yena nabantu ababili benaye, bafika kowesifazane ebusuku, wathi: ake ungibhulele ngedlozi, ungenyusele engiyakumusho kuwe. owesifazane wathi kuye: bheka, uyazi ukuthi usawule wenzeni, ukuba unqumile ezweni abanamadlozi phakathi kwabo nabathakathi; ngalokho ungibekelelani ugibe ukuba ungibulale na? usawule wafunga ujejhova-aeiou kuye owesifazane, wathi: kuphila kukajehova-aeiou, awuyikwehlelwa cala ngalokho. wayesethi owesifazane: ngiyakukwenyusela bani na? wathi: ungenyusele usamuweli. lapho owesifazane embona usamuweli, wamemeza ngezwi

elikhulu; owesifazane wakhuluma nosawule, wathi: ungikhohliseleni na? ngokuba ungusawule. inkosi yayisithi kuye: ungesabi; ubonani na? owesifazane wathi kusawule: ngibona ulezi-ku ephuma emhlabathini. wathi kuye: unesimo sini na? wathi: kukhuphuka ixhegu limboziwe ngengubo. usawule wabona ukuthi kungusamuweli, wakhothamela phansi ngobuso, wakhuleka. usamuweli wathi kusawule: unginyakaziselani ukuba ungenyuse na? usawule waphendula wathi: ngihluphekile kakhulu, ngokuba amafilisti ayalwa nami; ulezi-ku ungishiyile, akasangiphenduli nangabaprofethi nangamaphupho; ngalokho ngikubizele ukuba ungazise ukuthi ngiyakwenze njani. usamuweli wathi: pho, ubuzelani kimi, lokhu ujejhova-aeiou esesukile kuwe, waba yisitha sakho, na? ujejhova-aeiou wenzile ngokwakhe, njengalokho akhuluma ngami: ujejhova-aeiou ukwaphucile umbuso esandleni sakho, wawunika umakhelwane wakho udavide. ngokuba awulalelanga izwi likajehova-aeiou, awenzanga ulaka lwakhe olushisayo phezu kwamamaleki; ngalokho ujejhova-aeiou wenzile lokhu kuwe namuhla. futhi ujejhova-aeiou uyakunikela u-israyeli kanye nawe esandleni samafilisti; kusasa wena namodana akho niyakuba nami; ujejhova-aeiou uyakunikela nempi yabakwa-israyeli esandleni samafilisti. usawule wayesewela phansi ngekhandla, wesaba kakhulu ngenxa yamazwi kasamuweli, akwabakho mandla kuye, ngokuba akadlanga lutho ngosuku lonke nobusuku bonke. owesifazane wafika kusawule, wabona ukuthi wesaba kakhulu, wathi kuye: bheka, incekekazi yakho ililalele izwi lakho, ngibekile ukuphila kwami esandleni sami; ngalalela amazwi akho owawakhuluma kimi. ngalokho mawulilalele izwi lencekukazi yakho, ngibeke ucezu lwesinkwa phambi kwakho; yidla ukuba uthole amandla, nxa uhamba indlela yakho. kepha wala wathi: angiyikudla. kodwa zamcindezela izinceku zakhe kanye nowesifazane, walilalela izwi labo. wayesevuka emhlabathini, wahlala embhedeni. owesifazane wayenethole elikhuluphalisiweyo endlini; washesha walibulala; wathatha impuphu, wayixova, wenza isinkwa esingenamvubelo ngayo, wasiletha phambi kukasawule naphambi kwezinceku zakhe, badla. base besuka bahamba ngalobo busuku.

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amafilisti abutha zonke izimpi zawo e-afeki; abakwa-israyeli bamisa ngasemthonjeni osejizreyeli. amakhosi amafilisti adlula ngamakhulu nangezinkulungwane; udavide nabantu bakhe badlula emuva kanye no-akhishi. zase zithi izikhulu zamafil-

isti: ayini lawa maheberu na? u-akhishi wathi kuzo izikhulu zamafilesti: akusiye udavide incekul kasawule inkosi yakwa-israyeli okade enami kulezi zinsuku nakule minyaka na? angifumananga lutho kuye selokhu ahlubuka weza kimi kuze kube namuhla. kepha izikhulu zamafilesti zamthukuthelela; izikhulu zamafilesti zathi kuye: buyisa lowo muntu ukuba abuyele endaweni yakhe ommise kuyo, angehleli nathi empini, funa abe yisitha sethu empini, ngokuba lona ubeyakuyigculisa ngani inkosi yakhe kungengamakhanda alawo madoda na? lona akasiye udavide ababehlabela ngaye, besina bethi: usawule ubulele izinkulungwane zakhe, kepha udavide izinkulungwane zakhe eziyishumi na? u-akhishi wambiza udavide, wathi kuye: kuphila kukajehova-aeiou, wena uqotho; ukuphuma kwakho nokungena kwakho nami empini kuhle emehlweni ami, ngokuba angifumananga bubi kuwe kusukela osukwini lokufika kwakho kimi kuze kube namuhla; nokho emehlweni amakhosi awumuhle. ngalokho buya, uhambe ngokuthula, ungenzi bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni amakhosi amafilesti. udavide wathi ku-akhishi: kepha ngenzeni na? ufumeneni encekwini yakho, kusukela osukwini engaba phambi kwakho ngalo kuze kube namuhla, ukuba ngingayi ukulwa nezitha zenkosi yami, inkosi, na? u-akhishi waphendula, wathi kudavide: ngiyazi ukuthi umuhle emehlweni ami njen- gengelosi kalezi-ku, nokho izikhulu zamafilesti zishilo ukuthi: akayikukhuphuka, aye nathi empini. ngalokho vuka ekuseni kusasa kanye nezinceku zenkosi yakho ezifike nawe; senivukile ekuseni kusasa, sekukhanya, hambani. udavide wavuka ekuseni, yena nabantu bakhe, ukuba bahambe ekuseni, babuyele ezweni lamafilesti. amafilesti enyukela ejizreyeli.

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kwathi udavide nabantu bakhe sebefikile esikilagi ngosuku lwesithathu, ama-amaleki ayengenele eningizimu nasesikilagi, alichitha isikilagi, alishisa ngomlilo, athumba abesifazane ababe phakathi, abancane nabakhulu engabulalanga muntu, abamukisa, ahamba indlela yawo. lapho udavide nabantu bakhe befika emzini, bheka, wawushisiwe ngomlilo; omkabo, namadodana abo, namadodakazi abo babethunjiwe. udavide nabantu ababe naye base bedazuluka, bekhala, baze bangabe besaba namandla okukhala. nawomkadavide bobabili babethunjiwe, o-ahinohama wasejizreyeli no-abigayili umkanabali wasekarmeli. udavide wayehlupheka kakhulu, ngokuba abantu bekhuluma ngokumkhanda ngamatshe, lokhu iz-

inhliziyi zabo bonke abantu zazinomunyu, kwaba yilowo nalowo ngenxa yamadodana akhe namadodakazi akhe; kepha udavide waziqinisa kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakhe. udavide wathi ku-abiyathara umpristi, indodana ka-ahimeleki: ake ulethe kimi ingubo yamahlombe. u-abiyathara wayiletha ingubo yamahlombe kudavide. udavide wabuza kujehova-aeiou, wathi: ngxoshe lelo viyo na? ngingalifica na? wamphendula wathi: xosha, ngokuba uyakulufica impela, ukhulule konke. wayesehamba udavide, yena nabantu abangamakhulu ayisithupha ababe naye, wafika emfundlaneni ibesori, lapho kwahlala khona amasalela. kodwa udavide waxosha, yena nabantu abangamakhulu amane, ngokuba abangamakhulu amabili basala emuva, bezukekile kuze bangaweli umfundlana ibesori. bafumana owasegibithe endle, bamyisa kudavide, bamnika isinkwa, wadla; bamphuzisa amanzi; bamnika nocezu lwesigaxa samakhiwane, nezigaxa ezimbili zezithelo zomvini ezomileyo; esedlile kwabuyela kuye umoya wakhe, ngokuba wayengadlanga sinkwa engaphuzanga manzi, izinsuku ezintathu nobusuku obuthathu. udavide wathi kuye: ungokabani na? uvelaphi na? wathi: ngiyinsizwa yasegibithe, incekul yomamaleki, kepha inkosi yami yangishiya, ngokuba sekuyizinsuku ezintathu ngigula. sangenela ngaseningizimu yamakhereti, nakwelakwajuda, naseningizimu kakalebi, salishisa isikilagi ngomlilo. udavide wathi kuye: ungangelisela kulelo viyo na? wathi: funga kimi ulezi-ku ukuthi awuyikungibulala, unganginikeli ezandleni zenkosi yami, ngiyakukwehlisela kulelo viyo. wayesemehlisa; bheka, babehlakazekile endaweni yonke, bedla, bephuza, besina phakathi kwayo yonke impango ababeyithathile ezweni lamafilesti nasezweni lakwajuda. udavide wababulala kusukela ekuhweleleni kuze kuhlwe ngangomuso, akwaphunyuka muntu kubo, kuphela izinsizwa ezingamakhulu amane ezazikhwela amakamela, zabaleka. udavide wakhulula konke okwakuthathwe ngama-amaleki, udavide wakhulula nawomkakhe bobabili. akwasilala muntu, omncane noma omkhulu, namadodana noma amadodakazi, nempango noma okunye ababezithathale khona; udavide wabuyisa konke. udavide wathatha zonke izimvu nezinkomo; baziqhuba phambi kwakhe, bathi: yimpango kadavide le. udavide wafika kulabo bantu abangamakhulu amabili ababezukekile, bengenakumlandela udavide, ababebahlalisile ngasemfundlaneni ibesori; baphuma ukumhlangabeza udavide nokumhlangabeza abantu ababenaye; udavide esesondela kubantu wababingelela. base bethatha bonke abantu abababonakeleyo kulabo ababehamba noda-

vide, bathi: njengokuba bengahambanga nathi, asiyikubanika lutho empangweni esiyikhululile, kuphela ukuba yileyo naleyo ndoda inikwe umkayo nabantwana bayo, bamuke nabo, bahambe. wayesethi udavide: aniyikwenza kanjalo, bafowethu, ngalokho esikuphiwe nguJehova-aeiou osilondolozile, wanikela esandleni sethu iviyo elasihlasela. ngubani oyakunilalela kule ndaba na? ngokuba njengesabelo sowehele empini siyakuba njalo isabelo salowo owasala nempahla; bayakwabelwa ngokulingeneyo. kwaba njalo kusukela kulolo suku kuya phambili; wamisa isimiso nomthetho kwa-israyeli kuze kube namuhla. udavide esefike esikilagi wathuma enye impango kumalunga akwajuda nakubo abangane bakhe, ethi: bhekani, naso isipho senu sempango yezitha zikajehova-aeiou: kwabasebethele, nakwabaseramoti laseningizimu, nakwabasejatiri, nakwabase-aroweri, nakwabasesifimoti, nakwabase-eshitemowa, nakwabaserakali, nakwabasemizini yamajerameli, nakwabasemizini yamakheni, nakwabasehorma, nakwabasebori ashani, nakwabase-athaki, nakwabasehebroni, nasezindaweni zonke lapho udavide uqobo nabantu bakhe bebewayele ukuhamba khona.

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amafilisti alwa no-israyeli; abantu bakwa-israyeli babaleka phambi kwamafilisti, bawa begwaziwe entabeni yasegilibowa. amafilisti axosha usawule namadodana akhe; amafilisti abulala ojonathani, no-abinadaba, nomaliki shuwa, amadodana kasawule. impi yaba nzima kusawule; abacibishelayo bamfika, wakhathazeka kakhulu ngenxa yabacibishelayo. usawule wayesethi odibini lwezikhali zakhe: hosha inkemba yakho, ungigwaze ngayo, funa labo abangasokile bafike, bangigwaze, bangone. kepha aluvumanga udibi lwezikhali zakhe, ngokuba lwesaba kakhulu. ngalokho usawule wayithatha inkemba, wawela phezu kwayo. udibi lwezikhali zakhe selubonile ukuthi usawule ufile, lwawela nalo phezu kwenkemba yalo, lwafa kanye naye. wafa-ke usawule namadodana akhe omathathu, nodibi lwakhe, nabo bonke abantu bakhe ngalolo suku kanyekanye. lapho abantu bakwa-israyeli ababe ngaphesheya kwesigodi nalabo ababe ngaphesheya kwejordani bebona ukuthi abantu bakwa-israyeli babaleka nokuthi usawule namadodana akhe bafike, bashiya imizi, babaleka; amafilisti afika, ahlala kuyo. kwathi ngangomuso, lapho amafilisti efika ukuphanga ababuleweyo, afumana usawule namadodana akhe omathathu bewile entabeni yasegilibowa. amnquma ikhanda, athatha izikhali zakhe, azithuma

ezweni lamafilisti nxazonke ukukumemezela endlini yezithombe zawo nakubantu. azibeka izikhali zakhe endlini ka-ashitaroti, abethela isidumbu sakhe ogangeni lwasebeti shani. sebezwile abakhe ejabeshi gileyadi lokho amafilisti ayekwenzile kusawule, kwawesuka onke amadoda anamandla, ahamba ubusuku bonke, asithatha isidumbu sika-sawule, nezidumbu zamadodana akhe ogangeni lwasebeti shani, afika ejabeshi, azishisa khona. athatha amathambo abo, awembela phansi komtamariske ejabeshi, azila ukudla izinsuku eziyisikhombisa.

kwathi emva kokufa kukasawule, udavide esebuyile ekubulaleni ama-amaleki, futhi udavide esehlale izinsuku ezimbili esikilagi, kwathi-ke ngosuku lwesithathu, bheka, kwaphuma umuntu ekamu likasawule, izingubo zakhe ziklebhukile, enomhlabathi ekhanda, wawa phansi ekufikeni kwakhe kudavide, wakhuleka. udavide wathi kuye: uvelaphi na? wathi kuye: ngibalekile ekamu lakwa-israyeli. udavide wayesethi kuye: bekunjani na? ake ungitshele. wathi: abantu babalekile empini, nabantu abanengi bawile, bafa; osawule nojonathani indodana yakhe bafile nabo. udavide wathi kuleyo nsizwa eyamtsheleyo: wazi kanjani ukuthi osawule nojonathani indodana yakhe bafile na? insizwa eyamtsheleyo yathi: ngithe ngisentabeni yasegilibowa, bheka, usawule wencika emkhontweni, kwamjonga kakhulu izinqola nabamahhashi. lapho ebheka emuva, wangibona, wangibiza. ngaphendula ngokuthi: ngilapha. wathi kimi: wena ungubani na? ngathi kuye: ngingumamaleki. wathi kimi: ake ume ngakimi, ungibulale, ngokuba ngishaywe yisiyezi, nokuphila kusekhona kimi. ngase ngima ngakuye, ngambulala, ngokuba ngakwazi ukuthi angephile esewile, ngathatha umqhele owawusekhanda lakhe, nesongo elalisengalweni yakhe, ngikulethile lapha enkosini yami. udavide wayesebamba izingubo zakhe, waziklebhula kanye nawo onke amadoda ayenaye. balila, bakhala, bazila ukudla kwaze kwahlwa ngenxa kasawule, nojonathani indodana yakhe, nabantu bakajehova-aeiou, nendlu ka-israyeli, ngokuba bebewile ngenkempa. wathi udavide kuyo insizwa eyayimtshelele: ungowaphi na? wathi: ngiyindodana yomuntu ogogobele nje, umamaleki. udavide wathi kuyo: yini ukuba ungesabanga ukwelula isandla sakho, ubhubhise ogcotshiweyo kajehova-aeiou, na? udavide wayesebiza enye yezinsizwa, wathi: sondela, umsukele. yamshaya waze wafa. udavide wathi kuye: igazi lakho malibe phezu kwekhanda lakho, ngokuba umlomo wakho ufakazile ngawe, lapho uthi: ngibulele ogcotshiweyo kajehova-aeiou. udavide walila ngalesi sililo ngosawule nojonathani indodana yakhe, wathi mabafundiswe abantwana bakwajuda eyomnsalo; bheka, silotshiwe encwadini yoqotho. udumo lwakho, israyeli, lubulewe ezindaweni eziphakemeyo. yeka ukubusa kwamaqhawe! ningakusho egati, ningakumemezeli ezitaladini zase-ashikeloni, funa amadodakazi amafilisti ajabule, namadodakazi abangasokile athokoze. nina zintaba zasegilibowa, makungabikho mazolo namvula phezu kwenu, nokugubha kotwa, ngokuba isihlangu samaqhawe santshingwa,

isihlangu sikasawule, singagcotshwanga ngamafutha. egazini lababuleweyo nase-manonini amaqhawe umnsalo kajonathani awuphindelanga emuva, nenkempa kasawule ayibuyelanga ize. osawule nojonathani babethandeka, bemnandi; ekuphileni nasekufeni kwabo kabahlukaniswanga; babenejubane kunezinkozi, babenamandla kunezingonyama. nina madodakaziakwa-israyeli, mkhaleleni usawule owanigqokisa kannandi ngokubomvu, owavunulisa izambatho zenu ngezivunulo zegolide. yeka ukuwa kwamaqhawe phakathi kokulwa! ujonathani ubulewe ezindaweni zakho eziphakemeyo. ngidabukile ngawe mfowethu jonathani; wawumnandi kakhulu kimi; lwaluyisimangaliso kimi uthando lwakho, ludlula uthando lwabesifazane. yeka ukuwa kwamaqhawe, nokuphela kwezikhali zokulwa!

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kwathi emva kwalokho udavide wabuza kujehova-aeiou, wathi: ngenyukele yini komunye wemizi yakwajuda na? uje-hova-aeiou wathi kuye: yenyuka. wathi udavide: ngenyukelephi na? wathi: ehebroni. wayesenyukela khona udavide nabafazi bakhe ababili, o-ahinohama wasejizreyeli no-abigayili umkanabali wasekarmeli. abantu bakhe ababe nodavide wabenyusa, kwaba yilowo nalowo nomuzi wakhe; bahlala emizaneni yasehebroni. bafika abantu bakwajuda, bamgcoba khona udavide abeyinkosi yendlu yakwajuda. bamtshele udavide ukuthi: abantu basejabeshi gileyadi yibo abammabela usawule. udavide wayesethuma izithunywa kubantu basejabeshi gileyadi, wathi kubo: manibusiswe ngu-jehova-aeiou, ngokuba nenzile lowo musa kuyo inkosi yenu, usawule, nammbela. manje uje-hova-aeiou makanenzele umusa neqiniso, nami nginibuyisele lowo musa, ngokuba niyenzile leyo nto. ngalokho maziqine izandla zenu, nibe nesibindi, ngokuba usawule inkosi yenu ufile; indlu yakwajuda ingicobile ngibe yinkosi yayo. u-abineri indodana kaneri induna yempi kasawule wayethathile u-ishi bosheti indodana kasawule, wamwelisela emahanayimi, wambeka inkosi kwagileyadi, nakuma-ashurimi, nasejizreyeli, nakwa-efrayimi nobenjamini, nakwa-israyeli wonke. u-ishi bosheti indodana kasawule wayeneminyaka engamashumi amane ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa phezu kuka-israyeli; wabusa iminyaka emibili. kepha indlu yakwajuda yamlandela udavide. isikhathi udavide eyinkosi ngaso ehebroni phezu kwendlu yakwajuda sasiyiminyaka eyisikhombisa nezinyanga eziyisithupha. u-abineri indodana kaneri nezinceku zika-ishi bosheti

indodana kasawule baphuma emahanayimi, baya egibeyoni. uJowabe indodana kaseruya nezinceku zikadavide baphuma bahlangana ngasechibini lasegibeyoni; bahlala phansi, abanye ngalapha kwechibi, abanye ngalapho kwechibi. u-abineri wathi kuJowabe: ake zisuke izinsizwa, ziqakulizane phambi kwethu. uJowabe wathi: mazisuke. zase zisuka, zawela ngamanani, eziyishumi nambili kwabenjamini naku-ishi bosheti indodana kasawule, neziyishumi nambili ziyizinceku zikadavide. zabambana ngekhandla, zagwaza ngenkamba ohlangothini lwezimelene nazo, zawa kanyekanye; ngalokho leyo ndawo yabizwa ngokuthi ihelikati hasurimi elisegibeyoni. kwakuyimpi enzima ngalolo suku; u-abineri wahlulwa kanye nabantu bakwa-israyeli phambi kwezinceku zikadavide. amadodana amathathu kaseruya ayelapho, oJowabe, no-abishayi, no-asaheli; u-asaheli wayenezinyawo ezilula njengensephe. u-asaheli wamxosha u-abineri; ekuhambeni kwakhe akachezuka ngakwesokunene nangakwesokhohlo ekumlandeleni u-abineri. u-abineri wabheka emuva, wathi: ungu-asaheli na? wathi: yimi. u-abineri wayesethi kuye: chezuka ngakwesokunene noma ngakwesokhohlo, ubambe enye yezinsizwa, uthathe izikhali zakhe. kepha u-asaheli akavumanga ukuchezuka ekumlandeleni. u-abineri wabuye wathi ku-asaheli: chezuka ekungilandeleni; yini ukuba ngikucekele phansi na? ngingaphakamisa kanjani ubuso bami ngakuJowabe umfowenu na? wala nokho ukuchezuka; ngalokho u-abineri wamgwaza esiswini ngesidunu somkhonto, waze waphuma emuva umkhonto; wawela khona, wafela khona lapho; kwathi bonke abafika endaweni u-asaheli awele kuyo wafa, bema. kepha oJowabe no-abishayi bamxosha u-abineri; ilanga lashona befike ngasegqumeni lase-ama elingaphambi kwegiya ngasendleleni yasehlane lasegibeyoni. abantwana bakwabenjani babuthana emva kuka-abineri, baba yiviyo linye, bema esiqongweni segquma elithile. u-abineri wayesememeza kuJowabe, wathi: inkemba iyakudla njalonzalo na? awazi yini ukuthi kukakha khona umunyu ekugcineni na? koze kube nini ungabayali abantu ukuba babuye ekubalandeleni abafowabo na? uJowabe wathi: kuphila kukalezi-ku, uma ubungakhulumanga, ngempela abantu bonke bebeyakube sebenyukile kusasa ekuxosheni abafowabo. uJowabe wayesebetha icilongo; bonke abantu bema, ababe besamxosha u-israyeli, futhi ababe besawela. u-abineri nabantu bakhe badabula i-araba bonke lobo busuku, bawela iJordan, badabula lonke ibitroni, bafika emahanayimi. uJowabe wabuya ekumxosheni u-abineri; lapho esebuthile bonke abantu, kwasi-

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lala kuzo izinceku zikadavide abantu abayishumi nesishiyagalolunye no-asaheli. kepha izinceku zikadavide zazibulele abakwabenjamini nabaka-abineri, kwafa abantu abangamakhulu amathathu namashumi ayisithupha. bamthatha u-asaheli, bamm-bela ethuneni likayise elalisebethlehem. uJowabe nabantu bakhe bahamba ubusuku bonke, kwasa besehebroni.

kwakukhona ukulwa isikhathi eside phakathi kwendlu kasawule nendlu kadavide; udavide waqhubeka ngokuqina njalo, kepha indlu kasawule yaqhubeka ngokuncipha njalo. kwazalelwa udavide amadodana ehebroni; izibulo lakhe laba ngu-amnoni ku-ahinohama wasejizreyeli; eyesibili yaba ngukileyabi ku-abigayili umkanabali wasekarmeli; yesithathu yayingu-abisalomu indodana kamahakha indodakazi katalimyi inkosi yasegshuri; eyesine yayingu-adoniya indodana kahagiti; eyesihlanu yayingushefathiya indodana ka-abithali; eyesithupha yayingu-itereyamu ku-egila umkadavide. lawo azalelwa udavide ehebroni. kwathi kusekhona ukulwa phakathi kwendlu kasawule nendlu kadavide, u-abineri wamela indlu kasawule ngamandla. kepha usawule wayenesancinza esigama laso lalingurisa indodakazi ka-aya. u-ishi bosheti wayesethi ku-abineri: ungeneleni kuso isancinza sikababa na? u-abineri wathukuthela kakhulu ngenxa yalawo mazwi ka-ishi bosheti, wathi: ngiyikhandla lenja engeyakwajuda na? namuhla ngiyayenzela indlu kasawule uyihlo umusa, abafowabo nabangane bayo, angikunikelanga esandleni sikadavide; nokho ungibeka icala namuhla ngalowo wesifazane. ulezi-ku makenze njalo ku-abineri, enezele futhi, uma ngingenzi kudavide njengalokho uJehova-aeiou efungile kuye, kudluliswe umbuso endlini kasawule, kumiswe isihlalo sobukhosi sikadavide phezu kuka-israyeli naphezu kukajuda, kusukela kwadani kuze kufike eberi sheba. wayengenakuphenda u-abineri ngezwi futhi, ngokuba wayemesaba. u-abineri wayesethuma izithunywa kudavide esikhundleni sakhe ngokuthi: ngelikabani izwe na? ethi futhi: yenza isivumelwano nami; bheka, isandla sami siyakuba nawe ukubuyisela kuwe wonke u-israyeli. wathi: kuhle; ngiyakwenza isivumelwano nawe, kepha yinto inye engiyifuna kuwe, ngeyokuthi awuyikubona ubuso bami, uma ungaletshi kuqala phambi kwami umikhali indodakazi kasawule, lapho uzayo ukubona ubuso bami. udavide wayesethuma izithunywa ku-ishi bosheti indodana kasawule, ethi: nginike umkami umikhali engammiselwa ngamajwabu ayikhulu amafilisti. wayesethumela



u-ishi bosheti, wamthatha endodeni yakhe upalitiyeli indodana kalayishi. indoda yakhe yahamba naye, ikhala isahamba, yamlandela kwaze kwaba sebahurimi. u-abineri wayesethi kuyo: buya. yabuya-ke. u-abineri waba nezwi namalunga akwa-israyeli, ethi: ngezikhathi ezidlulileyo nafuna udavide abe yinkosi phezu kwenu; kwenzeni lokho manje, ngokuba ujejhova-aeiou ukhulumile ngodavide ukuthi: ngesandla senceku yami udavide ngiyakusindisa abantu bami u-israyeli esandleni samafilisti nasesandleni sazo zonke izitha zabo. u-abineri wakhuluma futhi ezindlebeni zakwabenjamini; u-abineri waya futhi ukukhuluma ezindlebeni zikadavide ehebroni konke okwakukuhle ku-israyeli nakuyo yonke indlu yakwabenjamini. wayesefika u-abineri kudavide ehebroni nabantu abangamashumi amabili bekanye naye. udavide wamenzela u-abineri nabantu ababe naye idili. u-abineri wayesethi kudavide: ngiyakusuka ngihambe ngiqoqele wonke u-israyeli enkosini yami, inkosi, ukuba benze isivumelwano nawe nokuba ubuse phezu kwakho konke ekufisayo inhliziyu yakho. udavide wammukisa u-abineri, wahamba ngokuthula. bheka, izinceku zikadavide nezikajowabe zabuya eviyweni, zaletsa impango enkulu; kepha u-abineri wayengekho kudavide ehebroni, ngokuba wayemmkusile, wahamba ngokuthula. esefikile ujoyabe nempi yonke eyayinaye, bamshela ujoyabe ukuthi: u-abineri indodana kaneri wafika enkosini; immukusile, wahamba ngokuthula. ujoyabe wayeseya enkosini, wathi: wenzeni na? bheka, u-abineri wafika kuwe; ummkuseleni wahamba nokuhamba na? uyamazi u-abineri indodana kaneri ukuthi wafika ukukukhohlisa nokwazi ukuphuma kwakho nokungena kwakho, nokwazi konke okwenzayo. ujoyabe esephumile kudavide wathuma izithunywa ukulandela u-abineri, zambuyisa emthonjeni wasesira, kepha udavide wayengakwazi lokho. u-abineri esebuyele ehebroni, ujoyabe wamchezukisela phakathi kwesango ukuba akhulume naye bebdowa, wamgwaza lapho esiswini waze wafa ngenxa yegazi lika-asaheli umfowabo. esekuzwa lokho ngasemuva udavide wathi: mina nombuso wami asinacala phambi kukajehova-aeiou kuze kube phakade ngezazi lika-abineri indodana kaneri; maliwele ekhanda likajowabe nakuyo yonke indlu kayise. makungaphuthi endlini kajowabe ukuba kube khona ocucuzayo, nonochoko, nozimelelayo ngodondolo, nowayo ngenkamba, noswela isinkwa. ojoyabe no-abishayi umfowabo base embulele u-abineri, ngokuba wayebulele umfowabo u-asaheli egibeyoni empini. udavide wathi kujowabe nakubantu bonke ababe naye: klebhulani izingubo zenu,

nibhince indwangu yamasaka, nilile phambi kuka-abineri. inkosi udavide yalandela uhlaka. bammela u-abineri ehebroni; inkosi yadazuluka, yakhala ngasethuneni lika-abineri; nabantu bonke bakhala. inkosi yamlilela u-abineri, yathi: afe u-abineri njengokufa kwesiwula na? izandla zakho zazingaboshiwe, nezinyawo zakho zazingafakwanga emaketangeni; wawa njengomuntu owayo phambi kwabantu ababi. bonke abantu baphinda bemkhalela. bonke abantu bafika ukuba bamdlise udavide isinkwa kusesemini; kepha udavide wafunga wathi: makenze njalo kimi ulezi-ku, enezele futhi, uma ngidla isinkwa noma okunye lingakashoni ilanga. bonke abantu bakubona, kwaba kuhle emehlweni abo, njengalokho konke eyakwenza inkosi kwaba kuhle emehlweni abantu bonke. base beqonda bonke abantu naye wonke u-israyeli ngalolo suku ukuthi kwakungesikho okwenkosi ukubulala u-abineri indodana kaneri. inkosi yathi ezincekwini zayo: anazi yini ukuthi kufle umbusi nomuntu omkhulu kwa-israyeli namuhla na? nami ngibuthakathaka namuhla noma ngigcotshiwe ngibe yinkosi; laba bantu, amadodana kaseruya, balukhuni kunami; ujejhova-aeiou makaphindisele owenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka njengobubi bakhe.

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lapho isizwile indodana kasawule ukuthi u-abineri ufle ehebroni, izandla zayo zaba buthakathaka, nabo bonke abakwa-israyeli bakhathazeka. indodana kasawule yayinamadoda amabili ayeyizinduna zamaviyo; igama lenye lalingubahana negama lenye lalingurekabi, amadodana karimoni wasebeyeroti wabantwana bakwabenjamini, ngokuba ibeyeroti libalelwa kubenjamini. abasebeyeroti babalekela egitayimi, bagogobala khona kuze kube namuhla. ujonathani indodana kasawule wayenendodana elunyonga ngezinyawo. yayineminyaka eyisihlanu ekufikeni kombiko ngosawule nojonathani uvela ejizreyeli; umzananya wayo wayithatha, wabaleka; kwathi eseshesha ukubaleka, yawa, yaba lunyonga. igama layo lalingumefibosheti. amadodana karimoni wasebeyeroti orekabi nobahana ahamba, afika selishisa ilanga endlini ka-ishi bosheti ephumula embhedeni emini. bangena khona phakathi kwendlu kungathi bayakulanda ukolweni; bamgwaza esiswini; orekabi nobahana umfowabo babaleka. babengenile-ke endlini esalele embhedeni ekamelweni lakhe, bamgwaza, bambulala, bamnquma ikhanda, bathatha ikhanda lakhe, bahamba ngendlela yase-araba ubusuku bonke. baliyisa ikhanda lika-ishi boshethi kudavide ehebroni,

bathi enkosini: nanti ikhanda lika-ishi bosheti indodana kasawule; isitha sakho ebesifuna ukuphila kwakho; ujeheva-aeiou uphindisele namuhla inkosi yami, inkosi, kusawule nakuyo inzalo yakhe. udavide waphendula orekabi nobahana umfowabo amadodana karimoni wasebeyeroti, wathi kubo: kuphila kukajehova-aeiou ohlengile umphefumulo wami osizini lonke, umuntu owangitshela ukuthi: bheka, usawule ufile, ecabanga ukuthi ulethile izindaba ezinhle, ngambamba, ngambulala esikilagi, ethi ngangiyakumnika umvuzo wezindaba zakhe; kakhulu kangakanani, lapho abantu ababi bebulele umuntu olungileyo endlini yakhe embhedeni wakhe, angiyikubiza igazi lakhe esandleni senu, nginisuse emhlabeni, na? udavide wayeseyaleza izinsizwa zakhe, zababulala, zabanquma izandla nezinyawo, zabaphanyeka ngaseceleni kwechibi lasehebroni. kepha bathatha ikhanda lika-ishi bosheti, balimbela ethuneni lika-abineri ehebroni.

## 5

izizwe zonke zakwa-israyeli zafika kudavide ehebroni, zasho zathi: bheka, thina siyithambo lakho nenyama yakho. ngesikhathi esidlulileyo, usawule eseyinkosi phezu kwethu, nguwe owakhipha nowangenisa u-israyeli; ujeheva-aeiou wathi kuwe: wena uyakwalusa abantu bami u-israyeli, wena uyakuba ngumbusi wakwa-israyeli. kwase kufika onke amalunga akwa-israyeli enkosini ehebroni; inkosi udavide yenza isivumelwano nawo ehebroni phambi kukajehova-aeiou; amgcoba udavide abe yinkosi kwa-israyeli. udavide wayeneminyaka engamashumi amathathu ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa; wabusa iminyaka engamashumi amane. ehebroni wabusa kwajuda iminyaka eyisikhombisa nezinyanga eziyisithupha; ejerusalem wabusa iminyaka engamashumi amathathu nantathu kwa-israyeli wonke nakwajuda. inkosi nabantu bayo baya ejerusalem ukulwa namajebusi ayakhe kulelo zwe; asho kudavide, athi: awuyikungena lapha; uyakususwa yizimpumputhe nezinyonga, ecabanga ukuthi udavide angengena lapha. udavide wathatha nokho inqaba yasesiyoni engumuzi kadavide. udavide wathi ngalolo suku: yilowo nalowo ochitha amajebusi makasukele emseleni wamanzi izinyonga nezimpumputhe lezo ezizondwa ngumphefumulo kadavide; ngalokho kuthiwa: izimpumputhe nezinyonga azinakungena endlini. udavide wahlala enqabeni, wayibiza ngokuthi umuzi kadavide. udavide wakha nxazonke kusukela emilo kuya ngaphakathi. udavide waqhubeka njalo ngokukhula, ngokuba ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-

ku sebawoti wayenaye. uhiramu inkosi yasitire wathuma izithunywa kudavide, nemisedari, nababazi bemithi, nabakhi; bamakhela udavide indlu. udavide waqonda ukuthi ujeheva-aeiou wayemmisile impela ukuba abe yinkosi kwa-israyeli nokuthi uphakamisile umbuso wakhe ngenxa yabantu bakhe u-israyeli. udavide wazithathela ezinye izancinza nabafazi ejerusalem, esefikile evela ehebroni; udavide wayesazalelwa amadodana namadodakazi. nanka amagama abazalelwa ejerusalem: oshamuwa, noshobabi, nonathani, nosolomoni, nojibari, no-elishuwa, nonefegi, nojafiya, no-elishama, no-eliyada, no-elifeleti. lapho amafilisti esezwile ukuthi bamgcobile udavide ukuba abe yinkosi kwa-israyeli, onke amafilisti enyuka ukumfuna udavide; udavide wakuzwa, wehlela enqabeni. amafilisti esefikile ahlakazeka esigodini samarefa. udavide wabuza kujehova-aeiou, wathi: ngiyakwenyuka, ngihlasele amafilisti na? uyakuwanikela esandleni sami na? ujeheva-aeiou wathi kudavide: yenyuka, ngokuba ngiyakuwanikela impela amafilisti esandleni sakho. udavide wafika ebalipherasimi, udavide wawachitha khona; wathi: ujeheva-aeiou ufohlile ezitheni zami phambi kwami njengokufohla kwamanzi. ngalokho waqamba igama laleyondawo ngokuthi ibali pherasimi. ashiya izithombe zawo lapho; udavide nabantu bakhe bahamba nazo. amafilisti abuye enyuka, ahlakazeka esigodini samarefa. lapho udavide ebuza kujehova-aeiou, wathi yena: awuyikwenyuka; gwegwesa emva kwawo, uwafikele malungana namajikijolo. kuyakuthi lapho usuzwa umsindo wokuhamba ezihlokweni zamajikijolo, usheshe, ngokuba kuyilapho ujeheva-aeiou eyakube ephumile ngaphambi kwakho ukuchitha impi yamafilisti. udavide wenze njalo njengalokho ujeheva-aeiou emyalile, wachitha amafilisti kusukela egeba kuze kufike egezeri.

## 6

udavide wabuye wabutha bonke abakhethiweyo bakwa-israyeli, izinkulungwane ezingamashumi amathathu. udavide wahamba nabo bonke abantu ababe naye, besuka ebalijuda ukwenyusa khona umphongolo kalezi-ku obizwa ngegama, lona igama likajehova-aeiou sebawoti ohlala phezu kwamakherubi. bawuhambisa umphongolo kalezi-ku ngengqumbane entsha, bewukhipha endlini ka-abinadaba eyayisegqumeni; o-uzo no-ahiyo amadodana ka-abinadaba bashayela leyo ngqumbane entsha. bayikhipha-ke endlini ka-abinadaba eyayisegqumeni kanye nomphongolo; u-ahiyo wahamba phambi komphongolo.

udavide kanye nendlu yonke ka-israyeli bathokoza ebusweni bukahjova-aeiou benezinto zonke zokubetha zomsayipuresi, namahabhu, nezingubhu, nezigubhu, nobuxhaka, namasimbali. ekufikeni kwabo esibuyeni sikanakoni u-uza welulela isandla emphongolweni kalezi-ku, wawubamba, ngokuba izinkabi zashelela. intukuthelo kahjova-aeiou yamvuthela u-uza, ulezi-ku wamshaya lapho ngenxa yesiphosiso sakhe; wafela khona ngasemphongolweni kalezi-ku. udavide wadabuka ngokuba ujhova-aeiou emhlaसे u-uza, wayibiza leyo ndawo ngokuthi ipheresi-uza kuze kube namuhla. udavide wamesaba ujhova-aeiou ngalolo suku. wathi: umphongolo kahjova-aeiou uyakuza kanjani kimi na? ngalokho udavide akavumanga ukuwuletha umphongolo kahjova-aeiou kuye emzini kadavide, kepha udavide wawubuyisela eceleni endlini ka-obede edomi umgiti. umphongolo kahjova-aeiou wahlala endlini ka-obede edomi umgiti izinyanga ezintathu; ujhova-aeiou wambusisa u-obede edomi nendlu yakhe yonke. kwatshelwa inkosi udavide ukuthi ujhova-aeiou ubusisile indlu ka-obede edomi nakho konke okwakhe ngenxa yomphongolo kalezi-ku. udavide wahamba wenyusa umphongolo kalezi-ku endlini ka-obede edomi, wawuyisa emzini kadavide ngokujabula. kwakuthi ababethwele umphongolo kahjova-aeiou sebebambile izinyathelo eziyisithupha, wahlaba inkabi nethole elikhuluphalisiweyo. udavide wasina phambi kukahjova-aeiou ngamandla akhe onke; udavide wayebhince ingubo yamahlombe yelenini. kanjalo udavide nayo yonke indlu ka-israyeli benyusa umphongolo kahjova-aeiou ngokukhamuluka nangokukhala kwecilongo. kwathi umphongolo kahjova-aeiou ungena nje emzini kadavide, umikhali indodakazi kasawule walunguza efasiteleni, wabona inkosi udavide itshokula, isina phambi kukahjova-aeiou; wayidelela enhliziyweni yakhe. bawungenisa umphongolo kahjova-aeiou, bawubeka endaweni yawo phakathi kwetende udavide alimisele wona; udavide wanikela ngeminikelo yokushiswa nangeminikelo yokuthula phambi kukahjova-aeiou. udavide eseqedile ukunikela ngomnikelo wokushiswa nangeminikelo yokuthula wabusa abantu egameni likahjova-aeiou sebawoti. wababela bonke abantu esixukwini sonke sakwa-israyeli, abesilisa nabesifazane, kwaba yilowo nalowo ucezu lwesinkwa, nesicubu senyama, nesigaxa sezithelo zomvini ezomileyo. base behamba abantu bonke, baya, kwaba yilowo nalowo ekhaya lakubo. udavide wayesebuya ukubusisa indlu yakhe. umikhali indodakazi kasawule waphuma ukumhlangeba udavide, wathi: yeka udumo lwenkosi ka-israyeli namuhla,

ezambulile namuhla emehlweni ezincekukazi zezinceku zakhe njengomunye wamayiyane, ezambula nokuzambula. wayesethi udavide kumikhali: ngaphambi kukahjova-aeiou owangikhethe phezu kukayihlo naphezu kwayo yonke indlu yakhe ukungimisa ukuba ngibe ngumbusi wabantu bakahjova-aeiou kwa-israyeli, yebo, ngaphambi kukahjova-aeiou ngathokoza. ngiyakudeleleka kakhulu kunalokho, ngithotshiswe nasamehlweni ami, kodwa izincekukazi okhulume ngazo ngiyakudunyiswa yizo. umikhali indodakazi kasawule akazalanga mntwana kwaze kwaba lusuku lokufa kwakhe.

## 7

kwathi lapho inkosi ihlala endlini yayo, ujhova-aeiou eseyiphumuzile ezitheni zayo zonke, nxazonke, inkosi yathi kunathani umprofethi: bheka, mina ngihlala endlini yemisedari, kepha umphongolo kalezi-ku uhlala phakathi kwezilenge. unathani wathi enkosini: hamba wenze konke okusenhliziyweni yakho, ngokuba ujhova-aeiou unawe. kepha kwathi ngalobobusuku izwi likahjova-aeiou lafika kunathani, lathi: hamba uyitshale inceku yami udavide ukuthi: usho kanje ujhova-aeiou, uthi: uyakungakhela indlu ukuba ngihlale kuyo na? ngokuba angihlalanga ndlu kusukela osukwini engakhuphula ngalo abantwana bakwa-israyeli egibithe kuze kube namuhla, kepha ngangilokhu ngihamba etendeni nasetabernakele. ezindaweni zonke engihambahambe kuzo nakubo bonke abantwana bakwa-israyeli ngake ngakhuluma yini izwi noma kusiphi isizwe sakwa-israyeli engasiyaleza ukwalusa abantu bami u-israyeli ukuthi: aningakhelanga ngani indlu yemisedari na?

ngalokho yakusho kanje encekwini yami udavide, uthi: usho kanje ujhova-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: mina ngakuthatha edlelweni ekwaluseni izimvu ukuba ube ngumbusi wabantu bami kwa-israyeli; nganginawe nomaphi lapho wawuya khona, nganquma zonke izitha zakho ngaphambi kwakho; ngiyakukwenza igama elikhulu njengegama labakhulu abasemhlabeni. ngiyakumisa abantu bami u-israyeli indawo, ngibatshale ukuba bahlale endaweni yabo, bangabe besanyakaziswa; futhi abantu ababi abasayikubahlupha njengakuqala, kusukela osukwini engayaleza ngalo abahluleli ukuba babe phezu kwabantu bami u-israyeli, ngikuphumuze ezitheni zakho zonke. futhi ujhova-aeiou uyakutshela ukuthi ujhova-aeiou uyakukwenza wena indlu. kuyakuthi lapho izinsuku zakho seziphelile, ube usulele koyihlo, ngiyakumisa inzalo yakho emva kwakho eyakuphuma ezibilinini zakho, ngiqinise umbuso wayo. yiyo eyak-

wakhela igama lami indlu; ngiyakuqinisa isihlalo sobukhosi sombuso wayo kuze kube phakade. mina ngiyakuba nguyise, yona ibe yindodana yami; uma yenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka, ngiyakuyilaya ngen-  
duku yabantu nangemvimbo yabantwana babantu, kepha umusa wami awuyikusuka kuyo, njengalokho ngawususa kusawule engamsusa ngaphambi kwakho. indlu yakho nombuso wakho kuyakuqinisa njalo phambi kwakho; isihlalo sakho sobukhosi siyakumiswa kuze kube phakade.

njengawo onke lawo mazwi nanjengawo wonke lowo mbono unathani wakhuluma kudavide. udavide inkosi wayesengena, wahlala phambi kukajehova-aeiou, wathi: ngingubani, nkosi jehova-aeiou, nendlu yami iyini, ukuze ungilethe kuze kube lapha, na? lokho kwakuyinto encane nje nokho emehlweni akho, nkosi jehova-aeiou, kepha ukhulumile futhi ngendlu yenceku yakho isekude, ukukhulume futhi ngendlela yabantu, nkosi jehova-aeiou. udavide angenezela ngokuthini kuwe na? wena uyayazi ineku yakho, nkosi jehova-aeiou. ngenxa yezwi lakho nanjengokwenhliziyo yakho wenzile konke lokho okukhulu ukuba ukwazise ineku yakho. ngalokho umkhulu, nkosi jehova-aeiou, ngokuba akakho onjengawe, akukho ulezi-ku ngaphandle kwakho njengakho konke esikuzwileyo ngezindlebe zethu. yisiphi isizwe nesisodwa emhlabeni esinjengabantu bakho u-israyeli, ulezi-ku ayakuzihlengela bona ukuba babe ngabantu bakhe, azenzele igama, anenzele nina izinto ezinkulu, alenzele izwe lakini izinto ezesabekayo phambi kwabantu bakho owazihlengela bona egibithe ezizweni nakubo olezi-ku bazo, na? wazimisela ukuba abantu bakho u-israyeli babe ngabantu bakho kuze kube phakade, wena jehova-aeiou ube ngulezi-ku wabo. manje, jehova-aeiou lezi-ku, izwi olikhulumile ngenceku yakho nangendlu yayo, liqinise kuze kube phakade, wenze njengokukhuluma kwakho. malibe likhulu igama lakho kuze kube phakade ukuze kuthiwe: uje-hova-aeiou sebawoti ungulezi-ku ka-israyeli, indlu yenceku yakho udavide imiswe ngaphambi kwakho. ngokuba wena jehova-aeiou sebawoti, lezi-ku ka-israyeli, wambulele endlebeni yenceku yakho ukuthi: ngiyakukwakhela indlu; ngalokho ineku yakho ithole isibindi sokukhuleka lo mkhuleko kuwe. manje, nkosi jehova-aeiou, wena ungulezi-ku, namazwi akho ayiqiniso, uthembisile ineku yakho lokhu okuhle; ngalokho-ke mawu-vume ukubusisa indlu yenceku yakho ukuba ibe sebusweni bakho kuze kube phakade, ngokuba wena nkosi, jehova-aeiou, ukukhulumile; ngesibusiso sakho mayibusiswe indlu yenceku yakho kuze kube phakade.

kwathi emva kwalokho udavide wawashaya amafilisti, wawahlula, wathatha itomu lomzimkhulu esandleni samafilisti. washaya nabakwamowabi, wabalinganisa ngen-tambo, wabalalisa emhlabathini, wabalinganisa ngezintambo ezimbili abayakubulawa nangentambo epheleleyo abayakusidiswa. abakwamowabi base beba yizinceku zika-davide, bathela intela. udavide wamshaya uhadadezeri indodana karehobe, inkosi yasesoba, ekuhambeni kwakhe ukubuyisa umbuso wakhe ngasemfuleni. udavide wamaphuca abamahhashi abayinkulung-wane namakhulu ayisikhombisa nemigun-datshani eyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili; udavide wanquma imisipha yawo onke amahhashi ezingqola, washiya awez-inqola eziyikhulu kodwa. ama-aramu asedamaseku esefika ukumsiza uhadadez-eri inkosi yasesoba, udavide wabulala abantu abayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nambili kuma-aramu. udavide wamisa amakhanda e-aramu lasedamaseku, ama-aramu aba yizinceku zikadavide, athela intela. uje-hova-aeiou wamnqo-bisa udavide nomaphi lapho eya khona. udavide wathatha izihlangu zegolide ezazisezincekweni zikahadadezeri, waziletha ejerusalem. emizini kahadadezeri ibetha neberothayi inkosi udavide yathatha ithusi eliningi kakhulu. lapho uthoyi inkosi yasehamati ezwa ukuthi udavide ushayile yonke impi kahadadezeri, uthoyi wathuma ujomaru indodana yakhe enkosini udavide ukuyibingelela nokuyibusisa, ngokuba yayilwile nohadadezeri, yamnqoba, ngokuba uhadadezeri wayelokhu elwa nothoyi; esandleni sakhe wayenezitsha zesiliva, nezitsha zegolide, nezitsha zethusi. nalezo inkosi udavide yazingcweliselwa uje-hova-aeiou kanye nesiliva negolide eyayilngcwelisele livela ezizweni zonke eyayizahlulile: e-aramu, nakwamowabi, nakubantwana bakwa-amoni, nakumafilisti, naku-amaleki, nasempangweni kahadadezeri indodana karehobe, inkosi yasesoba. udavide wazen-zela igama ekubuyeni kwakhe esebulele ama-aramu ayizinkulungwane eziyishumi nesishiyagalombili esigodini sikasawoti. wamisa amakhanda kwa-edomi; kulo lonke lakwa-edomi wamisa amakhanda, nabo bonke abakwa-edomi baba yizinceku zikadavide. uje-hova-aeiou wamnqobisa udavide nomaphi lapho eya khona. udavide wabusa phezu kuka-israyeli wonke, udavide waphatha ukwahlulela nokulunga kubo bonke abantu bakhe. ujomabe indodana kaseruya wayephezu kwempi, uje-hoshafati indodana ka-ahiludi wayengumabha-lana; usadoki indodana ka-ahithubi no-ahimeleki indodana ka-abiyathara

babe ngabapristi; useraya wayengumbhali; ubenaya indodana kajehoyada wayephezu kwamakhereti namapheleti; amadodana kadavide ayengabapristi.

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udavide wathi: usekhona yini osele endlini kasawule ukuba ngimenzele umusa ngenxa kajonathani na? kwakukhona endlini kasawule incek u egama layo lingusiba; bambizela kudavide; inkosi yathi kuye: ungusiba na? wathi: incek u yakho inguye. inkosi yayisithi: akusekho endlini kasawule noyedwa engingamenzela umusa kalezi-ku na? usiba wathi enkosini: ujonathani usenendodana elunyonga ngezinyawo. yathi inkosi kuye: iphi na? usiba wathi enkosini: bheka, isendlini kamakiri indodana ka-amiyeli elo debari. inkosi udavide yayisithuma yamlanda endlini kamakiri indodana ka-amiyeli waselo debari. umefibosheti indodana kajonathani kasawule wafika kudavide, wawa ngobuso, wakhuleka. udavide wathi: mefibosheti. wathi: nansi incek u yakho. udavide wayesethi kuye: ungesabi, ngokuba impela ngiyakukwenzela umusa ngenxa kajonathani uyihlo, ngikubuyisele lonke izwe likayihlo usawule, ude njalo etafuleni lami. wakhuleka wathi: iyini incek u yakho ukuba ubhekeinja efileyo njengami na? inkosi yayisimbiza usiba incek u kasawule, yathi kuye: konke okukasawule nokwendlu yakhe yonke ngikunike indodana yenkosi yakho. uyakumlama umhlabathi, wena namadodana akho nezinceku zakho, uvune ukuba indodana yenkosi yakho ibe nokudla, kepha umefibosheti indodana yenkosi yakho uyakudla njalo etafuleni lami. usiba wayenamadodana ayishumi nanhlanu nezinceku ezingamashumi amabili. usiba wathi enkosini: njengakho konke inkosi yami, inkosi, eyale ngakho incek u yayo, iyakwenze njalo incek u yakho. umefibosheti uyakudla etafuleni lenkosi njengaye yamadodana enkosi. umefibosheti wayenendodana encane egama layo lingumika. bonke ababehlala endlini kasiba babe yizinceku zikamefibosheti. umefibosheti wayesehlala ejerusalem, ngokuba wadla njalo etafuleni lenkosi; wayelunyonga ngezinyawo zakhe zombili.

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kwathi emva kwalokho inkosi yabantwana bakwa-amoni yafa, uhanuni indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sayo. udavide wathi: ngiyakumenzela umusa uhanuni indodana kanahashi, njengalokho uyise angenzela umusa. udavide wayesethuma ngesandla sezinceku zakhe ukumduduzanogoyise. zafika-ke izinceku zikadavide

ezweni labantwana bakwa-amoni. kepha izikhulu zabantwana bakwa-amoni zathi kuhanuni inkosi yazo: imbala ngokubona kwakho udavide uthume abaduduzi kuwe ukuba atuse uyihlo na? udavide akazithumanga yini izinceku zakhe kuwe ukuba ziphenye umuzi, ziwuhlole, ziwuchithe, na? uhanuni wayesebamba izinceku zikadavide, waphucula inxenye yezilevu zazo, wahina izingubo zazo phakathi kwaze kwaba sezingeni zazo, wazimukisa. lapho sebemthela udavide lokho, wathumela ukuzihlangabeza, ngokuba ayenamahloni kakhulu lawo madoda. yathi inkosi: hlalani ejeriko, zize zihlume izilevu zenu, bese nibuya. abantwana bakwa-amoni sebone ukuthi banengekile kudavide, abakwa-amoni bathuma baqasha ama-aramu asebeti rehobe nama-aramu asesoba, imigundatshani eyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili, nenkosi yasemahakha inabantu abayinkulungwane, nabantu basethobi beyizinkulungwane eziyishumi nambili. udavide esezwile lokho wamthuma ujoyabe nempu yonke yamaqhawe. abantwana bakwa-amoni baphuma, bahlala impi ngasesikhaleni sesango; ama-aramu asesoba naserehobe, nabantu basethobi, nabasemahakha babebodwa endle. kepha ujoyabe esebona ukuthi izimpondo zempi zimhaqile ngaphambili nangasemuva wakhetha kwabakhethekileyo bakwa-israyeli, wabahlala ukuba balwe nama-aramu; abantu abaseleyo wababeka esandleni sika-abishayi umfowabo, wabahlala ukuba balwe nabantwana bakwa-amoni. wathi: uma ama-aramu engahlala, uyakungisiza; kepha uma abantwana bakwa-amoni bekwahlala, ngiyakufika ngikusize. qinani, masiziqinise ngenxa yabantu bakithi nangenxa yemizi kalezi-ku wethu; ujhova-aeiou makenze okuhle emehlweni akhe. ujoyabe nabantu ababe naye base besondela ukuba balwe nama-aramu; kepha abaleka phambi kwakhe. lapho abantwana bakwa-amoni bebona ukuthi ama-aramu abalekile, babaleka nabo phambi kuka-abishayi, bangena emzini. ujoyabe wayesebuya kubantwana bakwa-amoni, weza ejerusalem. ama-aramu esebonile ukuthi anqotshiwe phambi kuka-israyeli, abuthana ndawonye. uhadadezeri wathuma wakhupha ama-aramu ayephesheya komfula; afika ehelamu, ushobaki induna yempi kahadadezeri ephambi kwawo. udavide watshelwa, wabutha wonke u-israyeli, wawela ijordani, wafika ehelamu. ama-aramu azihlela ukuhlangabezana nodavide, alwa naye. ama-aramu abaleka phambi kuka-israyeli; udavide wabulala kuma-aramu izinqola ezingamakhulu ayisikhombisa nabamahashi abayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi

amane, wamshaya ushobaki induna yempi yabo, wafela khona lapho. lapho onke amakhosi ayeyizineku zikahadadez-eri ebonile ukuthi anqotshiwe phambi kuka-israyeli, enza ukuthula no-israyeli, abakhonza. ama-aramu ayesesaba ukusiza abantwana bakwa-amoni futhi.

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emva komnyaka ngesikhathi sokuhlasela kwamakhosi udavide wamthuma ujoyabe nezineku zakhe zinaye kanye no-israyeli wonke, babachitha abantwana bakwa-amoni, bavimbezela iraba; kepha udavide wahlala ejerusalem. kwathi kusihlwa udavide wavuka embhedeni, wahamba ophahleni lwendlu yenkosi, wabona esesophahleni owesifazane egeza; owesifazane wayemuhle kakhulu, ebukeya. udavide wathuma wabuza ngalowo wesifazane. omunye wathi: lowo akasiye ubati sheba yini, indodakazi ka-eliyamu, umka-uriya umheti, na? udavide wathuma izithun-nya, wamthatha; wangena kuye, walala naye, ngokuba wayesehlambulukile yena ekungcoleni kwakhe; wabuyela ekhaya. owesifazane wamitha, wathuma wamtshela udavide, wathi: ngikhulelwe. udavide wayesethumela kujowabe ngokuthi: thuma kimi u-uriya umheti. ujoyabe wamthuma u-uriya kudavide. esefikile kuye u-uriya, udavide wabuza kuye impilo yakhe, nempilo yabantu, nokuthi impi ihamba kanjani. udavide wayesethi ku-uriya: yehla uye endlini yakho, ugeze izinyawo zakho. u-uriya waphuma endlini yenkosi, kwamlandela isipho sokudla esivela enkosini. kepha u-uriya walala ngasemnyango wendlu yenkosi kanye nazo zonke izineku zenkosi yakhe, akehlengela endlini yakhe. udavide esetsheliwe ukuthi u-uriya akehlengela endlini yakhe, udavide wathi ku-uriya: awubuyi ekuhambeni yini? awehlengela ngani endlini yakho na? u-uriya wathi kudavide: umphongolo, no-israyeli, no-juda bahlezi emadokodweni; inkosi yami ujoyabe nezineku zenkosi yami zimisile endle; mina-ke, pho, ngingene endlini yami, ngidle, ngiphuze, ngilale nomkami na? kuphila kwakho nokuphila komphefumulo wakho, angiyikuyenza leyo nto. wayesethi udavide ku-uriya: hlala lapha nanamuhla; kusasa ngiyakukuvumela ukuba uhambe. u-uriya wayesehlala ejerusalema lolo suku nolulandelayo. esebiziwe ngu-davide wadla waphuza phambi kwakhe; wamdakisa; kusihlwa waphuma ukuyolala embhedeni wakhe kanye nezineku zenkosi, kepha akehlengela endlini yakhe. kwathi ekuseni udavide wamlobela ujoyabe incwadi, wayithuma ngesandla sika-uriya. waloba encwadini ukuthi: misani u-uriya

ngaphambili, lapho impi ishisa khona, nihlehle kuye ukuba ashaywe, afe. kwathi ujoyabe esahlozinga umuzi, wammisa u-uriya endaweni lapho azi ukuthi kukhona amadoda anamandla. abantu bomuzi baphuma balwa nojoyabe; kwawa abantu abathile ezineckwini zikadavide; wafa naye u-uriya umheti. ujoyabe wayesethuma wamtshela udavide zonke izindaba zempi; wasiyala isithunnya ngokuthi: lapho uqedile ukuyitshela inkosi zonke izindaba zempi, kuyakuthi uma kuvuka intukuthelo yenkosi, ithi kuwe: nisondeleleni kangako emzini ukulwa na? beningazi yini ukuthi bebeyakucibishela besogangeni na? ngubani owabulala u-abimeleki indodana kajerubesheti na? angithi owesifazane esogangeni wamphonsa ngembokodwe, wafa ethebesi, na? nisondeleleni kangako ogangeni na? uthi: inceku yakho u-uriya umheti ifile nayo. sase sihamba isithunnya, safika samtshela udavide konke esasikuthunyelwe ngujoyabe. isithunnya sathi kudavide: amadoda ayesehlula, asiphumela endle, kepha sawaficezela kwaze kwaba sesikhaleni sesango. abacibishelayo bacibishela izineku zakho besogangeni; ezinye izineku zenkosi zifile, nenceku yakho u-uriya umheti ifile nayo. udavide wayesethi kuso isithunnya: uyakusho kanje kujowabe, uthi: le nto mayingabi mbi emehlweni akho, ngokuba inkemba idla omunye njengomunye; qinisa impi yakho ngasemzini, uwuchithe; bese wumqunga isibindi. umka-uriya esezwa ukuthi u-uriya indoda yakhe ufile wayililela indoda yakhe. sekuphelele ukulila, udavide wathuma wamletha endlini yakhe; waba ngumkakhe, wamazalela indodana. kepha leyo nto eyenziwe ngudavide yayimbi emehlweni kajehova-aeiou.

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ujehova-aeiou wayesethuma unathani kudavide. wafika kuye, wathi kuye: kwakukhona amadoda amabili emzini munye, enye icebile, enye impofu. ecebileyo yayinezimvu nezinkomo eziningi kakhulu, kepha empofu yayingenalutho, inekhukazana lilinye elincane nje kuphela, eyayilithengile yalondla; lakhulela kuyo nakubantwana bayo; ladla ucezu lwayo, laphuza esitsheni sayo, lalala esifubeni sayo, lalinjengendodakazi kuyo. kwase kufika isihambi endodeni ecebileyo, yayeka ukuthatha ezimvini nasezinkomeni zayo ukusilungisela leso sihambi esasifike kuyo, kepha yathatha ixhukazana lendoda empofu, yalilungisela umuntu owayefike kuyo. intukuthelo kadavide yavutha kakhulu ngalowo muntu, wathi kunathani: kuphila kukajehova-aeiou, umuntu owenze lokho ufanele ukufa; uyakulibuyisa ixhukazana,

liphindwe kane, ngokuba enze lokho nangokuba wayengenasihawu. unathani wathi kudavide: nguwe lowo muntu. usho kanje ujeхова-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: ngakugcoba ube yinkosi phezu kuka-israyeli, ngakophula esandleni sikasawule, ngakunika indlu yenkosi yakho, nabafazi benkosi yakho esifubeni sakho, ngakupha indlu yakwa-israyeli neyakwajuda; uma lokho bekunkcane, ngangiyakukwenezela lokhu nalokho. udeleleni izwi likajehova-aeiou ukuba wenze bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni akhe na? ubulele u-riya umhetti ngenkemba, wathatha umkakhe abe ngumkakho, wambulala ngenkemba yabantwana bakwa-amonni. ngalokho inkemba ayiyikusuka endlini yakho, ngokuba ungidelele, wathatha umka-uriza umhetti ukuba abe ngumkakho. usho kanje ujeхова-aeiou, uthi: bheka, ngiyakukuvusela bona-ra-ukukhandleka okuvela endlini yakho, ngithathe abafazi bakho phambi kwamehlo akho, ngibanike umakhelwane wakho, alale nabafazi bakho ekukhanyeni kwaleli langa. ngokuba wena wakwenza ngasele, kepha mina ngiyakukwenza lokhu phambi kuka-israyeli wonke naphambi kwelanga. udavide wathi kunathani: ngonile kujehova-aeiou. unathani wathi kudavide: nojeхова-aeiou ususile isono sakho; awuyikufa. nokho, ngokuba ngaleso senzo waveza ithuba elikhulu lokuba izitha zikajehova-aeiou zihlambalaze, umntwana omzalelweyo uyakufa nokufa. unathani wayesebuyela endlini yakhe. ujeхова-aeiou washaya ngesifo umntwana owazalelwa udavide kumka-uriza, wagula kakhulu. udavide wamncenga ulezi-ku ngomntwana; udavide wazila ukudla, wangena, walala emhlabathini ubusuku bonke. amalunga endlu yakhe asuka aya kuye ukumvusa emhlabathini, kepha akavumanga, futhi kadlanga kudla nawo. kwathi ngosuku lwesikhombisa umntwana wafa. izinceku zikadavide zesaba ukumtshela ukuthi umntwana ufile, ngokuba zathi: bhekani, umntwana esezwa sakhuluma kuye, akalalelanga izwi lethu; pho, singamtshela kanjani ukuthi umntwana ufile? angenza ingozi. kepha udavide ebona ukuthi izinceku zakhe ziyanyenyezelana, udavide waqonda ukuthi umntwana ufile; udavide wayesethi ezincek-wini zakhe: usefile umntwana na? zathi: ufile. udavide wayesevuka emhlabathini, wageza, wazigcoba, waphendulela izingubo zakhe, wangena endlini kajehova-aeiou, wakhuleka; wayeseya endlini yakhe; lapho esecela ukudla, bakubeka phambi kwakhe, wadla. zase zithi izinceku zakhe kuye: yintoni le oyenzileyo na? wazila ukudla, wakhala ngomntwana esekhona, kepha lapho esefile, uvukile wadla. wathi-ke yena: umntwana esekhona ngazila ukudla,

ngakhala, ngokuba ngathi: ngubani owaziyo ingabe ujeхова-aeiou uyakuba nomusa kimi ukuba umntwana aphile na? manje usefile; ngiyakuzilelani na? ngingambuyisa yini? ngiyakuya kuye, kepha yena akayikubuyela kimi. udavide wamduduzela ubati sheba umkakhe, wangena kuye, walala naye; wazala indodana, waqamba igama layo ngokuthi usolomoni. ujeхова-aeiou wamthanda. wathuma ngesandla sikanathani umprofethi, wambiza ngokuthi ujedidiya ngenxa kajehova-aeiou. ujoyabe walwa neraba labantwana bakwa-amonni, wathatha umuzi wenkosi. ujoyabe wathuma izithunywa kudavide, wathi: ngilwe neraba, yebo, ngathatha umuzi wamanzi. ngalokho butha abantu abaseleyo, umise ngakuwo umuzi, uwuthathe, funa mina ngiwuthathe umuzi, ubizwe ngegama lami. udavide wayesebutha bonke abantu, waya eraba, walwa nalo, walithatha. wathatha umqhele wenkosi yabo ekhanda layo; isisindo sawo sasiyitalenta legolide, itshe eliyigugu likuwo; wabekwa ekhanda likadavide; wakhhipha emzini impango eningi kakhulu. wakhhipha nabantu ababe phakathi kwawo, wababeka emasaheni, nasezibhuqweni zensimbi, nasemazembeni ensimbi, wabasebenzisa kohonela; wenze njalo kuyo yonke imizi yakwa-amonni. udavide nabo bonke abantu babuyela ejerusalem.

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kwathi emva kwalokho u-abisalomu indodana kadavide wayenodadewabo obukekayo ogama lakhe linguutamari; u-amnonni indodana kadavide wamthanda. u-amnonni wajilajileka waze wagula ngenxa kadadewabo utamari, ngokuba wayeyintombi; kwakungenakwenzeka emehlweni ka-amnonni ukwenza lutho kuye. kepha u-amnonni wayenomngane ogama lakhe lingujonadaba indodana kashimeya umfowabo kadavide; ujonadaba wayengumuntu onobuqili kakhulu. wathi kuye: uzacelani kanjalo wena ndodana yenkosi imihla ngemihla na? ungengitshela na? wathi u-amnonni kuye: ngithanda utamari udadewabo ka-abisalomu umfowethu. wayesethi ujonadaba kuye: lala embhedeni wakho, uzishaye ogulayo; lapho eseza uyihlo ukukubona, uthi kuye: ake kuze utamari udadewethu, angiphe ukudla, akulungise ukudla emehlweni ami ukuba ngikubone, ngikudle esandleni sakhe.

wayeselala phansi u-amnonni, wazishaya ogulayo; isifikile inkosi ukumbona, u-amnonni wathi enkosini: ake kuze utamari udadewethu, enze amaqebelengwane amabili phambi kwami ukuba ngidle esandleni sakhe. udavide wayeseth humela endlini katamari ngokuthi: hamba manje, uye endlini ka-amnonni umnawenu, umlungisele

ukudla. wayesehamba utamari, waya endlini ka-amnoni umnewabo; wayelele phansi. wathatha inhlama, wayixova, wenza amaqebelengwane phambi kwakhe, wapheka amaqebelengwane. wayesethatha ikhanzi, wawathulula phambi kwakhe; kepha wala ukudla. u-amnoni wathi: khipha bonke abantu kimi. baphuma bonke kuye. wayesethi u-amnoni kutamari: letha ukudla ekamelweni lami ukuba ngidle esandleni sakho. utamari wawathatha amaqebelengwane awenzileyo, wawangenisa ekamelweni ku-amnoni umnewabo. lapho ewasondeza kuye ukuba awadle, wambamba, wathi kuye: woza ulale nami, dadewethu. yena wathi kuye: qha, mnwethu, ungangiphoqi, ngokuba akufanele ukuba kwenziwe kanjalo kwa-israyeli; ungenzi lobu buwula. mina-ke ngingayaphi nehlazo lami na? nawe uyakuba njengomunye weziwula zakwa-israyeli. ngalokho ake ukhulume nenkosi, ngokuba ayiyikunginqabela nawe. akavumanga nokho ukulalela izwi lakhe, kepha ngokuba wayenamandla kunaye, wamphoqa, walala naye. u-amnoni wayesemzonda ngenzondo enkulu kakhulu, ngokuba izondo amzonda ngayo yaba nkulu kunothando akade emthanda ngalo. u-amnoni wathi kuye: vuka uhambe, yena wayesethi kuye: lobu bubi bokungixosha bukhulu kunalokho okunye okwenze kimi. kepha akavumanga ukumlalela. wayesebiza incek u-yakhe eyayisebenza kuye, wathi: khiphela phandle lo wesifazane, asuke kimi, uhluthulele emnyango emva kwakhe. wayenengubo enemibala, ngokuba amadodakazi enkosi ayeyizintombi ayegqoka izingubo ezinjalo. leyo ncek u-yayisimkhiphela phandle, yahluthulela emnyango emva kwakhe. utamari wayesezithela ngomlotha ekhanda, wayiklebhula ingubo yakhe enemibala owayeyigqokile, wathwala izandla ekhanda, wamuka, ehamba ekliwula. u-abisalom u-mnewabo wathi kuye: umnewenu u-amnoni kade enawe na? thula, dadewethu; ungumnewenu, ungabeki inhliziyi yakho kule nto. utamari wahlala eyisikhwebu nje endlini ka-abisalom u-mnewabo. isizwile inkosi udavide zonke lezo zinto yathukuthela kakhulu. u-abisalom akakhulumanga okuhle noma bona-ra-ukukhandleka, ngokuba u-abisalom wamzonda u-amnoni, lokhu emphoqile udadewabo utamari. kwathi emva kweminyaka emibili epheleleyo u-abisalom wayenabagundi bezimvu ebali hasori eliseduze no-efrayimi; u-abisalom wamema onke amadodana enkosi. u-abisalom waya enkosini, wathi: bheka, incek yakho inabagundi; mayihambe inkosi nezinceku zayo nenceku yakho. inkosi yathi ku-abisalom: qha, ndodana yami, masingahambi sonke, funa sikusinde. wayicindezela;

nokho ayivumanga ukuhamba, kodwa yambusisa. u-abisalom wayesethi: uma kunjalo, makahambe nathi umfowethu u-amnoni. inkosi yathi: uyakuhambelani nawe na? u-abisalom wayicindezela, yaze yavuma ukuba u-amnoni nawo onke amadodana ahambe naye. u-abisalom wayala izinceku zakhe ngokuthi: bhekani, lapho inhliziyi ka-amnoni ithokoza nge-wayini nalapho ngithi kini: bulalani u-amnoni, nimbulele ningesabi; angithi mina nginiyalile na? yimani isibindi, nibe ngamaqhawe. izinceku zika-abisalom zenza ku-amnoni njengokuyala kuka-abisalom. amadodana onke enkosi ayesesuka, yileyo naleyo yakhwela umnyuzi wayo, abaleka. kwathi besesendleleni, kwafika izwi kudavide, lithi: u-abisalom ubulele onke amadodana enkosi, akusalanga neyodwa yawo. inkosi yayisisuka, yaklebhula izingubo zayo, yalala emhlabathini, nazo zonke izinceku zema lapho, izingubo zazo ziklebhukile. ujonadaba indodana kashimeya umfowabo kadavide waphendula wathi: inkosi yami mayingathi babulele izinsizwa zonke, amadodana enkosi, lokhu ngu-amnoni yedwa ofileyo; ngokuba lokho kwakunquniwe ngomlomo ka-abisalom kusukela kulolo suku aphoqa ngalo udadewabo utamari. ngalokho inkosi yami, inkosi, mayingabeki le nto enhliziyweni yayo yokuthi onke amadodana enkosi afile, ngokuba ngu-amnoni yedwa ofileyo. kepha u-abisalom wabaleka. insizwa elindayo yaphakamisa amehlo ayo, yabuka; bheka, kwaqhamuka abantu abaningi ngasendleleni yentaba emva kwayo. ujonadaba wathi enkosini: bheka, amadodana enkosi ayeza; kunjalo njengokusho kwenceku yakho. kwathi eseqedile ukukhuluma, bheka, afika amadodana enkosi, adazuluka, akhala; nenkosi nazo zonke izinceku zayo zakhala ngokukhala okukhulu kakhulu. kepha u-abisalom wabaleka, waya kutalimayi indodana ka-amihudi, inkosi yasegeshuri. udavide waliela indodana yakhe zonke izinsuku. wabaleka-ke u-abisalom, waya egeshuri, wahlala khona iminyaka emithathu. inkosi udavide yalangaqela ukuya ku-abisalom, ngokuba yayisiduduzekile ngo-amnoni ibona ukuthi sewafa.

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ujowabe indodana kaseruya wayeseqonda ukuthi inhliziyi yenkosi iku-abisalom. u-jowabe wayesethumela ethekhowa, walandela khona owesifazane ohlakaniphileyo, wathi kuye: ake uzishaye olilayo, ugqoke izingubo zokulila, ungazigcobi ngamafutha, kepha ube njengowesifazane oselilele ofileyo izinsuku eziningi, ungene enkosini,



ukhulume kuyo ngalendlela. ujoyabe wayesemfunza amazwi emlonyeni wakhe. lapho owesifazane wasethekhowa ekhuluma enkosini, wawa ngobuso emhlabathini, wakhuleka, wathi: siza, nkosi. inkosi yathi kuye: unani na? wathi: maye, ngingumfelokazi! indoda yami seyafa. incekekazi yakho yayinamadodana amabili; alwa odwa endle, akwabakho muntu wokulamula, kepha enye yashaya enye, yayibulala. bheka, umndeneni wonke usuvukele incekekazi yakho; bathi: sinike yena owashaya umfowabo ukuba simbulale ngenxa yomphefumulo womfowabo, sichithe indlalifa. bayakucima kanjalo ilahle lami eliseleyo, bangabe besashiyela indoda yami igama nensali ebusweni bomhlaba. inkosi yayisithi kowesifazane: yiya endlini yakho; mina ngiyakuyaleza ngawe. owesifazane wasethekhowa wathi enkosini: nkosi yami, nkosi, icala malibe phezu kwami naphezu kwendlu kababa, inkosi nesihlalo sayo sobukhosi kube msulwa. yathi inkosi: oshoyo utho kuwe, mlethe kimi; akayikuphinda akuthinte. wayesethi yena: inkosi ake ikhumbule ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wayo ukuba umphindiseli wegazi angaqhubeki ukuchitha nokuba bangayibulali indodana yami. yathi: kuphila kukajehova-aeiou, akuyikwela phansi nolodwa unwele lwendodana yakho. wayesethi owesifazane: incekekazi yakho mayikhlume izwi enkosini yami, inkosi. yathi: khuluma. wathi-ke owesifazane: uqambeleni okunjalo ngabantu bakalezi-ku na? ngokukhuluma leli zwi inkosi injengonecala, lokhu inkosi ingabuyisi oxoshiweyo wayo. ngokuba simelwe ukufo, sinjengamanzi achithwa emhlabathini, angenakuqoqwa futhi; ulezi-ku akasusi ukuphila, kepha uqamba amasu ukuba oxoshiweyo angabi ngumxosha kuye. ngalokho-ke lokhu ngize ukukhuluma leli zwi enkosini yami, inkosi, kungokuba abantu bengesabisile; incekekazi yakho yayisithi: mangikhulume enkosini; mhlawumbe inkosi iyakwenza izwi lencekekazi yayo. ngokuba inkosi iyakuzwa, yophule incekekazi yayo esandleni somuntu oyakungichitha mina nendodana yami efeni likalezi-ku. yayisithi incekekazi yakho: izwi lenkosi yami, inkosi, malibe ngelokuthula, ngokuba inkosi yami, inkosi, injengengelosi kalezi-ku ekuzweni okuhle nbona-ra-ukukhanda; ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho makabe nawe. yayisiphendula inkosi, wathi kowesifazane: ake ungafihli lutho kimi engiyakulubuza mina kuwe. wathi owesifazane: mayikhlume inkosi yami, inkosi. yathi-ke inkosi: isandla sikajowabe sinawe yini kukho konke lokhu na? owesifazane waphendula wathi: kuphila kwakho, nkosi yami, nkosi, akukho muntu ongaphendukela ngakwesokunene

ngakwesokhohlo kukho konke okukhulunywe yinkosi yami, inkosi, ngokuba inceku yakho ujoyabe yangiyaleza, yafunza onke lawo mazwi emlonyeni wencekekazi yakho; ujoyabe inceku yakho wenzile lokho ukuba aphenkezele ubuso bendaba; inkosi yami ihlakaniphile njengokuhlakanipha kwengelosi kalezi-ku ukwazi konke okusemhlabeni. inkosi yayisithi kujowabe: bheka-ke, yenza lokhu: hamba ubuyise umfana u-abisalomu. ujoyabe wawa phansi ngobuso, wakhuleka, wayibusisa inkosi; ujoyabe wathi: namuhla inceku yakho iyazi ukuthi ngifumene umusa emehlweni akho, nkosi yami, nkosi, lokhu inkosi ilenzile izwi lenceku yayo. wayesesuka ujoyabe wahamba, waya egeshuri, wamletha u-abisalomu ejerusalem. inkosi yathi: makaye endlini yakhe, angaboni nokho ubuso bami. wayeseya u-abisalomu endlini yakhe, akabubona ubuso benkosi. kwa-israyeli wonke kwakungekho muntu omuhle njengo-abisalomu owababazeka kakhulu, kungekho sici kuye kusukela ematheni onyawo kuze kube sokhakhayini. nxa ephucula ikhanda lakhe ngokuba wayelokhu eliphucula njalo ngasekupheleni komnyaka, lokhu izinwele zakhe zamsinda; ngalokho waziphucula wazilinganisa izinwele zekhanda lakhe, zalingana namashekeli angamakhulu amabili ngesisindo senkosi. u-abisalomu wazalelwa amadodana amathathu nendodakazi inye egama layo linguTamari; yayingowesifazane obukeka emuhle. u-abisalomu wahlala ejerusalem iminyaka emibili ephelileyo, engabuboni ubuso benkosi. u-abisalomu wayesethumela kujowabe ukuba amthume enkosini, kepha akavumanga ukuza kuye; waphinda wathumela ngokwesibili, kepha akavumanga ukuza. wayesethi ezincekweni zakhe: bhekani, insimu kajowabe iseduze neyami, unebhali khona; hambani niyithungele ngomlilo. izinceku zika-abisalomu zayithungela-ke insimu ngomlilo. wayesesuka ujoyabe, waya ku-abisalomu endlini yakhe, wathi kuye: izinceku zakho ziyithungeleleni insimu yami ngomlilo na? u-abisalomu wathi kujowabe: bheka, ngithumele kuwe, ngithi: woza lapha ukuba ngikuthume enkosini ukuyothi: ngisukeleni egeshuri na? ngabe kungcono kimi ukuba bengisekhona lapho. ngalokho mangibone ubuso benkosi; uma kukhona icala kimi, mayingibulale. wayeseya ujoyabe enkosini, wayitshela; isimbizile u-abisalomu, weza enkosini, wakhothamela kuyo, ubuso bakhe bubheke phansi, phambi kwenkosi; inkosi yamanga u-abisalomu.

kwathi emva kwalokho u-abisalomu wazilungiselela inqola, namahhashi, nabantu abangamashumi ayisihlanu ukuba bagijime phambi kwakhe. u-abisalomu wavuka ekuseni, wema ngaseceleni kwendlela yesango; kwakuthi wonke umuntu onecala eliya enkosini ukuba lithethwe, u-abisalomu wambiza wathi: ungowamuphi umuzi na? athi: inceku yakho ingowesinye sezizwe zakwa-israyeli. wathi u-abisalomu kuye: bheka, izindaba zakho zinhle, zilungile, kepha akukho muntu obekwe yinkosi ukuba akuzwe. u-abisalomu wathi futhi: sengathi ngingenziwa umahluleli ezweni, kuze kimi wonke umuntu onecala nendaba, ngimenzele ukulunga. kwathi lapho kusondela umuntu ukuba akhuleke kuye, waselula isandla sakhe, wambamba, wamanga. wenze njalo u-abisalomu kubo bonke abakwa-israyeli abeza enkosini ngamacala; u-abisalomu weba izinhlizizi zabantu bakwa-israyeli. kwathi ngasekupheleni kweminyaka engamashumi amane u-abisalomu wathi enkosini: mangihambe ukugcwalisa isithembiso sami engasethembisa kujehova-aeiou ehebroni. ngokuba inceku yakho yenza isithembiso ngisahlezi egeshuri lase-aramu sokuthi: uma u-jehova-aeiou engibuyisela impela ejerusalem, ngiyakumkhonza u-jehova-aeiou. inkosi yathi kuye: hamba ngokuthula. wayesesuka, waya ehebroni. kepha u-abisalomu wathuma izinhloli ezizweni zonke zakwa-israyeli ngokuthi: lapho nizwa ukukhala kwecilongo, anothi: u-abisalomu uyinkosi ehebroni. kwahamba no-abisalomu abantu abangamakhulu amabili, bebiziwe bephuma ejerusalem; bahamba bemsulwa, bengazi lutho nakanci. u-abisalomu wathuma walanda u-ahithofeli umgiloni, umluleki kadavide, emzini wakubo wasegilo, esanikela ngemihlatshelo. uzungu lwaqina, abantu banda njalo ku-abisalomu. kwafika umbiki kudavide, wathi: izinhlizizi zabantu bakwa-israyeli zilandela u-abisalomu. udavide wayesethi ezincekweni zakhe zonke ezazinaye ejerusalem: sukani, sibaleke, ngokuba, uma singenzi njalo, akuyikuphunyuka muntu kithi phambi kuka-abisalomu; sheshani, nimuke, funa asifice masinyane, asehlisele bona-rukukhandleka, awuchithe umuzi ngosiko lwenkamba. izinceku zenkosi zathi enkosini: noma yintoni engayikhethe inkosi yethu, inkosi bheka, nazi izinceku zakho. yay-isiphuma inkosi, bonke abendlu bayo beyilandela. inkosi yashiya abesifazane abayishumi abayizancinza ukuba balinde indlu. yaphuma-ke inkosi, bonke abantu beyilandela; bahlala ebeti hamerhaki. zonke izinceku zadlula eceleni kwakhe kanye nawo

onke amakhereti nawo onke amapheleti; nawo onke amagiti, abantu abangamakhulu ayisithupha, ayeyilandela esuka egati, adlula phambi kwenkosi. inkosi yayisithi ku-ithayi umgiti: nawe uhambelani nathi na? buya uhlale nenkosi, ngokuba ungumfokazi nomxosha endaweni yakho. ufikile izolo nje; ngikuzulazulise nathi yini namuhla, ngisahamba lapho ngiya khona, na? buya wena, ubuyise nabafowenu; umusa neqiniso makube nawe. u-ithayi wayiphendula inkosi, wathi: kuphila kukajehova-aeiou nokuphila kwenkosi yami, inkosi, impela kuleyo ndawo eyakuba kuyo inkosi yami, inkosi, noma kusekufeni noma kusekuphileni, lapho iyakuba khona nenceku yakho. udavide wathi ku-ithayi: hamba, uwele. u-ithayi umgiti wawela kanye nabo bonke abantu bakhe nazo zonke izingane ezazinaye. izwe lonke lakhala ngezwi elikhulu, nabantu bonke bawela; nenkosi futhi yawela umfudlana ikidroni, nabantu bonke bawela ngasendleleni yasehlane. bheka, kwafika nosadoki nawo onke amalevi enaye, ethwele umphongolo wesivumelwano sikalezi-ku; abeka phansi umphongolo kalezi-ku, u-abiyathara wenyuka, baze baphuma bonke abantu emzini. inkosi yathi kusadoki: buyisela emzini umphongolo kalezi-ku; uma ngiyakufumana umusa emehlweni kajehova-aeiou, uyakungibuyisa, angibonise wona nendlu yawo; kepha uma esho kanje, ethi: angithokozi ngawe, bheka, ngilapha, makenze kimi okuhle emehlweni akhe. yathi inkosi kusadoki umpristi: ungumboni; buyela emzini ngokuthula, namadodana enu amabili enani, o-ahimahasi indodana yakho nojonathani indodana ka-abiyathara. bheka, mina ngiyakulibala ngasemazibukweni asehlane, kuze kufike izwi elivela kini lokungibikela. ngalokho osadoki no-abiyathara bawubuyisela umphongolo kalezi-ku ejerusalem, bahlala khona. udavide wenyuka ngommango wentaba yeminqumo, enyuka ekhala, egubuzele ikhanda, engenazicathulo; bonke abantu ababenaye bagubuzela, kwabayilowo nalowo ikhanda lakhe, benyuka, benyuka bekhala. kwabikwa kudavide ukuthi: u-ahithofeli uphakathi kwabozungu luka-abisalomu. wayesethi udavide: jehova-aeiou, mawuntumazalise amasu ka-ahithofeli. kwathi ukuba udavide adundubale esiqongweni, lapho kukhulekwa khona kulezi-ku, bheka, kwamhlangabeza uhushayi umarki, ibhantshi lakhe liklebhukile, enomhlabathi ekhanda lakhe. udavide wathi kuye: uma uhamba nami, uyakuba ngumthwalo kimi; kepha uma ubuyela emzini, uthi ku-abisalomu: ngiyakuba yinceku yakho, nkosi; kade ngiyinceku kayihlo, manje ngiyakuba yinceku yakho, khona uyakungishafisela amasu ka-ahithofeli.

abakho lapho nawe osadoki no-abiyathara abapristi na? kuyakuthi konke okuzwayo endlini yenkosi ukutshele osadoki no-abiyathara abapristi. bheka, kukhona lapho nabo amadodana abo amabili, o-ahimahasi indodana kasadoki nojonathani indodana ka-abiyathara; niyakuthuma kimi ngesandla sabo konke eniyakukuzwa. uhushayi, umngane kadavide, wayesengena emzini; u-abisalomu wangena ejerusalem.

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udavide esedlulile kancane isiqongo sentaba, bheka, kwamhlangabeza usiba inceku kamefobsheti enezimbongolo ezimbili eziboshelweyo, zithwele izinkwa ezingamakhulu amabili, nezigaxa eziyikhulu zezithelo zomvini ezomileyo, nezigaxa eziyikhulu zamakhwane, nemvaba yewayini. inkosi yathi kusiba: uthini ngalezi zinto na? wathi usiba: izimbongolo zingezokukhwelwa ngabantu bendlu yenkosi, izinkwa nezithelo zingezokudliwa, newayini lingelokuphuzwa ngabayethileyo ehlane. yayisithi inkosi: iphi indodana yenkosi yakho na? usiba wathi enkosini: bheka, ihlezi ejerusalem, ngokuba yathi: namuhla indlu ka-israyeli iyakubuyisela kimi umbuso kababa. yayisithi-ke inkosi kusiba: bheka, kungokwakho konke okwakungokukamefobsheti. wathi usiba: ngiyakhuleka: mangifumane umusa emehlweni akho, nkosi yami, nkosi. kwathi lapho inkosi udavide ifika ebahurimi, bheka, kwaphuma khona umuntu womndeni wendlu kasawule ogama lakhe lingushimeyi indodana kagera; waphuma, wahamba ethuka. wamphonsa udavide ngamatshe kanye nezinceku zonke zenkosi udavide, bonke abantu nawo onke amaqhawe bengasesandleni sakhe sokunene nangakwesokhohlo. ushimeyi washo kanje ekuthukeni kwakhe, wathi: suka, suka wena muntu wegazi, muntu omubi! ujeхова-aeiou ubuyisele phezu kwakho lonke igazi lendlu kasawule okade ubusa esikhundleni sakhe; ujeхова-aeiou unikele umbuso esandleni sika-abisalomu indodana yakho; bheka, usubhajiwe ebubini bakho, ngokuba ungumuntu wegazi. u-abishayi indodana kaseruya wayesethi enkosini: le nja efuleyo ingayithukelani inkosi yami, inkosi, na? mangiye ngiyinqume ikhanda. yathi inkosi: nginamsebenzi muni nani mado-dana kaseruya. njengokuba ethuka, lokhu ujeхова-aeiou eshilo futhi kuye ukuthi: thuka udavide, ngubani ongasho ukuthi: ukwenzeleni lokho na? udavide wayesethi ku-abishayi nakuzo zonke izinceku zakhe: bhekani, indodana yami eyaphuma ezibilinini zami ifuna ukuphila kwami; kakhulu kangakanani lo mbenjaminini na? myekeni, athuke, ngokuba ujeхова-aeiou

ukhulumile kuye. mhlawumbe ujeхова-aeiou uyakubheka usizi lwami, angibuyisele okuhle ngokungithuka namuhla. udavide nabantu bakhe bahamba ngendlela; ushimeyi wahamba eceleni kwentaba malungana naye, wahamba ethuka, wamphonsa ngamatshe, wamhela ngothuli. inkosi nabo bonke abantu ababenayo bafika beyethile; wahlunyelelwa khona. u-abisalomu nabantu bonke, amadoda akwa-israyeli, bafika ejerusalem, u-ahithofeli enabo. kwathi lapho uhushayi umarki umngane kadavide esefikile ku-abisalomu, uhushayi wathi ku-abisalomu: mana njalo, nkosi; mana njalo, nkosi. u-abisalomu wayesethi kuhushayi: lokhu kungukuthembeka kwakho kumngane wakho na? awuhambanga ngani nomngane wakho na? wayesethi uhushayi ku-abisalomu: qha, lo okhethwe ngujeхова-aeiou, nayilaba bantu, nangabantu bonke bakwa-israyeli, ngiyakuba ngowakhe, ngihlale naye. futhi ngikhonze bani na? kungabi phambi kwendodana yakhe na? njengalokho ngakhonza phambi kukayihlo, kanjalo ngiyakuba phambi kwakho. wayesethi u-abisalomu ku-ahithofeli: sipheni isiluleko sokuthi siyakwenze njani. wathi-ke u-ahithofeli ku-abisalomu: ngena kuzo izancinza zikayihlo azishiyile ukuba zilinde indlu; u-israyeli wonke uyakuzwa ukuba unengwa nguyihlo, ziqine izandla zabo bonke abanawe. bammisela u-abisalomu itende ophahleni lwendlu; u-abisalomu wangena kuzo izancinza zikayise emehlweni abo bonke abakwa-israyeli. isiluleko sika-ahithofeli aluleka ngaso ngalezo zinsuku sasinjengokungathi bekubuzwe kulezi-ku; zazinjalo iziluleko zika-ahithofeli kudavide naku-abisalomu.

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u-ahithofeli wathi futhi ku-abisalomu: mangikhethe manje abantu abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi nambili, ngisuke ngimxoshe udavide ngalobu busuku, ngimfikele ekhathale, eyethile, ngimesabise; bonke abantu abanye bayakubaleka, ngibulale inkosi kuphela, ngibuyisele kuwe bonke abantu; umuntu omfunayo unjengokungathi bonke babuyile; bonke abantu bayakuba nokuthula. leli zwi lamjabulisa u-abisalomu nawo onke amalunga akwa-israyeli. wayesethi u-abisalomu: mawumbize nohushayi umarki, sizwe okusemlonyeni wakhe naye. uhushayi esefikile ku-abisalomu, u-abisalomu wakhuluma kuye, wathi: u-ahithofeli ukhulume kanjalo; siyakwenza njengokusho kwakhe na? uma kungenjalo, khuluma wena. uhushayi wathi ku-abisalomu: isiluleko u-ahithofeli eluleke ngaso manje asisihle. wathi futhi uhushayi: uyamazi uyihlo nabantu bakhe

ukuthi bangamaqhawe nokuthi bacasukile ezinhliziyweni zabo njengebhre elaphucwe amazinyane alo endle; uyihlo uyindoda yempi, akayikuhlala nabantu. bheka, manje ucashile emgodini noma kwenye indawo; kuyakuthi lapho esebafikela ekuqaleni nje, okuzwayo athi: abantu abalandela u-abisalomu banqotshiwe; naye onesibindi, onhliziyo yakhe injengenhliziyu yengonyama, uyakuphela amandla, ngokuba wonke u-israyeli uyazi ukuthi uyihlo uyiqhawe, nabanaye bangamadoda anamandla. ngalokho ngiyaluleka ukuba wonke u-israyeli abuthane kuwe, kusukela kwadani kuze kufike eberi sheba, ngangesihlabathi esingasolwandle ngobuningi, wena uqobo lwakho uye empini. sesiyakumfikela endaweni ethile lapho engatholakala khona, simehlele njengokuwela kwamazolo emhlabathini; kuyena nabantu bonke abanaye asiyyakushiya noyedwa. noma engena emzini, wonke u-israyeli uyakuyisa amagoda kulowo muzi, siwuhudulele emfuleni, kungabe kusafunyanwa khona netshana ellodwa. u-abisalomu nabantu bonke bakwa-israyeli bathi: isiluleko sikahushayi umarki singcono kunesiluleko sika-ahithofeli. ngokuba u-jehova-aeiou wayenqumile ukuba kushafiswe isiluleko esihle sika-ahithofeli, ukuze u-jehova-aeiou amehlisele u-abisalomu bona-ra-ukukhandleka. uhushayi wayesethi kusadoki naku-abiyathara abapristi: u-ahithofeli weluleka u-abisalomu namalunga akwa-israyeli kanje nakanje; mina ngeluleke kanje nakanje. ngalokho thumelani masinyane nintshele udavide ukuthi: ungahlali ngasemazibukweni asehlane ngalobu busuku, kepha uwele nokuwela, funa inkosi igwinywe kanye nabantu bonke abanayo. ojonathani no-ahimahasi babehlala e-eni rogeli; incekekazi yayizinge ibatshela; bona bahamba bayibikela inkosi udavide ukuba bangabonwa behamba beya emzini. kepha umfana wababona, wamtshele u-abisalomu; base beshesha, bahamba bobabili, bafika endlini yomuntu wasebahurimi owayenomthombo egcekeni lakhe; behlela khona. owesifazane wathatha isimbozo, wasendlala phezu komlomo womthombo, weneka umqazulo kuso, kungaziwa lutho. zase zifika izinceku zika-abisalomu kowe-sifazane endlini, zathi: baphi o-ahimahasi nojonathani na? owesifazane wathi kuzo: bawuwele umfudlana. seziabunile zingabatholanga, zabuyela ejerusalem. kwathi sezimukile, baphuma emthonjeni, baya bayitshela inkosi udavide, bathi kudavide: sukani, nisheshe niwele amanzi, ngokuba u-ahithofeli weluleke kanjalo ngani. udavide wayesesuka nabo bonke abantu ababe naye, bawela ijordani; ngasekuseni akusalanga noyedwa ngaliwelanga ijordani. lapho u-ahithofeli ebona ukuthi

isiluleko sakhe asilandelwanga, wayibophela imbongolo yakhe, wasuka, waya ekhaya emzini wakhe, wayala ngendlu yakhe, waziphanyeka, wafa, wembelwa ethuneni likayise. udavide wayesefika emahanayimi. u-abisalomu waliwela ijordani, yena nabo bonke abantu bakwa-israyeli kanye naye. u-abisalomu wabeka u-amasa phezu kwempi esikhundleni sikajowabe. u-amasa wayeyindodana yomuntu ogama lakhe lalungu-ityira umisrayeli, owangena ku-abigali indodakazi kanahashi, udadewabo kaseruya unina kajowabe. o-israyeli no-abisalomu bamisa ezweni lakwagileyadi. kwathi udavide esefikile emahanayimi, ushobi indodana kanahashi waseraba labantwana bakwamoni, nomakiri indodana ka-amiyeli waselo debari, nobarizilayi wakwagileyadi waserogelimi baletsha amacansi, nemicengezi, nezitsha zebumba, nokolweni, nebhali, nempuphu notshwele, nobhontshisi, nembumba, nenhlosa, nezinyosi, namangqanga, nezimvu, noshizi wezinkomo kudavide nabantu ababe naye ukuba badle, ngokuba bathi: abantu balambile, bakhathele, bomile ehlane.

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udavide wabala abantu ababe naye, wabeka phezu kwabo izinduna zezinkulungwane nezinduna zamakhulu. udavide wamukisa abantu, inxenye yesithathu iphansi kwesandla sikajowabe, nenxenye yesithathu iphansi kwesandla sika-abishayi indodana kaseruya, umfowabo kajowabe, nenxenye yesithathu iphansi kwesandla sika-ithayi umgiti. inkosi yathi kubantu: nami ngiyakuphuma nokuphuma nani. kepha abantu bathi: awuyikuphuma, ngokuba uma sibaleka, abayikusinakekela; noma kufa inxenye yethu, abayikusikhathalela, kepha wena unjengezinkulungwane eziyishumi zethu; ngalokho kuhle ukuba usisize usemzini. yayisithi inkosi kubo: okuhle emehlweni enu ngiyakukwenza. inkosi yema ngaseceleni kwesango, bonke abantu baphuma ngamakhulu nangezinkulungwane. inkosi yabayaleza ojowabe no-abishayi no-ithayi, yathi: anoyiphatha kahle insizwa ngenxa yami, ngisho u-abisalomu. bonke abantu bezwa, lapho inkosi iyaleza zonke izinduna ngo-abisalomu. base bephumela endle ukulwa no-israyeli, kwaliwa ehlathini lakwa-efrayimi. abantu bakwa-israyeli banqotshwa lapho phambi kwezinceku zikadavide, kwakukhona ukubulalana okukhulu ngalolo suku, abantu abayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili. ngokuba impi yahlakazeka khona ezweni lonke, ihlathi laqeda abantu abaningi ngalolo suku kunabadliwa yinkemba. u-abisalomu wasuka wahlangana nezinceku

zikaDavide. u-abisalomu wayekhwele umnyuzi wakhe, umnyuzi wangena phansi kwehlozi le-oki, ikhanda lakhe labambelela e-okini, waphakanyiselwa emkhathini wezulu nomhlaba; umnyuzi obuphansi kwakhe wadlula. umuntu othile wakubona, wamshela uJowabe, wathi: bheka, ngibone u-abisalomu ephanyekekile e-okini. uJowabe wathi kumuntu omtshelleyo: bheka, ukubonile, awumjuqanga ngani khona, awele phansi, na? nga ngikunikile izinhlamvu eziyishumi zesiliva nebhande. wathi-ke umuntu kuJowabe: noma bengiyakukhokhela izinhlamvu eziyinkulungwane zesiliva esandleni sami, nokho bengingayikuselulela isandla sami endodaneni yenkosi, ngokuba ezindlebeni zethu inkosi yakuyala wena no-abishayi no-ithayi ukuthi: yilondeni insizwa u-abisalomu. uma bengisebenzile inkohliso ngokuphila kwakhe, njengokuba kungekho nto efihlwa enkosini, nawe uqobo ngabe umelene nami. wayesethi uJowabe: anginakulibala kanje nawe. wathatha imikhonto emithathu ngesandla sakhe, wambhokoda u-abisalomu enhliziyweni esezwa, ephakathi kwe-oki. izinsizwa eziyishumi ezaziphethe izikhali zikaJowabe zamzungeza, zamshaya u-abisalomu, zambulala. uJowabe wayesebetha icilongo, abantu babuya ekumxosheni u-israyeli, ngokuba uJowabe wabagodla abantu. bamthatha u-abisalomu, bamlahla emgodini omkhulu ehlathini, babeka phezu kwakhe inqwaba enkulu kakhulu yamatshe; bonke abakwa-israyeli, kwaba yilowo nalowo, babalekela ematendeni abo. u-abisalomu esekhona wayethathe insika, wazimisela yona esigodini senkosi, ngokuba wathi: anginandodana yokukhumbuzela igama lami. wayiqamba insika ngegama lakhe; ithiwa isikhumbuzo sika-abisalomu kuze kube namuhla. u-ahimahasi indodana kasadoki wayesethi: ake ngigijime, ngiyibikele inkosi ukuthi uJehova-aeiou uyiphindisele ezitheni zayo. uJowabe wathi kuye: awuyikuba ngumbiki wendaba namuhla, kepha uyakubika ngolunye usuku; namuhla awuyikubika lutho, ngokuba indodana yenkosi ifile. wayesethi uJowabe kumkushe: hamba, uyitshela inkosi okubonileyo. umkushe wamkhotamela uJowabe, wagijima. u-ahimahasi indodana kasadoki wabuye wathi kuJowabe: noma kanjani, ake ngigijime nami, ngimlandele umkushe. kepha uJowabe wathi: uyakugijimelani wena mntanami, lokhu kungekho mvuzo wombiko kuwe, na? wathi: noma kanjani, ake ngigijime. wathi kuye: gijima. wayesegijima u-ahimahasi ngendlela yasethafeni, wamdhlula umkushe. udavide wayehlezi emkhathini wamasango omabili; umlindi wakhuphukela ophahleni lwesango ngasogangeni, waphakamisa amehlo akhe,

wabheka, nanguya umuntu egijima eyedwa. umlindi wamemeza, wayitshela inkosi. yathi inkosi: uma eyedwa, unombiko emlonjeni wakhe. wayelokhu esondela njalo. umlindi wayesebona omunye umuntu egijima; umlindi wabiza umlindisango, wathi: bheka, omunye umuntu ugijima eyedwa. inkosi yathi: naye uletha umbiko. umlindi wayesethi: ngibona kungathi ukugijima kowokuqala kunjengokugijima kuka-ahimahasi indodana kasadoki. yathi inkosi: ngumuntu omuhle yena; uletha umbiko omuhle. wayesememeza u-ahimahasi, wathi enkosini: bayede! wakhothama phambi kwenkosi ebhekise phansi ubuso bakhe, wathi: makabongwe uJehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, onikele abantu abaphakamisela isandla sabo enkosini yami, inkosi. inkosi yathi: isahlezi kahle insizwa u-abisalomu na? u-ahimahasi wathi: ngabona isixuku sabantu, lapho uJowabe incekukwenkosi ethuma incekukwenkosi yakho, kepha angazanga ukuthi kuyini. inkosi yathi: gudluka, ume lapho. wagudluka, wema. bheka, wayesefika umkushe; umkushe wathi: ngumbiko, nkosi yami, nkosi, ngokuba uJehova-aeiou ukuphindisele namuhla kubo bonke abakuvukelayo. inkosi yathi kumkushe: isahlezi kahle insizwa u-abisalomu na? umkushe wathi: izitha zenkosi yami, inkosi, nabo bonke abakuvukelayo ukukulimaza mababe njengaleyo nsizwa. yayisidabuka kakhulu inkosi, yakhuphukela ekamelweni elingaphezu kwesango, yakhala; isahamba yathi: hhawu, ndodana yami abisalomu, ndodana yami, ndodana yami abisalomu! sengathi nga ngifile esikhundleni sakho, abisalomu, ndodana yami, ndodana yami!

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kwabikelwa uJowabe ukuthi: bheka, inkosi iyakhala, imilelela u-abisalomu. ukunqoba ngalolo suku kwaphenduka isililo kubantu bonke, ngokuba abantu bezwa kwathiwa ngalolo suku: inkosi idabukile ngendodana yayo. abantu bangena emzini ngalolo suku ngokunyanya njengabantu abanamahloni benyanya, bebalekela impi. inkosi yamboza ubuso bayo, inkosi yakhala ngezwi elikhulu, yathi: hhawu, ndodana yami abisalomu, abisalomu, ndodana yami, ndodana yami! uJowabe wangena endlini enkosini, wathi: udumazile namuhla ubuso bazo zonke izinceku zakho ezisindisile ukuphila kwakho namuhla, nokuphila kwamadodana akho namadodakazi akho, nokuphila kwabafazi bakho, nokuphila kwezancinza zakho ngokubathanda abakuzondayo nangokubazonda abakuthandayo. ngokuba umemezele namuhla ukuthi izikhulu nezinceku azilutho kuwe, lokhu ngibona namuhla ukuthi uma ebephilile u-abisalomu thina sonke besifile

namuhla, ngabe kulungile emehlweni akho. ngalokho suka, ukhulume kahle ezincekwini zakho, ngokuba ngifunga ujhova-aeiou ngithi, uma ungaphumi, akuyikusala muntu kuwe ngalobu busuku; lokhu kuyakuba kubi kuwe kunakho konke bona-ra-ukukhandleka okukwehlele kwasebusheni bakho kuze kube namuhla. yayisisuka inkosi, yahlala esangweni. kwathiwa kubo bonke abantu: bhekani, inkosi ihlezi esangweni. base befika abantu bonke phambi kwenkosi. kepha abakwa-israyeli babebalekele, kwaba yilowo nalowo etendeni lakhe. bonke abantu babephekisa ezizweni zonke zakwa-israyeli, bethi: inkosi yasophula esandleni sezitha zethu, yasikhulula esandleni samafilisti; manje isibalekile ezweni, imbalekele u-abisalomu. u-abisalomu esamgoba ukuba abe phezu kwethu usefile empini. manje nithuleleni, ningayibuyisi inkosi na? inkosi udavide yathumela kusadoki naku-abiyathara abapristi, yathi: khulumani kumalunga akwajuda, nithi: kungani ukuba nibe ngabokugcina ukubuyisela inkosi endlini yayo, lokhu kufinyelele enkosini nasendlini yayo konke ukukhuluma kuka-israyeli, na? ningabafowethu, niyithambo lami nenyama yami; ngalokho kungani ukuba nibe ngabokugcina ukuyibuyisa inkosi na? yishoni ku-ama ukuthi: angithi uyithambo lami nenyama yami na? makenze njalo kimi ulezi-ku, enezele futhi, uma ungayikuba yinduna yempi ngaphambi kwami njalo esikhundleni sikajowabe. wathobisa izinhlizyo zabantu bonke bakwajuda njengomuntu munye, baze bathuma enkosini, bathi: buya wena nazo zonke izinceku zakho. yayisibuya inkosi, yafika ejordani; ujuda wafika egiligali ukuba ayihlangabeze inkosi, ayiwelise inkosi ijordani. ushimeyi indodana kagera umbenjamine wasebahurimi washesha wehla nabantu bakwajuda ukuyihlangabeza inkosi. kweza naye abantu abayinkulungwane bakwabenjamine, nosiba inceku yendlu kasawule, namadodana akhe ayishumi nanhlanu, nezinceku zakhe ezingamashumi amabili zinaye; bawela ijordani phambi kwenkosi. kwawela isikebhe sokuwelisa abendlu yenkosi nokwenza okwakukuhle emehlweni ayo. ushimeyi indodana kagera wawela phansi phambi kwenkosi isiyakuliwela ijordani. wathi enkosini: inkosi yami mayingangibaleli icala, futhi ungakhumbuli bona-ra-ukukhandleka okwenziwa yinceku yakho mhla inkosi yami, inkosi, iphuma ejerusalem, ukuba inkosi ikubeke enhliziyweni yayo. ngokuba inceku yakho iyazi ukuthi yonile; bheka, ngifikile namuhla ngingowokuqala wendlu yonke kajosefa, ngehle ukuhlangabeza inkosi yami, inkosi. kepha u-abishayi indodana kaseruya waphendula wathi: ushimeyi

akayikubulawa yini ngalokho, njengokuba wathuka ogcotshiweyo kajehova-aeiou, na? udavide wathi: nginamsebenzi muni nani madodana kaseruya ukuba nimelane nami namuhla na? kuzakubulawa umuntu namuhla kwa-israyeli na? angazi yini mina ukuthi namuhla ngiyinkosi phezu kuka-israyeli na? inkosi yayisithi kushimeyi: awuyikufa. inkosi yafunga kuye. naye umefibosheti indodana kasawule wehla ukuhlangabeza inkosi; wayengalungisanga izinyawo zakhe, engalungisanga nesilevu sakhe, engahlanzanga futhi izingubo zakhe, kwasukela osukwini inkosi eyamuka ngalo kwaze kwaba lusuku owabuya ngalo ngokuthula. kwathi esefike ejerusalem ukuyihlangabeza inkosi, inkosi yathi kuye: awuhambanga ngani nami, mefibosheti, na? wathi: nkosi yami, nkosi, inceku yami yangikhohlisa, ngokuba inceku yakho yathi: ngiyakuzibophelela imbongolo ukuba ngiyikhwele, ngihambe nenkosi, ngokuba inceku yakho ilunyonga. ihlebele inceku yakho enkosini yami, inkosi, kepha inkosi yami, inkosi, injengengolosi kalezi-ku; ngalokho yenza okuhle emehlweni akho. ngokuba yonke indlu kababa yayinjengabantu abafileyo phambi kwenkosi yami, inkosi; kepha wayibeka inceku yakho phakathi kwabadla etafuleni lakho. ngisenalungelo lini ukuba ngibuye ngikhale enkosini na? inkosi yathi kuye: usakhulumelani ngezindaba zakho na? ngithi: wena nosiba, yahlukaniselani izwe. wayesethi umefibosheti enkosini: makathathe konke, njengokuba inkosi yami, inkosi, isibuyele endlini yayo ngokuthula. ubarizilayi wakwagileyadi wehla erogelimi; wawela ijordani kanye nenkosi ukuyiwelisa ijordani. ubarizilayi wayengumuntu om-dala kakhulu, eneminyaka engamashumi ayisishiyagalombili; wayekade eyipha inkosi ukudla isahlezi emahanayimi, ngokuba wayengumuntu omkhulu kakhulu. inkosi yathi kubarizilayi: wela nami wena, ngikondle kanye nami ejerusalem. wayesethi ubarizilayi enkosini: zingaki izinsuku zeminyaka yokuhamba kwami ukuba ngenyukele ejerusalem nenkosi na? namuhla ngineminyaka engamashumi ayisihiyagalombili; ngingahlukanisa okuhle nbona-ra-ukukhandleka yini? inceku yakho ingezwa ekudlayo nekuphuzayo na? ngingabe ngisalizwa izwi lamadoda ahlabelelayo nabesifazane abahlabelelayo na? inceku yakho isezakuba ngumthwalo wenkosi yami, inkosi, ngani na? inceku yakho iyakusimze iwele nje ijordani nenkosi; pho, inkosi iyakungivuzelani ngomvuzo ongaka na? mayibuyele emuva inceku yakho ukuba ngifele emzini wami ngasethuneni likababa nelikamame. kepha bheka, inceku yakho ukimihamu mayiwele nenkosi yami, inkosi, wenze kuyo okuhle emehlweni akho.

inkosi yathi: ukimihamu angawela nami, mina ngenze kuye okuhle emehlweni akho; konke okufunayo kimi ngiyakukwenzela khona. bonke abantu bawela ijordani, nenkosi yawela; inkosi yamanga ubarizilayi, yambusisa; wabuyela endaweni yakhe. yayisiwela inkosi, yaya egilgali, nokimihamu wawela nayo; bonke abantu bakwajuda bayiwelisa inkosi kanye nenxenye yabantu bakwa-israyeli. bheka, base befika bonke abantu bakwa-israyeli enkosini, bathi enkosini: abafowethu amadoda akwajuda bakwebeleni, bawelisa inkosi nabendlu yayo ijordani kanye nabo bonke abantu bakwadavide benaye, na? bonke abantu bakwajuda baphendula abantu bakwa-israyeli, bathi: ngokuba inkosi iyisihlobo sethu impela; kungani ukuba nithukuthule ngale nto na? sike sadla ntoni engeyenkosi na? isixoshisile ngamaxosho na? abantu bakwa-israyeli baphendula abantu bakwajuda, bathi: sinezinxenye eziyishumi kunani enkosini, yebo, nakudavide; nsideleleni na? izwi lethu lokubuyisa inkosi lalingesilo elokuqala na? kepha amazwi abantu bakwajuda ayelukhuni kunamazwi abantu bakwa-israyeli.

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kwakukhona umuntu omubi ogama lakhe lalingusheba indodana kabikri umbenjamini; wabetha icilongo, wathi: asinasabelo kudavide, asinafa endodaneni kajese; yiyani nonke ematendeni enu, israyeli. bonke abantu bakwa-israyeli base benyuka bengasamlndeli udavide, bamlandela usheba indodana kabikri; kepha abantu bakwajuda babambeleva enkosini yabo kusukela ejordani kuze kube sejerusalema. udavide wafika endlini yakhe ejerusalem; inkosi yathatha abesifazane abayishumi, izancinza zayo, eyayibashiyile ukuba bayilinde indlu, yababeka endlini yokulindela, yabapha ukudla, kepha ayingenanga kubo. base bevalelwe kwaze kwaba sosukwini lokufa kwabo, behlezi njengabafelokazi. yayisithi inkosi ku-amasa: ngibuthele abantu bakwajuda ngezinsuku ezintathu, ube khona nawe. wayesehamba u-amasa ukubutha ujuda, kepha walibala phezu kwesikhathi asinqunyelweyo. wayesethi udavide kubabishayi: manje usheba indodana kabikri uyakwenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka kakhulu kithi kuno-abisalomu; thatha wena izinceku zenkosi yakho, umxoshe, funa azitholele imizi ebiyelweyo, asiphunyuke. emva kwakhe kwaphuma amadoda kajowabe, namakhereti namapheleti, namaqhawe onke; baphuma ejerusalem ukuba bamxoshe usheba indodana kabikri. besesetsheni elikhulu elisigibeyoni, u-amasa wafika ukubahlangabeza. ujawabe wayebhince

isambatho sakhe sokulwa ayelokhu esigqoka; kusona lalikhona ibhande elinenkamba emgodleni wayo elaligaxwe okhalweni lwakhe; yawa esehamba. ujawabe wayesethi ku-amasa: usaphila, mfowethu, na? ujawabe wambamba u-amasa ngesilevu ngesandla sakhe sokunene ukuba amange. kodwa u-amasa akayinakanga inkemba eyayisesandleni sikajowabe; wamgwaza ngayo esiswini, wachithela izibilini zakhe emhlabathini; wafa engamphindanga. ojawabe no-abishayi umfowabo bamxosha usheba indodana kabikri. kwema ngakuye enye yezinsizwa zikajowabe, yathi: omthanda ujawabe nongokadavide mabamlandele ujawabe, u-amasa wahuquzela egazini lakhe phakathi nomendo. lapho lo muntu ebona ukuthi bonke abantu bema, wamgudluzela u-amasa emendweni, wamyisa ensimini, waphonsa ingubo phezu kwakhe, lapho ebona ukuthi bonke abadlula ngakuye bema. esesusiwe emendweni, abantu bonke badlula bamlandela ujawabe ukuba bamxoshe usheba indodana kabikri. wadabula izizwe zonke zakwa-israyeli, waze wafika e-abela, nasebeti mahakha, nakuwo onke amaberi; babuthana bamxosha nakhona. bafika bamvimbezela e-abela lasebeti mahakha, banqwabela iduli ngasemzini elema ngasodongeni; abantu bonke ababe nojawabe babhidliza ugange ukuba luwe. kwase kumemeza owesifazane ohlakaniphi-leyo esemzini, wathi: zwanini! zwanini! ake nithi kujowabe: sondela lapho ukuba ngikhulume nawe. wasondela kuye; owesifazane wayesethi: wena ungujowabe na? wathi: nginguye. wayesethi kuye: yizwa amazwi encekukazi yakho, wathi: ngiyezwa. wathi-ke: endulo babevama ukukhuluma ngokuthi: kuyakubuzwa nokubuzwa e-abela. base beqeda. mina ngingowokuthula nothembekileyo kwa-israyeli; wena ufuna ukuchitha umuzi nonina kwa-israyeli; uyakuligwinyelani ifa likajehova-aeiou na? ujawabe waphendula wathi: makube kude, makube kude nami ukuba ngigwinye noma ngichithe. akunjalo, kepha umuntu wasezintabeni zakwa-efrayimi, ngusheba indodana kabikri igama lakhe, uphakamisele isandla sakhe ngasenkosini, kudavide; nginikeni yena kuphela, khona ngiyakusuka emzini. wayesethi owesifazane kujowabe: bheka, ikhanda lakhe liyakuphonswa kuwe ngaphandle kongo. owesifazane wayeseya ngokuhlakanipha kwakhe kubantu bonke. bamnquma usheba indodana kabikri ikhanda, baliphonsa kujowabe. yena wabetha icilongo, bahlakazeka kulowo muzi, baya, kwaba yilowo nalowo etendeni lakhe. ujawabe wabuyela ejerusalem enkosini. ujawabe wayesephezu kwempi yonke yakwa-israyeli; ubenaya indodana kajehoyada wayephezu kwamakhereti namapheleti;

u-adoramu wayephethe imali; ujeoshafati indodana ka-ahiludi wayengumabhalana. usheva wayengumbhali; osadoki no-abiyathara babe ngabapristi; u-ira umjayiri wayengumpristi kadavide.

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kwaba khona indlala ezinsukwini zikadavide iminyaka emithathu ngokulandelana; udavide wafuna ubuso bukajehova-aeiou. ujeхова-aeiou wathi: kungenxa kasawule nangenxa yendlu yakhe yegazi, ngokuba wabulala abasegibeyoni. inkosi yayisibiza abasegibeyoni, yakhuluma kubo, abasegibeyoni babengesibo abantwana bakwa-israyeli, beyinsali yama-amori; abantwana bakwa-israyeli babefungile kubo; usawule wafuna ukubabulala ngokushisekela kwakhe abantwana bakwa-israyeli nabakwajuda; wathi-ke udavide kwabasegibeyoni: ngingenzele ntoni na? ngingenza ukubuyisana ngantoni ukuba nibusise ifa likajehova-aeiou na? abasegibeyoni bathi kuye: akundaba yesiliva negolide nosawule nendlu yakhe, futhi akundaba yokubulala umuntu kwa-israyeli. wathi: enikushoyo ngiyakunenzela khona. bathi enkosini: umuntu owasibulalayo waceba ngathi ukuba sichithwe singasali phakathi kwemikhawulo yakwa-israyeli, masinikwe abantu abayisikhombisa bamadodana akhe, sibaphanyeke kujehova-aeiou egibeya likasawule, okhethiweyo kajehova-aeiou. inkosi yathi: ngiyakuninika bona. kepha inkosi yamyeka umefibosheti indodana kajonathani kasawule ngenxa yesifungo sikajehova-aeiou esasiphakathi kwabo, phakathi kukadavide nojonathani indodana kasawule. kepha inkosi yathatha amadodana karispa indodakazi ka-aya ayewazalele usawule, o-arimoni nomefibosheti; namadodana ayisihlanu kamikhali indodakazi kasawule ayewazalele u-adriyeli indodana kabarizilayi ummeholati; wabanikela ezandleni zabasegibeyoni, babaphanyeka entabeni phambi kukajehova-aeiou, bawa labo abayisikhombisa kanyekanye; babulawa ngesikhathi sokuvuna ezinsukwini zokuqala ngasekuqaleni kokuvunwa kwebhali. urispa indodakazi ka-aya wathatha indwangu yamasaka, wazendlalela yona edwaleni, kusukela ekuqaleni kokuvuna kuze kuthelwe phezu kwabo amanzi asezulwini; akavumelanga izinyoni zezulu ukuba zihlale phezu kwabo emini, nezilwane zasendle ebusuku. kwabikelwa udavide ukuthi urispa indodakazi ka-aya, isancinza sikasawule, wenzeni. udavide waya wathatha amathambo kasawule namathambo kajonathani indodana yakhe kubantu basejabeshi gileyadi ababewebile esigcawini sasebeti shani, lapho, amafilisti ayebaphanyeke khona, mhla amafilisti

embulala usawule egilibowa. wenyusa lapho amathambo kasawule namathambo kajonathani indodana yakhe; baqoqa amathambo ababephanyekiwe. bawembela amathambo kasawule nojonathani indodana yakhe ezweni lakwabenjamini esela ethuneni likakishi uyise; benza konke okuyalezwe yinkosi. ngasemuva ulezi-ku wancengwa ngenxa yezwe. amafilisti abuye aphaka impi no-israyeli; udavide wehla, izinceku zakhe zinaye, balwa namafilisti; udavide waphela amandla. u-ishibi benobi wabantwana bamarefa osisindo somkhonto wakhe sasingamashekele angamakhulu amathathu ethusi, ebhince inkemba entsha, wathi uyakumbulala udavide. kepha u-abishayi indodana kaseruya wamsiza, wamshaya umfilisti wambulala. base befunga kuye abantu bakadavide, bathi: awusayikuphuma impi nathi, funa ucime isibani sakwa-israyeli. kwathi emva kwalokho kwabuye kwavuka impi namafilisti egobi; khona usibekayi umhushati wabulala usafi owayengowamadodana amarefa. kwabuye kwaba khona impi namafilisti egobi; u-elihanani indodana kajahari oregimi wasebetelema wabulala ugoliyati umgiti oluthi lomkhonto wakhe lwalunjengogongolo lomaluki. kwabuye kwaba khona impi egati, lapho kwakukhona umuntu omude owayeneminwe eyisithupha esandleni nezinzwani eziyisithupha onyaweni, kungamashumi amabili nane kukonke; naye wazalwa yirefa. wameyisa u-israyeli; ngalokho ujonathani indodana kashimeyi umfowabo kadavide wambulala. labo bobane bazalwa ngamarefa egati; bawa ngesandla sikadavide nangesandla sezincedu zakhe.

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udavide wakhuluma kujehova-aeiou amazwi aleli hubo mhla ujeхова-aeiou emophula esandleni sezitha zakhe zonke nasesandleni sikasawule, wathi: ujeхова-aeiou uyidwala lami, nenqaba yami, nomkhululi wami; ulezi-ku uyidwala lami engiphephela kulo, nesihlangu sami, nophondo lokusindiswa kwami, inqaba yami ephekemeyo nesiphephelo sami; msindisi wami, uyangisindisa ebudloveni. ngiyamemeza kujehova-aeiou odumisekayo, ngisindiswe ezitheni zami. ngokuba amaza okufa angihaga; izikhukhula zokona zangethusa. izintambo zasendaweni yabafileyo zangizungeza, izihibe zokufa zangehlela. ekuhluphekeni kwami ngambiza ujeхова-aeiou, ngakhala kulezi-ku wami; walizwa izwi lami esethempelini lakhe; ukukhala kwami kwangena ezindlebeni zakhe. umhlaba wawusuzamazama, wadikizela; izisekelo zezulu zathuthumela, zaqhaqha zela ngokuba ethukuthele. kwenyuka umusi emakhaleni akhe, nomlilo



odlayo emlonyeni wakhe; amalahle avutha kuye. wathobisa izulu, wehla; ubumnyama babuphansi kwezinyawo zakhe. wakhwela phezu kwekherubi, wandiza; wabonwa emaphikweni omya. wenza ubumnyama bube ngamadokodo amphahlayo, amanzi aqoqane, amafu abe nzima. ekukhazimuleni okuphambi kwakhe kwavuthiswa amalahle omililo. ujeхова-aeiou waduma ezulwini; ophezukonke walizwakalisa izwi lakhe. wathuma imicibisholo, wabangquzula, yebo, nonyazi, wabadidizelisa. kwase kubonakala imisinga yamanzi; izisekelo zomhlaba zambulwa ngesijeziro sikajehova-aeiou, ngokufutha komoya wamakhala akhe. waselula isandla sakhe ephezulu, wangibamba; wangikhipha emanzini amaningi. wango-phula esitheni sami esinamandla nakubo abangizondayo, ngokuba base bengahlulile. bangihlasela ngosuku lwesigemeleme sami, kepha ujeхова-aeiou waba yinsika yami. wangiphumisa endaweni ebanzi: wangikhulula, ngokuba ebethokoza ngami. ujeхова-aeiou wangivuza ngokokulunga kwami; wangibuyisela njengokuhlanzeka kwezandla zami. ngokuba ngizigcinile izindlela zikajehova-aeiou; angimukanga kulezi-ku wami ngokushinga. ngokuba yonke imithetho yakhe yayiphambi kwami, nezimiso zakhe angizivumanga ukuba zisuke kimi. nangiphelele kuye; ngabuxwaya ububi. ujeхова-aeiou wayesebuyisela kimi njengokulunga kwami, njengokuhlanzeka kwami phambi kwamehlo akhe. kothembekileyo uyazibonakalisa ethembekile; kumuntu oqotho uyazibonakalisa eqotho; kohlanzekileyo uyazibonakalisa ehlanzekile; koyisigwegwe uyazibonakalisa enenkani. uyasindisa abantu abathobekileyo, kepha amehlo akho aphezu kwabaqoshileyo ukuba ubathobise. ngokuba wena uyisibani sami, jehova-aeiou; ujeхова-aeiou uyakhanyisa ubumnyama bami. ngokuba ngawe ngingahlasela impi; ngolezi-ku wami ngingeqa ugame. indlela kalezi-ku iphelele; izwi likajehova-aeiou lihlanzekile; yena uyisihlangu kubo bonke abaphephela kuye. ngokuba ngubani ongulezi-ku ngaphandle kukajehova-aeiou, ngubani oyidwala ngaphandle kukalezi-ku wethu na? ulezi-ku uyangibhincisa amandla; uyenza indlela yami ilunge, yena owenza izinyawo zami zibe njengezendluzelekazi, angimise emagqumeni ami; ofundisa izandla zami ukulwa, ukuze izingalo zami zinsale umnsalo wethusi. wena unginikile isihlangu sensindiso yakho; ubumnene bakho bungikhulisile. amabanga okunyatshela kwami uwandisile; amaqakala ami awaxegi. ngazixosha izitha zami, ngazifika; angibuyanga ngingakaziqedi. ngaziqeda, ngaziphahlaza, zaze zahluleka ukuvuka; zawa phansi kwezinyawo zami. wangibhincisa amandla okulwa; ababen-

givukele wabathobisa phansi kwami. wangi-fulathelisela izitha zami, nabangizondayo ngabaqothula. bakhala, kepha akubangakho osindisayo, nakujeхова-aeiou, kodwa akaze aphenula. ngabacolisisa njengothuli lomhlabathi; ngabagxoba, ngabalaha njengensila ezitaladini. wangikhulula ezimpini zabantu bami; wangilonda ngaba yinhloko yabezizwe; abantu engingabaziyo bangikhonza. abafu bazithoba phansi kwami; banele ukungizwa nje ngendlebe, base bengilalela. abafu babuna, baphuma ezinqabeni zabo bethuthumela. ujeхова-aeiou usekhona malidunysiswe idwala lami; makaphakanyiswe ulezi-ku wensindiso yami, ulezi-ku onginikile impindiselo, wathobisa izizwe phansi kwami; ongikhiphile ezitheni zami, wangiphakamisa phezu kwabangivukelayo, wangikhulula kumuntu oyisidlwangudlwangu. ngalokho-ke ngizakukubonga phakathi kwabezizwe, jehova-aeiou, ngilihubele igama lakho. uyenza insindiso ibe nkulu enkosini yakhe; uyenza umusa kogcotshiweyo wakhe udavide nasenzalweni yakhe kuze kube phakade.

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lawa angamazwi okugcina kadavide. udavide indodana kajese uthi, umuntu owaphakanyiselwa phezulu uthi, ogcotshiweyo kalezi-ku kakakobe nomhlabeleli omandi wakwa-israyeli usho ukuthi: umoya kajehova-aeiou wakhuluma ngami; izwi lakhe lalisolimini lwami. ulezi-ku ka-israyeli wathi, idwala lika-israyeli lakhuluma kimi ukuthi: obusa abantu ngokulunga, abuse ngokumesaba ulezi-ku, unjengokukhanya kwasekuseni ekuphumeni kwelanga, isasa elingenamafu, laphe kuvela ekukhanyeni uhlaza emhlabathini emva kwemvula. ayinjalo indlu yami kulezi-ku na? ngokuba wenzile nami isivumelwano esiphakade; sihleliwe ezintweni zonke, sigcinekile, ngokuba yonke insindiso yami nokwenama kwami akayikukhuluma na? kepha onke amashinga ayakuba njengameva alahlwayo, ngokuba angephathwe ngesandla. kodwa umuntu owathintayo wohlonyiswa ngensimbi nangothi lomkhonto, aze ashiswe nokushiswa ngomlilo kuleyo ndawo. lawa angamazama amaqhawe kadavide: ujoshebi bashebete wasetahekemoni, inhloko yabathathu; nguyena owaphakamisa umkhonto wakhe, walwa nabantu abangamakhulu ayisishiyagalombili abagwazwa ngasikhatshi sinye. emva kwakhe kwakungu-eleyazare indodana kadodayi indodana yomahohi, omunye wamaqhawe amathathu ayenodavide mhladelela amafilisti ayebuthene laphe ukulwa, abantu bakwa-israyeli sebehambile; wasuka wabulala amafilisti saze sakhatshala

isandla sakhe, isandla sakhe sanamathela enkembeni; ujevova-aeiou wenza insindiso enkulu ngalolo suku; abantu babuya emva kwakhe ukuba baphange kuphela. emva kwakhe kwakungushama indodana ka-age umharari. amafilisti ayebuthelelelehi, lapho kwakukhona isiqephu sezwe esigcwele imbumba; abantu babaleka ebusweni bamafilisti. kepha wayemi phakathi nesiqephu, wasivikela, wawabulala amafilisti; ujevova-aeiou wenza insindiso enkulu. kwehla abathathu kwaba yizinhloko ezingamashumi amathathu, bafika kudavide ngesikhathi sokuvuna emhumeni wase-adulamu; impi yamafilisti yayimise esigodini samarefa. udavide wayesengqabeni; ikhanda lamafilisti lalisebetlehema. udavide wanxanela, wathi: hawu, sengathi ngingaphuziswa amanzi asemthonjeni wasebetlehema ongasesangweni. lawo maqhawe amathathu afohla ikamu lamafilisti, akha amanzi emthonjeni wasebetlehema owawungasesangweni, awathatha, awaletha kudavide; kepha akavumanga ukuwaphuza, kodwa wawathululela ujevova-aeiou. wathi: makube kude nami, jehova-aeiou, ukuba ngenze lokhu; kuyigazi lalabo bantu ababesuka besengozini. akavumanga ukuwaphuza. lezo zinto zenziwa yilawa maqhawe amathathu. u-abishayi umfowabo kajowabe indodana kaseruya wayeyinhloko yabathathu. waphakamisela abangamakhulu amathathu umkhonto wakhe, wababulala, waba negama phakathi kwalabo abathathu. wayengengotusekayo phakathi kwamashumi amathathu na? ngalokho waba yisikhulu sabo, kepha akafinyelelanga nokho kwabathathu bokuqala. ubenaya indodana kajehoyada, indodana yendoda enamandla, owayenze imisebenzi emikhulu, owasekabiseyeli, wabulala amaqhawe amabili akwamowabi; futhi wehla, wabulala ingonyama phakathi komgodi ngosuku lweqhwa, wabulala nowasegibithe, umuntu owabukeka emuhle; owasegibithe wayephethe umkhonto esandleni sakhe, kepha wehlela kuye ephethe induku nje, wawuhlwiwa umkhonto esandleni sowasegibithe, wambulala ngomkhonto wakhe. lezo zinto wazenza ubenaya indodana kajehoyada, waba negama phakathi kwalawo maqhawe amathathu. wayetuseka kunabangamashumi amathathu, kepha akafinyelelanga kwabathathu bokuqala. udavide wambeka phezu kwabalindi bakhe. phakathi kwabangamashumi amathathu kwakukhona u-asaheli umfowabo kajowabe, no-elihanani indodana kadodo wasebetlehema, noshama waseharodi, no-elika waseharodi, nohelesi wasepaliti, no-ira indodana ka-ikheshi wasetkehowa, no-abizezeri wase-anathoti, nomebunayi umhushati, nosalimoni umahohi, noma-

harayi wasenethofa, nohelevi indodana kabahana wasenethofa, no-ithayi indodana karibayi wasegibeya labantwana bakwabenjani, nobenaya wasepirathoni, nohidayi wangasemifudlaneni yakwagahashi, no-abi aliboni wase-araba, no-azimaveti wasebarhumi, no-eliyaba wasesahaliboni, nobene jasheni, nojonathani, noshama waseharari, no-ahiyamu indodana kasharari wase-arari, no-elifeleti indodana ka-ahashibayi indodana yommahakha, no-eliyamu indodana ka-ahithofeli wasegilo, noheserayi wasekarmeli, nophaharayi wase-arabi, no-igali indodana kanathani wasesoba, nobani wakwagadi, noseleki wakwa-amoni, nonaharayi waseberoti, izindibi zezikhali zikajowabe indodana kaseruya, no-ira wasejetheri, nogarebi wasejetheri, no-uruya umheti, bengamashumi amathathu nesikhombisa bebonke.

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intukuthelo kajehova-aeiou yabuye yavuthela u-israyeli, wamvusa udavide ngabo ngokuthi: hamba ubale u-israyeli nojuda. inkosi yathi kujowabe induna yempi eyayinaye: hamba ezizweni zonke zakwa-israyeli kusukela kwadani kuze kube seberi sheba, nibale abantu ukuba ngiwazi umumo wabantu. wayesethi ujawabe enkosini: ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho makenzele kubantu kuphindwe kayikhulu phezu kwalokhu abayikho, kubonwe ngamehlo enkosi yami, inkosi; kepha inkosi yami, inkosi, yenamelelani le nto na? nokho izwi lenkosi lamahlala ujawabe nezinduna zempi. ujawabe nezinduna zempi baphuma ebusweni benkosi ukuba babale abantu bakwa-israyeli. bawela ijordani, bamisa e-aroweri ngakwesokunene komuzi ophakhulu nesigodi sakwagadi ngasejazeri; base befika kwagileyadi nasezweni lasetahetimi hodishi; bafika nasedani jahani nangasesidoni, bafika enqabeni yasetire, nasemizini yonke yamahivi namakhanani; baphuma baya nangaseningizimu kwajuda eberi sheba. sebedabule izwe lonke bafika ejusalema ngasekupheleni kwezinyanga eziyisishiyagalolunye nezinsuku ezingamashumi amabili. ujawabe wayesenika inkosi umumo wabantu ababaliweyo; kwaba khona kwa-israyeli amadoda anamandla ayizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisishiyagalombili ahloka inkemba; amadoda akwajuda ayeyizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisihlanu. udavide wahlabeka enhliziyweni emva kokuba esebabalile abantu. udavide wathi kujehova-aeiou: ngonile kakhulu ngalokho engikwenzileyo; kepha manje, jehova-aeiou, mawuthethelele ububi benceku yakho, ngokuba ngintumazele kakhulu. wathi ukuba udavide avuke ekuseni, kwafika

izwi likajehova-aeiou kumprofethi ugadi umboni kadavide lokuthi: hamba ukhulume kudavide ngokuthi: ujahova-aeiou usho kanje, uthi: ngiyakubekela izinto ezintathu; khetha enye kuzo ukuba ngikwenzele yona.

ugadi wayesefika kudavide, wamtshela, wathi kuye: kufike kuwe yini iminyaka eyisikhombisa yendlala ezweni lakini, noma ubalekele izitha zakho izinyanga ezintathu zisakuxosha, noma kube khona izinsuku ezintathu zesifo ezweni lakini na? manje cabanga, ubone ukuthi yiliphi izwi engiyakulibuyisela kongithumileyo. wayesethi udavide kugadi: nginosizi kakhulu; masiwele esandleni sikajehova-aeiou, ngokuba umusa wakhe mkhulu; kepha esandleni somuntu mangingaweli kuso. ujahova-aeiou wayesethuma isifo phezu kuka-israyeli kusukela ekuseni kuze kube sesikhathini esinqunyiweyo; kwafa abantu abayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisikhombisa kusukela kwadani kuze kube seberi sheba. lapho ingelosi yelula isandla sayo kulo ijerusalema ukulichitha, ujahova-aeiou wazisola ngalobo bubi, wathi engelosini eyachitha abantu: sekwanele; buyisa isandla sakho. ingelosi kajehova-aeiou yayisesibuyeni sika-arawuna umjebusi. udavide wathi kujehova-aeiou, lapho eyibona ingelosi eyayibabulala abantu: bheka, mina ngonile, ngenzile bona-ra-ukukhandleka; kepha lezi zimvu zenzeni na? isandla sakho masibe phezu kwami naphezu kwendlu kababa. ugadi wafika ngalolo suku kudavide, wathi kuye: yenyuka, ummisele ujahova-aeiou i-altare esibuyeni sika-arawuna umjebusi. udavide wenyuka njengokusho kukagadi nanjengokuyala kukajehova-aeiou. u-arawuna walunguza, wabona inkosi nezinceku zayo beza kuye; u-arawuna waphuma, wakhohama phambi kwenkosi, ubuso bakhe bubheke phansi. wathi u-arawuna: kungani ukuba inkosi yami, inkosi, ifikile encekwini yayo na? udavide wathi: ukuba ngithenge kuwe isibuya, ngimakhele ujahova-aeiou i-altare, ukuze lesi sifo siqamuke kubantu. wayesethi u-arawuna kudavide: inkosi yami, inkosi, mayithathe, inikele ngokuhle emehlweni ayo; bheka, nazi izinkabi zomnikelo wokushiswa, nezibhulo, nezinto zokubophela izinkabi zibe yizinkuni; konke, nkosi, u-arawuna uyakunika inkosi. u-arawuna wayesethi enkosini: ujahova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho makakwamukele. inkosi yathi ku-arawuna: qha, ngiyakukuthenga nokukuthenga ngenani elithile; angiyikunikela ngeminikelo yokushiswa kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wami engeyesihle. udavide wayesethenga isibuya nezinkabi ngamashekeli angamashumi ayisihlanu esiliva. udavide wamakhela khona ujahova-aeiou i-altare, wanikela ngeminikelo yokushiswa nangeminikelo yokuthula.

ujehova-aeiou wancengwa ngenxa yezwe, isifo sanqamuka kwa-israyeli.

inkosi udavide yayisindala, ineminyaka eminingi; bayembesa ngingezubo, kepha ayifudumalanga. zase zithi kuyo izinceku zayo: "inkosi yami, inkosi, mayifunelwe intombi esentsha ukuba ime phambi kwenkosi, iyiphathe, ilale ngasesifubeni sayo ukuba inkosi yami, inkosi, ifudumale." base befuna intombi enhle phakathi kwemikhawulo yonke yakwa-israyeli, bathola u-abishagi waseshunemi, bamletha enkosini. intombi yayiyinhle kakhulu, yayiphatha inkosi, yayikhonza, kepha inkosi ayiyazanga. u-adoniya indodana kahagiti waziphakamisa, wathi: "mina ngiyakuba yinkosi." wazilungiselela izinqola, nabamahhashi, nabantu abangamashumi ayisihlanu ukugijima phambi kwakhe. uyise wayengamdabukisanga nakanye ngokuthi: "wenzeleni lokhu na?" futhi wayebukeka emuhle kakhulu, wayelama u-abisalomu. wacebisana nojowabe indodana kaseruya no-abiyathara umpristi; bamsiza u-adoniya, bamlandela. kepha usadoki umpristi, nobenaya indodana kajehoyada, nonathani umprofethi, noshimeyi, noreyi, namaqhawe kadavide abamlandelanga u-adoniya. u-adoniya wahlaba izimvu, nezinkabi, namathole akhuluphalisiweyo ngasetsheni lasezohleleti elisecceleni kwe-eni rogeli; wamema bonke abafowabo, amadodana enkosi, nabantu bonke bakwajuda, izinceku zenkosi; kepha unathani umprofethi, nobenaya, namaqhawe, nosolomoni umfowabo, kabamemanga. unathani wathi kubati sheba unina kasolomoni: "awuzwanga yini ukuthi u-adoniya indodana kahagiti uyabusa, udavide inkosi yethu engakwazi, na? ngalokho woza ngikululeke ukuba usindise ukuphila kwakho nokuphila kwendodana yakho usolomoni. hamba ungene enkosini udavide, uthi kuyo: 'wena nkosi yami, nkosi, awufunganga yini kuyo incekuazi yakho ngokuthi: "usolomoni indodana yakho uyakuba yinkosi emva kwami, ahlale esihlalweni sami sobukhosi," na? pho, kungani ukuba kubuse u-adoniya na?' bheka, usakhuluma lapho nenkosi, nami ngiyakungena emva kwakho, ngiqinise amazwi akho." ubati sheba wayesengena enkosini ekamelweni; inkosi yayisindala; u-abishagi waseshunemi wayikhonza inkosi. ubati sheba wakhothama, wakhuleka enkosini. yathi inkosi: "ubabeleni na?" wathi kuyo: "nkosi yami, wafunga ujeihova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho kuyo incekuazi yakho ngokuthi: 'ngempela usolomoni indodana yakho uyakuba yinkosi emva kwami, ahlale esihlalweni sami sobukhosi.' bheka, manje kubusa u-adoniya; wena nkosi yami, nkosi, awukwazi; usehlabile izinkabi, namathole akhuluphalisiweyo,

nezimvu eziningi, umemile onke amadodana enkosi, no-abiyathara umpristi, nojowabe induna yempi; kepha usolomoni inceku yakho kammemanga. wena nkosi yami, nkosi, amehlo abo bonke abakwa-israyeli akuwe ukuba ubatshele ukuthi ngubani ozakuhlala esihlalweni sobukhosi senkosi yami, inkosi, emva kwayo, funa, lapho inkosi yami, inkosi, isilele koyise, mina nendodana yami usolomoni kuthiwe sinecala." bheka, esakhuluma nenkosi, wangena unathani umprofethi. bayitshela inkosi, bathi: "bheka, nangu unathani umprofethi," lapho esengene enkosini wakhothama phambi kwenkosi, ubuso bakhe bubheke phansi. unathani wathi: "nkosi yami, nkosi, wena ushilo yini ukuthi: 'u-adoniya uyakuba yinkosi emva kwami, ahlale esihlalweni sami sobukhosi,' na? ngokuba wehlile namuhla; uhlabile izinkabi, namathole akhuluphalisiweyo, nezimvu eziningi, umemile onke amadodana enkosi, nezinduna zempi, no-abiyathara umpristi; bheka, bayadla, bephuza phambi kwakhe, bathi: 'mana njalo, nkosi adoniya.' kodwa mina, mina nceku yakho, nosadoki umpristi, nobenaya indodana kajehoyada, nenceku yakho usolomoni, kasimemanga. le nto yenziwe yini yinkosi yami, inkosi, ungazazisanga izinceku zakho ukuthi ngubani oyakuhlala esihlalweni sobukhosi senkosi yami, inkosi, emva kwayo, na?" yayisiphendula inkosi udavide, yathi: "ngibizele ubati sheba." wafika ebusweni benkosi, wema phambi kwenkosi. inkosi yayisifunga ngokuthi: "kuphila kukajehova-aeiou ohlengile umphefumulo wami ekhuluphekeni kwami konke, njengalokho ngafunga kuwe ujeihova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, ngathi: usolomoni indodana yakho uyakuba yinkosi emva kwami, ahlale esihlalweni sami sobukhosi esikhundleni sami, ngiyakwenze njalo impela namuhla." wayesekhothama ubati sheba, ubuso bakhe bubheke phansi, wakhuluma enkosini, wathi: "mana njalo, nkosi yami, nkosi davide," inkosi udavide yayisithi: "ngibizele usadoki umpristi, nonathani umprofethi, nobenaya indodana kajehoyada," bafika phambi kwenkosi. inkosi yathi kubo: "thathani izinceku zenkosi yenu, nimkhwelise usolomoni indodana yami kuwo umnyuzi wami, nimehlisele egihoni, usadoki umpristi nonathani umprofethi bamgcobe khona abe yinkosi phezu kuka-israyeli; bese nibetha amacilongo, nithi: 'mana njalo, nkosi solomoni.' bese nenyuka emva kwakhe, afike ahlale esihlalweni sami sobukhosi, ngokuba uyakuba yinkosi esikhundleni sami; ngimbekile ukuba abe ngumbusi phezu kuka-israyeli nojuda." ubenaya indodana kajehoyada wayiphendula inkosi, wathi: "amen; ujeihova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenkosi yami, inkosi, makasho

njalo naye. njengalokho ujevova-aeiou waba nenkosi yami, inkosi, makabe naye usolomoni, asenze isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi sibe sikhulu kunesihlalo sobukhosi senkosi yami, inkosi udavide." base behla usadoki umpristi, nonathani umprofethi, nobenaya indodana kajehoyada, namakhereti namapheleti, bamkhwelisa usolomoni kuwo umnyuzi wenkosi udavide, bamyisa egihoni. usadoki umpristi wathatha uphondo lwamafutha etendeni, wamgoba usolomoni. babetha amacilongo, bonke abantu bathi: "mana njalo, nkosi solomoni." bonke abantu benyuka emva kwakhe, abantu babetha imitshingo. bathokoza ngokuthokoza okukhulu, kwaze kwangathi kuqhekezeka umhlaba ngomsindo wabo. u-adoniya nabo bonke abamenyiweyo ababe naye bawuzwa sebeqedile ukudla. ujawabe esezwa ukukhala kwecilongo wathi: "ngowani lo msindo wokuxokozela emzini na?" esakhuluma, bheka, kwafika ujonathani indodana ka-abiyathara umpristi; u-adoniya wathi: "ngena, ngokuba wena uyindoda enamandla; uze nodaba oluhle." ujonathani waphendula, wathi ku-adoniya: "qha, inkosi yethu, inkosi udavide, imbekile usolomoni inkosi; inkosi ithumile naye usadoki umpristi, nonathani umprofethi, nobenaya indodana kajehoyada, namakhereti namapheleti, bamkhwelisa kuwo umnyuzi wenkosi; usadoki umpristi nonathani umprofethi bamgobile egihoni abe yinkosi; sebenyukile khona bejabula, ngangokuba kwakhamuluka umuzi. yiwo umsindo eniwuzwile. futhi usolomoni usehlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi sombuso, nezineku zenkosi zafika ukuyibusa inkosi yethu, inkosi udavide, ngokuthi: 'ulezi-ku wakho makenze igama likasolomoni libe lihle kunegama lakho, asenze isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi sibe sikhulu kunesihlalo sakho sobukhosi; inkosi yakhothama embhedeni wayo.' futhi yasho kanje inkosi, yathi: 'makabusiwe ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli omisile namuhla oyakhulala esihlalweni sami sobukhosi, ekubona amehlo ami.' " abamenyiweyo bonke baka-adoniya besaba, basuka, bahamba bonke, kwaba yilowo nalowo ngendlela yakhe. u-adoniya wesaba ngenxa kasolomoni; wasuka wahamba, wabamba izimpondo ze-altare. kwabikwa kusolomoni ukuthi: "bheka, u-adoniya uyayesaba inkosi usolomoni; ngalokho ubambile izimpondo ze-altare, ethi: 'inkosi usolomoni mayifunge kimi namuhla ukuthi ayiyikubulala inceku yayo ngenkamba.' " wathi usolomoni: "uma eyakuba yindoda enamandla, akuyikuwela emhlabathini nolulodwa unwele lwakhe, kepha uma bona-rad-ukukhandleka kufumaniseka kuye, uyakufa." yayisithumela inkosi usolomoni, bamehlisa e-altare. wafika, wakhuleka

enkosini usolomoni; usolomoni wathi kuye: "hamba, uye endlini yakho."

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izinsuku zikadavide zasondela ekufeni; wayesemyala usolomoni indodana yakhe, ethi: "mina sengihamba indlela yawo wonke umhlaba; ngalokho qina, ube yindoda, ugcine isiyalezo sikajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ukuba uhambe ezindleleni zakhe, ugcine izimiso zakhe, nemiyalo yakhe, nezahlualelo zakhe, nobufakazi bakhe njengokulotshiweyo emthethweni kamose, ukuze uphumelele kukho konke okwenzayo nakukho konke okubhekayo, ukuze ujevova-aeiou aqinise izwi lakhe alikhuluma ngami ngokuthi: 'uma abantwana bakho begcina indlela yawo ukuba bahambe phambi kwami eqinisweni ngayo yonke inhliziyo yabo nangawo wonke umphfumulo wabo, awuyikuntula muntu - washo njalo - esihlalweni sobukhosi sakwa-israyeli.' "futhi wena uyazi okwenziwayo kimi ngujowabe indodana kaseruya, nalokho akwenzayo kuzo izinduna ezimbili zezimpi zakwa-israyeli, o-abineri indodana kaneri no-amasa indodana kajetheri, owababulala, wachitha igazi lokulwa ngesikhathi sokuthula, wabeka igazi lokulwa kulo ibhande lakhe elalisokhalweni lwakhe nasezicathulweni zakhe ezaziseziyaweni zakhe. yenza njengokuhlakanipha kwakho, ungayehlisi impunga ngokuthula endaweni yabafileyo. "kepha yiba nomusa kumadodana kabazizilayi wakwagileyadi, abe khona phakathi kwabadla ngasetafuleni lakho, ngokuba enza kanjalo kimi mhla ngabalekela u-abisalomo umfowenu. "bheka, ukhona nawe ushimeyi indodana kagera wakwabenjamini wasebahurimi, owangithuka ngokuthuka okwesabekayo mhla ngiya emahanyimi; kepha wehla ukungihlangabeza ngasejordani, ngafunga kuye ujevova-aeiou ngokuthi: 'angiyikubulala ngenkamba.' ngalokho ungamyeki abe ngongenacala, ngokuba wena ungumuntu ohlakaniphelelo, uyakwazi okufanele ukuba ukwenzek kuye, wehlise impunga endaweni yabafileyo inegazi." udavide wayeselala koyise, wembelwa emzini kadavide. izinsuku udavide abusa ngazo phezu kuka-israyeli zaziyiminyaka engamashumi amane; iminyaka eyisikhombisa wabusa ehebroni, iminyaka engamashumi amathathu nantathu wabusa ejerusalema. usolomoni wayesehlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sikadavide uyise; umbuso wakhe waqiniswa kakhulu. wayesefika u-adoniya indodana kahagiti kubati sheba unina kasolomoni. wathi: "uze nokuthula na?" wathi yena: "yebo, ngize nokuthula." wayesethi: "nginendaba kuwe." wathi: "khuluma." wathi-ke: "uyazi wena ukuthi

umbuso wawungowami nokuthi wonke u-israyeli wabhekisa kimi ubuso bakhe ukuba ngibuse; kepha umbuso usuguqliwe, se-waba ngowomfowethu, ngokuba wawuthola kujehova-aeiou. sengicela into inye kuwe, ungangifulatheli." wathi kuye: "khuluma." wayesethi: "ake ukhulume kusolomoni inkosi, ngokuba akayikukufulathela wena, ukuba anginike u-abishagi waseshunemi abe ngumkami." ubati-sheba wathi: "kulungile; ngizakukhululuma enkosini." wayesehamba ubati sheba, waya enkosini usolomoni ukuba amkhulumele u-adoniya kuyo. inkosi yasukuma ukumhlangebeza, yamkhotamela, yahlala esihlalweni sayo sobukhosi, yambekela unina wenkosi isihlalo, wahlala ngakwesokunene sayo. wayesethi kuyo: "nginesicelo sinye nje esincane kuwe; ungangifulatheli." inkosi yathi kuye: "cela-ke, mame ngokuba angiyikukufulathela." wathi-ke: "u-abishagi waseshunemi makanikwe ku-adoniya umfowethu, abe ngumkakhe." inkosi usolomoni yaphendula, yathi kunina: "umcelelani u-adoniya u-abishagi waseshunemi na? mcelele nombuso futhi, ngokuba ungumnewethu; yebo, mcelele yena no-abiyathara umpristi, nojowabe indodana kaseruya." inkosi usolomoni yayisifunga u-jehova-aeiou ngokuthi: "ulezi-ku makenze njalo kimi, enezele futhi, uma u-adoniya engakhululuma leli zwi libe ngelokufa kwakhe. ngalokho, kuphila kukajehova-aeiou onginqinisileyo, wangibeka esihlalweni sobukhosi sikadavide ubaba, wangenza indlu njengokukhuluma kwakhe; namhla nje uyakubulawa u-adoniya." inkosi usolomoni yayisithumela ngesandla sikabenaya indodana kajehoyada: wamsukela; wafa. inkosi yathi ku-abiyathara umpristi: "hamba uye e-anathoti emasimini akho, lokhu ungowokufa, kepha angiyikukubulala namhla, ngokuba wawuwuthwala umphongolo wenkosi u-jehova-aeiou phambi kukadavide ubaba, wahlupheka ngakho konke ubaba ahlupheka ngakho." usolomoni wayesemxosha u-abiyathara, angabe esaba ngumpristi kujehova-aeiou, ukuba agcwalise izwi likajehova-aeiou alikhuluma ngendlu ka-eli eshilo. lapho kufika umbiko kujowabe ngokuba u-jowabe - wayemlandele u-adoniya noma engamlan-delanga u-abisalomu u-jowabe - wabaleka, waya etendeni likajehova-aeiou, wabamba izimpondo ze-altare. inkosi usolomoni yatshelwa ukuthi: "u-jowabe ubalekele etendeni likajehova-aeiou; bheka, ungase-altare." usolomoni wayesethuma ubenaya indodana kajehoyada ngokuthi: "hamba, umsukeye." ubenaya wafika etendeni likajehova-aeiou, wathi kuye: "isho kanje inkosi, ithi: 'phuma.'" wathi: "qha, ngiyakufela lapha." ubenaya wabuyisela

enkosini izwi lokuthi: "washi njalo u-jowabe, wangiphendula kanjalo." inkosi yathi kuye: "yenza njengokusho kwakhe, umsukeye, ummbele, ukuba ususe kimi nakuyo indlu kababa igazi elachithwa ngeze ngu-jowabe. u-jehova-aeiou uyakulibuyisela igazi lakhe ekhanda lakhe, ngokuba wamsukela amadoda amabili alungileyo amahle kunaye, wawabulala ngenkomba, ubaba udavide engazi: u-abineri indodana kaneri, induna yempi yakwa-israyeli, no-ama indodana ka-jetheri, induna yempi yakwajuda. igazi labo liyakubuyela ekhanda likajowabe nasekhanda lenzalo yakhe kuze kube phakade; kepha kudavide, nakuyo inzalo yakhe, nakuyo indlu yakhe, nakuso isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi kuyakuba ngukuthula kuze kube phakade, kuvela kujehova-aeiou." wayesenyuka ubenaya indodana kajehoyada, wamsukela, wambulala; wembelwa endlini yakhe ehlane. inkosi yayisimbeka ubenaya indodana kajehoyada phezu kwempi esikhundleni sakhe; usadoki umpristi inkosi yambeka esikhundleni sika-abiyathara. inkosi yathuma yambiza ushimeyi, yathi kuye: "zakhele indlu ejerusalem, uhlahle khona, ungaphumi lapho ukuya ndawo. ngokuba mhla uphuma, uwele umfudlana ikidroni, yazisisa ukuthi uyakufa nokufa; igazi lakho liyakuba sekhanda lakho." wayesethi ushimeyi enkosini: "lelo zwi lilungile; inceku yakho iyakwenza njen-gokusho kwenkosi yami, inkosi." ushimeyi wahlala ejerusalem izinsuku eziningi. kwathi ngasekupheleni kweminyaka emithathu izinceku ezimbili zikashimeyi zabaleka, zaya ku-akhishi indodana kama-hakha inkosi yasegati. ushimeyi watshelwa ukuthi: "bheka, izinceku zakho zisehati." wayesesuka ushimeyi, wabophela imbongolo yakhe, waya egati ku-akhishi ukuba afune izinceku zakhe; wahamba ushimeyi, wazibuyisa izinceku zakhe egati. wabikelwa usolomoni ukuthi ushimeyi wayesukile ejerusalem ukuya egati nokuthi ubuyile. inkosi yayisithuma yambiza ushimeyi, yathi kuye: "angithi ngikufungisile u-jehova-aeiou, ngaqinisa kuwe ukuthi: 'mhla uphuma uye nomaphi, yazisisa ukuthi uyakufa nokufa,' na? wathi kimi: 'izwi engilizwileyo lihle.'" pho, awugcinanga ngani isifungo sikajehova-aeiou nomyalo engakuyala ngakho na? inkosi yathi futhi kushimeyi: "wena uyazi konke bona-ra-ukukhanda le okwaziwa yinhlizyo yakho, owakwenza kudavide ubaba; ngalokho u-jehova-aeiou uyakubuyisela ububi bakho ekhanda lakho. kepha inkosi usolomoni iyakubusiwa, nesihlalo sobukhosi sikadavide siyakuqin-iswa phambi kukajehova-aeiou kuze kube phakade." ngokuyala kwenkosi ubenaya indodana kajehoyada waphuma wamsukela; wafa. umbuso wawusulokhu uqiniswa njalo

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usolomoni wahlangana ngobuhlobo nofaro inkosi yasegibithe, wathatha indodakazi kafaro, wayingenisa emzini kadavide, waze waqeda ukwakha indlu yakhe, nendlu kajehova-aeiou, nogange lwasejerusalema nxazonke. nokho abantu babehlaba ezindaweni eziphakemeyo, ngokuba kwakungakhelwanga igama likajehova-aeiou indlu kwaze kwaba yilezo zinsuku. usolomoni wamthanda ujeihova-aeiou, wahamba ngezimiso zikadavide uyise; kepha wahlaba, washisa impepho ezindaweni eziphakemeyo. inkosi yaya egibeyoni ukuhlabela khona, ngokuba kwakuyindawo ephakemeyo enkulu; usolomoni wanikela ngeminikelo yokushiswa eyinkulungwane e-altare lelo. egibeyoni ujeihova-aeiou wabonakala kusolomoni ngephupho ebusuku; ulezi-ku wathi: "cela lokhu othanda ukuba ngikunike khona." usolomoni wathi: "wenzele inceku yakho udavide ubaba umusa omkhulu njengokuhamba kwakhe phambi kwakho ngeqiniso, nangokulunga, nangobuqotho benhliziyo kuwe, wamgcinela futhi lowo musa omkhulu, wamnika indodana ukuba ihlale esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi, njengokuba kunjalo namuhla. "manje, jehova-aeiou lezi-ku wami, ubekile inceku yakho inkosi esikhundleni sikadavide ubaba; ngingumntwana omncane nje, angikwazi nokungena nokuphuma. inceku yakho iphakathi kwabantu bakho obakhethileyo, isizwe esikhulu, esingenakubalwa, esingenakuthathwa umumo waso ngobuningi. ngalokho yiphe inceku yakho inhliziyo elalelayo ukwahlulela abantu bakho ukuba ngahlukanise okuhle nbona-ra-ukukhandleka, ngokuba ngubani onghlulela laba bantu bakho abakhulu kangaka na?" leyo nkulumo yaba nhle emehlweni enkosi ukuba usolomoni wayecele leyo nto. wathi ulezi-ku kuye: "ngokuba ucele leyo nto, ungazicelelanga izinsuku eziningi, ungazicelelanga namfuyo, ungacelanga futhi ukufa kwezitha zakho, uzicelele ukwahlukanisa lokho okuzwayo ekwahluleleni, bheka, ngenzile njengezwi lakho: naku, ngikunika inhliziyo enokuhlakanipha nokuqonda, okungazange kube khona okunjengakho ngaphambi kwakho nokungayikuvela futhi okunjengakho nangasemva kwakho. ngikunika futhi nalokho ongakucelanga, imfuyo nodumo, ngangokuba kungayikubakho onjengawe phakathi kwamakhosi zonke izinsuku zakho. uma uhamba ngezindlela zami, ugcine izimiso zami nemiyalo yami, njengalokho uyihlo udavide wahamba, ngiyakwandisa izinsuku zakho." usolomoni

wayeseephaphama; bheka, kwakuyiphupho; waya ejerusalem, wema phambi komphongo wesivumelwano sikajehova-aeiou, wanikela ngeminikelo yokushiswa, wanikela ngeminikelo yokuthula, wazenzela izinceku zakhe zonke idili. khona kwafika enkosini abesifazane ababili abayizifebe, bema phambi kwayo. omunye owesifazane wathi: "e nkosi, mina nalo wesifazane sihlala ndlininye; ngabeletha nginaye endlini. kwathi ngosuku lwesithathu sengibelethile, lo wesifazane wabeletha naye; sasindawonye, kwakungekho mfokazi nathi endlini, kuyithina sobabili kuphela. "umfana walo wesifazane wafa ebusuku, ngokuba walala phezu kwakhe. wavuka phakathi kwamabili, wathatha umfana wami eceleni kwami, inceku zakhi yakho ilele ubuthongo, wambeka esifubeni sakhe, wabeka umfana wakhe ofileyo esifubeni sami. lapho sengivuka ekuseni ukuba ngimcelise umfana wami, bheka, wayesefile; kepha sengimbhekisisa ekuseni, bheka, kwakungesiye umfana wami engimzeleyo." wayesethi omunye owesifazane: "qha, ophilayo ungumfana wami, ofileyo ngumfana wakho." kepha yena wathi: "qhabo, ofileyo ungumfana wakho, ophilayo ngumfana wami." bakhuluma kanjalo phambi kwenkosi. yayisithi inkosi: "omunye uthi: 'ngowami lo mfana ophilayo, ngumfana wakho ofileyo;' omunye uthi: 'qha, ngumfana wakho ofileyo, ngumfana wami ophilayo.'" yathi inkosi: "ngiletheleni inkemba." baletha inkemba enkosini. yathi-ke inkosi: "mdabuleni kabili umntwana ophilayo, ninike omunye inxenye nomunye inxenye." wayesekhuluma enkosini owesifazane ongowakhe umntwana ophilayo, ngokuba izibilini zakhe zavutha ngomntanake, wathi: "e nkosi, mnike yena umntwana ophilayo, ungambulali nakanye," kepha omunye wathi: "makangabi ngowami nangowakho; mdabuleni." yayisithathu inkosi, yathi: "mnikeni lowo umntwana ophilayo, ningamdabuli nakanye; nguye ongunina." u-israyeli wonke wezwa leso sahlulelo esenziwe yinkosi; bayesaba inkosi, ngokuba babona ukuthi ukuhlakanipha kukalezi-ku kwakukuyo ekwahluleleni kwayo.

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inkosi usolomoni yabusa u-israyeli wonke. yilezi izikhulu eyayinazo: u-azariya indodana kasadoki wayengumpristi; o-elihorefi no-ahiyi amadodana kashisha babe ngababhali, nojehoshafati indodana ka-ahiludi wayengumabhalana; ubenaya indodana kajehoyada wayephezu kwempi; osadoki no-abiyathara babe ngabapristi; u-azariya indodana kanathani wayephezu kwezinduna; uzabudi indodana kanathani wayengumpristi

nomngane wenkosi; u-ahishari wayephezu kwabendlu; u-adoniramu indodana kabida wayephethe ezemali. usolomoni wayenezinduna eziyishumi nambili phezu kwabo bonke abakwa-israyeli ezazifunela inkosi nabendlu yayo ukudla; yileyo naleyo yayifuna ukudla inyanga inye ngomnyaka. nanka amagama azo: obeni-huri ezintabeni zakwa-efrayimi, nobeni-dekeri emakhasi, naseshahlabimi, nasebeti shemeshi, nase-eloni beti hanani, nobeni hesedi e-aruboti, okwakungelakhe isoko nalo lonke izwe laseheferi, nobeni abinadaba kulo lonke inafati dori; uthafati indodakazi kasolomoni wayengumkakhe; ubahana indodana ka-ahiludi ethahanaki, nasemegido, nakulo lonke ibeti sheyani elingaseceleni kwesare-tani, ngenzansi kwasejizreyali, kusukela ebeti sheyani kuze kube se-abela mehola nangaphesheya kwejikimeyamu, nobeni geberi eramoti gileyadi, okwakungeyakhe imizi kajayire indodana kamanase ekwagileyadi, nezwe lase-arigobi elisebashani, imizi engamashumi ayisithupha ezingange nemigoqo yethusi, no-ahinadaba indodana ka-jedo emahanayimi, no-ahimhasi kwanafetali, yena owathatha ubasemati indodakazi kasolomoni abe ngumkakhe, nobahana indodana kahushayi kwa-asheri nase-aloti, nojehoshafati indodana kapharuwa kwa-isakare, noshimeyi indodana ka-ela kwaben-jamini, nogeberi indodana ka-uri ezweni lakwagileyadi, izwe likasihoni inkosi yama-mori no-ogi inkosi yasebashani, ngokuba kwakuyinduna eyodwa kulelo zwe. ojuda no-israyeli babe baningi ngangesihlabathi solwandle ngobuningi, bedla, bephuza, bejabula. usolomoni wabusa phezu kwemibuso yonke kusukela emfuleni kuze kube sezweni lamafilisti nasemkhawulweni wasegibithe; bathela intela, bamkhonza usolomoni zonke izinsuku zokuhamba kwakhe. ukudla kukasolomoni ngosuku olulodwa kwakungamakhora angamashumi amathathu empuphu ecolekileyo, namakhora angamashumi ayisithupha empuphu, nezinkabi eziyishumi ezikhuluphalisiweyo, nezinkabi ezingamashumi amabili zasemadlelweni, nezimvu eziyikhulu ngaphandle kwezindluzele, namanxala, nezinsephe, nezinkuku ezikhuluphalisiweyo. wabusa ezweni lonke ngaphesheya komfula kusukela ethifisa kuze kube segaza phezu kwawo onke amakhosi ngaphesheya komfula; wayenokuthula nxazonke zakhe. ojuda no-israyeli bahlala belondekile, kwaba yilowo nalowo phansi komvini wakhe nomkhiwane wakhe, kusukela kwadani kuze kube se-beri sheba, zonke izinsuku zikasolomoni. usolomoni wayenezipani eziyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amane zamahashi ezingqola zakhe nabamahhashi abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi nambili. izinduna

lezo zafunela ukudla inkosi usolomoni nabo bonke abasondela etafuleni lenkosi usolomoni, kwaba yileyo naleyo ngenyanga yayo; kwakungasweleki lutho. nebhali, nefoliji lamahhashi, namahhashi anejubane zakuletha endaweni lapho zikhona, kwaba yileyo naleyo njengokunqunyelwe yona. ulezi-ku wamnika usolomoni ukuhlakanipha nengqondo ebanzi kakhulu, nenhliziyo enkulu ngangesihlabathi esisogwini lolwandle. ukuhlakanipha kukasolomoni kwadlula ukuhlakanipha kwabantu bonke basempumalanga nakho konke ukuhlakanipha kwasegibithe. ngokuba wayehlakaniphile kunabo bonke abantu: kuno-ethani umezra, nohemani, nokalikoli, nodarda amadodana kamaholi, negama lakhe lalisezizweni zonke nxazonke. waqamba izaga eziyizinkulungwane ezintathu; amaculo akhe ayeyinkulungwane nanhlalanu. wakhuluma ngemithi kusukela kuwo umsedari oselebanoni kuze kube kulo ihisopi elimila odongeni; wakhuluma nangezinkomo, nangezinyoni, nangezilwanyana ezinwabuzelayo, nangezinhlanzi. kwafika abantu basezizweni zonke ukuzwa ukuhlakanipha kukasolomoni bevela emakhosini onke abezwile ukuhlakanipha kwakhe.

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uhiramu inkosi yasetire wathuma izinceku zakhe kusolomoni, ngokuba wayezwile ukuthi ugcotshiwe abe yinkosi esikhundleni sikayise, ngokuba uhiramu wayengumngane kadavide njalo. usolomoni wathumela kuhiramu, wathi: "wena uyazi ukuthi udavide ubaba wayengenakwakhela igama likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakhe indlu ngenxa yezimpi ezazimzungeza nxazonke, ujeihova-aeiou waze wazibeka phansi kwamathe ezinyawo zakhe. kepha manje ujeihova-aeiou ulezi-ku wami unginike ukuphumula nxazonke; kakho omelana nami, akukho ngozi. bheka, sengicabanga ukwakhela igama likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wami indlu, njengalokho ujeihova-aeiou akhuluma kudavide ubaba, ethi: 'indodana yakho, engiyakuyibeka esihlalweni sakho sobukhosi esikhundleni sakho, yona iyakwakhela igama lami indlu.' "ngalokho yaleza ukuba bangigawulele imisedari elebanoni, izinceku zami zibe nezakho; ngiyakunikela inkokhelo yezinceku zakho njengakho konke ongakusho, ngokuba wena uyazi ukuthi akukho muntu kithi onga-gawula imithi njengamasidoni." kwathi uhiramu ezwile amazwi kasolomoni wathokoza kakhulu, wathi: "makabusiwe ujeihova-aeiou namuhla omnike udavide indodana ehlakaniphileyo phezu kwalabo bantu abakhulu." uhiramu wayesethumela kukasolomoni, wathi: "ngizwile lokho okuthume



kimi; mina ngiyakwenza konke okufunayo ngemisedari nangemisayipuresi. izinceku zami ziyakuyehlisa elebanoni, ziyiyise elwandle, mina ngiyenze ibe yizihlenga ezihamba elwandle, ziye endaweni oyakungiyalela yona, zihlakazwe khona; wena wozithatha khona, ufeze engikufunayo ngokubapha abendlu yami ukudla." uhiramu wayesenika usolomoni imisedari nemisayipuresi njen-gakho konke ukufuna kwakhe. usolomoni wamnika uhiramu amakhora ayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili kakolweni, ukudla kwabendlu yakhe, namakhora angamashumi amabili amafutha akhanyileyo; usolomoni wamnika kanjalo uhiramu iminyaka ngeminyaka. ujejhova-aeiou wamnika usolomoni ukuhlakanipha njen-gokusho kwakhe kuye; kwakukhona ukuthula phakathi kukahiramu nosolomoni; benza isivumelwano bobabili. inkosi usolomoni yabiza izisebenzi kubo bonke abakwa-israyeli; izisebenzi zaba ngabantu abayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amathathu. wabathuma elebanoni, beyizinkulungwane eziyishumi ngenyanga, bededelana; babe selebanoni inyanga, babe sekheya izinyanga ezimbili; u-adoniramu wayephezu kwezisebenzi. usolomoni wayenabathwalayo imithwalo abayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisikhombisa, nababazi bamatshe ezintabeni abayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisishiyagalombili, ngaphandle kwezinduna ezinkulu zika-solomoni ezaziphethe umsebenzi, izinkulungwane ezintathu namakhulu amathathu, ezazibusa abantu ababewenza umsebenzi. inkosi yayala, baqopha amatshe amakhulu, amatshe anenani elikhulu, ukuba babeke isisekelo sendlu ngamatshe abaziweyo. abakhi bakasolomoni nabakhi bakahiramu nabasegebali bawabaza, balungisa imithi namatshe ukwakha indlu.

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kwathi ngomnyaka wamakhulu amane namashumi ayisishiyagalombili emva kokuphuma kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli ezweni lasegibithe, ngomnyaka wesine wokubusa kukasolomoni phezu kwabakwa-israyeli, ngenyanga kazivi eyinyanga yesibili, waqala ukwakha indlu kajejehova-aeiou. indlu inkosi usolomoni eyayakhela ujejhova-aeiou, ubude bayo babuyizingalo ezingamashumi ayisithupha, nobubanzi bayo babungezingamashumi amabili, nokuphakama kwayo kwakuyizingalo ezingamashumi amathathu. umpheme ngaphambili kwendlu yethempeli wawuyizingalo ezingamashumi amabili ubude bawo maqondana nobubanzi bendlu; ububanzi bawo babuyizingalo eziyishumi ngaphambi kwendlu. wenzela indlu amafasitele anamahele angenakususwa.

ngasodongeni lwendlu wakha izimpondo nxazonke ngasezindongeni zendlu nxazonke, ethempelini nasegumbini; wenza amakamelo asezinhlangothini nxazonke; uphondo lwangaphansi lwaluyizingalo eziyisihlanu ububanzi balo, noluphakathi lwaluyizingalo eziyisithupha ububanzi balo, nolwesithathu lwaluyizingalo eziyisikhombisa ububanzi balo; ngokuba ngaphandle wenza uqaqa endlini nxazonke, ukuze imishayo ingangeni ezindongeni zendlu. indlu isakhiwa yakhiwa ngamatshe alungiswa enkwalini; akuzwakalanga sando nazembe naphiki nanto yensimbi, isakhiwa. umnyango wekamelo lohlangothi eliphakathi wawuseceleni lokunene lendlu; kwakhushukwa ngezikhwelo eziqhwilayo ukuya ophondweni olungaphakathi, kuphunywe kolungaphakathi kuyiwe kolwesithathu. wakha-ke kanjalo indlu, wayiqeda, wayifulela indlu ngemishayo nangamapulangwe emisedari. wakha izimpondo zangasendlini yonke, yilolo nalolo lwaba yizingalo eziyisihlanu ukuphakama kwalo; zanamathela endlini ngemithi yemisedari. izwi likajejehova-aeiou lifika kusolomoni, lathi: "kumi kanje maqondana nale ndlu oyakhayo: uma uyakuhamba ngezimiso zami, wenze izahlulelo zami, ugcine yonke imiyalo yami ukuba uhambe ngayo, ngiyakugcwalisa kuwe izwi engalikhuluma kudavide uyihlo: ngiyakuhlala phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli, ngingabashiyi abantu bami u-israyeli." wakha-ke usolomoni indlu, wayiqeda. wakha izindonga zendlu ngaphakathi ngamapulangwe emisedari; kusukela phansi endlini kuze kufike emishayweni yophahla wembesa ngamapulangwe ngaphakathi, wendlala phansi endlini ngamapulangwe emisayipuresi. wakha futhi izingalo ezingamashumi amabili ngaseceleni lendlu lasemuva ngamapulangwe emisedari kusukela phansi kuze kufike emishayweni, wazakhela phakathi okwaba yigumbi, okuyindawo engcwe-lengcwele. indlu yangaphambili yethempeli yayiyizingalo ezingamashumi amane. kwakungumsedari ngaphakathi endlini, kubaziwe ngezintangazane nangezimbal eziqhakazileyo; konke kwakungumsedari, akubonakalanga tshe khona. walungisa igumbi phakathi endlini ukuba kubekwe khona umphongolo wesivumelwano sikajejehova-aeiou. phambi kwegumbi kwakuyizingalo ezingamashumi amabili ubude, nezingalo ezingamashumi amabili ngobubanzi, nezingalo ezingamashumi amabili ngokuphakama; wakanameka ngegolide elicwengekileyo, walembesa i-altare imisedari. usolomoni wayinameka indlu phakathi ngegolide elicwengekileyo, walivalela igumbi ngamaketa e golide; walinameka nalo ngegolide. wanameka-ke

yonke indlu ngegolide, yaze yaphelela indlu yonke; ne-altare lonke elalisegumbini walinameka ngegolide. egumbini wenza amakherubi amabili ngomnqumo, yilelo nalelo liyizingalo eziyishumi ukuphakama kwalo. elinye iphiko lekherubi laliyizingalo eziyisihlanu, nelineye iphiko lekherubi laliyizingalo eziyisihlanu; kusakela esihlokweni selinye iphiko kuze kufike esihlokweni selinye kwakuyizingalo eziyishumi. elinye ikherubi laliyizingalo eziyishumi nalo; amakherubi omabili ayeyisilinganiso sinye nesimo sinye. ukuphakama kwelinye ikherubi kwakuyizingalo eziyishumi, nelineye ikherubi lalinjalo. wawabeka amakherubi phakathi nendlu engaphakathi; amakherubi awelula amaphiko, iphiko lelinye lathinta odongeni, nephiko lelinye ikherubi lathinta odongeni olunye; amaphiko awo athintana phakathi nendlu. wawanameka amakherubi ngegolide. wafekethisa zonke izindonga zendlu nxazonke ngezithombe ezibaziweyo zamakherubi, nangamasundu, nangezimbali eziqhakazileyo ngaphakathi nangaphandle. naphansi endlini wanameka ngegolide, ngaphakathi nangaphandle. wenzela umnyango wegumbi izivalo zomnqumo; ikhothamo nezinsika zomnyango kwakuyizinhlangothi eziyisihlanu. wenza-ke izivalo ezimbili ngomnqumo, wazifekethisa ngamakherubi abaziweyo, nangamasundu, nangezimbali eziqhakazileyo, wazinameka ngegolide, wembesa amakherubi nama-sundu igolide. wenzela futhi umnyango wethempeli izinsika zomnyango ngomnqumo, ziyizinhlangothi ezine, nezivalo ezimbili ngomsayipuresi; izinxenye zombili zaleso naleso sivalo zasongwa. wazifekethisa ngamakherubi, nangamasundu, nangezimbali eziqhakazileyo, wazinameka ngegolide kukho okubaziweyo. wakha igceke elingaphakathi eziyinhla ezintathu zamatshe abaziweyo, nohla lwemishayo yemisedari. ngomnyaka wesine isisekelo sendlu kajehova-aeiou sase sibekiwe ngenyanga kazivi. ngomnyaka wesihumi nanye ngenyanga kabuli eyinyanga yesishiyagalombili indlu yaqedwa kukho konke okwayo ngayo yonke imithetho yayo. wayelokhu akha iminyaka eyisikhombisa.

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kepha usolomoni wakha indlu yakhe iminyaka eyishumi nantathu, wayiqeda indlu yakhe yonke. wakha nendlu yehlathi laselebanoni; ubude bayo babuyizingalo eziyikhulu, nobubanzi bayo babuyizingalo ezingamashumi ayisihlanu, nokuphakama kwayo kwakuyizingalo ezingamashumi amathathu phezu kwezinhla ezine zezinsika zemisedari, imishayo yemisedari iphezu kwezinsika. yafulelwa ngemisedari phezu kwemishayo engamashumi amane nanhlanu

eyayiphezu kwezinsika eziyishumi nanhlanu, uhla lulunye. kwakukhona amahela ayizinhla ezintathu; ifasitele lalibhekene nefasitele izinhla ezintathu. yonke iminyango nezinsika kwakuyizinhlangothi ezine ngemishayo; ifasitele lalibhekene nefasitele izinhla ezintathu. wenza indlu yezinsika; ubude bayo babuyizingalo ezingamashumi ayisihlanu; nobubanzi bayo babuyizingalo ezingamashumi amathathu, inomphe nezinsika phambi kwayo, naphambi kwazo yisikhwelo. wenza umpheme wesihlalo sobukhosi lapho ebeyakwahlulela khona, umpheme wokwahlulela; wawembeswe imisedari kusukela phansi kuze kufike phezulu. indlu yakhe lapho ebeyakuhlala khona kwelinye igceke phakathi kompheme yayenziwe kanjalo. wenzela nendodakazi kafaro abeyithahile usolomoni indlu eyafana nalwo mphele. konke lokho kwakhiwa ngamatshe anenani elikhulu, amatshe abaziwe ngezilinganiso, asahwe ngamasaha, ngaphakathi nangaphandle, kusukela esisekelweni kuze kufike phezulu, nangaphandle kuze kube segcekeni elikhulu. nesisekelo sasingamatshe anenani elikhulu, amatshe amakhulu, amatshe ayizingalo eziyishumi, namatshe ayizingalo eziyisishiyagalombili. naphezulu kwakungamatshe anenani elikhulu, amatshe abaziweyo ngezilinganiso, nemisedari. igceke elikhulu nxazonke lalinezinhla ezintathu zamatshe abaziweyo nohla lwemisedari njengegceke elingaphakathi lendlu kajehova-aeiou nompheme wendlu. inkosi usolomoni yathumela yamlanda uhiramu etire. wayeyindodana yomfelokazi wesizwe sakwanafetali; uyise wayengumuntu ogcwele ukuhlakanipha, ngengcono, nokwazi ukwenza yonke imisebenzi yethusi. wafika enkosini usolomoni, wasebenza wonke umsebenzi wayo. wakhanda izinsika ezimbili zethusi, yileyo naleyo iyizingalo eziyishumi nesishiyagalombili ubude bayo, nomucu oyizingalo eziyishumi nambili wazungeza enye insika. wenza izihloko ezimbili ngethusi elibunjiweyo ukuba zibekwe phezu kwezinsika; ubude besinye isihloko babuyizingalo eziyisihlanu, nobude besinye isihloko babuyizingalo eziyisihlanu. kwakukhona ezihlokweni ezaziphezu kwezinsika imihlobiso yamanetha amahela, nezinsophe ezenziwe njengamakhetanga, kuyisikhombisa kwesinye isihloko, nesikhombisa kwesinye. wenza amapomegranati; kwakuyizinhla ezimbili nxazonke kwelinye inetha ukwembesa izihloko ezaziphezu kwezinsika; wenze njalo nakwesinye isihloko. izihloko ezaziphezu kwezinsika zasemphezeni zafaniswa neminduze; zaziyizingalo ezine. kwakukhona izihloko naphezu kwezinsika zombili eduze nesisu esasiseceleni kwenetha; amapomegranati ayengamakhulu amabili, eyizinhla nxazonke phezu kwesinye

isihloko. wazimisa izinsika ngasemphemeni wethempeli; wayimisa insika yokunene, waqamba igama layo ngokuthi ujakini, wayimisa nensika yasokhohlo, waqamba igama layo ngokuthi ubowazi. ezihlokweni zezinsika kwakukhona okufanisiwe neminduze; kwaphela kanjalo umsebenzi wezinsika. wenza nolwandle olubunjweyo; lwaluyizingalo eziyishumi kusukela kolunye udini kuze kufike kolunye, lwaluyisiyingelezi; ukuphakama kwalo kwakuyizingalo eziyisihlanu; umucu oyizingalo ezingamashumi amathathu waluzungeza nxazonke. phansi kodini lwalo nxazonke kwakukhona izintangazane ezaluzungezayo izingalo eziyishumi, zizungeza ulwandle nxazonke; izintangazane zazisezinhleni ezimbili, zibunjiwe ekubunjweni kwalo. lwalumi phezu kwezinkabi eziyishumi nambili, ezintathu zibheke ngasenyakatho, ezintathu zibheke ngasentshonalanga, ezintathu zibheke ngasengizimu, ezintathu zibheke ngasempumalanga; ulwandle lwalumise phezu kwazo, zonke zifulathele. uhlonze lwalo lwalungabubanzi besandla; udini lwalo lwalwenziwe njen- godini lwendebe lunjengembali yomnduze; lwalulingene namabhati ayizinkulungwane ezimbili. wenza izinqe eziyishumi zethusi; ubude besinqe sisinye babuyizingalo ezine, nobubanzi baso babuyizingalo ezine, nokuphakama kwaso kwakuyizingalo ezintathu. lezo zinqe zazenziwe kanje: zazinezindini; izindini zaziphakathi kwezinsiko; kuzo izindini ezaziphakathi kwezinsiko kwakukhona izingonyama, nezinkabi, namakherubi; kwakunjalo nakuzo izinsiko phezulu; phansi kwezingonyama nezinkabi kwakukhona imigexo elengayo yezimbali. yileso naleso sinqe sasinamasondo amane ethusi, nama-asi ethusi; lezi zinyawo ezine zazinamahlombe okuthwala; lawo mahlombe ayebunjiwe phansi komcengezi, enemigexo yezimbali ebhekene nawo onke. umlomo waso wawuphakathi kwesihloko; ukuphakama kwawo kwakuyizingalo; umlomo wawo wawuyisiyingelezi njengokwenziwa kwesinqe, uyingalo nenxenye; nasemlonyeni kwakukhona okubaziweyo; izindini zawo zaziyizinhlangothi ezine, zingeso isiyinglezi. lawo masondo amane ayephansi kwezindini; imbambelela yama-asi amasondo yayisesinqeni; ukuphakama kwesondo kwakuyingalo nenxenye. amasondo ayenziwe njengesondo lenqola; izimbambelela zawo zama-asi, namabhande awo, nezipokwe zawo, namanamfu awo kwakubunjiwe konke. kwakukhona amahlombe okuthwala emagumbini omane aleso naleso sinqe, izingalo zihlangene nesinqe. phezu kwesinqe kwakukhona okuyisiyingelezi nxazonke; ukuphakama kwakho kwakuyinxenye yengalo, nezimbambelela zakho nezindini zakho

zazihlangene nakho. ezibhebheni zezimbambelela zakho nasezindinini zakho waqopha amakherubi, nezingonyama, namasundu njengendawo yakho konke ngakunye, kanye nemigexo yezimbali nxazonke. wenza kanjalo izinqe eziyishumi; zonke zazikubunjwa kunye, nesilinganiso sinye, nesimo sinye. wenza imicengezi eyishumi ngethusi; umcengezi munye wawulingene namabhati angamashumi amane; yilowo nalowo mcengezi wawuyizingalo ezine, naphezu kwezinqe eziyishumi ngazinye kwakukhona umcengezi munye. wazibeka izinqe eziyisihlanu ngaseceleni lokunene lendlu neziyisihlanu ngaseceleni lasokhohlo lendlu; walubeka ulwandle ngaseceleni lokunene lendlu ngasempumalanga yangasengizimu. uhiramu wayenza leyo micengezi, namafosholo, nezitsha. uhiramu wayeseqeda ukwenza wonke umsebenzi abewenzela inkosi usolomoni endlini kalezi-ku: izinsika ezimbili, nezihloko ezimbili ezinjengezinkamba ezaziphezu kwezinsika, namanetha amabili okwembesa izihloko ezimbili ezinjengezinkamba ezaziphezu kwezinsika, namapomegranati angamakhulu amane amanetha amabili, izinhla ezimbili zamapomegranati kulelo nalelo netha, okwembesa izihloko zombili ezazinjengezinkamba ezaziphezu kwezinsika, nezinqe eziyishumi, nemicengezi eyishumi ezinqeni, nolwandle lunye, nezinkabi eziyishumi nambili phansi kolwandle, namakhanzi, namafosholo, nezitsha; zonke lezo zinto uhiramu azenzela inkosi usolomoni endlini kajehova-aeiou zaziyithusi eliphucuziweyo. inkosi yazibumba ethafeni lasejordani emhlabathini webumba phakathi kwesukoti nesaretani. usolomoni waziyeke zonke izinto zingalinganiswanga ngenxa yobuningi bazo obukhulu kakhulu; nesisindo sethusi sasingenakutholwa. usolomoni wenza-ke zonke izinto ezazisendlini kajehova-aeiou: i-altare legolide, netafula legolide okwakukhona kulo izinkwa zokubukwa, nezinti zezibani zegolide elicwengekileyo eziyisihlanu ngakwesokunene neziyisihlanu ngakwesokhohlo phambi kwegumbi, nezimbali, nezibani, nezindlawu, ngegolide, nezindebe, nezizenze, nezitsha, nezinkezo, nemicengezi yomlilo, ngegolide elicwengekileyo, nezingebe zegolide zezivalo zendlu engaphakathi, indawo engcwelengcwele, nezivalo zendlu yethempeli. sekuphelile wonke umsebenzi inkosi usolomoni eyawenzayo endlini kajehova-aeiou, usolomoni wangenisa izinto uyise udavide ayezingcwelile, isiliva, negolide, nezitsha, wakubeka engcebani yendlu kajehova-aeiou.

khona usolomoni wabutha amalunga akwa-israyeli nezinhlalo zezizwe, izikhulu zawoyise babantwana bakwa-israyeli enkosini usolomoni ejerusalem, ukuba bakhuphule umphongolo wesivumelwano sikajehova-aeiou emzini kadavide oyisiyoni. onke amadoda akwa-israyeli abuthana enkosini usolomoni emkhosini wasenyan- geneni ka-ethanimi eyinyanga yesikhombisa. esefikile onke amalunga akwa-israyeli, abapristi baphakamisa umphongolo. bakhuphula umphongolo kajehova-aeiou, netende lokuhlangana, nazo zonke izinto ezingcwele ezazisetendeni, kwakhushulwa ngabapristi namalevi. inkosi usolomoni nayo yonke inhlangothi yakwa-israyeli eyayihlangene kuyo babenayo phambi komphongolo, behlaba izimvu nezinkabi ezingenaku- lotshwa, zingenakubalwa ngobuningi bazo. abapristi bawungenisa umphongolo we- sivumelwano sikajehova-aeiou endaweni yawo egumbini lendlu, indawo engcwe- lengcwele, phansi kwamaphiko amakherubi. ngokuba amakherubi ayewelula amaphiko awo phezu kwendawo yomphongolo, amakherubi asibekela umphongolo nezinti zawo ngaphezulu. izinti zazizinde kangako ukuba izihloko zezinti zibonakale endaweni engcwele phambi kwegumbi; kepha zazingabonakali ngaphandle; zisekhona lapho kuze kube namuhla. kwakungekho lutho emphongolweni, kuphela izibhebhe ezimbili zamatshe ezabekwa khona ngu- mose ehorebe, lapho ujeahova-aeiou enza isivumelwano nabantwana bakwa-israyeli ekuphumeni kwabo egibithe. kwathi lapho abapristi sebephumile endaweni engcwele, ifu lagcwalisa indlu kajehova-aeiou, abapristi baze bangama ukukhonzisa ngenxa yefu, ngokuba inkazimulo kajehova-aeiou yagcwalisa indlu kajehova-aeiou. khona wakhuluma usolomoni, wathi: ujeahova-aeiou ushilo ukuthi uyakuhlala esigayegayeni. ngikwakhele nokukwakhela indlu yokuhlala, indawo yokuhlala kwakho kuze kube phakade. inkosi yayisiphenduka, yalibusisa lonke ibandla lakwa-israyeli, lonke ibandla lakwa-israyeli, lalimi. yathi: mak- abongwe ujeahova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli owakhuluma ngomlomo wakhe kudavide ubaba, ukugcwalisile ngesandla sakhe, ethi: kusukela osukwini engakhipha ngalo abantu bami u-israyeli egibithe angikhetanga muzi ezizweni zonke zakwa-israyeli ukwakha indlu ukuba igama lami libe khona lapho, kepha ngamkhethe udavide abe phezu kwabantu bami u-israyeli. kwakusenhliziy- weni kadavide ubaba ukwakhela igama likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli indlu. kepha ujeahova-aeiou wathi kudavide ubaba: njengokuba kwakusenhliziyweni yakho

ukwakhela igama lami indlu, wenza kahle, ngokuba kwakusenhliziyweni yakho lokho; kepha wena awuyikuyakha indlu, kodwa indodana yakho eyakuphuma okhalweni lwakho yiyona eyakwakhela igama lami indlu. ujeahova-aeiou uliqinsisile izwi alikhulumayo, ngokuba mina ngivelile esikhundleni sikadavide ubaba, ngih- lezi esihlalweni sobukhosi sakwa-israyeli njengokusho kukajehova-aeiou, ngakhele igama likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli indlu. ngimisile lapho indawo yomphongolo okukuwo isivumelwano sikajehova-aeiou asenza nawobaba ekubakhipheni ezweni lasegibithe. usolomoni wema phambi kwe- altare likajehova-aeiou ebusweni balo lonke ibandla lakwa-israyeli, welulela izandla zakhe ngasezulwini, wathi: jehova-aeiou lezi-ku ka-israyeli, akakho ulezi-ku onjen- gawe phezu ezulwini nasemhlabeni phansi, ogcina isivumelwano nomusa nezinceku za- kkhoezihamba phambi kwakho ngayo yonke inhliziyo yazo, ogcine nencekulo yakho uda- vide ubaba lokho owakusho kuyo; yebo, owakukhuluma ngomlomo wakho ukugcwal- isile ngesandla sakho njengokuba kunjalo namuhla. ngalokho, jehova-aeiou lezi-ku ka- israyeli, gcina nencekulo yakho udavide ubaba lokho owakusho kuyo ukuthi: akuyikunqun- ywa muntu kuwe emehlweni ami ukuhlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sakwa-israyeli, uma kuphela abantwana bakho beqaphela in- dlela yabo ukuba bahambe phambi kwami, njengalokho wena uhambe phambi kwami. ngalokho, lezi-ku ka-israyeli, maliqiniseke izwi lakho owalikhuluma encekwini yakho udavide ubaba. kepha ulezi-ku uyakuhlala impela emhlabeni na? bheka, izulu nezulu lamazulu alinakukwanela; pho, kakhulu kangakanani le ndlu encane engiyakhileyo na? mawubheke umkhuleko wenceku yakho nokunxusa kwayo, jehova-aeiou lezi-ku wami, uzwe ukukhala nokukhuleka inceku yakho ekukhuleka phambi kwakho namuhla ukuba amehlo akho avulekele le ndlu ubusuku nemini, indawo owathi ngayo: igama lami liyakuba khona lapho, uze ulalele umkhuleko inceku yakho eyakuwukhuleka ibhekene nale ndawo. kulalele ukunxusa wenceku yakho nokwa- bantu bakho u-israyeli abayakukhuleka bebhakene nale ndawo, ukuzwe usendaweni yakho yokuhlala ezulwini, nalapho usuzwile, uthethelele. uma umuntu ona umakhlwane wakhe, athweswe isifungo sokumfungisa, abeseza ukufunga phambi kwe-altare lakho kule ndlu, mawuzwe wena ezulwini, wenze, wahlulele izinceku zakho, kulahlwe onecala, ubeke indlela yakhe phezu kwekhanda lakhe, uthethelele olungileyo, umnike njen- gokulunga kwakhe. lapho abantu bakho u-israyeli benqothsha yisitha, ngokuba bonile kuwe, kepha bese bebuya bephindela

kuwe, balivume igama lakho, bakhuleke, banxuse kuwe kule ndlu, mawuzwe wena ezulwini, uthethelele isono sabantu bakho u-israyeli, ubabuyisele ezweni owalinika oyise. lapho izulu livaliwe, imvula ingekho, ngokuba bonile kuwe, kepha bese bekhuleka bebhakene nale ndawo, balivume igama lakho, baphenduke esonweni sabo, ngokuba uyabajezisa, mawuzwe wena ezulwini, uthethelele isono sezinkeku zakho nesa-bantu bakho u-israyeli, lapho ubafundisa indlela enhle abayakuhamba ngayo, uthume imvula ezweni lakho obanike abantu bakho libe yifa labo. uma kukhona indlala ezweni, noma kukhona isifo, noma kukhona ukuhamuka, nesikhutha, nesikhonyane, nemiswenya, noma isitha sabo sibavimbezela ezweni lemizi yabo, noma kuyiphi inhlapheko nasiphi isifo, bese kuzwakala namuphi umkhuleko nakuphi ukunxusa noma ngumuphi umuntu noma yibo bonke abantu bakho u-israyeli abayakwazi, kube yilowo nalowo inhlapheko yasenhliziweni yakhe, elulele izandla zakhe kule ndlu, mawuzwe wena ezulwini, indawo yakho yokuhlala, uthethelele, wenze, unike yilowo nalowo njengezindlela zakhe, wena owaziyo inhliziyi yakhe ngokuba wena kuphela uyazi izinhliziyi zabo bonke abantwana babantu ukuba bakwesabe zonke izinsuku zokuhlala kwabo ezweni owalinika obaba. futhi owezizwe ongesiyi owabantu bakho u-israyeli, lapho evela ezweni elikude ngenxa yegama lakho ngokuba bayakuzwa ngegama lakho elikhulu, nangesandla sakho esinamandla, nangengalo yakho eyeluliweyo lapho ebeseza ukukhuleka kule ndlu, mawuzwe wena ezulwini, indawo yakho yokuhlala, wenze njengakho konke lo wezizwe akhala ngakho kuwe, ukuze bonke abantu bomhlaba bazi igama lakho, bakwesabe wena njengabantu bakho u-israyeli nokuze bazi ukuthi le ndlu engiyakhileyo ibiziwe ngegama lakho. uma abantu bakho bephuma impi ukulwa nesitha sabo ngendlela obathuma ngayo, bese bekhuleka kujehova-aeiou bebhakene nalo muzi owukhethileyo nale ndlu engiyakhele igama lakho, mawuzwe wena ezulwini umkhuleko wabo nokunxusa kwabo, ubavume. uma bona kuwe ngokuba akukho muntu ongoniyo bese wubathukuthelela wena, ubanikele esitheni, ukuze ababathumbayo babamukisele ezweni lesitha, likude noma liseduze, kepha bese becabanga ezweni lapho bethunjelwe khona, baphenduke, banxuse kuwe ezweni lababathumbayo ngokuthi: sonile, senzile ngokuphambeneyo, saziphatha kabi; uma bephendukela kuwe ngayo yonke inhliziyi yabo nangawo wonke umphefumulo wabo ezweni lezitha zabo ezabathumba, bakhuleke kuwe bebhakene nezwe lakubo owalinika oyise,

umuzi owukhethileyo, nendlu engiyakhele igama lakho, mawuzwe wena ezulwini, indawo yakho yokuhlala, umkhuleko wabo nokunxusa kwabo, ubavume, uthethelele abantu bakho abonile kuwe nazo zonke iziphambeko zabo abaphambele kuwe ngazo, ubanike ukuba bathole isihe phambi kwababathumbayo ukuba babaphathe ngesihe. ngokuba bangabantu bakho nefa lakho owalikhapha ezweni lasegibithe nasesithandweni sensimbi, ukuba amehlo akho avulekele ukunxusa kwenceku yakho nokunxusa kwabantu bakho u-israyeli ukubezwa kukho konke abakhala ngakho kuwe. ngokuba wena wabahlukanisa nabantu bonke bomhlaba, babe yifa lakho, njengalokho wakhuluma ngesandla sikamose ineku yakho ekukhipheni obaba egibithe, nkosi jehova-aeiou. kwathi usolomoni eseqedile ukukhuleka wonke lo mkhuleko nalokho kunxusa kujehova-aeiou, wasuka e-altare likajehova-aeiou ekuguqeni ngamadolo akhe, izandla zakhe zelulelwe ngasezulwini. wema, wabusisa lonke ibandla lakwa-israyeli ngezwi elikhulu, wathi: makabongwe uje-hova-aeiou onike abantu bakhe u-israyeli ukuphumula njengakho konke akushiloyo; akuwanga izwi elilodwa lakho konke ukukhuluma kwakhe okuhle akusho ngesandla sikamose ineku yakhe. uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu makabe nathi njengalokho ayenawobaba; makangasishiyi, angasilahl, ukuze adonsele izinhliziyi zethu kuye ukuba sihambe ngezindlela zakhe zonke, sigcine imiyalo yakhe, nezimiso zakhe, nezahlulelo zakhe ayala ngakho obaba. lawo mazwi ami enginxuse ngawo phambi kukajehova-aeiou mawabe seduze noje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu imini nobusuku ukuba avume ineku yakhe, avume nabantu bakhe u-israyeli njengokudingeka kwemihla ngemihla, ukuba abantu bonke bomhlaba bazi ukuthi uje-hova-aeiou nguye ongulezi-ku; akakho omunye. inhliziyi mayibe kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu ngokupheleleyo, nihambe ngezimiso zakhe, nigcine imiyalo yakhe njenganamuhla. inkosi naye wonke u-israyeli enayo banikela ngomhlatsshelo phambi kukajehova-aeiou. usolomoni wanikela kube ngumhlatsshelo weminikelo yokuthula, owanikela ngawo kujehova-aeiou, izinkunzi eziyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nambili nezimvu eziyizinkulungwane eziyikhulu namashumi amabili. inkosi nabo bonke abantwana bakwa-israyeli bahlambulula-ke indlu kajehova-aeiou. ngalona lolo suku inkosi yangcwelisa ingaphakathi legceke elalingaphambi kwendlu kajehova-aeiou, ngokuba wanikela lapho ngomnikelo wokushiswa, nangomnikelo wempuphu, nangamanoni eminikelo yokuthula, lokhu i-altare lethusi elaliphambi kukajehova-aeiou

lalilincane ukuba liwamukele umnikelo wokushiswa, nomnikelo wempuphu, namanoni eminikelo yokuthula. usolomoni wagubha-ke umkhosi ngaleso sikhathi naye wonke u-israyeli enaye, ibandla elikhulu, kusukela ekuyeni ehamati kuze semfuleni wasegibithe, ngaphambi kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu izinsuku eziyisikhombisa nezinsuku eziyisikhombisa, okungukuthi izinsuku eziyishumi nane. ngosuku lwe-sishiyagalombili wabamukisa abantu, bayibusisa inkosi, baya ematendeni abo bejabula, bethokoza ngenhliziyo ngakho konke okuhle ujejhova-aeiou akwenzile kudavide inceku yakhe naku-israyeli abantu bakhe.

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kwathi usolomoni eseqedile ukwakha indlu kajehova-aeiou, nendlu yenkosi, nakho konke ukufisa kukasolomoni ayefune ukukwenza, ujejhova-aeiou wabonakala kusolomoni ngokwesibili, njengalokho ayebonakele kuye egibeyoni. ujejhova-aeiou wathi kuye: ngiwuzwile umkhuleko wakho nokunxusa kwakho onxuse ngakho phambi kwami; ngiyingcwelile le ndlu oyakhileyo ukuba ngibeke khona igama lami kuze kube phakade; amehlo ami nenghliziyo yami kuyakuba khona izinsuku zonke. wena-ke, uma uyakuhamba phambi kwami njen-gokuhamba kukadavide uyihlo, ngenhliziyo engenacala nangobuqotho, ukuba wenze konke engikuyale ngakho, ugcine izimiso zami nezahhlulelo zami, ngiyakusimisa isihlalo sobukhosi sombuso wakho kwa-israyeli kuze kube phakade, njengalokho ngasho kudavide uyihlo ukuthi: akuyikunqunywa muntu kuwe esihlalweni sobukhosi sakwa-israyeli. kodwa uma nibuya ekungilandeleni, nina noma abantwana benu, ningagcini imiyalo yami nezimiso zami engikubeke phambi kwenu, kepha nihambe nikhonze abanye olezi-ku, nikhuleke kubo, ngiyakum-nquma u-israyeli ezweni engimnike lona; nale ndlu engiyingcwelisele igama lami ngiyakuyilahla ebusweni bami, u-israyeli abe yisaga nesifengqo phakathi kwabantu bonke. noma le ndlu iphakeme kangaka, bonke abadlula kuyo bayakumangala, banx-imfe, bathi: ujejhova-aeiou wenzeleni kanje kulelwe zaku ndlu na? bayakuphendula ngokuthi: kungokuba bamshiya ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wabo owakhipha oyise ezweni lasegibithe, banamathela kwabanye olezi-ku, bakhuleka kubo, babakhonza; ngalokho ujejhova-aeiou ubehlisele konke lokho bona-ra-ukukhandleka. kwathi ngasekupheleni kweminyaka engamashumi amabili usolomoni akhe ngayo izindlu zom-bili, indlu kajehova-aeiou nendlu yenkosi, uhiramu inkosi yasetire owayemsizile

usolomoni ngemisedari nangemisayipuresi nangegolide njengokufisa kwakhe konke wanikwa yinkosi usolomoni imizi engamashumi amabili ezweni lasegalile. uhiramu waphuma etire ukuyobona imizi usolomoni amnike yona, ayimthokozisanga. wathi: iyini le mizi onginike yona, mfowethu, na? wayibiza ngokuthi izwe lasekabuli kuze kube namuhla. uhiramu wayesethuma enkosini amatalanta ayikhulu namashumi amabili egolide. indaba yezisebenzi ez-abizwa yinkosi usolomoni ukwakha indlu kajehova-aeiou, nendlu yakhe, nemilo, no-gange lwasejerusalem, nehasori, nemegido, negezeri inje: ufaro inkosi yasegibithe wayenyukile wathatha igezeri, walishisa ngomlilo, wabulala amakhanani ayehelezi emzini, walinika umkasolomoni indodakazi yakhe, libe yisipho sakhe. usolomoni wakha igezeri nebeti horoni lasenzansi, nebalati, netamari lasehlane lalelo zwe, nayo yonke imizi yokubekelela usolomoni ayenayo, nemizi yezinqola zakhe, nemizi yabamahhashi bakhe, nalokhu usolomoni ayefisa ukwakha khona ejerusalem, nase-lebanoni, nasezweni lonke lapho ebusa khona. abantu bonke abaseleyo kuma amori, namaheti, namapherizi, namahivi, namajebusi, abangesibo abantwana bakwa-israyeli, abantwana babo abasala ezweni emva kwabo, abantwana bakwa-israyeli ababengenamandla okubaqeda, kubona usolomoni wabiza izisebenzi eziyizigqila kuze kube namuhla. kodwa kubantwana bakwa-israyeli usolomoni akakhiphanga izigqila ngokuba bona babe ngamadoda empi, nezinceku zakhe, nezikhulu zakhe, nezinduna zakhe, nabaphathi bezinqola zakhe, nabamahhashi bakhe. izinduna ezinkulu ezaziphethe umsebenzi kasolomoni zazingamakhulu ayisihlanu namashumi ayisihlanu; zaziphethe abantu ababesebenza emsebenzini. kodwa indodakazi kafaro yenyuka emzini kadavide, yaya endlini yayo ayakhele yona; wayeselakha imilo. kathathu ngomnyaka usolomoni wanikela ngeminikelo yokushiswa nangeminikelo yokuthula e-altare ayelakhele ujejhova-aeiou, eshisa impepho kanye nayo phambi kukajehova-aeiou. wayeseyiqedile indlu. inkosi usolomoni yenza imikhumbi e-esiyoni geberi elingaseceleni kwe-eloti ogwini lolwandle olubomvu ezweni lakwa-edomi. uhiramu wathuma ngale mikhumbi izinceku zakhe, amadoda emikhumbi ayelwazi ulwandle, kanye nezinceku zikasolomoni. zafika e-ofiri, zalanda khona igolide, amatalanta angamakhulu amane namashumi amabili, zaliletha enkosini usolomoni.

inkosikazi yasesheba isizwile udumo lukasolomoni ngegama likajehova-aeiou yeza ukumvivinya ngezimfumbhe. yeza ejerusalem inehle elikhulu kakhulu, namakamela ethwele amakha, negolide eliningi kakhulu, namatshe ayigugu; isifike kusolomoni yakhuluma naye ngakho konke okusenzisiyweni yayo. usolomoni wayiphendula ezindabeni zayo zonke. kwakungekho nto eyayifihlelwe inkosi, engayitshelanga yona. inkosikazi yasesheba isibonile konke ukuhlakanipha kukasolomoni, nendlu ayakhileyo, nokudla kwasetafuleni lakhe, nokuhlala kwezinceku zakhe, nokuma kwezikhonzi zakhe, nezambatho zazo, nabaphathizitsha bakhe, nomnikelo wakhe wokushiswa owanikela ngawo endlini kajehova-aeiou, akwabe kusabakho moya kuyo. yathi enkosini: yayiqinisile indaba engayizwa ezweni lami ngamazwi akho nangokuhlakanipha kwakho. kepha angikhulwanga ngamazwi ngaze ngafika, kwabona amehlo ami; bheka, angitshelwanga nanxenye; udlula ngokuhlakanipha nenhlalaha udumo engaluzwa. babusisiwe abantu bakho, zibusisiwe lezi zincuku zakho ezimi njalo phambi kwakho, zizwa ukuhlakanipha kwakho. makabongwe ujahova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho owenamale wena ukuba akubeke esihlalweni sobukhosi sakwa-israyeli; ngokuba ujahova-aeiou wamthanda u-israyeli kuze kube phakade, ngalokho wakubeka inkosi ukuba wenze ukwahlulela nokulunga. yanika inkosi amatalanta ayikhulu namashumi amabili egolide, namakha amaningi kakhulu, namatshe ayigugu; akuzange kusafika amakha amaningi kangaka njengalawo inkosi usolomoni eyaphiwa wona yinkosikazi yasesheba. nemikhumbi kahiramu eyathwala igolide livela e-ofiri yathutha futhi e-ofiri imi-alimugi namatshe ayigugu. ngemi-alimugi inkosi yenzela indlu kajehova-aeiou nendlu yenkosi izinsika kanye namahabhu nezingubhu zabahlabeleli; imi-alimugi eminingi kangaka ayizange isafika, kayibonwanga futhi, kuze kube namuhla. inkosi usolomoni yanika inkosikazi yasesheba konke ekufunayo nekucelayo ngaphandle kwalokho usolomoni ayinika khona ngokuphana kwenkosi. yayisibuya, yaya ezweni layo, yona nezinceku zayo. isisindo segolide elalifika kusolomoni iminyaka yonke sasingamatalanta angamakhulu ayisithupha namashumi ayisithupha nesithupha egolide ngaphandle kokuvela kubahwebi, nasenzuzweni yabathengisi, nasemakhosini ase-arabiya, nakubabusi bezwe. inkosi usolomoni yenza izihlangu ezingamakhulu amabili zegolide elikhandiweyo, kwaba ngamashekeli angamakhulu ayisithupha egolide

elikhandiweyo kuso isihlangu sisinye, kanjalo namahawu angamakhulu amathathu egolide elikhandiweyo, amamane amathathu egolide kulo ihawu lilinye; inkosi yawabeka endlini yehlathi laselabanoni. inkosi yenza nesihlalo sobukhosi esikhulu sezimpondo zendlovu, yasinamaka negolide elicwengekileyo. isihlalo sobukhosi sasinezikhwelo eziyisithupha, isihloko saso sasiyisiyingezezi emuva; kwakukhona imikhono ngalapha nangalapha kwendawo yokuhlala, kumi izingonyama ezimbili ngaseceleni kwemikhono. kwakumi izingonyama eziyishumi nambili ngalapha nangalapha ezikhwelweni eziyisithupha. okunjalo akwenziwanga komunye umbuso. zonke izitsha zokuphuza zenkosi usolomoni zaziigolide, nazo zonke izitsha zendlu yehlathi laselabanoni zaziigolide elicwengekileyo, kungekho ezesiliva, lona lingento yalutho emihleni kasolomoni. ngokuba inkosi yayinemikhumbi yasetharishishi elwandle kanye nemikhumbi kahiramu; kanye ngeminyaka emithathu yafika imikhumbi yasetharishishi iletha igolide, nesiliva, nezimpondo zendlovu, nezimfene, namapikoko. inkosi usolomoni yaba nkulu kunawo onke amakhosi omhlaba ngengcebo nangokuhlakanipha. wonke umhlaba wafuna ukubona ubuso bukasolomoni ukuba uzwe ukuhlakanipha kwakhe, ulezi-ku akubekile enhliziyweni yakhe. baletha, kwaba yilowo nalowo isipho sakhe, izitsha zesiliva, nezitsha zegolide, nezingubo, nezikhali, namakha, namahashi, neminyuzi, okwenziwa iminyaka ngeminyaka. usolomoni wabutha izingqola nabamahashi; wayenezinqola eziyinkulungwane namakhulu amane nabamahashi abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi nambili owakubeka emizini yezinqola nasenkosini ejerusalem. inkosi yenza isiliva livame ejerusalem njengamatshhe, nemisedari yayenza ibe njengemithombe esigodini ngobuningi. amahashi usolomoni ayenawo ayekhishwe egibithe nasekuwe; abathengi benkosi bawamukela ekuwe ngemali yawo. inqola yenyuka yaphuma egibithe ngamashekeli angamakhulu ayisithupha esiliva nehhashi ngayikhulu namashumi ayisihlanu; bawakhophela kanjalo onke amakhosi amaheti namakhosi ase-aramu ngezandla zabo.

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inkosi usolomoni yathanda abesifazane abaningi bezizwe kanye nendodakazi kafaro, abangamamowabikazi, nama-amonikazi, nama-edomikazi, namasidonikazi, namahetikazi, abezizwe ujahova-aeiou ayeshilo ngabo kwabakwa-israyeli ukuthi: aniyikungena kubo, nabo bangangeni kini, ngokuba impela bayakuziphambukisa izinhliziyi

zenu, zize zilande lelezi-ku babo. ku-labo usolomoni wanamathela ngothando. wayenabafazi abangamakhulu ayisikhombisa abangamadodakazi amakhosi, nezancinza ezingamakhulu amathathu; omkakhe bayiphambukisa inhliziyi yakhe. kwathi usolomoni esemdala, omkakhe bayiphambukisa inhliziyi yakhe ukuba ilandele abanye olezi-ku; inhliziyi yakhe yayingekho kujehova-aeiou olezi-ku wakhe ngokuphelelyo njengenhliziyi kadavide uyise. usolomoni walandela u-ashtaroti olezi-kukazi wamasidoni nomilkomu isinengiso sabakwa-amoni. usolomoni wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou, kamlandelanga u-jehova-aeiou ngokuphelelyo njengodavide uyise. usolomoni wakhela ukemoshi isinengiso sakwamowabi indawo ephakemeyo entabeni engaphambi kwejerusalem, nomoloki isinengiso sabantwana bakwa-amoni. wabenzela kanjalo bonke omkakhe bezizwe abashisa impepho, bahlabela olezi-ku babo. u-jehova-aeiou wamthukuthela usolomoni, ngokuba inhliziyi yakhe yayiphambukile kujehova-aeiou olezi-ku ka-israyeli owayebonakele kuye kabili, wamvala ngale nto yokuthi akayikulandela abanye olezi-ku; kepha akagcinanga lokho u-jehova-aeiou amyale ngakho. ngalokho u-jehova-aeiou wathi kusolomoni: njengokuba wenzile lokho wena, ungagcinanga isivumelwano sami nezimiso zami engikuyale ngakho, ngiyakuwuhlwitha nokuhlwitha umbuso kuwe, ngiwunike inceku yakho. kepha angiyikukwenza emihleni yakho ngenxa kadavide uyihlo, kodwa ngiyakuwuhlwitha esandleni sendodana yakho. nokho wonke umbuso angiyikuwuhlwitha, kepha ngiyakunika indodana yakho isizwe sibe sinye ngenxa kadavide inceku yami nangenxa yejerusalem engilikhethileyo. u-jehova-aeiou wamvusele usolomoni omelana naye, uhadadi wakwa-edomi; wayengowozalo lwenkosi yakwa-edomi. kwathi udavide ekwa-edomi, nojowabe induna yempi enyukele ukumbela ababuleweyo, ebacekile bonke abesilisa kwa-edomi ngokuba u-jowabe naye wonke u-israyeli bahlala khona izinyanga eziyisithupha, waze waqeda bonke abesilisa kwa-edomi uhadadi wabaleka, yena nabakwa-edomi abathile bezincedi zikayise benaye, ukuya egibithe, uhadadi esengumntwana omncane. basuka kwamidiyani, beza epharanu; bathatha amadoda epharanu, baya nawo egibithe kufaro inkosi yasegibithe; yena wamnika indlu, wamnqumela ukudla, wamnika nezwe. uhadadi wafumana umusa omkhulu emehlweni kafaro, waze wamnika umlamu wakhe abe ngumkakhe, udadewabo wenkosikazi uthahipenesi. udadewabo kathahipenesi wamazalela ugenubati, in-

dodana yakhe, uthahipenesi amlumula endlini kafaro; ugenubati wayesendlini kafaro phakathi kwamadodana kafaro. uhadadi esezwile egibithe ukuthi udavide ulele koyise nokuthi u-jowabe induna yempi ufile, uhadadi ngathi kufaro: ngivumele ukuba ngihambe ngiye ezweni lakithi. ufaro wathi kuye: uswele ntoni lapha kimi ukuba ufune ukuya ezweni lakini na? wathi: lutho, kepha mangivunyelwe impela ukuba ngihambe. olezi-ku wamvusele omunye omelana naye, urezoni indodana ka-eliyada owayebalekele inkosi yakhe uhadadezeri inkosi yasesoba. lapho udavide ebabulala, wazibuthela abantu, waba yinduna yeviyi; baya edamaseku, bahlala khona, babusa edamaseku. wamelana no-israyeli zonke izinsuku zikasolomoni phezu kbona-ra-ukukhandleka akwenzayo uhadadi, wanengwa ngu-israyeli, wabusa e-aramu. u-jerobowamu indodana kanebati wakwa-efrayimi wasesereda, inceku kasolomoni, ogama likanina lalinguseruya, umfelokazi, naye waphakamisela enkosini isandla sakhe. isizathu sokuba aphakamisele isandla sakhe enkosini sasiyile: usolomoni wayelakha imilo, wawala isikhala emzini kadavide uyise. leyo ndoda u-jerobowamu yayiqhawile elinamandla; usolomoni wayibona leyo nsizwa ukuthi ikhuthela emsebenzini wayo, wayibeka phezu kwawo wonke umsebenzi wendlu ka-josefa. kwathi ngaleso sikhathi, lapho u-jerobowamu ephumile ejerusalem, umprofethi u-ahiya waseshilo wamfumana endleleni, embethe ingubo entsha; labo bobabili babebodwa endle. u-ahiya wayibamba leyo ngubo entsha eyayikuye, wayiklebhula imidweshu eyishumi nambili. wayesethi ku-jerobowamu: zithathele imidweshu eyishumi, ngokuba u-jehova-aeiou olezi-ku ka-israyeli usho kanje, uthi: bheka, ngiyakuhlwitha umbuso esandleni sikasolomoni, nginike wena izizwe eziyishumi kodwa yena uyakuba nesizwe sibe sinye ngenxa yenceku yami udavide nangenxa yejerusalem, umuzi engiwukhethileyo ezizweni zonke zakwa-israyeli ngokuba bangishiyile, bakhuleka ku-ashtaroti olezi-kukazi wamasidoni, nakukemoshi olezi-ku kwamwawabi, nakumilkomu olezi-ku wabakwa-amoni, abahambanga ngezindlela zami ukwenza okulungile emehlweni ami, nezimiso zami, nezahlukele zami njengodavide uyise. nokho angiyikususa wonke umbuso esandleni sakhe, kepha ngiyakumenza abe yisikhulu zonke izinsuku zokuhamba kwakhe ngenxa kadavide inceku yami engamkhethayo, owagcina imiyalo yami nezimiso zami; kodwa ngiyakuwukhipha umbuso esandleni sendodana yakhe, ngiwunike wena, izizwe eziyishumi. indodana yakhe ngiyakuyinika isizwe sibe sinye,



ukuze udavide inceku yami abe nesibani izinsuku zonke phambi kwami ejerusalem, umuzi engiwukhethileyo ukuba ngibeke khona igama lami. ngiyakukuthatha wena, ubuse phezu kwakho konke okuthandwa yinhliziyi yakho, ube yinkosi phezu kuka-israyeli. kuyakuthi uma ulalela konke engikuyala ngakho, uhambe ngezindlela zami, wenze okulungile emehlweni ami ukugcina izimiso zami nemiyalo yami njengalokho akwenza udavide inceku yami, ngiyakuba nawe, ngikwakhele indlu eyiyo njengalokho ngamakhela udavide, ngikunike u-israyeli. ngenxa yalokho ngiyakuyithobisa inzalo kadavide, kodwa akuyikuba njalonzalo. usolomoni wayese-funa ukumbulala ujerobowamu, kepha ujerobowamu wasuka, wabalekela egibithe kushishaki inkosi yasegibithe, wahlala egibithe waze wafa usolomoni. ezinye izindaba zikasolomoni, nakho konke akwenzayo, nokuhlakanipha kwakhe, angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zikasolomoni. isikhathi usolomoni abusa ngaso ejerusalem phezu kuka-israyeli wonke sasiyiminyaka engamashumi amane. usolomoni wayeselala koyise, wembelwa emzini kadavide uyise; urehobowamu indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

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urehobowamu waya eshekemi, ngokuba wonke u-israyeli wayefikile eshekemi ukumbeka inkosi. kwathi lapho ujerobowamu indodana kanebati ekuzwile ngokuba wayesegibithe, lapho ayebalekele khona, ebalekele ubuso benkosi usolomoni; wahlalake ujerobowamu egibithe, kepha bathuma bambiza ujerobowamu nebandla lonke lakwa-israyeli beza, bakhuluma kurehobowamu, bathi: uyihlo wenza ijoka lethu laba lukhuni; ngalokho yenza wena ube lula umsebenzi olukhuni kayihlo nejoka lakhe elisindayo owalibeka phezu kwethu, siyakukukhonza. wathi kubo: hambani izinsuku zibe zintathu, bese nibuyela kimi. basuka-ke abantu. inkosi urehobowamu yelulekana namalunga ayemile phambi kukasolomoni uyise, esekhona, yathi: nina ningeluleka ukubuyisela mpenduloni kulaba bantu na? akhuluma kuye, athi: uma uyakuba yinceku yalaba bantu namhla nje, ubakhonze, ubaphendule, ukhulume amazwi amahle kubo, bayakuba yizinceku zakho izinsuku zonke. kepha walahla isiluleko samalunga ameluleke ngaso, welulekana nezinsizwa eziyintanga yakhe, ezazimi phambi kwakhe. wathi kuzo: nina ningeluleka ukuba sibuyisele mpenduloni kulaba bantu abakhulume kimi ngokuthi: yenza ijoka uyihlo alibeka phezu kwethu libe lula, na? zase zikhuluma

kuye izinsizwa eziyintanga yakhe, zithi: uyakusho kanje kulaba bantu abakhulume kuwe ngokuthi: uyihlo valenza ijoka lethu lasinda, kepha wena ulenze libe lula kithina, uyakukhuluma kanje kubo, uthi: ucikicane wami mkhulu kunokhala lukababa. manje ubaba wanithwesa ijoka elisindayo, mina ngiyakwenezela ejokeni lenu; ubaba wanishaya ngeziswebhu, mina ngiyakunishaya ngawofezela. ujerobowamu nabantu bonke base befika kurehobowamu ngosuku lwesithathu njengokusho kwenkosi, ithi: buyelani kimi ngosuku lwesithathu. inkosi yaphendula abantu kalukhuni, yalahla isiluleko samalunga ameluleke ngaso, yakhuluma kubo njengesiluleko sezinsizwa ngokuthi: ubaba valenza ijoka lenu lasinda, mina ngiyakwenezela ejokeni lenu; ubaba wanishaya ngeziswebhu, mina ngiyakunishaya ngawofezela. inkosi ayilalelanga abantu, ngokuba kwakuyisiyiba esivela kujehova-aeiou, ukuze amise izwi lakhe uje-hova-aeiou alikhulumayo ngesandla sika-ahiya waseshilo kujerobowamu indodana kanebati. wonke u-israyeli esebonile ukuthi inkosi ayibalalelanga, abantu babuyisele izwi enkosini, bathi: sinasabelo sini kudavide na? ifa asinalo endodaneni kajese. yana ematendeni akho, israyeli, zibhekele indlu yakho manje, davide. wayesesuka u-israyeli, waya ematendeni akhe. kepha abantwana bakwa-israyeli abakhe emizini yakwajuda, urehobowamu wabusa phezu kwabo. inkosi urehobowamu yathuma u-adoramu owayephezu kwezisebenzi; u-israyeli wonke wamkhanda ngamatshe, wafa. inkosi urehobowamu yashesha ukukhwela inqola yayo ukuba ibalekele ejerusalem. u-israyeli wayeseyihlubuka-ke indlu kadavide kuze kube namuhla. kwathi wonke u-israyeli esezwile ukuthi ujerobowamu ubuyile, bathuma bambiza emhlanganweni, bambeka inkosi phezu kuka-israyeli wonke; akubangakho muntu olandela indlu kadavide, isizwe sakwajuda kuphela. urehobowamu esefikile ejerusalem wabutha yonke indlu yakwajuda nesizwe sakwabenjimini, abantu abakethiweyo abayizinkulungwane eziyikhulu namashumi ayisishiyagalombili, amabutho, ukuba balwe nendlu yakwa-israyeli, bawubuyisele umbuso kurehobowamu indodana kasolomoni. lase lifika izwi likalezi-ku kushemaya umuntu kalezi-ku, lathi: khuluma kurehobowamu indodana kasolomoni inkosi yakwajuda, nakuyo yonke indlu yakwajuda neyakwabenjimini, nakubantu abaseleyo, ngokuthi: usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou, uthi: anyikukhuphuka, ningalwi nabafowenu abantwana bakwa-israyeli; buyelani, kube yilowo endlini yakhe, ngokuba le nto ivela kimi. balalela izwi likajehova-aeiou, babuya, bahamba njengokusho kukajehova-

aeiou. ujerobowamu waqinisa ishekemi ezintabeni zakwa-efrayimi, wahlala khona; waphuma lapho, waqinisa iphenuweli. ujerobowamu wathi enhliziyweni yakhe: manje umbuso uyakubuyela endlini kadavide. uma laba bantu benyuka ukunikela ngemihlatshelo endlini kajehova-aeiou ejerusalem, inhliziy o yalaba bantu iyakuphindela enkosini yabo, kurehobowamu inkosi yakwajuda, bangibulale mina, babuyele kurehobowamu inkosi yakwajuda. inkosi isithathe isiluleko, yenza amathole amabili egolide, yathi kubo: sekwanele ukuba nikhuphukele ejerusalem; bheka olezi-ku bakho, israyeli, abakukhuphula ezweni lasegibithe. wabeka elinye ebethele, elinye walibeka kwadani. leyo nto yaba yisono, ngokuba abantu baya phambi kwelinye nanwadani. wakha nezindlu zezindawo eziphakemeyo, wenza abapristi ngeningi labantu abangesiwo amadodana kalevi. ujerobowamu wagubha umkhosi ngenyanga yesishiyagalombili ngosuku lweshumi nanhlano lwenyanga njengomkhosi wakwajuda, wenyukela e-altare; wenze njalo ebethele ukuba ahlabele amathole awenzileyo; wabeka ebethele abapristi bezindawo eziphakemeyo azenzileyo. wayesenikela e-altare alenzileyo ngosuku lweshumi nanhlano lwenyanga yesishiyagalombili, inyanga abeyinqumile ngokwakhe nje; wenzela abantwana bakwa-israyeli umkhosi, wenyukela e-altare ukushisa imphepo.

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bheka, kwavela kwajuda umuntu kalezi-ku ngezwi likajehova-aeiou, weza ebethele; ujerobowamu wayemi e-altare ukushisa imphepo. walibiza i-altare ngezwi likajehova-aeiou, wathi: altare, altare, usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou, uthi: bheka, kuzakuzalwa umntwana kuyo indlu kadavide, ngujsiya igama lakhe; uyakunikela phezu kwakho ngabapristi bezindawo eziphakemeyo abashisa imphepo phezu kwakho, bashise namathambo abantu phezu kwakho. wabanika isiboniso ngalolo suku, wathi: yilesi esiyisiboniso uje-hova-aeiou akhulume ngaso sokuthi: bheka, i-altare liyakudatshulwa, umlotha ophezu kwalo uchithwe. kwathi inkosi isizwile izwi lalowo muntu kalezi-ku alibiza ngalo i-altare lasebethele, ujerobowamu waselula isandla sakhe es-altare, wathi: mbambeni. kepha isandla sakhe aselulela kuye sashwabana, akaba namandla okusibuyisela kuye. i-altare ladabuka, umlotha we-altare wachitheka e-altare njengesiboniso asinikile lowo muntu kalezi-ku ngezwi likajehova-aeiou. inkosi yayisithatha yathi kulowo muntu kalezi-ku: ake unxuse phambi kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, ungikhulekele ukuba isandla

sami siphiliswe. lowo muntu kalezi-ku wanjusa kujehova-aeiou, saphiliswa isandla sakhe, saba njengakuqala. yayisithi inkosi kulowo muntu kalezi-ku: woza siye ekhaya, uzihlumelele, ngikuphe isipho. kepha lowo muntu kalezi-ku wathi enkosini: noma unginika inxenye yendlu yakho, angiyikuya khona nawe; futhi angiyikudla isinkwa, ngiphuze amanzi kuleyo ndawo; ngokuba ngayalwa kanjalo ngezwi likajehova-aeiou ngokuthi: awuyikudla sinkwa, ungaphuzi manzi, ungabuyi ngendlela oze ngayo. wayesehamba ngenye indlela, kabuyanga ngendlela abeze ngayo ebethele. kwakuhlala ebethele umprofethi omdala. amadodana akhe afika amtshela yonke imisebenzi lowo muntu kalezi-ku abeyenzile ngalolo suku ebethele, namazwi abewakhulumile enkosini. uyise esetsheliwe, uyise wathi kuwo: uhambe ngayiphi indlela na? amadodana ayebonile ukuthi uhambe ngayiphi indlela lowo muntu kalezi-ku owavela kwajuda. wayesethi kumadodana akhe: ngibopheleni imbongolo. ambophela-ke imbongolo, wayikhwela. wamlandela lowo muntu kalezi-ku, wamfumana ehlezi phansi kwe-oki; wathi kuye: wena ungumuntu kalezi-ku lowo owavela kwajuda na? wathi: nginguye. wayesethi kuye: woza siye ekhaya, uthole ukudla. kepha wathi: anginakubuya nawe, anginakungena kwakho nawe; futhi anginakudla isinkwa, ngiphuze amanzi nawe kuleyo ndawo, ngokuba kwathiwa kimi ngezwi likajehova-aeiou: awuyikudla sinkwa, ungaphuzi manzi khona, ungabuyi ngendlela oze ngayo. wayesethi kuye: nami ngingumprofethi njengawe; kwakhuluma kimi ingelosi ngezwi likajehova-aeiou ngokuthi: mbuyise, uye naye endlini yakho ukuba athole ukudla, aphuze amanzi. kodwa waqamba amanga kuye. wayesebuya-ke naye, wadla endlini yakhe, waphuza amanzi. kwathi besahlezi etafuleni, izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kumprofethi owambuyisa; wamemeza kulowo muntu kalezi-ku owavela kwajuda, wathi: usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou, uthi: njengokuba ungallalalelanga izwi likajehova-aeiou, ungagcinanga umyalo uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho akuyala ngawo, kepha ubuyile, wadla, waphuza amanzi endaweni athi ngayo kuwe ungadli sinkwa, ungaphuzi manzi, isidumbu sakho asiyikungeniswa ethuneni lawoyihlo. kwathi esedile, esephuzile, wambophelela imbongolo yena lowo mprofethi abembuyisile. esehambile waficwa yingonyama endleni, yambulala; isidumbu sakhe santshingwa endleni, imbongolo yema eceleni kwaso, nengonyama yema ngasesidunjini. bheka, abantu badlula, babona isidumbu sintshingwe endleni nengonyama imi eceleni kwesidumbu, bafika bakhuluma ngakho emzini ayehlala kuwo

lowo mprofethi omdala. esezwile lokho umprofethi obembuyisile endleleni wathi: ngumuntu kalezi-ku lowo owayengalaleli izwi likajehova-aeiou; ngalokho ujahova-aeiou umnikele kuyo ingonyama, yamdwengula; yambulala njengezwi likajehova-aeiou alikhuluma kuye. wayesekhuluma kumadodana akhe, ethi: ngibopheleleni imbongolo. ayibophela. wahamba, wafumana isidumbu sakhe sintshingwe endleleni, imbongolo nengonyama zimi eceleni kwesidumbu; ingonyama ayidlanga isidumbu, ayidwengulanga nembongolo. umprofethi wasiphakamisa isidumbu salowo muntu kalezi-ku, wasibeka embongolweni, wasibuyisa; wafika emzini womprofethi omdala ukuba alile, ammele. wasibeka isidumbu ethuneni lakhe; bamlilela bathi: maye, mfowethu! kwathi esembele, wakhuluma kumadodana akhe, wathi: laphe sengifile, ngimbeleni ethuneni embelwe kulo lowo muntu kalezi-ku, nibeke amathambo ami eceleni kwamathambo akhe. ngokuba izwi alimemezayo ngokusho kukajehova-aeiou kulo i-altare lasebethele nakuzo zonke izindlu zezindawo eziphakemeyo ezisemizini yasesamariya liyakwenzeka nokwenzeka. emva kwalokho ujerobowamu akaphendukanga nokho endleleni yakhe embi, kepha wabuye wenza abapristi bezindawo eziphakemeyo ngeningi labantu; othandayo wahlukaniselwa, wabangumpristi wendawo ephakemeyo. leyo nto yaba yisono kuyo indlu kajerobowamu ngangkuba inqunywe, ichtiwe ebusweni bomhlaba.

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ngaleso sikhathi u-abiya indodana kajerobowamu wagula. ujerobowamu wathi kumkakhe: ake usuke uzifihle, ukuze kungaziwa ukuthi wena ungumkajerobowamu, uye eshilo; bheka, u-ahiya umprofethi ulapho, yena owakhuluma ngami ukuthi ngiyakuba yinkosi phezu kwalaba bantu. uphathe ngesandla sakho izinkwa eziyishumi, nemiqathane, nophiso lwezinyosi, uye kuye; uyakukutshela ukuthi kuzakuba njani kumntwana. umkajerobowamu wenze njalo; wasuka, waya eshilo, wafika endlini ka-ahiya. u-ahiya wayengenakubona, ngokuba amehlo akhe ayequndekile ngenxa yobudala bakhe. ujahova-aeiou wayeshilo ku-ahiya, ethi: bheka, umkajerobowamu uyeza ukubuza kuwe ngendodana yakhe, ngokuba iyagula; womphendula ngokuthi nangokuthi, ngokuba kuyakuthi ekungeneni kwakhe azishaye omunye umuntu. kwathi laphe u-ahiya ezwa izigqi zezinyawo zakhe ekungeneni kwakhe emnyango, wathi: ngena, mkajerobowamu; uzishayelani omunye; mina ngithunyiwe kuwe ngi-

nendaba elukhuni. hamba umtshela ujerobowamu ukuthi: ujahova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli usho kanje, uthi: njengokuba ngakuphakamisa phakathi kwabantu, ngakubeka ube ngumbusi wabantu bami u-israyeli, ngawuhlwitha umbuso endlini kadavide, ngawunika wena, kepha awubanga njengenceku yami udavide owagcina imiyalo yami nowangilandela ngayo yonke inhliziyi yakhe ukwenza okulungile emehlweni ami kuphela, kodwa wenzile bona-ra-ukukhandleka kunabo bonke ababe phambi kwakho, wahamba wazenzela abanye olezi-ku nezithombe ezibunjiweyo ukungivusa ukuba ngithukuthele, wangilahla nyovane, bheka, ngalokho ngiyakwehlisela indlu kajerobowamu bona-ra-ukukhandleka, ngingume kujerobowamu wonke umlisa, omncane nomkhulu kwa-israyeli, ngikhukhule indlu kajerobowamu njengokukhukhulwa komquba, uze uphele. yena wakwajerobowamu ofela emzini uyakudliwa yizinja, nofela endle uyakudliwa yizinyoni zezulu, ngokuba ujahova-aeiou ukukhulumele. ngalokho suka uye endlini yakho; ekungeneni kwezinyawo zakho emzini uyakufa umntwana. wonke u-israyeli uyakumlilela, ammele, ngokuba nguyena yedwa wakwajerobowamu oyakuya ethuneni, lokhu kufunyanwa kuye okuhle kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli endlini kajerobowamu. futhi ujahova-aeiou uyakuzivusela inkosi phezu kuka-israyeli eyakunquma indlu kajerobowamu ngalolo suku. kepha ngithini? yebo, namanje. ngokuba ujahova-aeiou uyakushaya u-israyeli njengohlanga oluzanyazanyiswa emanzini, asiphule u-israyeli kuleli zwe elihle alinika oyise, abahlakazele ngaphesheya komfula, lokhu benzile o-ashera babo, bathukuthelisa ujahova-aeiou. uyakulahla u-israyeli ngenxa yezono zikajerobowamu one ngazo, futhi onisa ngazo u-israyeli. umkajerobowamu wayesesuka wahamba, wafika etirisa; esefike embundwini wendlu, umntwana wafa. wonke u-israyeli wammbele, wamlilela njengezwi likajehova-aeiou alikhulumayo ngesandla sencku yakhe u-ahiya umprofethi. ezinye izindaba zikajerobowamu, ukuthi walwa kanjani nokuthi wabusa kanjani, bheka, zilotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-israyeli. izinsuku zokubusa kukajerobowamu zaziyiminyaka engamashumi amabili nambili; wayeselala koyise; unadabi indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. urehobowamu indodana kasolomoni wabusa kwajuda. urehobowamu wayeneminyaka engamashumi amane nanye ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka eyishumi nesikhombisa ejerusalema, umuzi awukhetileyo ujahova-aeiou ezizweni zonke zakwa-israyeli ukuba abeke khona

igama lakhe; igama likanina lalingunahama wabakwa-aroni. ujuda wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou, bamvusela umhawu naphezu kwakho konke ababekwenzile oyise ngezono zabo abazenzayo. nabo bazakhela izindawo eziphakemeyo, nezinsika, nawo-ashera emagqumeni onke aphakemeyo naphansi kwemithi yonke eluhlaza. kwakukhona nezifebe zethempeli kulelo zwe; benza njengazo zonke izinengiso zabezizwe ukehova-aeiou abaxosha phambi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli. kwathi ngomnyaka wesihlanu wenkosi urehobowamu, ushishaki inkosi yasegibithe wenyukela ejerusalem. wathatha ingcebo yendlu kajehova-aeiou nengcebo yendlu yenkosi, yebo, wathatha konke, wathatha zonke izihlangu zegolide ezenziwe ngusolomoni. inkosi urehobowamu yenza izihlangu zethusi esikhundleni sazo, yazinikela ezandleni zezinduna zabalindi abagcina umnyango wendlu yenkosi. kwathi njalo uma inkosi ingena endlini kajehova-aeiou, izigijimi zazithwala, zazibuyisela ekamelweni labalindi. ezinye izindaba zikarehobowamu nakho konke akwenzayo angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-israyeli na? kwakukhona njalo ukulwa phakathi kukarehobowamu nojerobowamu. urehobowamu wayeselala koyise, wembelwa koyise emzini kadavide; igama likanina lalingunahama wabakwa-aroni. u-abiyamu indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

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ngomnyaka weshumi nesishiyagalombili wenkosi ujerobowamu indodana kanebati u-abiyamu waba yinkosi kwajuda. wabusa iminyaka emithathu ejerusalem; igama likanina lalingumahakha, indodakazi ka-abisalomu. wamba ezonweni zonke zikayise ayezenzile ngaphambi kwakhe; inhliziyi yakhe yayingekho kulezi-ku wakhe ngokupheleleyo njengenhliziyi kadavide uyise. nokho ngenxa kadavide ukehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakhe wamnika isibani ejerusalem ngokuvusa indodana yakhe emva kwakhe nokumisa ijerusalem, ngokuba udavide wenza okulungile emehlweni kajehova-aeiou, kaphambukanga ngalutho amyala ngalo zonke izinsuku zokuhamba kwakhe, kuphela endabeni ka-uriya umheti. kwakukhona ukulwa phakathi kukarehobowamu nojerobowamu zonke izinsuku zokuhamba kwakhe. ezinye izindaba zika-abiyamu nakho konke akwenzayo angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwajuda na? kwakukhona ukulwa phakathi kuka-abiyamu nojerobowamu. u-abiyamu wayeselala koyise; bammbelela

emzini kadavide; u-asa indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. ngomnyaka wamashumi amabili kajerobowamu, inkosi yakwa-israyeli, u-asa waqala ukubusa phezu kukajuda. wabusa iminyaka engamashumi amane nanye ejerusalem; igama likanina lalingumahakha indodakazi ka-abisalomu. u-asa wenza okulungile emehlweni kajehova-aeiou njengodavide uyise. waxosha izifebe zethempeli ezweni, wasusa nezithombe ayezenzile uyise. wamsusa umahakha unina ebukhosikazini, ngokuba wayenzela u-ashera isithombe esinengekayo; u-asa wanquma isithombe sakhe, wasishisa ngasemfudlaneni ikidroni. kodwa izindawo eziphakemeyo azisuswanga; nokho inhliziyi ka-asa yayikujehova-aeiou ngokupheleleyo zonke izinsuku zakhe. wangenisa endlini kajehova-aeiou izinto ezingwele zikayise nezinto zakhe ezingwele: isiliva, negolide, nezitsha. kwakukhona ukulwa phakathi kuka-asa nobahasha inkosi yakwa-israyeli zonke izinsuku zabo. ubahasha inkosi yakwa-israyeli wenyuka ukuhlasela ujuda, wakha irama, ukuze angavumeli muntu ukuphuma nokungena ku-asa inkosi kwajuda. u-asa wayesethatha lonke isiliva negolide elalisele engcebini yendlu kajehova-aeiou nengcebo yendlu yenkosi, wakunikela ezandleni zezinceku zakhe; inkosi u-asa yazithuma kubeni hadadi indodana katabirimoni kaheziyoni, inkosi yase-aramu, owayehlala edamaseku, yathi: kukhona isivumelwano phakathi kwami nawe naphakathi kukababa noyihlo; bheka, ngithuma kuwe isipho seliliva negolide; hamba waphule isivumelwano sakho nobahasha inkosi yakwa-israyeli ukuba asuke kimi. ubeni hadadi wayilalela inkosi u-asa, wathuma izinduna zempi yakhe ukuba zihlasele imizi yakwa-israyeli, wanqoba i-ijoni, nedani, ne-abela beti mahakha, nalo lonke ikineroti, kanye nalo lonke izwe lakwanafetali. kwathi lapho ubahasha esekuzwile lokho, wayeka ukwakha irama, wahlala etirisa. inkosi u-asa yayisibiza wonke ujuda, akwababikho owayenokuzilandulela, basusa amatsheserama nemithi yalo ubahasha ayakhe ngakho; inkosi u-asa yakha ngakho igeba lakwabenjamini nemispa. zonke ezinye izindaba zika-asa, nawo onke amandla akhe, nakho konke akwenzayo, nemizi ayakhayo, angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwajuda na? ngesikhathi sobudala bakhe wayenesifo ezinyaweni zakhe. wayeselala u-asa koyise, wembelwa koyise emzini kadavide uyise; ukehoshafati indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. unadabi indodana kajerobowamu waqala ukubusa phezu kuka-israyeli ngomnyaka wesibili ka-asa inkosi kwajuda, wabusa

phezu kuka-israyeli iminyaka emibili. wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou, wahamba endleleni kayise nasesonweni sakhe onisa ngaso u-israyeli. ubahasha indodana ka-ahiya wendlu ka-isakare wamenzela ugobe; ubahasha wamngoba egibethoni elingelamafilisti, ngokuba unadabi naye wonke u-israyeli babelivimbezela igibethoni. ngomnyaka wesithathu ka-asa inkosi yakwajuda ubahasha wambulala, wabusa esikhundleni sakhe. kwathi eseyinkosi, wambulala yonke indlu kajerobowamu, kashiyelanga ujerobowamu noyedwa ophefumulayo, waze wamqothula njengezwi ujeihova-aeiou alikhulumile ngesandla senceku yakhe u-ahiya waseshilo, ngenxa yezono zikajerobowamu ona ngazo, futhi onisa ngazo u-israyeli, ngokucunula kwakhe acunula ngakho ujeihova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli. ezinye izindaba zikanadabi nakho konke akwenzayo angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-israyeli na? kwakukhona ukulwa phakathi kuka-asa nobahasha inkosi yakwa-israyeli zonke izinsuku zabo, ngomnyaka wesithathu ka-asa inkosi yakwajuda ubahasha indodana ka-ahiya waqala ukubusa phezu kuka-israyeli wonke etirisa, wabusa iminyaka engamashumi amabili nane. wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou, wahamba endleleni kajerobowamu nasesonweni sakhe onisa ngaso u-israyeli.

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izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kujehu indodana kahanani ngobahasha, lathi: njengokuba ngakuphakamisa othulini, ngakubeka umbusi wabantu bami u-israyeli, kepha uhambe endleleni kajerobowamu, wonisa abantu bami u-israyeli ukuba bangicunule ngezono zabo, bheka, ngiyakukhukhula nokukhukhula ubahasha nendlu yakhe, ngenze indlu yakho ibe njengendlu kajerobowamu indodana kanebati. yena wakwabahasha ofela emzini uyakudliwa yizinja, nalowo wakwakhe ofela endle uyakudliwa yizinyoni zezulu. ezinye izindaba zikabahasha, nakwenzayo, namandla akhe, angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-israyeli na? ubahasha wayeselala koyise, wembelwa etirisa; u-ela indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. kwafika ngesandla somprofethi ujeihu indodana kahanani izwi likajehova-aeiou ngobahasha nendlu yakhe ngenxa yakho konke bona-ra-ukukhandleka akwenza emehlweni kajehova-aeiou ukuthi wamcunula ngomsebenzi wezandla zakhe, waba njengendlu kajerobowamu, nangenxa yokuba wayiqothula. ngomnyaka wamashumi amabili nesithupha ka-asa,

inkosi yakwajuda, u-ela, indodana kabahasha, waqala ukubusa phezu kuka-israyeli etirisa, wabusa iminyaka emibili. inceku yakhe uzimri, induna yenxenye yezinqola zakhe, yamenzela ugobe; esetirisa ephuzile waze wadakwa endlini ka-arisa owayephezu kwabendlu yasetirisa, uzimri wangena, wamshaya, wambulala ngomnyaka wamashumi amabili nesikhombisa ka-asa inkosi yakwajuda, waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. kwathi esaqala nje ukubusa, esehlezi esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi, wabalula yonke indlu kabahasha, kamshiyelanga nomntwana oyedwa owesilisa kwabazalana naye nakubo abangane bakhe. uzimri waqeda kanjalo yonke indlu kabahasha, njengezwi likajehova-aeiou alikhuluma ngobahasha ngesandla sika-jeihu umprofethi, ngenxa yezono zonke zikabahasha nezono zika-ela indodana yakhe one ngazo, futhi onise ngazo u-israyeli, baze bacunula ujeihova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli ngezithombe zabo. ezinye izindaba zika-ela nakho konke akwenzayo angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-israyeli na? ngomnyaka wamashumi amabili nesikhombisa ka-asa inkosi yakwajuda, uzimri waba yinkosi izinsuku eziyisikhombisa etirisa. abantu base bemisile ngasegibethoni elalingelamafilisti. abantu ababemisile bezwa kuthiwa: uzimri wenzile ugobe, ubulele nenkosi; ngalokho wonke u-israyeli wambeka u-omri induna yempi abe yinkosi phezu kuka-israyeli ngalolo suku ekamu. u-omri wenyuka egibethoni wonke u-israyeli enaye, bavimbezela itirisa. kwathi uzimri esebonile ukuthi umuzi uthathiwe, wangena enqabeni yendlu yenkosi, wayishisa indlu yenkosi phezu kwakhe ngomlilo, wafa ngenxa yezono zakhe one ngazo ngokwenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou, ngokuhamba endleleni kajerobowamu nasesonweni sakhe asenzayo ukuba onise u-israyeli. ezinye izindaba zikazimri nogobe alenzayo angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-israyeli na? khona abantu bakwa-israyeli bahlukana kabili; inxenye yabantu yalandela uthibini, indodana kaginati, ukuba bambeke inkosi, inxenye yalandela u-omri. kepha abantu ababemlandela u-omri bahlula abantu ababemlandela uthibini indodana kaginati; wayesefa uthibini, u-omri waba yinkosi. ngomnyaka wamashumi amathathu nanye ka-asa inkosi yakwajuda u-omri waba yinkosi phezu kuka-israyeli, wabusa iminyaka eyishumi nambili; wabusa iminyaka eyisithupha etirisa. wathenga intaba yasesamariya kushemere ngamatalenta amabili esiliva, wakha entabeni, waqamba igama lomuzi awakhileyo ngegama likashemere umnin-

intaba ngokuthi isamariya. kepha u-omri wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou, wenza kabi kunabo bonke ababe ngaphambi kwakhe. ngokuba wahamba ezindleleni zonke zikajerobowamu, indodana kanebati, nasezonweni zakhe onisa ngazo u-israyeli, baze bacunula ujeihova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli ngezithombe zabo. ezinye izindaba zika-omri azenzayo namandla awabonakalisayo angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-israyeli na? u-omri wayeselala koyise, wembelwa esamariya; u-ahabi, indodana yakhe, waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. u-ahabi, indodana ka-omri, waqala ukubusa phezu kuka-israyeli ngomnyaka wamashumi amathathu nesishiyagalombili ka-asa; u-ahabi, indodana ka-omri, wabusa phezu kuka-israyeli esamariya iminyaka engamashumi amabili nambili. kepha u-ahabi, indodana ka-omri, wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou kunabo bonke ababe ngaphambi kwakhe. kwathi lapho kuyinto elula kuye ukuhamba ezonweni zikajerobowamu, indodana kanebati, wathatha u-izebeli, indodakazi ka-etibali inkosi yamasidoni, abe ngumkakhe, waya wakhonza ubali, wakhuleka kuye. wammisela ubali i-altare endlini kabali abeyakhile esamariya. u-ahabi wamenza u-ashera; u-ahabi wenezela waze wacunula ujeihova-aeiou, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, kunawo onke amakhosi akwa-israyeli ayengaphambi kwakhe. ezinsukwini zakhe ubhiyeli wasebethele wabuye wakha ijeriko; wabeka isisekelo salo ngokulahlekelwa ngu-abiramu izibulo lakhe, wamisa amasango alo ngokulahlekelwa yithunjana lakhe usegubi, njengezwi likajehova-aeiou owalikhuluma ngesandla sikajesu indodana kanuni.

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u-eliya wasethishibi, owayengowabagobeleyo kwagileyadi, wathi ku-ahabi: kuphila kukajehova-aeiou, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, engimi phambi kwakhe, akuyikubakho mazolo namvula kule minyaka, kuphela ngesiyalezo sezwi lami. izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kuye, lathi: suka lapha, uye ngasempumalanga, ucashe ngasemfudlaneni ikeriti ongaphambi kwejordani. kuyakuthi uphuzo emfudlaneni; ngiyalile amagwababa ukuba akondle khona. wahamba wenza njengezwi likajehova-aeiou, ngokuba wahamba wahlala ngasemfudlaneni ikeriti ongaphambi kwejordani. amagwababa amlethela isinkwa nenyama ekuseni, nesinkwa nenyama kusihlwa, waphuza emfudlaneni. kwathi ekupheleni kwezinsuku umfudlana washa, ngokuba yayengekho imvula ezweni. kwase kufika izwi likajehova-aeiou kuye, lathi: suka uye esarefati elingalesidoni, uh-

lale khona; bheka, ngiyalile lapho umfelokazi ukuba akondle. wayesesuka waya esarefati; esefikile esangweni lomuzi, bheka, umfelokazi wayecakasha khona; wambiza wathi: ake ungilethele ingcosana yamanzi esitsheni, ngiphuze. esasuka ukuwanda, wambiza wathi: ake ungilethele nocezu lwesinkwa esandleni sakho. kepha wathi: kuphila kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, anginalo neqebelengwane, kukhona kuphela ukhweshe lwempuphu embizeni nengcosana yamafutha ophisweni; bheka, sengicakashile izinkuni ezimbili, ukuze ngingene ngizilungiselele khona nendodana yami ukuba sikudle, sife. wayesethi u-eliya kuye: ungesabi; hamba wenze njengokusho kwakho, kepha ngenzele mina kuqala iqebelengwane elincane ngakho, ulilethe kimi, andukuba uzilungiselele wena nendodana yakho. ngokuba usho kanje ujeihova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: imbiza yempuphu ayikuphela, nophiso lwamafutha aluyikuswela kuze kufike lolo suku ujeihova-aeiou anisa ngalo imvula emhlabeni. wayesehamba, wenza njengokusho kuka-eliya: kwadla yena, no-eliya, nendlu yakhe izinsuku eziningi. imbiza yempuphu ayiphelanga, nophiso lwamafutha aluswela njengezwi likajehova-aeiou alikhulume ngesandla sika-eliya. kwathi emva kwalokho indodana yalowo mfelokazi, umnikazindlu, yagula; ukugula kwayo kwaba namandla kangaka ngangokuba yayingase-nakho ukuphefumula. wayesethi ku-eliya: nginamsebenzi muni nawe muntu kalezi-ku na? uze kimi ukuba kukhumbuleke isono sami nokuba kubulawe indodana yami. kepha wathi kuye: nginike indodana yakho. wayithatha esifubeni sakhe, wayikhuphulela ekamelweni eliphezulu lapho ehlala khona, wayibeka embhedeni wakhe. wayesekhala kujehova-aeiou, wathi: jehova-aeiou lezi-ku wami, usuwehlisele nalo mfelokazi engigogobele kwakhe bona-ra-ukukhandleka okungaka uze ubulale indodana yakhe na? wazelula phezu komntwana kathathu, wakhala kujehova-aeiou, wathi: jehova-aeiou lezi-ku wami, umphefumulo walo mntwana mawubuyele kuye. ujeihova-aeiou walizwa izwi lika-eliya; umphefumulo womntwana wabuyela kuye, waphila. u-eliya wayesethatha umntwana, wamehlisa ekamelweni eliphezulu, wamngenisela endlini, wamnika unina; wathi u-eliya: bheka, indodana yakho isiyaphila. owesifazane wathi ku-eliya: manje sengiyazi ukuthi wena ungumuntu kalezi-ku nokuthi izwi likajehova-aeiou elisemlonyeni wakho liyiqiniso.

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kwathi emva kwezinsuku eziningi izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika ku-eliya ngomnyaka

wesithathu, lathi: hamba uzibonakalise ku-ahabi; ngiyakunisa imvula emhlabeni. wayesehamba u-eliya ukuzibonakalisa ku-ahabi. indlala yayinamandla esamariya. u-ahabi wabiza u-obadiya owayephezu kwendlu yakhe. u-obadiya wayemesaba kakhulu ulezi-ku, ngokuba kwathi lapho u-izebeli ebulala abaprofethi bakajehova-aeiou, u-obadiya wathatha abaprofethi abayikhulu, wabafihla emhumeni ngamashumi ayisihlanu, wabondla ngesinkwa nangamanzi. u-ahabi wathi ku-obadiya: hamba ezweni, uye emithonjaneni yonke yamanzi nasemifudlaneni yonke; mhlawumbe singafumana utshani, sisindise amahashi neminyuzi, izilwane zingabhubhi. base bahlukaniselana izwe ukuba balidabule: u-ahabi wahamba ngenye indlela eyedwa, u-obadiya naye wahamba ngenye indlela eyedwa. u-obadiya esendleleni, bheka, kwahlangana naye u-eliya, wambona, wawa ngobuso, wathi: wena uyinkosi yami u-eliya na? wathi kuye: yimi; hamba utshele inkosi yakho ukuthi: nangu u-eliya. wayesethi kuye: ngoneni ukuba unikele inceku yakho esandleni sika-ahabi ukungibulala na? kuphila kukajehova-aeiou, ulezi-ku wakho, akukho sizwe nambuso lapho inkosi yami ingathumanga khona ukukufuna, nanxa bethi akakho lapha, yafungisa umbuso nesizwe ukuthi abakufumananga. manje usuthi wena: hamba utshele inkosi yakho ukuthi: nangu u-eliya. kuyakuthi sengisukile kuye, umoya kajehova-aeiou akuyise lapho ngingazi khona, nanxa sengifika ukuba ngimtshele u-ahabi, yena angakufumani, uyakungibulala; kepha mina nceku yakho ngiyamesaba u-jehova-aeiou kwasebusheni bami. inkosi yami ayitshelwanga yini lokho engakwenzayo lapho u-izebeli ebulala abaprofethi bakajehova-aeiou, ukuthi ngafihla abantu abayikhulu babaprofethi bakajehova-aeiou ngamashumi ayisihlanu emhumeni, ngabondla ngesinkwa nangamanzi, na? usuthi manje: hamba utshele inkosi yakho ukuthi: nangu u-eliya, bese yingibulala. kepha u-eliya wathi: kuphila kukajehova-aeiou sebawoti engimi phambi kwakhe namuhla, ngizakuzibonakalisa kuye. u-obadiya wayesehamba ukumhlangebeza u-ahabi, wamtshela lokho; wayesehamba u-ahabi ukumhlangebeza u-eliya. kwathi u-ahabi esembonile u-eliya, u-ahabi wathi kuye: nguwe ongumhluphi wakwa-israyeli na? kodwa wathi: mina angimhluphanga u-israyeli, kepha nguwe nendlu kayihlo, ngokuyilahla imiyalo kajehova-aeiou, uze ulandele obali. ngalokho thumela ubuthe kimi u-israyeli wonke entabeni yasekarmeli, nabaprofethi bakabali abangamakhulu amane namashumi ayisihlanu, nabaprofethi baka-asherah abangamakhulu amane abadla etafuleni lika-izebeli. u-ahabi

wayesethumela kubo bonke abantwana bakwa-israyeli, wabutha abaprofethi entabeni yasekarmeli. u-eliya wasondela kubo bonke abantu, wathi: koze kube nini nimanqikangika phakathi kwezinhlangothi ezimbili na? uma u-jehova-aeiou engulezi-ku, mlandeleni yena, kepha uma kungubali, mlandeleni yena. kodwa abantu kabamphendulanga ngazwi. wayesethi u-eliya kubantu: yimi ngedwa oseleyo engumphrophi kajehova-aeiou, kepha abaprofethi bakabali bangabantu abangamakhulu amane namashumi ayisihlanu. mabasinike izinkunzi ezimbili, bazikhethele inkunzi ibenye, bayihlahlele, bayibeke phezu kwezinkuni, bangafaki umlilo; mina ngiyakuyilungisa enye inkunzi, ngiyibeke phezu kwezinkuni, ngingafaki umlilo. libizeni igama likalezi-ku wenu, mina ngibize igama likajehova-aeiou; bese kuthi ulezi-ku ophendula ngomlilo abe nguye ongulezi-ku. bonke abantu bathi: lihle leli zwi. u-eliya wayesethi kubaprofethi bakabali: zikhetheleni inkunzi, niyilungise kuqala, ngokuba nibanengi, nibize igama likalezi-ku wenu, ngingafaki umlilo nokho. bayithatha inkunzi abayinikwayo, bayilungisa, balibiza igama likabali kwasekuseni kwaze kwaba semini ngokuthi: bali, siphenduleni; kepha akubangakho zwi, nophendulayo wayengekho. baxhuma ngase-altare ebelenziwe. kwathi ngasemini u-eliya wadlala ngabo, wathi: memezani ngezwi elikhulu; noma engulezi-ku, mhlawumbe uyazindla, noma echezukile nje, noma esohambeni, noma elele edinga ukuvuswa. base bememeza ngezwi elikhulu, bazisika ngawomese nangemikhonto ngomthetho wabo, kwaze kwatshaza igazi kubo. kwathi lapho isidlulile imini, babprofetha kwaze kwanikelwa ngomnikelo wempuphu, kepha akubangakho zwi, nophendulayo, nonakekelayo. u-eliya wayesethi kubantu bonke: sondelani kimi. bonke abantu basondela kuye. wayeselungisa i-altare likajehova-aeiou elalidiliziwe. u-eliya wathatha amatshu ayishumi nambili njengomumo wezizwe zamadodana kajakobe okweza kuye izwi likajehova-aeiou, lathi: igama lakho lizakuba ngu-israyeli. wakha i-altare ngamatshu egameni likajehova-aeiou, wenza umsele ngase-altare nxazonke olingene namaseya amabili embewu. wahlela izinkuni, wayihlahlela inkunzi, wayibeka phezu kwezinkuni. wathi: gcwalisani izimbiza ezine ngamanzi, niwathele emnikelweni wokushiswa naphezu kwezinkuni. wathi: kwenzeni ngokwesibili. wayesethi: kwenzeni nangokwesithathu. baphinda ngokwesithathu. amanzi agobhoza ngase-altare nxazonke; wagcwalisa nomsele ngamanzi. kwathi ngesikhathi sokunikela ngomnikelo wempuphu u-eliya umprofethi wasondela, wathi: jehova-

aeiou lezi-ku ka-abrahama noka-isaka noka-israyeli, makwazeke namuhla ukuthi wena ungulezi-ku kwa-israyeli, nokuthi mina ngiyinceku yakho, nokuthi ngenzile konke lokhu ngezwi lakho. ngiphendule, jehova-aeiou, ngiphendule ukuba laba bantu bazi ukuthi wena jehova-aeiou ungulezi-ku nokuthi uphendukisela kuwe izinhliziyi. wawusuwehla umlilo kajehova-aeiou, wawuqeda umnikelo wokushiswa, nezinkuni, namatshe, nothuli, wakhotha amanzi asem-seleni. abantu bonke sebekubonile lokho bawa ngobuso babo, bathi: u-jehova-aeiou nguye ongulezi-ku; u-jehova-aeiou nguye ongulezi-ku. u-eliya wathi kubo: bambani abaprofethi bakabali, kungabaleki noyedwa kubo. bababamba, u-eliya wabehlisela emfudlaneni ikishoni, wababulala khona. wayesethi u-eliya ku-ahabi: khuphuka, udle, uphuze, ngokuba kukhona um-dumo wemvula enkulu. wayesekhuphuka u-ahabi ukuba adle, aphuze. u-eliya wakhuphukela esiqongweni sasekarmeli, wakhothamela phansi, wabeka ubuso bakhe phakathi kwamadolo akhe. wathi encekwini yakhe: khuphuka, ubheke ngaselwandle. yakhuphuka, yabheka, yathi: akukho lutho. wayesethi: phinda kasikhombisa. kwathi ngokwesikhombisa yathi: bheka, kukhuphuka ifu elwandle, lingangesandla somuntu. wayesethi: khuphuka, umtshele u-ahabi ukuthi: bophela, wehle, funa uvin-jelwe yimvula. kwathi ngesikhashana nje izulu laququbala ngamafu nangomoya, lana imvula enkulu. u-ahabi wakhwela inqola, waya ejizreyeli. isandla sikajehova-aeiou sasiku-eliya; wabopha ukhalo lwakhe, wagijima phambi kuka-ahabi, waze wafika ekgungeneni kwasejizreyeli.

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u-ahabi wamtshela u-izebeli konke akwen-zile u-eliya, naphakathi kwalokho ukuthi ubulele bonke abaprofethi ngenkemba. u-izebeli wayesethuma isithunywa ku-eliya ngokuthi: mabenze njalo kimi olezi-ku, benezele futhi, uma ngingakwenzi wena ube njengomunye wabo ngalesi sikhathi kusasa. esezwile lokho wasuka, wahamba ukuba asinde, waya eberi sheba elingelakwa-juda, washiya khona inceku yakhe. kodwa yena wahamba ibanga losuku ehlane, waya wahlala phansi konwele, wacela enhliziy-weni yakhe ukuba afe, wathi: sekwanele; manje, jehova-aeiou, sale usuthatha umphe-fumulo wami, ngokuba angilungile kuna-wobaba. walala ubuthongo phansi kon-wele; bheka, kwamthinta ingelosi, yathi kuye: vuka udle. wabheka, nanto iqebeleng-wane ngasekhanda lakhe elenziwe ematsheni ashisayo, nophiso lwamanzi. wadla, waphuza; wayesebuye walala phansi. ingelosi

kajehova-aeiou yabuye yamthinta ngokwe-sibili, yathi: vuka udle, ngokuba indlela yakho inde. wavuka, wadla, waphuza, wa-hamba ngamandla alokho kudla izinsuku ezingamashumi amane nobusuku obunga-mashumi amane, waya entabeni kalezi-ku ihorebe. wangena khona emhumeni, walala khona. bheka, kwafika kuye izwi likajehova-aeiou; wathi kuye: wenzani lapha, eliya, na? wathi: ngishisekele nokushisekela u-jehova-aeiou ulezi-ku sebawoti, ngokuba abantwana bakwa-israyeli balahlile isivumel-wano sakho, badilizile ama-altare akho, babulele abaprofethi bakho ngenkemba, kusele mina ngedwa; sebefuna umphe-fumulo wami ukuba bawususe. wathi: phuma, ume entabeni phambi kukajehova-aeiou. bheka, u-jehova-aeiou wadlula, umoya omkhulu onamandla wadabula izintaba, waphahlaza amadwala phambi kukajehova-aeiou; kepha u-jehova-aeiou wayengekho emoyeni; emva komoya kwamazama umh-laba; kepha u-jehova-aeiou wayengekho ekuzamazameni komhlaba; emva kokuza-mazama komhlaba ngumlilo; kepha u-jehova-aeiou wayengekho emlilweni; emva komlilo yizwi elincane elihashazayo. u-eliya es-ezwile lokho wagubuzela ubuso bakhe ngengubo yakhe, waphuma, wema em-nyango womhume. bheka, kwafika kuye izwi, lathi: wenzani lapha, eliya, na? wathi: ngishisekele nokushisekela u-jehova-aeiou ulezi-ku sebawoti, ngokuba abant-wana bakwa-israyeli balahlile isivumelwano sakho, badilizile ama-altare akho, bab-ulele abaprofethi bakho ngenkemba, kusele mina ngedwa; sebefuna umphefumulo wami ukuba bawususe. wayesethi u-jehova-aeiou kuye: hamba, ubuye ngendlela yakho, uye ehlane lasedamaseku; usufikile khona uyakumgcoba uhazayeli abe yinkosi yase-aramu; uyakumgcoba ujeu indodana ka-nimishi abe yinkosi kwa-israyeli, umg-cobe u-elisha indodana kashafati wase-abela mehola abe ngumprofethi esikhundleni sakho. kuyakuthi obalekela inkemba kahazayeli abulawe ngujeu; obalekela inkemba kajehu uyakubulawa ngu-elisha. kepha ngiyakushiya kwa-israyeli izinkulung-wane eziyisikhombisa, onke amadol angan-guqanga kubali nayo yonke imilomo en-gamanganga. wayesesuka lapho, wamfu-mana u-elisha indodana kashafati; waye-lima ngezinkabi ezingamabhangga ayishumi nambili phambi kwakhe, yena esebhangqeni leshumi nambili; u-eliya wadlulela kuye, waphonsa ingubo yakhe kuye. wayese-shiya izinkabi, wagijima wamlandela u-eliya, wathi: ake ngange ubaba nomame, bese ngikulandela. wathi kuye: hamba, ubuyele emuva, ngokuba ngenzeni kuwe na? wabuya ekumlandeleni, wathatha izink-abi zombili, wazihlaba, wapheka inyama



yazo ngempahla yezinkabi, wabapha abantu, badla. wayesesuka, wamlandela u-eliya, wamkhonza.

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ubeni hadadi inkosi yase-aramu wabutha yonke impi yakhe; wayenamakhosi angamashumi amathathu nambili, namahhashi, nezinqola; wenyuka, wavimbezela isamariya, walwa nalo, wathuma izithunywa ku-ahabi inkosi yakwa-israyeli emzini, wathi kuye: usho kanje ubeni hadadi, uthi: isiliva lakho negolide lakho lingelami, nawomkakho nabantwana bakho abahle bangabami. inkosi yakwa-israyeli yaphendula yathi: kunjengokusho kwakho, nkosi yami, nkosi: ngingowakho nakho konke enginakho. kepha izithunywa zabuya, zathi: usho kanje ubeni hadadi, uthi: ngathumela kuwe, ngathi: uyakunikela kimi isiliva lakho negolide lakho, nawomkakho, nabantwana bakho, kepha ngalesi sikhathi kusasa ngiyakuthuma izinceku zami kuwe, ziyalule indlu yakho nezindlu zezinceku zakho; kuyakuthi konke okuhle emehlweni akho zikufake esandleni sazo, zikususe. inkosi yakwa-israyeli yayisibiza onke amalunga ezwe, yathi: ake niqaphele, nibone ukuthi lowo muntu ufuna bona-ra-ukukhandleka, ngokuba wathumela kimi ngawomkami, nangabantwana bami, nangesiliva lami, nangegolide lami, angimnqabelanga. amalunga onke nabantu bonke bathi kuye: ungalaleli, ungavumi. wayesethi kuzo izithunywa zikabeni hadadi: yitsheleni inkosi yami, inkosi, ukuthi: konke owathumela ngakho encekwini yakho kuqala ngiyakukwenza, kepha le nto anginakuyenza. zase zihamba izithunywa, zambuyisela izwi. ubeni hadadi wayesethumela kuye, wathi: olezi-ku mabenze njalo kimi, benezele futhi, uma uthuli lwasesamariya luyakwanela abantu bonke abasezinyathelweni zami ukuba babe nokhweshe. yayisiphendula inkosi yakwa-israyeli, ithi: khulumani kuye, nithi: obhinka izikhali makangazigabisi njengokhumulayo. kwathi esezwa leli zwi, ephuza kanye namakhosi emadokodweni, wathi ezincekwini zakhe: mayiphume. yayisiphuma ukulwa nomuzi. bheka, kwasondela umprofethi ku-ahabi inkosi yakwa-israyeli, wathi: usho kanje ujeheva-aeiou, uthi: uyasibona sonke lesi sixuku na? bheka, ngiyakusinikela esandleni sakho namuhla, uze wazi ukuthi mina ngingujeheva-aeiou. wayesethi u-ahabi: ngobani na? wathi: usho kanje ujeheva-aeiou, uthi: ngezinsizwa zezikhulu zezifunda. wayesethi: ngubani oyakokha impi? wathi: nguwe. wayesebala izinsizwa zezikhulu zezifunda, zazingamakhulu amabili namashumi amathathu nambili; emva kwazo wabala abantu bonke, bonke abant-

wana bakwa-israyeli, beyizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa. baphuma emini. kepha ubeni hadadi wayephuza waze wadakwa emadokodweni, yena namakhosi, amakhosi angamashumi amathathu nambili amsizayo. izinsizwa zezikhulu zezifunda zaphuma kuqala; ubeni hadadi wathumela, bamtshela ukuthi kuphume abantu esamariya. wathi: noma bephumele ukuthula, babambeni besaphila, noma bephumele ukulwa, babambeni besaphila. zaphuma-ke emzini izinsizwa lezo zezikhulu zezifunda kanye nempi eyazilandela. babulala, kwaba yilowo nalowo umuntu wakhe; ama-aramu abaleka, u-israyeli wawaxosha; ubeni hadadi inkosi yama-aramu waphunyuka ngehashi kanye nabamahhashi. inkosi yakwa-israyeli yaphuma, yagenga amahhashi nezinqola, yabulala ama-aramu ngokuceka okukhulu. umprofethi wasondela enkosini yakwa-israyeli, wathi kuyo: hamba uziqinise, uqaphele, ubone oyakukwenza, ngokuba emva komnyaka inkosi yama-aramu iyakwenyuka ukulwa nawe. izinceku zenkosi yama-aramu zathi kuyo: ulezi-ku wabo ungulezi-ku wezintaba, ngalokho basahlula; kepha masilwe nabo ethafeni, impela siyakubahlula. futhi yenza lokhu: susa amakhosi onke, kube yileyo naleyo endaweni yayo, ubeke ababusi ezikhundleni zawo, uzibalele impi njengaleyo mpi olahlekelwe yiyo, ihhashi ngehashi, inqola ngenqola, silwe nabo ethafeni, sibahlule impela. yalalela izwi labo, yenze njalo. kwathi emva komnyaka ubeni hadadi wabala ama-aramu, wenyukela e-afeki ukuba alwe no-israyeli. abantwana bakwa-israyeli babalwa, baphiwa ukudla, bahamba ukuhlangabezana nabo; abakwa-israyeli bamisa phambi kwabo njengemihlanjana emibili yamazinyane ezimbuzi, kepha ama-aramu agcwalisa izwe. wayesondela umuntu kalezi-ku, wathi enkosini yakwa-israyeli: usho kanje ujeheva-aeiou, uthi: ngokuba ama-aramu eshilo ukuthi ujeheva-aeiou ungulezi-ku wezintaba, kasiye ulezi-ku wezigodi, ngiyakusinikela sonke lesi sixuku esikhulu esandleni sakho, nize nazi ukuthi ngingujeheva-aeiou. base bemisile bebhakana izinsuku eziyisikhombisa. kwathi ngosuku lwesikhombisa kwaqala ukuliwa; abantwana bakwa-israyeli babulala ama-aramu ayizinkulungwane eziyikhulu ayimigundatshani ngalusuku lunye. abaseleyo babalekela emzini wase-afeki; ugange lwawela phezu kwabantu abayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nesikhombisa abaseleyo. naye ubeni hadadi wabaleka, wangena emzini amakamelo ngamakamelo. kepha izinceku zakhe zathi kuye: bheka, sizwile ukuthi amakhosi endlu yakwa-israyeli angamakhosi anomusa; ake sembathe

izindwangu zamasaka ezinkalweni zethu nezintambo emakhanda ethu, siphume, siye enkosini yakwa-israyeli; mhlawumbe iyakusindisa ukuphila kwakho. zase zibhinzako izindwangu zamasaka ezinkalweni zazo, nezintambo emakhanda azo, zaya enkosini yakwa-israyeli, zathi: ithi inceku yakho ubeni hadadi: ake ungiyeke, ngiphile.

yayisithi: usekhona na? ungumfowethu yena. amadoda aqaphela lokho, ashesha ukuqinisa okuvela kuye, athi: ngumfowenu ubeni hadadi. wathi: hambani, nimplande, ubeni hadadi wayesephumela kuye; wamkhwelisa inqola yakhe. ubeni hadadi wayesethi kuye: imizi ubaba ayithatha kuyihlo ngiyakuyibuyisa, uzenzele izitaladi edamaseku njengokwenza kukababa esamariya. u-ahabi wathi: ngalesi sivumelwano ngiyakukuvumela ukuba uhambe. wayesenza isivumelwano naye, wamvumela ukuba ahambe. umuntu othile wamadodana abaprofethi wathi kumngane wakhe ngezwi likajehova-aeiou: ake unghshaye. kepha lowo muntu wala ukushaya. wayesethi kuye: ngokuba ungalalelana izwi likajehova-aeiou, bheka, uyakwanele ukusuka nje kimi, ingonyama ikubulale. wanele wasuka nje kuye, ingonyama yamfumana, yambulala. wayesefumana omunye umuntu, wathi: ake unghshaye. lowo muntu wamshaya; wamshaya, wamlimaza. wayesesuka umprofethi, walindela inkosi endleleni, waziguqula ngeqhele elalisemehlweni akhe. kwathi inkosi isidlula, wamemeza enkosini, wathi: inceku yakho yaphumela phakathi kokulwa; bheka, kwabuya umuntu owaletha kimi omunye, wathi: linda lo muntu; uma elahleka, ukuphila kwakho kuyakuba sesikhundleni sokuphila kwakhe, noma uyakukhokha italentla lesiliva. kwathi lapho inceku yakho isasebenza ngalapha nangalapha, kanti wayesehambile. yayisithi kuye inkosi yakwa-israyeli: kunjalo ukwahlulelwa kwakho; nguwe onqumile. washesha wasuka iqhele emehlweni akhe; yayisimbona inkosi yakwa-israyeli ukuthi ungowabaprofethi. wathi kuyo: usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou, uthi: ngokuba umyekile ukuba aphume esandleni sakho umuntu engangimqalekisile, ukuphila kwakho kuyakuba sesikhundleni sokuphila kwakhe, nabantu bakho babe sesikhundleni sabantu bakhe. inkosi yakwa-israyeli yaya endlini yayo ihluneme, ithukuthele, yeza esamariya.

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kwathi emva kwalezo zinto unaboti wasejizreyeli wayenesivini esasisejizreyeli eceleni kwendlu yenkosi u-ahabi, inkosi yas-esamariya. u-ahabi wakhuluma kunaboti, wathi: ngiphe isivini sakho ukuba sibe yisivande sami semifino, ngokuba siseduze

nendlu yami, ngikunike isivini esihle kunaso esikhundleni saso; kepha uma kukuhle emehlweni akho, ngiyakukunika isiliva libe yintengo yaso. wayesethi unaboti ku-ahabi: makube kude nami ngenxa kajehova-aeiou ukuba ngikunike ifa lawobaba. u-ahabi wangena endlini yakhe ehlu-neme, ethukuthele ngenxa yezwi abelikhulume kuye unaboti wasejizreyeli; ngokuba wayeshilo ukuthi: angiyikukunika ifa lawobaba. walala embhedini, waphendula ubuso, akadlanga lutho. kepha kwase kufika kuye u-izebeli umkakhe, wakhuluma kuye, wathi: uhlu-nameleni umoya wakho ukuba ungadli lutho na? wathi kuye: ngokuba ngakhuluma kunaboti wasejizreyeli, ngathi kuye: ngiphe isivini sakho ngesiliva; kepha uma uthanda, ngiyakukunika esinye isivini esikhundleni saso; kodwa wathi: angiyikukunika isivini sami. wayesethi kuye u-izebeli umkakhe: manje, nguwe ophethe umbuso wakwa-israyeli na? vuka udle, inhliziyi yakho ithokoze; mina ngiyakukunika isivini sikanaboti wasejizreyeli. wayeseloba izincwadi egameni lika-ahabi, wazinamathelisa ngophawu lwakhe, wazithuma izincwadi kumalunga nakwabakhulu ababesemzini wakhe, abakhe kanye nonaboti. waloba ezincwadini ukuthi: memezelani ukuzila ukudla, nimbeke unaboti emqoka kubantu, nibeke amadoda amabili, abantu ababi, phambi kwakhe, afakaze ngaye ngokuthi: uthukile ulezi-ku nenkosi, bese nimkhiphela ngaphandle, nimkhande ngamatshe, afe.

amadoda omuzi wakubo, amalunga nabakhulu ababehlala emzini wakubo, enza njengokuthuluma kuka-izebeli kuwo nan-jengokulotshiweyo ezincwadini ayezithume kuwo. amemezela ukuzila ukudla, ambeka unaboti emqoka kubantu. lawo madoda amabili, abantu ababi, angena, ahlala phambi kwakhe; bafakaza labo bantu ababi ngaye, bathi: yena unaboti uthukile ulezi-ku nenkosi. base bemkhiphela ngaphandle komuzi, bamkhanda ngamatshe, wafa. base bethumela ku-izebeli, bethi: unaboti ukhandiwe ngamatshe, wafa. kwathi u-izebeli esezwile ukuthi unaboti ukhandiwe ngamatshe, wafa, u-izebeli wathi ku-ahabi: suka udle isivini sikanaboti wasejizreyeli, enqaba ukukunika sona ngesiliva, ngokuba unaboti kasekho, ufife. kwathi u-ahabi esezwile ukuthi unaboti ufife, u-ahabi wasuka ukuba ehlele esivini sikanaboti wasejizreyeli ukusidla. izwi likajehova-aeiou lase lifika ku-eliya wasethishibi, lathi: suka wehle, umhlangabeze u-ahabi, inkosi yakwa-israyeli, osesamariya; bheka, usesivini sikanaboti, lapho ehlele khona ukusidla. uyakukhuluma kuye ngokuthi: usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou, uthi: usubulele, wadla isizi na? bese wakhuluma kuye ngokuthi: usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou, uthi:

endaweni lapho izinja zaxhapha khona igazi likanaboti, izinja ziyakuxhapha negazi lakho, yebo, elakho. wayesethi u-ahabi ku-eliya: usungitholile wena sitha sami na? wathi: ngikutholile, ngokuba uzithengisile ukwenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou. bheka, ngiyakukwehlisela bona-ra-ukukhandleka, ngikukhukhule, ngingqume ku-ahabi wonke umlisa, omncane nomkhulu kwa-israyeli; ngiyakwenza indlu yakho ibe njengendlu kajerobowamu indodana kanebati nanjengendlu kabahasha indodana ka-ahiya ngenxa yesicunulo ongicunule ngaso, wonisa futhi ngaso u-israyeli. nango-izebeli ujeihova-aeiou wakhuluma, wathi: izinja ziyakumudla u-izebeli ngasogangeni lwasejizreyeli. owakwa-ahabi ofela emzini izinja ziyakumudla, nofela endle izinyoni zezulu ziyakumudla. kepha akubangakho onjengo-ahabi owazithengisa ukwenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou, edudwa ngu-izebeli umkakhe. wenza isinengiso esikhulu ngokulandela izithombe njengakho konke ukwenza kwama-amori axoshwa ngujeihova-aeiou ngaphambi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli. kwathi u-ahabi esezwile lawo mazwi, waklebhula izingubo zakhe, wembatha indwangu yamasaka emzimbeni wakhe, wazila ukudla, walala endwangwini yamasaka, wahambahamba kancane. izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika ku-eliya wasethishibi, lathi: ubonile yini ukuthi u-ahabi uyazithoba phambi kwami na? ngokuba ezithoba phambi kwami angiyikwehlisa bona-ra-ukukhandleka emihleni yakhe; kepha emihleni yendodana yakhe ngiyakwehlisela indlu yakhe bona-ra-ukukhandleka.

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bahlala iminyaka emithathu kungekho ukulwa phakathi kwe-aramu no-israyeli. kwathi ngomnyaka wesithathu ujeihoshafati inkosi yakwajuda wehlela enkosini yakwa-israyeli. inkosi yakwa-israyeli yathi ezincekwini zayo: niyazi ukuthi iramoti gileyadi lingelethu na? kepha siyathula, asilikhiphi esandleni senkosi yase-aramu. yathi kujehoshafati: uyakuhamba nami ukulwa neramoti gileyadi na? ujeihoshafati wathi enkosini yakwa-israyeli: mina nginjengawe, abantu bami banjengabantu bakho, amahashi ami anjengamahashi akho. kepha ujeihoshafati wathi enkosini yakwa-israyeli: ake ubuze namuhla izwi likajehova-aeiou. inkosi yakwa-israyeli yayisibutha abaprofethi kungathi abantu abangamakhulu amane, yathi kubo: ngihambe ngilwe neramoti gileyadi, noma ngiliyeke na? bathi: yenyuka, ngokuba ujeihova-aeiou uyakulinikela esandleni senkosi. kepha ujeihoshafati wathi: akusekho mprofethi

kajehova-aeiou lapha ukuba sibuze kuye na? inkosi yakwa-israyeli yathi kujeihoshafati: kusekhona umuntu munye, umikhaya, indodana kajimila, esingabuza ngaye kujehova-aeiou, kodwa ngiyamzonda, ngokuba akaprofethi okuhle ngami kepha bona-ra-ukukhandleka. wathi ujeihoshafati: inkosi mayingasho njalo. inkosi yakwa-israyeli yayisibiza induna, yathi: landa masinyane umikhaya indodana kajimila. inkosi yakwa-israyeli nojeihoshafati inkosi yakwajuda babehlezi, kwaba yilowo nalowo esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi, bembethe izambatho zabo, esibuyeni ngasesikheleni sesango lasesamariya; bonke abaprofethi baprofetha phambi kwabo. usedekiya indodana kakhenahana wazenzela izimpondo zensimbi, wathi: usho kanje ujeihova-aeiou, uthi: ngalezi uyakuhubukusha ama-aramu aze aphele. bonke abaprofethi baprofetha kanje, bathi: yenyukela eramoti gileyadi, ube nempumelelo, ngokuba ujeihova-aeiou uyakulinikela esandleni senkosi. isithunywa ebesihambile ukumbiza umikhaya sakhuluma kuye, sathi: bheka, amazwi abaprofethi mahle enkosini ngamlomo munye; ngalokho izwi lakho malibe njengezwi lomunye wabo, ukhulume okuhle. kepha umikhaya wathi: kuphila kukajehova-aeiou, lokhu ujeihova-aeiou akushoyo kimi, lokhu ngiyakukhuluma khona. esefikile enkosini, inkosi yathi kuye: mikhaya, sihambe silwe neramoti gileyadi, noma siliyeke, na? wathi kuyo: yenyuka, ube nempumelelo; ujeihova-aeiou uyakulinikela esandleni senkosi. yayisithi kuye inkosi: ngiyakukufungisa izikhathi ezingaki ukuba ungakhulumi lutho kimi ngaphandle kweqiniso egameni likajehova-aeiou na? wayesethi: ngabona wonke u-israyeli ehla kaze kile ezintabeni njengezimvu ezingenamalusi; ujeihova-aeiou wathi: laba abasenankosi; mababuyele, kube yilowo nalowo endlini yakhe ngokuthula. yayisithi inkosi yakwa-israyeli kujehoshafati: angishongo yini kuwe ukuthi akayikuprofetha okuhle ngami, bona-ra-ukukhandleka kuphela. umikhaya wathi: ngalokho yizwa izwi likajehova-aeiou lokuthi: ngambona ujeihova-aeiou ehlezi esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi, nebandla lonke lasezulwini limi ngakuye ngakwesokunene sakhe nangakwesokhohlo sakhe. ujeihova-aeiou wathi: ngubani oyakuyenga u-ahabi ukuba enyuke afele eramoti gileyadi na? omunye washo ukuthi nomunye ukuthi. kwavela umoya, wema phambi kukajehova-aeiou, wathi: mina ngiyakumyenga. ujeihova-aeiou wathi kuye: ngantoni na? wathi: ngiyakuphuma ngibe ngumoya wamanga emilonjeni yabaprofethi bakhe bonke. wayesethi: uyakumyenga, futhi uyakumahlula; hamba, wenze njalo. bheka, ngalokho ujeihova-aeiou ubekile umoya

wamanga emilonyeni yalaba baprofethi bakho bonke; ujevova-aeiou ukhulumile bona-ra-ukukhandleka ngawe. usedekiya indodana kakhenahana wayesesondela, wamshaya umikhaya esihlathini, wathi: umoya kajehova-aeiou wasuka kimi ngaphi ukuba akhulume kuwe na? wathi umikhaya: bheka, uyakukubona ngalolo suku oyakungena ngalo emakamelweni ngamakamelo ukuba ucashe. inkosi yakwa-israyeli yathi: mthathe umikhaya, umbuyisele ku-amon, umbusi womuzi, nakujoyowashi indodana yenkosi, uthi: isho kanje inkosi, ithi: sakani lona etilongweni, nimuphe isinkwa sokuhlupheka namanzi okuhlupheka, ngize ngibuye ngokuphila. wayesethi umikhaya: uma ubuya impela ngokuphila, uyakube engakhulumanga ngami ujevova-aeiou. wathi futhi: yizwani nina bantu bonke. inkosi yakwa-israyeli, nojevoshafati, inkosi yakwajuda, base benyukela eramoti gileyadi. inkosi yakwa-israyeli yathi kujehoshafati: ngiyakuziguqula, ngingene ekulweni, kepha wena wembathe izambatho zakho. yayisiziguqula inkosi yakwa-israyeli, yangena ekulweni. kepha inkosi yase-aramu ibiyalile izinduna ezingamashumi amathathu nambili zezinqola zayo ngokuthi: ningalwi namuntu, omncane noma omkhulu, kuphela nenkosi yakwa-israyeli yodwa. kwathi lapho izinduna zezinqola sezibonile ujevoshafati, zathi: impela lo uyinkosi yakwa-israyeli. zase ziphambuka ukuba zilwe nayo, kepha ujevoshafati wamemeza. kwathi sezibonile izinduna zezinqola ukuthi yena akasiyo inkosi yakwa-israyeli, zabuya ekumlandeleni. kepha umuntu othile wansala umnsalo wakhe ngokungazeleli nje, wayihlaba inkosi yakwa-israyeli enhlanganisweni yebhantshi lensimbi, yathi kumshayeli: phenduka, ungikhiphe empini, ngokuba ngikhutshaziwe. ukulwa kwaqina ngalolo suku; inkosi yasekelwa enqoleni yayo malungana nama-aramu, yafa ngakusihlwa; igazi lenxeba laphalazeka phansi enqoleni. ekushoneni kwelanga kwadlula ekamu lonke isimemo sokuthi: yilowo nalowo makaye emzini wakubo, yilowo nalowo ezweni lakubo. yafa-ke inkosi, yayiswa esamariya; bayimbela inkosi esamariya. sebeyihlanza inqola echibini lasesamariya, izinja zaxhapha igazi lakhe, nezifebe zageza khona njengezwi likajehova-aeiou abelikhulumile. ezinye izindaba zika-ahabi, nakho konke akwenzayo, nendlu yezimpondo zendlovu ayakhayo, nayo yonke imizi ayakhayo, angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-israyeli na? u-ahabi wayeselala koyise; u-ahaziya waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. ujevoshafati indodana ka-asa waqala ukubusa kwajuda ngomnyaka wesine ka-ahabi inkosi yakwa-israyeli. ujevoshafati wayene-

minyaka engamashumi amathathu nanhlanu ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa; wabusa iminyaka engamashumi amabili nanhlanu ejerusalema. igama likanina lalingu-azuba indodakazi kashilehi. wahamba ngezindlela zonke zika-asa uyise, kaphambukanga kuzo, enza okulungile emehlweni kajehova-aeiou. kepha izindawo eziphakemeyo azisuswanga; abantu babesanikela, babesashisa impepho ezindaweni eziphakemeyo. ujevoshafati wenza ukuthula nenkosi yakwa-israyeli. ezinye izindaba zikajehoshafati, namandla awabonakalisayo, nokulwa kwakhe, angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwajuda na? insali yezifebe zethempeli ezazisasele emihleni kayise u-asa wayixosha ezweni. kwakungekho nkosi kwa-edomi; kwabusa umbambeli. ujevoshafati walungisa imikhumbi yasetharishishi ukuba iye e-ofiri ukulanda igolide, kepha ayihambanga, ngokuba imikhumbi yaphuka e-esiyoni geberi. khona u-ahaziya indodana ka-ahabi wathi kujehoshafati: izincku zami mazihambe nezinceku zakho emikhunjini. kepha ujevoshafati akavumanga. ujevoshafati wayeselala koyise, wembelwa koyise emzini kadavide uyise; ujevoramam indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. u-ahaziya indodana ka-ahabi waqala ukubusa kwa-israyeli esamariya ngomnyaka weshumi nesikhombisa kajehoshafati inkosi yakwajuda, wabusa iminyaka emibili kwa-israyeli. wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou, wahamba ngendlela kayise, nangendlela kanina, nangendlela kajerobowamu indodana kanebati ayonisile u-israyeli. wakhonza ubali, wakhuleka kuye, wacunula ujevova-aeiou, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, njengakho konke akwenzileyo uyise.

umowabi wahlubuka kwa-israyeli emva kok-  
ufa kuka-abahi. u-ahaziya wawa ehe-  
leni lekamelo lakhe eliphezulu lasesamariya,  
wagula, wathuma izithunywa, wathi kuzo:  
hambani nibuze kubali zebubi ulezi-ku wase-  
ekroni, uma ngiyakusinda kulokhu kugula  
kwami. kepha ingelosi kajehova-aeiou  
yathi ku-eliya wasethishibi: suka ukhuphuke  
ukuhlangabeza izithunywa zenkosi yas-  
esamariya, uthi kuzo: kungokuba kungekho  
lezi-ku kwa-israyeli ukuba niye nibuze kubali  
zebubi ulezi-ku wase-ekroni na? ngalokho  
ujehova-aeiou usho kanje, uthi: umbhede  
okhuphukele kuwo awuyikwehlika kuwo,  
kepha uyakufa nokufa. wayesesuka u-  
eliya. izithunywa zabuyela kuye; wathi  
kuzo: nibuyeleni na? zathi kuye: kwakhu-  
phuka umuntu ukuba asihlangabeze, wathi  
kithi: hambani, nibuyele enkosini enithu-  
mileyo, nithi kuyo: usho kanje uje-  
hova-aeiou, uthi: kungokuba kungekho lezi-ku  
kwa-israyeli ukuba uthume ukubuza kubali  
zebubi ulezi-ku wase-ekroni na? nga-  
lokho umbhede okhuphukele kuwo awuyik-  
wehlika kuwo, kepha uyakufa nokufa.  
wathi kuzo: bekungumuntu onjani owakhu-  
phuka ukunihlangabeza, wanitshela lawo  
mazwi na? zathi kuye: umuntu wayenen-  
gubo yoboya, ebhince ibhande lesikhumba  
okhalweni lwakhe. wathi: bekungu-eliya  
wasethishibi. wayesethuma kuye induna ya-  
mashumi ayisihlanu inamashumi ayisihlanu  
ayo. yakhuphukela kuye; bheka, wayehlezi  
esiqongweni sentaba. yakhuluma kuye,  
yathi: we muntu kalezi-ku, inkosi ishilo  
ukuthi: yehla. u-eliya waphendula,  
wathi enduneni yamashumi ayisihlanu: uma  
ngingumuntu kalezi-ku, makwehle umlilo  
ezulwini, ukuqede wena namashumi ay-  
isihlanu akho. wehla-ke umlilo ezulwini,  
wayiqeda yona namashumi ayisihlanu ayo.  
wabuye wathuma kuye enye induna ya-  
mashumi ayisihlanu inamashumi ayisihlanu  
ayo. yathatha yathi kuye: we muntu kalezi-  
ku, isho kanje inkosi, ithi: shesha wehle.  
wayesephendula u-eliya, wathi kubo: uma  
ngingumuntu kalezi-ku, makwehle umlilo  
ezulwini, ukuqede wena namashumi ayisih-  
lanu akho. wehla-ke umlilo kalezi-ku ezul-  
wini, wayiqeda yona namashumi ayisihlanu  
ayo. wabuye wathuma induna yesithathu  
yamashumi ayisihlanu inamashumi ayisih-  
lanu ayo. yakhuphuka le nduna yesithathu  
yamashumi ayisihlanu, yafika yaguqa nga-  
madolo phambi kuka-eliya, yamnxusa, yathi  
kuye: we muntu kalezi-ku, ukuphila  
kwami nokuphila kwalezi zincedu zakho  
ezingamashumi ayisihlanu makube yigugu  
emehlweni akho. bheka, kwehle umlilo  
ezulwini, waqeda izinduna zamashumi ay-  
isihlanu ezimbili zokuqala zinamashumi ay-

isihlanu azo; kepha manje makube yigugu  
emehlweni akho ukuphila kwami. in-  
gelosi kajehova-aeiou yathi ku-eliya: yehla  
naye, ungamesabi. wasuka wehla naye,  
waya enkosini. wayesethi kuyo: usho  
kanje uje-  
hova-aeiou, uthi: lokhu uthume  
izithunywa ukubuza kubali zebubi ulezi-  
ku wase-ekroni kungokuba kungekho lezi-  
ku kwa-israyeli ukuba kubuzwe ngezwi lakhe  
na? ngalokho awuyikwehlika embhedeni  
okhuphukele kuwo, kepha uyakufa nok-  
ufa. yayisifa njengezwi likajehova-aeiou  
alikhulumileyo u-eliya. uje-  
horamu waqala  
ukubusa esikhundleni sakhe ngomnyaka we-  
sibili kajehoramu indodana kajehoshafati,  
inkosi yakwajuda, ngokuba wayengenando-  
dana. ezinye izindaba zika-ahaziya azen-  
zayo angithi zilotshiwe encwadini yezindaba  
zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-israyeli  
na?

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kwathi lapho uje-  
hova-aeiou ebeyakumkhu-  
phula u-eliya aye ezulwini ngesivunguvungu,  
u-eliya wasuka egiligali no-elisha. u-eliya  
wathi ku-elisha: ake uhlale lapha, ngokuba  
uje-  
hova-aeiou ungithumile ebethele. kepha  
u-elisha wathi: kuphila kukajehova-  
aeiou nokuphila komphefumulo wakho,  
angiyikukushiya. behlela-ke ebethele.  
amadodana abaprofethi ayesebethele  
aphuma, aya ku-elisha, athi kuye: uyazi  
yini ukuthi uje-  
hova-aeiou uyakususa  
inkosi yakho kuwe namuhla na? wathi:  
yebo, ngiyakwazi; thulani. u-eliya wathi  
kuye: elisha, ake uhlale lapha, ngokuba  
uje-  
hova-aeiou ungithumile ejeriko. kepha  
wathi: kuphila kukajehova-aeiou nokuphila  
kwakho, angiyikukushiya. bafika-ke ejeriko.  
amadodana abaprofethi ayesejeriko ason-  
dela ku-elisha, athi kuye: uyazi yini  
ukuthi uje-  
hova-aeiou uyakususa  
inkosi  
yakho kuwe namuhla na? wathi: yebo,  
ngiyakwazi; thulani. u-eliya wathi kuye:  
ake uhlale lapha, ngokuba uje-  
hova-aeiou ungithumile ejordani. kepha wathi: kuphila  
kukajehova-aeiou nokuphila kwakho,  
angiyikukushiya. bahamba-ke bobabili.  
abantu abangamashumi ayisihlanu bamado-  
dana abaprofethi baya bema khashana  
maqondana nabo; bona bobabili bema  
ngasejordani. u-eliya wathatha ingubo  
yakhe, wayisonga, washaya amanzi,  
ahlukana ngalapha nangalapha, bawela  
bobabili emhlabathini owomileyo. kwathi  
sebewelile, u-eliya wathi ku-elisha: cela  
ngiyakukwenzela khona ngingakasuswa  
kuwe. wathi u-elisha: makuphindwe kabili  
umoya wakho phezu kwami. kepha wathi:  
ucele into elukhuni; nokho, uma ungibona  
lapha ngisuswa kuwe, kuyakuba njalo kuwe;  
kodwa uma ungangiboni, akuyikuba njalo.

kwathi beselokhu behamba bekhuluma, bheka, nanso inqola yomlilo namahhashi omlo, kwabahlukanisa bobabili; u-eliya wakhuphukela ezulwini ngesivunguvungu. u-elisha wakubona, wamemeza wathi: baba, baba, nqola ka-israyeli nabamahhashi bakhe! akabe esambona futhi; wabamba izingubo zakhe, waziklebhula kabili. wacosha ingubo ka-eliya ebivile kuye, wabuya, wema ngasogwini lwasejordani. wayithatha ingubo ka-eliya ebivile kuye, washaya amanzi, wathi: uphi u Jehovah-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-eliya na? esewashayile amanzi, ahlukana ngalapha nangalapha; u-elisha wawela esembonile amadodana abaprofethi asejeriko ayemalungana naye, athi: umoya ka-eliya uhlezi phezu kuka-elisha. afika ukumhlangebeza, akhothamela phansi phambi kwakhe. athi kuye: bheka, kukhona phakathi kwezinceku zakho amadoda angamashumi ayisihlanu anamandla; mawahambe, afune inkosi yakho; kumbe umoya kajehova-aeiou umkhuphulile, wamlahla entabeni ethile noma esigodini esithile. kepha wathi: ningawathumi. amncengisisa waze waba namahloni; wayesethi: thumani. ayesethuma abantu abangamashumi ayisihlanu; bamfuna izinsuku ezintathu, kepha abamtholanga. babuyela kuye esahlezi ejeriko; wathi kubo: angishongo yini kini ukuthi: ningahambi, na? kepha abantu bomuzi bathi ku-elisha: bheka, isiza somuzi sihle, njengokuba inkosi ibona, kepha amanzi mabi, izwe liyabhlubisa. wathi: ngiletheleni isitsha esisha, nibeke usawoti kuso. basiletha kuye. waphuma, waya emthonjeni wamanzi, waphonsa kuwo usawoti, wathi: usho kanje u Jehovah-aeiou, uthi: ngelaphile lawa manzi; akusayikuvela ukufa kuwo nokubhuluba. elashwa-ke amanzi kuze kube namuhla njengezwi lika-elisha alikhulumayo. wenyuka lapho, waya ebethele; esenyuka endlelni, kwaphuma abafana emzini, bamklolodela, bathi kuye: yenyuka wena mpandlandini! yenyuka wena mpandlandini! wabheka emva kwakhe, wababona, wabaqalekisa egameni likajehova-aeiou. kwase kuphuma ehlathini amabhere amabili ezinsikazi, adwengula abafana abangamashumi amane nambili kubo. wasuka khona, waya entabeni yasekarmeli; esuka lapho wabuyela esamariya.

### 3

ujehoramu indodana ka-ahabi waba yinkosi kwa-israyeli esamariya ngomnyaka weshumi nesishiyagalombili kajehoshafati inkosi yakwajuda, wabusa iminyaka eyishumi nambili. wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou kepha kungenjengoyise nonina, ngokuba wasusa insika kabali

abeyenzile uyise. nokho wanamathela ezonweni zikajerobowamu indodana kanebati onisa ngazo u-israyeli, kasukanga kuzo. umesha inkosi yakwamowabi owayefuyile kakhulu izimvu wathela enkosini yakwa-israyeli uboya bamawundlu ayizinkulungwane eziyikhulu nobezinqama eziyizinkulungwane eziyikhulu. kwathi lapho esefile u-ahabi, inkosi yakwamowabi yahlubuka inkosi yakwa-israyeli. inkosi ujehoramu yaphuma esamariya ngaleso sikhathi, yabala wonke u-israyeli. yaya yathumela kujehoshafati inkosi yakwajuda, yathi: inkosi yakwamowabi ingihlubukile; ungahamba nami, silwe nomowabi, na? wathi: ngiyakwenyuka, mina njengawe, abantu bami njengabantu bakho, amahhashi ami njengamahhashi akho. wathi futhi: siyakwenyuka ngayiphi indlela na? yathi: ngendlela yasehlane lakwadedomi. yayisihamba inkosi yakwa-israyeli, nenkosi yakwajuda, nenkosi yakwa-edomi; azungeza indlela yezinsuku eziyisikhombisa; kwakungekho manzi empi nawezinkomo ezibalandelayo. yayisithi inkosi yakwa-israyeli: maye, ngokuba u Jehovah-aeiou ubuthile lawa makhosi amathathu ukuwanikela esandleni sakwamowabi! kepha ujeoshafati wathi: akakho lapha umprofethi kajehova-aeiou ukuba sibuze kujehova-aeiou ngaye na? enye yezinceku zenkosi yakwa-israyeli yaphendula yathi: ukhona u-elisha indodana kashafati owathela amanzi ezandleni zika-eliya. wayesethi ujeoshafati: izwi likajehova-aeiou likuye. base behlela kuye inkosi yakwa-israyeli, nojeoshafati, nenkosi yakwa-edomi. kepha u-elisha wathi enkosini yakwa-israyeli: nginamsebenzi muni nawe na? hamba uye kubaprofethi bakayihlo nakubaprofethi bakanyoko. kepha inkosi yakwa-israyeli yathi kuye: hhayi, ngokuba u Jehovah-aeiou ubizile lawo makhosi amathathu ukuwanikela esandleni sakwamowabi. wayesethi u-elisha: kuphila kukajehova-aeiou sebawoti engimi phambi kwakhe, uma bengingamazisi ujeoshafati inkosi yakwajuda, ngempela ngingeze ngakubheka, ngingeze ngakubona. kepha manje ngiletheleni umbethi wogubhu. kwathi umbethi wogubhu esabetha, isandla sikajehova-aeiou saba kuye. wathi: usho kanje u Jehovah-aeiou, uthi: yenza lo mfula ube nemigodi ngemigodi. ngokuba u Jehovah-aeiou usho kanje, uthi: anyikubona umoya, anyikubona imvula, kepha lo mfula uyakugcwala amanzi; niyakuphuza nina, nezinkomo zenu, nezinye izilwane zenu. lokhu kulula emehlweni kajehova-aeiou; uyakunikela abakwamowabi esandleni senu. niyakuchitha yonke imizi ebiyelweyo nayo yonke imizi ekhethekileyo; niyakuwisa yonke imithi emihle, nivimbe yonke imithombo yamanzi, none zonke iziqephu zomhlaba

ngamatshe. kwathi ekuseni ngesikhathi sokunikela ngomnikelo wempuphu, bheka, kwafika amanzi ngasendleleni yakwedomi, izwe lagcwala amanzi. sebezile bonke abakwamowabi ukuthi amakhosi enyukile ukulwa nabo, babuthana bonke abaqale ukubhina izikhali kuya phezulu, bema emkhawulweni. bavuka ekuseni, ilanga lakhanya emanzini, abakwamowabi bawabona amanzi malungana nabo ebomvu njengegazi; bathi: lokhu kuyigazi; ngempela amakhosi alwile, abulalene enye nenye; ngalokho ekuphangani-ke, mowabi! sebe-fike ekamu lika-israyeli, abakwa-israyeli basuka bashaya abakwamowabi, baze babaleka ebusweni babo; bangena ezweni labo bechitha abakwamowabi. bachitha imizi, naseziqeshini zonke ezinhle zomhlaba baphonsa, kwaba yilowo nalowo itshe lakhe, bazigcwalisa; bavimba yonke imithombo yamanzi, bawisa yonke imithi emihle, kwaze kwasala amatshe asekhiri haresheti kuphela; kepha abezindwayimana bazungeza, balishaya. yathi ibona inkosi yakwamowabi ukuthi ukulwa kuyayahlula, yathatha abantu abangamakhulu ayisikhombisa abahosha inkemba ukufohlela enkosini yakwa-edomi, kepha bahluleka. yayisithatha izibulo layo ebelyakubusa esikhundleni sayo, yanikela ngalo libe ngumnikelo wokushiswa phezulu kogange. abakwa-israyeli behlelwa yintukuthelo enkulu, basuka kuyo, babuyela ezweni lakubo.

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kwakhala ku-elisha owesifazane othile wabafazi bamadodana abaprofethi, wathi: inceku yakho, indoda yami, ifile; wena uyazi ukuthi inceku yakho yayimesaba ujevova-aeiou; sekufike umtshlekisi ukuzithathela abafana bami ababili babe yizigqila. u-elisha wathi kuye: ngikwenzele ntoni na? ngitshale. unantoni endlini? wathi: incekekazi yakho ayinalutho endlini ngaphandle komfuma wamafutha. wayesethi: hamba utsheleke izitsha ngaphandle kubo bonke abakhelwane bakho, izitsha ezingenalutho, zingabi yingcosana. wongena, uzivalele ngesivalo, wena namadodana akho, uthele ezitheni zonke lezo, ubeke ezigcweleyo eceleni. wasuka kuye, wazivalela yena namadodana akhe ngesivalo; wona aletha kuye, yena wathela. kwathi izitsha sezigcwele, wathi endodaneni yakhe: sondeza kimi nesinye isitsha. kepha yathi kuye: akusekho sitsha. amafutha anquma-ke. wayeseya ukumtshela lowo muntu kalezi-ku. wathi yena: hamba uthengise ngamafutha, ukhokhe isikwenetu sakho, uzondle wena namadodana akho ngaseleyo. kwathi ngelinye ilanga u-elisha

wadlulela eshunemi lapho kwakukhona owesifazane ocebileyo, wamcindezela ukuba adle isinkwa. kwakuthi njalo nxa edlula, waphambukela khona ukuba adle. wathi endodeni yakhe: bheka, manje sengiyazi ukuthi ungumuntu ongcwele kalezi-ku, odlula kithi njalonzalo. ake sixhume odongeni ikamelo phezulu, simbekele khona umbhede, netafula, neshlalo, nothi lwesibani; kuyakuthi lapho eza kithi, aphambukele khona. kwathi ngelinye ilanga wafika khona, waphambukela ekamelweni, walala khona. wathi kugehazi inceku yakhe: mbize lo mshunemikazi, wema phambi kwakhe. wathi kuye: ake usho kuye ukuthi: bheka, usinakekele ngakho konke lokhu kunakekela; ungenzelwa ntoni na? uthanda ukukhulunyelwa enkosini noma enduneni yempi na? wathi: ngihlezi phakathi kwabantu bakithi. wayesethi: angenzelwa ntoni na? ugehazi wathi: impela akanandodana, nendoda yakhe isindala. wayesethi: mbize, wambiza; wema emnyango. wathi: ngalesi sikhathi ngomnyaka ozayo uyakusingatha indodana. wathi: hhayi, nkosi, wena muntu kalezi-ku, ungagambi amanga encekukazini yakho. kepha owesifazane wakhulelwa, wazala indodana ngaleso sikhathi ngomnyaka olandelayo njengokusho kuka-elisha kuye. kwathi umfana esekhulile, waphuma ngelinye ilanga, waya kuyise kubavuni. wathi kuyise: ngafa ikhanda! ngafa ikhanda! wayesethi encekwini yakhe: myise kunina. yamthatha, yamyisa kunina; wahlala emathangeni akhe kwaze kwaba semini, wafa. wakhuphuka, wambeka embhedeni womuntu kalezi-ku, wamvalela, waphuma. wabiza indoda yakhe, wathi: ake ungithumele enye yezinceku nenye yezimbongolo ukuba ngigijimele kulowo muntu kalezi-ku, bese ngibuya. kepha wathi: uyelani kuye namuhla na? akusilo olokwehswa kwenyanga, akusilo isabatha. wathi: kahle. wayesebophela imbongolo, wathi encekwini yakhe: qhuba, uhambe njalo, ungangimisi ekuhambeni, uma ngingakutsheli. wayesehamba-ke, wafika kulowo muntu kalezi-ku entabeni yasekarmeli. kwathi lapho lowo muntu kalezi-ku embona esekude, wathi kugehazi inceku yakhe: bheka, nanguya umshunemikazi; ake ugijime, umhlangebeze, uthi kuye: usahlezi kahle na? indoda yakho isahlezi kahle na? umntanakhosahlezi kahle na? wathi: sisahlezi kahle. wafika kumuntu kalezi-ku entabeni, wabamba izinyawo zakhe. ugehazi wasondela ukuba amxoshe, kepha umuntu kalezi-ku wathi: myeke, ngokuba inhliziyos yakhe imunyu phakathi kwakhe; ujevova-aeiou ungifihlele lokho, kangitshelanga. wayesethi: ngake ngacela yini indodana enkosini yami na? angishongo yini ukuthi: ungangikhohlisi,

na? wayesethi kugehazi: bhinca izikhali zakho, uthathe udondolo lwami ngesandla sakho, uhambe; uma uhlangana nomuntu, ungambingeleli; uma umuntu ekubingelela, ungamphenduli, ubeke udondolo lwami ebusweni bomntwana. unina womntwana wathi: kuphila kukajehova-aeiou nokuphila kwakho, angiyikukushiya. wayesesuka wamlandela. ugehazi wadlulela ngaphambi kwabo, walubeka udondolo ebusweni bomntwana; akwabakho zwi nakunaka. ngalokho wabuya ukumhlangabeza, wamtshela ukuthi: umntwana akavukanga. u-elisha esengene endlini, bheka, umntwana wayefile elele embhedeni wakhe. wangena, wabavalela bobabili isivalo, wakhuleka kujehova-aeiou. wakhuphuka, walala phezu komntwana, wabeka umlomo wakhe phezu komlomo wakhe, namehlo akhe phezu kwamehlo akhe, nezandla zakhe phezu kwezandla zakhe; lapho esekhotama phezu kwakhe, inyama yomntwana yafudumala. wayesebuya, wahambahamba khona endlini, waya emuva, waya phambili; wakhuphuka, wakhothama phezu kwakhe; umntwana wathimula kasikhombisa; umntwana wavula amehlo akhe. wayesembiza ugehazi, wathi: mbize lowo mshunemikazi. wambiza. esengene kuye, wathi: thatha indodana yakho. wayesefika, wawa ngasezinyaweni zakhe, wakhothama phansi; wayithatha indodana yakhe, waphuma. u-elisha wabuyela egiligali; kwakukhona indlala kulelo zwe; amadodana abaprofethi ayehlezi phambi kwakhe; wathi encekwini yakhe: bheka ikhanzi elikhulu, uphekele amadodana abaprofethi ukudla. kwaphuma omunye, waya endle ukukha imifino, wafumana intandela yasendle, wabutha kuyo izintangazane; yagcwala ingubo yakhe; wafika, waziklabelela ekhazini lokudla, ngokuba babengazazi. base bethululela abantu ukuba badle. kwathi besadla lokho kudla, bakhala bathi: we muntu kalezi-ku, kukhona ukufa ekhazini. babengase-nakudla. kepha wathi: lethani impuphu. wayiphonsa ekhazini, wathi: thululela abantu ukuba badle. kwakungasekho bona-ra-ukukhandleka ekhazini. kwavela umuntu wasebali shalisha, walethele lo muntu kalezi-ku ukudla kolibo, izinkwa zebhali ezingamashumi amabili nezikhwebu ezintsha zamabele enqalathini yakhe. wathi: banike abantu ukuba badle. kepha isikhonzi sakhe sathi: uthini? ngibeke lokhu phambi kwabantu abayikhulu na? wathi: banike ukuba badle, ngokuba usho kanje ugehova-aeiou, uthi: bayakudla, kusale.

sase sikubeka phambi kwabo; badla, kwasala njengezwi likajehova-aeiou.

unahamani induna yempi yenkosi yase-aramu wayengumuntu omkhulu phambi kwenkosi yakhe, otusekayo, ngokuba ugehova-aeiou wayenikile i-aramu ukunqoba ngaye; futhi wayeyiqhawe elinamandla, kepha wayenochoko. ama-aramu ayephumile ngamaviyo, abuya ezweni lakwa-israyeli enentombazana encane; yayiyincekukazi yomkanahamani. yathi enkosikazini yayo: sengathi inkosi yami ingaba phambi komprofethi osesamariya; khona ibiyakuphiliswa ochokweni lwayo. yangena, yatshela inkosi yayo, yathi: intombazana yasezweni lakwa-israyeli yasho ukuthi nokuthi. inkosi yase-aramu yayisithi: yiya khona; ngizakuthuma incwadi enkosini yakwa-israyeli. wasuka, wahamba namatalenta ayishumi esiliva nezinhlamvu eziyizinkulungwane eziyisithupha zegolide, nezingubo eziyishumi zokuphendulela. walethe incwadi enkosini yakwa-israyeli, ethi: manje, lapho le ncwadi ifika kuwe, bheka, ngithumile unahamani inceku yami kuwe ukuba umphilise ochokweni lwakhe. kwathi inkosi yakwa-israyeli isiyifundile incwadi, yaklebhula izingubo zayo, yathi: mina ngingulezi-ku yini ukuba ngibulale, ngiphilise, ukuze lo athumele kimi umuntu ukumphilisa ochokweni lwakhe, na? ake niqonde, nibone ukufuna kwakhe ithuba lokulwa nami. kwathi u-elisha umuntu kalezi-ku esezwile ukuthi inkosi yakwa-israyeli iklebhulile izingubo zayo, wathumela enkosini, wathi: uklebhulelani izingubo zakho na? makeze kimi, aze azi ukuthi kukhona umprofethi kwa-israyeli. wayesefika unahamani namahhashi akhe nezinqola zakhe, wema ngasemnyango wendlu ka-elisha. u-elisha wathuma isithunywa kuye ngokuthi: hamba ugeze kasikhombisa ejordani; kuyakuthi inyama ibuyele kuwe, uhlambuluke. kepha unahamani wathukuthela, wahamba, wathi: bheka, bengithi uyakuphumela nokuphumela kimi, eme abize igama likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakhe, apunge ngesandla sakhe phezu kwaleyo ndawo, aphilise onochoko. o-abana nofariphari, imifula yasedamaseku, abangcono kunawo onke amanzi akwa-israyeli na? ngingeze kuyo yini, ngihlambuluke, na? wayesephenduka, wahamba ethukuthele. kepha izinceku zasondela, zakhuluma kuye, zathi: baba, uma umprofethi ebekhlume kuwe into enkulu, ngabe ungayenzanga na? kakhulu kangakanani, uma ethi kuwe: geza, uhlambuluke, na? wayesehla, wazicwilisa kasikhombisa ejordani njengezwi lomuntu kalezi-ku; inyama yakhe yabuya yaba njengeninyama yomntwana omncane, wahlambuluka. wayesebuyela kulowo muntu kalezi-ku, yena nabantu bakhe bonke, weza,



wema phambi kwakhe, wathi: bheka, sengiyazi ukuthi akakho ulezi-ku emhlabeni wonke, kwa-israyeli kuphela; ngakho ake wamukele isipho encekweni yakho. kepha wathi: kuphila kukajehova-aeiou engimi phambi kwakhe, angiyikwamukela lutho. wamncengisisa ukuba asamukele, wenqaba kodwa. wayesethi unahamani: uma kunjalo, incek u yakho mayinikwe umthwalo weminyuzi emibili womhlabathi, ngokuba incek u yakho ayisayikunikela ngomnikelo wokushiswa nomhlatshelo kwabanye olezi-ku, kujehova-aeiou kuphela. kule nto u jehova-aeiou makayithethelele incek u yakho: ekungeneni kwenkosi yami endlini karimoni ukukhuleka khona, isencika esandleni sami, ngiguqe nami endlini karimoni, laphe ngiguqa endlini karimoni, u jehova-aeiou makayithethelele incek u yakho le nto. wathi kuye: hamba ngokuthula. wahamba, wasuka kuye ibangana. kepha ugehazi incek u ka-elisha umuntu kalezi-ku wathi: bheka, inkosi yami imyekile unahamani lo wase-aramu ngokungamukeli ezandleni zakhe akulethayo; kuphila kukajehova-aeiou, ngiyakugijima, ngimlandele, ngithathe into kuye. ugehazi wamlandela-ke unahamani. unahamani wathi ukumbona umuntu egijima emva kwakhe, wehlika enqoleni ukumhlangebeza, wathi: nisahlezi kahle na? wathi: sisahlezi kahle. inkosi yami ingithumile ngokuthi: bheka, manje kufike kimi izinsizwa ezimbili zamadodana abaprofethi zivela ezintabeni zakwa-efrayimi; ake uzinike italenta lesiliva nezingubo ezimbili zokuphendulela. unahamani wathi: vuma, wamukele amatalenta amabili. wamncengisisa, wabopha amatalenta amabili esiliva ezinqalathini ezimbili kanye nezingubo ezimbili zokuphendulela, wakunikela ezincekwini zakhe ezimbili; zakuthwala phambi kwakhe. esefike egqumeni wakuthatha esandleni sazo, wakubeka endlini, wavumela abantu ukuba bahambe; basuka. kepha yena wangena, wema phambi kwenkosi yakhe. u-elisha wathi kuye: uvelaphi, gehazi? wathi: incek u yakho ayiyanga ndawo. wayesethi: ayiyanga yini inhliziyo yami, laphe lowo muntu ephenduka enqoleni yakhe ukukuhlangabeza, na? sekuyisikhathi sokwamukela izingubo, neminqumo, nezivini, nezimvu, nezinkabi, nezinceku, nezincekukazi, na? uchoko lukanahamani luyakunamathelela kuwe nasenzalweni yakho kuze kube phakade. wayeseophuma yena ebusweni bakhe enochoko, emhlophe njengeqhwa.

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amadodana abaprofethi athi ku-elisha: bheka, indawo esihlezi kuyo phambi kwakho, siminyene kuyo. masihambe siye ejordani, sithathe khona, kube yilowo

nalowo umshayo ube munye, senzele khona indawo esingahlala kuyo. wathi: hambani. kepha omunye wathi: vuma uhambe nezinceku zakho. wathi: ngiyakuhamba. wayesehamba nabo. sebefike ejordani bagawula imithi. kwathi laphe omunye esegawula umshayo, insimbi yawela emanzini; wakhala wathi: maye, nkosi! ibitshelekiwe! wathi lowo muntu kalezi-ku: iwelephi na? wamkhombisa indawo. wayesenquma uthi, waluphonsa khona, insimbi yantanta. wayesethi: yikhuphule. welula isandla sakhe, wayithatha. inkosi yase-aramu yayisilokhu ilwa no-israyeli; yelulekana nezinceku zayo ngokuthi: ukumisa kwami kuyakuba sekuthinithini. umuntu lowo kalezi-ku wathumela enkosini yakwa-israyeli, wathi: qaphela ukuba ungadluli kuleyo ndawo, ngokuba ama-aramu aseayaphumula khona. inkosi yakwa-israyeli yayisithuma umuntu kalezi-ku kuleyo ndawo ayishoyo, wayixwayisa ngayo, yaqaphela kungekanye, kungekabili kuphela. inhliziyo yenkosi yase-aramu yayiphethwe yitwetwe ngale ndaba, yabiza izinceku zayo, yathi kuzo: ningengitshale yini ukuthi ngobani abakithi abavuma inkosi yakwa-israyeli na? enye yezinceku zayo yathi: hhayi, nkosi yami, nkosi, kodwa u-elisha, umprofethi wakwa-israyeli, uyayitshela inkosi yakwa-israyeli amazwi owakhulumayo ekamelweni lakho lokulala. yayisithi: hamba ubone ukuthi uphi ukuba ngithumele ngimlande. watshelwa ukuthi: bheka, usedothani. wathuma khona amahhashi, nezinqola, nempu enkulu; bafika ebusuku, bakaka umuzi nxazonke. isikhonzi somuntu kalezi-ku sesivukile ekuseni, saphuma, bheka, impi enamahhashi nezinqola yayiwukakile umuzi. yayisithi incek u kuye: maye, nkosi! sesiyakwenze njani? wathi: ungesabi, ngokuba abanathi baningi kunabanabo. u-elisha wakhuleka, wathi: jehova-aeiou, ake uvule amehlo ayo ukuba ibone. u jehova-aeiou wavula-ke amehlo aleyo ncek u, yabona; bheka, intaba yayigcwele amahhashi nezinqola zomlilo nxazonke zakhe u-elisha. sebhalela kuye, u-elisha wakhuleka kujehova-aeiou, wathi: mawushaye lesi sizwe ngobumpumputhe. wasishaya ngobumpumputhe njengezwi lika-elisha. wayesethi u-elisha kubo: le akusiyo indlela, nalona akusiwo umuzi; ngilandeleni, nginyise kumuntu enimfunayo. wabayisa esamariya. kwathi sebefike esamariya, u-elisha wathi: jehova-aeiou, vula amehlo alaba bantu ukuba babone. u jehova-aeiou wavula amehlo abo, babona; bheka, base bephakathi kwesamariya. inkosi yakwa-israyeli yathi ku-elisha, isibabonile: baba, ngibabulale na? ngibabulale na? kepha wathi: awuyikubabulala; ungababulala yini labo obathumbile ngenkomba yakho nan-

gomnsalo wakho na? beka isinkwa namanzi phambi kwabo ukuba badle, baphuze, baye enkosini yabo. yayisibalungisela idili, badla, baphuza; yabavumela ukuba bahambe, baya enkosini yabo. amaviyo ama-aramu awabe esaphinda ukungena ezweni lakwa-israyeli. kwathi emva kwalokho ubeni hadadi, inkosi yase-aramu, wabutha yonke impi yakhe, wenyuka, wavimbezela isamariya. kwaba khona indlala enkulu esamariya; bheka, balivimbezela kwaze kwathengiswa ngekhandha lembongolo ngezinhlamvu ezingamashumi ayisishiyagalombili zesiliva nokwesine kwesigaxa somswani wejuba ngezinhlamvu eziyisihlanu zesiliva. kwathi inkosi yakwa-israyeli idlula phezu kogange, kwamemeza kuyo owesifazane, wathi: siza, nkosi yami, nkosi. kepha yathi: uma ujhova-aeiou engakusizi, mina ngingatholaphi usizo na? esibuyeni noma esikhamweni sewayini na? yayisithi inkosi kuye: unani na? wathi: lo wesifazane wathi kimi: lethla indodana yakho ukuba siyidle namuhla, sidle indodana yami kusasa. sase siyipheka indodana yami, sayidla; ngase ngithi kuye ngosuku olulandelayo: lethla indodana yakho ukuba siyidle; wayeseyifihlile indodana yakhe. kwathi inkosi isizwile amazwi alo wesifazane, yaklebhula izingubo zayo isadlula phezu kogange; abantu babuka, bheka, yayinendwango yamasaka phansi emzimbeni wayo. yathi: ulezi-ku makenze njalo, enezele futhi, uma ikhanda lika-elisha, indodana kashafati, liyakube lisekuye namuhla. yayisithuma umuntu phambi kwayo, u-elisha esahlezi endlini yakhe, namalunga ehlezi naye; kepha, singakafiki kuye isithunywa, wathi emalungeni: niyabona yini ukuthi le ndodana yombulali ithumele ukunquma ikhanda lami na? bhekani, ekufikeni kwesithunywa manivale isivalo, nisibuyisele emuva isithunywa ngesivalo; angithi izigqi zezinyawo zenkosi yaso zisemva kwaso na? esakhuluma nawo, bheka, inkosi yehlela kuye; yathi: bheka, lobu bubi buvela kujehova-aeiou; ngisamlalelani ujhova-aeiou na?

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wayesethi u-elisha: zwanini izwi likajehova-aeiou; usho kanje ujhova-aeiou, uthi: kusasa ngalesi sikhathi iseya lempuphu ecolekileyo liyakuthengiswa ngeshekeli, namaseya amabili ebhali ngeshekeli esangweni lasesamariya. induna inkosi eyencika esandleni sayo yaphendula umuntu kalezi-ku, yathi: bheka, uma ujhova-aeiou enza amafasitele ezulwini, le nto ingenzeka kanjani na? wathi: bheka, uyakubona ngamhlo akho, ungadli kukho kodwa. kwakukhona esikhaleni sesango abantu abane abanochoko; bathi omunye ko-

munye: sihlalelani lapha size sife na? uma sithi: siyakungena emzini, indlala isemzini, siyakufela khona; uma sihlezi lapha, siyakufa futhi. ngalokho masihambe sisukele ikamu lama-aramu; uma esiyeka, siyakuphila; uma esibulala, siyakufa. basuka kuhwelela, baya ekamu lama-aramu; sebefike emaphethelweni ekamu lama-aramu, bheka, kwakungekho muntu lapho. inkosi ibiyizwisile impi yama-aramu umsindo wezinqola, nomsindo wamahhashi, nomsindo wempi enkulu aze akhuluma omunye komunye ngokuthi: bheka, inkosi yakwa-israyeli isiqashele amakhosi amaheti namakhosi asegebithu ukuba asifikele. ayesesuka, abaleka kuhwelela, ashiya amatende awo, namahhashi awo, nezimbongolo zawo, nekamu linjengalokhu linjalo, abaleka ukuba asinde. labo abanochoko sebefike emaphethelweni ekamu, bangena kwelinye itende, badla, baphuza, basusa khona isiliva, negolide, nezingubo, baya bakuthukusa; babuya, bangena kwelinye itende, basusa nakhona, baya bakuthukusa. base bethi omunye komunye: asenzi kahle. lolu suku lwanamuhla lungusuku lwentokozo; uma sithula nje silinda kuze kube sekuntweleni kokusa, siyakuficiwa yicala; ngalokho masihambe, sitshela indlu yenkosi. base behamba, babiza abalindisango bomuzi, babatshela ukuthi: sike safika ekamu lama-aramu; bheka, kwakungekho muntu lapho, nazwi lomuntu, kuphela ngamahhashi aboshiweyo, nezimbongolo eziboshiweyo, namatende enjengalokhu enjalo. abalindisango bamemeza, babikela indlu yenkosi ngaphakathi. inkosi yavuka phakathi kobusuku, yathi ezincekweni zayo: ake nginitshela lokhu ama-aramu asenzela khona. ayazi ukuthi silambile; ngalokho aphumile ekamu ukuba acashe, ethi: lapho bephuma emzini, siyakubabamba besezwa, singene emzini. enye yezinceku zayo yaphendula yathi: makuthathwe amahhashi ayisihlanu aseleyo, asele lapha bheka, anjengesixuku sonke sakwa-israyeli esisele lapha, anjengesixuku sonke sakwa-israyeli esesiphelile sithumele, sibone. bathatha izinqola ezimbili namahhashi; inkosi yathumela emva kwempi yama-aramu ngokuthi: hambani nibone. bawalandela baze bafika ejordani; bheka, yonke indlela yayigcwele izingubo nezimpahla ama-aramu ayezilahlele ekubalekeni kwawo. izithunywa zabuya, zayitshela inkosi. abantu baphuma, baphanga ikamu lama-aramu. iseya lempuphu ecolekileyo lathengiswa ngeshekeli, namaseya amabili ebhali ngeshekeli njengezwi likajehova-aeiou. inkosi yabeka esangweni induna eyencika esandleni sayo; abantu bayinyathela esangweni, yafa njengokusho kwalowo muntu kalezi-ku akukhuluma ekwehleleni kwenkosi

kuye. kwathi lowo muntu kalezi-ku esikhulumile enkosini ngokuthi: kuyakuba ngamaseya amabili ebhali ngeshekeli neseya lempuphu ecolekileyo ngeshekeli ngalesi sikhathi kusasa esangweni lasesamariya, induna yaphendula umuntu kalezi-ku, yathi: bheka, noma ujevova-aeiou ewenza amafasitele ezulwini, le nto ingenzeka na? wathi: bheka, uyakukubona ngamehlo akho, ungadli kukho kodwa. kwaba njalo kuyo: abantu bayinyathela esangweni, yafa.

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u-elisha wayekhulumile nowesifazane ondodana yakhe ayivusile ngokuthi: suka uhambe wena nabendlu yakho, uhale lapho ungahlala khona, ngokuba ujevova-aeiou umemezele indlala, futhi iyakufika ezweni iminyaka eyisikhombisa. wasuka lowo wesifazane, wenza njengezwi lomuntu kalezi-ku; wahamba nabendlu yakhe, wagogobala ezweni lamafileti iminyaka eyisikhombisa. kwathi ngasekupheleni kweminyaka eyisikhombisa lowo wesifazane wabuya ezweni lamafileti; waphuma, wazikhalela enkosini ngendlu yakhe nangezwe lakhe. inkosi yayisilokhu ikhuluma nogehazi inceku yomuntu kalezi-ku ukuthi: ake ungilandise zonke izinto ezinkulu azenzileyo u-elisha. kwathi esayilandisa inkosi ukuthi uvusile ofileyo, bheka, owesifazane ondodana yakhe ayivusileyo wakhala enkosini ngendlu yakhe nangezwe lakhe. wayesethi ugehazi: nkosi yami, nkosi, yilo owesifazane, yile indodana yakhe u-elisha ayivusileyo. inkosi yayisimbuza owesifazane, wayilandisa. inkosi yammisela induna ethile ngokuthi: buyisa konke okwakungokwakhe nazo zonke izithelo zensimu, kusukela osukwini owasuka ngalo ezweni kuze kube manje. wayesifika u-elisha edamaseku; ubeni hadadi inkosi yase-aramu wayegula; watshelwa ukuthi: umuntu kalezi-ku ufikele lapha. inkosi yayisithi kuhazayeli: zithathele ngesandla sakho izipho, uhambe umhlangabeze lowo muntu kalezi-ku, ubuze kujehova-aeiou ngaye ukuthi: ngiyakusinda kulesi sifo na? wayesehamba uhazayeli ukumhlangabeza, wazithathela ngesandla sakhe izipho ezintweni zonke ezinhle zasedamaseku, imithwalo yamakamela angamashumi amane, weza wema phambi kwakhe, wathi: indodana yakho ubeni hadadi, inkosi yase-aramu, ingithumile kuwe ngokuthi: ngiyakusinda kulesi sifo na? u-elisha wathi kuye: hamba, uthi kuye: uyakusinda nokusinda, kodwa ujevova-aeiou ungibonisile ukuthi ngempela uyakufa nokufa. u-elisha wayesengqolozela, uhazayeli waze waba namahloni. wayeseqhumuka ekhala umuntu kalezi-ku. uhazayeli wathi: inkosi yami ikhalelani na? yathi: ngokuba ngiyazi bona-ra-ukukhandleka oyakukwenza

kubantwana bakwa-israyeli; uyakuthungela izinqaba zabo ngomlilo, ubulale izinsizwa zabo ngenkamba, uphahlaze izingane zabo, uqaqe abesifazane babo abakhulelweyo. kepha uhazayeli wathi: kodwa iyini inceku yakho eyinja nje ukuba yenze le nto enkulu na? wathi u-elisha: ujevova-aeiou ungibonisile ukuthi uyakuba yinkosi e-aramu. wayesesuka ku-elisha, weza enkosini yakhe; yathi kuye: utheni kuwe na? wathi: uthi kimi uyakusinda nokusinda. kepha kwathi ngangomuso wathatha indwangu embozayo, wayicwilisa emanzini, wayimboza ubuso ngayo, yafa; uhazayeli waba yinkosi esikhundleni sayo. ngomnyaka wesihlanu kajoramu indodana ka-ahabi inkosi yakwa-israyeli, ujevoshafati eyinkosi kwajuda, ujevohoramu, indodana kajehoshafati, inkosi yakwajuda, waba yinkosi. wayeneminyaka engamashumi amathathu nambili ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa; wabusa iminyaka eyisishiyagalombili ejerusalem. wahamba ngendlela yamakhosi akwa-israyeli njenkokwenza kwendlu ka-ahabi, ngokuba indodakazi ka-ahabi yayingumkakhe; wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou. kepha ujevova-aeiou akathandanga ukuchitha ujuda ngenxa kadavide inceku yakhe njengokusho kwakhe kuye ukuthi uyakumnika yena nabantwana bakhe isibani izinsuku zonke. emihleni yakhe u-edomi wahlubuka phansi kwesandla sakwajuda, wazibekela inkosi. ujoramu wayesewelela esayiri, nazo zonke izinqola zakhe zinaye; wavuka ebusuku, wamchitha u-edomi omhaqileyo nxazonke, nezinduna zezinqola, kepha abantu babalekela ematendeni abo. wahlubuka-ke u-edomi phansi kwesandla sakwajuda kuze kube namuhla. khona lahlubuka nelibina ngasona lesi sikhathi. ezinye izindaba zikajoramu nakho konke akwenzayo angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwajuda na? ujoramu wayeselala koyise, wembelwa koyise emzini kadavide; u-ahaziya indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. ngomnyaka weshumi nambili kajoramu indodana ka-ahabi inkosi yakwa-israyeli u-ahaziya indodana kajehoramum inkosi yakwajuda waba yinkosi. u-ahaziya waba yinkosi eneminyaka engamashumi amabili nambili, wabusa umnyaka ejerusalem; igama likanina lalingu-athaliya, indodakazi ka-omri inkosi yakwa-israyeli. wahamba ngendlela yendlu ka-ahabi, wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou njengokwenza kwendlu ka-ahabi, ngokuba wayengumkhenyana wendlu ka-ahabi. wahamba nojoramum, indodana ka-ahabi, ukuba alwe nohazayeli inkosi yase-aramu eramoti gileyadi; ama-aramu amlimaza ujoramum. inkosi ujoramum yabuyela ukwelashwa ejizreyeli emanxebeni ayo ayem-

limaze wona ama-aramu erama ekulweni kwayo nohazayeli inkosi yase-aramu. u-ahaziya, indodana kajehoram, inkosi yakwajuda, wehlela ukumbona ujoram, indodana ka-ahabi ejizreyeli, ngokuba wayegula.

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u-elisha umprofethi wabiza enye yamadodana abaprofethi, wathi kuyo: khwica, uphathe lo mfuma wamafutha esandleni sakho, uye eramoti gileyadi. ekufikeni kwakho khona, wofuna ujeu indodana kajehoshafati kanimishi, ungene, um-sukumise phakathi kwabafowabo, umyise ekamelweni elingaphakathi. bese wuthatha umfuma wamafutha, uwathele ekhanda lakhe, uthi: usho kanje ujeu-hova-aeiou, uthi: ngikugcobile ube yinkosi kwa-israyeli. bese wuvula umnyango, ubaleke, ungali-bali. yayisihamba leyo nsizwa, insizwa engumprofethi, yaya eramoti gileyadi. ekufikeni kwayo, bheka, izinduna zempi zazihlezi; yathi: nginendaba kuwe nduna. wathi ujeu: kubani phakathi kwethu sonke na? yathi-ke: kuwena nduna. yasukuma, yangena endlini; yathela amafutha ekhanda lakhe, yathi kuye: usho kanje ujeu-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: ngikugcobile ube yinkosi yabantu bakajehova-aeiou kwa-israyeli. uyakuchitha indlu ka-ahabi inkosi yakho ukuba ngiphindisele igazi lezincku zami abaprofethi negazi lezincku zonke zikajehova-aeiou esandleni sika-izebeli. yonke indlu ka-ahabi iyakubhubha; ngiyakunquma ku-ahabi wonke umlisa, omncane nomkhulu. ngiyakwenza indlu ka-ahabi ibe njengendlu kajerobowamu indodana kanebati nanjengendlu kabahasha indodana ka-ahiya. izinja ziyakumudla u-izebeli esiqeshini sezwe lasejizreyeli; akuyikubakho muntu wokumbela. yayisivula umnyango, yabaleka. ujeu waphumela ezincekweni zenkosi yakhe; enye yathi kuye: konke kusalungile na? luzeleni lolo hlanya kuwe na? wathi kuzo: nina niya-mazi lowo muntu nakukhulumileyo. kepha zathi: amanga; ake usitshele. wayesethi: wakhuluma kimi ukuthi nokuthi, ethi: usho kanje ujeu-hova-aeiou, uthi: sengikugcobile ube yinkosi kwa-israyeli. zase zishesha, zathatha, kwaba yileyo naleyo ingubo yayo, zazibeka phansi kwakhe esikhwelweni, za-betha icilongo, zathi: ujeu uyinkosi. ujeu, indodana kajehoshafati, kanimishi, wamen-zela ugobe ujoram ujoram wayelinda eramoti gileyadi, yena naye wonke u-israyeli ngenxa kahazayeli, inkosi yase-aramu; kepha inkosi ujoram yayibuyele ejizreyeli ukuba yelashwe emanxebeni ayo eyayilinyazwe wona ngama-aramu ekulweni kwayo no-hazayeli, inkosi yase-aramu, ujeu wathi: uma kungumqondo wenu lokhu, makunga-

baleki muntu, aphume emzini, aye ukubika ejizreyeli. ujeu wayesekhwela inqola, waya ejizreyeli, ngokuba ujoram wayelele lapho. u-ahaziya, inkosi yakwajuda, wayehlele ukumbona ujoram. umlindi owayemi embhoshongweni wasejizreyeli wabona iviyo likajehu lisafika, wathi: ngibona iviyo. ujoram wathi: zithathele owehashi umthume ukubahlangabeza ngokuthi: kusahleziwe kahle na? owehashi wayese-hamba ukumhlangabeza, wathi: isho kanje inkosi, ithi: kusahleziwe kahle na? ujeu wathi: unandabani nokuhlala kahle na? buyela emva kwami. wayesebika umlindi, ethi: isithunywa safika kubo, kepha asibuyanga. wayesethuma owehashi wesibili owaya kubo, wathi: isho kanje inkosi, ithi: kusahleziwe kahle na? wathi ujeu: unandabani nokuhlala kahle na? buyela emva kwami. umlindi wabika wathi: sifikile kubo, kepha asibuyi; ukuqhuba kufana nokuqhuba kukajehu indodana kanimishi; ngokuba uqhuba kungathi uyahlanya. wayesethi ujoram: bophela. babophela-ke inqola yakhe. ujoram inkosi yakwa-israyeli no-ahaziya inkosi yakwajuda baphuma, kwaba yilowo nalowo ngenqola yakhe, baphuma ukumhlangabeza ujeu, bamfumana esiqeshini sezwe likanaboti wasejizreyeli. kwathi ujoram esembonile ujeu, wathi: kusahleziwe kahle, jeh, na? wathi: ukuhlala kahle kuni, kuse kuningi ukufeba nokulumba kukanyoko u-izebeli, na? ujoram wayesephenduka wabaleka, wathi ku-ahaziya: ngugobe, ahaziya! ujeu wayesensala umnsalo ngamandla akhe onke, wamcibishela ujoram phakathi kwamahlombe akhe, umcibisholo waphuma ngasenhliziyweni yakhe, wawela phansi enqoleni yakhe. wayesethi kubidikari, induna yakhe: mthathe, umntshinge esiqeshini sezwe likanaboti wasejizreyeli, ngokuba khumbula ukuthi, lapho mina nawe sasigibela sobabili emva kuka-ahabi uyise, ujeu-hova-aeiou wamthwesa lolu daba lokuthi: impela ngibone izolo igazi likanaboti negazi lamadodana akhe, usho ujeu-hova-aeiou; ngiyakukuphindisele kulesi siqephu, usho ujeu-hova-aeiou. ngalokho mthathe, umntshinge kulesi siqephu njengezwi likajehova-aeiou. u-ahaziya, inkosi yakwajuda, esebone lokho wabaleka ngendlela yendlu yasensimini. kepha ujeu wamlandela, wathi: mbulaleni naye enqoleni yakhe. benze njalo-ke ngasemmangweni waseguri ongasejibileyam. wabalekela emegido, wafela khona. izinceku zakhe zamyisa ngenqola ejerusalem, zambela ethuneni lakhe kanye nawoyise emzini kada-vid. ngomnyaka weshumi nanye kajoramu indodana ka-ahabi u-ahaziya waba yinkosi kwajuda. ujeu esefikile ejizreyeli, u-izebeli wakuzwa, wagqaba amehlo akhe, wahlobisa

ikhanda lakhe, walunguza efasiteleni. ujeu esengena esangweni wathi: kusahleziwe kahle wena zimri, mbulali wenkosi yakho, na? waphakamisela ubuso bakhe ngasefasiteleni, wathi: ubani onami na? ngubani? kwase kulunguza kuye izinduna ezimbili noma ezintathu. wathi: mphonseni phansi. zamphonsa; igazi lakhe lasaphazeka odongeni nasemahhashini; wamnyathela phansi kwezinyawo zakhe. wangena, wadla, waphuza; wayesethi: mbhekeni lo mqalek-iswakazi, nimmbele, ngokuba uyindodakazi yenkosi. baya ukummabela, kepha abafumananga lutho kuye, kuphela inhloko, nezinyawo, nezintende zezandla. babuya, bamtshela. wathi: nanti izwi likajehova-aeiou owalikhuluma ngesandla senceku yakhe u-eliya wasethishibi, ethi: esiqeshini sezwe lasejizreyeli izinja ziyakuyidla inyama ka-izebeli; isidumbu sika-izebeli siyakuba njengomquba ebusweni bomhlaba esiqeshini sezwe lasejizreyeli ukuba bangasho ukuthi: nangu u-izebeli.

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u-ahabi wayenamadodana angamashumi ayisikhombisa esamariya. ujeu waloba izincwadi, wazithuma esamariya ezinduneni zasejizreyeli kumalunga nakubondli bakwa-ahabi, wathi: manje njengalokhu le ncwadi ifika kinina, lokhu amadodana enkosi yenu ekini, kukhona futhi kini izinqola namahhashi, kanye nomuzi obiyelweyo, nezikhali, ziboneleni enhle nefaneleyo kumadodana enkosi yenu, niyibeke esihlalweni sobukhosi sikayise, nilwele indlu yenkosi yenu. kepha besaba kakhulu impela, bathi: bheka, amakhosi amabili awemanga phambi kwakhe; pho, thina singema kanjani na? umphathi wendlu nomphathi womuzi kanye namalunga nabondli bathumela kujehu, bathi: siyizinceku zakho, siyakwenza konke oyakusitshela khona; asiyikwenza muntu abe yinkosi; yenza okuhle emehlweni akho. wayeseloba incwadi yesibili kubo, ethi: uma ninami, nilalela izwi lami, thathani amakhanda alaba bantu, amadodana enkosi yenu, nize kimi ejizreyeli ngalesi sikhathi kusasa. amadodana enkosi engabantu abangamashumi ayisikhombisa ayekwabakhulu bomuzi ababewondla. kwathi incwadi isifikile kubo, bawathatha amadodana enkosi, bawabulala, abantu abangamashumi ayisikhombisa, babeka amakhanda awo emaqomini, bawathuma kuye ejizreyeli. kwafika isithunywa, samtshela ukuthi: balethile amakhanda amadodana enkosi. wathi: wabekeni abe yizingwaba ezimbili ngasesikheleni sesango kuze kube sekuseni. kwathi ekuseni waphuma, wema, wathi kubantu bonke: nina nilungile; bhakeni,

mina ngenzele inkosi yami ugobe, ngayibulala, kepha ngubani ogence bonke laba na? qaphelani manje ukuthi akuyikuwela phansi lutho lwezwi likajehova-aeiou alikhulumayo ujeu-aeiou ngendlu ka-ahabi; ujeu-aeiou wenzile lokho akukhulumayo ngesandla senceku yakhe u-eliya. ujeu wayesebulala bonke abaseleyo bendlu ka-ahabi ejizreyeli, nabo bonke abakhulu bakhe, nabazana naye, nabapristi bakhe, waze wangamshiyela noyedwa owasalayo. wayesesuka, wahamba waya esamariya; kwathi esendlini yokugunda kwabelusi endleleni, ujeu wafumana abafowabo baka-ahaziya inkosi yakwajuda, wathi: nina ningobani na? bathi: singabafowabo baka-ahaziya; siyehla ukubengelela abantwana benkosi nabantwana benkosikazi. wathi: babambeni besaphila. babathatha besaphila, bababulala ngasemgodini wendlu yokugunda, abantu abangamashumi amane nambili; kashiyanga muntu kubo. esesukile khona wafumana ujeu nadaba indodana karekabi eza ukumhlangabeza; wambingelela, wathi kuye: inhliziyi yakho ilungelene nenhliziyo yami njengeyami ilungelene neyakho na? wathi ujeu nadaba: yebo. wathi ujeu: uma kunjalo, nginike isandla sakho. wamnika isandla sakhe, wamkhwelisa enqoleni yakhe. wayesethi: hamba nami, ubone ukushisekela kwami ujeu-aeiou. base bemkhwelisa enqoleni yakhe. esefike esamariya wabulala bonke abaseleyo baka-ahabi esamariya, waze wamqeda njengezwi likajehova-aeiou alikhuluma ku-eliya. ujeu wabutha bonke abantu, wathi kubo: u-ahabi wamkhonza ubali kancane, kepha ujeu uyakumkhonza kakhulu. ngalokho ngibizele bonke abaprofethi bakabali, zonke izinceku zakhe, nabo bonke abapristi bakhe, kungasali muntu, ngokuba aginomhlatshelo omkhulu kubali; bonke abafunyaniswa bengekho abayikuphila. kepha ujeu wakwenza ngobuqili ukuba abhubhise izinceku zikabali. wayesethi ujeu: mngcweliseleni ubali umhlangano womkhosi. bawumemezela-ke. ujeu wathumela ku-israyeli wonke; zonke izinceku zikabali zafika, akwaze kwasala muntu ongaifikanga; zangena endlini kabali, indlu kabali yagcwala yathi swi, kusukela ekuqaleni kuze kube sekugcineni. wathi kumphathi wekamelo lezambatho: zikhiphele zonke izinceku zikabali izambatho. wazikhiphela izambatho. wayesengena ujeu nojeu nadaba indodana karekabi endlini kabali; wathi ezincekweni zikabali: cingani, nibone ukuba kungabikho kini lapha noyedwa wezinceku zikajehova-aeiou, izinceku zikabali kuphela. bangena ukunikela ngemihlatshelo nangeminikelo yokushiswa. ujeu wayezimisele ngaphandle abantu abangamashumi ayisishiyagalombili,

wathi: uma kuphunyuka umuntu walaba bantu engibaletha ezandleni zenu, kuyakuba ngukuphila ngokuphila. kwathi nezedile ukunikela ngomnikelo wokushiswa, ujeu wathi kubalindi nasezinduneni: ngenani, nibabulale, kungaphumi muntu. bababulala ngosiko lwenkempa. abalindi nezinduna babantshinga phandle, bangena ekamelweni eliphakathi lendlu kabali. bakhhipha izinsika ezazisendlini kabali, bazishisa. babhidliza insika kabali, badiliza indlu kabali, bazenza izindlu zendle kuze kube namuhla. ujeu wamchitha-ke ubali kwa-israyeli. kepha akasukanga ekulandeleni izono zikajer-obowamu indodana kanebati onisa ngazo u-israyeli, namathole egolide ayesebethele nakwadani. ujeuova-aeiou wathi kujehu: ngenxa yokuba wenze kahle ngokufeza okulungile emehlweni ami, futhi wenze kuyo indlu ka-ahabi njengakho konke okwakusenhliziyweni yami, amadodana akho ezizukulwane ezine ayakuhlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sika-israyeli. kodwa ujeu akagcinanga ukuhamba emthethweni kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli ngayo yonke inhliziyo yakhe, kasukanga ezonweni zikajerobowamu onisa ngazo u-israyeli. ngalezo zinsuku ujeuova-aeiou waqala ukunqinda elakwa-israyeli; uhazayeli wabachitha emikhawulweni yonke yakwa-israyeli, kusukela ejordani ngasempumalanga, lonke izwe lakwagileyadi, abakwagadi, nabakwarubeni, nabakwamanase, kusukela e-aroweri elingasemfuleni i-arinoni, elakwagileyadi nebashani. ezinye izindaba zikajehu, nakho konke akwenzayo, nawo onke amandla akhe, angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-israyeli na? ujeu wayeselala koyise, bammbele esamariya. ujeuowahazi, indodana yakhe, waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. isikhathi ujeu abusa ngaso kwa-israyeli, esamariya saba yiminyaka engamashumi amabili nesishiyagalombili.

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u-athaliya unina ka-ahaziya esebonile ukuthi indodana yakhe ifile, wasuka wachitha yonke imbewu yenkosi. kepha ujeuoshaba indodakazi yenkosi ujamu, udadewabo ka-ahaziya, wamthatha ujoyashi indodana ka-ahaziya, wameba phakathi kwamadodana enkosi abulawayo, yena nomzanyana wakhe, ekamelweni lokulala; bamfihla ebusweni buka-athaliya, waze wangabulawa. wayenaye ethukusiwe endlini kajehova-aeiou iminyaka eyisithupha; u-athaliya wabusa ezweni. ngomnyaka wesikhombisa ujeuoyada wathumela walanda izinduna zamakhulu zamakhari nezabalindi, wazingenisa kuye endlini kajehova-aeiou, wenza isivumelwano nazo, wazifungisa

endlini kajehova-aeiou, wazibonisa indodana yenkosi. waziya wathi: nansi into eniyakuyenza: abesithathu kini abangena ngesabatha bayakuba ngabalindi bendlu yenkosi, abesithathu babe sesangweni lasesuri, abesithathu babe sesangweni emva kwabalindi, niyilinde nokuyilinda indlu, nidedelane. amaviyo enu amabili, bonke abaphuma ngesabatha, ayakulinda indlu kajehova-aeiou enkosini. niyakuyizungeza inkosi nxazonke, yilowo nalowo abe nezikhali zakhe esandleni sakhe; ongena phakathi kwezinhla makabulawe; yibani nenkosi ekuphumeni kwayo nasekungeneni kwayo. izinduna zamakhulu zenza njengakho konke ukuyala kukajehoyada umpristi, zathatha, kwaba yileyo naleyo abantu bayo ababeyakungena ngesabatha kanye nababeyakuphuma ngesabatha, zeza kujehoyada umpristi. umpristi wanikela ezinduneni zamakhulu imikhonto nezihlangu okwakungokwenkosi udavide, kusendlini kajehova-aeiou. abalindi bema, kwaba yilowo nalowo enezikhali zakhe esandleni sakhe, kusukela ohlangothini lokunene lwendlu kuze kube sohlangothini lwe-sokhohlo lwendlu, ngase-altare nasendlini nxazonke zenkosi. wayeseyikhipha indodana yenkosi, wayifaka umqhele, wayinika ubufakazi, bayibeka inkosi, bayigcoba; bashaya ihlombe, bathi: mana njalo, nkosi. u-athaliya esezwa ukumemeza kwabalindi nokwabantu waya kubantu endlini kajehova-aeiou, wabuka, bhaka, inkosi yayimi ngasensikeni njengomthetho, izikhulu nabamacilongo bengasenkosini; bonke abantu bezwe bathokoza, bakhalisa amacilongo. u-athaliya wayeseklebhula izingubo zakhe, wamemeza ngokuthi: ngugobe! ngugobe! ujeuoyada, umpristi, wayala izinduna zamakhulu ezazibekwe phezu kwempi, wathi kuzo: mkhipheni endlini, nimngenise phakathi kwezinhla; omlandelayo nimbulale ngenkempa; ngokuba umpristi wathi: makangabulawa endlini kajehova-aeiou.

base bemdedela nxazombili, wahamba ngendlela yokungena kwamahhashi endlini yenkosi; wabulawa khona. ujeuoyada wenza isivumelwano phakathi kukajehova-aeiou nenkosi nabantu ukuba babe ngabantu bakajehova-aeiou, naphakathi kwabantu nenkosi. bonke abantu bezwe baya endlini kabali, bayibhidliza; ama-altare akhe nezithombe zakhe bakuphahlaza kakhulu, babulala umathani, umpristi kabali, phambi kwama-altare. umpristi wamisela indlu kajehova-aeiou ababonisi. wayesethatha izinduna zamakhulu, namakhari, nabalindi, nabo bonke abantu bezwe; bayehlisa inkosi endlini kajehova-aeiou, baya endlini yenkosi ngendlela yesango labalindi. yahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi. bonke abantu bezwe bathokoza, umuzi wazola; bambulala

u-athaliya ngenkamba endlini yenkosi. ujehowashi wayeneminyaka eyisikhombisa ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa.

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ngomnyaka wesikhombisa kajehu uje-howashi waba yinkosi, wabusa iminyaka engamashumi amane ejerusalem; igama likanina lalingusibiya waseberi sheba. ujehowashi wenza okulungile emehlweni kajehova-aeiou izinsuku zakhe zonke uje-hoyada umpristi amfundisa ngazo. nokho izindawo eziphakemeyo azisuswanga; abantu babesahlaba, besashisa impepho ezindaweni eziphakemeyo. ujehowashi wathi kubapristi: lonke isiliva lezinto ezingcwele elingeniswa endlini kajehova-aeiou, imali eyamukelekayo, imali yilowo nalowo muntu alinganiselwe yona, nemali yonke okuvela enhliziyweni yomuntu ukuba ayilethe endlini kajehova-aeiou, makuthathwe ngabapristi, kube yilowo nalowo kumngane wakhe, balungise izimfa zendlu, yonke indawo lapho kungafumaniseka khona ufa. kwathi ngomnyaka wamashumi amabili nantathu wenkosi ujehowashi abapristi babengakazilungisi izimfa zendlu. inkosi ujehowashi yayisibiza ujeoyada umpristi nabanye abapristi, yathi kubo: anilungisi ngani izimfa zendlu na? ngalokho ningabe nisathatha imali yabangane benu, kepha niyinkelele izimfa zendlu. abapristi bavuma ukuba bangabe besamukela imali kubantu, futhi bangazilungisi izimfa zendlu. ujeoyada, umpristi, wayesethatha umphongolo, wabhoboza imbobo esivalweni sawo, wawubeka eceleni kwe-altare ngakwesokunene lapho umuntu engena endlini kajehova-aeiou; abapristi abalinda umbundu bafaka khona yonke imali eyalethwa endlini kajehova-aeiou. kwathi lapho bebona ukuthi ikhona imali eningi emphongolweni, umbhali wenkosi nompristi omkhulu benyuka, bayibopha, bayibala imali eyafunyanwa endlini kajehova-aeiou. banika imali elinganisiweyo ezandleni zabasebenzayo, bengababonisi bendlu kajehova-aeiou, bakhokhela ababazi nabakhi ababesebenza endlini kajehova-aeiou, nabakha ngamatshe, nababaza amatshe, nokuthenga imithi namatshe abaziweyo ukulungisa izimfa zendlu kajehova-aeiou, yebo, konke okwakhishelwa indlu ukuyilungisa. kodwa indlu kajehova-aeiou ayenzelwanga izindebe zesiliva, nezizenze, nezitsha, namacilongo, nazo zonke izinto zegolide, nezinto zesiliva ngemali eyalethwa endlini kajehova-aeiou, ngokuba bayinika abasebenzayo, balungisa ngayo indlu kajehova-aeiou. ababalelananga nabantu imali abayibeka ezandleni zabo ukunika abasebenzayo, ngokuba babethembekile ekuphatheni

kwabo. imali yeminikelo yamacala, nemali yeminikelo yezono yayingangeniswa endlini kajehova-aeiou, yayingabapristi. khona uhazayeli inkosi yase-aramu wenyuka walwa negati, walithatha; uhazayeli wabhakisa ubuso bakhe ukwenyukela ejerusalem. ujehowashi, inkosi yakwajuda, wathatha zonke izinto ezingcwele, ezingcwelisiwe ngojehoshafati nojehoramu no-ahaziya oyise, amakhosi akwajuda, nezinto zakhe ezingcwelisiwe, nalo lonke igolide elafunyanwa engcebani endlini kajehova-aeiou nasendlini yenkosi, wakuthuma kuhazayeli inkosi yase-aramu; wayesesuka ejerusalem. ezinye izindaba zikajowashi nakho konke akwenzayo angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwajuda na? izinceku zakhe zasuka, zenza ugobe, zambulula ujeowashi endlini yasemilo ekweheleni esila. ujozakari, indodana kashimeyati, nojehozabadi indodana kashomeri, izinceku zakhe, bambulala, wafa; bambela koyise emzini kadavide. u-amasiya, indodana yakhe, waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

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ngomnyaka wamashumi amabili nantathu kajowashi indodana ka-ahaziya inkosi yakwajuda ujehowahazi indodana kajehu waba yinkosi kwa-israyeli esamariya, wabusa iminyaka eyishumi nesikhombisa. wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou, walandela izono zikajerobowamu, indodana kanebati, onisa ngazo u-israyeli, kasukanga kuzo. intukuthelo kajehova-aeiou yavuthela u-israyeli, wabanikela esandleni sikahazayeli inkosi yase-aramu nasesandleni sikabeni hadadi indodana kahazayeli sonke lesi sikhathi. ujehowahazi wakhuleka kujehova-aeiou, uje-hova-aeiou wamuzwa, ngokuba wabona ukucindezelwa kuka-israyeli ukuthi inkosi yase-aramu yayibacindezela. uje-hova-aeiou wanika u-israyeli umsendisi, baphuma phansi kwesandla sama-aramu; abantwana bakwa-israyeli bahlala ematendeni abo njengakuqala. nokho abasukanga ezonweni zendlu kajerobowamu onisa ngazo u-israyeli, kepha bahamba kuzo; naye u-ashera wasala esamariya. ngokuba akashiyanga abantu kujehowahazi, kuphela abamahhashi abangamashumi ayisihlanu, nezinqola eziyishumi, nemigundatshani eyizinkulungwane eziyishumi, ngokuba inkosi yase-aramu yabachitha, yabenza baba njengothuli ekubhuleni. ezinye izindaba zikajehowahazi, nakho konke akwenzayo, namandla akhe, angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-israyeli na? ujehowahazi wayeselala koyise; bambela esamariya; ujeowashi indodana yakhe

waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. ngomnyaka wamashumi amathathu nesikhombisa kajowashi, inkosi yakwajuda, ujehowashi, indodana kajehowahazi, waba yinkosi kwa-israyeli esamariya, wabusa iminyaka eyishumi nesithupha. wenza bona-rukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou, kasukanga kuzo zonke izono zikajerobowamu indodana kanebati onisa ngazo u-israyeli, kodwa wahamba kuzo. ezinye izindaba zikajowashi, nakho konke akwenzayo, namandla akhe alwa ngawo no-amasiya inkosi yakwajuda, angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-israyeli na? ujeowashi wayeselala koyise; ujerobowamu wahlala esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi; ujeowashi wembelwa esamariya namakhosi akwa-israyeli. u-elisha esegula ngesifo afa ngaso, ujeowashi inkosi yakwa-israyeli wehlela kuye, wamkhalela wathi: baba, baba, nqola ka-israyeli nabamahhashi bakhe! u-elisha wathi kuye: thatha umnsalo nemicibisholo. wathatha-ke umnsalo nemicibisholo. wathi enkosini yakwa-israyeli: beka isandla sakho emnsalweni. yabeka-ke isandla sayo. u-elisha wabeka izandla zakhe phezu kwezandla zenkosi. wathi: vula ifasitele ngasempumalanga. yalivula. wayesethi u-elisha: cibishela. yacibishela-ke. wathi: ngumcibisholo kajehova-aeiou wokusindisa, umcibisholo wokusindiswa kuma-aramu, ngokuba uyakubulala ama-aramu e-afeki, uwaqede. wayesethi: thatha imicibisholo. yayithatha-ke. wathi enkosini yakwa-israyeli: shaya emhlabathini. yashaya kathathu, yayeka. lowo muntu kalezi-ku wayithukuthela, wathi: uma ubushaye kahlanu noma kayisithupha, wawulahlulile i-aramu waze waliqeda, kepha manje uyakulahlula i-aramu kathathu kuphela. wayesefa u-elisha, bammela. amaviyo akwamowabi angenela izwe ngasekwethwaseni komnyaka. kwathi lapho besammbela umuntu othile, bheka, babona iviyo; bamlahla umuntu ethuneni lika-elisha. lowo muntu wanele ukuthinta nje amathambo ka-elisha, waphila, wema ngezinyawo zakhe. uhazayeli inkosi yase-aramu wayecindezele u-israyeli zonke izinsuku zikajehowahazi. kodwa ujehova-aeiou wayenomusa kubo, wayenesihe kubo, wabanakekela ngenxa yesivumelwano sakhe no-abrahamu no-isaka nokabele, akathandanga ukubachitha, futhi wayengakabalhli ebusweni bakhe. uhazayeli inkosi yase-aramu wafa; ubeni hadadi indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. ujehowashi indodana kajehowahazi wabuye waphuca esandleni sikabeni hadadi indodana kahazayeli leyo mizi ayaphucile esandleni sikajehowahazi uyise ngokulwa. ujeowashi wamahlula kathathu, wabuyisa imizi yakwa-israyeli.

ngomnyaka wesibili kajowashi indodana kajehowahazi inkosi yakwa-israyeli u-amasiya indodana kajowashi inkosi yakwajuda waba yinkosi. wayeneminyaka engamashumi amabili nanhlanu ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka engamashumi amabili nesishiyagalolunye ejerusalem; igama likanina lalingujehohadini wasejerusalem. wenza okulungile emehlweni kajehova-aeiou, kungenjengodavide uyise kodwa; wenza njengakho konke ujeowashi uyise akwenzileyo. kepha izindawo eziphake-meyo azisuswanga; abantu babesahlaba, besashisa impepho ezindaweni eziphake-meyo. kwathi lapho umbuso usuginiswe esandleni sakhe, wazibulala izinceku zakhe ezaziyebele inkosi uyise. kepha abantwana bababulali akababulalanga njengokulotshiweyo encwadini yomthetho kamose njengokuyala kukajehova-aeiou ngokuthi: oyise abayikubulawa ngenxa yabantwana, nabantwana abayikubulawa ngenxa yawoyise, kepha yilowo nalowo uyakufa ngesakhe isono. wabulala ku-edomi esigodini sikasawoti abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi, wathatha isela ngokulwa, waliqamba igama lokuthi ijokiteyeli kuze kube namuhla. khona u-amasiya wathuma izithunywa kujehowashi indodana kajehowahazi kajehu, inkosi yakwa-israyeli, wathi: woza sibhekane ubuso nobuso. ujehowashi inkosi yakwa-israyeli wathumela ku-amasiya inkosi yakwajuda, wathi: isihlahla somkhaya saselebanoni sathumela kumsedari waselebanoni, sathi: nika indodana yami indodakazi yakho ibe ngumkayo. kwadlula isilo sasendle saselebanoni, sanyathela phansi isihlahla somkhaya. umchithile impela u-edomi; inhliziyo yakho ikuphakamisile; dumiseka ngakho, uhlale ekhaya; uzilebelani ukuba uwe wena, nojuda ekanye nawe, na? kepha u-amasiya akalalelanga. wayesenyuka ujehowashi inkosi yakwa-israyeli; yena no-amasiya inkosi yakwajuda babhekana ubuso nobuso ebeti shemeshi elingelakwajuda. ujuda wahlulwa phambi kuka-israyeli; babaleka, kwaba yilowo nalowo etendeni lakhe. ujehowashi, inkosi yakwa-israyeli, wambamba u-amasiya inkosi yakwajuda, indodana kajehowashi, ka-ahaziya, ebeti shemeshi, wafika ejerusalem, wadliza ugange lwasejerusalem, kusukela esangweni lakwa-efrayimi kuze kube sesangweni lasegumbini, izingalo ezingamakhulu amane. wathatha lonke igolide nesiliya, nazo zonke izitsha ezafunyanwa endlini kajehova-aeiou nasengebeni endlini yenkosi, nabayisibambiso, wabuyela esamariya. ezinye izindaba zikajehowashi azenzayo, namandla akhe, nempi yakhe no-amasiya inkosi yakwajuda, angithi kulotshiwe encwadini



yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-israyeli na? ujehowashi wayeselala koyise, wembelwa esamariya namakhosi akwa-israyeli; ujerobowamu indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. u-amasiya, indodana kajowashi, inkosi yakwajuda, wayesekhona emva kokufa kukajehowashi indodana kajehowahazi, inkosi yakwa-israyeli, iminyaka eyishumi nanhlanu. ezinye izindaba zika-amasiya angithi zilotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwajuda na? bamenzela ugobe ejerusalem; wabalekela elakishi, kepha bathumela bamlanda elakishi, bambulala khona. bamthwala ngamahhashi; wembelwa ejerusalem koyise emzini kadavide. bonke abantu bakwajuda bathatha u-azariya owayeneminyaka eyishumi nesithupha, bambeka inkosi esikhundleni sikayise u-amasiya. wakha i-elati, walibuyisela kujuda, inkosi isilele koyise. ngomnyaka weshumi nanhlanu ka-amasiya indodana kajowashi, inkosi yakwajuda, ujerobowamu indodana kajowashi, inkosi yakwa-israyeli, waba yinkosi esamariya, wabusa iminyaka engamashumi amane nanye. wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou, kasukanga ezonweni zonke zikajerobowamu, indodana kanebati, onisa ngazo u-israyeli. wabuyisa umkhawulo wakwa-israyeli kusukela ekuyeni ehamati kuze kube selwandle lwase-araba; njengezwi likajehova-aeiou, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, alikhulumayo ngesandla senceku yakhe ujona indodana ka-amithayi, umprofethi wasegati heferi. ngokuba ujehowa-aeiou wabona ukuhlupheka kuka-israyeli ukuthi kwakumnyu kakhulu, abancane nabakhulu baphela amandla, kungekho omsizayo u-israyeli. ujehowa-aeiou akashongo ukuthi uyakwesula igama lika-israyeli phansi kwezulu, kepha wabasindisa kwakhe ku-israyeli idamaseku nehamati elalingelakwajuda, angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-israyeli na? ujerobowamu wayeselala koyise, amakhosi abakwa-israyeli; uzakariya waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

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ngomnyaka wamashumi amabili nesikhombisa kajerobowamu inkosi ka-israyeli u-azariya indodana ka-amasiya inkosi yakwajuda waba yinkosi. wayeneminyaka eyishumi nesithupha ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka engamashumi ayisihlanu nambili ejerusalem; igama likanina lalingujekoliya wasejerusalem. wenza

okulungile emehlweni kajehova-aeiou njen-gakho konke akwenzileyo uyise u-amasiya. nokho izindawo eziphakemeyo azisuswanga; abantu babesahlaba, besashisa impepho ezindaweni eziphakemeyo. ujehowa-aeiou wayishaya inkosi, yaba ngonochoko kwaze kwafika usuku lokufa kwayo, yahlala endlini eyahlukanisiweyo. ujothamu, indodana yenkosi, wayephezu kwendlu ahlulela abantu bezwe. ezinye izindaba zika-azariya nakho konke akwenzayo angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwajuda na? u-azariya wayeselala koyise; bambela koyise emzini kadavide; ujothamu, indodana yakhe, waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. ngomnyaka wamashumi amathathu nesishiyagalombili ka-azariya inkosi yakwajuda, uzakariya, indodana kajerobowamu, wayeyinkosi kwa-israyeli esamariya izinyanga eziyisithupha. wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou njengalokho benzile oyise, kasukanga ezonweni zikajerobowamu, indodana kanebati, onisa ngazo u-israyeli. ushalumi, indodana kajabeshi, wamenzela ugobe, wamgenca phambi kwabantu, wambulala, waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. ezinye izindaba zikazakariya, bheka, zilotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-israyeli. yilelo izwi likajehova-aeiou alikhuluma kujehu ngokuthi: amadodana akho kuze kube sesizukulwaneni sesine ayakuhlala esihlalweni sakwa-israyeli. kwaba njalo. ushalumi indodana kajabeshi waba yinkosi ngomnyaka wamashumi amathathu nesishiyagalolunye ka-uzi ya inkosi yakwajuda, wabusa inyanga esamariya. umenahemu, indodana kagadi, wenyuka etirisa, wafika esamariya, wagenca ushalumi, indodana kajabeshi, esamariya, wambulala, wabusa esikhundleni sakhe. ezinye izindaba zikashalumi nogobe lwakhe alwenzayo, bheka, kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-israyeli. ngaleso sikhathi umenahemu wachitha ithifisa, nakho konke okwakukulo, nemikhawulo yalo, kusukela etirisa; ngokuba bengamvulelanga, ngalokho walichitha; nabo bonke abesifazane abakuhlweyo abakulo wabaqaga. ngomnyaka wamashumi amathathu nesishiyagalolunye ka-azariya inkosi yakwajuda umenahemu indodana kagadi waba yinkosi kwa-israyeli, wabusa iminyaka eyishumi esamariya. wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou, kasukanga zonke izinsuku zakhe ezonweni zikajerobowamu indodana kanebati onisa ngazo u-israyeli. kwafika ukuhlasela izwe uphuli inkosi yase-asiriya; umenahemu wamnika uphuli amatenta ayinkulungwane esiliva ukuba isandla sakhe sibe naye ukuwuqinisa umbuso esandleni sakhe. ume-

nahemu wakhiphisa u-israyeli imali, bonke abantu abacebileyo, kwaba yilowo nalowo amashekali angamashumi ayisihlanu esiliva ukuwanika inkosi yase-asiriya. yayisibuyela emuva inkosi yase-asiriya, ayihlalanga khona ezweni. ezinye izindaba zikamenahemu nakho konke akwenzayo angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-israyeli na? umenahemu wayeselala koyise; uphekaya waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. ngomnyaka wamashumi ayisihlanu ka-azariya inkosi yakwajuda, uphekaya, indodana kamenahemu, waba yinkosi kwa-israyeli esamariya, wabusa iminyaka emibili. wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou, kasukanga ezonweni zikajerobowamu indodana kanebati onisa ngazo u-israyeli. upheka, indodana karemalia, induna yakhe wamenzela ugobe, wamgenca esamariya enqabeni yendlu yenkosi kanye no-arigobi no-ariye; wayenabantu bakwagileyadi abangamashumi ayisihlanu; wambulala, waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. ezinye izindaba zikaphekaya nakho konke akwenzayo, bheka, kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-israyeli. ngomnyaka wamashumi ayisihlanu nambili ka-azariya inkosi yakwajuda upheka indodana karemalia waba yinkosi kwa-israyeli esamariya, wabusa iminyaka engamashumi amabili. wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou, kasukanga ezonweni zikajerobowamu indodana kanebati onisa ngazo u-israyeli. emihleni kapheka inkosi yakwa-israyeli kwafika uthigilati phileseri inkosi yase-asiriya, wathatha i-ijoni, ne-abela beti mahakha, nejanowa, nekedeshi, nehasori, negileyadi, negalile, lonke izwe lakwanafetali, wabathumbela e-asiriya. uhosheya, indodana ka-ela, wamenzela ugobe upheka indodana karemalia, wamgenca, wambulala, waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe ngomnyaka wamashumi amabili kajothamu indodana ka-uziya. ezinye izindaba zikapheka nakho konke akwenzayo, bheka, kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwa-israyeli. ngomnyaka wesibili kapheka indodana karemalia, inkosi yakwa-israyeli, ujothamu indodana ka-uziya, inkosi yakwajuda, waba yinkosi. wayeneminyaka engamashumi amabili nhlangu ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka eyishumi nesithupha ejerusalem; igama likanina lalingujerusha, indodakazi kasadoki. wenza okulungile emehlweni kajehova-aeiou, wenza njengakho konke akwenzileyo uyise u-uziya. nokho izindawo eziphakemeyo azisuswanga; abantu babesahlaba, besashisa impepho ezindaweni eziphakemeyo. wakha isango lasenhla endlini kajehova-aeiou. ezinye

izindaba zikajothamu nakho konke akwenzayo angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwajuda na? ngalezo zinsuku ujejehova-aeiou waqala ukuthuma kujuda uresini, inkosi yase-aramu nopheka indodana karemalia. ujothamu wayeselala koyise, wembelwa koyise emzini kadavide; u-ahazi, indodana yakhe, waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

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ngomnyaka weshumi nesikhombisa kapheka indodana karemalia u-ahazi indodana kajothamu, inkosi yakwajuda, waba yinkosi. :1 2 izikr. 28:1. u-ahazi wayeneminyaka engamashumi amabili ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka eyishumi nesithupha ejerusalem; akenzanga okulungile emehlweni kajehova-aeiou, ulezi-ku wakhe, njengodavide uyise. kepha wahamba ngendlela yamakhosi akwa-israyeli, yebo, wadabulisa nendodana yakhe emlilweni njengezinengiso zabezizwe ujejehova-aeiou abaxosha phambi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli. :3 lev. 18:21; dut. 18:10; 2 amakh. 8:18. wahlaba, washisa impepho ezindaweni eziphakemeyo, nasemagqumeni, naphansi kwayo yonke imithi eluhlaza. ngaleso sikhathi uresini, inkosi yase-aramu, nopheka indodana karemalia, inkosi yakwa-israyeli, benyukela ejerusalem ukulwa nalo; bamvimbezela u-ahazi, kepha babengenakumahlula. ngaleso sikhathi uresini inkosi yase-aramu wabuyisela i-elati e-aramu, waxosha abajuda e-elati; ama-aramu afika e-elati, alhala khona kuze kube namuhla. u-ahazi wathuma izithunywa kuthigilati phileseri inkosi yase-asiriya ngokuthi: mina ngiyinceku yakho nendodana yakho: yenyuka, ungisindise esandleni senkosi yase-aramu nasesandleni senkosi yakwa-israyeli angivukelayo. u-ahazi wathatha isiliva negolide elafunyanwa endlini kajehova-aeiou nasengcebeni endlini yenkosi, walithuma enkosini yase-asiriya laba yisipho. inkosi yase-asiriya yamlalela; inkosi yase-asiriya yenyuka ukuhlasele idamaseku, yalithatha, yathumbela abantu balo ekhiri, yambulala uresini. inkosi u-ahazi yaya edamaseku ukumhlangebeza uthigilati phileseri inkosi yase-asiriya, yabona i-altare elalisedamaseku; inkosi u-ahazi yathumela ku-uriya, umpristi, isimo se-altare nesifanekiso salo njengokwenziwa kwalo konke. u-uriya, umpristi, wayesakha i-altare: njengakho konke inkosi u-ahazi ebikuthumile isedamaseku walenze njalo u-uriya umpristi, yaze yabuya inkosi u-ahazi edamaseku. inkosi isibuyile edamaseku, inkosi yalibona i-altare; inkosi yasondela e-altare, yenyukela kulo. yashisa umnikelo wayo wokushiswa nomnikelo

wayo wempuphu, yathulula umnikelo wayo wokuphuzwa, yafafaza igazi leminikelo yokuthula e-altare. kepha i-altare lethusi elaliphambi kukajehova-aeiou, yalisusa ngaphambi kwendlu phakathi kwe-altare nendlu kajehova-aeiou, yalibeka ohlangothini lwasenyakatho lwe-altare layo. inkosi u-ahazi yamyala u-uriya umpristi ngokuthi: shisa e-altare elikhulu umnikelo wokushiswa wasekuseni, nomnikelo wempuphu wakusihlwa, nomnikelo wokushiswa wenkosi, nomnikelo wayo wempuphu kanye nomnikelo wokushiswa wabo bonke abantu bezwe, nomnikelo wabo wempuphu, neminikelo yabo yokuphuzwa, ulifafaze ngalo lonke igazi lomnikelo wokushiswa nalo lonke igazi lomhlatshe; kodwa i-altare lethusi liyakuba ngelami ukubiza ngalo. u-uriya umpristi wenza njengakho konke inkosi u-ahazi eyale ngakho. inkosi u-ahazi yanquma izindini zezinze, yasusa kuzo umcengezi wogekwe, yehlisa ulwandle ezinkabini zethusi ezaziphansi kwawo, yawubeka endaweni egandayiwe ngamatshe. indlela esibekelweyo yesabatha ababeyakhe endlini nendawo yokungena yenkosi engaphandle yakuphambukisela endlini kajehova-aeiou ngenxa yenkosi yase-asiriya, ezinye izindaba zika-ahazi azenzayo angithi zilotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwajuda na? u-ahazi wayeselala koyise, wembelwa koyise emzini kadavide; uhezekiya indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

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ngomnyaka weshumi nambili ka-ahazi inkosi yakwajuda uhosheya indodana ka-ela waba yinkosi esamariya kwa-israyeli, wabusa iminyaka eyisihyagalolunye. wenza bonara-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou, nokho kungenjengamakhosi akwa-israyeli ayephambi kwakhe. kwenyuka ukulwa naye ushalimaneseri inkosi yase-asiriya; uhosheya waba yisikhonzi sakhe, wathela intela kuye. inkosi yase-asiriya yafumana ugobe kuhosheya, ngokuba wayethume izithunywakho kuzo inkosi yasegibithe, engasenyusintela enkosini yase-asiriya njengokwenza kwakhe imihla ngemihla; ngalokho inkosi yase-asiriya yamvalela, yambopha etilongweni. inkosi yase-asiriya yaisenyuka, yadabula izwe lonke, yenyukela esamariya, yalivimbezela iminyaka emithathu. ngomnyaka wesishiyagalolunye kahosheya, inkosi yase-asiriya yalithatha isamariya, yathumbela u-israyeli e-asiriya, yababeka ehala, nasehabori ngasemfuleni wasegozani, nasemizini yamamede. kwaba njalo, ngokuba abantwana bakwa-israyeli babonile kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wabo owabakhuphula ezweni lasegibithe esandleni sikafaro

inkosi yasegibithe, besaba abanye olezi-ku, bahamba ngezimiso zabezizwe ujeahova-aeiou abaxosha phambi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli nezamakhosi akwa-israyeli azenzileyo. abantwana bakwa-israyeli benza ngasese izinto ezingalungile kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku, bazakhela izindawo eziphakemeyo emizini yabo yonke ngasemibhoshongweni yabalindi nasemizini ebityelweyo. bazimisela izinsika nawo-ashera emagqumeni onke aphahekemeyo naphansi kwayo yonke imithi eluhlaza, bashisa khona impepho ezindaweni zonke eziphakemeyo njengokwenza kwabezizwe ujeahova-aeiou abaxosha phambi kwabo, benza izinto ezimbi ukumcunula ujeahova-aeiou, bakhonza izithombe ujeahova-aeiou ashilo ngazo kubo ukuthi: aniyikwenza le nto. nokho ujeahova-aeiou wayexwayisile o-israyeli nojuda ngesandla sabo bonke abaprofethi nababoni ukuthi: phendukani ezindleleni zenu ezimbi, nigcine imiyalo yami nezimiso zami njengawo wonke umthetho engayala ngawo oyihlo nengawuthuma kini ngesandla sezinceku zami abaprofethi. kepha abalalelanga; benza lukhuni intamo yabo njengentamo yawoyise abangakhohlwanga ngujeahova-aeiou ulezi-ku wabo. badelela izimiso zakhe, nesivumelwano sakhe asenzayo nawoyise, nezixwayiso abaxwayisa ngazo, balandela okuyize, benza okuyize, balandela abezizwe ababebazungeza, ujeahova-aeiou abayale ngabo ukuthi abayikwenza njengabo. bashiya yonke imiyalo kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wabo, bazenza izithombe ezibunjweyo, amathole amabili, benza no-ashera, bakhuleka kulo lonke ibandla lasezulwini, bakhonza ubali. badabulisa amadodana abo namadodakazi abo emlilweni, babhula, benza imilingo, bazithengisela ukwenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou ukumcunula. ngalokho ujeahova-aeiou wathukuthelela u-israyeli, wabasusa ebusweni bakhe; akusalanga muntu, isizwe sakwajuda kuphela. naye ujuda akagcinanga imiyalo kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wabo, kepha wahamba ngezimiso zakwa-israyeli azenzileyo. ujeahova-aeiou wala yonke inzalo ka-israyeli, wayihlupha, wayinikela esandleni sabaphangi, waze wayilahla ebusweni bakhe. ngokuba wahlwitha u-israyeli endlini kadavide; bambeka ujerobowamu indodana kanebati inkosi; ujerobowamu wamqubula u-israyeli ukuba angamlandeli ujeahova-aeiou, wamonisa ngesono esikhulu. abantwana bakwa-israyeli bahamba ezonweni zonke zika-jerobowamu azenzayo, abasukanga kuzo, ujeahova-aeiou waze wamsusa u-israyeli ebusweni bakhe njengokukhuluma kwakhe ngesandla sazo zonke izinceku zakhe abaprofethi. wayesethunjwa u-israyeli ezweni lakubo, wayiswa e-asiriya kuze kube namuhla.

inkosi yase-asiriya yalanda abantu eba-  
bele, nasekhutha, nase-ava, nasehamati,  
nasefariyayimi, yabahlalisa emizini  
yasesamariya esikhundleni sabantwana  
bakwa-israyeli; badla isamariya, bahlala  
emizini yalo. kwathi ekuqaleni kokuhlala  
kwabo khona abamesabanga uje-hova-  
aeiou; ngalokho uje-hova-aeiou wathuma  
izingonyama phakathi kwabo, zabulala  
abanye kubo. base bekhuluma enkosini  
yase-asiriya, bethi: abezizwe obasusileyo  
wabahlalisa emizini yasesamariya abawazi  
umthetho kalezi-ku wezwe; ngalokho uthu-  
mile izingonyama phakathi kwabo; bheka,  
ziyababulala, ngokuba abawazi umthetho  
kalezi-ku wezwe. inkosi yase-asiriya yay-  
isiyala ngokuthi: yisani khona omunye  
wabapristi enibathumbile lapho, ahambe  
ahlale khona, abafundise umthetho kalezi-  
ku wezwe. wayesefika omunye wabapristi  
ababebathumbile esamariya, wahlala  
ebethele, wabafundisa ukumesaba uje-hova-  
aeiou. kodwa zonke izizwe zazenzele  
olezi-ku bazo, zababeka ezindlini zezindawo  
eziphakemeyo ezazenziwe ngamasamariya,  
kwaba yileso naleso sizwe emizini esasihlezi  
kuyo. abantu basebabele benza usukoti  
benoti, abantu basekhuti benza unerigi-  
gali, abantu basehamati benza u-ashima,  
ama-avi enza onibihazi notharithaki, amase-  
fariyayimi ashisa abantwana bawo ngomlilo  
ko-adirameleki no-anameleki, olezi-ku ba-  
masefariyayimi. kepha babemkhonza  
nje-hova-aeiou, bazenzela phakathi  
kwabo abapristi bezindawo eziphake-  
meyo ababahlabela ezindlini zezindawo  
eziphakemeyo. bamesaba uje-hova-aeiou,  
bakhonza nawolezi-ku bazo njengomthetho  
wezizwe ababesuswe phakathi kwazo.  
kuze kube namuhla benza njengemithetho  
yakuqala: abamesabi uje-hova-aeiou, abenzi  
njengezimiso, nezimemezele zabo, nomthetho  
wabo, nemiyalo yabo uje-hova-aeiou ayala  
ngayo abantwana bakwajakobe amutha  
u-israyeli, uje-hova-aeiou enza nabo  
isivumelwano, wabayala wathi: aniyik-  
wesaba abanye olezi-ku, ningakhothameli  
kubo, ningabakhonzi, ningabahlabei; kepha  
uje-hova-aeiou owanikhuphula ezweni laseg-  
ibithe ngamandla amakhulu nangengalo  
eyeluliweyo yena niyakumesaba, kuyena  
niyakukhothamela, nimhlabele yena; iz-  
imiso nezimemezele nomthetho nemiyalo  
anilobela khona yikho eniyakukugcina  
ukuba nikwenze; ningesabi abanye olezi-ku;  
aniyakukhohlwa isivumelwano engisenzile  
nani, ningesabi abanye olezi-ku; kepha  
niyakwesaba uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu;  
yena uyakunophula esandleni sazo zonke  
izitha zenu. nokho abalalelanga, kodwa  
benza njengemithetho yabo yakuqala.  
zesaba-ke lezo zizwe uje-hova-aeiou, kepha  
zakhonza izithombe zazo ezibaziweyo,

kanjalo nabantwana bazo nabantwana  
babantwana bazo; njengalokho benzile  
oyise, benze njalo nabo kuze kube namuhla.

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kwathi ngomnyaka wesithathu kahosheya  
indodana ka-ela, inkosi yakwa-israyeli,  
uhezekiya indodana ka-ahazi inkosi yak-  
wajuda waba yinkosi. wayeneminyaka  
engamashumi amabili nanhlanu ekuqaleni  
kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka en-  
gamashumi amabili nesishiyagalolunye  
ejerusalema; igama likanina lalingu-abi  
indodakazi kazakariya. wenza okulungile  
emehlweni kajehova-aeiou njengakho konke  
akwenzileyo udavide uyise. wasusa izindawo  
eziphakemeyo, wadiliza izinsika, wanquma  
o-ashera, wachitha inyoka yethusi ayeyenzile  
umose, ngokuba abantwana bakwa-israyeli  
babeshisa impepho kuyo wasusa kwaba  
ngalezo zinsuku; yabizwa ngokuthi un-  
ehushitani. wamethemba uje-hova-aeiou  
ulezi-ku wakwa-israyeli kwaze kwangabakho  
onjengaye phakathi kwawo onke amakhosi  
akwajuda nakuwo ayengaphambi kwakhe.  
ngokuba wabambelela kujehova-aeiou,  
akasukanga ekumlandeleni, kepha wagcina  
imiyalo yakhe uje-hova-aeiou ayala ngayo  
umose. uje-hova-aeiou wayenaye; nomaphi  
lapho eya khona, waphumelela; wayih-  
lubuka inkosi yase-asiriya, kayikhonzanga.  
wachitha amafilisti kwaze kwaba segaza  
nemikhawulo yalo, imibhoshongo yabalindi  
nemizi ebiyelweyo. kwathi ngomnyaka  
wesine wenkosi uhezekiya owawungum-  
nyaka wesikhombisa kahosheya indodana  
ka-ela, inkosi yakwa-israyeli, ushalimaneseri  
inkosi yase-asiriya wenyuka walivimbezela  
isamariya. ngasekupheleni kweminyaka  
emithathu balithatha; ngomnyaka we-  
sithupha kahezekiya owawungumnyaka  
wesishiyagalolunye kahosheya inkosi  
yakwa-israyeli isamariya lathathwa. inkosi  
yase-asiriya yathumbela u-israyeli e-asiriya,  
yababeka ehala nasehabori ngasemfuleni  
wasegozani nasemizini yamamede, ngokuba  
abalalelanga izwi likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku  
wabo, kepha beqa isivumelwano sakhe;  
konke ayala ngakho umose ineku kajehova-  
aeiou kabavumanga ukukulalela nokuk-  
wenza. ngomnyaka weshumi nane wenkosi  
uhezekiya, usaneheribi inkosi yase-asiriya  
wenyuka wahlasela yonke imizi ebiyelweyo  
yakwajuda, wayithatha. uhezekiya inkosi  
yakwajuda wathumela enkosini yase-asiriya  
elakishi, wathi: ngonile; buya kimi; okubeka  
kimi ngiyakukwenza. inkosi yase-asiriya  
yamnqumela uhezekiya inkosi yakwajuda  
amatalenta angamakhulu amathathu esiliva  
namatalenta angamashumi amathathu  
egolide. uhezekiya wamnika lonke isiliva  
elalifunyanwa endlini kajehova-aeiou nasen-

gcebeni endlini yenkosi. ngaleso sikhathi uhezekiya wanquma izivalo zethempeli likajehova-aeiou nezinsika uhezekiya inkosi yakwajuda ayezinamekile, wakunika inkosi yase-asiriya. inkosi yase-asiriya yathuma otharithani, norabi sarisi, norabi shake ukuba basuke elakishi, baye enkosini uhezekiya ejerusalem, benempi enkulu. benyuka bafika ejerusalem. sebenyukile bafika, bema ngasemseleni wechibi lasenhla elingasendleni yensimu yomhlanzi. bayibiza inkosi, kwaphumela kubo u-eliyakimi indodana kahilikiya owayephezu kwendlu, noshebina umbhali, nojowa indodana ka-asafa, umabhalana. wathi kubo urabi shake: ake nisho kuhezekiya, nithi: isho kanje inkosi enkulu, inkosi yase-asiriya, ithi: yithemba lini leli olethebayo na? wena uyakhuluma, kepha kungamazwi angawomlo nje lana ngesu nangamandla okulwa. pho, wethemba bani, lokhu ungihlubukile, na? manje bheka, wethemba udondolo lwalo mhlanga ofecekileyo oyigibithe; kepha uma umuntu ezimelela ngalo, luyakungena esandleni sakhe, lusihlabe; unjalo ufaro inkosi yasegibithe kubo bonke abamethembayo. kepha uma nithi kimi: siyamethemba ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu, akusiye yini ozindawo zakhe eziphakemeyo nama-altare akhe akususile uhezekiya, wathi kujuda nakulo ijerusalem: niyakukhuleka phambi kwaleli altare ejerusalem, na? nga-lokho ake uvumelane nenkosi yami, inkosi yase-asiriya, ngiyakunikela amahhashi ayizinkulungwane ezimbili, uma ungabeka izinkweli kuwo. pho, ungaphindisela emuva kanjani nenduna eyodwa ezincek-wini ezincane zenkosi yami na? nokho wethemba igibithe ukuthola khona izinqola nabamahhashi. manje ngenyukele yini ngaphandle kukajehova-aeiou kule ndawo ukuba ngiyichithe na? ujeheva-aeiou wathi kimi: yenyukela kulelo zwe, ulichithe.

base bethi u-eliyakimi indodana kahilikiya noshebina nojowa kurabi shake: ake ukhulume ezincek-wini zakho ngesi-aramu, ngokuba siyaluzwa, ungakhulumi kithi ngolimi lwabajuda ezindlebeni zabantu abasogangeni. kepha urabi shake wathi kubo: inkosi yami ingithumile yini enkosini yakho nakuwena ukukhuluma lawa mazwi na? hhayi kulaba bantu yini abahlezi ogangeni ukuba badle amasimba abo, baphuze umshobingo wabo kanye nani, na? wayesema urabi shake, wamemeza ngezwi elikhulu ngolimi lwabajuda, wakhuluma wathi: zwanini amazwi enkosi enkulu, inkosi yase-asiriya. isho kanje inkosi, ithi: maningakhohliswa nguhezekiya, ngokuba akayikuba namandla okunophula esandleni sami; futhi uhezekiya makanganenzi nethembe ujeheva-aeiou ngokuthi: ujeheva-aeiou uyakusophula nokusophula, nalo

muzi awuyikunikelwa esandleni senkosi yase-asiriya. ningamlaleli uhezekiya, ngokuba inkosi yase-asiriya isho kanje, ithi: yenzani ukuthula nami, niphumele kimi, nidle, kube yilowo nalowo emvinini wakhe, kube yilowo nalowo emkhiwaneni wakhe, niphuze, kube yilowo nalowo amanzi omthombo wakhe, ngize ngifike, nginiyise ezweni elinjengezwe lakini, izwe lama-bele nelewayini, izwe lesinkwa nelezivini, izwe leminqumo nezinyosi, ukuba niphile, ningafi. futhi ningamlaleli uhezekiya, lapho eniyenga ngokuthi: ujeheva-aeiou uyakusophula. abanye olezi-ku bezizwe bake bophula nokophula yini izwe lakubo esandleni senkosi yase-asiriya na? baphi olezi-ku basehamati nase-aripadi na? baphi olezi-ku basesefarivayimi, nabasehena, nabase-iva, na? balophulile isamariya esandleni sami na? ngobani phakathi kwabo bonke olezi-ku bamazwe abophule izwe lakubo esandleni sami ukuba ujeheva-aeiou alophule ijerusalem esandleni sami na? kepha abantu bathula, abamphendulanga ngazwi, ngokuba umyalo wenkosi wathi: ningamphenduli. base befika u-eliyakimi indodana kahilikiya owayephezu kwendlu, noshebina umlobi, nojowa indodana ka-asafa, umabhalana, kuhezekiya, izingubo zabo ziklebhukile, bamlandisa amazwi karabi shake.

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kwathi inkosi uhezekiya ikuzwile lokho, yaklebhula izingubo zayo, yazambesa indwangu yamasaka, yangena endlini kajehova-aeiou. yathuma u-eliyakimi owayephezu kwendlu, noshebina umbhali, namalunga abapristi, bembeswe izindwangu yamasaka, ku-isaya umprofethi, indodana ka-amose. bathi kuye: usho kanje uhezekiya, uthi: lolo suku lungusuku losizi nolokusolwa nolokudelelwa, ngokuba abantwana sebefikile ekuzalweni, kepha amandla okubeletha awakho. mhlawumbe ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho uyakuzwa onke amazwi karabi shake othunye yinkosi yase-asiriya, inkosi yakhe, ukweyisa ulezi-ku ophilayo, asole amazwi ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho awezwileyo; ngalokho phakamisela insali esafunyanwayo umkhuleko wakho.

izinceku zenkosi uhezekiya sezifikile ku-isaya, u-isaya wathi kuzo: niyakusho kanje enkosini yenu, nithi: usho kanje ujeheva-aeiou, uthi: ungesabi lawo mazwi owezwileyo, izinceku zenkosi yase-asiriya ezingithuke ngawo. bhekani, ngiyakubeka umoya kuyo, izwe amahemuhemu, ibuyele ezweni lakubo, ngiyiwuse ngenkomba ezweni lakubo.

wayesebuya urabi shake, wafumana inkosi yase-asiriya ilwa nelibina, ngokuba wayezwile ukuthi isukile elakishi. kepha

isizwile ngotirahaka inkosi yasekushe ukuthi: bheka, uphumile ukulwa nawe, yabuye yathuma izithunywa kuhezekiya, yathi: niyakukhuluma kanje kuhezekiya inkosi yakwajuda, nithi: olezi-ku wakho omethembayo makangakukhohlisi ngokuthi ijerusalema aliyikunikelwa esandleni senkosi yase-asiriya. bheka, wena uzwile okwenziwe ngamakhosi ase-asiriya kuwo onke amazwe ngokuwachitha; pho, wena uyakophulwa na? olezi-ku balezo zizwe ezachithwa ngobaba, igozani, neharana, neresefi, nabantwana base-edene abasethelasari, bazophula na? iphi inkosi yasehamati, nenkosi yase-arijadi, nenkosi yomuzi wasefarivayimi, nasehena, nase-iva, na? uhezekiya wayamukela incwadi esandleni sezithunywa, wayifunda; uhezekiya wayesenyukela endlini kajehova-aeiou, wayeneka phambi kukajehova-aeiou. uhezekiya wakhuleka phambi kukajehova-aeiou, wathi: jehova-aeiou lezi-ku ka-israyeli ohlezi phezu kwamakherubi, wena ungulezi-ku, wena wedwa, wemibuso yonke yomhlaba, wena wenzile izulu nomhlaba. beka, jehova-aeiou, indlebe yakho, uzwe; vula amehlo akho, jehova-aeiou, ubone, uzwe amazwi kasaneheribi athume ukweyisa ngawo ulezi-ku ophilayo. yiqiniso, jehova-aeiou; amakhosi ase-asiriya achithile izizwe namazwe azo, alahlile olezi-ku bawo emlilweni, ngokuba babengesibo olezi-ku, babe ngumsebenzi wezandla zomuntu kuphela, umuthi namatshe; ngalokho abachithile. manje, jehova-aeiou lezi-ku wethu, ake usisindise esandleni sakhe ukuba yonke imibuso yomhlaba yazi ukuthi wena jehova-aeiou ungulezi-ku, yebo, wena wedwa. u-isaya indodana ka-amose wathumela kuhezekiya, wathi: usho kanje ujeihova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: lokho okukhuleke kimi ngosaneheribi inkosi yase-asiriya ngikuzwile. nanti izwi ujeihova-aeiou alikhulumile ngaye: ikudelele yakuhleka usulu intombi, indodakazi yasesiyoni; ikunikinele ikhanda indodakazi yasejerusalema. weyise bani, wathuka bani, na? uphakamisele bani izwi lakho, wabhekisa phezu luma amehlo akho, na? ngongcwele ka-israyeli! ngesandla sezithunywa zakho uyijivazile inkosi, wathi: ngobuningi bezinqola zami ngenyuke mina phezu ezintabeni ngaphakathi kwelebanoni; ngigawula imisedari yalo emide nemisayipuresi yalo ekhethekileyo ngangana endaweni yalo yokugcina nasehlathini lalo eliminyeneyo. ngemba, ngaphuza amanzi angaziwayo; ngomisa ngamathe onyawo lwami yonke imifula yasegibithe. awuzwanga ukuthi kade ngakuhlala na? emihleni yasendulo ngakunquma; manje sengikulethile ukuba uchithe imizi ebihelweyo, ibe yizinqwaba. abakhe kuyo babe namandla amancane, besaba, bajabha;

baba njengotshani basendle, nembali notshani obuluhlaza, nokuluhlaza ezimpahleni zezindlu, namabele ahamukile engakakhuli. kepha ukuhlala kwakho, nokuphuma kwakho, nokungena kwakho ngiyakwazi, nokubhovumula kwakho ngami. ngenxa yokubhovumula kwakho ngami, nangokuba ukuzidla kwakho kwenyukele ezindlebeni zami, ngiyakubeka ingwegwe yami emakheleni akho netому lami emlonjeni wakho, ngikubuyise ngendlela oweza ngayo. lokhu kuyakuba yisibonakaliso kuwe: niyakudla ngalo mnyaka okuzikhulelayo, nangomnyaka wesibili isihlabane, nangomnyaka wesithathu hlwanyelani, nivune, nitshale izivini, nidle izithelo zazo. abasindileyo bendlu yakwajuda abaseleyo bayakubuye bagxile phansi, bathele izithelo phezu. ngokuba kuyakuphuma ejerusalema insali nasentabeni yasesiyoni abayakusinda; ukushisekela kukajehova-aeiou kuyakufeza lokho. ngalokho usho kanje ujeihova-aeiou ngenkosi yase-asiriya, uthi: ayiyikungena kulo muzi, ayiyikucibishela mcibisholo khona; ayiyikubhekisa kuwo isihlangu, ayiyikunqwabela iduli ngakuwo. indlela eyafika ngayo, iyakubuya ngayo; ayiyikungena kulo muzi, usho ujeihova-aeiou. ngiyakuwuvikela lo muzi ukuba ngiwusindise ngenxa yami nangenxa yenceku yami udavide. kwathi ngalobo busuku kwaphuma ingelosi kajehova-aeiou, yabulala ekamu labase-asiriya abayizinkulungwane eziyikhulu namashumi ayishiyagalombili nanzhlanu; sekuvukwa ngakusasa, bheka, kwakuyizidumbu zodwa ezifileyo. wayesesuka usaneheribi inkosi yase-asiriya, wahamba, wabuya, wahlala enineve. kwathi ekhuleka endlini kanisiroki ulezi-ku wakhe, o-adirameleki nosareseri bambulala ngenkamba, babalekela ezweni lase-ararati. u-esari hadoni indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

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ngalezo zinsuku uhezekiya wagula, wayephansi kokufa. kwafika kuye u-isaya umprofethi, indodana ka-amose, wathi kuye: usho kanje ujeihova-aeiou, uthi: yalela indlu yakho, ngokuba uyakufa, awuyikusinda. wayesephendulela ubuso bakhe odongeni, wakhuleka kujehova-aeiou, wathi: ngiyacela, jehova-aeiou: ake ukhumbule ukuthi ngihambile phambi kwakho ngeqiniso nangenhliziyo epheleleyo, ngenzile okuhle emehlweni akho. wayesekhala uhezekiya ngokukhala okukhulu. kwathi u-isaya engakaphumi emzini ongaphakathi, izwi likajehova-aeiou lifika kuye, lathi: buya, uthi kuhezekiya umholi wabantu bami: usho kanje ujeihova-aeiou ulezi-ku kadavide uyihlo, uthi: ngizwile umkhuleko

wakho, ngibonile izinyembezi zakho; bheka, ngiyakukuphilisa; ngosuku lwesithathu uyakwenyukela endlini kajehova-aeiou. ngiyakwenezela ezinsukwini zakho iminyaka eyishumi nanhlanu, ngikophule wena nalo muzi esandleni senkosi yase-asiriya; ngiyakuwuvikela lo muzi ngenxa yami nangenxa yenceku yami udavide. wathi u-isaya: landani isigaxa samakhiwane, basilanda, basibeka ethumbeni, wasinda. wayesethi uhezekiya ku-isaya: siyakuba yini isibonakaliso sokuthi ujeheva-aeiou uyangiphilisa nokuthi ngiyakwenyukela endlini kajehova-aeiou ngosuku lwesithathu na? wathi u-isaya: lesi siyakuba yisibonakaliso kuwe esivela kujehova-aeiou sokuthi ujeheva-aeiou uyakukwenza lokho akukhulumileyo: isithunzi siyakuya phambili izinyathelo eziyishumi, noma siyakubuya izinyathelo eziyishumi na? uhezekiya wathi: kulula kuso isithunzi ukuba selule izinyathelo eziyishumi; qha, isithunzi masibuye izinyathelo eziyishumi. u-isaya umprofethi wakhala kujehova-aeiou, wasibuyisa isithunzi izinyathelo eziyishumi ebesizehlile ezinyathelweni zika-ahazi. ngaleso sikhathi umerodaki baladani indodana kabaladani, inkosi yasebabele, wathuma abanezinzwadi nesipho kuhezekiya, ngokuba wayezwile ukuthi uhezekiya kade egula. uhezekiya wabalalela, wababonisa yonke indlu yengcebo yakhe, isiliva, negolide, namakha, nama-futha amahle, nendlu yezikhali zakhe, nakho konke okwafunyanwa engebene yakhe; akubangakho nto endlini yakhe nasembusweni wakhe wonke angababonisinga yona. wayesefika u-isaya umprofethi enkosini uhezekiya, wathi kuye: batheni labo bantu; beze kuwe bevelaphi na? wathi uhezekiya: bavela ezweni elikude ebabele. wayesethi: baboneni endlini yakho na? uhezekiya wathi: babone konke okusendlini yami; akukho nto phakathi kwengcebo yami engingababonisinga yona. u-isaya wathi kuhezekiya: yizwa izwi likajehova-aeiou: bheka, izinsuku ziyeza, lapho konke okusendlini yakho nalokho oyihlo abakubekelele khona kuze kube namuhla kuyakuyiswa ebabele; akuyikusala lutho, usho ujeheva-aeiou. nasemadodaneni akho ayakuphuma kuwe, oyakuwazala, bayakuwathatha abe yizinceku endlini yobukhosi yenkosi yasebabele. wayesethi uhezekiya ku-isaya: lihle izwi likajehova-aeiou olikhulumileyo. wathi futhi: akunjalo, uma kuyakuba khona ukuthula nokulondeka emihleni yami, na? ezinye izindaba zikahezekiya, nawo onke amandla akhe, nokwenza kwakhe ichibi nomsele, nokungenisa kwakhe amanzi emzini, angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwajuda na? uhezekiya wayeselala koyise. umanase indodana yakhe waba

yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

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umanase wayeneminyaka eyishumi namibili ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka engamashumi ayisihlanu nanhlanu ejerusalema; igama likanina lalinguhefisiba. wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou njengezinengiso zabeziwe ujeheva-aeiou abaxosha phambi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli. wabuye wakha izindawo eziphakemeyo uhezekiya uyise azichithile; wamisela ubali ama-altare, wenza u-ashera njengokwenza kuka-ahabi inkosi yakwa-israyeli, wakhuleka kulo lonke ibandla lasezulwini, walikhonza. wakha ama-altare endlini kajehova-aeiou, ujeheva-aeiou asho ngayo ukuthi: ngiyakubeka igama lami ejerusalema. wakhela nalo lonke ibandla lasezulwini ama-altare emagakeni omabili endlu kajehova-aeiou. wadabulisa indodana yakhe emlilweni, wahlola imihlola, wenza imilingo, wamisa abanamadlozi, nabathakathi, wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka okuningi emehlweni kajehova-aeiou, waze wamcunula. wabeka isithombe esibaziweyo sika-ashera asenzileyo endlini asho ngayo ujeheva-aeiou kudavide nakusolomoni indodana yakhe ukuthi: kule ndlu nasejerusalema engilikhethile ezizweni zonke zakwa-israyeli ngiyakubeka igama lami kuze kube phakade; futhi angisayikuzulisa izinyawo zika-israyeli, zisuke ezweni engalinika oyise, uma beyakugcina kuphela ukwenza njengakho konke engibayale ngakho nanjengawo wonke umthetho eyabayala ngawo inceku yami umose. kepha abalalelanga; umanase wabaphambukisa baze benza bona-ra-ukukhandleka kunabezizwe abachithayo ujeheva-aeiou phambi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli. ujeheva-aeiou wayesekhuluma ngezinceku zakhe abaprofethi, wathi: ngokuba umanase inkosi yakwajuda enzile lezi zinengiso, enze kabi kunakho konke ukwenza kwama-amori ayephambi kwakhe, wonisa nojuda ngezithombe zakhe, ngalokho usho kanje ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: bheka, ngiletha bona-ra-ukukhandleka phezu kwejerusalema naphezu kukajuda ngangokuthi bonke abakuzwayo, izindlebe zabo zombili ziyakunkeneza ngakho. ngiyakwelula phezu kwejerusalema umucu wokulinganisa wasesamariya, nomthofu wokumisa indlu ka-ahabi; ngiyakwesula ijerusalema njengalokho umuntu esula isitsha, esesula asigumbuqe. ngiyakushiya insali yefa lami, ngiyinikele esandleni sezitha zayo, ibe yimpango nento ebanjiweyo yazo zonke izitha zayo; ngokuba yenzile bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni ami, ingicunulile kusukela osukwini oyise abaphuma ngalo

egibithe kuze kube namuhla. futhi umanase wachitha kakhulu igazi elingenacala, waze wagcwalisa ijerusalema kusukela ekuqaleni kuze kube sekugcineni, ngaphandle kwesono sakhe onisa ngaso ujuda ngokwenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou. ezinye izindaba zikamanase, nakho konke akwenzayo, nesono sakhe ona ngaso, angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwajuda na? umanase wayeselala koyise, wembelwa ensimini yendlu yakhe, insimu ka-uza; u-amoni indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. u-amoni wayeneminyaka engamashumi amabili nambili ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka emibili ejerusalem; igama likanina lalingumeshulemeti, indodakazi kaharusi wasejotiba. wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou njengalokho enzile umanase uyise. wahamba ngezindlela zonke uyise ahamba ngazo, wakhonza izithombe azikhonzayo uyise, wakhuleka kuzo; washiya ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku wawoyise, kahambanga ngendlela kajehova-aeiou. izinceku zika-amoni zamenzela ugobe, zayibulala inkosi endlini yayo. kepha abantu bezwe bababulala bonke ababeyenzela inkosi u-amoni ugobe; abantu bezwe bambeka ujosiya indodana yakhe inkosi esikhundleni sakhe. ezinye izindaba zika-amoni azenzayo angithi zilotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwajuda na? wembelwa ethuneni lakhe ensimini ka-uza; ujosiya indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

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ujosiya wayeneminyaka eyisishiyagalombili ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka engamashumi amathathu nanye ejerusalem; igama likanina lalingujedida indodakazi ka-ada yasebosikati. wenza okulungile emehlweni kajehova-aeiou, wahamba ngendlela yonke kadavide uyise, kachezukulanga ngakwesokunene nangakwesokhohlo. kwathi ngomnyaka weshumi nesishiyagalombili wenkosi ujosiya inkosi yathuma ushafani indodana ka-asaliya kameshulamu, umbhali, endlini kajehova-aeiou, yathi: yenyukela kuhilikiya umpristi omkhulu ukuba abale imali eyiswe endlini kajehova-aeiou, iqoqwe ngabalindimnyango kubantu, bayibeke esandleni sezisebenzi eziphethe indlu kajehova-aeiou, bakhokhele ngayo abasebenza umsebenzi wasendlini kajehova-aeiou ukulungisa izimfa zendlu, ababazi, nabakhi, nabakha ngamatshe, nokuthenga imithi namatshe abaziweyo ukulungisa indlu. nokho akubalelwananga nabo ngemali eyabekwa esandleni sabo, ngokuba babethembekile ekuphatheni

kwabo. uhilikiya, umpristi omkhulu, wathi kushafani umbhali: ngifumene incwadi yomthetho endlini kajehova-aeiou. uhilikiya wanika ushafani leyo ncwadi, wayifunda. ushafani umbhali waya enkosini, waletcha umbiko enkosini, wathi: izinceku zakho zithululile imali eyafunyanwa endlini, zayibeka esandleni sezisebenzi eziphethe indlu kajehova-aeiou. ushafani umbhali wayitshela inkosi, wathi: uhilikiya umpristi ungikine incwadi. ushafani wayifunda phambi kwenkosi. kwathi lapho inkosi isizwile amazwi encwadi yomthetho, yazik-lebhula izingubo zayo. inkosi yayala uhilikiya umpristi, no-ahikamu indodana kashafani, no-akibori indodana kamikhaya, noshafani umbhali, no-asaya inceku yenkosi, ithi: hambani ningibuzele kujehova-aeiou, mina nabantu, naye wonke ujuda ngamazwi ale ncwadi efunyenweyo, ngokuba inkulu intukuthelo kajehova-aeiou esivuthelayo, ngokuba obaba abalalelanga amazwi ale ncwadi ukwenza njengakho konke okulotshiwe ngathi. base behamba uhilikiya umpristi, no-ahikamu, no-akibori, noshafani, no-asaya, baya kuhulula umprofethikazi, umkashalumi, indodana kathikiva kaharihasi, umgcinizingubo wahlala ejerusalem enxenyeni yesibili bakhuluma kuye. wathi kubo: usho kanje ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: tshelani umuntu onithume kimi ukuthi: usho kanje ujeheva-aeiou, uthi: bhekani, ngiyakwehlisela bona-ra-ukukhandleka phezu kwale ndawo naphezu kwabakhileyo kuyo, onke amazwi aleyo ncwadi eyifundile inkosi yakwajuda, ngokuba bangishiyile, bashisela abanye olezi-ku impeho baze bangicunula ngawo wonke umsebenzi wezandla zabo; intukuthelo yami iyakuvuthela le ndawo, ayiyikucinywa. kepha enkosini yakwajuda eyanithuma ukubusa kujehova-aeiou niyakusho kuyo kanje, nithi: usho kanje ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: maqondana namazwi owezwileyo, ngenxa yokuba inhliziyo yakho yayithambile wazithoba phambi kukajehova-aeiou, lapho wezwa lokho engakukhuluma ngale ndawo nangabakhileyo kuyo ukuthi kuyakuba yincithakalo nesiqalekiso, waklebhula izingubo zakho, wakhala phambi kwami, mina ngikuzwile, usho ujeheva-aeiou. ngalokho bheka, ngiyakukubuthela koyihlo ubuthelwe ethuneni lakho ngokuthula, angaboni amehlo akho konke bona-ra-ukukhandleka engiyakukwehlisela phezu kwale ndawo. babuyisela enkosini leli zwi.

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inkosi yathumela, babuthela kuyo onke amalunga akwajuda nawasejerusalem. inkosi yenyukela endlini kajehova-aeiou,



bonke abantu bakwajuda nabo bonke abakhileyo ejerusalemaya benayo, kanye nabapristi nabaprofethi, yebo, abantu bonke, abancane nabakhulu, yafunda ezindlebeni zabo onke amazwi encwadi yesivumelwano ebifunyenwe endlini kajehova-aeiou. inkosi yema ngasensikeni, yenza isivumelwano phambi kukajehova-aeiou ukumlandela ujeihova-aeiou nokugcina imiyalo yakhe, nobufakazi bakhe, nezimiso zakhe ngenhliziyo yonke nangomphefumlo wonke ukuqinisa amazwi alesi sivumelwano alotshwe kule ncwadi; bonke abantu basivuma isivumelwano. inkosi yayisiyala uhilikiya umpristi omkhulu, nabapristi besigaba sesibili, nabalindimnyango ukukhipha ethempelini likajehova-aeiou zonke izinto ezazenzelwe obali, no-ashera, nebandla lonke lasezulwini, yazishisa ngaphandle kwejerusalemaya emasimini asekidroni, yayisa umlotha wazo ebethele. yabasusa abapristi bezithombe amakhosi akwajuda abamisele ukushisa impepho ezindaweni eziphakemeyo emizini yakwajuda nanxazonke zejerusalemaya, kanye nabashisa impepho kubali nakulo ilanga nenyanga nezinkanyezi nalo lonke ibandla lasezulwini. yakhhipha u-ashera endlini kajehova-aeiou, yamkhiphela phandle kwejerusalemaya, yamisa ngasemfudlaneni ikidroni, yamshisa ngasemfudlaneni ikidroni, yamcolisisa waba yincushuncushu, yayiphonsa incushuncushu yakhe emathuneni abantu nje. yadiliza izindlu zezifebe zethempeli ezazisendlini kajehova-aeiou, lapho abesifazane bemelukela khona u-ashera amatende. yakhhipha bonke abapristi emizini yakwajuda, yangcolisa izindawo eziphakemeyo, lapho abapristi bebeshise khona impepho, kusukela egeba kuze kube seberi sheba; yadiliza izindawo eziphakemeyo zase-masangweni asesikheleni sesango likajesu umphathimuzi, ezazingakwesokhohlo somuntu ngasesangweni lomuzi. kodwa abapristi basezindaweni eziphakemeyo babengenyukeli e-altare likajehova-aeiou ejerusalemaya, kepha badla isinkwa esingenamvubelo phakathi kwabafowabo. yangcolisa ithofeti elisesigodini sabantwana bakwahinomu ukuba kungabikho muntu odabulisa indodana yakhe noma indodakazi yakhe emlilweni kumoloki. yasusa namahhashi amakhosi akwajuda anikele ngawo kulo ilanga ngasendleni yokungena endlini kajehova-aeiou ngasekamelweni likanathani meeki induna yasepariwarimi, yashisa izinqola zelanga ngomlilo. ama-altare ayesophahleni lwekamelu eliphezulu lika-ahazi, elenziwe ngamakhosi akwajuda, nama-altare enziwe ngumanase emagcekeni omabili endlu kajehova-aeiou inkosi yawadiliza, yasuka yayigijima, yalahla uthuli emfudlaneni ikidroni. izindawo

eziphakemeyo ezaziphambi kwejerusalemaya, ngakwesokunene kwentaba yokonakala, usolomoni inkosi yakwa-israyeli ayezakhele u-ashitaroti isinengiso samasidoni, noke-moshi isinengiso sakwamowabi, nomilkomu isinengiso sabantwana bakwa-amoni, inkosi yazingcolisa. yaphahlaza izinsika, yanquma o-ashera, yagcwalisa izindawo zabo ngamathambo abantu. i-altare elalisebethele, nendawo ephakemeyo eyenziwe ngujerobowamu indodana kanebati owonisa u-israyeli, nalelo altare kanye nendawo ephakemeyo yakudiliza, yayishisa indawo ephakemeyo, yayicolisisa yaba yincushuncushu, yashisa no-ashera. ujosiya waphenduka, wabona amathuna ayelapho entabeni; wathumela wakhhipha amathambo emathuneni, wawashisa e-altare, walingcolisa njengezwi likajehova-aeiou alimeza lowo muntu kalezi-ku owamemezela lezi zinto. wayesethi: yitshe lini leli engilibonayo na? abantu bomuzi bamtshele bathi: yithuna lalowo muntu kalezi-ku owavela kwajuda, wamemezela lezi zindaba osuzenzile nge-altare lasebethele. wathi: myekeni; mawanganyakaziwisa muntu amathambo akhe. base beyeka amathambo akhe kanye namathambo alowo mprofethi owavela esamariya. nazo zonke izindlu zezindawo eziphakemeyo ezazisemizini yasesamariya, ezenziwa ngamakhosi akwa-israyeli acunula ngazo, ujosiya wazisusa, wenza kuzona njengazo zonke izenzo azenzileyo ebethele. wabulala ema-altare bonke abapristi basezindaweni eziphakemeyo ababe lapho, washisa amathambo abantu phezu kwawo, wabuyela ejerusalemaya. inkosi yayisiyala bonke abantu ngokuthi: yenzelani ujeihova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu iphasika njen-gokulotshiwe kule ncwadi yesivumelwano. ngokuba iphasika elinjalo lalingagcinwanga kusukela emihleni yabahluhli abahlulela u-israyeli, nasemihleni yonke yamakhosi akwa-israyeli, nakweyakwajuda. kepha ngomnyaka weshumi nesishiyagalombili wenkosi ujosiya leli phasika lenzelwa ujeihova-aeiou ejerusalemaya. futhi abanamadlozi, nabathakathi, namatherafi, nezithombe, nazo zonke izinengiso ezazibonwa ezweni lakwajuda nasejerusalemaya ujosiya wakuqeda ukuba afeze amazwi omthetho alotshwe encwadini uhilikiya umpristi ayifumanayo endlini kajehova-aeiou. kwakungekho nkosi phambi kwakhe eyaphendukela kujehova-aeiou ngayo yonke inhliziyayo yayo nangawo onke amandla ayo njengawo wonke umthetho kamose, nangasemva kwakhe akuvelanga enjengaye. nokho ujeihova-aeiou akabuyanga ekuvutheni kwentukuthelo yakhe enkulu, intukuthelo yakhe eyavuthela ngakho ujuda, ngenxa yakho konke ukucunula umanase ayemcunule ngakho. ujeihova-aeiou wathi:

naye ujuda ngiyakumsusa ebusweni bami, njengalokho ngisuse u-israyeli, ngiwulahle lo muzi engawukhethayo, nendlu engasho ngayo ukuthi igama lami liyakuba khona lapho. ezinye izindaba zikajosiya nakho konke akwenzayo angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwajuda na? emihleni yakhe ufaro nekho inkosi yasegibithe wenyukela enkosini yase-asiriya ngasemfuleni u-ewufrathe; inkosi ujosiya yaya ukuhlangabezana naye; wayibulala emegido, isanele ukumbona nje. izinceku zayo zayisusa ngenqola emegido ifile, zayiyisa ejerusalem, zayimbela ethumeni layo. abantu bezwe bamthatha ujehowahazi indodana kajosiya, bamgcoba, bambeka inkosi esikhundleni sikayise. ujehowahazi wayeneminyaka engamashumi amabili nantathu ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa izinyanga ezintathu ejerusalem; igama likanina lalinguhamuthali, indodakazi kajeremiya waselibina. wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou njengakho konke abakwenzileyo oyise. ufaro nekho wambopha eribila lasehamati ukuba angabe esabusa ejerusalem, wathelisa izwe amatalenta ayikhulu esiliva nentalenta legolide. ufaro nekho wambeka u-eliyakimi indodana kajosiya inkosi esikhundleni sikajosiya uyise, waguqula igama lakhe laba ngujeohoyakimi, kepha wamsusa ujehowahazi, waze waya egibithe, wafela khona. ujeohoyakimi wamnika ufaro isiliva negolide, kepha wathelisa izwe ukuba anike imali njengezwi likafaro. wakhiphisa abantu bezwe isiliva negolide, kwaba yilowo njengentela yakhe ukunika ufaro nekho. ujeohoyakimi wayeneminyaka engamashumi amabili nanhlanu ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka eyishumi nanye ejerusalem; igama likanina lalinguzebida, indodakazi kaphedaya waseruma. wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou njengakho konke abakwenzileyo oyise.

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emihleni yakhe kwenyuka unebukadinesari inkosi yasebabele; ujeohoyakimi wayeyinceku yakhe iminyaka emithathu; wayesebuya, wamhlubuka. ujehowa-aeiou wathuma kuye amaviyo amakaledi, namaviyo ama-aramu, namaviyo abakwamowabi, namaviyo abantwana bakwa-amoni, wawathuma kujuda ukumchitha njengezwi likajehova-aeiou alikhulumayo ngesandla sezinceku zakhe abaprofethi. impela kwaba khona lokho kwajuda ngezwi likajehova-aeiou ukubasusa ebusweni bakhe ngenxa yezono zikamanase njengakho konke akwenzileyo, nangenxa yegazi elingenacala alichithayo,

ngokuba wagcwalisa ijerusalem ngegazi elingenacala, lokhu ujehowa-aeiou akavumanga ukukuthethelela. ezinye izindaba zikajehoyakimi nakho konke akwenzayo angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhosi akwajuda na? ujeohoyakimi wayeselala koyise; ujeohoyakini indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. inkosi yasegibithe ayiphindanga futhi ukuphuma ezweni lakubo, ngokuba inkosi yasebabele yayithathile konke okwakungokwenkosi yasegibithe, kusukela emfuleni wasegibithe kuze kube semfuleni u-ewufrathe. ujeohoyakini wayeneminyaka eyishumi nesishiyagalombili ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa izinyanga ezintathu ejerusalem; igama likanina lalingunehushita indodakazi ka-elinathani wasejerusalem. wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou njengakho konke akwenzileyo uyise. ngaleso sikhathi izinceku zikanebukadinesari inkosi yasebabele zenjukela ejerusalem, umuzi wavinjezelwa. unebukadinesari inkosi yasebabele weza emzini, izinceku zakhe zisawuvimbezele. ujeohoyakini inkosi yakwajuda waphuma, waya enkosini yasebabele, yena nonina, nezinceku zakhe, nezikhulu zakhe, nezinduna zakhe; inkosi yasebabele yamthatha ngomnyaka wesishiyagalombili wokubusa kwakhe. yakhipha khona yonke ingcebo yendlu kajehova-aeiou nengebo yendlu yenkosi, yahlahlela zonke izinto zegolide usolomoni inkosi yakwa-israyeli azenzileyo ethempelini likajehova-aeiou njengokukhuluma kukajehova-aeiou. yathumba lonke ijerusalem, nazo zonke izikhulu, nawo onke amaqhawe anamandla, abathunjwa abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi, nezinyanga zonke zemisebenzi, nabakhandi; akushiywanga muntu ngaphandle kwabantu abayizimpofana bezwe. yathumba ujeohoyakini, yamyisa ebabele; nonina wenkosi, nabafazi benkosi, nezinduna zayo, nabakhulu bezwe yabamukisa ngokubathumba ejerusalem, yabayisa ebabele. onke amadoda anamandla, ayizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa, nezinyanga, nabakhandi, abayinkulungwane, bonke bengamaqhawe azilungiselele ukulwa, nabo inkosi yasebabele yabayisa ebabele ngokubathumba. inkosi yasebabele yambeka umathaniya, uyisekazi, inkosi esikhundleni sakhe, yaguqula igama lakhe laba ngusedekiya. usedekiya wayeneminyaka engamashumi amabili nanye ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka eyishumi nanye ejerusalem; igama likanina lalinguhamithali, indodakazi kajeremiya waselibina. wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou njengakho konke akwenzileyo ujeohoyakimi. ngokuba kwenzeka lokho ejerusalem nakwajuda ngenxa yentukuthelo kajehova-

aeiou, waze wabalahlala ebusweni bakhe; usedekiya wayihlubuka inkosi yasebabele.

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kwathi ngomnyaka wesishiyagalolunye wokubusa kwakhe, ngenyanga yeshumi ngolweshumi lwenyanga, unebukadinesari inkosi yasebabele wafika, yena nayo yonke impi yakhe, ejerusalema, wamisa malungana nalo; bakha inqaba ngakulo nxazonke. wawusuvinjazelwa umuzi kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka weshumi nanye wenkosi usedekiya. ngosuku lwesishiyagalolunye lwenyanga indlala yaba namandla emzini, akubangakho kudla kubantu bezwe. kepha wawusufohlwa umuzi, onke amadoda empi abaleka ebusuku ngendlela yesango phakathi kwezingange zombili ezazingasensimini yenkosi amakaledi ayekhona nxazonke zomuzi ahamba ngendlela yase-araba. kodwa impi yamakaledi yayixosha inkosi, yayifika emathafeni asejeriko, yonke impi yayo yahlakazeka. ayeseyibamba inkosi, ayenyusela enkosini yasebabele eribila; ayahlulela. abulala amadodana kasedekiya phambi kwamehlo akhe, akhipha amehlo kasedekiya, ambopha ngamaketinga, amysa ebabele. ngenyanga yesihlanu ngolwesikhombisa lwenyanga okwakungumnyaka weshumi nesishiyagalolunye wenkosi unebukadinesari, inkosi yasebabele, kwafika unebuzaradani induna yabalindi, ineku yenkosi yasebabele, ejerusalema. washisa indlu kajehova-aeiou nendlu yenkosi; nazo zonke izindlu zasejerusalema, zonke izindlu ezinkulu, wazishisa ngomlilo. yonke impi yamakaledi induna yabalindi eyayinayo yadiliza izingange zasejerusalema nxazonke. abanye abantu ababesele emzini, nabahlubukileyo behlubukela enkosini yasebabele, nesixuku esiseleyo unebuzaradani induna yabalindi wabathumba. kepha induna yabalindi yashiya abantu bezwe abayizimpofana ukuba baphathe izivini namasimu. izinsika zethusi ezazisendlini yenkosi, nezinqe, nolwandle lwethusi okwakusendlini kajehova-aeiou amakaledi akhulaphula, athuthela ithusi lakho ebabele. amakhanzi, namafosholo, nezizenze, nezinkezo, nazo zonke izitsha zethusi ababekhonza ngazo akuthatha. nemi-engezi yomlilo, nezitsha, okwegolide lodwa nesiliva lodwa, nalokho induna yabalindi yakuthatha. izinsika zombili, nolwandle olwalulunye nje, nezinqe usolomoni ayekwenzele indlu kajehova-aeiou, ithusi lazo zonke lezi zinto lalingenakulinganiswa. ukuphakama kwensika eyodwa kwakuyizingalo eziyishumi nesishiyagalombili; phezu kwayo kwakukhona isihloko sethusi; ukuphakama kwesihloko esisodwa kwakuyizingalo ezintathu; kwakukhona

nenetha namapomegranati phezu kwe-sihloko nxazonke, konke kwakungokwethusi; kwakunjalo nasensikeni yesibili enetheni. induna yabalindi yathatha useraya umpristi omkhulu, nozefaniya umpristi wesibili, nabalindimnyango abathathu; yathatha emzini induna eyayimiswe phezu kwamadoda empi, nabantu abayisihlanu kwababesebusweni benkosi abafunyanwa emzini, nombhali wenduna yempi eyayibala abantu bezwe, nabantu bezwe abangamashumi ayisitshupha abafunyanwa emzini. unebuzaradani induna yabalindi wabathatha, wabayisa enkosini yasebabele eribila. inkosi yasebabele yabashaya, yababulala eribila ezweni lasehamati. wathunjwa kanjalo ujuda ezweni lakubo. abantu abaseleyo ezweni lakwajuda abashiyiwe ngunebukadinesari inkosi yasebabele, phezu kwabo wenza ugedaliya indodana ka-ahikamu kashafani abe ngumbusi. zonke izinduna zempi, zona nabantu bazo, sezizwile ukuthi inkosi yasebabele imenzile ugedaliya umbusi ezweni, zaya kugedaliya emispa: u-ishmayeli indodana kanethaniya, nojohanani indodana kakhareya, noseraya indodana kathanihumeti wasenethofa, nojahazaniya indodana yommahakha, bona nabantu babo, ugedaliya wafunga kubo nakubantu babo, wathi kubo: ningesabi izinceku zamakaledi; hlalani ezweni, niyikhonze inkosi yasebabele, kuyakuba kuhle kini. kepha kwathi ngenyanga yesikhombisa wafika u-ishmayeli indodana kanethaniya ka-elishama wozalo lwenkosi, abantu abayishumi benaye, wamshaya ugedaliya waze wafa, kanye nabajuda namakaledi ayenaye emispa. abantu bonke, abancane nabakhulu, nezinduna zempi basuka baya egibithe, ngokuba besaba amakaledi. kwathi ngomnyaka wamashumi amathathu nesikhombisa wokuthunjwa kukajehoyakini inkosi yakwajuda ngenyanga yeshumi nambili ngolwamashumi amabili nesikhombisa lwenyanga, u-evili merodaki inkosi yasebabele, ngomnyaka wokuqala wokubusa kwakhe, waphakamisa ikhanda likajehoyakini inkosi yakwajuda, wamkhipha etilongweni, wakhuluma kahle kuye, wabeka isihloko sakhe phezu kwezihlalo zamakhosi ayenaye ebabele. waguqula izingubo zakhe zasetilongweni; wadla njalo phambi kwakhe zonke izinsuku zokuhamba kwakhe. isabelo sakhe sasizisabelo esimiyo semihla ngemihla, asiphiwa yinkosi zonke izinsuku zokuhamba kwakhe.

umbono ka-isaya, indodana ka-amose, awubonayo ngojuda nejerusalema emihleni ka-uziya, nojothamu, no-ahazi, nohezekiya, amakhosi akwajuda. yizwani, mazulu, ubeke indlebe, mhlaba, ngokuba ujhova-aeiou ukhuluma uthi: ngikhulisile ngiphakamisile abantwana, kepha bangihlubukile. inkabi iyamazi umniniyo nem-bongolo umkhombe womnikaziyo; u-israyeli akazi, isizwe sami asiqondi. hawu, sizwe esonayo, bantu abasindwe ngububi, nzalo yababi, bantwana abonakeleyo! bamshiyile ujhova-aeiou, bamdelele ongwele ka-israyeli, babuyele emuva. ningabe nisas-haywa kuphi, nisaqhubeke ukwambuka, na? lonke ikhanda liyagula, nayo yonke inhliziyi ibuthakathaka. kusukela ematheni onyawo kuze kube sekhanda akukho okuphelele, ngamanxeba nje, nemivimbo, nemidwa emisha; akukhanywanga ubovu, akuboshwanga, akuthanjiswanga ngamafutha. izwe lakini liyihlane, imizi yenu ishiwe ngomlilo, umhlabathi wenu udlilwa ngabafokazi phambi kwenu, kuyihlane njengokuchitha kwabafokazi. indodakazi yasesiyoni isele njengexhiba esivinini, nanjengedladla ensimini yamaselwa, nanjengomuzi ovinjezelweyo. uma ujhova-aeiou sebawoti ebengasishiyelanga insali, besiyakuba njengesodoma, sifane negomora. yizwani izwi likajehova-aeiou nina babusi basesodoma, nibeke indlebe ekufundiseni kukalezi-ku wethu nina bantu basegomora. iyini kimi imihlatshelo yenu eminingi na? usho ujhova-aeiou; ngisuthile ngeminikelo yokushiswa yezinqama nangeyamanoni amathole akhuluphalisiweyo; negazi lezinkunzi nelamawundlu nelezimpongo anghokozi ngalo. lapho nifika ukubona ubuso bami, ngubani bona-ra-ukukhandlekaze lokhu esandleni senu ukuba ninyathele amageke ami na? ningabe nisaletsa iminikelo eyize yempuphu; impepho iysinengiso kimi; ezokwethwasa kwenyanga namasabatha nbona-ra-ukukhandlekaza imihlangano angivumi ububi kanye nemikhosi. ezokwethwasa zenu kwenyanga nemikhosi yenu emisiweyo kuyazondwa ngumphefumulo wami; kungumthwalo phezu kwami, ngikhathele ngukukuthwala. lapho nelula izandla zenu, ngiyakufihla kini amehlo ami; yebo, lapho nenza imikhuleko eminingi, angiyikuzwa; izandla zenu zigcwele igazi. gezani, nihlanzeke, nisuse ububi bezenzo zenu phambi kwamehlo ami, niyeke ukwenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka. fundani ukwenza okuhle, nifune ukwahlulela, niqondise abacindezeli, nahlulele izintandane, nimele umfelokazi. wozani-ke, sithethe indaba, usho ujhova-aeiou; noma izono zenu zibomvu kakhulu, ziyakuba

mhlophe njengeqhwa; noma zibomvu njengokububende, ziyakuba njengoboya bezimvu. uma nivuma, nilalela, niyakudla okuhle kwezwe; kepha uma nala, nihlubuka, niyakudliwa yinkemba, ngokuba umlomo kajehova-aeiou ukhulumile. yeka umuzi othembekileyo waphenduka, waba yisifebe, wena owawugcwele ukwahlulela! ukulunga kwakuhlezi khona, kepha manje ababulali. isiliva lakho seliphendukile amanyela; iwayini lakho luxibene namanzi. izikhulu zakho ziyizihlubuki nabangane bamasela; bonke bathanda izipho, balandela imivuzo; abahluleli izintandane, nendaba yomfelokazi ayifinyeleli kubo. ngalokho ithi inkosi ujhova-aeiou sebawoti, umninimandla ka-israyeli: e, ngiyakuzikhulula kwabamelene nami, ngiziphindisele ezitheni zami, ngibuyisele isandla sami kuwe, ngicwengisise impela amanyela akho, ngisuse lonke ithini lakho, ngibuyisele abahluleli bakho njengakuqala, nabeluleki bakho njengasekuqaleni, andukuba ubizwe ngokuthi umuzi wokulunga, umuzi othembekileyo. isiyoni liyakhulengwa ngokwahlulela nabaphendukayo kulo ngokulunga. izihlubuki nezoni ziyakubhujiswa kanyekanye, nabamshiyayo ujhova-aeiou bayakuqedwa. yebo, bayakuba namahloni ngama-oki enawanxanelayo, niyangaze ngamasimu enawakhethayo. ngokuba niyakuba njenge-oki elimaqabunga alo abunile, nanjengensimu engenamanzi. abanamandla bayakuba njengeflakisi, nemisebenzi yabo njengenhansi; bayakusha bobabili kanyekanye, akuyikubakho ocimayo.

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indaba ayibonayo u-isaya indodana ka-amose ngojuda nejerusalema. kuyakuthi ngezinsuku ezizayo intaba yendlu kajehova-aeiou iqiniswe esiqongweni sezintaba, iphakame kunamagquma, nezizwe zonke ziyakugobhozela khona. abantu abaningi bayakuhamba, bathi: wozani sikhuphukele entabeni kajehova-aeiou endlini kalezi-ku kakakobe; uyakusifundisa izindlela zakhe, sihambe emikhondweni yakhe, ngokuba umthetho uyakuvela esiyoni, nezwi likajehova-aeiou ejerusalema. uyakwahlulela phakathi kwezizwe, anume phakathi kwabantu abaningi; bayakukhanda izinkemba zabo zibe ngamakhuba, nemikhonto yabo ibe ngocelemba; isizwe asiyyakuphakamisela isizwe inkemba, zingabe zisafunda ukulwa. wena ndlu kakakobe, woza sihambe ekukhanyeni kukajehova-aeiou. ngokuba ushiyile abantu bakho, indlu kakakobe, lokhu begcwele ezasempumalanga, behlola imihlola njengamafilisti, bexhawulana nabantwana babezizwe, izwe lakubo ligcwele isiliva negolide, akukho ukuphela kwengcebo

yabo; izwe lakubo ligcwele futhi namahashi, nokuphela kwezinqola akukho. izwe lakubo ligcwele futhi nezithombe; bakhuleka kokwenziwe yizandla zabo nakwekwenzileyo iminwe yabo. kepha abantu bayakufoliswa, namadoda ayakuthotshiswa; abayikuthethelelwa. ngena edwaleni, ucashe othulini ngokwesabeka kukajehova-aeiou nangodumo lobukhosi bakhe. amehlo omuntu aziphakamisileyo ayakuthotshiswa, nokuzikhukhumeza kwamadoda kuyakufola, kuphakame ujahova-aeiou kuphela ngalolo suku. ngokuba ujahova-aeiou sebawoti unusuku oluyakuba phezu kwakho konke okuzidlayo nokuzikhukhumezayo, naphezu kwakho konke okuphakemeyo, kuthotshiswe, naphezu kwayo yonke imisedari yaselebanoni, emide nephakemeyo, naphezu kwawo onke ama-oki asebashani, naphezu kwazo zonke izintaba ezinde, naphezu kwawo onke amagquma aphakemeyo, naphezu kwayo yonke imibhoshongo ephakemeyo, naphezu kwazo zonke izingange eziqinisiweyo, naphezu kwayo yonke imikhumbi yasetharishishi, naphezu kwayo yonke imikhunjana enxanelekayo. ukuzikhukhumeza kwabantu kuyakufoliswa, nokuziphakamisa kwamadoda kuyakuthotshiswa, kuphakame ujahova-aeiou kuphela ngalolo suku, ziphele izithombe, zithi nya. bayakungena emihumeni yamadwala nasemigodini yomhlaba ngokwesabeka kukajehova-aeiou nangodumo lobukhosi bakhe, lapho evuka ukushaya umhlaba ngovalo. ngalolo suku abantu bayakulahlaku amavukuzi nakuwo amalulwane izithombe zabo zesiliva nezithombe zabo zegolide, abazenzele zona ukuba bakhuleke kuzo, ukuze bangene emihumeni yamadwala nasemifantwini yeziwa ngokwesabeka kukajehova-aeiou nangodumo lobukhosi bakhe, lapho evuka ukushaya umhlaba ngovalo. bayekeni abantu okusemakhaleni abo kukhona ukuphefumula nje, ngokuba babalwa njengantoni na?

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ngokuba bhaka, inkosi ujahova-aeiou sebawoti iyasusa ejerusalem nakwajuda uzime nodondolo, lonke uzime lwesinkwa nalo lonke uzime lwamanzi: amaqhawe namadoda empi, abahluleli nabaprofethi, ababhuli namalunga, izinduna zamashumi ayisihlanu nabantu abanodumo, abeluleki nezingcweti ezihlakaniphileyo, nabanolwazi lokulumba. ngiyakubonika abafana babe yizikhulu zabo, nezingane ziyakubabusa. abantu bayakucindezelana, kube yilowo nalowo, yebo, yilowo nalowo nomakhelwane wakhe; abantwana bayakubhensela abadala, nabadelekileyo abanodumo. lapho umuntu eyakubamba umfowabo endlini

kayise ethi: wena unengubo, yiba ngumbusi wethu, le ncithakalo ibe phansi kwesandla sakho, ngalona lolo suku uyakudazuluka athi: angiyikuba ngumelaphi, ngokuba endlini yami akukho sinkwa, akukho ngubo; ningangibeki umbusi wabantu. ngokuba ijerusalema likhubekile, nojuda uwile, lokhu izilimi zabo nezenzo zabo ziphambene nojahova-aeiou ukucunula amehlo enkazimulo yakhe. ukukhetha kwabo ubuso kuyafakaza ngabo; benza izonzo zabo obala njengesodoma, abazifihli. maye kuyo imiphefumulo yabo! ngokuba bazenzele bona-ra-ukukhandleka. yishoni kolungileyo ukuthi kuyakuba kuhle kuye, ngokuba bayakudla izithelo zezenzo zabo. maye komubi! kuyakuba kubi kuye, ngokuba uyakubuyiselwa izenzo zezandla zakhe. abantu bami-ke izingane ziyabacindelela, nabesifazane bayababusa. o bantu bami, abaniholayo bayanidukisa; bachitha indlela yemikhondo yakho. ujahova-aeiou usesukumile ukuyokulwa, umi ukuthetha amacala ezizwe. ujahova-aeiou uyakungena ekwahluleleni namalunga abantu bakhe nezikhulu zabo ngokuthi: yinina eniqedile isivini, impango yabampofu isezindlini zenu. nichobozeleni abantu bami, ngaye ubuso babampofu, na? isho inkosi ujahova-aeiou sebawoti. wathi futhi ujahova-aeiou: ngenxa yokuba amadodakazi asesiyoni eziphakamisa, ehamba elula izintamo, eqhikiza amehlo, ehamba ecoma ekuhambeni kwawo, ekhenceza ngezinyawo zawo, ngalokho inkosi iyakuzenza izimpandla izinkakhayi zamadodakazi asesiyoni, ujahova-aeiou awanqunise. ngalolo suku inkosi iyakususa imihlobiso yawo: izigqizo, nemiqhele, nezimbedu ezinjengenyanga, neziqhaza, namasongo, nezimvakazi, nezigqoko, nemihlobiso yemilenze, nezibhamba, nemifuma, neziqu, nezindandatho, namacici ekhala, nezambatho zemikhosi, nezangaphezulu, namatshali, nezinqalathi, nezibuko, nelineni elicolekileyo, nemishuqulo, nezilembu. kuyakuthi esikhundleni samakha kube ngukubola, nasesikhundleni sebhande igoda, nasesikhundleni sezinwele ezilungisweyo impandla, nasesikhundleni sesidiya isibhamba sendwangu yamasaka, nasesikhundleni sobuhle isishada. amadoda akho ayakuwa ngenkamba namaqhawe akho ngokulwa. amasango alo ayakukhala, alile; liyakuba yize, lihlale emhlabathini.

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ngalolo suku abesifazane abayisikhombisa bayakubamba indoda inye, bathi: siyakudla isinkwa sethu, sembathe izingubo zethu. masibizwe kuphela ngegama lakho, ususe ihlazo lethu. ngalolo suku ihlumela

likajehova-aeiou liyakuba lihle, libe nenkazimulo, nezithelo zomhlaba ziyakuba nodumo nobuhle kwabaphunyukileyo bakwa-israyeli. kuyakuthi yena oshiyiwe esiyoni naye osele ejerusalem, bathiwe bangcwele, bonke abalotshelwe ukuphila ejerusalem, laphe inkosi igezile insila yamadodakazi asejerusalem, nalapho isihlanzile igazi lasejerusalem phakathi kwalo ngomoya wokwahlulela nangomoya wokushisa. ujeihova-aeiou uyakudala phezu kwayo yonke indawo yentaba yasesiyoni naphezu kwemihlangano yayo ifu nomusi emini nokukhanya kwelangabi lomlilo ebusuku, ngokuba phezu kwayo yonke inkazimulo kuyakuba khona isivikelo. kuyakuba khona idokodo, libe ngumthunzi ekushiseni kwemini nesiphephelo nesivikelo esivunguvungwini nasemvuleni.

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mangihlabelele ngothandiweyo wami, isihlabelelo sothandiweyo wami ngesivini sakhe. othandiweyo wami wayenesivini egqumeni elivundile kakhulu; wasimba, wakhapha amatshe aso, wasitshala ngomvini omuhle, wakha isiqongo sokulinda phakathi kwaso, waqopha isikhomo kuso, wethemba ukuthi siyakuthela izithelo zomvini, kepha saveza izithelo zasendle. manje nina enakhileyo ejerusalem namadoda akwajuda, ake nahlulele phakathi kwami nesivini sami. nga kwenziwani futhi esivini sami engingakwenzanga kuso na? kungani ukuba laphe ngithembe ukuthi siyakuthela izithelo zomvini, saveza izithelo zasendle, na? sengiyakunitshela engiyakukwenza kuso isivini sami: ngiyakususa uthango lwaso, ukuze sidiwe, ngidilize ugange lwaso, ukuze sinyathelwe. ngiyakusenza sibe yincithakalo; asiyikuthenwa, asiyikulinywa, kepha kuyakuvela amakhakhasi nameva; futhi ngiyakuyala amafu ukuba anganisi imvula phezu kwaso. ngokuba isivini sikajehova-aeiou sebawoti siyindlu ka-israyeli, namadoda akwajuda ayisithombo sakhe esithandekayo; wabheka ukwahlulela, kepha bheka, ngukucindezela, yebo, ukulunga, kepha bheka, ngokukhala. wo kubona abahlanganisa indlu nendlu, besondeza insimu nensimu, kuze kungabe kusaba khona indawo, kwakhe nina nodwa emhlabeni! ujeihova-aeiou sebawoti wathi ezindlebeni zami: impela izindlu eziningi ziyakuba yincithakalo, nezinkulu nezinhle zingabi namuntu ohlala kuzo. ngokuba ama-eka ayishumi esivini ayakuthela ibhati elilodwa, nehomere lembewu liyakuthela i-efla nje. wo kubona abavuka ekuseni, ukuze balandele uphuzo olunamandla, balibale kuze kuhlwe, bashe iwayini! ihabu nogubhu, isigubhu negenkle, newayini

kukhona emadilini abo, kepha abanakekeli imisebenzi kajehova-aeiou, nezenzo zezandla zakhe abaziboni. ngalokho abantu bami bayathunjwa bengazi, nabadumileyo babo bayalamba, nezixuku zabo zigangathekile ngokoma. ngalokho indawo yabafileyo yandisile isifiso sayo, yavula umlomo wayo ngokungalinganiswayo; kwehlela kuyo amakhosi abo, nesixuku sabo esixokozelayo, kanye nabajabulayo phakathi kwabo. abantu bayafoliswa, namadoda ayathotshiswa, namehlo abaziphakamisayo ayathotshiswa, kepha ujeihova-aeiou sebawoti uphakeme ekwahluleni, ulezi-ku ongcelele ungcelwisiwe ngokulunga. amawundlu ayakuklaba njengasemadledweni awo, nasezincithakalweni zabacebileyo kuyakuklaba amazinyane. wo kubona abadonsa ukona ngezintambo zamanga, nezono kungathi ngamagoda ezinqola, abasho ukuthi: makaphuthume, asheshise umsebenzi wakhe ukuba siwubone, kusondele isiluleko songcwele ka-israyeli, sifike ukuba sisazi! wo kubona abasho bona-rakukhandleka ukuthi kungokuhle, nokuhle ukuthi kungububi, ababeka ubumnyama bube ngokukhanya, nokukhanya kube ngubumnyama, babeke nokubabayo kube ngubumtoti, nobumtoti bube ngokubabayo! wo kubona abahlakaniphile emheweni abo nabaqondile ekuboneni kwabo! wo kubona abangamaqhawe ngokuphuza iwayini namadoda anamandla ngokuxubani uphuzo olunamandla, abathetha ababi ngenxa yemivuzo, basuse ukulunga kwabalungileyo! ngalokho njengolimi lomlilo ludla amabibi, nezikhotha ezomileyo zizika elangabini, impande yabo iyakuba njengokubola, nemballi yabo iyakuthuquka njengebhuqu, ngokuba balahlile umthetho kajehova-aeiou sebawoti, balidelela izwi longcwele ka-israyeli. ngalokho intukuthelo kajehova-aeiou iyavuthela isizwe sakhe; welulela isandla sakhe kuso, uyasishaya; izintaba ziyathuthumela, nezidumbu zabo ziyimfucumfucu phakathi ezitaladini; kukho konke lokhu intukuthelo yakhe ayibuyi, isandla sakhe siseluliwe. uyakuphakamisela isizwe esikude ibhandela, asihlabelele ikhwelo ekugcineni komhlaba; bheka, uyeza masinyane ngejubane. akakho oyakukhathala, akhubeke kuso; akakho oyakozela, alale; ibhande lezinkalo zabo aliyikuthukuluka, nomchilo wezicatshulo zabo awuyikugqabuka, bona abamicibisholo yabo ibukhali, nayo yonke iminsalo yabo insaliwe; izinyawo zamahashi abo ziyakubalwa njengensengetsha, namasondo abo njengesivunguvungu. ukubhonga kwabo kunjengokwengonyama-kazi, bayakubhonga njengamabhongo ebhubesi, yebo, bayakugwavuma, babambe impango yabo, bamuke nayo, kungekho oyophulayo. bayakugwavuma phezu kwabo

ngalolo suku njengokuduma kolwandle; uma umuntu ebuka umhlaba, bheka, naso isigayegaye sobumnyama, nokukhanya kwenziwe mnyama ngamafu awo.

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ngomnyaka wokufa kwenkosi u-uziya ngabona ujejhova-aeiou ehlezi esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi esiphezulu nesiphakemeyo, umсила wengubo yakhe ugqwalisa ithempeli. ngaphezu kwakhe kwakumi amaserafi; yilelo nalelo lalinamaphiko ayisithupha; ngamabili lamboza ubuso, nangamabili lamboza izinyawo, nangamabili landiza. elinye lamemeza kwelinye, lathi: ungcwela, ungcwela, ungcwela ujejhova-aeiou sebawoti, wonke umhlaba ugchwela inkazimulo yakhe. izinsika zomnyango zathuthumela ngezwi lomemezayo, indlu yagcwala umusi. ngase ngithi: maye kimi! ngokuba ngiphelile, lokhu ngingumuntu ozindebe zakhe zingcolile, futhi ngihlezi phakathi kwabantu abazindebe zabo zingcolile, ngokuba amehlo ami abonile inkosi ujejhova-aeiou sebawoti. kepha landizela kimi elinye lamaserafi liphethe ilahle elivuthayo esandleni salo, elalilithathe ngodlawu e-altare, lathinta umlomo wami, lathi: bheka, lokhu kuthintile izindebe zakho; ububi bakho sebususiwe, nezono zakho zihlanguliwe. futhi ngezwa izwi lenkosi lithi: ngiyakuthuma bani, ngubani oyakusiyele na? ngase ngithi: bheka, nangu mina; ngithume mina. yathi: hamba usho kulaba bantu ukuthi: yizwani, yizwani, kepha ningaqondi; bonani, bonani, kepha ningazi. yenza inhliziyi yalaba bantu ukuba ikhuluphale, nezindlebe zabo zibe buthuntu, ufiphaze amehlo abo, funa babone ngamehlo abo, bezwe ngezindlebe zabo, baqonde ngenhliziyi yabo, babuye, baphilise. ngase ngithi: nkosi, koze kube nini na? yathi: kuze kuchithwe imizi, kungabe kusaba khona ohlala kuyo, nezindlu zingabe zisaba namuntu, nomhlaba uchitheke ube yize, ujejhova-aeiou aze adedisele kude abantu, nencithakalo ibe nkulu ezweni. yebo, noma kusekhona inxenye yeshumi kulo, yona iyakubuye ishiswe njengomtherebinte ne-oki okusiqu sakho simi lapho kugawulwa khona; inzalo engcwela iyisiqu sakho.

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kwathi ezinsukwini zika-ahazi indodana kajothamu ka-uziya, inkosi yakwajuda, uresini inkosi yase-aramu nopheka indodana karemalia, inkosi yakwa-israyeli, bakhuphukela ejerusalem ukulwa nalo, kepha babengenakulinqoba. kwatshelwa indlu kadavide ukuthi: i-aramu limise kwa-efrayimi.

yayisiqhaqhazela inhliziyi yakhe nenhliziyi yabantu bakhe njengemithi yasehlathini ithuthumela ngomoya. kepha ujejhova-aeiou wathi ku-isaya: mawuphume ukuhlanga beza u-ahazi, wena nosheyari jashubi indodana yakho, ngasekugcineni komsele wechibi lasenhla elingasendleleni yensimu yomhlanzi, usho kuye ukuthi: xwaya, uthule; ungesabi, nenhliziyi yakho mayingadangali ngemisila emibili yalezi zikhuni ezithunqayo, ngokuvutha kolaka lukaresini ne-aramu nolandodana karemalia. ngokuba i-aramu no-efrayimi nendodana karemalia bacebile bona-ra-ukukhandleka ngawe, bathi: masikhuphukele kwelakwajuda, silikhat-haze, sizinqobe le lona, sibeke inkosi phakathi kwalo, indodana kathabeyeli, ngalokho isho inkosi ulezi-ku, ithi: akuyikuma, futhi akuyikwenzeka. ngokuba inhloko yase-aramu iyidamaseku, nenhloko yedamaseku inguresini; phakathi kweminyaka engamashumi ayisithupha nanhlano u-efrayimi uyakwaphulwa angabe esaba yisizwe. inhloko yakwa-efrayimi iyisamariya, inhloko yesamariya iyindodana karemalia. uma ningakholwa, impela aniyikuma. ujejhova-aeiou waqhubeka ukukhuluma ku-ahazi, wathi: zicelele isibonakaliso kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, kujule endaweni yabafileyo, noma kuphakame phezulu. kepha u-ahazi wathi: angiyikucela, futhi angiyikumlinga ujejhova-aeiou. wayesethi: ake uzwe wena ndlu kadavide! kuncane kuwe ukukhathaza abantu, ukuze nimkhathaze nolezi-ku wami futhi na? ngalokho inkosi uqobo iyakukunika isibonakaliso: bheka, intombi iyakukhulelwa, izale indodana, ibize igama layo ngokuthi u-imanuweli. uyakudla amangqanga nezinyosi aze azi ukwala bona-ra-ukukhandleka, akhethe okuhle. ngokuba umntwana engakazi ukwala bona-ra-ukukhandleka nokukhetha okuhle, izwe okhathazwa ngamakhosi omabili alo liyakushiywa. ujejhova-aeiou uyakuletha phezu kwakho, naphezu kwabantu bakho, naphezu kwendlu kayihlo izinsuku ezingafikanga kusukela osukwini u-efrayimi asuka ngalo kwajuda yinkosi yase-asiriya. kuyakuthi ngalolo suku ujejhova-aeiou ahlalele ikhwelo izimpukane ezingasekugcineni kwemifula yasegibithe nezinyosi ezisezweni lase-asiriya. ziyakufika, ziphumule zonke ezigodini ezineziwa, nasemifantwini yamadwala, nasemahlanzeni onke, nasemadloleni onke. ngalolo suku inkosi iyakuphucula ngensingo eqashiweyo ngaphesheya komfula yinkosi yase-asiriya ikhanda noboya bezinyawo, futhi iyakuqeda nesilevu. kuyakuthi ngalolo suku indoda yondle isithole nezimvu ezimbili, bese kuthi ngobuningi bobisi ezilwehlisayo idle amangqanga, ngokuba amangqanga nezinyosi bayakukudla bonke abasele

ezweni. kuyakuthi ngalolo suku yonke indawo lapho kukhona imivini eyinkulungwane, elingene nezinhlamvu eziyinkulungwane zesiliva, ibe ngeyamakhakhasi nameva. kuyakuyiwa khona nemicibisholo nomnsalo, ngokuba izwe lonke liyakuba ngamakhakhasi nameva. ezintabeni zonke ezilinywa ngegeja akuyikuyiwa khona ngokwesaba amakhakhasi nameva, kepha ziyakuba ngezokuqhubela izinkabi nezokunathela kwezimvu.

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ujehova-aeiou wathi kimi: zithathele isibhebhe esikhulu, ubhale kuso ngokwendlela yomuntu ngokuthi umahere shalali hashi bazi. ngazifakazisela ofakazi abaqinisiye, u-urija umpristi nozakariya indodana kajeberekiya. ngase ngiya kumprofethikazi; wakhulelwa, wazala indodana. wayesethi uje-hova-aeiou kimi: biza igama layo ngokuthi umahere shalali hashi bazi. ngokuba umntwana engakazi ukumemeza ngokuthi baba nomame, kuyakususwa ingcebo yasedamaseku nempango yas-esamariya phambi kwenkosi yase-asiriya. uje-hova-aeiou wabuye wakhuluma kimi, wathi: ngenxa yokuba laba bantu badelela amanzi aseshilowa ahamba kancane, bathokoza ngoresini nendodana kare-maliya, ngalokho bheka, inkosi iyabakhuphulela amanzi omfula anamandla namaningi yinkosi yase-asiriya nabo bonke ubukhosi bayo ukhuphuke phezu kwazo zonke izingu zawo, weqe nazo zonke izindonga zawo, utheleke kwajuda, ukhukhule, ud-lule, ufinyelele entanyeni, besewugcwalisa ngamaphiko awo eluliweyo ububanzi bezwe lakho, imanuveli. bhevani nina zizwe, niyakuphela amandla nokho; bekan-iindlebe nina mazwe onke akude: zibhinceni, kepha niyakudangala, yebo, zibhinceni, niyakuphela amandla nokho. lulekanani nokululekana, apha kuyakuchithwa; khuluman-i izwi, kodwa aliyikuma, ngokuba ulezi-ku unathi. ngokuba ulezi-ku ukhulu-mile kanjalo kimi ngesandla esinamandla, wangiyala ukuba ngingahambi ngendlela yalaba bantu, wathi: ningasho ukuthi kuluzungu konke abakushoyo laba bantu ukuthi kuluzungu, ningesabi abakwesabayo, nibe novalo ngakho. uje-hova-aeiou se-bawoti, mngcweliseni yena, kube nguye enimesabayo, yebo, kube nguye enin-ovalo ngaye. uyakuba ngokungcwele, futhi abe yitshe lokukhubekisa, nedwala lokuwisa kuzo izindlu zombili zakwa-israyeli, abe lugibe nesihbe kwabakhileyo ejerusalem-a. abaninzi phakathi kwabo bayakukhubeka, bawe, baphuke, bacushwe, babanjwe. bopha ubufakazi, uwunamathele umthetho phakathi kwabafundi bami. ngiyakumlin-

dela uje-hova-aeiou ositheza ubuso bakhe kuyo indlu kakakobe, ngethembe kuye. bheka, mina, nabantwana uje-hova-aeiou anginike bona, siyizibonakalis-o neziman-galis kwa-israyeli, ezivela kujehova-aeiou se-bawoti ohlezi entabeni yasesiyoni. lapho bethi kini: funani kwabanamadlozi naku-bathakathi ababetha imilozi, banyenyeze pho, abantu abayikufuna ulezi-ku wabo yini? kuyiwe kwabafileyo ngabaphilayo na? emthethweni-ke nasebufakazini! impela leli zwi abalikhulumayo alinakho ukusa. bayakudabula izwe bexinekile, belambile; kuyakuthi lapho belamba, bavuke ulaka, bathuke inkosi yabo nolezi-ku wabo, bab-heke phezulu. bayakubheka nasemhlabeni; bheka, nakho ukuhlupheka, nobumnyama, nokuhwelela kosizi; yebo, bayakuxoshelwa esigayegayeni.

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kepha ukuhwelela akuyikuba khona kohluphekayo. njengesikhathi esidlule senza ukuba kufilise izwe lakwazebuloni nezwe lakwanafetali, isikhathi esizayo siyakwenza ukuba ikhazimule indlela yol-wandle ngaphesheya kwejordani, isifunda sabezizwe. abantu abahamba ebum-nyameni babona ukukhanya okukhulu; abahlezi ezweni lethunzi lokufa ukukhanya kuyabakhanyisela. uyakwandisa isizwe, ukhulise intokozo yaso; bathokoza phambi kwakho njengokuthokoza ekuvuneni, njen-galokhu abantu bethokoza ekwabeleni kwabo impango. ngokuba ijoka lomth-walo wabo, nenduku yamahlonbe abo, noswazi lomhluphi wabo uyakwaphula njengasosukwini lukamidiyani. ngokuba zonke izicathulo ezifakiweyo esiyaluyalwini sokulwa nezingubo ezingqwe egazini ziyakuba ngezokushiswa, zidliwe ngumlilo. :5 amah. 46:9. ngokuba sizalelwa umntwana, siphwi indodana; umbuso uyakuba semahlonbe akhe, negama lakhe liyakuthiwa umluleki omangalisayo, ulezi-ku onamandla, uyise ongunaphakade, inkosi yokuthula. umbuso uyakuba mkhulu, ukuthula kungabi nakuphela esihlalweni sobukhosi sikadavide nasembusweni wakhe, ukuze uqiniswe, usekelwe ngokwahlulela nangokulunga, kusukela manje kuze kube phakade. ukushisekela kuka-je-hova-aeiou se-bawoti kuyakwenza lokhu. inkosi ithume izwi kujakobe, lehlela kwa-israyeli. bonke abantu bayakwazi, u-efrayimi nabakhe esamariya, abasho ekuziphakamiseni kwabo nasekuziqhenyeni kwenhliziyo ukuthi: iz-itini ziwile, kepha siyakwakha ngamatsh-e abaziweyo; imithombe igawuliwe, kepha siyakutshala imisedari ezikhundleni zayo. uje-hova-aeiou uyabaphakamisela izitha zika-resini, ahlomise abamelene nabo, i-



aramu ngaphambili namafileti ngasemuva, bamudle u-israyeli ngomlomo okhamisiweyo; kukho konke lokhu intukuthelo yakhe ayibuyi, isandla sakhe siseluliwe. abantu ababuyelanga nokho kobashayileyo, futhi abamfunanga ujevova-aeiou seabawoti. ngalokho ujevova-aeiou uyanquma kwa-israyeli ikhanda nomsila, igatsha lesundu nomhlanga, ngalusuku lunye. ilunga nophakemeyo bayikhanda, nomprofethi ofundisa amanga ungumsila. ngokuba abahola laba bantu bayabadukisa, naba-holwa yibo bayagwinywa. ngalokho inkosi ayithokozi ngezinsizwa zabo, ayihawukeli izintandane nabafelokazi babo, ngokuba bonke bangabangenalezi-ku nabenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka, nayo yonke imilomo ikhuluma ubuwula; kukho konke lokhu intukuthelo yakhe ayibuyi, isandla sakhe siseluliwe. ngokuba ububi bushisa njen-gomlilo, buqeda amakhakhasi nameva, buthungele ezihlahleni zamahlathi, zize zifuquke insika yomusi. ngentukuthelo kajejova-aeiou seabawoti izwe lishisiwe; abantu bangukudla komlilo, akakho osindisa umfowabo. umuntu uyahlwitha ngakwesokunene, abe esalambile nokho, adle ngakwesokhohlo, kepha angasuthi; bayakudla, kube yilowo nalowo inyama yengalo yakhe, umanase u-efrayimi, no-efrayimi umanase, bobabili basukele kanyekanye ujuda; kukho konke lokhu intukuthelo yakhe ayibuyi, isandla sakhe siseluliwe.

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wo kubona abamisa izimiso ezimbi, nakubabhali ababhalisisa okuyingozi, ukuchezukisa abampofu ekwahluleleni, nokwaphuca abaswelayo babantu bami umthetho, ukuze abafelokazi babe yimpango yabo, baqhwege izintandane. niyakwenze njani ngosuku lokuhanjelwa nasekuchithakaleni okuvela kude na? niyakubalekela kubani ukuba nisizwe na? niyakushiya kubani imfuyo yenu na? uma ningaguqi phakathi kwababoshiweyo, niyakuwa phakathi kwababuleweyo; kukho konke lokhu intukuthelo yakhe ayibuyi, isandla sakhe siseluliwe. wo kulo i-asiriya, intonga yentukuthelo yami, nokusesandleni salo ukufutheka kwami kuyinduku. ngiyalithuma esizweni esingenalezi-ku, ngiliyaleze ngabantu bentukuthelo yami ukuba liphange impango, liqhwege, libenze okunyathelwayo njengodaka lwasezitaladini. nokho akusiwo umqondo walo, inhliziyi yalo ayicabangi kanjalo, kepha kusenhliziyweni yalo ukuchitha nokunquma izizwe ezingeyingcosana. ngokuba lithi: izikhulu zami zonke azisiwo amakhosi na? ikalino alinjengekharikemishi na? ihamati alinjenge-aripadi na? isamariya

alinjengedamaseku na? njengalokhu isandla sami siyitholile imibuso yezithombe ezimifanekiso yazo ebaziweyo yahlula eyasejerusalema neyasesamariya, anginakwenza yini kulo ijerusalema nezithombe zalo, njengalokhu ngenzile kulo isamariya nezithombe zalo, na? kuyakuthi lapho inkosi isiqedile wonke umsebenzi wayo entabeni yasesiyoni nasejerusalema, ijezise isithelo senhliziyo ezidlayo yenkosi yase-asiriya nokuzikhukhumeza kwamahlo ayo aziphakamisayo. ngokuba uthi: ngamandla esandla sami ngikwenzile, nangokuhlakanipha kwami, ngokuba nginokuqonda; ngisusile imikhawulo yezizwe, ngiphangile ingcebo yazo, njengesiqhwaga ngawisa phansi abakhileyo khona. isandla sami sifumene imfuyo yabantu njengesidleke, nanjengalokhu umuntu ebutha amaqanda ashiyiweyo ngibuthile wonke umhlaba, akwababikho oshaya phiko, novula mlomo, notshiyozayo. izembe liyakuzikhukhumeza kuye ogawula ngalo na? isaha liyakuzikhulisa kuye oliqhubayo, njengokungathi induku izamazamisa abayiphakamisayo, nofondolo luphakamisa ongesiyiwo umuthi, na? ngalokho inkosi ujevova-aeiou seabawoti iyakuthuma ukonda phakathi kwabakhulupheleyo bakhe, nangaphansi kodumo lwakhe kuyakuphembeka ukushisa njengokushisa komlilo. ukukhanya kuka-israyeli kuyakuba ngumlilo, ongwele wakhe abe yilangabi; kuyakushisa kuqeda ameva akhe namakhakhasi akhe ngalusuku lunye. iyakuqeda udumo lwehlathi lakhe nensimu yakhe, umzimba nomphefumulo, kube njengesiguli esinyamalalayo. insali yemithi yakhe iyakuba yingcosana, ukuze ibhalwe ngumntwana. kuyakuthi ngalolo suku insali yakwa-israyeli nabasindileyo bendlu kakakobe bangasenciki kobashayileyo, kepha bencike ngeginiso kujehova-aeiou ongwele ka-israyeli. insali iyakubuya, insali kakakobe, ibuyele kulezi-ku onamandla. ngokuba noma abantu bakho, israyeli, bengangesihlabathi solwandle, kuyakubuya phakathi kwabo insali nje; ukuchithwa kunquniwe, okuchichima ukulunga. ngokuba inkosi ujevova-aeiou seabawoti iyakwenza ukubhujiswa okunquniweyo phakathi kwawo wonke umhlaba. ngalokho isho kanje inkosi ujevova-aeiou seabawoti, ithi: we bantu bami, enakhe esiyoni, ningalesabi i-asiriya, lapho likushaya ngentonga yalo, liphakamisele kuwe udondolo lwalo ngendlela yasegibithe. ngokuba kusezakuba yisikhashana nje kuze kuphele ukufutheka kwami, intukuthelo yami ibe sekuchithweni kwalo. ujevova-aeiou seabawoti uyakulivusela isiswebhu njengasekubulaweni kwabakwamidiyani ngasedwaleni lika-orebi, nentonga yakhe iyakuba phezu kolwandle, ayiphakamise ngendlela yaseg-

ibithe. kuyakuthi ngalolo suku umthwalo walo ususwe emahlombe akho nejoka lalo entanyeni yakho. liyakhuphuka erimoni, liyeza e-ayati, lidlula emigrani; lethula impahla yalo emikimashi; badlula esikhaleni, ebusuku bahlala egeba; irama liyaqhaqhazela, igibeya likasawule liya-baleka. zamuluka ngezwi lakho, ndodakazi yasegalimi; qaphela, layishi, yiphendule, anathoti. imadimena selibalekile, abakhileyo egebimi bathutha impahla. namhla nje liyema ngasenobi, linikinele isandla salo intaba yendodakazi yasesiyoni, intaba yasejerusalem. bheka, inkosi ujeihova-aeiou sebawoti iyanquma amatatsha ngokwesabekayo, kugawulwe abaphakemeyo, nabazikhukhumezayo behliswe. izihlahla zehlathi ziyacatshwa ngensimbi, nelebenoni liyawa ngonamandla.

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kuyakuvula ihlumela esiqwini sikajese, kuphume igatsha ezimpandeni zakhe. umoya kajeihova-aeiou uyakuhlala phezu kwakhe, umoya wokuhlakanipha nowokuqonda, umoya wamasu nowamandla, umoya wokwazi nowokumesaba ujeihova-aeiou. intokozo yakhe iyakuba sekumesabeni ujeihova-aeiou; akayikwahlulela ngokubona kwamehlo akhe, anganqumi ngokuzwa kwezindlebe zakhe. kepha uyakwahlulela abampofu ngokulunga, anqume ngokufaneleyo abathobileyo bomhlaba, awushaye umhlaba ngentonga yomlomo wakhe, abulale ababi ngokuphefumula kwezindlebe zakhe. ukulunga kuyakuba yibhanda lezikalo zakhe, ukuthembeka kube yibhanda lamanyonga akhe. impisi iyakuhlala newundlu, ingwe ibuthise ndawonye nezinyane lembuzi, ithole nebhongo lengonyama kukhuluphaliswe kanyekanye, nomntwana omncane uyakukuhuba. inkomo nebhene kuyakuhlala, amazinyane akho abuthise ndawonye, ingonyama idle utshani njengenkabi. umntwana oncelayo uyakudlala ngasemgodini webululu, olunyuliweyo elulele isandla sakhe esiseleni sikamantshingeyana. abayikwenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka, bangachithi entabeni yonke yami engcwele, ngokuba umhlaba uyakugcwala ukumazi ujeihova-aeiou njengamanzi asibekela ulwandle. kuyakuthi ngalolo suku impande kajejese ime iyibhanela lezizwe; abezizwe bayakuyifuna, nendawo yayo iyakuba nodumo. kuyakuthi ngalolo suku inkosi ibuye yelule isandla sayo ngokwesibili ukuzwa insali yabantu bayo eyakusala e-asiriya, nasegibithe, nasephatirosi, nasekushe, nase-elamu, naseshineyari, nasehamati, naseziqhingini zolwandle. iyakuphakamisela abezizwe ibhanda, ibuthe abaxoshiweyo bakwa-israyeli, iqoqe abahlakazekileyo bakwajuda

emagumbini omane omhlaba. umhawu ka-efrayimi uyakusuka, nabacindezela ujuda bayakunqunywa; u-efrayimi akayikuba namhawu ngojuda, nojuda kayikucindezela u-efrayimi. kepha bayakundizela ehlobo lamafilesi ngasentshonalanga, baphange kanyekanye abantu basempumalanga, belulele izandla zabo ngakudomi nomowabi, abakwa-amoni babalalele. ujeihova-aeiou uyakuqalekisa itheku lolwandle lwasegibithe, anikisa isandla sakhe phezu komfula ngokuhwamula komoya wakhe, awushaye ube yiminonjana eyisikhombisa, ukuze kuhanjwe ngezicathulo. kuyakuba khona umgwaqo wensali yabantu bakhe, eyakusala e-asiriya, njengalokho kwakunjalo ku-israyeli ngosuku lokukhuphuka kwakhe ezweni lasegibithe.

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uyakusho ngalolo suku ukuthi: ngiyakubonga, jehova-aeiou, ngokuba wangukuthulela, kepha intukuthelo yakho isibuyile, uyangidudiza. bheka, ulezi-ku uyinsindiso yami; nginethemba, angesabi, ngokuba ujeihova-aeiou, ujeihova-aeiou ungamandla ami nehubo lami, waba yinsindiso yami. ngalokho niyakukha amanzi ngokujabula emithonjeni yensindiso. niyakusho ngalolo suku ukuthi: bongani ujeihova-aeiou, nibize igama lakhe, nizazise izenzo zakhe phakathi kwezizwe, nimemezele ukuthi igama lakhe liphakeme. hlabelelani kujehova-aeiou, ngokuba wenzile izinto ezinkulu; lokhu makwazeke emhlabeni wonke. memeza, ujabule wena ohlezi esiyoni, ngokuba mkhulu ongcwele ka-israyeli phakathi kwakho.

## 13

isiprofetho ngebabele asibonayo u-isaya indodana ka-amose. misani ibhanela entabeni elucwatha, nibaphakamisele izwi, nibaqhwebe ngezandla ukuba bangene emasangweni abakhulu. mina uqobo ngibayalile abangcwele bami, yebo, ngibizele amaqhawe ami okwentukuthelo yami, bona labo abami abajabula ngokuziqhenya. umsindo wesixuku ezintabeni kungathi ngowabantu abaningi! umsindo wokuxokozela kwemibuso yabezizwe ihlangene! ujeihova-aeiou sebawoti uyabutha impi yakhe. bavela ezweni elikude nasekugcineni kwezulu ujeihova-aeiou nezikhali zentukuthelo yakhe, ukuba bachithe umhlaba wonke. klewulani, ngokuba usuku lukajehova-aeiou lusondele; njengencithakalo evela kusomandla luyafika. ngalokho izandla zonke ziyadangala, nezinhliziyi zonke ziyaphela amandla. bayashaqeka, baban-

jwa yiminjunju nobuhlungu, bazibinya njengababelethayo. babhekana omunye nomunye bemangala. ubuso babo bungubuso bamalangabi. bheka, usuku lukajehova-aeiou luyeza, lunonya, lunokufutheka, lunokuvutha kolaka, ukuba lwenz'ize umhlaba, luchithe izoni zawo kuwo. ngokuba izinkanyezi zezulu nawondwenjana bazo akuyikukhanya; ilanga liyakuba mnyama ekuphumeni kwalo, nenyanga ayisayikukhipa ukukhanya kwayo. ngiyakulijezisa izwe ngobubi balo, nababi ngezono zabo, ngenze ukuba kuphele ukuzidla kwabaziqhenyayo, ngithobise ukuziphakamisa kwabacindezeli. ngiyakwenza umuntu abe yigugu kunegolide elihle, yebo, umunt ukazana kunegolide elicwengekileyo. ngalokho ngiyakuzamazamisa izulu, umhlaba unyakaziswe endaweni yawo, ngentukuthelo kajehova-aeiou seabawoti ngosuku lokuvutha kwentukuthelo yakhe. kuyakuthi njengensephe exoshwayo nezimvu ezingaqoqwa muntu, baphendukele, kube yilowo nalowo kubantu bakubo, babalekele, kube yilowo ezweni lakubo, bonke abatholwayo bayakugwazwa, nabo bonke ababanjwayo bayakuwa ngenkamba. izingane zabo ziyakuchotshozwa emehlweni abo, izindlu zabo ziphangwe, omkabo baphoqwe. bhekani, ngiyakubavusela amamede angayikunaka isiliva, negolide angathokozi ngalo. iminsalo iyakuwisa phansi izinsizwa zabo; abayikuhawukela isithelo esisesizalweni, amehlo abo angabi nasihe kubantwana. ibabele, umhlobiso wemibuso, isivunulo sokuzikhukhumeza kwamakaledi, liyakuba njengokuchitha kukalezi-ku isodoma negomora. alisoze labuye lakhiwa, akusayikuhlalwa kulo ezizukulwaneni ngezizukulwane; umarabiya akayikumisa khona, nabelusi abayikulala lapho nemihlambi yabo. kepha izilwane zasehlane ziyakubuthisa khona, nezindlu zalo ziyakugcwala izikhova; kuyakuhlala lapho izintshe, namademoni ayakungqabashiya khona. izimpungushe ziyakuhlala ezinqabeni zalo, namakhanka ezindlini zamakhosi; siseduze ukufika isikhathi salo, nezinsuku zalo aziyikwandiswa.

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ngokuba ujahova-aeiou uyakumhawukela ujakobe, abuye amkhethe u-israyeli, ababeke ezweni lakubo; nabafokazi bayakuzihlanganisa nabo, banamathele endlini kakabobe. abantu bayakubathatha, babayise ezindaweni zabo; indlu yakwa-israyeli iyakubenza ifa ezweni likajehova-aeiou, babe yizinceku nezincekukazi, babathumbe labo abakade bethunjiwe yibo, babuse phezu kwabacindezeli babo. kuyakuthi ngosuku ujahova-aeiou akuphumuza ngalo

ebuhlungwini bakho, nasekuhluphekeni kwakho, nasemsebenzini olukhuni obusetshenziwa ngawo, uphakamise lesi saga ngenkosi yasebabele, uthi: yeka ukuphela komcindezeli nokugcina kokubhensa! ujahova-aeiou waphulile undodolo lwababi nentonga yababusi eyashaya abantu ngentukuthelo ngokushaya okunganqamukiyo, eyabusa izizwe ngolaka ngokuzingela okunganqandwanga. wonke umhlaba uyaphumula, usenokuthula; baqhumuka ngokuhlabelela. yebo, nemisayipuresi ithokoza ngawe, kanye nemisedari yaselebanoni, ngokuthi: selokhu walaliswa phansi, akakho umgawuli okhuphukela kithina. indawo yabafileyo ngaphansi inyakazisiwe ukuba ikuhlangabeze ekufeni kwakho, ikuvusele izithunzi, zonke izikhulu zomhlaba, isukumise onke amakhosi ezizwe ezihlalweni zawo zobukhosi. onke ayakuthatha athi kuwe: nawe usubuthakathaka njengathi, usufana nathi, na? ubukhosi bakho sebehlelwe endaweni yabafileyo, umsindo wezingubhu zenu; izimpethu zenekiwe ngaphansi kwakho, nezibungu ziyakusibekela. yeka ukuwa kwakho ezulwini, khwezi elikhanyayo, ndodana yokusa, nokunqunyelwa kwakho phansi, wena owawuthobisa izizwe. wena wathi enhliziyweni yakho: ngiyakukhuphukela ezulwini, ngiphakamise isihlalo sami sobukhosi phezu kwezinkanyezi zikalezi-ku, ngihlale entabeni yomhlango ngasekugcineni kwasenyakatho. ngiyakukhuphuka phezu kwezindawo eziphakemeyo zamafu, ngizenze ngibe ngangophezikonke. kepha uyakwehliselwa endaweni yabafileyo, ekugcineni komgodi. abakubonayo bayakugqolozela, bakuqaphele, bathi: nguye lo muntu owawuzamazamisa umhlaba, wanyakazisa imibuso, owenza izwe laba yihlane, wayichitha imizi yalo, akavumela iziboshwa zakhe ukuba zigoduke, na? onke amakhosi ezizwe, onke alala ngodumo, yileyo nalayo endlini yayo. kepha wena ulahlile ngaphandle kwethuna lakho njengegathsha elinengekayo, ligqokwe ngababuleweyo, abahlatshe yinkemba, abehlela ematsheni omgodi njengesidumbu esinyathelweyo. awuyikuhlanganiswa nabo ekumbeleni, ngokuba uchithile izwe lakho, wabulala abantu bakho; inzalo yababi ayisayikubizwa ngegama naphakade. lungiselani abantwana bakhe ukubulawa ngobubi bawoyise, ukuze bangavuki, badle ifa lomhlaba, bagcwalise ubuso bezwe ngemizi. ngiyakubavukela, usho ujahova-aeiou seabawoti, ngingume eba-bele igama, nensali, nendodana, nomzukulwana, usho ujahova-aeiou. ngiyakulenza libe yifa likanondwebu namachibi amanzi, ngilishanele ngomshanelo wencithakalo, usho ujahova-aeiou seabawoti. ujahova-aeiou seabawoti ufungile, wathi: impela

njengokulinganisa kwami kuyakuba njalo, nanjengokunquma kwami kuyakuma kanjalo ukuthi ngiyakumaphula owase-asiriya ezweni lami, ngimnyathele phansi ezintabeni zami; bese lisuka kubo ijoka lakhe, nomthwalo wakhe usuke emahlombe abo. yilesi esiyisinqumo esinqunywe emhlabeni wonke; yilesi esiyisandla eseluliwe phezu kwezizwe zonke. ngokuba ujejhova-aeiou sebewoti unqumile; ngubani ongakuchitha na? isandla sakhe singeseliwileyo; ngubani ongasibuyisa na? ngomnyaka wokufa kwenkosi u-ahazi kwavela lesi siprofetho. ungathokozi wena filistiya lonke ngokuthi intonga ekushayileyo yaphukile, ngokuba empandeni yenyoka kuyakuphuma ibululu, nenzalo yalo iyakuba yinyoka endizayo. amazibulo abampofu ayakuklaba, nabaswelayo bayakulala belondekile; ngiyakubulala impande yakho ngendlala, nensali yakho iyakubhujiswa. klewula wena sango, dzazuluka wena muzi, phela amandla wena filistiya lonke! ngokuba enyakatho kuvela umusi; akakho oyakwahlukana nebutho lakhe. izithunywa zesizwe ziyakuphendulwa ngokuthini na? ukuthi ngujejhova-aeiou obeke isisekelo esiyoni; abahluphekayo babantu bakhe bayakuphephela kulo.

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isiprofetho ngomowabi. impela ebusuku bunye i-ari mowabi linqotshiwe, lichithekile; impela ebusuku bunye ikhiri mowabi linqotshiwe, lichithekile. bayakhuphukela ethempelini; idiboni lenyukela ezindaweni eziphakemeyo ukuyokhala; umowabi uyaklewula enebo nasemedeba; onke amakhanda ayizimpandlana, zonke izilevu ziphuculiwe. ezitaladini zabo bayabhinca indwangu yamasaka, nasophahleni lwabo nasezigcawini zabo bayaklewula bonke, bamululeka izinyembezi. iheshiboni liyadzuluka kanye ne-elehale; izwi labo lizwakala kuze kube nasejahasi; ngalokho amabutho akwamowabi ayakhamuluka, umphefumulo wakhe uyathuthumela phakathi kwakhe. inhliziyi yami ikhalela umowabi; ababalekileyo bakhe bayabalekela esora, nase egila shelishiya; yebo, nasegqumeni laseluhithe bakhuphukela bekhala, nasendleleni eya ehoronayimi, bephakamisa izwi lokudazuluka. ngokuba amanzi asenimrimi ayincithakalo, notshani buyoma, uhlaza luyaphela, akusekho okuluhlaza. ngalokho okuseleyo abakutholileyo, nemfuyo yabo, bakuvelisa umfula weminyezane. ngokuba ukukhala kuzungeze imikhawulo yakwamowabi, nokuklewula kwakhe kuze kube se-egelayimi, nokububula kwakhe kuze kube seberi elimi. ngokuba amanzi asedimoni agcwele igazi; yebo, ngiyakwehlisela idimoni nokunye: ingonyama phezu kwabasindileyo

bakwamowabi, insali yezwe.

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thumani amawundlu ombusi wezwe aphume esela ngasehlane, aye entabeni yendodakazi yasesiyoni. kuyakuthi njengezinyoni ezizulazulayo, njengamaphuphu ahlakazekileyo, abe njalo amadodakazi akwamowabi emazibukweni ase-arinoni. lulekanani, nenze izinqumo, ubeke isithunzi sakho njengobusuko phakathi kwemini, nithukuse abaxoshiweyo, ningadaluli ababalekileyo. abaxoshiweyo bakwamowabi mabahlale kuwe; mawube yisivikelo kubo ebusweni bomchithi. lapho umcindezeli esephelile, nokuchitha sekuyekiwe, nabanyathelayo sebeqediwe ezweni, kuyakumiswa isihlalo sobukhosi ngomusa, kuhlale kuso ngeqiniso etendeni likadavide umahluleli ofuna ukwahlulela esheshisa ukulunga. sizwe ngokuziphakamisa kukamowabi ukuthi uphakeme kakhulu, nangokuzidla kwakhe nokuziqhenya kwakhe nentukuthelo yakhe nokuphafa kwakhe okuzenzisayo. ngalokho umowabi uyaklewula ngomowabi; bonke bayakuklewula. niyakukhala ngezigaxa zezithelo zomvini ezomileyo zasekhiri haresheti nidabukile kakhulu. ngokuba amasimu aseheshiboni abunile kanye nomvini wasesibima; amakhosi ezizwe achithile amagatsha awo; afinyelela nasejazeri, edukela nasehlane; amahlumela awo elulwa, awela ulwandle. ngalokho ngiyakukhalela umvini wasesibima njengokukhala kwejazeri, ngikumanzise, heshiboni, ngezinymbeki zami, nawe elehale, ngokuba phezu kwezithelo zakho nokuvuna kwakho kuwile ukumemeza kwempi. ukuthokoza kususiwe kanye nokujabula ensimini; nasezivinini akuhlatshelelwa, akujatshulwa; abanyathelayo abalinyatheli iwayini ezikhamweni; ngenze ukuba kuphele ukumemeza. ngalokho inhliziyi yami iyakhala njengehabhu ngomowabi, nokuphakathi kwami ngekhir heresi. kuyakuthi lapho umowabi esebonakala, azikhathaze endaweni ephakemeyo, aye endlini yakhe engcwele ukuba athandaze, angaphumeleli. yileli izwi ujejhova-aeiou alikhulumayo ngomowabi ngaleso sikhathi. kepha manje ujejhova-aeiou ukhulumile ukuthi: phakathi kweminyaka emithathu njengeminyaka yomqashwa udumo lukamowabi luyakudelelwa, noma enezixuku eziningi; insali iyakuba ncane kakhulu, ingabi namandla.

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isiprofetho ngedamaseku. idamaseku liyakususwa, lingabe lisaba ngumuzi,

libe yinxiwa nencithakalo eshiyiwe kuzé kuba phakade, neyakuba ngeyemihlambi ebuthisa khona, ingesatshiswa muntu. inqaba iyakuphela kwa-efrayimi, nombuso edamaseku, nensali e-aramu, kube njengodumo lwabantwana bakwa-israyeli, usho ujejhova-aeiou sebawoti. kuyakuthi ngalolo suku udumo luka jakobe lube buthakathaka, kuzace ukukhuluphala kwenyama yakhe. kuyakuba njengomvuni ovuna amabele asemi ngalo yakhe evuna izikhwebu, kube njengokukha izikhwebu esigodini samarefa. kepha umkhotohozo uyakusala khona njenkokushaywa kweminqomo: izithelo ezimbili noma ezintathu enhlokweni phezulu, ezine noma eziyisihlanu emagatsheni omuthi, usho ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli. ngalolo suku abantu bayakumbheka umenzi wabo, namehlo abo ayakumbuka ongwele ka-israyeli. abayikubheka ama-altare abo, umsebenzi wezandla zabo, bangabuki okwenziwe yiminwe yabo, o-ashera nama-altare empepho. ngalolo suku imizi yabo enamandla iyakuba njengezindawo ezishiyiweyo zasehlathini nezaseziqongweni zezintaba abazishiya phambi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli zibe yincithakalo. ngokuba ukhohliwe ulezi-ku wokusindiswa kwakho, awukhumbulanga idwala lamandla akho; ngalokho noma utshala izithombo ezimnandi, uhlwanyele amahlumela angaziwayo, ngosuku lokutshala kwakho, lapho ubiyela, nangokusa kokuhlwanyela kwakho, lapho wenza ukuba kuqhakaze, ukuvuna kuyakubaleka ngosuku losizi nolobuhlungu obungenakupholiswa. wo kukho ukuhlolokoma kwezizwe eziningi ezihlokoma njengokuhlolokoma kwezilwandle, nomsindo wokuxokozela kwabezizwe abaxokozela njengokuxokozela kwamanzi amaningi. izizwe ziyaxokozela njengokuxokozela kwamanzi amaningi, kodwa uyakuzisola, zibalekele kude, zixoshwe njengamakhoba asezintabeni phambi komoya, nothuli olushilayo phambi kwesiphepho. ngesikhathi sokuhlwa, bheka, yingebhe; kungakasi azisekho. yilesi esiyisabelo sabasiphangayo, nenkatho yabasamukayo.

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wo kuwena lizwe lokushazwa kwamaphiko eliphesheya komfula wasekushe, elithuma izigijimi ngolwandle nangemikhumbi yemihlanga phezu kwamanzi. hambani nina zithunywa ezinejubane, niye esizweni esidephileyo nesikhazimulayo, kubantu abesabekayo lapha nasekudeni, isizwe esinamandla amakhulu nesinyathelayo, esilizwe laso lidatshulwe yimifula. nonke nina enakhileyo ezweni nani nonke enihlezi emhlabeni bhekani, lapho ibhanela liphakanyiswa ezintabeni; zwanini, lapho icilongo

libethwa. ngokuba ujejhova-aeiou ushilo kimi kanje, wathi: ngiyakubheka ngithule, ngisendaweni yami, njengokubalela okukhazimula ekukhanyeni kwelanga, njengefu lamazolo ekufudumaleni ngesikhathi sokuvuna. ngokuba kungakafiki ukuvuna, nokukhahlela sekuphelile, nembali isiphen-duka isithelo esivuthiweyo, uyakunquma amahlumela ngawocelumba, awasike amagatsha, awasue. ayakushiywa ndawonye abe ngawamanqe asezintabeni nawezilwane zasemhlabeni; amanqe ayakuhlala ehlobo phezu kwawo, nazo zonke izilwane zomhlaba ziyakuhlala ebusika phezu kwawo. ngaleso sikhathi kuyakulethwa isipho kujehova-aeiou sebawoti yibo abantu abadephileyo nabakhazimulayo, sivela kubantu abesabekayo lapha nasekudeni, isizwe esinamandla amakhulu nesinyathelayo, esilizwe laso lidatshulwe yimifula, endaweni yegama likajehova-aeiou sebawoti, intaba yasesiyoni.

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isiprofetho ngegibithe. bheka, ujejhova-aeiou ukhwele phezu kwefu elinejubane, uyeza egibithe; olezi-ku basegibithe bayathuthumela ebusweni bakhe, nezinhliyo zabasegibithe ziphela amandla phakathi kwabo. ngiyakuvusa abasegibithe ukuba bamelane nabasegibithe, balwe, kube yilowo nalowo nomfowabo, kube yilowo nalowo nomakhelwane wakhe, umuzi nomuzi, umbuso nombuso. umoya wasegibithe uyakuba yize ngaphakathi kwalo; ngiyakuchitha amasu alo; bayakufuna olezi-ku, nezinyanga, nabanamadlozi, nabathakathi. ngiyakubanikeza abasegibithe esandleni senkosi elukhuni, nenkosi enamandla iyakubusa phezu kwabo, isho inkosi ujejhova-aeiou sebawoti. amanzi ayakuphela elwandle, umfula wome, ushe. imifula iyakunuka, imifudlana yasegibithe iyakuncipha, yome, kubune umhlanga nebungu. kuyakuba khona uqwathule ngasenayile, ngasogwini lwenayile, nakho konke okutshaliwe ngasenayile kuyakoma, kuhlakazwe, kungabe kusababikho. abadobi bayakukhala, balile, bonke abaphonsa udobo enayile; nabeneka amanetha emanzini bayakudabuka. bayakujabha abasebenza ngefhlakisi eliklayiweyo kanye nabaluki belineni. izisekelo zalo ziyakwaphulwa, bonke abasebenza ngokuqashwa badabuke ngenhliyo. izikhulu zasoswani ziyiziwula impela, nesiluleko sabaluleki abahlakaniphileyo bakafaro siphendukile ubuwula; ningasho kanjani kufaro ukuthi: mina ngiyindodana yabahlakaniphileyo, ngiyindodana yamakhosi asendulo, na? pho, baphi abahlakaniphileyo bakho na? mabakutshale, bakwazise lokhu akuce-

bile ujeheva-aeiou sebaŵoti ngegiibithe. izikhulu zasoswani ziphendukile iziŵula, izikhulu zasenofi zikhohlisiwe; balidukisile igibithe abangamatshe amagumbi ezizwe zalo. ujeheva-aeiou uthulule umoya ophambeneyo phakathi kwabo, baze balintengantengise igibithe kuyo yonke imisebenzi yalo njengesidakwa sintengantenga ebuhlanzweni baso. igibithe aliyikuba namsebenzi oyakwenziwa yikhanda nomsila, negatsha lesundu nomhlanga. ngalolo suku igibithe liyakuba njengabesifazane, lithuthumele, lesabe ukunikina kwesandla sikajeheva-aeiou sebaŵoti asinikina phezu kwalo. izwe lakwajuda liyakuba yingebhe yegibithe; njalo lapho likhunjuza ngalo, liyakwesaba icebo ujeheva-aeiou sebaŵoti alicebe ngalo. ngalolo suku kuyakuba yimizi eyisihlanu ezweni lasegibithe eyakukhuluma ulimi lwasekhanani, ifunge ujeheva-aeiou sebaŵoti; omunye uyakuthiwa umuzi welanga. ngalolo suku kuyakuba khona i-altare kujehova-aeiou phakathi kwezwe lasegibithe, nensika kujehova-aeiou emkhawulweni walo. liyakuba yisibonakaliso nobufakazi kujehova-aeiou sebaŵoti ezweni lasegibithe, ngokuba bayakukhala kujehova-aeiou ngabacindezeli; yena uyakubathumela umsindisi nomvikeli, abophule. ujeheva-aeiou uyakuzazisa egibithe, nabasegibithe bayakumazi ujeheva-aeiou ngalolo suku, bamkhonze ngomhlathshelo nomnikelo, benze izithembiso kujehova-aeiou, bazigcwalise. ujeheva-aeiou uyakulishaya igibithe, elishaya, abeseliphulukisa; bayakubuyela kujehova-aeiou, bamncenge, abaphulukise. ngalolo suku kuyakuba khona umendo ophuma egibithe uye e-asiriya; i-asiriya liyakungena egibithe, igibithe lingene e-asiriya, igibithe likhuleke kanye ne-asiriya. ngalolo suku u-israyeli uyakuba ngowesithathu kanye negibithe ne-asiriya, babe yisibusiso phakathi komhlaba, ujeheva-aeiou sebaŵoti ababusisa ngaso, ethi: malibusiswe igibithe abantu bami, ne-asiriya umsebenzi wezandla zami, ne-israyeli ifa lami.

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ngomnyaka wokufika kukatharithani e-ashidodi, ethunye ngusarigoni, inkosi yase-asiriya, walwa ne-ashidodi, walithatha, ngaleso sikhathi ujeheva-aeiou wakhuluma ngesandla sika-isaya indodana ka-amose, wathi: hamba uthukulule indwangu yamasaka okhalweni lwakho, ukhumule izicathulo zakho ezinyaweni zakho. wenze njalo, wahamba ze, akafakanga nazicathulo. ujeheva-aeiou wathi: njengalokhu inceku yami u-isaya isihambe ze ingafakile nazicathulo iminyaka emitathu, iyisibonakaliso nesimangaliso egibithe nasekushe, kanjalo inkosi yase-asiriya iyakumukisa abathunjwa

basegibithe nabaxoshiweyo basekushe, abasha nabadala, behamba ze, bengafakile nazicathulo, izinqe zabo zihlubiwe, kube yihlazo lasegibithe. bayakuphela amandla, babe namahloni ngekushe ithemba labo nangegibithe udumo lwabo. abakhileyo kuleli elingasogwini bayakuthi ngalolo suku: bheka, linjalo ithemba lethu esabalekela kulo ukuba sisizwe, sophulwe enkosini yase-asiriya; pho-ke, thina siyakuphunyuka kanjani na?

## 21

isiprofetho ngehlane lolwandle. njengokudlula kwezivunguvungu eningizimu kuvela ehlane ezweni elesabekayo. ngishelwe umbono olukhuni: umphangi uyaphanga, umchithi uyachitha. yenyuka, elamu, vimbezela, mediya; konke ukukhala kwalo ngikwenza kuphele. ngalokho ukhalo lwami lugcwele imihelo; inkwantshu ingibambile njengenkwantshu yobelethayo; ngikhonko-bele ukuba ngingezwa, ngiphele amandla ukuba ngingaboni. ngadukelwa yingqondo, ngashaywa luvalo; ukuhwelela engakulangazelela kwaphenduka ukuthuthumela kimi. ngukulungisa itafula yini? ngukwendlala izindwangu, ukudla nokuphuza, na? hhayi, sukumani, zikhulu, nicobe izihlangu. ngokuba ishilo kanje inkosi, yathi: hamba umise umlindi ozakubika akubonayo. lapho ebona abamahhashi, amahhashi amabili ngamabili, nezinkweli zezimbongolo, nezinkweli zamakamela, uyakuqaphela nokuqaphela ngesineke esikhulu. obonayo wayesememeza, wathi: nkosi yami, ngimi njalo emini embhoshongweni wami, ngihlezi ngisemlindelweni nasebusuku bonke. bheka, kuyeza isigaba samadoda, amahhashi amabili ngamabili. wathatha wathi: liwile, liwile ibabele, nazo zonke izithombe ezibaziweyo zawolezi-ku-balo zidilizwe phansi. wena ongokubhulweyo kwami kwesibuya sami, engikuzwileyo kujehova-aeiou sebaŵoti, ulezi-ku-ka-israyeli, khona ngiyanazisa. isiprofetho ngeduma. ukhona ongimemeza ngiseseyiri, ethi: mlindi, yisikhathi sini sobusuku na? mlindi, yisikhathi sini sobusuku na? umlindi wathi: kuyeza ukusa, kepha kuse sebusuku. uma nithanda ukubuza, buzani; buyani nize. isiprofetho nge-arabiya. hlalani ebusuku ehlathini lase-arabiya nina mafele asededanimi. owomileyo bamlethela amanzi abakhileyo ezweni lasethema, bahlangabeza ababalekayo nesinkwa. ngokuba babalekela izinkemba, izinkemba ezihoshiweyo, neminsalo ensaliweyo, nobunzima bempi. ngokuba inkosi ishilo kimi kanje, yathi: phakathi komnyaka, njengeminyaka yomqashwa, udumo lonke lwasekedari luyakuphela, nensali yenani

leminsalo yamaqhawe abasekedari iyakuba ncane, ngokuba ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli ukhulumile.

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isiprofetho ngesigodi sombono. yini, pho, ukuba ukhuphukele wonke ophahleni lwezindlu wena muzi ogcwele ukumemeza, oxokozelayo, muzi othokozayo, na? ababuleweyo bakho ababulawanga ngenkamba, kabafelanga empini. zonke izinduna zakho zibalekile kanyekanye, zaboshwa ngaphandle kweminsalo; zonke ezakho ezafunyanwayo zaboshwa kanyekanye, noma zazibalekele kude. ngalokho ngathi: ningangibheki, ngiyakukhala ngomunyu; ningazami ukungiduduza ngenxa yokuchithwa kwendodakazi yabantu bami. ngokuba kulusuku lokukhathazeka, nolokunyathelwa phansi, nolokungathheka, oluvela enkosini ujevova-aeiou seabawoti esigodini sombono kanye nokudilizwa kwezingange nokumemeza ezintabeni. i-elamu lathwala isambo phakathi kwezinqola, nabantu, namahhashi, nekhiri lambula isihlangu. kwathi izigodi zakho ezikhethekileyo zagcwala izinqola, nabamahhashi bazihlela nokuzihlela ngasesangweni. wasisua isimbozo kwajuda; wena wabheka ngalolo suku izikhali zasendlini yehlathi. nabona imifantu emzini kadavide ukuthi yayiminingi, nawaqoqa amanzi asechibini lasenzansi. nazibala izindlu zasejerusalema, nazidiliza izindlu ukuba niluqinise ugange. futhi nenzela amanzi echibi elidala umgodi phakathi kwezingange zombili, kepha anibhekanga kumenzi walokho, animnakanga okade wakunquma. ngalolo suku inkosi ujevova-aeiou seabawoti yabizela ukukhala, nokulila, nobumpandla, nokubhica indwangu yamasaka, kepha bheka, nakhu ukujabula, nokuthokoza, nokubulala izinkabi, nokuhlaba izimvu, ukudla inyama nokuphuzwa iwayini, ngokuthi: masidle, siphuze, ngokuba ngomuso sizakufa. kepha ujevova-aeiou seabawoti wazibonakalisa ezindlebeni zami, wathi: impela lesi sono asiyikuhlangulwa kini nize nife, isho inkosi ujevova-aeiou seabawoti. isho kanje inkosi ujevova-aeiou seabawoti, ithi: hamba uye kuleyo nduna ushebina ophezu kwendlu, uthi: wenzani lapha, futhi unobani lapha ukuba uziqophele lapha ithuna na? uziqophela ithuna lakhe phezulu, uzikipilitela indawo yokuhlala edwaleni! bheka, ujevova-aeiou uyakukulahla njengalokhu umuntu elahla, abambe nokubamba. uyakukuthandela nokukuthandela njengokuthandelweyo, akulahle njengegabede ezweni elibanzi. uyakufela khona, lapho kuyakuba khona nezinqola zodumo lwakho wena hlazo lendlu yenkosi yakho. ngiyakukuhlolozela

esikhundleni sakho, ngikuwise endaweni yakho. kuyakuthi ngalolo suku ngiyibize inceku yami u-eliyakimi indodana kahlikiya; ngiyakumembathisa ingubo yakho, ngimqinise ngebhande lakho, nginikeze ukubusa kwakho esandleni sakhe, abe nguyise kwabakhileyo ejerusalema nakuyo indlu yakwajuda. ngiyakubeka isihluthelole sendlu kadavide ehlobo lakhe; uyakuvula kungavali muntsha, avale kungavali muntu. ngiyakumbethelisa okwesipikili endaweni eqinileyo, abe yisihlalo sobukhosi esikhazimulayo endlini kayise. bayakuphanyeka phezu kwakhe lonke udumo lwendlu kayise, inzalo nabantwana, zonke izitsha ezincane, imicengezi nezinkamba. ngalolo suku, usho ujevova-aeiou seabawoti, isipikili esabethelwa endaweni eqinileyo siyakukhuluma, sinqanyulwe, siwe, nomthwalo obukuso unqunywe, ngokuba ujevova-aeiou ukhulumile.

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isiprofetho ngetire. klewulani nina, mikhumbi yasetharishishi, ngokuba lichithekile; indlu ayisekho, nokungena akusenakwenzeka; kwambulelwe kubo kuvela ezweni lasekitimi. thulani nina enakhileyo ngasogwini, nina abathengisi basesidoni abanigcwalisile bedabula elwandle. emanzini amaningi imbewu yasesihori nokuvuna kwenayile kwakuyinzuzo yalo; laliyindawo yokuthenga kuzo izizwe. yiba namahloni wena sidoni, ngokuba lukhulumile ulwandle, inqaba yolwandle, ngokuthi: angibanga namihelo, angizalanga, angikhulisanga izinsizwa, angondlana izintombi. lapho kubikwa egibithe, bayakuthuthumela ngokuzwa ngetire. welani niye etharishishi; klewulani nina enakhileyo ngasogwini. yilowo ongumuzi wenu ojabulayo, ubudala bawo busukela ezinsukwini zasendulo, owayiswa kude yizinyawo zawo ukuba uhlale khona, na? ngubani ocele lokhu ngetire eliqhelisayo, elibathengi balo bayizikhulu, nabahwebi balo bangabadumileyo bomhlaba, na? ngujevova-aeiou seabawoti okucebileyo ukuba konakaliswe ukuziphakamisa kwabo bonke ubukhosi, badeleleke bonke abadumileyo bomhlaba. dabula izwe lakho njengenayile, ndodakazi yasetharishishi; akusekho bhande. welulile isandla sakhe phezu kolwandle, wamazamazisa imibuso; ujevova-aeiou uyalezile ngekhanani ukuba kuchithwe izinqaba zalo. wathi: awusayikujabula wena ntombi ehlazisiweyo, ndodakazi yasesidoni; vuka, uwelele ekitimi; nalapho awuyikuthola ukuphumula. bheka, izwe lamakaledi, leso sizwe esingasekho, esanqunyelwa yi-asiriya izilwane zasehlane, limisa imibhoshongo, lizenza ize izindlu

zaso zamakhosi, lenza laba yincithakalo. klewulani nina mikhumbi yasetharishishi, ngokuba inqaba yenu ichithekile. kuyakuthi ngalolo suku itire likhohlakale iminyaka engamashumi ayisikhombisa njengezinsuku zankosinye. ngasekupheleni kweminyaka engamashumi ayisikhombisa kuyakuba khona kulo itire njengasesihlabelweni sesifebe: thatha ihabbu, uhambahambe emzini wena sifebe esikhohlakeleyo, ubethe kamnandi, uhlabelele izihlabelelo eziningi, ukuze ukhunjulwe. kuyakuthi ngasekupheleni kweminyaka engamashumi ayisikhombisa ujhova-aeiou ahambele itire, lona libuyele enzuzweni yalo, lifebe nayo yonke imibuso yezwe ebusweni bomhlaba. intengo yalo nenzuzo yalo iyakuba ngcwele kujehova-aeiou; ayiyikunqwabelwa, ilondolozwe, ngokuba intengo yalo iyakuba ngeyabahlala phambi kukajehova-aeiou, ukuze badle basuthe, babe nezingubo ezinhle.

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bheka, ujhova-aeiou wenza ize umhlaba, awuchithe, agumbuqele ubuso bawo, ahlakaze abakhileyo kuwo. kuyakuthi njengakubantu kube njalo kumpristi, nanjengasencekwini kube njalo enkosini yayo, nanjengasencekuzini kube njalo enkosikazini yayo, nanjengakumthengi kube njalo kumthengisi, nanjengakotshlekayo kube njalo kobolekayo, nanjengakobiza inzalo kube njalo kokhokha inzalo. umhlaba uyakuba yize leze, uphangwe nokuphangwa, ngokuba ujhova-aeiou ukhulumile izwi lakhe. umhlaba uyalila, ubune; izwe liyaphela amandla, linyamalale, abaphakemeyo bomhlaba badangale. umhlaba wonakalisiwe phansi kwabakhileyo kuwo, ngokuba beqile imithetho, badlulile ezimisweni, baphulile isivumelwano esiphakade. ngalokho isiqalekiso sidlile umhlaba, nabakhileyo kuwo batholiswa icala; ngalokho abakhileyo emhlabeni bayashiswa, kusale abantu abayingcosana nje. iwayini elisha liyalila, umvini uyahuma, bonke ababethokoza ngenhliziyo bayabubula. ukujabula kwezigubhu kunqamukile, ukuxokozela kwabajabulayo kuphilele, nenjabulo yehabbu ikhawukile. abasayikuphuza iwayini ngesihlabelelo; uphuzo olunamandla luyakubaba kubo abaluphuzayo. umuzi oyihlane ubhidliziwe; zonke izindlu zivaliwe ukuba kungangeni muntu. kukhalwa ngewayini ezitaladini; yonke intokozo inyamalele; injabulo yezwe idlulile. emzini kusele incithakalo; isango livithiziwe, lachithwa. ngokuba kuyakuba njalo emhlabeni phakathi kwabantu, njengokushaywa kweminqumo nanjengokukhothoza, lapho sekuvuniwe. laba bayaphakamisa izwi labo, bamemeze; bajabula ngobukhosi

bukajehova-aeiou entshonalanga. ngalokho mdumiseni ujhova-aeiou empumalanga, nasogwini lolwandle igama lika-jehova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli. siyezwa amahubo avela emikhawulweni yomhlaba, athi: udumo malube kolungileyo! kepha mina ngithi: ngifile, ngifile! maye kimi! abakhohlisi bakhohlisile, yebo, abakhohlisi bakhohlisile nokukhohlisa. ukwesaba, nomgodi, nogibe kuphezu kwakho wena owakhileyo emhlabeni. kuyakuthi obalekela umsindo wokwesaba awele emgodini; okhuphuka emgodini uyakubanjwa lugibe, ngokuba amafasitele aphezulu avuliwe, nezisekelo zomhlaba ziyazamazama. umhlaba uyaphuka nokwaphuka, umhlaba uyavithizwa nokuvithizwa, umhlaba uyazanyazanyiswa nokuzanyazanyiswa. umhlaba uyatengazela nokutengazela njengesidakwa, uyatengatenga njengexhiba; isiphambeko siyakuba nzima phezu kwawo, uwe, ungabe usavuka futhi. kuyakuthi ngalolo suku ujhova-aeiou ahambele ibandla lasezulwini phezulu, namakhosi omhlaba emhlabeni. bayakubuthelwa ndawonye njengeziboshwa zibuthelwa emgodini, bavaelewe etilongweni, bajeziswe emva kwezinsuku eziningi. inyanga ekhazimulayo isiyakuyangaza, nelanga elinkemuzelayo liyakujabha, ngokuba ujhova-aeiou seabawoti uyakuba yinkosi entabeni yasesiyoni nasejerusalem, abe yinkazimulo phambi kwamalunga akhe.

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jehova-aeiou, ungulezi-ku wami; ngiyakukuphakamisa, ngidumise igama lakho, ngokuba wenzile izimangaliso, namasu asendulo, nokuthembeka, neqiniso. ngokuba wenzile umuzi waba yinqwaba, nomuzi obiyelweyo waba yincithakalo; indlu yamakhosi abafokazi ayiseyiwo umuzi, ayisayikwakhiwa futhi kuze kube phakade. ngalokho abantu abanamandla bayakukudumisa, imizi yezizwe ezinonya zikwesabe. ngokuba ubuyinqaba kwabampofu, inqaba kwabaswelayo ekucindezelweni kwabo, isiphephelo esivunguvungwini, umthunzi ekubaleleni, ngokuba umoya waba nonya, njengesivunguvungu odongeni, nanjengokushisa endaweni eyomileyo. uyathobisa umsindo wabafokazi; njengokubalela ngomthunzi wefu, kanjalo ihubo labanonya liyakudanjiiswa. ujhova-aeiou seabawoti uyakwenzela abantu bonke idili lokukhulupheleyo kule ntaba, idili lewayini elinenhlese, okukhulupheleyo okunomnkantsha, iwayini elinenhlese elicwengekileyo. uyakuchitha kule ntaba ingaphandle lesimbozo esimboza abantu bonke, nomgubuzela ogubuzela zonke izizwe. uyakugwinya ukufa kuze kube phakade; inkosi ujhova-aeiou iyakwesula



izinyembezi ebusweni bonke, isuse amahloni abantu bakhe emhlabeni wonke, ngokuba ugehova-aeiou ukhulumile. kuyakuthiwa ngalolo suku: bheka, lo ungulezi-ku wethu; simhlalele, uyakusisindisa; lo ungujehova-aeiou; simhlalele; siyakujabula, sithokoze ngensindiso yakhe. ngokuba kule ntaba isandla sikajehova-aeiou siyakuphumula, nomowabi uyakunyathelwa phansi endaweni yakhe njengotshani bunyathelwa emgodini womquba. noma elula izandla zakhe phakathi kwawo njengohlambayo elula ukuba ahlambe, uyakuthobisa ukuziphakamisa kwakhe kanye nobuhlakani bezandla zakhe. izingaba eziphakemeyo zezingange zakho uyakuzibhidliza, azithobise, azenze ukuba zithintane nomhlabathi nothuli.

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ngalolo suku lesi sihlabelelo siyakhulatshelelwa ezweni lakwajuda sokuthi: umuzi onamandla sinawo; uyasimisela insindiso ibe yizingange nezindonga. vulani amasango ukuba isizwe esilungileyo esigcina iqiniso singene. inhliziyo eqinileyo uyayilinda ngokuthula okupheleleyo, ngokuba yethemba kuwe. thembani kujehova-aeiou kuze kube phakade, ngokuba ugehova-aeiou, yebo, ugehova-aeiou uyidwala elingunaphakade. ngokuba uthobisele ababehlezi phezulu, umuzi ophakemeyo; uyawubhidliza, uyawubhidliza kuze kube semhlabathini, awusondeze nasothulini. unyawo luyakuwunyathela phansi, izinyawo zabaswelayo, izinyathelo zabampofu. indlela yabalungileyo iqondile, umkhondo wabaqotho ulungile, uyawenza ukuba ulingane. yebo, ezindleleni zezahlulelo zakho, jehova-aeiou, sikuhlalele. umphefumulo uyalangazelela igama lakho nesikhumbuzo sakho. ngomphefumulo wami ngikulangazelela ebusuku, yebo, ngomoya wami ophakathi kwami ngiyakufunisisa, ngokuba lapho izahlulelo zakho zisemhlabeni, abakhileyo bezwe bafunda ukulunga. uma omubi ephiwa umusa, akafundi ukulunga; ezweni lobuqotho uyakwenza ukonakala, angaboni ukuphakama kukajehova-aeiou. jehova-aeiou, isandla sakho siphakeme, kepha kababoni; kodwa mababone ukushisekela kwakho abantu, babe namahloni; yebo, umlilo uyakuqeda izitha zakho. jehova-aeiou, uyakusimisela ukuthula; ngokuba nayo yonke imisebenzi yethu senzelwe yona nguwe. jehova-aeiou lezi-ku wethu, amanye amakhosi angaphandle kwakho asibusile, kepha kuwena wedwa siyadumisa igama lakho. abafileyo ababuyi baphile, izithunzi azibuyi zivuke; ngalokho wabahambela, wabachitha, wenza ukuba konke ukukhunjulwa kwabo kuphele. wan-

disa isizwe, jehova-aeiou, wandisa isizwe, wadunyiswa, wavula yonke imikhawulo yezwe. jehova-aeiou, besekuhluphekeni bakhambela, bazethula ngemikhuleko lapho belaywa nguwe. njengokhulelweyo osondela ukuba abelethe ezwiswa ubuhlungu, saba njalo phambi kobuso bakho, jehova-aeiou. sasikhulelwe, sasinobuhlungu, sabeletha kungathi umoya nje; asenzanga insindiso emhlabeni, nabayakwaka ezweni abasazalwa. kepha abafileyo bakho bayakubuye baphile, izidumbu zabo zivuke. phaphamani, nijabule nina enihlala othulini, ngokuba amazolo akho angamazolo okukhanya, nomhlaba uyakubakhipha abafileyo. wozani, bantu bami, ningene emakamelweni enu, nizivalele iminyango, nicashe ngokuphazima kweso, kuze kudlule ulaka. ngokuba bhekani, ugehova-aeiou uyaphuma endaweni yakhe ukuba ahambele ububi babakhileyo emhlabeni; umhlaba uyakubonakalisa igazi lawo, ungabe usababisekela ababulelweyo babo.

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ngalolo suku ugehova-aeiou uyakhambela ngenkomba yakhe elukhuni enkulu nenamandla uleviyathani, inyoka eseshayo, uleviyathani, inyoka ethandelayo, abulale udrako oselwandle. ngalolo suku kuyakuba khona isivini esinxanelekayo. hlabelelani ngaso. mina jehova-aeiou ngingumlindi waso, ngiyakusinisela njalo; funa soniwe, ngiyakusilinda ubusuku nemini. ukufutheka akukho kimi; sengathi kungaba khona amakhakhasi nameva! bengiyakuwasukela ngokulwa, ngiwashise kanyekanye, noma abambelele emandleni ami ukuba enze ukuthula nami, enzelane ukuthula nami. ngezinsuku ezizayo ujakobe uyakugxila, u-israyeli akhahlele, aqhakaze, bagcwalise ubuso bomhlaba ngezithelo. ubashayile njengalokho ebashayile ababashayo na? babulewe njengokubulawa kwababulewe nguyena? ngokubamukisa nangokubaxosha uyabajezisa; wabasusa ngomoya wakhe olukhuni ngosuku lomoya wasempumalanga. ngakho ububi bukajakobe buyakuhlangulwa ngalokhu, lokhu kube yisithelo sonke sokususa isono sakhe, lapho enza ukuba onke amatshe e-altare avithizeke njengamatsho omcako, kungabe kusamiswa o-ashera nama-altare empepho. ngokuba umuzi obiyelweyo uyize, nekhaya limukelwe, lishiye njengehlane; ithole liyakuklaba khona, libuthise khona, lidle, liqede amahlamvu awo. lapho amagatsha awo esebunile, ayakwaphulwa, kufike abesifazane, baphembe umlilo kuwo, ngokuba bangabantu abangenakuqonda; ngalokho owabenzayo akayikubahawukela, nowababumbayo akayikuba namusa kubo.

kuyakuthi ngalolo suku ujhova-aeiou avuthuze ezikhwetshini zasemfuleni kuze kube semfuleni wasegibithe, nibuthwe abanye ngabanye nina bantwana bakwa-israyeli. kuyakuthi ngalolo suku libethwe icilongo elikhulu, kufike ababelahlekile ezweni lase-asiriya nabaxoshiweyo ezweni lasegibithe, bakhuleke kujehova-aeiou entabeni engcwele ejerusalema.

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wo kuwo umqhele wokuziphakamisa wezidakwa zakwa-efrayimi, nakuyo imbali ebunayo yobuhle bakhe obukhazimulayo, esenhloko yesigodi esivundileyo sabanqotshwe yiwayini. bheka, inkosi inaye oqinileyo nonamandla; uyakuwisa phansi ngamandla njengesivunguvungu esinesichotho, nesiphapho esichithayo, nesiphihli samanzi esinamandla esikhukhulayo. umqhele wokuziphakamisa wezidakwa zakwa-efrayimi uyakunyathelwa ngezinyawo, imbali ebunayo yobuhle bakhe obukhazimulayo, esenhloko yesigodi esivundileyo, ibe njengekhiwane elivuthiwe kungakafiki ukuvuna; olibonayo uyalibuka, aligwinye, lise sesandleni sakhe. ngalolo suku ujhova-aeiou seabwati uyakuba ngumqhele wobukhosi, nesicoco esihle kuyo insali yabantu bakhe, nomoya wokwahlulela kohlezi ekwahluleleni, namandla kubo ababuyisa impi esangweni. nalabo baduka ngewayini; ngophuzo olunamandla bayatengezela; abapristi nabaprofethi bayaduka ngophuzo olunamandla, bayatengezela ngophuzo olunamandla; bayaduka ekuboneni, bakhubeka ekwahluleleni. yebo, onke amatafula agcwele ubuhlanzo nokungcola, kungabe kusabakho ndawo. ngubani ayakumfundisa ukwazi, aqondise bani umbiko, na? yibo abalunyuliweyo obisini, basuswa emabeleni, na? ngokuba kuyisiyalezelo phezu kwesiyalezelo, isiyalezelo phezu kwesiyalezelo, umthetho phezu komthetho, umthetho phezu komthetho, lapha ingcosana, nalapho ingcosana. yebo, ngezindebe ezingingizayo nangolunye ulimi uyakukhuluma kulaba bantu akade esho kubo ukuthi: lokhu kungukuphumula; phumuzani abayethileyo; lokhu kungukuhlunyelelwa, kepha abathandanga ukuzwa. ngalokho izwi likajehova-aeiou liyakuba kubona isiyalezelo phezu kwesiyalezelo, isiyalezelo phezu kwesiyalezelo, umthetho phezu komthetho, umthetho phezu komthetho, lapha ingcosana, nalapho ingcosana, ukuze bahambe, bawe nyovane, baphuke, bacushwe, babanjwe. ngalokho yizwani izwi likajehova-aeiou nina bantu abadelelayo, enibusa laba bantu basejerusalema. ngokuba nithe: senzile isivumelwano nokufa, sivumelene nendawo yabafileyo; lapho isiswebhu esikhukhulayo

sidlula, asiyikusehla thina, ngokuba senzile amanga abe yisiphephelo sethu, sicashile phansi kwenkohliso. ngalokho ithi inkosi ujhova-aeiou: bheka, ngibeka esiyoni itshe lesisekelo, itshe elivivinyekileyo, itshe legumbi elinqabileyo lesisekelo esiyiso; okholwayo kayikubaleka. ngiyakwenza ukwahlulela kube ngumucu wokulinganisa, nokulunga kube ngumthofu wokumisa, isichotho sihlwithe isiphephelo samanga, amanzi akhukhule indawo yokucasha. futhi isivumelwano senu nokufa siyaku-chithwa, nokuvumelana kwenu nendawo yabafileyo akuyikuma; lapho isiswebhu esikhukhulayo sidlula, niyakunyathelwa phansi yiso. njalo lapho sidabula, siyaku-nibamba, ngokuba siyakudabula ukusa ngokusa imini nobusuku, kube ngukwesaba kuphela, lapho umbiko uqondwa. ngokuba umbhede uyakuba mfushane kunokuba umuntu enabe kuwo, nengubo ibe ncane kunokuba umuntu azisonge ngayo. ngokuba ujhova-aeiou uyakusukuma njen-gasentabeni yasepherasimi, athukuthele njengasesigodini sasegibeyoni, ukuze enze umsebenzi wakhe, umsebenzi wakhe on-gavamile, afeze isenzo sakhe, isenzo sakhe esimangalisayo. ngalokho ningadeleli, funa izibopho zenu ziqinise, ngokuba ngizwile enkosini ujhova-aeiou seabwati ukuthi ukuphela kunqunywe phezu kwawo wonke umhlaba. bekani indlebe, nizwe izwi lami; lalalani, nizwe ukukhuluma kwami. umlimi, eyakutshala, ulima lonke usuku na? uyaduba abhuqe umhlabathi wakhe njalo na? lapho esehlelembile ubuso bawo, angithi uhlwanyela amafitshizi, asakaze ikumini, atshale ukolweni ngezinhla, nebhali ezindaweni zalo, nokolweni ocolekileyo eceleni, na? ulezi-ku wakhe uyamhlakahlisa ngendlela eyiyo, amfundise. ngokuba amafitshizi awabulwa ngesibhulo esibukhali, nesondo lengqukumbane kaliphendulwa phezu kwekumini, kepha amafitshizi ayavuthuzwa ngenduku neku-mini ngothi. amabele esinkwa ayacolwa na? cha, ngokuba awabulwa nokubulwa njalo; nakuba eqhuba isondo lengqukumbane namahhashi alo phezu kwawo, awacoliswa. nalokho kuvela kujehova-aeiou seabwati oyisimangaliso ekululekeni nomkhulu emaswini.

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wo kuwe ariyeli, ariyeli, umuzi lapho amisa khona udavide. yengezelani umnyaka emnyakeni, imikhosi iyingilize, ngize ngilicindezele i-ariyeli, kube khona ukukhala nokububula, libe njenge-ariyeli kimi. ngiyakumisa, ngikuhake nxazonke zakho, ngikuvimbezele ngezinqaba, ngikumisele izindonga. uyakubhidlizelwa phansi,

ukhulume usemhlathini; ukukhuluma kwakho kuyakuthotshiselwa phansi, kuphume othulini, izwi lakho libe njengelonelozu livela emhlabathini, ukukhuluma kwakho kubethe imilozi othulini. kodwa isixuku sezitha zakho siyakuba njengebhuhuq elicolekileyo, noquqaba lwabacindezeli njengamakhoba adlulayo, yebo, kuyakwenzakala ngokuzumayo ngokuphazima kweso. uyakuhanjelwa ngujehova-aeiou sebawoti ngokuduma nangokuzamazama, nangomsindo omkhulu, nangesivunguvungu, nangesiphepho, nangelangabi lomlilo oqothulayo. isixuku sezizwe zonke ezisukela i-ariyeli, ezisukela lona kanye nengaba yalo, nezilicindezelayo, siyakuba njengephupho nombono wasebusuku. kuyakuba njengolambileyo ephupha ukuthi uyadla, kepha evuka usenephangano, noma njengowomileyo ephupha ukuthi uyaphuza, kepha evuka uyethile, womile; siyakuba njalo isixuku sezizwe zonke ezisukela intaba yasesiyoni. zimangaliseni, nimangale; ziphuphuthiseni, niphuphutheshe; badakiwe, kepha kungengeyayini, bayatengezela, kodwa kungengaphuzo olunamandla. ngokuba ujeheva-aeiou uthulule phezu kwenu umoya wobuthongo obunzima; uwavalile amehlo enu, usibekele abaprofethi benu nezinhloko zenu ababoni. umbono wakho konke lokho wawusuba kini njengamazwi encwadi enamathelisiweyo enikwa owazi incwadi ngokuthi: ake ufunde lokhu, abesethi yena: angikwazi, ngokuba inamathelisiwe, incwadi bese yinikwa ongayazi incwadi ngokuthi: ake ufunde lokhu, abesethi yena: angiyazi incwadi. yathi inkosi: ngenxa yokuba laba bantu besondela, bangidumise ngemilomo yabo nangezindebe zabo, kodwa bazidedisele kude nami izinhliziyozo zabo, nokungesaba kwabo kungumyalo wabantu abawufundisiweyo nje, ngalokho ngiyakubuyi ngenzele laba bantu izenzo ezimangalisayo, izimangalisiso impela; ukuhlakanipha kwabahlakaniphileyo babo kuyakuphela, nokuqonda kwabaqondileyo babo kuyakusitheka. wo kubona abajula ukuba basithezele ujeheva-aeiou isu labo, abamisebenzi yabo isebumnyameni, nabasho ukuthi: ngubani isibonayo, ngubani osaziyo, na? o ukuphendukeyela kwenu! ibumba liyakulinganiswa nombumbi yini, ukuze okwenziweyo kusho ngokwenzileyo ukuthi: yena akangenzanga, na? noma okubunjweyo kusho ngokubumbileyo ukuthi: akanakuqonda, na? akuseyisikhashana nje ilebanoni lize liphenduke insimu, nsimu ithiwe ihlathi, na? ngalolo suku izithulo ziyakuzwa amazwi encwadi, namehlo ezimpumpethe ayakubona, engasenakufiphala ngesigayegaye nabumnyama. abathobekileyo bayakwandisa intokozo yabo kujehova-aeiou, nabampofu kubantu bayakujabula

kongcwele ka-israyeli. ngokuba umcindezeli akasayikuba khona, nesideleli siyakube singasekho, nabo bonke abazulumba ububi bayakube beqothuliwe, ababemtholisa umuntu icala ngezwi nje, bambekela ugibe yena owathetha amacala esangweni, bachezuka olungileyo ngento engelutho. ngalokho ngendlu kajakobe usho kanje ujeheva-aeiou owamhlenga u-abrahami, uthi: ujakobe akasayikuba namahloni, nobuso bakhe abusayikuphaphetheka. ngokuba lapho ebona abantwana bakhe, umsebenzi wezandla zami phakathi kwakhe, bayakungcwelisa igama lami, yebo, bayakungcwelisa ongwele kajakobe, bamesabe ulezi-ku ka-israyeli. abaduka emoyeni bayakwazi, baqonde, nabakhononayo bayakufunda, bakwamukele.

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wo kubantwana abahlubukileyo, usho ujeheva-aeiou, abenza iziluleko, kungengezami nokho, nabenza isivumelwano, kungengesomoya wami kodwa, ukuze bengeze isono esonweni, abahamba ukuba behlele egibithe, bengacelanga emlonyeni wami, baziqinise emandleni kafaro, baphehele emthunzini wasegibithe! ngalokho amandla kafaro ayakuba ngamahloni kini, ukuphephela kwenu emthunzini wasegibithe kube ngukudumala kini. ngokuba noma izikhulu zakhe zisesowani, nezithunywa zakhe zifinyelela ehanesi, bonke bayakuba namahloni ngabantu abangenakubasiza, abangenansizakalo nanzuzo, kepha bengamahloni nehlozo kuphela. isiprofetho ngezilwane zaseningizimu. bada bula izwe losizi nelokuhlupheka, lapha kuvela khona ibhubesi nebhuhesikazi, ibululu nenyoka endizayo, bethwala imfuyo yabo emihlane yezimbongolo nengebo yabo phezu kwamalunda amakamela bakuyise kubantu abangenansizakalo. igibithe lisiza ngezenangento engelutho; ngalokho ngilibize ngokuthi irahabi elihlezi lithule. manje hamba ukulobe phambi kwabo esibhebheni, ukubhale encwadini ukuba kube ngubufakazi besikhathi esizayo kuze kube phakade. bangabantwana abahlubukileyo, abantwana abaqamba amanga, abantwana abangathandi ukuzwa umthetho kajeheva-aeiou, abathi kubaboni: ningabe nisabona, nakubaprofethi: ningasiprofetheli okuqinisiweyo, kepha khulumani kithina okuthophayo, niprofethe inkohliso; phambukani endleleni, nichezuke emkhondweni, nimdedisele kithi ongwele ka-israyeli. ngalokho usho kanje ongwele ka-israyeli, uthi: njengokuba nilidelela leli zwi, nethemba kukho ukucindezela nakukho okuphambeneyo, nencike kukho, ngalokho lobu bubi buyakuba njengokomfantu

lapho sekuzakuwa, kuvokomele ogangeni oluphakemayo, ukudilika kwalo kufike ngokuzumayo ngokuphazima kweso. luyabhidlizwa njengokuphahlazwa kwesitsha sombumbi, esichotshozwa singahawukelwa, kungabe kusatholakala phakathi kwezihlephu nodengezi lokuthatha umlilo eziko, nolokucakula amanzi emgodini. ngokuba yasho njalo inkosi uje-hova-aeiou, ongwele ka-israyeli, yathi: niyakusindiswa ngokuphenduka nangokuphumula, amandla enu abe ngukuthula nangokwethemba; kepha anithandanga. kodwa nasho nathi: qha, siyakubaleka ngamahhashi, ngalokho niyakubaleka: sikhwele anejubane, ngalokho abanixoshayo bayakuba nejubane. inkulungwane iyakubaleka ngokusongela koyedwa; ngokusongela kwaba yisihlanu niyakubaleka, nize nishiywe njengensika esiqongweni sentaba nanjengebhanela phezu kwegquma. ngalokho uje-hova-aeiou uyakulindela ukuba abe nomusa kini; nangalokhu uyakuphakama ukuba abe nesihe kini, ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou ungulezi-ku wokwahlulela; babusisiwe bonke abamlalelayo. ngokuba wena sizwe esakhe esiyoni ejerusalem ungabe usakhala nokukhala; uyakuba nomusa impela kuwe ngezwi lokudazuluka kwakho; lapho elizwa, uyakuphendula. noma inkosi iyakukunika isinkwa sosizi namanzi okuhlupheka, abafundisi bakho abasayikucasha, kodwa amehlo akho ayakubabona abafundisi bakho, nezindlebe zakho ziyakuzwa izwi emva kwakho, lithi: nansi indlela; hambani ngayo, noma niphambuka ngakwesokunene, noma niphambuka ngakwesokhohlo. niyakujivaza okunamekiweyo kwezithombe zenu ezibaziweyo zesiliva nesimbozo sezithombe zenu ezibunjiweyo zegolide; uyakuzihlakaza njengokungcolileyo, uthi kukho: suka lapha. uyakunika imbewu yakho oyakuyihlwanyela emhlabathini imvula, aveze nesinkwa ezithelweni zomhlabathi oyakuvunda, uthele kakhulu; ngalolo suku izinkomo zakho ziyakukhala emadloleni abanzi. izinkabi nezimbongolo ezilima umhlabathi ziyakudla ukudla okuyolisiweyo, okweliweyo ngefosholo nangembenge. kuzo zonke izintaba eziphakemayo nakuwo onke amagquma amade kuyakuba khona imifula nemifudlana yamanzi ngosuku lokuhlaba okukhulu, lapho kuyakuwa imibhoshongo. futhi ukukhanya kwenyanga kuyakuba njengokukhanya kwelanga, nokukhanya kwelanga kuyakuphindwa kasikhombisa njengokukhanya kwezimini eziyisikhombisa ngosuku uje-hova-aeiou abopha ngalo amanxeba abantu bakhe, aphulukise izilonda zemivimbo yabo. bheka, igama likajehova-aeiou livela kude, livutha ngolaka lwakhe, linzima ngamafu; izindebe zakhe zigcwele intukuthelo, nolimi lwakhe

lunjengomlilo oqothulayo; ukuphefumula kwakhe kunjengomfula okhukhulayo, uze ufinyelele entanyeni, ukuhlunga izizwe ngesihlungo sokubhubhisa; itomu elidukisayo liyakuba semihlatini yezizwe. niyakuhlabelela njengasebusuku lapho kugujiwa umkhosi, nithokoze ngenhliziyo njengalokhu kuhanjwa ngemitshingo kuyiwe entabeni kajehova-aeiou kulo idwala lika-israyeli. uje-hova-aeiou uyakulizwakalisa izwi lakhe elidumileyo, abonakalise ukwehla kwen-galo yakhe ngokuvutha kolaka lwakhe, nangelangabi lomlilo oqothulayo, ngesivunguvungu, nangesiphepho, nangesichotho. ngokuba ngezwi likajehova-aeiou i-asiriya liyakushaywa luvalo, lapho elishaya ngen-duku. kuyakuthi njalo lapho induku enquniweyo idlula, uje-hova-aeiou ayibeka phezu kwalo, kube ngezigubhu angama-habhu, alwe nalo ngengalo enikiniweyo. indawo yokushisela kade yahllelwa, yebo, yalungiselwa nenkosi; uyenze yajula, yaba banzi; igoqo layo lingumlilo nezinkuni eziningi, nokuphefumula kukajehova-aeiou kunjengomfula wesibabule; kuyayokhela.

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wo kubona abehlela egibithe ukuba basizwe khona, bencike emahhashini, bethemba ezinqoleni, ngokuba ziningi, nakubo abamahhashi, ngokuba benamandla; kepha ababheki kongcwele ka-israyeli, noje-hova-aeiou abamfuni. nokho naye uhlakaniphile, uyakuletha bona-ra-ukukhandleka; akayikubuyisa amazwi akhe, kepha uyakuvukela indlu yababi nosizo lwabenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka. abasegibithe bangabantu, abasiye ulezi-ku, amahhashi abo ayinyama, awasiwo umoya, nalapho uje-hova-aeiou eyakwelula isandla sakhe uyakukhubeka naye osizayo, kuwe naye osizwayo, baphele bonke kanyekanye. ngokuba usho kanje kimi uje-hova-aeiou, uthi: njengengonyama ebhongo, ibhongo lengonyama phezu kwempango yalo, lapho abelusi abaningi belibizelwe, aliyikwesaba izwi labo, lingazithobi ngom-sindo wabo, kanjalo uje-hova-aeiou seabwoti uyakwehla ukuba alwe entabeni yasesi-yoni nasegqumeni layo. njengezinyoni ezindizayo kanjalo uje-hova-aeiou, uje-hova-aeiou seabwoti, uyakulivikela ijerusalem; uyakulivikela, alophule, alidlule, alikhulule. buyelani kuye enimhlubukile ngokujulileyo kangako nina bantwana bakwa-israyeli. ngokuba ngalolo suku bayakuhlala, kube yilowo nalowo izithombe zakhe zesiliva nezithombe zakhe zegolide, ezizenzile izandla zenu zaba yisono senu. i-asiriya liyakuwa ngenkamba, kungangamunt, nenkamba engesiyo eyomuntu iyakuliqeda; liyakubalekela usiko lwenkamba, kepha

izinsizwa zalo ziyakuba yizinceku zempoqo. idwala lakhe liyakunyamalala ngovalo, nezikhulu zalo ziyakuphela amandla ngehanela, usho ujevova-aeiou omlilo wakhe usesiyoni, nosithando sakhe sisejerusalema.

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bheka, kuyakuba khona inkosi ebusa ngokulunga, izikhulu zibuse ngokwahlulela. umuntu uyakuba yindawo yokucashela umoya nesivikelo esivunguvungwini njengemifula yamanzi endaweni eyomileyo, njengomthunzi wedwala ezweni eliyethileyo. amehlo ababonayo awayikuphuphutheka; izindlebe zabezwayo ziyakulalela. inhliziyoyephulukundlu iyakuqonda, ize ikwazi, nolimi lwezizingingqi luyakushesha lukhulume kahle. isiwula asisayikubizwa ngokuthi sihloniphekile, nomkhohlisi akasayikuthiwa isihlo. ngokuba isiwula ziyakukhuluma ubuwula, nenhliziyo yaso iyakusebenza ububi, yenze ukungamesabi ulezi-ku, ikhulume okuphambene nolezi-ku, yenze ukuba olambileyo abe nephango, nowomileyo ukuba aswele uphuzo lwakhe. izikhali zomkhohlisi zimbi; uhlela amacebo amabi, ukuze achithe izihlupheki ngamazwi amanga, nalapho ompofu ekhuluma ngokufaneleyo. onesizotha uceba okuzothileyo, nangokuzotha kwakhe uyakuma. vukani nina besifazane abazinzileyo, nizwe izwi lami; nina madodakazi azethembayo nibeke indlebe ekukhulumeni kwami. ezinsukwini ezidlula umnyaka niyakuhlushwa nina besifazane abazethembayo, ngokuba ukuvuna kwemivini kuyakuphela, nokubutha akuyikufika. qhaq hazelani nina besifazane abazinzileyo, nihlupheke nina enizethembayo; khumulani nizenze ngqunu, nibhince indwangu yamasaka ezinkalweni zenu. zishayeni esifubeni ngenxa yamasimu amahle nemivini ethelayo. emhlabathini wabantu bami kuyakumila amakhakhasi nameva, yebo, kuzo zonke izindlu zokujabula emzini ojabulayo, ngokuba izindlu zamakhosi zilahlile, nomuzi onabantu abaningi ushiyiwe; igquma nombhoshongo kuyakuba yimihume kuze kube phakade, nenjabulo yezimbongolo zasendle, nedlelo lemihlambi, umoya aze athululwe phezu kwethu evela phezulu, nehlane liphenduke insimu, nensimu ithiwe ihlathi. ukwahlulela kuyakwakha ehlane, ukulunga kuhlale ensimini. umsebenzi wokulunga uyakuba ngukuthula, impumelelo yokulunga ibe ngukulondeka kuze kube phakade. abantu bami bayakuhlala ematendeni okuthula, nasezindlini ezilondekayo, nasezindaweni zokuphumala ezinokuthula. liyakuwisa isichotho, lize liwe ihlathi, nomuzi uyakuthotshiswa nokuthotshiswa. nibusisiwe nina enitshala ngasemanzini onke; nikhulula

izinyawo zezinkabi nezezimbongolo.

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wo kuwena ochithayo, kungachithwanga wena, nakuwe okhohlisayo, kungakhohliswanga wena! lapho uqede ukuchitha uyakuchithwa, nalapho usugcine ukukhohlisa, uyakukhohliswa nawe. jehova-aeiou, yiba nomusa kithi, sihlalela wena. yiba yingalo yethu ekuseni njalo, nokusindiswa kwethu ngesikhathi sokuhlupheka. ngezwi lokuhllokoma abantu bayabaleka; ngokuphakama kwakho izizwe ziyahlakazeka. impango iyakubuthwa njengokubutha kwecimbi, nanjengokuhlasele kwinkumbi iyakuhlaselelwa. ujevova-aeiou uphakeme, ngokuba uhlala phezulu; uligcwalisile isiyoni ngokwahlulela nangokulunga. kuyakuba khona ukuqiniseka ngesikhathi sakho, ubuningi bokusindiswa nokuhlakanipha nokwazi; ukumesaba ujevova-aeiou kuyingcebo yakhe. bheka, amaqhawe abo akhala ngaphandle; izithunywa zokuthula zikhala ngomunyu. imigwaqo iyize, izihambi seziphelile; isivumelwano saphuliwe; imizi ideleliwe; umuntu akanakekelewa. izwe liyalila, lidangele; ilebanoni linamahloni, liyabuna; isharoni linjengehlane, ibashani nekarmeli kuyavuthulukisa. sengiyakuvuka, usho ujevova-aeiou; sengiyakuphakama; sengiyakuphakanyiswa. niyakukhulelwa yizikhotha ezomileyo, nizale amabibi; ukuphefumula kwenu kungumlilo oniqothulayo. abantu bayakushiswa njengokushiswa komcako, njengameva anqunyweyo ashiswa ngomlilo. yizwani nina enikude engikwenzileyo; nani eniseduze, vumani amandla ami. izoni zasesiyoni ziyesaba, ukuthuthumela kubambile abangenalezi-ku. ngubani phakathi kwethu ongahlala nomlilo oqothulayo; ngubani phakathi kwethu ongahlala nokunkewuzela okuphakade na? yena ohamba ngokulunga, okhuluma ngobuqotho, odelela inzuzo yokucindezela, othintitha izandla zakhe ukuze angamukeli imivuzo, ovala izindlebe zakhe ukuze angezwa negazi, ocimeza amehlo akhe ukuze angaboni bona-ra-ukukhandleka, yena uyakuhlala ekuphakameni, izinqaba zamadwala zibe yisivikelo sakhe, aphile isinkwa sakhe, amanzi akhe athembeke. amehlo akho ayakuyibona inkosi ebuhleni bayo, ayakubona izwe elelulekele kude. inhliziyoyakho iyakucabanga ngovalo, ithi: uphi umbhali, uphi olinganisile intela, uphi obalile imibhoshongo na? awuyikubona abantu abanobudlova, abantu abanokukhuluma okujulileyo ongenakukuzwa, nabalulimi lwabo olukwitzayo kungekho ongaluqonda. kepha bheka isiyoni, umuzi wemikhosi yethu; amehlo akho

mawabuke ijerusalema, indlu yokuthula, itende elingayikususwa, elizikhonkwane zalo aziyikushulwa nanini, nelizintambo zalo aziyikugqashulwa neyodwa. kunalokho ujeheva-aeiou uyakuba nathi khona ebukhosini esikhundleni semifula nemifudlana ebanzi, lapho kungayikuhamba khona izikebhe ezinamaphini, nomkhumbi omkhulu ungadluli kuyo. ngokuba ujeheva-aeiou ungumahluleli wethu, ujeheva-aeiou ungumenzi wemithetho yethu, ujeheva-aeiou uyinkosi yethu; uyakusisindisa. izintambo zakho ziyaxega, azinakusiqinisa isiqu sensika yabo, azinakumeneka useyili; khona iyakwabelwa impango enkulu ephangiweyo; nezinyonga ziyakuthatha impango. abakhe khona abayikusho ukuthi: ngiyagula, abantu abahlala khona bayakuthethelelwa ububi babo.

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sondelani nina zizwe, nizwe, nilalele nina bantu: makuzwe umhlaba nokugcwala kwawo, nezwe nakho konke okuvela kulo. ngokuba ujeheva-aeiou uthukuthelela izizwe zonke, ufuthekela yonke impi yazo; uzizalekile, uzinikele ekubulaweni. ababuleweyo bazo balahliwe, nokunuka kuyenyuka ezidunjini zabo; izintaba zincibilika ngegazi labo. ibandla lonke lasezulwini liyaphela, izulu lisongwe njengomqulu; ibandla lonke liyawa njengokuwa kweqabunga emvinini nanjengokubunileyo emkhiwaneni. ngokuba inkemba yami izanelisile ngegazi ezulwini; bheka, iyakwehlela phezu kuka-edomi naphazu kwabantu besiqalekiso sami ukuba ibahlulele. ujeheva-aeiou unenkemba; igcwele igazi, inonile ngamanoni nangegazi lamawundlu nelezimbuzi, ngamanoni ezinso zezinqama, ngokuba ujeheva-aeiou uyanikela ebosira, unokuhlaba okukhulu ezweni lakwa-edomi. izinyathi ziwa kanye nazo, nezinkunzana kanye nezinkunzi; izwe labo liyakugcwala igazi, nothuli lwabo luyakunona ngamanoni. ngokuba kulusuku lokuphindisela kukajehova-aeiou; ngumnyaka wokubuyisela ngendaba yas-esityoni. imifudlana yakhona iyakuphenduka ikolitayi, uthuli lwakhona lube yisibabule, nezwe langakhona libe yikolitayi elivuthayo. aliyikucinywa ubusuku nemini; umusi walo uyakukhuphuka kuze kube phakade; izizukulwane ngezizukulwane liyakuba yize, akuyikulidabula muntu nanini nanini. liyakuba yifa levuba nelikanondwebu, kwakhe kulo isikhova negwababa; uyakwelula phezu kwalo intambo yencithakalo, nomthofu wokumisa wokuyize. phakathi kwabakhulu balo akakho oyakumemezele umbuso, nazo zonke izikhulu zalo ziyakuba yinto enge-lutho. ameva ayakukhuphukela ezindlini

zamazhosi, izimbabazane namakhakhasi ezinqabeni zalo, libe yikhaya lamakhanka negceke lezintshe. izilwane zasehlane ziyakuhlangana nezimpungushe, nedemoni liyakukhala kumngane walo, kwakhe khona umkhovu, uzitholele indawo yokuphumula. lapho umantshegingyana uyakwakha ikhaya lakhe, azalele, achamisele, afukame ngomthunzi wakhe, kubuthane khona nawonhloyile, kube yilowo nalowo nomngane wakhe. funani encwadini kajehova-aeiou, nifunde; ayiyikusilala nento eyodwa kulokhu, ayikho eyakuswela umngane wayo, ngokuba ngumlobo wakhe okuyalezile, nomoya wakhe okuhlanganisile. nguye okwenzele inkatho; yisandla sakhe esikwabele ngentambo; kuyakudla ifa lalo kuze kube phakade, izizukulwane ngezizukulwane kuyakuhlala kulo.

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kuyakujabula ihlane nogwadule, kuthokoze uqwatshule, lukhahlele njengentebe. luyakukhahlela kahle, luthokoze, yebo, luthokoze, luhube; luyakuphiwa udumo lwelebanoni, nobukhosi bekarmeli nobesharoni, lubone inkazimulo kajehova-aeiou, nobukhosi bukalezi-ku wethu. qinisanizandla ezibuthakathaka, nimise amadoloxegayo. yishoni kwabanenhliziyoyesabayo ukuthi: qinani, ningesabi; bhokani, ulezi-ku wenu uyeza ngokuphindisela, impindiselo ivela kulezi-ku; nguye oza ukunisindisa. khona amehlo ezipumputhe ayakuvulwa, zivuleke nezindlebe zezithulu. khona uyongela luyakutshakula njengend-luzele, nolimi lwesimungulu luyakuhamba, ngokuba ehlane kuyakubhoboka amanzi, nemifudlana kwahlongasibi. isihlabathi esibengezelayo siyakuba yichibi, isigagadu sibe yimithombo yamanzi; ekhaya lamakhanka lapho ayebuthisa khona kuyakuba khona igceke lomhlango nekhwani. kuyakuba khona umhondo nendlela eyakuthiwa indlela yobungcwele; ongcolileyo akayikuhamba ngayo, kepha iyakuba ngeyabantu bakhe; abahamba ngayo, noma beyiziwula, abayikuduka kuyo. akuyikuba khona lapho ingonyama, nesilwane esihahayo asiyikukhuphukela khona; lokho akuyikufunyanwa khona, kepha abakhululiweyo bayakuhamba ngayo. abahlengileyo baka-jehova-aeiou bayakubuya baye esiyoni ngokwethaba, intokozo engunaphakade ibe phezu kwamakhanda abo; bayakuthola ukujabula nokuthokoza, kubaleke usizi nokububala.

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kwathi ngomnyaka weshumi nane wenkosi uhezekiya, usaneheribi, inkosi yase-asiriya,

wenyuka wahlasela yonke imizi ebizelweyo yakwajuda, wayithatha. inkosi yase-asiriya yathuma urabi shake, asuke elakishi, aye ejerusalem enkosini uhezekiya, enempi enkulu, wema ngasemseleni wechibi lasenhla, elingasendleleni yensimu yomhlanzi. kwase kuphumela kuye u-eliyakimi indodana kahilikiya owayephezu kwendlu, noshebina umbhali, nojowa indodana ka-asafa, umabhalana. wathi kubo urabi shake: ake nisho kuhezekiya, nithi: isho kanje inkosi enkulu, inkosi yase-asiriya, ithi: yithemba lini leli olethembayo na? wena uyakuhluma, kepha kungamazwi angawomlo nje lana ngesu nangamandla okulwa. pho, wethemba bani, lokhu ungihlubukile na? bheka, wethemba udondolo lwalo mhlanga ofcekileyo oyigibithe; kepha uma umuntu ezimelela ngalo, luyangena esandleni sakhe, lusihlabe; unjalo ufaro inkosi yasegibithe kubo bonke abamethembayo. kepha uma nithi kimi: siyamethemba ujezhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu, akusiye yini ozindawo zakhe eziphakemeyo nama-altare akhe akususile uhezekiya, wathi kujuda nakulo ijerusalem: niyakukhuleka phambi kwaleli altare, na? ngalokho ake uvumelane nenkosi yami, inkosi yase-asiriya, ngiyakunikela amahashi ayizinkulungwane ezimbili, uma ungabeka izinkweli kuzo. pho, ungaphindisela emuva kanjani nenduna eyodwa ezincekwini ezincane zenkosi yami na? nokho wethemba igibithe ukuthola khona izinqola nabamahashi. manje ngenyukele yini ngaphandle kukajehova-aeiou kuleli zwe ukuba ngilichithe, na? ujezhova-aeiou wathi kimi: yenyukela kulelo zwe, ulichithe. base bethi o-eliyakimi noshebina nojowa kurabi shake: ake ukhulume ezincekwini zakho ngesi-aramu, ngokuba siyaluzwa, ungakhulumi kithi ngolimi lwabajuda ezindlebeni zabantu abasogangeni. kepha urabi shake wathi: inkosi yami ingithumile yini enkosini yakho nakuwena ukukhuluma lawamazwi na? hhayi kulaba bantu yini abahlezi ogangeni ukuba badle amasimba abo, baphuze umshobingo wabo kanye nani, na? wayesema urabi shake, wamemeza ngezwi elikhulu ngolimi lwabajuda, wathi: zwanini amazwi enkosi enkulu, inkosi yase-asiriya. isho kanje inkosi, ithi: maningakhohliswa nguhezekiya, ngokuba akayikuba namandla okunophula; futhi uhezekiya makanganenzi nethembe ujezhova-aeiou ngokuthi: ujezhova-aeiou uyakusophula nokusophula, nalo muzi awuyikunikelwa esandleni senkosi yase-asiriya. ningamlaleli uhezekiya, ngokuba inkosi yase-asiriya isho kanje, ithi: yenyani ukuthula nami, niphumele kimi, nidle, kube yilowo nalowo emvinini wakhe, kube yilowo nalowo emkhiwaneni wakhe, niphuze, kube yilowo nalowo amanzi omthombo

wakhe, ngize ngifike, nginiyise ezweni elinjengezwe lakini, izwe lamabele nelewayini, izwe lesinkwa nelezivini. xwayani ukuba uhezekiya anganiyengi ngokuthi: ujezhova-aeiou uyakusophula. abanye olezi-ku bezizwe bake bophula nokophula yini izwe lakubo esandleni senkosi yase-asiriya na? baphi olezi-ku basehamati nase-aripadi; baphi olezi-ku basesefarivayimi na? balophilile isamariya esandleni sami na? ngobani phakathi kwabo bonke olezi-ku balawa mazwe abophule izwe lakubo esandleni sami ukuba ujezhova-aeiou alophule ijerusalem esandleni sami na? kepha bathula, abamphendulanga ngazwi, ngokuba umyalo wenkosi wathi: ningamphenduli. base befika u-eliyakimi indodana kahilikiya owayephezu kwendlu, noshebina umbhali, nojowa indodana ka-asafa, umabhalana, kuhezekiya, izingubo zabo ziklebhukile, bamlandisa amazwi karabi shake.

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kwathi inkosi uhezekiya ikuzwile lokho, yaklebhula izingubo zayo, yazembesa indwangu yamasaka, yangena endlini kajehova-aeiou. yathuma u-eliyakimi owayephezu kwendlu, noshebina umbhali, namalunga abapristi, bembeswe izindwangu zamasaka, ku-isaya umprofethi, indodana ka-amose. bathi kuye: usho kanje uhezekiya, uthi: lolu suku lungusuku losizi nolokusolwa nokukudelelwa, ngokuba abantwana sebefikile ekuzalweni, kepha amandla okubeletha awakho. mhlawumbe ujezhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho uyakuzwa amazwi karabi shake othunye yinkosi yase-asiriya, inkosi yakhe, ukweyisa ulezi-ku ophilayo, asole amazwi ujezhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho awezwileyo; ngalokho phakamisela insali esafunyanwayo umkhuleko wakho. izinceku zenkosi uhezekiya sezifikile ku-isaya, u-isaya wathi kuzo: niyakusho kanje enkosini yenu, nithi: usho kanje ujezhova-aeiou, uthi: ungesabi lawo mazwi owezwileyo, izinceku zenkosi yase-asiriya ezingithuke ngawo. bhekani, ngiyakubeka umoya kuyo, izwe amahemuhemu, ibuyeke ezweni lakubo, ngiyiwise ngenkomba ezweni lakubo. wayesebuya urabi shake, wafumana inkosi yase-asiriya ilwa nelibina, ngokuba wayezwile ukuthi isukile elakishi. kepha isizwile ngotirahaka, inkosi yasekushe, ukuthi: uphumile ukulwa nawe, lapho ikuzwa lokho, yathuma izithunywa kuhezekiya, yathi: niyakukhuluma kanje kuhezekiya, inkosi yakwajuda, nithi: ulezi-ku wakho omethembayo makangakukhohlisi ngokuthi ijerusalem aliyikunikelwa esandleni senkosi yase-asiriya. bheka, wena uzwile okwenziwa ngamakhosi ase-asiriya kuwo onke amazwe ngokuwachitha; pho, wena uyakophulwa na?

olezi-ku balezo zizwe ezachithwa ngobaba, igozani, neharana, nereseft, nabantwana base-edene ababesethelasari bazophula na? iphi inkosi yasehamati, nenkosi yase-aripadi, nenkosi yomuzi wasesefari-vayimi, nasehena, nase-iva na? uhezekiya wayamukela incwadi esandleni sezithun-ywa, wayifunda; uhezekiya wayesenyukela endlini kajehova-aeiou, wayeneka phambi kukajehova-aeiou. uhezekiya wakhuleka phambi kukajehova-aeiou, wathi: jehova-aeiou sebawoti, lezi-ku ka-israyeli, ohlezi phezulu kwamakherubi, wena ungulezi-ku, wena wedwa, wemibuso yonke yomhlaba, wena wenzile izulu nomhlaba. beka indlebe yakho, jehova-aeiou, uzwe; vula amehlo akho, jehova-aeiou, ubone, uzwe onke amazwi kasaneheribi athume ukweyisa ngawo ulezi-ku ophilayo. yiqiniso, jehova-aeiou; amakhosi ase-asiriya achithile izizwe zonke namazwe azo, alahlile olezi-ku bawo emlilweni, ngokuba babengesibo olezi-ku, babe ngumsebenzi wezandla zomuntu kuphela, umuthi namatshe; ngalokho abachithile. manje, jehova-aeiou lezi-ku wethu, sisindise esandleni sakhe ukuba yonke imibuso yomhlaba yazi ukuthi wena ungujehova-aeiou, wena wedwa. u-isaya indodana ka-amose wathumela kuhezekiya, wathi: usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: njengalokhu ukhuleke kimi ngosaneheribi inkosi yase-asiriya, nanti izwi uje-hova-aeiou alikhulume ngaye ukuthi: ikudelele, yakuhleka usulu intombi, indodakazi yasesiyoni; ikunikinele ikhanda indodakazi yasejerusalema. weyise bani, wethuka bani, na? uphakamisele bani izwi lakho, wabhekisa phezulu amehlo akho, na? ngongcwele ka-israyeli! ngesandla sezinceku zakho uyijivazile inkosi, wathi: ngobuningi bezinqola zami ngenyuke mina phezulu ezintabeni ngaphakathi kwelebanoni; ngigawula imisedari yalo emide nemisayipuresi yalo ekhethekileyo ngangena ekuphakamini kwalo kokugcina nasehlathini lalo eliminyeneyo. ngemba, ngaphuza amanzi; ngomisa ngamathe onyawo lwami yonke imifula yasegibithe. awuzwanga ukuthi kade ngakwenza na? emihleni yasendulo ngakunquma; manje sengikulethile ukuba uchithe imizi ebiyelweyo ibe yizinqwaba. abakhe kuyo babe namandla amancane, besaba, bajabha; baba njengotshani basandle, nembali notshani obuluhlaza, nokuluhlaza ezimpahleni zezindlu, namabele ahamukile engakakhuli. kepha ukuhlala kwakho, nokuphuma kwakho, nokungena kwakho ngiyakwazi, nokubhovumula kwakho ngami. ngenxa yokubhovumula kwakho ngami, nangokuba ukuzidla kwakho kwenyukele ezindlebeni zami, ngiyakufaka ingwegwe yami emakheleni akho netomu lami emlonyeni wakho, ngikubuyise ngendlela oweza

ngayo. lokhu kuyakuba yisibonakaliso kuwe: niyakudla ngalo mnyaka okuzikhulelayo, nangomnyaka wesibili isihlabane, nangomnyaka wesithathu hlwanyelani, nivune, nitshale izivini, nidle izithelo zazo. abasindileyo bendlu yakwajuda abaseleyo bayakubuye bagxile phansi, bathele izithelo phezulu. ngokuba kuyakuphuma ejerusalema insali nasentabeni yasesiyoni abayakusinda; ukushisekela kukajehova-aeiou sebawoti kuyakufeza lokho. ngalokho usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou ngenkosi yase-asiriya, uthi: ayiyikungena kulo muzi, ayiyikucibishela mcibisholo khona; ayiyikubhekisa kuwo isihlangu, ayiyikunqwabela iduli ngakuwo. indlela eyafika ngayo iyakubuya ngayo; ayiyikungena kulo muzi, usho uje-hova-aeiou. ngiyakuwuvikela lo muzi ukuba ngiwusindise ngenxa yami nangenxa yenceku yami udavide. kwaphuma ingelosi kajehova-aeiou, yabulala ekamu labase-asiriya abayizinkulungwane eziyikhulu namashumi ayisishiyagalombili nanhlano; sekuvukwa ngakusasa, bheka, kwakuyizidumbu ezifileyo zodwa. wayesesuka usaneheribi inkosi yase-asiriya, wahamba, wabuya, wahlala enineve. kwathi ekhuleka endlini kanisiroki ulezi-ku wakhe, o-adirameleki nosareseri amadodana akhe bambulala ngenkamba, babalekela ezweni lase-ararati. u-esari hadoni indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

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ngalezo zinsuku uhezekiya wagula, wayephansi kokufa. kwafika kuye u-isaya umprofethi, indodana ka-amose, wathi kuye: usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou, uthi: yalela indlu yakho, ngokuba uyakufa, awuyikusinda. uhezekiya wayesephendulela ubuso bakhe odongeni, wakhuleka kujehova-aeiou, wathi: ngiyacela, jehova-aeiou: ake ukhumbule ukuthi ngihambile phambi kwakho ngeqiniso nangenhliziyo epheleleyo, ngenzile okuhle emehlweni akho. wayesekhala uhezekiya ngokukhala okukhulu. lafika ku-isaya izwi likajehova-aeiou, lathi: hamba, uthi kuhezekiya: usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku kadavide uyihlo, uthi: ngizwile umkhuleko wakho, ngibonile izinyembezi zakho; ngiyakwenezela ezinsukwini zakho iminyaka eyishumi nanhlano. ngiyakophula wena nalo muzi esandleni senkosi yase-asiriya, ngiwuvikele lo muzi. lesi siyakuba yisibonakaliso kuwe esivela kujehova-aeiou sokuthi uje-hova-aeiou uyakukwenza lokho akukhulumileyo: bheka, isithunzi sezinyathelo ilanga elizehlile ezinyathelweni zelanga zika-ahazi ngiyakusibuyisa izinyathelo eziyishumi. ilanga labuya-ke izinyathelo eziyishumi ezinyathelweni elizehlileyo. ihubo likahezekiya inkosi yakwajuda



lapho wayekade egula, wasinda ekuguleni kwakhe: ngathi: ngiphakathi nezinsuku zami ngiyakungena emasangweni endawo yabafileyo, ngaphuciw einxenye yeminyaka yami. ngathi: angiyikumbona ujejhova-aeiou, ujejhova-aeiou ezweni labaphilayo; angisayikubuka muntu ngingabakhileyo bezwe. idokodo lami lisishuliwe, lasuswa kimi njengetende lomalusi; ngisongile ukuphila kwami njengomaluki; uyangin-kuma esalukweni; kusukela emini kuze kube sebusuku uyangiqeda. ngakhala kwaze kwaba sekuseni; njengengonyama uyaphula onke amathambo ami; kusukela emini kuze kube sebusuku uyangiqeda. ngatshiyozisa okwenkonjane, ngaliliselisa okwejuba; amehlo ami aphela ngokubheka phezulu; nkosi, ngiyacindezelwa; yiba yisibambiso sami. ngingakhuluma ngithini na? ukhulumile kimi, ukwenzile yena. ngiyakubinyabinyeka yonke iminyaka ngomunyo womphfumulo wami. nkosi, abantu baphila ngalokho, nokuphila komoya wami kukulokho kuphelele; ngalokho mawungiphulukise, ngiphilise. bheka, kwakungokuhle kimi ukuthi nganginomunyo; wama wawuthanda umphfumulo wami, waze waphuma egodini lokubhujiswa, ngokuba uzilahlele nyovane zonke izono zama. ngokuba indawo yabafileyo ayikubongi, nokufa akukudumisi; abehlela egodini ababheki ukuthembeka kwakho. abaphilayo, abaphilayo bayakubonga njengami namuhla; uyise uyabazisa abantwana ukuthembeka kwakho. ujejhova-aeiou uyakungisindisa; ngalokho siyakubetha ngezingubhu ezinezintambo zonke izinsuku zokuhamba kwethu endlini kajejhova-aeiou. u-isaya wathi: mabathathe isigaxa samakhwane, basibeke ethumbeni, uyakusinda. kepha uhezekiya wathi: yisibonakaliso sini sokuba ngiyakwenyukela endlini kajejhova-aeiou na?

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ngaleso sikhathi umerodaki baladani indodana kabaladani inkosi yasebabele wathuma abanezincwadi nesipho kuhezekiya, lapho ezwile ukuthi kade egula, kepha usesimamile. uhezekiya wathokoza ngabo, wababonisa indlu yengecebo yakhe, isiliva, negolide, namakha, namafutha amahle, nayo yonke indlu yezikhali zakhe, nakho konke okwafunyanwa engcebini yakhe; akubangakho nto endlini yakhe nasembusweni wakhe wonke uhezekiya angababonisanga yona. wayesefika u-isaya, umprofethi, enkosini uhezekiya, wathi kuye: batheni labo bantu; beze kuwe bevelaphi na? wathi uhezekiya: bavela ezweni elikude, ibabele, beze kimi. wayesethi: baboneni endlini yakho na? uhezekiya

wathi: babone konke okusendlini yami; akukho nto phakathi kwengecebo yami engingababonisanga yona. u-isaya wathi kuhezekiya: yizwa izwi likajejhova-aeiou sebawoti. bheka, izinsuku ziyeza, lapho konke okusendlini yakho nalokho oyihlo abakubekelele khona kuze kube namuhla kuyakuyiswa ebabele; akuyikusala lutho, usho ujejhova-aeiou. nasemadodaneni akho ayakuphuma kuwe, oyakuwazala, bayakuwathatha abe yizinceku endlini yobukhosi yenkosi yasebabele. wayesethi uhezekiya ku-isaya: lihle izwi likajejhova-aeiou olikhulumileyo. wathi futhi: ngokuba kuyakuba khona ukuthula nokulondeka emihleni yami.

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duduzani, nibaduduze abantu bami, usho ulezi-ku wenu. qungani ijerusalema isibindi, nimemeze kulo ukuthi ukulwa kwalo sekuphelile nokuthi buhlanguliwe ububi balo, ngokuba lamukelise esandleni sikajejhova-aeiou ngokuphindiweyo ngazo zonke izono zalo. izwi liyamezeza lithi: lungisani ehlane indlela kajejhova-aeiou, nihlelemba oqwatuleni umgwaqo kalezi-ku wethu. zonke izigodi ziyakuphakanyiswa, zonke izintaba namagquma kuyakwehliswa; amagebhugebhu ayakuhlelenjwa, nemigoxigoxi iyakuba yithafa. inkazimulo kajejhova-aeiou iyakubonakaliswa, yonke inyama ikubone kanyekanye, ngokuba umlomo kajejhova-aeiou ukhulumile. izwi liyakhuluma lithi: memeza! ngathi: ngiyakumemezani na? inyama yonke ingutshani, bonke ubuhle bayo bunjengembali yasendle. utshani buyabuna, imbali iyavuthuluka, ngokuba umoya kajejhova-aeiou uyaphephetha kukho. impela abantu bangutshani. utshani buyabuna, imbali iyavuthuluka, kepha izwi likalezi-ku wethu limi kuze kube phakade. khuphukela entabeni ende, wena, siyoni, obika okujabulisayo, uphakamise ngamandla izwi lakho, wena jerusalema obika okujabulisayo, uliphakamise ungesabi, usho emizini yakwajuda ukuthi: bhekani, nangu ulezi-ku wenu. bhekani, inkosi ujejhova-aeiou iyeza ngamandla; ingalo yayo iyakumbusela; bhekani, umvuzo wayo inawo, inkokhelo yayo iphambi kwayo. iyakwalusa umhlambi wayo njengomalusi, ibuthe amawundlu ngemikhono yayo, iwagone esifubeni sayo, ihole kahle izindlezana. ngubani olinganise amanzi ngentende yesandla sakhe, walinganisa izulu ngeminwe eyeluliweyo, wahlanganisa utshani esilinganisweni, walinganisa izintaba ngezikalolo namagquma ngezisindo, na? ngubani oqondisile umoya kajejhova-aeiou, wamfundisa engumluleki wakhe, na? walulekana nobani waze

wamqondisa, wamfundisa indlela yokwahlulela, wamnika ukwazi, wamazisa indlela yokuqonda, na? bheka, izizwe zinjengethonsi kwasesitsheni, zibalwa njengokhali lwesilinganiso; bheka, iziqhingi uyaziphakamisa njengothuli olucolekileyo. ilebanoni alanele ukubaswa, nezilwane zalo azanele ukuba zibe ngumnikelo wokushiswa. zonke izizwe zinjengento engelutho phambi kwakhe, zibalwa njengokungelutho nokuyize kuye. niyakumfanisa ulezi-ku nobani, nimlinganise namuphi umfanekiso, na? yisithombe yini esibunjiwe yisisebenzi, sanamekwa ngegolide ngumkhandi, sanibilikiselwa amaketanga esiliva, na? ompofu kunokuba anikele ngomnikelo onjalo uyakhetha umuthi ongaboliyo, azifunele isisebenzi esihlakaniphileyo ukuba simise isithombe esibaziweyo esingekuzanyazanyiswa. anazi yini? anizwa yini? anitshelwanga yini kwasekuqaleni, aniqondanga kwasekusekelweni komhlaba, na? nguye ohlezi esiyingelezini somhlaba abakhile kuwo banjengezintethe noweneka izulu njengendwangu, alelelu njengetende ukuba kuhlalwe kulo, nowenza izikhulu zibe yinto engelutho, nabahluleli ukuba babe yize. yebo, banele ukutshalwa nje, yebo, banele ukukhanyelwa nje, yebo, isiqu sanele ukugxila emhlabathini, abesephehetha kubo, babune, isivunguvungu sibasuse njengamabibi. niyakungifanisa nobani ukuba ngifane naye? usho ongeweile. phakamiselani amehlo enu phezulu, nibone. ngubani odalile lezo zinto na? nguye okhipha ibandla lazo ngezibalo, abize zonke ngamagama; ngobuningi bamandla akhe nangobukhulu bezikhwepha zakhe ayisilali neyodwa. usholoni wena jakobe, ukhulumelani wena israyeli, ukuthi: indlela yami isithekile kujehova-aeiou, ilungelo lami lidlulele kulezi-ku wami, na? awazi yini? awuzwanga na? ujeheva-aeiou ungulezi-ku ongunaphakade; udalile imikhawulo yomhlaba; akapheli amandla, akakhathali, nokuqonda kwakhe akunakuphenywa. nguye omupha oyethileyo amandla, nakon-genamandla uyandisa izikhwepha. izinsizwa ziyaphela amandla, zikhathale, nabasha bawa nokuwa, kepha abamethembayo ujeheva-aeiou bayathola amandla amasha, bayakhuphuka ngamaphiko njengezinkozi, bagijime bengakhathali, bahambe bengapheli amandla.

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thulani phambi kwami nina ziqhingi, izizwe zithole amandla amasha. mazi-sondele, andukuba zikhulume, sisondelane ekwahluleni. ngubani ovusile ukulunga kuphume empumalanga, akubize ukuba kumlandele, anikele izizwe phambi kwakhe,

amenze ukuba abuse amakhosi, abenze babe njengothuli ngenkamba yakhe, nanjengamabibi aphephezeliswayo ngomnalo wakhe, na? uyabaxosha, adlule kahle ngezindlela angazihambanga ngezinyawo. ngubani okusebenzileyo, wakwenza, na? nguye owazibiza izizukulwane kwasekuqaleni: mina jehova-aeiou engingowokuqala nenginguye nakwabokuphela. iziqhingi ziyakubona, ziyesaba; imikhawulo yomhlaba iyathuthumela; isondele, isifikile. yilowo nalowo usiza umakhelwane wakhe; uthi komfowabo: yiba nesibindi. umbazi uqunga umkhandi isibindi, nololonga ngesando uqunga oshaya isikhandelo isibindi, ethi ngokunamathelisa: kuhle, ekubethela ngezipikili, funa kunyakaziswe. kepha wena israyeli, nceku yami, wena jakobe engikukhetihileyo, nzalo ka-abraham othandiweyo wami, wena engikuthathile emikhawulweni yomhlaba, ngakubiza emagumbini awo, ngathi kuwe: wena uyinceku yami, ngikukhetihile, angikulahlanga; ungesabi, ngokuba mina nginawe; ungapheli amandla, ngokuba mina ngingulezi-ku wakho; ngiyakuqinisa, futhi ngiyakusiza, yebo, ngiyakusekela ngesandla sokunene sokulunga kwami. bheka, bonke abafuthekela wena bayakuba namahloni, bajabhe; abamelene nawe bayakuba njengento engelutho, babhubhe. uyakubafuna, ungabafumani kodwa, labo bantu abaxabana nawe; abalwa nawe bayakuba njengento engelutho nanjengeze. ngokuba yimina jehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho obamba isandla sakho sokunene, nothi kuwe: ungesabi, mina ngiyakusiza. ungesabi wena mpethu, jakobe, nani bantu bakwa-israyeli; mina ngiyakukusiza, usho ujeheva-aeiou; umhlengi wakho ungongcwele ka-israyeli. bheka, ngiyakukwenza ukuba ube yisibhulo esisha esibukhali esinamazinyo; uyakubhula izintaba, uzicolisise, wenze amagquma abe njengamakhoba. uyakuwahlakaza, umoya uwasuse, isivunguvungu siwachithe; wena uyakuthokoza ngojeheva-aeiou, uzi-ibonge ngongcwele ka-israyeli. abampofu nabaswelayo bafuna amanzi, kepha awakho, nolimi lwabo luphele ukoma; mina jehova-aeiou ngiyakubaphendula, mina lezi-ku ka-israyeli angiyikubashiya. ngiyakuvula imifula emadulini angenalutho nemithombo phakathi kwezigodi; ngiyakwenza ihlane libe yichibi lamanzi, nomhlabathi owomileyo ube yiziphethu zamanzi. ngiyakutshala umsedari ehlane, umtholo, nombomvana, nomnqumo, ngibeke kwahlongasibi umsayipuresi, nomthidari, nomkhoba kanyekanye, ukuze babone, bazi, baqaphele, baqonde kanyekanye ukuthi isandla sikajehova-aeiou sikwenzile lokhu nokuthi ongcwele ka-israyeli wakudala. lehani indaba yenu, usho ujeheva-aeiou, nison-

deze izizathu zenu, isho inkosi kajakobe. mabazisondeze, basitshela okuyakwenzeka; izinto zakuqala ziyini na? mabasitshela zona ukuba sizibeke ezinhliziyweni zethu, sazi ukuphela kwazo, noma nisiswize okuzayo. sitsheleni okuzayo ngesikhathi esizayo, sazi ukuthi ningolezi-ku; yebo, yen-zani okuhle noma bona-ra-ukukhandleka, simangale, sikubone kanyekanye. bhekani, nivela kokungekho, nemisebenzi yenu ayiyinto yalutho; uyisinengiso onikhethileyo. ukhona engimvusile esenyakatho, wafika, nasempumalanga, ukuba abize igama lami; uyakwehlela phezu kwezikhulu njengaphezu kodaka, njengombumbi exova ibumba. ngubani owakushoyo kwasekuqaleni ukuba sazi, nangaphambili ukuba sisho sithi: uqinisele, na? cha, akakho okumemezileyo, akakho nokuzwisileyo, akakho nozwayo amazwi enu. ngingowokuqala othi kulo isiyoni: bheka, babheke, nginike ijerusalema umbiki wendaba ethokozisayo. kepha lapho ngibheka, akukho muntu, akakho phakathi kwabo umluleki ongaphendula ngazwi, lapho ngibabuzayo. bheka, bayize bonke; imisebenzi yabo ayiyinto yalutho, nezithombe zabo ezibunjiweyo zingumoya nokuyize.

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bheka inceku yami engiyisekelayo, okhethiweyo wami othokoza ngaye umphefumulo wami; nginikele umoya wami phezu kwakhe, uyakukhiphela izizwe ukwahlulela. akayikukhala, adazuluke, angezwakalisi izwi lakhe ezitaladini. umhlanga ofekileyo akayikuwaphula, umongo othunqayo akayikuwucima; uyakukhipha ukwahlulela ngeqiniso. akayikudangala, aphele amandla, aze amise ukwahlulela emhlabeni; neziqhingi ziyakuhlalela umthetho wakhe. usho kanje ulezi-ku uje-hova-aeiou owadala izulu, waleneka, nowawendlala umhlaba nokuvula kuwo, nowanika abantu abakuwo ukuphefumula nomoya kwabahamba kuwo, uthi: mina jehova-aeiou ngikubizile ngokulunga, ngiyakubamba isandla sakho, ngikugcine, ngikubeke ube yisivumelwano sabantu nokukhanya kwabezizwe, ukuze uvule amehlo ezimpumputhe, ukhiphe iziboshwa etilongweni nabahlezi ebumnyameni etilongweni. nginguje-hova-aeiou; yilo igama lami; angiyikunika omunye inkazimulo yami, nezithombe ezibaziweyo udumo lwami. izinto zakuqala zifikile, sengimemezela izinto ezintsha; zingakaqhamuki, ngiyanziswa zona. mhobelani uje-hova-aeiou ihubo elisha, nodumo lwakhe, kusukela emikhawulweni yomhlaba, nina enehlela elwandle nakho konke okukulo, nina ziqhingi nabakhileyo kuzo. ihlane nemizi yalo makujabule nemizana abakhileyo kuyo abakwakedari,

bahube abakhile emadwaleni, benanele beseziqongweni zezintaba. mabanike uje-hova-aeiou udumo, bamemezele udumo lwakhe eziqhingini. uje-hova-aeiou uya-phuma njengeqhawe; njengendoda yempi uyavusa ukushisekela kwakhe; uyakhala, yebo, uyabangalasa, enze ubuqhawe phezu kwezitha zakhe. sekuyisikhathi eside ngithulile, ngathula ngazibamba; sengiyakukhala njengobeletshay, ngiphefuzele, ngibitoze kanyekanye. ngiyakwenza ize izintaba namagquma, ngomise yonke imifino yawo, ngenze imifula ibe yiziqhingi, ngenze amachibi ukuba ashe. ngiyakuhambisa izimpumputhe ngendlela ezingayaziyo; emikhondweni ezingayaziyo ngiyakuzihola; ngiyakwenza ubumnyama bube ngukukhanya phambi kwazo, namagebhugebhu ukuba ahlelenjwe; ngiyakwenza lezi zinto ngingazishiyi. bayakubuyiselwa emuva, bajabhe nokujabha labo abethemba ezithombeni ezibaziweyo, abasho ezithombeni ezibunjiweyo ukuthi: ningolezi-ku bethu. yizwani nina zithulu; bhekani nina zimpumputhe, ukuze nibone. ngubani oyimpumputhe ngaphandle kwenceku yami, nesithulu njengesithun-ywa sami engisithumayo, na? ngubani oyimpumputhe njengopheleleyo, oyimpumputhe njengenceku kaje-hova-aeiou, na? ubona izinto eziningi, kepha awuqapheli; izindlebe zakhe zivulekile, kepha akezwa. kwaba kuhle kujehova-aeiou ngenxa yokulunga kwakhe ukuba akhulise umthetho, awudumise. kepha laba bangabantu abaphangiweyo nabamukiweyo; bonke bacushiwe emigodini, bafihliwe ematilongweni; bangabokuphangwa, akakho obophulayo, yebo, bayimpango, kungekho oshoyo ukuthi: buyisa. ngubani phakathi kwenu obeka indlebe kulokhu, aqaphele, ezwele isikhathi esizayo, na? ngubani owanikela ujakobe ukuba aphantwe, no-israyeli kubo abaphangi, na? angithi nguje-hova-aeiou, esonile kuye, nabangavumanga ukuhamba ngezindlela zakhe, nabangawulalelanga umthetho wakhe? wayesethela phezu kwakhe ukufutheka kwentukuthelo yakhe, namandla empi; kwamvuthela nxazonke, kepha akakwazanga; kwamshisa, kepha akakubekanga enhliziyweni yakhe.

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kepha manje usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou owakudalayo wena jakobe, nowakubumba wena israyeli, uthi: ungesabi ngokuba ngikuhlengile, ngikubizile ngegama lakho; ungowami. lapho udabula emanzini, mina nginawe; nasemifuleni, ayiyikukukhukhula; lapho uhamba emlilweni, awuyikusha, nelangabi aliyikukushisa. ngokuba nginguje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho,

ongcwele ka-israyeli, umsindisi wakho; ngiyanika igibithe libe yihlawulo lakho, ikushe nesheba esikhundleni sakho. ngenxa yokuba ubuyigugu emehlweni ami, futhi ubudumile, uthandekile kimi, ngiyakunika abantu esikhundleni sakho, nezizwe esikhundleni sokuphila kwakho. ungesabi, ngokuba nginawe; ngiyakuyiletha inzalo yakho iphume empumalanga, ngikubuthe nasentshonalanga. ngiyakusho kuyo inyakatho, ngithi: balethe, nakuyo iningizimu: ungabagodli. lethani amadodana ami akude, namadodakazi ami ukuba aphume emikhawulweni yomhlaba, onke abizwe ngegama lami, nengiwadalele inkazimulo yami, engwabumbile nengiwenzile. lethani abantu abayizimpumputhe abanamehlo nezithulu ezinezindlebe. izizwe zonke mazibuthelwe ndawonye, abantu bonke babuthane; ngubani phakathi kwabo ongamemezela lokhu, asizwise izinto zakuqala; mabalethe ofakazi babo ukuba balungisiswe, bezwe, bathi: kuyiqiniso. ningofakazi bami, usho uje-hova-aeiou, nenceku yami engiyikhethileyo ukuba nazi, ningethembe, niqonde ukuthi nginguye; ngaphambi kwami akwenziwanga ulezi-ku, nangasemva kwami akayikuba khona. mina, mina nginguje-hova-aeiou, ngaphandle kwami akakho umsindisi. ngimemezele, ngisindisile, ngizwisile, kungakabikho ulezi-ku wabezizwe phakathi kwenu; yebo, ningofakazi bami, usho uje-hova-aeiou, mina ningugulezi-ku. yebo, kwasendulo nginguye; akakho ongophula esandleni sami; lapho ngisebenza, ngubani ongakuvimbela na? usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou, umhlengi wenu, ongwele ka-israyeli, uthi: ngenxa yenu ngithumele ebabele, ngiyakwehlisa bonke njengababaleki, namakaledi ngemikhumbi yokujabula kwawo. nginguje-hova-aeiou ongwele wenu, umdali ka-israyeli, inkosi yenu. usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou owenza indlela elwandle, nomkhondo emanzini anamandla, okhipha izinqola namahhashi, impi namandla; kuyalala kanyekanye, akusenakuvuka; kucishile, kucinyiwe njengomongo. ningakhumbuli izinto zakuqala, ningazindli ngezindaba zasendulo. bhekani, ngiyakwenza okusha; kuyakuqhamuka manje, angithi niyakwazi na? yebo, ngiyakwenza indlela ehlane nemifula kwahlongasibi. izilwane zasendle ziyakungidumisa, amakhanka nezintshe, ngokuba ngiveza amanzi ehlane nemifula kwahlongasibi ukuphuzisa abantu bami abakhethiweyo, laba bantu engizenzele bona ukuba bashumayele udumo lwami. kepha awungibizanga, jakobe, ngokuba wadinwa yimi, israyeli. awulethanga kimi izimvu zakho zomnikelo wokushiswa, awungidumisanga ngemihlatshelo yakho; angikukhonzisanga ngeminikelo, angikudinisanga ngenhlaka. awungithenge-

langa umhlanga othaphukayo ngemali, awungisuthisanga ngamanoni emihlatshelo yakho, kepha ungisebenzisile ngezono zakho, ungidinisile ngobubi bakho. mina, mina nginguye owesula iziphambeko zakho ngenxa yami; angiyikukhumbula izono zakho. ngikhumbuze, masahlulelane; yisho wena ukuba ulungisiwe. uyihlo wokuqala wona, abahumushi bakho bangihlubukile. ngidumazile izikhulu zendlu engcwele, ngimenzile ujakobe abe yisiqalekiso, no-israyeli abe yisithuko.

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kepha yizwa manje, jakobe, nceku yami, wena israyeli engikukhethileyo. usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou owakudalayo, wakubumba kwasesiwi, oyakukusiza, uthi: ungesabi, jakobe, nceku yami, wena jeshuruni engikukhethileyo. ngokuba ngiyakuthela amanzi phezu kokomileyo, nezikhukhula phezu kokushileyo, ngithulule umoya wami phezu kwenzalo yakho, nesibusiso sami phezu kwabantwana bakho; bayakuhluma phakathi kotshani njengeminyezane ngasemifudlaneni yamanzi. omunye uyakuthi: ngingokajehova-aeiou; omunye uyakuzibiza ngegama likajakobe, omunye azilobele uje-hova-aeiou esandleni sakhe, azidumise ngegama lika-israyeli. usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou, inkosi ka-israyeli, nomhlengi wakhe, uje-hova-aeiou sebwoti, uthi: ningowokuqala, ngingowokugcina, ngaphandle kwami akakho ulezi-ku. ngubani ongabiza njengami, akumemezele, akubeke phambi kwami, kusukela ekusekeleni kwami abantu basendulo, na? yebo, okuzayo nokuyakwenzeka mabakumemezele. ningesabi, ningabi nalualo; angithi ngikuzwisile kusukela endulo, ngakumemezele, na? nina ningofakazi bami. kukhona ulezi-ku ngaphandle kwami na? cha, alikho idwala; angilazi. abenza isithombe esibaziweyo bayize bonke; izinto zabo ezithandekayo aziyikusiza; ofakazi babo ababoni, futhi abazi; bayakujabhiswa. ngubani owenzile ulezi-ku, ngubani obumbile isithombe esibaziweyo esingokusiza na? bheka, bonke abangane bakhe bayakujabha, nezisebenzi zingabantu nje. mabahlangane bonke, beme; bayakwesaba, bajabhe kanyekanye. umkhandi wensimbi wenza imbazo, asebenze emalahleni, ayibumbe ngezando, ayisebenze ngamandla ezingalo zakhe; uyalamba, angabikho amandla; akaphuzi amanzi, uyadangala. umbazi uyelula intambo, adwebe umuthi ngokubomvu, awenze ngezibazo, adwebe ngekompassi, awenze ngomfanekiso womuntu, ngobuhle bomuntu, ukuba uhlale endlini. uyazigawulela imisedari, athathe imikhoba nama-oki, awaqinise phakathi kwemithi yehlathi;

uyatshala umfire, imvula iwukhulise. bese kuba ngokomuntu ukuba abase ngakho; uthatha kuwo, othe; uyawuphemba, enze isinkwa; wenza ulezi-ku, akhuleke kuye, enze nesithombe esibaziweyo, akhothambele kuso. ushisa ixenye yawo emlilweni; phezu kwale nxenye uyadla inyama, ose izoso, asuthe; yebo, uyotha athi: halala! sengi-fudumele, ngibonile umlilo. ngokuseleyo kuwo uyakwenza ulezi-ku nesithombe; uyakhothamela kuso, akhuleke kuso, athandaze kuso, athi: ngophule; ungulezi-ku wami. abazi, abaqondi, ngokuba unamekile amehlo abo ukuze bangaboni, nezinhliziyo zabo ukuze bangaqondi. akakho okhumbulayo, nokwazi nokuqonda akukho kokuba kuthiwe: ngishisile ixenye yawo ngomlilo, ngenzile isinkwa phezu kwamalahle awo, ngosile inyama, ngayidla; ngingenza okuseleyo kuwo kube yisinengiso, ngikhothamele umbhuku womuthi, na? udla umlotha; inhliziy o ekhohlisiweyo imdukisile; akanakophula umphefumulo wakhe nokuba athi: akukho yini amanga kwesokunene sami na? khumbula lezi zinto, jakobe, wena israyeli, ngokuba uyinceku yami; ngikubumbile, uyinceku yami; israyeli, angiyikukhohlwa. ngesulile iziphambeko zakho njengefu, nezono zakho njengemilaza; buyela kimi, ngokuba ngikhulengile. thokozani, mazulu, ngokuba ujeheva-aeiou ukwenzile, nijabule nina zindawo eziphansi zomhlaba, niqhumuke ngokuhlabelela nina zintaba, nawe hlathi nayo yonke imithi ekuwe, ngokuba ujeheva-aeiou umhlengile ujakobe, ngokuhlabelela wazidumisa ngo-israyeli. usho kanje ujeheva-aeiou umhlengi wakho nowakubumba kwasesiwini, uthi: ngingujehova-aeiou owenza konke, oweneka izulu yedwa, nowendlala umhlaba ngokwakhe, oshafisa izibonakaliso zabaprofethi bamanga, enze ababhuli ukuba bahlanye, obuyisela emuva abahlakaniphileyo, enze ukwazi kwabo kube ngubuwula; ogcwalisa izwi lenceku yakhe, afeze ukululekana kwezithunya zakhe, oshoyo ngalo ijerusalema, athi: liyakuba nabantu, nangemizi yakwajuda ukuthi: iyakwakhiwa, ngibuye ngivuse incithakalo yakhona; oshoyo kuwo umsinga ukuthi: yisha, ngiyakomisa imifula yakho; oshoyo ngokoresi ukuthi: ungumalusi wami, uyakufeza konke okwentando yami, athi ngejerusalema: liyakwakhiwa, nakulo ithempeli: isisekelo sakho siyakubekwa.

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usho kanje ujeheva-aeiou kogcotshiweyo wakhe, kukoresi, osandla sakhe sokunene ngisibambile ukuba ngahule izizwe phambi kwakhe, ngithukulule izinkalo zamakhosi, ngivule iminyango phambi kwakhe, amasango angabe esavalwa. mina

ngiyakuhamba phambi kwakho, ngihlelemba amagebhugebhu, ngaphule izivalo zethusi, nginqume imigoqo yensimbi. ngiyakukunika ingcebo yobumnyama, nemfuyo ethukusiweyo ezindaweni ezisithekileyo, ukuba wazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou bona-ra-ukukhandlekaza ngegama lakho, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli. ngenxa yenceku yami ujakobe, u-israyeli okhetshiweyo wami, ngikubizile ngegama lakho, ngikunikile igama lodumo, ungakangazi. mina ngingujehova-aeiou, akakho omunye; ngaphandle kwami akakho ulezi-ku; ngiyakubhincisa ungakangazi, ukuze bazi kusukela empumalanga nasentshonalanga ukuthi akakho ngaphandle kwami; mina ngingujehova-aeiou, akakho omunye; yimi engenza ukukhanya nengidala ubumnyama, ngenza ukuthula, ngidala bona-ra-ukukhandleka; ngingujehova-aeiou owenza konke lokho. consani, mazulu, phezu, amafu athuntulule ukulunga; umhlaba mawuvuleke, kuthelwe ukusindiswa, kumile nokulunga; mina jehova-aeiou ngikudalile. wo kuye olwa nomenzi, udengezi phakathi kwezindengezi zomhlaba! ibumba liyakusho kolibumbayo ukuthi: wenzani na? nomsebenzi wakho ukuthi: akanazo izandla, na? wo kuye osho kuyise ukuthi: uzalani na? nakwesifazane ukuthi: unemihlo ngani na? usho kanje ujeheva-aeiou, ongcwele ka-israyeli nomenzi wakhe, uthi: ningibuza ngezinto ezizayo, ngabantwana bami, ningiyaleze ngomsebenzi wezandla zami, na? yimi engwenzile umhlaba, ngadala abantu phezu kwawo; mina ngezandla zami ngeneka izulu, nebandla lalo lonke ngiliyaleze. mina ngimvusile lona ngokulunga; ngiyakuhlemba zonke izindlela zakhe; yena uyakuwakha umuzi wami, avumele abathunjwa bami ukuba bahambe, kungabi ngenkokhelo nangesipho, usho ujeheva-aeiou sebawoti. usho kanje ujeheva-aeiou, uthi: okukhandlekelweyo kwasegibithe nokuzuziweyo kwasekushe, nangamasheba, abantu abade, kuyakungena kuwe, kube ngokwakho; bayakukulandela, bafike beboshwe ngamaketanga, bakhothamele kuwe, bakhuleke kuwe, bathi: ulezi-ku ukuwe kuphela, akakho omunye, akakho ngaphandle kukalezi-ku. impela ungulezi-ku ozifihlayo, wena lezi-ku, msindisi. bayakujabha, babe namahloni bonke kanyekanye; bayakuhamba benamahloni bonke abenza izithombe. kepha u-israyeli uyakusindiswa ngujeheva-aeiou ngokusindiswa okuphakade; anyikujabha, anyikuba namahloni kuze kube phakade. ngokuba usho kanje ujeheva-aeiou, owalidala izulu, ongulezi-ku, owawubumba umhlaba, wawenza, wawumisa, engawudalelanga ize, wawubumba ukuba kuhlalwe kuwo, uthi: ngingujehova-aeiou, akakho

omunye. angikhulumanga ekusithekeni, endaweni emnyama emhlabeni; angishongo enzalweni kakakobe ukuthi: ngifuneni ngeze. mina jehova-aeiou ngikhuluma ukulunga, ngimemezela okuqotho. buthanani nize, nisondelane ndawonye nina bakhululekileyo bezizwe; abawuthwala umuthi wezithombe zabo ezibaziweyo abanakwazi, bakhuleka kulezi-ku ongenakusindisa. kumemezeleni, nikuveze; yebo, balulekane kanyekanye. ngubani owakuzwisa lokhu endulo, wakumemezela kwasesikhathini samandulo na? akusimina jehova-aeiou na? akakho ulezi-ku ngaphandle kwami, ulezi-ku olungileyo nomsindisi, akakho ngaphandle kwami. phendukelani kini, nisindiswe, nonke nina majukujuku omhlaba, ngokuba ngingulezi-ku, akakho omunye. ngizifungile mina, kuphumile izwi emlonyeni wami ngokulunga, aliyikubuya, lokuthi: kimina ayakuguqa onke amadolo, nezilimi zonke ziyakufunga. kuyakuthiwa: kujehova-aeiou kuphela nginokulunga namandla. bayakufika kuye, bajabhe bonke abamvuthelayo. kujehova-aeiou yonke inzalo kakakobe yakwa-israyeli iyakulungisiswa, ibe nodumo.

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ubeli uyaguqa, unebo uyakhothama; izithombe zabo zingezeziwane nezezinkomo; enibathweleyo bangumthwalo, banzima ezilwaneni eziyethileyo. ziyakhothama, ziguqa kanyekanye, azinakuwukhulula umthwalo; nabo uqobo baya ekuthunjweni. ngilalele wena ndlu kakakobe, yonke insali yendlu yakwa-israyeli engiyithwesileyo kwasesiswini, yabekwa phezu kwami kwas-esizalweni. noze niguge, nginguye, yebo, noze nibe yizimpunga, ngiyakunithwala; ngikwenzile lokhu, futhi ngiyakunetshatha, yebo, ngiyakunithwala, nginikhulule. niyakungifanisa, ningilinganise nobani, ningiqathanise nobani ukuba sifanane na? abathwala igolide esikhwameni yini, balinganise isiliva esilinganisweni, baqashe umkhandi wesiliva ukuba enze ulezi-ku, bese bekhothama, bakhuleke, na? bamthwala ehloambe, bametshathe, bambeke endaweni yakhe ukuba eme khona, angabe esasuka endaweni yakhe; kepha uma umuntu ekhala kuye, akayikumphendula, angamsindisi osizini lwakhe. khumbulani lokhu, nime niqinile, nibuye nicabange ezinhliziyweni zenu nina benzi bbona-ra-ukukhandleka. khumbulani izinto zakuqala zamandulo, ngokuba ngingulezi-ku, akakho omunye, yebo, ngingulezi-ku, akakho onjengami, engimemezela ngaphambili okuyakuza, nasendulo izinto ezingakenziwa, ngokuthi: icebo lami liyakuma, ngiyakwenza yonke intando yami, mina engibiza inqe empumalanga nomuntu wecebo lami ezweni

elikude; yebo, ngikhulumile, ngiyakukufikisa; nginqumile, ngiyakukwenza. ngilaleleni nina enilukhuni ngenhliziyo, enikude nokulunga. ngiyakusondeza ukulunga kwami, akukude, insindiso yami ayiyikubibala; ngibeka insindiso esiyoni nodumo lwami kwa-israyeli.

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yehla, uhlale othulini wena ntombi, ndodakazi yasebabele, uhlale emhlabathini, kungekho sikhala sobukhosi, wena ndodakazi yamakaledi, ngokuba awusayikubizwa ngokuthi uthambile nokuthi uyatetema. thatha amatshe okugaya, ugaye impuphu, uyisuse imvakazi yakho, uwukhumule umhushuzo wakho, wambule umlenze, uwele imifula. ubuze bakho buyakwambulwa, yebo, ubunqunu bakho buyakubonakala; ngiyakuphindisa, ngingayeki muntu. igama lomhlengi wethu lingujehova-aeiou sebawoti, ongwele ka-israyeli. hlala uzithulele, ungene ebumnyameni, wena ndodakazi yamakaledi, ngokuba awusayikubizwa ngokuthi inkosikazi yemibuso. ngabathukuthela abantu bami, ngalingcolisa ifa lami, ngalinelaka esandleni sakho; awubahawukelanga, walenza ijoka lakho ukuba lisinde kakhulu phezu kwabadala. wathi wena: ngiyakuba yinkosikazi njalonzalo. ngalokho awubekanga lezi zinto enhliziyweni yakho, awukhumbulanga ukugcina kwazo. manje yizwa lokhu wena ozijabulisayo, ohlala ulondekile, othi enhliziyweni yakho: yimi, akakho omunye; angiyikuhlalisa okomfelokazi, nokufelwa abantwana angiyikukwazi. kodwa lokhu kbona-ra-ukukhandlekale kuyakufika kuwe ngokuphazima kweso ngalusuku lunye, ukufelwa, kwabantwana nobufelokazi kufike phezu kwakho ngokugcweleyo phakathi kobuningi bamalumbo akho, nobuningi beziphonso zakho. wethembile ebubini bakho, wathi: akakho ongibonayo. ukuhlakanipha kwakho nokwazi kwakho kukudukisile; wathi enhliziyweni yakho: yimi, akakho omunye. kepha ububi buyakukwehlela, awuyikwazi laphe buvela khona; nengozi iyakuwela phezu kwakho, awuyikuba namandla okuyichezuka, incithakalo ifike phezu kwakho ngokuzumayo, ungazi. yima manje neziphonso zakho nobuningi bamalumbo akho okhandlekile kukho kwasebusheni bakho; mhlawumbe uyakusizakala, mhlawumbe uyakubanga uvalo. ukhathele ngobuningi bamacebo akho; mabasukume, bakusindise abadabula izulu, nababheka izinkanyezi, nabazisa ngezinyanga ezintsha ukuthi kuphi laphe kuzakuvela khona lokhu okuzakukwehlela. bheka, bayakuba njengamabibi ashiswa ngumilo, abayikuzophula emandleni

elangabi; akusilo ilahle lokotha, akusiwo umlilo wokuba kuhlalwe phambi kwawo. ziyakuba njalo kuwe izinto okhandleke kuzo, zihambisene nawe kwasebusheni bakho; seziyakuzulazula, kube yileyo naleyo ngendlela yayo, ekusindisayo ingabikho.

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iyizwa lokhu wena ndlu kakakobe obiziwe ngegama lika-israyeli, waphuma emanzini akwajuda, ofunga igama likajehova-aeiou, odumisa ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, kungengaqiniso nakulunga kodwa. ngokuba bazibiza ngomuzi ongwele, bencika kulezi-ku ka-israyeli, ngujehova-aeiou sebawoti igama lakhe. ngimezele izinto zakuqala zamandulo, zaphuma emlonyeni wami, ngazizwakalisa; ngazenza ngokuzumayo, zenzeke. ngokuba bengazi ukuthi unenkani, nentamo yakho ingumsipha wensimbi, nebunzi lakho liyithusi, ngazimemezela kwasendulo, ngazizwisa kungakenzeki, funa usho uthi: isithombe sami sizenzile, isithombe sami esibaziweyo, nesithombe sami esibunjweyo siziyalezile. wawukuzwile konke lokho; wakubona; awuyikukumemezela na? ngikuzwisile okusha kusukela namuhla, yebo, nokusithokileyo ongakwazanga. kudaliwe manje, kungesendulo; awukuzwanga ngaphambi kwalolu suku, funa uthi: bheka, bengikwazi. yebo, awuzwanga, awazanga, kwasendulo indlebe yakho ayivulwanga, ngokuba bengazi ukuthi wawukhohlisa nokukhohlisa, wabizwa ngokuthi umhlubuki kwasekuzalweni. ngenxa yegama lami ngiyakulibazisa intukuthelo yami, ngizibambe wena ngodumo lwami ukuba ngingakunqumi. bheka, ngikucwengisisile, kungavelanga isiliva kodwa; ngikuvinyile esithandweni sezinhlopheko. ngenxa yami, ngenxa yami ngiyakwenza, ngokuba igama lami lingcoliselwani na? anginiki omunye inkazimulo yami. ngilalele, jakobe, wena israyeli, obiziweyo wami; ngisenguye, ngingowokuqala, futhi ngingowokugcina. yebo, isandla sami sisibekile isisekelo somhlaba, nesokunene sami silenekile izulu; lapho ngikubizayo, kuma ndawonye, buthanani nina nonke, nizwe; ngubani phakathi kwabo omemezela lezi zinto na? amthandayo ujeahova-aeiou uyakuyifeza intando yakhe ngebabele, ngalo yakhe iyakuba phezu kwamakaledi. mina, mina ngikhulumile, yebo, ngimbizile, ngimlethile, uyakuphumelela endleni yakhe. sonde-lani kimi, nizwe lokhu; angikhulumanga ekusithakeni kwasekuqaleni; kusukela esikhathini sokuba kwenzeke, ngangikhona. manje ujeahova-aeiou ulezi-ku ungithumile kanye nomoya wakhe. usho kanje ujeahova-aeiou umhlengi wakho, ongwele ka-israyeli, uthi: ngingujeahova-aeiou

ulezi-ku wakho okufundisile okukusizayo, okuholile ngendlela omelwe ukuhamba ngayo. sengathi nga ulalele imiyalo yami! khona ukuthula kwakho kwakuyakuba njengomfula, nokulunga kwakho njengamaza olwandle; nenzalo yakho yayiyakuba ngangesihlabathi, nabantwana bezibilini zakho njengezinhlamvu zaso; igama lakhe nga linganqunywanga, lachithwa ngaphambi kwami. phumani ebabele, nibalekele amakaledi, nimemezele lokhu ngezwi lokujabula, nikuzwakalise lokhu, nikuphumisele nasemikhawulweni yomhlaba, ngokuthi: ujeahova-aeiou uhlangile inceku yakhe ujakobe. kabomanga lapho ebahola emahlane, wenza ukuba amanzi abagobhozele edwaleni; futhi waliqhekeza idwala, amanzi ampompoza. akukho ukuthula kwababi, usho ujeahova-aeiou.

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ngilaleleni nina ziqhingi, niqaphele nina bantu abakude; ujeahova-aeiou ungibizile kwasekuzalweni, waqamba igama lami kwasezibilinini zikamame. wawenza umlomo wami njengenkamba ebukhali, wangithukusa ethunzini lesandla sakhe, wangenxa umcibisholo ophucuziweyo, wangithukusa esambweni sakhe. wathi kimi: uyinceku yami, u-israyeli, engiyakuzidumisa kuye. kepha ngase ngithi mina: ngikhandlekele ize, amandla ami ngiwachithele okuyize nokungelutho; nokho ilungelo lami likujeahova-aeiou, nomvuzo wami ukulezi-ku wami. manje uthi ujeahova-aeiou owangibumba kwasekuzalweni ukuba ngibe yinceku yakhe yokubuyisela kuye ujakobe, kubuthelwe kuye no-israyeli futhi ngidunisiwe emehlweni kajehova-aeiou, ulezi-ku wami waba ngamandla ami yebo, uthi: kuyinto elula ukuba ube yinceku yami ukuvusa izizwe zakwajakobe, nokubuyisa abaseleyo bakwa-israyeli; ngalokho ngiyakukubeka ube ngukukhanya kwabezizwe, ube yinsindiso yami kuze kube semkhawulweni womhlaba. usho kanje ujeahova-aeiou, umhlengi ka-israyeli ongwele wakhe, kodelelwa nokudelelwa noyisinengiso esizweni, koyinceku yababusi, uthi: amakhosi ayakubona, asukume, izikhulu zibone, zikhothame ngenxa kajehova-aeiou othembekile, ongwele ka-israyeli okukhethileyo. usho kanje ujeahova-aeiou, uthi: ngiyakuphendula ngesikhathi somusa, ngosuku lokusindiswa ngiyakusiza; ngiyakukulondoloza, ngikubeke ube yisivumelwano sabantu sokubuyisa izwe nokubenza badle amafa achithekileyo, uthi kwababoshiweyo: phumani, nakwabasebumnyameni: velani. bayakulaba ngasezindleleni, amadlelo abo abe semagqumeni onke. abayikulamba,

abayikoma, abayikushaywa yisifudumezi nelanga, ngokuba yena onomusa kubo uyakubahola, abayise emithonjeni yamanzi. ngiyakuzenza zonke izintaba zami zibe yizindlela, imendo yami iphakame. bheka, laba bayakuvela kude; bheka, laba bayakuvela enyakatho nasentshonalanga, nalaba ezweni lasesinimi. jabulani nina mazulu, uthokoze nawe mhlaba, niqhumuke ngokuhlabela nina zintaba, ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou ududuzela abantu bakhe, abe nomusa kwabahluphekileyo bakhe. kepha isiyoni lithi: uje-hova-aeiou ungishiyile, inkosi ingkhohlwe. owesifazane angakhohlwa umntwana wakhe oncelayo ukuba angabi namusa kuyo indodana yesizalo sakhe na? yebo, bona bangakhohlwa, kodwa mina anginakukukhohlwa wena. bheka, ezandleni zami ngikubhalile, izingange zakho ziphambi kwami njalo. abantwana bakho bayashesha; abakuchithayo nabakwenza ize baphuma kuwe. phakamisa amhlo akho nxazonke, ubone: bonke bayabuthana, bafika kuwe. kuphila kwami, usho uje-hova-aeiou, impela uyakubembatha bonke njengemvunulo, uzibhince ngabo njengomakoti. ngokuba izindawo zakho ezichithekileyo neziyize nezwe lakho eliqothuliweyo kuyakuminyana ngabakhileyo khona, nabakugwinyileyo bayakuba kude. abantwana bokuswezeliswa kwakho basayakusho ezindlebeni zakho ukuthi: indawo ingumcingo kimi; sukani kimi ukuba ngihlale. bese wusho enhliziyweni yakho ukuthi: ngubani ongizalele laba, lokhu ngaphuciwe abantwana bami, ngingenalutho, ngingumthunjwa, ngingozulazulayo, na? ngubani okhulise laba na? bheka, ngasala ngedwa; laba babephi na?

isho kanje inkosi ulezi-ku, ithi: bheka, ngiyakuphakamisela izizwe izandla zami, ngimisele abantu ibhanela lami; bayakuletha amadodana akho esifubeni sabo, namadodakazi akho ayakuthwalwa emahlombe. amakhosi ayakuba ngabazanyana bakho, namakhosikazi awo ayakuba ngabancelisi bakho; bayakukhothamela ubuso bubheke phansi, bakhotha uthuli lwezinyawo zakho; uyakwazi ukuthi nginguje-hova-aeiou, abethemba kimi abayikujabha. impango ingasuswa kuwo amaqhawe, nabathunjwa bangophulwa kubacindezeli, na? noma kunjalo, uje-hova-aeiou uthi: yebo, abathunjwa bamaqhawe bangasuswa, nempango yabacindezeli iyakophulwa, kepha mina ngiyakulwa naye olwa nawe, ngisindise abantwana bakho. ngiyakudlisa abacindezeli bakho inyama yabo, badakwe yigazi labo njengangewayini elimnandi; inyama yonke iyakwazi ukuthi mina je-hova-aeiou ngingumsindisi wakho, nomhlengi wakho, umninimandla kajakobe.

usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou, uthi: iphi incwadi yesahlukaniso engimlahlile ngayo, noma ngumuphi enginesikwenetu kuye engithengisile ngani kuye na? bhekani, nathengiswa ngobubi benu, nangeziphambeko zenu, unyoko walahlwa. ngalokho ekufikeni kwami kwaba ngani ukuba kungabikho muntu, nasekubizeni kungabikho ophen-dulayo, na? isandla sami sifinyeziwe nokufinyezwa, ukuze singahlengi na? noma angisenamandla okophula na? bheka, ngokukhuza kwami ngiyomisa ulwandle, ngenze imifula ibe yihlane; izinhlanzi zalo ziyanuka, ngokuba awakho amanzi, ziyafa ukoma. ngiyembathisa amazulu ubumnyama, ngenze indwangu yamasaka ibe yisimbozo sawo. inkosi uje-hova-aeiou inginikile ulimi lwabafundi ukuba ngazi ukuvuselela oyethileyo ngamazwi ahlumel-elayo; ivusa njalo indlebe yami ekudeni imihla ngemihla ukuba ngizwe njengaba-fundi. inkosi uje-hova-aeiou iyivulile indlebe yami, mina angihlubukanga, angihlehlanga nyovane. nganika abashayi umhlane, nezihlathi zami kubo abahluthula isilevu; angibusithelisanga ubuso bami ekuhlazisweni nasekufelweni amathe. ngokuba inkosi uje-hova-aeiou iyakungisiza; ngalokho angijabhanga, ngalokho ngibumisile ubuso bami njengensengetsha; ngiyazi ukuthi angiyikujabha. ongithethayo use-duze; ngubani ongamelana nami na? masivuke kanyekanye; ngubani oman-galelana nami na? makasondele kimi. bheka, inkosi uje-hova-aeiou iyakungisiza; ngubani oyakungilahla na? bheka, bonke bayakuguga njengengubo, badliwe njengezinundu. ngubani phakathi kwenu omesabayo uje-hova-aeiou? makalilalele izwi lenceku yakhe ehambele ebumyameni, ethembile egameni likajehova-aeiou, noma ingenakukhanya, yencika kulezi-ku wakhe. bhekani nina nonke eniphemba umlilo, enibhincia izikhuni, manihamba ekukhanyeni komlilo wenu naphakathi kwezikhuni eniziphembileyo. lokhu kuyakuba phezu kwenu kuvela esandleni sami; niyakulala phansi ngobuhlungu.

ngilaleleni nina enilandela ukulunga, nina enimfunayo uje-hova-aeiou; bhekani kulo idwala eniqhezuwe kulo, nakuyo imibhobo yomgodi enakhishwa kuyo. bhekani ku-abrahama uyihlo, nakusara owanizalayo, ngokuba eseyedwa ngambiza, ngambu-sisa, ngamandisa. ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou uyakuliduduzisa isiyoni, aziduduze zonke izindawo zalo ezichithekileyo, enze ihlane lalo libe njenge-edene, noqwathule lwalo



lube njengensimu kajehova-aeiou; injabulo nentokoza kuyakufunyanwa khona, ukubonga nezwi lokuhlabelela. ngizweni, bantu bami, ningibekele indlebe nina sizwe sami, ngokuba kuyakuphuma kimi umhetho, ngibeke ukwahlulela kwami kube ngukukhanya kwabantu. ukulunga kwami kuseduze, insindiso yami iphumile, izingalo zami ziyakubahlulela abantu; iziqingqi ziyangihlalela, zilindela umkhono wami. phakamiselani amehlo enu ezulwini, niwubheke umhlaba phansi, ngokuba izulu liyakunyamalala njengomusi, umhlaba ugame njengengubo, nabakhileyo kuwo bafe njengezinsensane, kepha insindiso yami iyakuma kuze kube phakade, nokulunga kwami akuyikuphela. ngilaleleni nina enazi ukulunga, abantu abamhetho wami usezinhliziyweni zabo; ningesabi ukusolwa ngabantu, ningapheli amandla ngezithuko zabo. ngokuba inundu iyakubadla njengengubo, nebhu libadle njengoboya bezimvu, kodwa ukulunga kwami kuyakuma kuze kube phakade, nensindiso yami ezizukulwaneni ngezizukulwane. vuka, vuka, wembathe amandla wena mkhono kajehova-aeiou, vuka njengasezinsukwini zasendulo, ezizukulwaneni zamandulo. akusuwe owamnquma kabili urahabi, wangwaza udruko, na? akusuwe owomisa ulwandle, amanzi asotweni olujulileyo, owenza izinzulu zolwandle zaba yindlela yokuba kuwele abahlengiweyo, na? abahlawulelweyo bakajehova-aeiou bayakubuya, bafike esiyoni bejabula; intokoza engapheliyo iyakuba semakhanda abo, bathole injabulo nentokoza, usizi nokububala kubaleke. yimina, yimi enginguye oniduduzayo; ungubani wena ukuba wesabe umuntu ofayo, nendodana yomuntu eyakwenziwa ibe njengotshani, na? ukhohliwe ujeahova-aeiou umenzi wakho owaleneka izulu nowasibeka isisekelo somhlaba; uthuthumele njalo izinsuku zonke ngokufutheka komcindezeli njengokungathi ozilungiselela ukuchitha; kuphi ukufutheka komcindezeli na? othotshisiweyo uyakushesha ukukhululwa; kayikufa, kayikwehlela egodini, kayikuswela isinkwa sakhe. ngingujeahova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ovusa ulwandle, ukuze amaza alo ahlokome; ngujeahova-aeiou sebawoti igama lakhe. ngiwabekile amazwi ami emlonyeni wakho, ngikusibekele emthunzini wesandla sami, ukuze ngiwaatshale amazulu, ngisibeke isisekelo somhlaba, ngithi kulo isiyoni: wena uyisizwe sami. vuka, vuka, usukume wena jerusalema ophuzile esandleni sikajehova-aeiou indebe yokufutheka kwakhe; uphuzile isitsha sendebe yokutengezela, wasiminya. akakho ongalihola phakathi kwawo onke amadodana eliwazalileyo. akakho ongalibamba ngesandla kuwo onke amadodana eliwakhulisi-

leyo. lokhu kbona-ra-ukukhandlekali kukwehlele; ngubani okukhalelayo na? lapho kukhona incithakalo nokubhujiswa, ukulamba nenkemba, ngubani ongakududuza na? amadodana akho adangele, alala ezihlokweni zezitaladi zonke, njengewula esihibeni; agcwele ukufutheka kukajehova-aeiou nokukhuza kukalezi-ku wakho. ngalokho ake uzwe lokhu wena ohluphekayo nodakiweyo, kungengwayini kodwa; isho kanje inkosi yakho ujeahova-aeiou nolezi-ku wakho emela indaba yabantu, ithi: bheka, ngiyithathile esandleni sakho indebe yokutengezela; yebo, isitsha sendebe yokufutheka kwami awusayikusiphuza. ngiyakusibeka esandleni sabakuhluphayo, abashoyo emphefumleni wakho ukuthi: kthothama, sidlule phezu kwakho; wawusuwubeka umhlane wakho waba njengomhlabathi nesitaladi kwabadlulayo.

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vuka, vuka, wembathe amandla akho, siyoni, uzigqoke izingubo zakho ezinhle, jerusalema, muzi ongwele, ngokuba akusayikungena kuwe ongasokile nongcolileyo. zithintithe uthuli, usukume, uhlale, jerusalema elithunjiweyo; zikhulule eziboshweni zentamo yakho wena ndodakazi yasesiyoni ethunjiweyo. ngokuba usho kanje ujeahova-aeiou, uthi: nathengiswa ngento engelutho; niyakuhlelwa ngaphandle kwemali. ngokuba isho kanje inkosi ujeahova-aeiou, ithi: abantu bami behlela kuqala egibithe ukuba bagogobale khona; i-asiriya lamcindezela ngaphandle kwezizathu. manje nginantonini lapha, usho ujeahova-aeiou, lapho abantu bami besusiwe ngeze na? ababusa phezu kwabo bayaklabalasa, usho ujeahova-aeiou, negama lami liyahlanjalazwa njalo usuku lonke. ngalokho abantu bami bayakulazi igama lami; ngalokho bayakuqonda ngalolo suku ukuthi yimi engikhulumileyo; bhekani, ngilapha. zimnandi kangakanani ezintabeni izinyawo zoletsha izindaba ezinhle, nomemezela ukuthula, obika izindaba ezinhle, ezwakalise ukusindiswa, oshoyo kulo isiyoni ukuthi: ulezi-ku wakho uyinkosi. izwi labalindi bakho, bayaliphakamisa izwi, bababule kanyekanye, ngokuba bayakubona iso neso, lapho ujeahova-aeiou ebuyela esiyoni. qhumukani ngokuhlabelela, nihlabelele kanyekanye, nina zindawo ezichithekileyo zasejerusalema, ngokuba ujeahova-aeiou ubaduduzile abantu bakhe, ulihlengile ijerusalema. ujeahova-aeiou wambulile ingalo yakhe engcwele emehlweni ezizwe zonke, namajukujuku onke omhlaba ayakubona insindiso kalezi-ku wethu. mukani, mukani, niphume lapha, ningathinti okungcolileyo,

niphume phakathi kwalo, nizihlambulule nina eniphatha izitsha zikajehova-aeiou. ngokuba aniyikuphuma ngokushesha, ningahambi ngokubaleka, ngokuba ujevova-aeiou uyakuhamba phambi kwenu, nolezi-ku ka-israyeli uyakuba semva kwenu. bheka, inceku yami iyakuphumelela kahle; iyakukhuliswa, iphakanyiswe, iphakame kakhulu. njengalokhu abaningi bamangala ngayo ubuso bayo babonakele kunobabantu, nesimo sayo kunesamadodana abantu kanjalo iyakwethusa izizwe eziningi; amakhosi ayakuvala imilomo yawo ngenxa yayo, ngokuba lokho angatshelwanga khona ayakukubona, nalokho angakuzwanga ayakukuqonda.

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ngubani owakholwa ngesikuzwileyo; ingalo kajehova-aeiou yambulelwa bani na? ngokuba yakhula njengehlumela phambi kwakhe, nanjengempande emhlabathini owomileyo; yayingenasimo nabuhle ukuba siyibuke, yayingabukeki ukuba siyifune. yayideleliwe, yashiywa ngabantu, umuntu wobuhlungu owazi ukugula; yeyiswa injengosithezelwa ubuso ngabantu, asiyishayanga nto yalutho. kepha yazithwala izifo zethu, yabetshatha ubuhlungu bethu, kodwa thina sathi ijezisiwe, ishaywe ngulezi-ku, ihlushiwe. yebo, yalinyazwa ngenxa yeziphambeko zethu, yachotshozwa ngobubi bethu; isijeziso sasiphezu kwayo ukuba sibe nokuthula, nangemivimbo yayo siphilisiwe thina. thina sonke sidukile njengezimvu; yilowo nalowo uphendukele endleleni yakhe; ujevova-aeiou wehlisela phezu kwayo ububi bethu sonke. yacindezelwa, kepha noma yathotshiswa, ayivulanga umlomo wayo; njengewundlu eliyiswa ekuhlathshweni, nanjengemu ethule phambi kwabagundi bayo, ayiwuvulanga umlomo wayo. yasuswa ekucindezelweni nasekwahlulelweni; ngubani esizukulwaneni sayo owacabanga ukuthi yahlwithwa ezweni labaphilayo, ishaywa ngesiphambeko sabantu bami, na? babeka ithuna layo kanye nababi; ekufeni yayinabenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka, noma ingenzanga indluzula, kungekho nankohliso emlonyeni wayo. nokho ujevova-aeiou wathanda ukuyishaya ngezifo; lapho wenza umphefumulo wayo ube ngumnikelo wecala, iyakubona inzalo yayo, yenze izinsuku zayo zibe ziningi, nentando kajehova-aeiou iyakuphumelela esandleni sayo. ngokuhlupheka komphefumulo wayo iyakukubona, yaneliswe. ngokwazi kwayo inceku yami, elungileyo, iyakulungisisa abaningi, ithwale izono zabo. ngalokho ngiyakuyabela kanye nabakhulu, yahlukanise impango nabanamandla, ngokuba yawuthulula umphefumulo wayo

ekufeni, yabalwa kanye nezezelesi; yathwala nokho izono zabaningi, yakhulekela aboni.

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jabula wena nyumba, wena ongazalanga, uqhumuke ngokuhlabelela, umemeze wena ongabanga namihelo, ngokuba abantwana boyisikhwebu baningi kunabantwana bonendoda, usho ujevova-aeiou. yenza ibe banzi indawo yetende lakho; mabazelule izindwangu zamakhaya akho, ungazibambezele, welule izintambo zakho, uziqinise izikhonkwane zakho. ngokuba uyakusabalala ngakwesokunene nangakwesokhohlo, nengalo yakho iyakuqeda abezizwe, yakhe imizi echithekileyo. ungesabi, ngokuba awuyikujabha, ungabi namahloni, ngokuba awuyikujabhiswa, ngokuba uyakukhohlwa ihlazo lobusha bakho, ungabe usawakumbula amahloni obufelokazi bakho. ngokuba umenzi wakho ungumyeni wakho, ngujevova-aeiou sebawoti igama lakhe; ongcwele ka-israyeli ungumhlengi wakho, uyakubizwa ngokuthi ulezi-ku womhlaba wonke. ngokuba ujevova-aeiou ukubizile njengomfazi osihiyiweyo nodabukileyo emoyeni; umfazi wobusha ukhona omalayo na? usho ulezi-ku wakho. umzuzwana omncane ngakushiya, kepha ngobumnene obukhulu ngiyakukubutha. ngentukuthelo echichimayo ngabusitheza ubuso bami kuwe isikhashana, kepha ngomusa ongapheliyo ngiyakukuhawukela, usho ujevova-aeiou umhlengi wakho. ngokuba lokhu kungezinsuku zikanowa kimi, ngokuba njengalokho ngafunga ukuthi amanzi kanowa awayikube esadlula emhlabeni, kanjalo sengifungile ukuthi angisayikukuthukuthelela, ngikusole. yebo, izintaba zingamuka, namagquma angasuswa, kepha umusa wami awuyikumuka kuwe, nesivumelwano sami sokuthula asiyikususwa, usho ujevova-aeiou okuhawukelayo. wena ohluphekayo, ohlukunyeziwe ungaduduzwanga, bheka, ngiyakufaka amatsho akho abe mahle, ngizibeke izisekelo zakho ngamasafire. ngiyakwenza imibhoshongo yakho ngamarubi, namasango akho ngekristalo, nayo yonke imikhawulo yakho ngamatsho amahle. bonke abantwana bakho bayakuba ngabafundi bakajehova-aeiou, nokuthula kwabantwana bakho kuyakuba kukhulu. uyakumiswa ngokulunga; uyakuba kude nokucindezelwa, ngokuba awuyikwesaba, nanovalo, ngokuba aluyikusondela kuwe. bheka, uma bebuthana, kungaphandle kwami, noma ngubani obuthanela wena, uyakuwa ngenxa yakho. bheka, mina ngidalile umkhandi ofutha umlilo wamaladle, azikhiphele isikhali somsebenzi wakhe; mina ngidalile futhi umchithi wokuba abhubhise.

asikho isikhali esenzelwa wena esiyakuphumelela, nalo lonke ulimi olukuvukelayo luyakwahlulelwa; lokhu kuyifa lezinceku zikajehova-aeiou nokulunga kwazo okuvela kimi, usho ujahova-aeiou.

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we nina nonke enomileyo, wozani emanzini; nani eningenamali wozani nithenge, nidle; wozani nithenge ngaphandle kwemali, yebo, iwayini nobisi, kungabizwa lutho, niyichithelani imali kukho okungesiso isinkwa, nenzuzo yenu kukho okunganelisiyo, na? ngilaleleni nokungilalela, nidle okuhle, umphefumulo wenu ujabule ngamanoni. bekani izindlebe, nize kimi, nizwe, uyakuphila umphefumulo wenu; ngiyakwenza nani isivumelwano esiphakade, izenzo zomusa oqinisekileyo zikadavide. bheka, ngimnike abe ngufakazi kubantu, umholi nomyali kubantu. bheka, uyakubiza izizwe ongazaziyo, nezizwe ebezingakwazi ziyakugijimela kuwe ngenxa kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho nangenxa yongwele ka-israyeli, ngokuba ukudumisile. mfuneni ujahova-aeiou esenokutholwa, nimbize eseseduze. omubi makashiye indlela yakhe, nomuntu owenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka imicabango yakhe, abuyele kujehova-aeiou, uyakuba nomusa kuye, yebo, abuyele kulezi-ku wethu, ngokuba uyakwenza ukuthethelela kube kukhulu. ngokuba imicabango yami ayisiyo imicabango yenu, nezindlela zenu azisizo izindlela zami, usho ujahova-aeiou. ngokuba njengamazulu ephakeme kunomhlaba, kanjalo izindlela zami ziphakeme kunezindlela zenu, nemicabango yami kunemicabango yenu. ngokuba njengokwehla kwemvula neqhwa ezulwini, kungabuyeli khona, kepha kuwunethisa umhlaba, kuwenze ukuba uthole, uhlume, unike ohlwanyelayo inhlwanyelo nodlayo isinkwa, liyakuba njalo izwi lami eliphuma emlonjeni wami: aliyikubuyela ze kimi, lingakafezi lokhu engikufunayo, liphumelele kulokhu engilithumele kukho. ngokuba niyakuphuma ngokuthokoza, niholwe ngokuthula; izintaba namagquma kuyakuqhumuka ngokuhlabela phambi kwenu, nemithi yonke yasendle iyakushaya ihlombe. esikhundleni sogagane kuyakumila umsayipuresi, nasesikhundleni samakhakhasi kuyakumila umbomvana. kuyakuba yigama kujehova-aeiou, nesibonakaliso esingapheleliyo esingayikunqunywa.

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usho kanje ujahova-aeiou, uthi: gcinani ukwahlulela, nenze ukulunga, ngokuba

insindiso yami iseduze ukuba ifike, noku-lunga kwami ukuba kwambulwe. ubusisiwe umuntu owenza lokhu, nendodana yomuntu ebambeleva kukho, ogcina isabatha engaloni, osibamba isandla sakhe ukuba singenzi nakuphi bona-ra-ukukhandleka. indodana yowezizwe ezihlanganise nojahova-aeiou mayingasho ukuthi: impela ujahova-aeiou uyakungahlukanisa nabantu bakhe, nomthenwa angathi: bheka, ngingumuthi owomileyo. ngokuba usho kanje ujahova-aeiou ngabathenwa, uthi: abagcina amasabatha ami, nabakhetha engikuthandayo, nababambeleva esivumelwaneni sami bona ngiyakubanika endlini yami naphakathi kwezingange zami isikhumbuzo negama elihle kunamadodana namadodakazi; ngiyakubanika igama eliphakade, elingayikunqunywa. nabezizwe abazihlanganisa nojahova-aeiou ukumkhonza ujahova-aeiou nokulithanda igama likajehova-aeiou ukuba babe yizinceku zakhe bonke abaligcina isabatha, bangaloni, nababambeleva esivumelwaneni sami, yebo, nabo ngiyakubayisa entabeni yami engcwele, ngibathokozise endlini yami yokukhuleka; iminikelo yabo yokushiswa nemihlatshelo yabo iyakwamukeleka e-altare lami, ngokuba indlu yami iyakubizwa ngokuthi indlu yokukhuleka phakathi kwabantu bonke. inkosi ujahova-aeiou ebutha abaxoshiweyo bakwa-israyeli ithi: ngisezakubuthela kuye nabanye ngaphandle kwabase bebuthiwe. nonke nina zilwane zasendle, wozani nidle, nonke nina zilwane zasehlathini. bonke abalindi bayizimpuputhe, abanakwazi; bonke bayizinja eziyizimungulu, abakwazi ukukhonkotha, balala bephupha, bathanda ukozele. yebo, bayizinja ezihahayo, abakwazi ukusutha; yebo, laba bangabelusi abangenakuqonda, baphendusela bonke ezindleleni zabo, kube yilowo nalowo enzuzweni yakhe, bonke kanyekanye. wozani, ngiyakuletha iwayini, sizakuzigcwalisa ngophuzo olunamandla; ngomuzomus liyakuba njenganamuhla, libe likhulu kakhulu.

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olungileyo uyabhubha, akakho okubeka enhliziyweni; abantu abanomusa bayasuswa, kungaqondi muntu. olungileyo uyasuswa ebubini, angene ekuthuleni; abahambe ngobuqotho bayakuphumula emibhedeni yabo. kepha sondelani nina madodana abahlola imihlola, inzalo yomphingi neyesifebe. nidlala nobani, nikhamisela bani umlomo, ninyalizela bani, na? anisibo abantwana beziphambeko, inzalo yamanga yini, nina enisha phakathi kwama-oki phansi kwayo yonke imithi eluhlaza, enibulala abantwana

ezigodini phansi emifantwini yamadwala, na? isabelo sakho siphakathi kwamatshe abushelezi asesigodini; wona yiwo angawenkatho yakho; nakuwona uthululele umnikelo wokuphuzwa, wenza umnikelo wempuphu. ngiyakwaneliswa ngalokhu na? entabeni ende nephakemeyo uwubekile umbhede wakho; futhi wakhuphukela khona ukunikela ngomhlatshelelo. wabeka isithombe sakho emva kwezicabha nezinsika, wazambulela omunye kunami, wakhwela embhedeni, wawandisa, wawumelana nabo, wayithanda imibhede yabo, wazibonelela indawo. waya kumoloki uphethe amafutha, wawandisa amakha akho; wathumela kude izithunywa zakho, wazehlisele nasendaweni yabafuleyo. wakhathala ngobude bendlela, kepha awushongo ukuthi: kuyize. wathola amandla aneleyo, ngalokho awuphlanga amandla. washaywa luvalo ngobani, wamesaba, waze waqamba amanga, awangikhumbula, futhi ungakubekanga enhliziyweni yakho, na? angithi njengokuba ngithulile kwasendulo, awungesabi, na? mina ngiyakumemezela ukulunga kwakho nemisebenzi yakho; kepha akuyikukusiza. ekukhaleni kwakho izixuku zezithombe zakho mazikophule, kepha umoya uzakuzisusa zonke, ukuphefumula kuzithathe; kodwa othamba kimi uzakudla ifa lezwe, adle nefa lentaba yami engcwele. kuyakuthiwa: hlelani, hlelani, nilungise indlela, nisisuse isikhubekiso endleleni yabantu bami. ngokuba usho kanje ophakamileyo nophezulu, ohlala kuze kube phakade, ogama lakhe lingongcwele, uthi: ngihlala endaweni ephakemeyo nengcwele, kepha nakuye onomoya ochotshoziweyo nothobekileyo, ukuvuselela umoya wabathobekileyo nokuphilisa izinhliziyi zabachotshoziweyo. ngokuba angiyikulwa kuze kube phakade, angiyikuthukuthela njalonjalo, ngokuba umoya ubuyakuphela phambi kwami, leyo miphefumulo engiyenzileyo. ngenxa yobubi bokuhaha kwakhe ngathukuthela, ngamshaya, ngazisitheza ngisathukuthela, kepha waqhubeka wahlubuka ngendlela yenhliziyi yakhe. ngizibonile izindlela zakhe, ngiyakumphilisa; ngiyakumhola, ngimduduze yena nabamlilelayo, ngidala izithelo zezindebe zomlomo ngokuthi: ukuthula, ukuthula kuye okude nakuye ose-duze, usho ujejhova-aeiou; ngiyakumphilisa. ababi banjengolwandle olunyakazisiweyo, ngokuba alunakuphumula, namanzi alo akhipha udaka nobishi. akukho ukuthula kwababi, usho ulezi-ku wami.

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memeza ngezwi elikhulu, ungazibambi, uliphakamise izwi njengecilongo, utshele abantu bami iziphambeko zabo, indlu

kajakobe izono zayo. nokho bangifuna izin-suku zonke, bathanda ukwazi izindlela zami; njengesizwe esenza ukulunga, singashi yi ukwahlulela kukalezi-ku waso, babuza kimi izahlulelo zokulunga, bathanda ukusondela kulezi-ku. bathi: sizileleni ukudla, ungaboni, na? sizihlupheleni izinhliziyi zethu, ungakwazi, na? bhekani, ngosuku lokuzila kweni niyaqhuba umsebenzi, ncindezele zonke izisebenzi zenu. bhekani, nizilela ukulwa nokuphikisana nokushaya ngenqindi yobubi. anisazili namuhla ukuze nilizwakalise izwi leni phezu. yikhona lokhu kuzila engikukhethileyo yini nosuku lokuba umuntu awuhluphe umphefumulo wakhe; ukuthi umuntu ugoba ikhanda lakhe njengomhlanga, endlale indwangu yamasaka nomlotha phansi kwakhe, na? lokhu kambe ungakubiza ngokuthi ukuzila nosuku olwamukelekayo kujehova-aeiou na? akusikho lokhu kuzila engikukhethileyo yini: ukuthukulula izibopho zobubi nokuxegisa imichilo yejoka; ukukhulula abacindezelwayo nokwaphula onke amajoka na? akusikho ukwabela abalambileyo isinkwa sakho, nokuyisa abampofu nemihambima ekhaya lakho, nokwembesa ohamba ze, lapho umbonayo, nokungazisithezi kwaba yinyama yakho, na? khona ukukhanya kwakho kuyakuqhamuka njengokusa, noku-phuluka kwakho kuyakuvela masinyane, ukulunga kwakho kuhambe phambi kwakho, inkazimulo kajehova-aeiou ibe semva kwakho. khona wena uyakubiza, kusabele ujejhova-aeiou; uyakukhala, abesethi: bheka, ngilapha. uma ususa phakathi kwakho ijoka, nokukhomba ngomunwe, nokukhuluma bona-ra-ukukhandleka, um-nike olambileyo isinkwa sakho, usuthise othotshisiweyo, khona ukukhanya kwakho kuyakuphuma ebumnyameni, ukuhlwa kwakho kube njengemini. ujejhova-aeiou uyakukuhola njalo, asuthise umphefumulo wakho ezindaweni ezomileyo, aqinise amathambo akho; uyakuba njengensimu eniselweyo nanjengomthombo wamanzi, omanzi awo angaphuthi. abavela kuwe bayakwakha izincithakalo ezindala, ubuye wakhe izisekelo zezizukulwane ezidlulileyo, ubizwe ngokuthi umvalisikhala nomlungisi wemikhondo ukuba kuhlalwe khona. uma ulubuyisa unyawo lwakho kulo isabatha, ukuze ungenzi umsebenzi wakho ngosuku lwami olungcwele, ulibize isabatha ngokuthi intokozo, nolungcwele lukajehova-aeiou ngokuthi lunodumo, uludumise, ungahambi ngezindlela zakho, ungawuqhubi umsebenzi wakho, ukuhlume ize, khona uyakuzijabulisa kujehova-aeiou, ngikukhweze ezindaweni eziphakemeyo zomhlaba, ngikuphe ukuba ulidle ifa likajakobe uyihlo, ngokuba umlomo kajehova-aeiou ukukhulumile.

bheka, isandla sikajehova-aeiou asifinyeziwe ukuba singasindisi, nendlebe yakhe ayinzima ukuba ingezwa. kepha ububi benu bunahlukanisile nolezi-ku, nezono zenu zibusithile ubuso bakhe kini ukuba angezwa. 3 ngokuba izandla zenu zingcolile igazi, neminwe yenu ububi; izindebe zenu zomlomo zikhuluma amanga, nezilimi zenu zinyenyeza bona-ra-ukukhandleka. akakho omezeza ngokulunga, akakho owahlulela ngeqiniso; bethemba kokuyize, bakhuluma amanga; bakhulelwe yingozi, bazala ububi. bachamisela amaqanda ebululu, baluka ubulembu bolwembu; odlayo amaqanda abo uyafa, okuchotshozwayo kughamuka kuyibululu. ubulembu babo abuyikuba yizingubo, futhi abanakuzimboza ngemisebenzi yabo; isenzo sendluzula sisezandleni yabo. izinyawo zabo zigijimela ebubini, bashesha ukuchitha igazi elingenacala; imicabango yabo iyimicabango yobubi; incithakalo nokubhujiswa kusezindleni zabo. indlela yokuthula abayazi, nokwahlulela akukho emikhondweni yabo; bazenzele izindlela eziyisigwegwe, bonke abahamba ngazo abazi ukuthula. ngalokho ukwahlulela kukude nathi, nokulunga akusifumani; sihlalela ukukhanya, kepha bheka, ubumnyama; silindela imini, kepha sihamba ekuhlweni. siphuthaza udonga njengempumputhe, yebo, siphumputha njengabangenamehlo; sikhubeka emini njengasekuhweleleni; phakathi kwabaphilayo sinjengabafileyo. siyagwavuma sonke njengamabhere, siyalilisele nokulilisele njengamajuba; silindela ukwahlulela, kepha akukho, nokusindiswa, kepha kukude nathi. ngokuba iziphambeko zethu zandile phambi kwakho, nezono zethu ziyafakaza ngathi; ngokuba iziphambeko zethu zikithi, nokona kwethu siyakwazi: ukuphambuka nokumphika uje-hova-aeiou, nokumhlubuka ulezi-ku wethu, nokukhuluma ukucindezela nokwambuka, nokucabanga nokukhuluma amazwi amanga aphuma enhliziyweni. ukwahlulela kubuyiselwa emuva, nokulunga kumi kude, ngokuba iqiniso liyakhubeka esigcawini, nobuqotho abunakungena. iqiniso lisilele; osuka ebubini uzenza impango; uje-hova-aeiou wabubona lokho, kwaba kubi emehlweni akhe ukuthi ukwahlulela akukho. wabona ukuthi akukho muntu, wamangala ukuthi wayengekho omelayo; yayisimsindisa ingalo yakhe, nokulunga kwakhe kwamphasa. wafaka ukulunga njengebhantshi lensimbi, nesigqoko sensindiso ekhanda lakhe; wagqoka izingubo zokuphindisela zaba ngezokwembatha, wazembesa ukushisekela njengengubo. njengokwenza kwabo, kanjalo uyakubaphindisela: ukufutheka kuzo

izitha zakhe, nokwenza kwabo kwabamelelene naye, abuyisele eziqingini izenzo zazo. bayakulesaba igama likajehova-aeiou entshonalanga, nenkazimulo yakhe empumalanga, ngokuba uyakufika njengomfula okhahlamezayo, oqhutshwa ngumoya kajehova-aeiou. kepha uyakufika esiyoni engumhlengi, nakulabo abakwajakobe ababuya eziphambekweni, usho uje-hova-aeiou. mina-ke, lokhu kuyisivumelwano sami nabo, usho uje-hova-aeiou, sokuthi umoya wami ophezu kwakho namazwi ami engiwabeke emlonyeni wakho akuyikusuka emlonyeni wakho, nasemlonyeni wenzalo yakho, nasemlonyeni wenzalo yenzalo yakho, usho uje-hova-aeiou, kusukela manje kuze kube phakade.

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vuka ukhanye, ngokuba ukukhanya kwakho kuyeza; inkazimulo kajehova-aeiou iphumela phezu kwakho. ngokuba bheka, ubumnyama buyasibekela umhlaba, nesigayegaye abantu; kepha uje-hova-aeiou uyaphuma phezu kwakho, nenkazimulo yakhe iyakubonakala phezu kwakho. izizwe ziyakuhamba ekukhanyeni kwakho, namakhosi ekukhazimuleni kokuphuma kwakho. phakamisa amehlo akho nxazonke, ubone; babuthana bonke, beza kuwe; amadodana akho ayakuvula kude, namadodakazi akho ayakuphathwa ngezingalo. khona uyakubona, ukhazimule; inhliziyo yakho iyakugquma, yanuleke, ngokuba ingcebo yolwandle iyakuphendulelwa kuwe, nemfuyo yezizwe iyakuza kuwe. ubuningi bamakamela buyakukusibekela, amakamela amasha akwamidiyani nase-efa; bonke abasesheba bayakuza, balethe igolide nenhlaka, bamamezele izindumiso zikajehova-aeiou. yonke inhlambi yasekedari iyakubuthelwa kuwe, nezinqama zakwanebayoti ziyakukhonzisa, zikhuphukele e-altare lami ngokuthanda kwami, ngiyidumise indlu yodumo lwami. ngobani laba abandiza njengefu, nanjengamajuba aya ezidlekeni zawo, na? iziqhingi ziyangihlalela, imikhumbi yasetharishishi kuqala, ukuletha amadodana akho evela kude, enesiliva negolide lawo kulo igama likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho nakongcwele ka-israyeli, ngokuba uyakudumisa. abezizwe bayakuzakha izingange zakho, amakhosi abo akukhonze; noma ngakushaya ngentukuthelo yami, sengiyakuhawukela ngomusa wami. amasango akho ayakuvuleka njalo, awayikuvalwa imini nobusuku, ukuze imfuyo yezizwe ilethwe kuwe, amakhosi azo eqhutshwa eboshiwe. ngokuba isizwe nombuso ongakukhonzi uyakuphela; yebo, lezo zizwe ziyakuqedwa impela. inkazimulo yaselebanoni iyakuza

kuwe, umsayingipuresi, nomthidari, nomkhoba kanyekanye, ukuyihlobisa indawo yendlu yami engcwele, ngiyik hazimulise indawo yezinyawo zami. amadodana abakucin-dezelayo ayakufika kuwe efolile, nabo bonke abakudelelayo bayakukhothama ngasematheni ezinyawo zakho, bakubize ngokuthi umuzi kajehova-aeiou nesiyoni longcwele ka-israyeli. esikhundleni sokuba ushiywe, uzondwe, kungabe kusabakho muntu odabulayo, ngiyakwenza isivunulo esiphakade nentokoze yezizukulwane ngezizukulwane. uyakuncela ubisi lwezizwe, uncele namabele amakhosi; uyakwazi ukuthi mina jehova-aeiou ngingumsindisi wakho, nomhlengi wakho, umnini-mandla kakakobe. esikhundleni sethusi ngiyakuletha igolide, nasesikhundleni sensimbi ngiyakuletha isiliva; esikhundleni somuthi ithubu, nasesikhundleni samatshe insimbi, ngibeke ukuthula kube ngababonisi bakho, nokulunga kube ngababusi bakho. indluzula ayisayikuzwakala ezweni lakho, nencithakalo nokubhubhisa phakathi kwemikhawulo yakho, kepha uyakubiza izingange zakho ngokuthi insindiso, namasango akho ngokuthi indumiso. ilanga alisayikuba ngokukhanya kuwe emini, nenyanga ayisayikukhanyisela ngokukhazimula ebusuku; uje-hova-aeiou uyakuba ngokukhanya okuphakade kuwe, ulezi-ku wakho abe ludumo lwakho. ilanga lakho alisayikushona, nenyanga yakho ayisayikuncipha, ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou uyakuba ngokukhanya okuphakade kuwe, nezinsuku zokulila kwakho ziyakuphela. abantu bakho bayakuba ngabalungileyo bonke, badle ifa lezwe kuze kube phakade, igatsha lokutshala kwami, umsebenzi wezandla zami, ukuba ngidunyiswe. omncane uyakuba yinkulungwane, ophansi abe yizizwe esinamandla; mina nginguje-hova-aeiou, ngiyakukusheshisa ngesikhathi sakho.

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umoya wenkosi uje-hova-aeiou uphezu kwami, ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou ungicobile ukuba ngishumayeke izindaba ezinhle kwabathotshisiweyo; ungithumele ukubopha abanhlizyo ezaphukileyo, nokumemezela ukukhululwa kwabathunjwa nokuvulelwa kweziboshwa itilongo, ngimemezele umnyaka womusa kajehova-aeiou nosuku lokuphindisela lukalezi-ku wethu, ngiduduze bonke abalilayo, ngenze ukuba abalilayo esiyoni baphiwe amaqhele esikhundleni somlotha, amafutha enjabulo esikhundleni sokulila, ingubo yokudumisa esikhundleni somoya odangeleyo, ukuze babizwe ngokuthi imithi yokulunga nokutshaliwe nguje-hova-aeiou ukuba adunyiswe. bayakwakha izincithakalo ezindala, bavuse izindawo

ezichithekileyo zakuqala, balungise imizi ebhujisiweyo, izindawo eziyihlane izizukulwane ngezizukulwane. abezizwe bayakumela ukwalusa imihlambi yenu, abafokazi babe ngabalimi benu nabaphathi bezivini zenu. kepha nina nyakuthiwa abapristi bakajehova-aeiou, nyakubizwa ngokuthi izikhonzi zikalezi-ku wethu; nyakudla imfuyo yezizwe, nizibonge ngodumo lwazo. esikhundleni sehlozo lenu nyakuphiwa ngokuphindweyo; abadumeleyo, ukujabula kuyakuba yisabelo sabo; ngalokho ezweni lakubo bayakudla ifa ngokuphindiweyo, intokoze engapheliyo ibe ngeyabo. ngokuba mina jehova-aeiou ngithanda ukulunga, ngizonda ukuphanga kanye nbona-rukukhandleka; ngiyakubanika umvuzo wabo ngeqiniso, ngenze isivumelwano esiphakade nabo. inzalo yabo iyakwaziwa phakathi kwezizwe, nabantwana babo phakathi kwabantu; bonke abababonayo bayakubavuma ukuthi bayinzalo uje-hova-aeiou ayibusisile. ngiyathokoza nokuthokoza nguje-hova-aeiou, umphefumulo wami wenama ngolezi-ku wami, ngokuba ungembathisile izingubo zensindiso, wangisibekela ngesambatho sokulunga, njengomyeni efaka iqhele ngokompristi, nanjengomakoti ezihllobisa ngezimvunulo zakhe. ngokuba njengokuba umhlaba uveza ihlumela lawo, nanjengensimu ehlumisa okutshalwe kuyo, kanjalo inkosi uje-hova-aeiou iyakuveza ukulunga nodumo phambi kwezizwe zonke.

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ngenxa yesiyoni angiyikuthula, nangenxa yejerusalema angiyikuphumula, ukulunga kwalo kungakaphumi njengokukhanya nokusindiswa kwalo njengesibani esivuthayo. izizwe ziyakubona ukulunga kwakho, namakhosi onke inkazimulo yakho; uyakubizwa ngegama elisha eliyakunqunywa ngumlomo kajehova-aeiou. uyakuba ngumqhele wodumo esandleni sikajehova-aeiou, neqhele lobukhosi esandleni sikalezi-ku wakho. awusayikuthiwa oshiyiweyo, nezwe lakini alisayikuthiwa incithakalo, kepha uyakubizwa ngokuthi ontokoze yami ikuye, nezwe lakini ngokuthi oganileyo, ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou uyathokoza ngawe, nezwe lakini lendile. ngokuba njengensizwa iganwa yintombi, kanjalo amadodana akho ayakuganwa nguwe; nanjengokuthokoza komyeni ngomakoti wakhe ulezi-ku wakho uyakuthokoza ngawe. ngimisile abalindi phezu kwezingange zakho, jerusalema; abayikuthula nakanye imini nobusuku; nina eningabakhumbuzi nguje-hova-aeiou maningaphumuli, futhi ningamniki ukuphumula, aze akhe ijerusalema, alibeke libe yindumiso emhlabeni. uje-hova-aeiou ufungile ngesandla

sakhe sokunene nangengalo yamandla akhe, wathi: impela angisayikuzinika izitha zakho amabele akho abe ngukudlwa kwazo; abezizwe abayikuliphuza iwayini lakho olikhandlekeleyo, kodwa abawaqoqileyo bayakuwadla, bamdumise ujhova-aeiou, nabaliqoqileyo bayakuliphuza emagcekeni endlu yami engcwele. phumani, niphume ngamasango, niylungise indlela yabantu; hlelani, niwuhlele umendo, niwakhipe amatshe; niphakamisele izizwe ibhanela. bhekani, ujhova-aeiou uyezwa kala kuze kube sekugcineni komhlaba, ethi: yishoni kubo indodakazi yasesiyoni ukuthi: bheka, insindiso yakho iyeza. bheka, umvuzo wakhe unawo, nenkokhelo yakhe iphambi kobuso bakhe. bayakubizwa ngokuthi abantu abangcwele, abahlengweyo bakajehova-aeiou; wena uyakuthiwa ofuniweyo, umuzi ongashiyiwe.

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ngubani lona ovela kwa-edomi enezingubo ezibomvu zakwabosira, lona ohlobile ngezambatho zakhe ehamba ngobukhulu bamandla akhe, na? yimi engikhuluma ngokulunga nenginamandla okusindisa. kungani ukuba izambatho zakho zibomvu, nezingubo zakho zinjengezonyathela esikhamweni sewayini, na? isikhamo sewayini ngisinyathele ngingedwa; kwakungekho nami noyedwa kubantu; ngabanyathela ngentukuthelo yami, ngabaciphiza ngokufutheka kwami, negazi labo lasaphazeka ezingutsheni zami, ngazingcolisa zonke izambatho zami. ngokuba usuku lokuphindisela lwalusenzhliziyweni yami; umnyaka wokuhlenga kwami usu-fikile. ngabheka, kepha kwakungekho osizayo; ngamangala, kepha kwakungekho osekelayo; yayisingisindisa ingalo yami, nokufutheka kwami kwangisekela. ngase nginyathela abantu ngentukuthelo yami, ngabachoboza ngokufutheka kwami, ngathululela phansi igazi labo. ngiyakubonga umusa kajehova-aeiou, ngimdumise ujhova-aeiou ngakho konke ujhova-aeiou asenzele khona, nokuhle okuningi phezu kwendlu ka-israyeli ayisebenzele khona ngobubele bakhe nangobuningi bomusa wakhe. wathi: nempela bangabantu bami, abantwana abangakhohlisi, waba ngumsindisi wabo. ezinhlophekweni zabo zonke wahlupheka naye, ingelosi yobuso bakhe yabasindisa; ngothando lwakhe nangokuhawukela kwakhe wabahlenga, wabanqulula, wabathwala zonke izinsuku zakuqala. kepha bahlubuka, badabukisa umoya wakhe ongcwele, waphenduka isitha sabo, walwa nabo. abantu bakhe base bekhumbula izinsuku zakuqala zikamose, bathi: uphi yena owabakhipha elwandle kanye nabelusi

bomhlambi wakhe, na? uphi yena owabeka umoya wakhe ongcwele phakathi kwabo, owenza ukuba ingalo yakhe emangalisayo ihambe ngakwesokunene sikamose, owahlukanisa amanzi phambi kwabo ukuba azenzele igama eliphakade; owabad-abulisa elwandle njengeghashi ehlane, ukuze bangakhubeki, na? njengezinkomo ezehlela esigodini umoya kajehova-aeiou wabaphumusa. wahola kanjalo abantu bakho ukuba uzenzele igama elimangalisayo. bheka usezulwini, ubone usendaweni yobukhosi bakho neyodumo lwakho: kuphi ukushisekela kwakho nemisebenzi yakho yamandla na? ukuvutha kweshe sakho nobumnene bakho kugodliwe kimi. ngokuba wena ungubaba; ngokuba u-abrahama akasazi, no-israyeli akasivumi. wena jehova-aeiou ungubaba; igama lakho lingumhlengi wethu waphakade. jehova-aeiou, usidukiselani ezindleleni zakho, uzenze lukhuni izinhliziyu zethu zingakwesabi, na? buya ngenxa yezinceku zakho, izizwe zefa lakho. abantu bakho abangcwele balidla ifa isikhashana nje; izitha zethu zinyathela phansi indlu yakho engcwele. sinjengalabo ongazange ubuse phezu kwabo, nabangabizwanga ngegama lakho.

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sengathi ungadabula amazulu, wehle, zizamazame izintaba phambi kwakho njengokuphenywa komlilo ezinsabeni, nalapho umlilo ubilisa amanzi, ukuze wazise izitha zakho igama lakho, izizwe zithuthumele phambi kwakho. ekwenzeni kwakho okwesabekayo esingakubhekanga wehla; izintaba zathuthumela phambi kwakho. kusukela endulo abantu abezwanga, abacoshanga nangendlebe, futhi iso alibonanga ulezi-ku ngaphandle kwakho osebenzela omhlalelayo. wahlangabeza labo ababethokoza ngokwenza ukulunga, labo abakukhumbulayo ezindleleni zakho. wena wathukuthela, thina sona; sahlala kukho nasendulo; siyakusindiswa na? sonke saba njengongcolileyo, nokulunga kwethu konke kwakunjengengubo enindiweyo; sabuna sonke njengeqabunga, nobubi bethu basisusa njengomoya. kwakungekho owalibiza igama lakho, owazivusela ukubambekele kuwe, ngokuba wabusitheza ubuso bakho kithi, wasiqeda ngenxa yobubi bethu. kepha manje, jehova-aeiou, ungubaba; thina siyibumba, wena ungumbumi wethu, singumsebenzi wesandla sakho sonke. ungathukutheli kakhulu, jehova-aeiou, ungakhumbuli njalo ububi. bheka, mawubone ukuthi sonke singabantu bakho. imizi yakho engcwele iphendukile ihlane; isiyoni liphendukile ihlane, nejerusalema liyincithakalo. indlu yethu engcwele nemangalisayo, lapho

obaba babekudumisa khona, ishisiwe ngomlilo, nazo zonke izindawo zethu ezithandekayo ziphendukile izincithakalo. ungazibamba kukho konke lokhu, jehova-aeiou? ungathula, uze usihluphe kangaka, na?

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ngafunwa ngabangangicelanga, ngafunyanwa ngabangangifunanga, ngathi: ngibhekeni, ngibhekeni, kuso isizwe esingabizwanga ngegama lami. ngizelulile izandla zami usuku lonke kubantu abahlubukayo, abahamba ngendlela engenhle nangokwemicabango yabo, abantu abangithukuthelisa ebusweni bami njalo, behlabela ezivandeni, beshisa impepho phezu kwezitini, abahlala emathuneni, balale ezindaweni ezisithekileyo, badle inyama yezingulube, benomhluzi wezinto ezinengekayo ezitsheni zabo, abathi: hlehla, ungasondeli kimi, ngokuba ngingcwele kuwe; banjengomusi emakhaleni ami, umlilo ovutha usuku lonke. bheka, kulotshiwe phambi kwami ukuthi: angiyikuthula, ngiyakuphindisela, yebo, ngiphindisele ezifubeni zabo ububi babo nobubi bawoyise kanyekanye, usho ujeheva-aeiou, abashisa impepho ezintabeni, bangihlambalaza emagqumeni; ngiyakulinganisa kuqala umvuzo wabo ezifubeni zabo. usho kanje ujeheva-aeiou, uthi: njengalokhu iwayini litholwa ehlukuzweni, bese kuthiwa: malingachithwa, ngokuba isibusiso sikulo, kanjalo ngiyakwenza ngenxa yenceku yami: angiyikubabulala bonke. ngiyakuveza inzalo kujakobe, nendlalifa yezintaba zami kujuda; abakhethiweyo bami bayakulidla, nezinceku zami ziyakwakha khona. isharoni iyakuba yisibaya sezimvu, nesigodi sase-akori indawo yokubuthisa kwezinkomo kubantu bami abangifunayo. kepha nina enimshiya ujeheva-aeiou, nikhohlwe intaba yami engcwele, nihlelele inhlahlala itafula, nigcwalisele isimiselo iwayini elixutshani siweyo, ngiyakuninqumela inkemba, nikhothamele nonke ukhulathswa, ngokuba lapho nganibiza, aniphendulanga, nalapho ngakhuluma, anizwanga, kepha nenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni ami, nakhetha lokhu engingathokoza ngakho. ngalokho isho kanje inkosi ulezi-ku, ithi: bhekani, izinceku zami ziyakudla, kepha nina niyakulamba; bhekani, izinceku zami ziyakuphuza, kepha nina niyakoma; bhekani, izinceku zami ziyakuthokoza, kepha nina niyakujabha; bhekani, izinceku zami ziyakujabula ngokwenama kwenhliziyo, kepha nina niyakuklewula ngokwaphuka komoya, nikhale ngobuhlungu benhliziyo. niyakulishiya igama lenu libe yisiqalekiso kwabakhethiweyo

bami, inkosi ujeheva-aeiou inibulale, izibize izinceku zayo ngelinye igama, ukuze kuthi ozibusisa emhlabeni azibusise kulezi-ku weqiniso, nofunga emhlabeni, afunge ulezi-ku weqiniso, ngokuba izinhlupheko zakuqala zikhohlakele nangokuba zisithele emehlweni ami. ngokuba bheka, ngiyadala izulu elisha nomhlaba omusha; izinto zakuqala aziyikukhunjulwa, zingene enhliziyweni. kepha jabulani, nethabe kuze kube phakade ngengikudalayo, ngokuba bheka, ngilidala ijerusalema libe ngukwethaba, nabantu balo babe yinjabulo. ngiyakwethaba ngejerusalema, ngijabule ngabantu bami, kungabe kusezwakala izwi lokulila nezwi lokukhala. kusukela lapho akusayikuba khona ingane yezinsuku nje nexhegu elingazigcwalisanga izinsuku zalo, ngokuba omusha uyakufa eneminyaka eyikhulu yobudala, isoni siqalekiswe sineminyaka eyikhulu. bayakwakha izindlu, bahlale kuzo; bayakutshala izivini, badle izithelo zazo. abayikwakha, kuhlale omunye; abayikutshala, kudle omunye, ngokuba izinsuku zabantu bami ziyakuba njengezinsuku zomuthi, nomsebenzi wezandla zabakhethiweyo bami uyakugugela kubo. abayikushikashikela ize, bazalele izinhlupheko, ngokuba bayinzalo yababusisiweyo baka jeheva-aeiou, nabantwana babo bayakuba nabo. kuyakuthi bengakangibizi, mina ngiphendule; besakhuluma, mina ngiyakuzwa. impisi iyakudla ndawonye newundlu, ingonyama idle utshani njengenkomo, uthuli lube ngukudla kwenyoka; aziyikulimaza, zingachithi kuyo yonke intaba yami engcwele, usho ujeheva-aeiou.

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usho kanje ujeheva-aeiou, uthi: izulu liyisihlalo sami sobukhosi, umhlaba uyisenabelo sezinyawo zami; iphi leyo ndlu ebeniyakungakhela yona, iphi indawo yami yokuphumula, na? zonke lezi zinto zenziwe yisandla sami, kwavela kanjalo konke lokhu, usho ujeheva-aeiou. kepha yilowo engiyakubheka kuye: ohluphekayo nonomoya ochobozekileyo, othuthumela ngezwi lami. ohlaba inkunzi ebulala nomuntu, nohlaba iwundlu eyaphula nentamo yenja, nonikela ngomnikelo wempuphu, kepha enikela nangegazi lezingulube, noshisa inhlaka, ebonga nesithombe, yebo, laba bakhethile izindlela zabo, nemiphefumulo yabo iyathokoza ngezinengiso zabo. ngalokho ngiyakubakhethela izinhlupho, ngibehlisele abakwesabayo, ngokuba eku-bizeni kwami kwakungekho ophendulayo, nasekukhulumeni kwami abezwanga, kepha benza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni ami, bakhetha lokhu engingathokoza ngakho. yizwani izwi lika jeheva-aeiou nina



enithuthumela ngezwi lakhe. abafowenu abanizondayo, abanixosha ngenxa yegama lami, bashilo bathi: makazidumise uje-hova-aeiou ukuba sibone intokozo yenu, kepha bona bayakujabha. yizwi lomsindo elivela emzini, yizwi lasethempelini! yizwi likajehova-aeiou ephindisela izenzo zezitha zakhe. isiyoni lingakabi namihelo lazala; lingakehlelwa ngubuhlungu labeletha umntwana wesilisa. ngubani ozwile okunjalo na? ngubani obonile okunjengalokhu na? izwe lingazalwa ngosuku olulodwa na? isizwe singabelethwa kanyekanye na? ngokuba isiyoni lithe lisenemihelo, lazala abantwana balo. mina ngiyakusondeza ekuzalweni ngingazalisi na? usho uje-hova-aeiou. mina engingozalisayo bengiyakuvala na? usho ulezi-ku wakh. thokozani kanye nejerusalem, nilethabele nina nonke enilithandayo; jabulani ngenjabulo kanye nalo nina nonke enilililelayo, ukuze nincele, naneliswe ngamabele ezinduduzo zalo, nenyiselwe, nename ngokugcwala kwenkazimulo yalo. ngokuba usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou, uthi: bheka, ngiyakwelulela kulo ukuthula njengomfula, nenkazimulo yezizwe njengomfudlana okhukhulayo, nincele, niphathwe ngezingalo zalo, niwothwe nisemathangeni. njengoduduzwa ngunina, kanjalo ngiyakuniduduza nina, niduduzeke ejerusalem. niyakukubona, izinhliziyi zenu zijabule, amathambo enu ahlume njengohlaza; isandla sikajehova-aeiou siyakwaziwa ukuthi sisezincekwini zakhe, athukuthelele izitha zakhe. ngokuba bheka, uje-hova-aeiou uyakufika ngomlilo, izinqola zakhe zibe njengesivunguvungu, ukubuyisela intukuthelo yakhe ngokufutheka nokukhuza kwakhe ngamalangabi omlilo. ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou uyakwahlulela inyama yonke ngomlilo nangenkempa; ababulawayo nguje-hova-aeiou bayakuba baningi. abazingwelisa, bazihlambululele ukungena ezivandeni belandela omiyo egcekeni, bedla inyama yezingulube, nezinengiso, nezimpuku, bayakuphela kanyekanye, usho uje-hova-aeiou. ngiyazi imisebenzi yabo nemicabango yabo; ngiyeza ukubutha zonke izizwe nezilimi, zifike, zibone inkazimulo yami. ngiyakubeka isibonakaliso phakathi kwazo, ngithume ababalekileyo babo kwabezizwe, etharishishi, nasephuli, naseludi, abagoba umnsalo, nakuthubali nasejavani, eziqhingini ezikude, ezingezwanga umbiko ngami, zingabonanga inkazimulo yami, baze balande ngenkazimulo yami ezizweni. bayakuletha bonke abafowenu bebakhipha ezizweni zonke ngamahhashi, nangezinqola, nangezinhlaka, nangeminyuzi, nangamakamela, babe ngumnikelo kajehova-aeiou, beze entabeni yami engcwele ejerusalem, usho uje-hova-aeiou, njengalokhu abant-

wana bakwa-israyeli bewuletha umnikelo wabo ngesitsha esihlambulukileyo endlini kajehova-aeiou. nakubona ngiyakuthatha abapristi namalevi, usho uje-hova-aeiou. ngokuba njengokuba izulu elisha nomhlaba omusha engiyakukwenza kuyakuma phambi kwami, usho uje-hova-aeiou, kanjalo kuyakuma inzalo yakho negama lakho. kusukela ekwethwaseni kwenyanga kuye kwenye, kusukela kwelinye isabatha kuye kwelinye yonke inyama iyakufika ukukhuleka phambi kwami, usho uje-hova-aeiou. bayakuphuma, babone izidumbu zabantu abaphambukile kimi, ngokuba impethu yabo ayiyikufa nomlilo wabo awuyikucima, babe yisinengiso kuyo yonke inyama.

amazwi kajeremiya, indodana kahilikiya, wabapristi ababe se-anathoti ezweni lakwabenjimini, okwafika kuye izwi likajehova-aeiou ezinsukwini zikajosiya indodana ka-amoni, inkosi yakwajuda, ngomnyaka weshumi nantathu wokubusa kwakhe; lafika futhi ezinsukwini zikajehoyakimi indodana kajosiya, inkosi yakwajuda, kuze kube sekupheleni komnyaka weshumi nanye kasedekiya indodana kajosiya, inkosi yakwajuda, kuze kube sekuthunjweni kwejerusalema ngenyanga yesihlanu. kwafika kimi izwi likajehova-aeiou, lathi: ngingakakubumbi esiswini ngakwazi; ungakaphumi esizalweni ngakungcwelisa, ngakubeka umprofethi ezizweni. kepha ngathi: awu, nkosi jehova-aeiou! bheka, angikwazi ukukhuluma, ngokuba ngingumntwana. kepha ujeihova-aeiou wathi kimi: ungasho ukuthi ungumntwana, ngokuba uyakuya kubo bonke engikuthuma kubo, nakho konke engikuyala ngakho uyakukhuluma. ungabesabi, ngokuba nginawe ukuba ngikophule, usho ujeihova-aeiou. ujeihova-aeiou wayeselula isandla sakhe, wawuthinta umlomo wami; ujeihova-aeiou wathi kimi: bheka, ngibekile amazwi ami emlonyeni wakho. bona, ngiyakubeka namuhla phezu kwezizwe naphezu kwemibuso ukusiphula nokudiliza, ukuchitha nokubhubhisa, ukwakha nokutshala. izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi futhi, lathi: jeremiya, ubonani na? ngathi: ngibona igatsha lomalimondi. wayesethi ujeihova-aeiou kimi: ubone kahle, ngokuba ngiyakulilinda izwi lami ukuba ngilenze. lase lifika kimi izwi likajehova-aeiou ngokwesibili, lathi: ubonani na? ngathi: ngibona ikhanzi elibilayo. ubuso balo bungasenyakatho. wayesethi kimi ujeihova-aeiou: bona-ra-ukukhandleka kuyakuqhambuka ngasenyakatho, kubehele bonke abakhileyo bomhlaba. ngokuba bheka, ngiyakubiza yonke imindeni yemibuso yasenyakatho, usho ujeihova-aeiou. iyakufika, yilowo nalowo ubeke isihlalo sawo sobukhosi ezikhaleni zamasango asejerusalema, nakuzo zonke izingange zalo nxazonke, nakuyo yonke imizi yakwajuda. ngiyakukhipha ukwahlulela kwami phezu kwabo ngenxa yabo bonke ububi babo, ngokuba bangihlubukile, bashisela abanye olezi-ku impepho, bakhuleka kuyo imisebenzi yezandla zabo. ngalokho bopha izinkalo zakho, usuke, ukhulume kubo bonke engikuyala ngabo; ungapheli amandla ngabo, funa ngiqede amandla akho ebusweni babo. ngokuba bheka, ngikubekile namuhla ube ngumuzi obiyelweyo, nensika yensimbi, nezingange zethusi ngakulo izwe lonke, nangawo amakhosi akwajuda

nezikhulu zalo, nangakubo abapristi balo nabantu bezwe. bayakulwa nawe, kepha abayikukwahlula, ngokuba nginawe, usho ujeihova-aeiou, ukuba ngikophule.

lase lifika izwi likajehova-aeiou, lithi: hamba umemeze ezindlebeni zejerusalema, uthi: usho kanje ujeihova-aeiou, uthi: ngikukhumbulela umusa wobusha bakho, nothando lwakho, usengumakoti, nokungilandela kwakho ehlane, izwe elingatshalwanga. u-israyeli ungcwele kujehova-aeiou, ulilibo lwezithelo zakhe; bonke abazidlayo bayathola icala, bona-ra-ukukhandleka kuyakubhelela, usho ujeihova-aeiou. zwanini izwi likajehova-aeiou nina ndlu kajakobe, nani mindeni yonke yendlu ka-israyeli. usho kanje ujeihova-aeiou, uthi: ububi buni oyihlo ababufumene kimi, baze badede kude nami, balandela okuyize, baba yize, na? abashongo ukuthi: uphi ujeihova-aeiou owasikhuphula ezweni lasengibithe, wasihola ehlane ezweni lezingwadule nelemigodi, ezweni elomileyo nelethunzi lokufa, ezweni elingadatsulwama muntu, nalapho kungahlali muntu khona, na? nganingenisa ezweni elivundileyo ukuba nidle izithelo zalo nokuhle kwalo, kepha lapho seningenile, nalingcolisa izwe lami, nenza ifa lami laba yisinengiso. abapristi abashongo ukuthi: uphi ujeihova-aeiou? abaphethe umthetho babengazi, ababusi baphambuka kimi, abaprofethi baprofetha ngobali, balandela okungenakusiza. ngalokho ngiyakuphikisana nani, usho ujeihova-aeiou, ngiphikisane nabantwana babantwana benu. dlulani eziqhingini zasekitimi, nibone, nithume ekedari, niqonde kahle, nibone uma yake yaba khona into enjengalena na? isizwe sike senana ngawolezi-ku abangesibo olezi-ku na? kepha abantu bami benanile udumo lwabo ngokungenakusiza. mangalani ngalokho, mazulu, nithuthumele, nitchitheke impela, usho ujeihova-aeiou. ngokuba abantu bami benzile bona-ra-ukukhandleka bona-ra-ukukhandlekale: bangashiyile, umthombo wamanzi aphilileyo, bazigubhele imithombo, imithombo evuzayo, amanzi angenakuhlala kuyo. u-israyeli uyisigqila yini, uyisigqila esazalelwa ekhaya na? waba kanjani impango na? amabhongo ezibonayama abhongile phezu kwakhe, akhonya, alenza izwe lakhe laba yincithakalo; imizi yakhe ishihiwe, kungekho owakhe kuyo. nabantwana basenofu nasethahipanesi baphuca ukhakhayi lwakho. awuzenzeli lokhu wena ngokushiya kwakho ujeihova-aeiou olezi-ku wakho, lapho ekuhola endleleni, na? manje unani endleleni eya egibithe ukuba uphuze amanzi asesihori, na? unani endleleni eya e-asiriya ukuba uwaphuze amanzi omfula

na? ububi bakho buyakukulaya, nokuhlehla kwakho kuyakukusola; yazi, ubone ukuthi kuyinto embi nebabayo yokuthi umhlubukile ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho nokuthi ukungesaba akukho kuwe, isho inkosi ujevova-aeiou sebawoti. ngokuba walaphula ijoka lakho endulo, wazigqabula izibopho zakho, wathi: angiyikukhonza. ngokuba kuwo onke amagquma aphakemeyo naphansi kwayo yonke imithi eluhlaza walala njengesifebe. mina ngakutshala ungumvini omuhle, imbewu elungileyo yodwa; pho, uphenduke kanjani waba yigatsha elonakeleyo kimi, elomvini wabezizwe, na? ngokuba noma ugeza ngesoda, uzithathele insipho eningi, ububi bakho bulotshiwe phambi kwami, isho inkosi ujevova-aeiou. ungasho kanjani ukuthi: angingcolile, angilandelanga obali, na? bheka indlela yakho esigodini, wazi ukuthi wenzeni: uyikamela lensikazi elinejubane, elizulazula ezindleleni zalo, nembongolo yasendle ejwayele ihlane, esezela umoya ngokukhanuka kwayo; ngubani ongavimbela inkanuko yayo na? bonke abayifunayo abayikukhathala, bayakuyifumana ngenyanga yayo. nqanda unyawo lwakho lungabi olungenasicathulo, nomphimbo wakho ukuba ungomi; kepha wathi: kuyize; cha, ngithandle abafokazi, ngiyakubalandela. njengesela linamahloni, lapho selifunyenwe, kanjalo indlu yakwa-israyeli iyakuba namahloni, bona kanye namakhosi abo, nezikhulu zabo, nabapristi babo, nabaprofethi babo abathi emthini: ungubaba, nasetsheni: wena wangizala. ngokuba bangifulathele, abangibheki; kepha ngesikhathi sokuhlupheka kwabo bayakusho ukuthi: vuka, usisindise. baphi olezi-ku bakho ozenzele bona na? mabavuke, uma bengakusindisa ngesikhathi sokuhlupheka kwakho, ngokuba njengomumemi wemizi yakho, banjalo olezi-ku bakho, juda. niphikisanelani nami na? niphambukile kimi nonke, usho ujevova-aeiou. ngibashayele ile abantwana benu, abakwamukelanga ukulaywa; inkemba yenu ibadlile abaprofethi benu njengengonyama echithayo. wena sizukulwane, bheka izwi likajehova-aeiou. bengiyihlane ku-israyeli, noma izwe lesigayegaye, na? basholoni abantu bami ukuthi: sesidlubulundile, asisayikubuyela kuwe, na? intombi ingakhohlwa yini izivunulo zayo, nomakoti ixhama lakhe, na? nokho abantu bami bangikhohliwe izinsuku ezingenakubalwa. ulungisa kahle kanjani indlela yakho ukufuna uthando! ngalokho nabesifazane ababufundisile izindlela zakho. nasemiphethweni yakho kufunyenwe igazi labampofu abangenacala, kungabi ngukuthi ubafumene befohla. kepha kukho konke lokhu uthi: anginacala. nempela intukuthelo yakhe ibuyile kimi. bheka, ngiyakwahlulelana

nawe, ngokuba uthi: angonanga. ushesheleli kangaka ukuyiguqula indlela yakho na? uyakujabha nangegibithe, njengalokho wajabhiswa yi-asiriya. uyakuphuma nalapho, izandla zakho zisekhanda, ngokuba ujevova-aeiou uyabalahla obethembayo, awuyikuphumelela kubo.

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kuthiwa uma indoda ilahla umkayo, abesemuka abe ngowenye indoda, isayakubuyela kuye na? lelo zwe belingayikungcoliswa kakhulu na? kepha wena ofebile nezithandwa eziningi ubuyela kimi, usho ujevova-aeiou. phakamisela amehlo akho emadulini angenalutho, ubone; kuphi lapho ongalalwanga khona na? ngasezindleleni ubahlalele njengomarabiya ehlane, walingcolisa izwe ngobufefe nangobubi bakho. ngalokho izihlambi zinqandive, nemvula yamuva ayibangakho. nokho wawunebunzi lesifebe, wala ukuba namahloni. awusand' ukukhala kimi ukuthi: baba, wena ungumngane wobusha bami, na? uyakuhlala enentukuthelo njalonjalo, ayigcine kuze kube nini na? bheka, ukhuluma kanjalo; uyenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka, uyaphumelela. ujevova-aeiou wathi kimi emihleni kajosiya inkosi: ubonile okwenziwe ngu-israyeli ohlehlayo na? ukhuphukele kuzo zonke izintaba eziphakemeyo naphansi kwayo yonke imithi eluhlaza, wafeba khona. ngathi uzakubuyela kimi esekwenzile konke lokhu, kodwa akabuyanga; udadewabo okhohlisayo, ujuda, wakubona. ngabona ukuthi noma ngangimahlile u-israyeli ohlehlayo ngalesi sizathu sokuthi uphingile, ngamnika incwadi yesahlukaniso, udadewabo okhohlisayo, ujuda, akasabanga nokho, kepha waya wafeba naye, nangokuzwakala kokufeba kwakhe langcoliswa izwe, waphinga nemithi namatshe. kepha kukho konke lokhu udadewabo okhohlisayo, ujuda, akabuyelanga kimi ngenhliziyo yonke, kuphela ngokuzenzisa nje, usho ujevova-aeiou. wayesethi ujevova-aeiou kimi: u-israyeli ohlehlayo ubonakele elungile kunojuda okhohlisayo. hamba umemezele lawa mazwi ngasenyakatho, uthi: buya wena israyeli ohlehlayo, usho ujevova-aeiou; angiyikuninyakamela, ngokuba nginomusa, usho ujevova-aeiou; angiyakugcina intukuthelo kuze kube phakade. yazi kuphela ububi bakho ukuthi uphambukile kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, wazihlakaza izindlela zakho kubo abezizwe phansi kwayo yonke imithi eluhlaza; anililalelanga izwi lami, usho ujevova-aeiou. buyani, bantwana abahlehlayo, usho ujevova-aeiou, ngokuba ngingumyeni wenu, nginithathe, abe munye emzini, babe babili emndenini, nginyise esiyoni,

ngininike abelusi ngokwenhliziyo yami, abayakunalusa ngokwazi nangokuhlakanipha. kuyakuthi lapho nanda, nichume ezweni, ngalezo zinsuku, usho ujejhova-aeiou, bangasayikusho ukuthi: umphongolo wesivumelwano sikajehova-aeiou; awuyikungena enhliziyweni, abayikuwukhumbula; abayikuwuswela, akusayikwenziwa omusha. ngalolo suku bayakulibiza ijerusalema ngokuthi isihlalo sobukhosi sikajehova-aeiou; izizwe zonke ziyakubuthana kulo, kulo igama likajehova-aeiou ejerusalema; azisayikuhamba ngenkani yezinhliziyozo ezimbi. ngalezo zinsuku indlu yakwajuda iyakuya endlini yakwa-israyeli, ziphume kanyekanye ezweni lasenyakatho, ziye ezweni engalinika oyihlo libe yifa labo. mina bengithi: ngiyakukubeka kanjani phakathi kwabantwana, ngikuphe izwe elinxanelekayo, ifa elihle kakhulu ezizweni! ngathi: niyakungibiza ngokuthi baba, ningabuyi ekungilandeleni. impela njengomfazi emkhohlisa umyeni, kanjalo ningikhohlisile nina ndlu ka-israyeli, usho ujejhova-aeiou. izwi liyezwakala emadulini angenalutho, ukukhala nokukhuleka kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli, ngokuba bayihlanekezele indlela yabo, bakhohlwa ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wabo. buyani nina bantwana abahlelayo, ngikuphulukise ukuhlela kwenu. bheka, sesifikile kuwe, ngokuba unguejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu. impela amaguma ayize kanye nomsindo wasezintabeni. ngokwempela ukusindiswa kuka-israyeli kukujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu. ubosheti uqedile umshikashika wawobaba kwasebusheni bethu, izimvu zabo, nezinkomo zabo, namadodana abo, namadodakazi abo. masilale phansi namahloni, ihlazo lethu lisisibekele, ngokuba sonile kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu, thina nawobaba, kusukela ebusheni bethu kuze kube namuhla, asililalelanga izwi likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu.

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uma uphenduka, israyeli, usho ujejhova-aeiou, uyakuphendukela kimi; uma ususa ebusweni bami izinengiso zakho, awuyikuntengantenga. uyakufunga ngeqiniso, nangokwahlulela, nangokulunga, ngokuthi: kuphila kukajehova-aeiou, izizwe ziyakuzibusisa kuye, zizibonge kuye. ngokuba usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou kubantu bakwajuda nabasejerusalema, uthi: qathanu umqatho wenu, ningatshali phakathi kwameva. zisokeleni kujehova-aeiou, nisuse amajwabu ezinhliziyozo zenu nina bantu bakwajuda nabakhileyo ejerusalema, funa ukufutheka kwami kuphume njen-gomlilo, kuvuthe, kungabikho ongakucima, ngenxa yobubi bezenzo zenu. khulumani

kwajuda, nizwakalise ejerusalema, nithi: bethani amacilongo ezweni, nimemeze nithi: buthanani, singene emizini ebiyelweyo. misani ibhanela elibheka ngasesiyoni, nibaleke ningemi, ngokuba ngiyakuletha bonara-ukukhandleka kuvele ngasenyakatho nokubhujiswa okukhulu. ingonyama ikhuphukile esihlahleni sayo, umchithi wezizwe uyeza; uphumile endaweni yakhe ukuba ulenze izwe lakho libe yincithakalo, ichithwe imizi yakho, kungabikho ohlala kuyo. ngalokho bhincani izindwangu zamasaka, nikhale, nihewule, ngokuba ulaka oluvuthayo lukajehova-aeiou alubuyanga kithi. kuyakuthi ngalolo suku, usho ujejhova-aeiou, inhliziyozo yenkosi iphele kanye nezinhliziyozo zezikhulu; abapristi bayakumangala, abaprofethi behuke. ngase ngithi: awu, nkosi jehova-aeiou, ubakhohlisile nokubakhohlisa laba bantu nejerusalema ngokuthi: niyakuba nokuthula; nokho inkemba ifinyelele emphefumulweni. ngaleso sikhathi kuyakuthiwa kulaba bantu nakulo ijerusalema: ishisandlu elivela emadulini angenalutho liya endodakazini yabantu bami, lingayikubahlakaza, lingayikubahlunga. umoya omkhulu kunokuba kwenziwe lokhu uyakuphuma kimi. manje sengiyakukhuluma nami ukwahlulela kubo. bhekani, uyakuphuka njengamafu, izinqola zakhe zinjengesivunguvungu, amahhashi akhe anejubane kunezinkozi. maye kithina, ngokuba sichithiwe! jerusalema, hlanza inhliziyozo yakho, kuphume ububi, ukuze usindiswe. koze kube nini imicabango yakho emibi ihlala phakathi kwakho na? ngokuba izwi liyamemezelela liphuma kwadani; lizwakalisa bona-ra-ukukhandleka kuvela ezintabeni zakwa-efrayimi. khumbuzani izizwe; bhekani, nizwakalise ejerusalema ukuthi kufika abavimbezeli abaphuma ezweni elikude; bahlphakamisa izwi labo ngakuyo imizi yakwajuda. njengabalinda insimu baphezu kwalo nxazonke, ngokuba lingihlubukile, usho ujejhova-aeiou. ukuhamba kwakho nezenzo zakho kukwenzele lokhu; lokhu kuyingozi yakho ngokuba imunyuzi; ifinyelele enhliziyweni yakho. zibilini zami, zibilini zami, nginobuhlungu enhliziyweni yami; inhliziyozo yami ikhala phakathi kwami, anginakuthula, ngokuba ulizwile, mphefumulo wami, izwi lecilongo, ukuhlathswa komkhosi wempi. kuyamenezelwa ukubhujiswa phezu kokubhujiswa, ngokuba izwe lonke liyachithwa. amatende ami ayachithwa masinyane, nezilenge zami ngokuphazima kweso. koze kube nini ngibona ibhandela, ngizwe izwi lecilongo, na? yebo, abantu bami bayiziwula, abangazi; bangabantwana abayiziphukuphuku, abanakunqonda; bahlakaniphele ukwenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka, kepha ukwenza okuhle kabakwazi. ngabuka umhlaba;

bheka, wawuyize, wawungenalutho, nezulu lalingenakukhanya. ngabuka izintaba; bheka, zazamazama; onke amagquma anyakaza. ngabuka; bheka, kwakungekho muntu; izinyoni zonke zezulu zazibalekile. ngabuka; bheka, izwe elivundileyo laliyihlane, nemizi yalo wonke yayidilizwe ebusweni bukajehova-aeiou naphambi kolaka lwakhe oluvuthayo. ngokuba ujeihova-aeiou usho kanje, uthi: izwe lonke liyakuba yincithakalo, kepha angiyikuliqeda ngokupheleleyo. umhlaba uyakhala ngalokhu, izulu phezulu limnyama, ngokuba ngikukhulumile, ngikuhlosile, ngingazisolanga; futhi angiyikubuya kukho. umuzi wonke uyabaleka ngenxa yomsindo wabamahhashi nowabemicibisholo; bayangena ezihlahleni, bakhuphukele emadwaleni; imizi yonke ishiyiwe, akakho ohlala kuyo. lapho usuchihiwe, uyakwenzani na? noma wembatha okubomvu, noma uzivunulisa ngezivunulo zegolide, noma ugqaba amehlo akho ngomuthi, uzenza muhle ngeze; izithandwa zakho ziyakudelela, zifuna ukukubulala. ngizwile izwi njengokungathi elonemihelo, usizi lozibulayo, izwi lendodakazi yasesiyoni eheheza, ezelula izandla zayo, ithi: maye kimina! ngokuba umphefumulo wami uphele amandla ngababulali.

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yehlani nenyuke ezitaladini zasejerusalema, nibone nazi, nicinge ezigcawini, uma ningafumana umuntu, uma kukhona owenza ukwahlulela, ofuna iqiniso; bese ngilithethelela. noma bethi: kuphila kukajehova-aeiou, nokho bafunga amanga. jehova-aeiou, amehlo akho awaseqinisiweni na? ubashayile, kepha abadabukanga; ubaqedile, kepha balile ukwamukela ukulaywa; benza lukhuni ubuso babo kunetshe, bala ukuphenduka. ngase ngithi mina: laba bayizimpofana nje, bayiziwula, ngokuba abayazi indlela kajehova-aeiou, ukwahlulela kukalezi-ku wabo. sengiyakuya kwabakhulu, ngikhulume nabo, ngokuba bona bayayazi indlela kajehova-aeiou nokwahlulela kukalezi-ku wabo; kepha bona babelaphulile ijoka kanyekanye, bazigqabulile izibopho. ngalokho ingonyama yasehlathini iyakubashaya, babhujiswe yimpisi yasehlane, ingwe iyiqamekele imizi yabo, badatshulwe bonke abaphuma kuyo, ngokuba iziphambeko zabo ziningi, nokuhlehla kwabo kwandile. ngingakuthethelela kanjani na? abantwana bakho bangishiyile, bafunga okungesibo olezi-ku. ngabafungisa, kepha baphinga, babuthana endlini yezifebe. banjengamahhashi akhulupheleyo andindayo; yilowo nalowo uyiyizela umfazi womakhelwane wakhe. angiyikubahambela

ngalokho na? usho ujeihova-aeiou. umphefumulo wami awuyikuphindisa esizweni esinjengalesi na? khuphukelani ezingangeni zalo, nilichithe, ningaliquedi ngokupheleleyo nokho; susani amatsha alo, ngokuba awasiwo akalezi-ku. ngokuba indlu ka-israyeli nendlu kajuda zingikhohlisile nokungikhohlisa, usho ujeihova-aeiou. zimphikile ujeihova-aeiou, zathi: hhayi yena! bona-ra-ukukhandleka akuyikusehlela, asiyikubona inkemba nendlala. abaprofethi bayakuba ngumoya, akakho okhulumayo kubo; kuyakwenziwa kanjalo kubo. ngalokho usho kanje ujeihova-aeiou ulezi-ku sebawoti, uthi: ngokuba nikhuluma leli zwi, bhekani, ngiyakwenza amazwi ami abe ngumilo emlonyeni wakho, nalaba bantu babe yizinkuni, ubadle. bhekani, ngiyakwehlisela phezu kwenu isizwe esivela kude nina ndlu ka-israyeli, usho ujeihova-aeiou; yisizwe esinamandla, yisizwe esidala, yisizwe ongazi ulimi lwaso, nongezwa lokhu abakukhulumayo. isambo sabo sinjengethuna elivulekileyo, bangamaqhawe bonke. bayakudla okuvuniweyo kwakho nesinkwa sakho, badle amadodana akho namodakazi akho, badle izimvu zakho nezinkomo zakho, badle imivini yakho nemikhiwane yakho, bachithe ngenkemba imizi yakho ebizweywe othamba kuyo. kepha nangalezo zinsuku, usho ujeihova-aeiou, angiyikuniquda ngokupheleleyo. kuyakuthi lapho nisho nithi: ujeihova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu wenzeleni kithi konke lokhu na? usho kubo ukuthi: njengalokho ningishiyile, nakhonza olezi-ku babezizwe ezweni lakini, kanjalo niyakukhonza abezizwe ezweni elingesilo elenu. memezani lokhu endlini kakakobe, nikuzwakalise kwajuda ngokuthi: yizwani lokhu nina bantu eniyiziwula neningenakuqonda, eninamehlo, ningaboni kodwa, eninezindlebe, nangezwa kodwa. aningesabi yini, usho ujeihova-aeiou, anithuthumeli phambi kwami, mina engibeke isihlabathi sibe ngumkhawulo wolwandle, umncele ophakade olungenakudlula kuwo, na? noma lugubha, alunakuwahlula; noma luduma, alunakudlula kuwo. kepha laba bantu banenhliziyo eyambukileyo nehlubukileyo; bambuka, babamba. futhi abasho ezinhliziyweni zabo ukuthi: ake sesabe ujeihova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu onika imvula eyokuqala neyamuva ngesikhathi sayo, asigcinele amasonto anqunyiweyo akuvuna. ububi benu buchezukisile lokhu, nezono zenu zinenqabele okuhle. ngokuba phakathi kwabantu bami kufunyanwa ababi, baqamekela njengabacuphayo nabalinda izinyoni, babeke ugibe, babambe abantu. njengendlwana yezinyoni igcwele zona, kanjalo izindlu zabo zigcwele inkohliso; ngalokho bakhulile, bacebile. bakhuluphele, bayacwebezela; yebo, bayadlula ezintweni

zobubi; abameli ukulunga, abameli izintandane ukuba zihlahlamele, nemfanelo yabampofu abayahluleli. angiyikubahambela ngalokho na? usho ujevova-aeiou. umphefumulo wami awuyikuphindisa esizweni esinjengalesi na? okumangalisayo nokwesabekayo kuyenziwa ezweni. abaprofethi baprofetha amanga, abapristi babusa eceleni kwabo; abantu bami bayakuthanda kanjalo, kepha niyakwenze njani ekupheleni na?

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thuthani impahla ejerusalem nina bantwana bakwabenjani, nibethe amacilongo ethekhowa, niphakamise insika yomusi ebeti hakeremi, ngokuba ububi bulunguza ngasenyakatho nokuchitha okukhulu. indodakazi yasesiyoni etotosiweyo nethambileyo ngiyakuyinquma. abelusi bayakufika kuyo benemihlambi yabo, bamise amatende abo ngakuyo nxazonke, baluse, kube yilowo nalowo endaweni yakhe. zingcweliseleni ukulwa nayo; vukani, sikhuphuke emini. maye kithina! ngokuba ilanga liyaphenduka, namathunzi okuhlwa aselulekile. vukani, sikhuphuke ebusuku, sichithe izindlu zayo zamakhosi. ngokuba usho kanje ujevova-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: gawulani imithi yayo, ninqwabele iduli ngakulo ijerusalem. yiwo umuzi oyakuhanjelwa, ungukucindezela kuphela phakathi kwawo. njengomthombo umpompoza amanzi awo, kanjalo umpompoza ububi bawo; ubudlova nokubhubhisa kuzwabele phakathi kwawo; ukugula namanxeba kukhona phambi kwami njalo. mawuxwayiswe, jerusalem, funa umphefumulo wami wahlukane nawe, funa ngikwenze incithakalo, izwe elingahlalwa. usho kanje ujevova-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: bayakuyikhot hoza nokuyikhot hoza insali yakwa-israyeli njengomvini; buyisela isandla sakho emaqomeni njengobutha izithelo zomvini. ngiyakukhuluma kubani, ngifakaze ukuba bezwe, na? bheka, izindlebe zabo azisokile, abanakulalela; bheka, izwi likalezi-ku seliyihlazo kubo, abathokozi ngalo. ngalokho ngigcwele ukufutheka kukajehova-aeiou, ngikhathele ukunyamezela. kuthululele phezu kwabantwana ezitaladini, nasemihlanganweni yezinsizwa kanyekanye, ngokuba nendoda iyakuthathwa nomkayo, ogugileyo kanye nozinsuku zakhe zigcwele. izindlu zabo ziyakunikelwa kwabanye, amasimu abo nawomkabo kanyekanye, ngokuba ngiyakwelulela isandla sami kwabakhileyo ezweni, usho ujevova-aeiou. ngokuba kusukela kwabancane babo kuya kwabakhulu babo bayaphanga impango bonke, nabaprofethi nabapristi bonke baqamba amanga. bapholisa kalula ukuli-

mala kwabantu bami, bathi: ngukuthula, ngukuthula, kepha akukho ukuthula. bayakuba namahloni, ngokuba benza izinengiso; nokho abanamahloni nakanye, abakhophozi; ngalokho bayakuwa phakathi kwabawayo; ngesikhathi sokubahambela kwami bayakukhubeka, usho ujevova-aeiou. usho kanje ujevova-aeiou, uthi: yimani ezindleleni, nibone, nibuze imikhondo yasendulo ukuthi iphi indlela enhle, nihambe ngayo, niyakufumana ukuphuma kwemiphefumulo yenu; kepha bathi: asiyikuhamba ngayo. ngase ngibeka abalindi phezu kwenu, ngithi: qapheleni ukukhala kwecilongo, kepha bathi: asiyikukuqaphela. ngalokho zwanini nina zizwe, wazi wena bandla ukuthi yintoni ephakathi kwabo. yizwa wena mhlaba ukuthi: bheka, ngiyakwehlisela bona-ra-ukukhandleka phezu kwalaba bantu, izithelo zemicabango yabo, ngokuba abaqaphelanga amazwi ami, nomthetho wami bawulahlile. ifikelani kimi inhla evela esheba, nomhlango othaphukayo ovela ezweni elikude, na? iminikelo yenu yokushiswa ayamukeleki, nemihlatshelo yenu ayimnandi kimi. ngalokho usho kanje ujevova-aeiou, uthi: bheka, ngiyakubekela laba bantu izikhubekiso, oyise namadodana bakhubeke kanyekanye kuzo, umakhelwane abhubhe kanye nomngane wakhe. usho kanje ujevova-aeiou, uthi: bheka, kuvela abantu ezweni elisenyakatho; isizwe esikhulu siyakuvuswa ekugcineni komhlaba. babamba umnsalo nomkhonto; banonya, abanamusa, izwi labo liduma njenjolwandle, bakhwele amahhashi, behleliwe njengabantu abayakulwa, behleliwe ukulwa nawe ndodakazi yasesiyoni. sizwile imibiko yalokho: izandla zethu ziyadangala; usizi lusibambile, imihelo njengeyobelet hayo. ningaphumeli endle, ningahambi endleleni, ngokuba isitha sinenkemba, navalo nxazonke. ndodakazi yabantu bami, bhinca indwangu yamasaka, uhuquzele emlotheni, wenze isililo njengesendodana eyodwa, ukukhala okumnyu, ngokuba umphangi uyakusehla masinyane. ngikubekile ukuba ube ngumhloli nenqaba phakathi kwabantu bami, wazi, uhlale indlela yabo. bahlubukile bonke nokuhlubuka, behamba behleba; bayithusi nensimbi, bangabachithi bonke. izifutho ziyafutha, kepha emlilweni kuphuma umthofu kuphela; impela bancibilikisela ize nje, ngokuba ababi abakhishwa. bayakuthiwa isiliva elilahlwayo, ngokuba ujevova-aeiou ubalahlele.

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izwi elafika kujeremiya livela kujehova-aeiou, lithi: yima esangweni lendlu kajehova-aeiou, umemeze lapho leli zwi, uthi: zwanini izwi likajehova-aeiou

nina nonke bakwajuda eningena ngalawa masango ukukhuleka kujehova-aeiou, usho kanje ujeхова-aeiou seabawoti, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: lungisani izindlela zenu nezenzo zenu, khona ngiyakunakhisa kule ndawo. ningethembi emazwini amanga, lapho kuthiwa: nanti ithempeli likajehova-aeiou, ithempeli likajehova-aeiou, ithempeli likajehova-aeiou. ngokuba uma nizilungisa nokuzilungisa izindlela zenu nezenzo zenu, uma nenza ukwahlulela impela phakathi komuntu nomakhelwane wakhe, uma ningacindezeli umfokazi, nentandane, nomfelokazi, ningachithi igazi elingenacala kule ndawo, futhi ningalandeli abanye olezi-ku ukuba nilimale, ngiyakunakhisa kule ndawo ezweni engalinika oyihlo kusukela endulo kuze kube phakade. bhekani, niyethemba emazwini amanga angenakusiza. niyakweba yini, nibulale, niphinge, nifunge amanga, nimshisele ubali impepho, nilandele abanye olezi-ku eningabazanga, bese nifika nime ngaphambi kwami kule ndlu ebizwe ngegama lami, nithi: sophuliwe nize nenze zonke lezi zingciso, na? le ndlu ebizwe ngegama lami isiphenduke umhume wabaphangi emehlweni enu na? bhekani, nami ngiyakubona, usho ujeхова-aeiou. kepha hambani niye endaweni yami eshilo, lapho ngalibeka khona igama lami kuqala, nibone engakwenzayo kuyo ngenxa yobubi babantu bami u-israyeli. manje ngokuba niyenzile yonke le misebenzi, usho ujeхова-aeiou, ningalalelanga, noma ngakhuluma njalonzalo, nganibiza, ningaphendulanga, ngiyakwenza kule ndlu ebizwe ngegama lami nenithemba kuyo, nakule ndawo enganinika yona nina nawoyihlo, njengalokho ngenza kulo ishilo. ngiyakunilahla ebusweni bami, njengalokho ngabalahlala bonke abafowenu, yonke inzalo yakwa-efrayimi. wena-ke ungakhulekeli laba bantu, ungabaphakamiseli ukukhala nomkhuleko, ungabaxuseli kimi, ngokuba angiyikuzwa. awuboni ukuthi benzani emizini yakwajuda nasezitaladini zasejerusalema na? abantwana batheza izinkuni, oyise baphemba umlilo, abesifazane baxova inhlama ukuba benzele inkosikazi yezulu amaqebelengwane, bathululele abanye olezi-ku umnikelo wokuphuzwa ukuba bangicunule. kepha yimi abangicunulayo yini, usho ujeхова-aeiou: akusibo, buze bujabhe ubuso babo, na? ngalokho isho njalo inkosi ulezi-ku, ithi: bheka, intukuthelo yami nokufutheka kwami kuyakuthululwa kule ndawo phezu kwabantu, naphezu kwezinkomo, naphezu kwemithi yasendle, naphezu kwezithelo zomhlaba, kuvuthe kungacimi. usho kanje ujeхова-aeiou seabawoti, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli: thasiselani iminikelo yenu yokushiswa emihlatshelweni yenu, nidle inyama. ngokuba angikhulumanga koyihlo, angibayalelanga

ngezindaba zeminikelo nemihlatshelo mhla ngibakhipha ezweni lasegibithe, kepha ngabayala kuphela le nto yokuthi: lalalani izwi lami, ngiyakuba ngulezi-ku wenu, nina nibe ngabantu bami, nihambe ngezindlela zonke enganiyala ngazo ukuba kube kuhle kini. kepha abalalelanga, ababekanga izindlebe zabo, kepha bahamba ngamacebo abo nangenkani yezinhliziyi zabo ezimbi; bahlehla, abayanga phambili. kusukela osukwini oyihlo abaphuma ngalo ezweni lasegibithe kuze kube namuhla ngithumile kini zonke izinceku zami abaprofethi, ngibathuma imihla ngemihla njalonzalo. nokho abangilalelanga, ababekanga izindlebe zabo, kepha benza lukhuni izintamo zabo; benza kabi kunawoyise. uyakukhuluma onke lawo mazwi kubo, kepha abayikukulalela; uyakubabiza, kepha abayikukuphendula. uyakuthi kubo: yilesi sizwe esingalilalelanga izwi likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku waso, singamukelanga ukulaywa; iqiniso libhubhile, linqunyiwe emlonyeni waso. gunda izinwele zakho, jerusalema, uzilahle, wenze isililo emadulini angenalutho, ngokuba ujeхова-aeiou usalile, wasilahla isizukulwane sentukuthelo yakhe. ngokuba abantwana bakwajuda benzile bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni ami, usho ujeхова-aeiou; bazibekile zizengiso zabo endlini ebizwe ngegama lami zokuba bayingcolise. bakhile izindawo eziphakemeyo zasethofeti ezisesigodini sendodana kahinomu ukuba bashise amadodana abo namadodakazi abo ngomlilo, engingakuyalelanga nokungangenanga enhliziyweni yami. ngalokho bheka, izinsuku ziyeza, usho ujeхова-aeiou, elingasayikubizwa ngazo ngokuthi ithofeti nesigodi sendodana kahinomu kepha isigodi sokubulala, ngokuba bayakumbela ethofeti, lokhu ingekho enye indawo. izidumbu zalaba bantu ziyakuba ngokudla kwezinyoni zezulu nokwezilwane zomhlaba; akakho oyakuzesabisa. ngiyakuthulisa emizini yakwajuda nasezitaladini zasejerusalema izwi lokujabula nezwi lokuthokoza, izwi lomnyeni nezwi lomakoti, ngokuba izwe liyakuba yincithakalo.

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ngaleso sikhathi, usho ujeхова-aeiou, bayakuwakhapha amathambo amakhosi akwajuda, namathambo ezikhulu zakhe, namathambo abapristi namathambo abaprofethi, namathambo abakhileyo ejerusalema emathuneni abo, baweneke elangeni nasenyangeni nakulo lonke ibandla lasezulwini, abakuthandle, bakukhonza, bakulandela, bakufuna, bakhuleka kukho; awayikubuthwa, awayikumbelwa, ayakuba ngumquba ebusweni bomhlabathi. ukufa kuyakukhethwa kunokuphila yinsali

yonke esele kulowo mndeni omubi, esele ezindaweni zonke, lapho ngiyixoshele khona, usho uje-hova-aeiou sebawoti. futhi uyakusho kubo, uthi: usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou, uthi: abantu bayakuwa, bangabuyi basukume, na? umuntu uyaphambuka, angabuyi aphenduke, na? bahlehlelani laba bantu basejerusalema ngokuhlehla njalongo na? babambeleva enkohlisweni, bala ukubuya. ngaqaphela, ngezwa; abakhlumanga kahle; akakho ozisola ngobubi bakhe, ethi: ngenzeni na? bonke baphendukela emisebenzini yabo njengamahashi aphulukundlela empini. nonogolantethe emkhathini uyazazi izikhathi zakhe ezimisiweyo, ihobhe, nenkonjane, nonohemu bagcina isikhathi sokufika kwabo, kepha abantu bami abazazi izahlulelo zikajehova-aeiou. ningasho kanjani, nithi: sihlakaniphile, umthetho kajehova-aeiou unathi, na? impela bheka, uthi lokuloba lwamanga lwababhali lusebenzile okwamanga. abahlakaniphileyo bayakujabha, besabe, babhajwe; bheka, balilahlile izwi likajehova-aeiou, banokuhlakanipha kuni na? ngalokho abafazi babo ngiyakubanika abanye, namasimu abo kwabayakuwadla, ngokuba kusukela kwabancane kuya kwabakhulu bayaphanga impango bonke, nabaprofethi nabapristi bonke baqamba amanga. bapholisa kalula ukulimala kwendodakazi yabantu bami, bathi: ngukuthula, ngukuthula; kepha akukho ukuthula. bayakuba namahloni, ngokuba benza izinengiso; nokho abanamahloni nakanye, abakhophozi; ngalokho bayakuwa phakathi kwabawayo, ngesikhathi sokubahambela kwami bayakukhubeka, usho uje-hova-aeiou. bengiyakubutha nokubutha, usho uje-hova-aeiou, kepha azikho izithelo zomvini emvinini, namakhiwane emkhiwaneni; namaqabunga abunile; engibanikile khona kusukile kubo. sihlalelani na? buthanani, singene emizini ebiyelweyo, sibhubhe khona, ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu usibhuhisile, wasiphuzisa amanzi enyongo, ngokuba sonile kujehova-aeiou. silindela ukuthula, kepha okuhle akukho, nesikhathi sokuphulukiswa, kepha bheka, luvalo. ukuthimula kwamahashi akhe kuyezwakala kwadani; ngezwi lokuyiyiza kwanamandla akhe izwe lonke liyathuthumela, ngokuba afikile, alidlile izwe nakho konke okukulo, umuzi nabakhe kuwo. ngokuba ngiyathuma kini izinyoka nawomantshingeyana abangenakulunjwa, bayakuniluma, usho uje-hova-aeiou. alunakududuzeka kimi usizi oluphezu kwami, inhliziyi yami idangele. bheka, izwi lokukhala kwendodakazi yabantu bami livela ezweni elikude, lithi: akakho uje-hova-aeiou esiyoni na? ayikho inkosi yalo kulo na? bangicunuleleni ngezithombe

zabo ezibaziweyo nangokuyize kwabezizwe na? ukuvuna kudlulile, ihlobo liphelele, kepha thina asisindiswanga. ngokulimala kwendodakazi yabantu bami ngilimele; ngidabukile, ukumangala kungibambile. ibhalisamu alikho kwagileyadi na? inyanga ayikho lapho na? pho, ayipheleliswa ngani impilo yendodakazi yabantu bami na?

## 9

sengathi ikhanda lami nga lingamanzi, namehllo ami umthombo wezinyembezi ukuba ngikhalele ababuleweyo bendodakazi yabantu bami imini nobusuku. sengathi nga nginendawo yokulala kwezihambi ehlane ukuba ngishiye abantu bami, ngisuke kubo, ngokuba bangabaphingi bonke, umhlango wabakhohlisi. bagobela umnsalo wolimi lwabo amanga, abaqinela iqiniso ezweni; kepha basuka kbona-ra-ukukhandleka, baya kbona-ra-ukukhandleka; mina-ke abangazi, usho uje-hova-aeiou. yilowo nalowo makaxwaye umakhelwane wakhe, ningethembi nakumfowenu, ngokuba abafowenu bonke bayaqinela, nabo bonke abakhelwane bayahambahamba behleba. yilowo nalowo uyakhohlisa umakhelwane wakhe, abakhulumi iqiniso; bazifundisile izilimi zabo ukukhuluma amanga, bazikhat-haza ngokwenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka. uhlala phakathi kwenkohliso; ngenkohliso bayala ukungazi, usho uje-hova-aeiou. ngalokho uje-hova-aeiou sebawoti usho kanje, uthi: ngiyakubancibilikisa, ngibavivinye, ngokuba ngingenze njani ngenxa yendodakazi yabantu bami na? ulimi lwabo lungumcibisholo obulalayo, lukhuluma inkohliso; bakhuluma kahle ngomlomo wabo kumakhelwane wabo, kepha ezinhliziyweni bayamqamekela. angiyikubahambela ngalokhu na? usho uje-hova-aeiou. umphefumulo wami awuyikuphindisa esizweni esinjengalesi na? ngiyakuphakamisela izintaba ukukhala nokulala, namadlelo asehlane ukulilisela, ngokuba ashisiwe kungekho muntu odlula kuwo, kungezwakali ukukhonya kwezinkomo; izinyoni zezulu nezilwane zibalekile, zahamba. ngiyakulenza ijerusalema libe yizingqaba nekhaya lamakhanka, ngenze imizi yakwajuda incithakalo, lapho kungahlali muntu khona. ngubani umuntu ohlakaniphileyo ongakuqonda lokhu, okhulumile kuye umlomo kajehova-aeiou, akumemezele, na? izwe lichithelweni, lasha njengehlane, kungekho odabulayo, na? uje-hova-aeiou wathi: ngokuba bewushiyile umthetho wami engawubeka phambi kwabo, bengalilalelanga izwi lami, bengambahanga ngalo, kepha belandela inkani yezinhliziyi zabo nawobali abakufundiswa ngoyise. ngalokho usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou sebawoti, ulezi-ku



ka-israyeli, uthi: bheka, ngiyakubanika laba bantu ukuba badle umhloniyane, baphuze amanzi enyongo. ngiyakubahlakazela ezizweni abangazazanga bona nawoyise, ngithume emva kwabo inkemba, ngize ngibaqede. usho kanje ugehova-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: qaphelani, nibize abesifazane besililo ukuba bafike, nithumele kwabesifazane abahlakaniphileyo ukuba bafike, basheshe basikhihlele isililo, ukuze amehlo ethu amululeke izinyembezi, nezinkophe zethu ziphophoze amanzi. ngokuba izwi lokukhala lizwakala livela esiyoni, lithi: yeka ukuphangwa kwethu! sijabhile kakhulu, ngokuba silishiyile izwe, ngokuba badilile izindlu zethu. yebo, zwanini izwi likajehova-aeiou nina besifazane, izindlebe zenu zilamukele izwi lomlomo wakhe, nifundise amadodakazi enu ukukhala, kube yilowo nalowo umakhelwane wakhe ukulila. ngokuba ukufa kwenyukele emafasiteleni ethu, kungene ezindlini zethu zamakhosi ukunquma abantwana ezitaladini, nezinsizwa ezigcawini. khuluma! usho kanje ugehova-aeiou, uthi: izidumbu zabantu ziyakuwa njengomquba endle, nanjengesithonto emva komvuni, kungekho okubuthayo. usho kanje ugehova-aeiou, uthi: ohlakaniphileyo makangazibongi ngokuhlakanipha kwakhe, neqhawe malingazibongi ngobuqhawe balo, nocebileyo makangazibongi ngengecebo yakhe, kepha ozibongayo makazibonge ngalokhu ukuthi uyangiqonda, angazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou owenza umusa nokwahlulela nokulunga emhlabeni, ngokuba ngiyathokoza ngokunjalo, usho ugehova-aeiou. bheka, izinsuku zizeza, usho ugehova-aeiou, lapho ngiyakuhambela bonke abasokileyo ekungasokini kwabo, igibithe, nojuda, no-edomi, nabantwana bakwa-amoni, nomowabi, nabo bonke abadilingiwe emaceleni amakhanda abo abakhe ehlane, ngokuba zonke izizwe azisokile, nendlu yonke yakwa-israyeli ayisokile enhliziyweni.

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zwanini izwi ugehova-aeiou alikhuluma kini nina ndlu ka-israyeli. usho kanje ugehova-aeiou, uthi: ningayifundi indlela yabezizwe, ningashaywa luvalo ngezibonakaliso zasezulwini, ngokuba abezizwe bezesaba. ngokuba imikhuba yabantu iyize, lokhu kugawulwa umuthi ehlathini; ngumsebenzi wesandla sesisebenzi ngembazo. bawenza ube muhle ngesiliva nangelode, babubethela ngezipikili nangezando ukuba ungazamazami. ungumsebenzi okhandiweyo, awukhlumi; uyathwalwa nokuthwalwa, ngokuba awuhambi. ungawesabi, ngokuba awenzi bona-ra-ukukhandleka, nokuhle awunakukwenza. akakho onjengawe jehova-

aeiou; umkhulu, igama lakho likhulu ngobuqhawe. ngubani ongekwesabe, nkosi yezizwe, ngokuba uyimfanelo yakho, ngokuba phakathi kwabo bonke abahlakaniphileyo bezizwe nakuyo yonke imibuso yabo akakho onjengawe. bayiziphukuphuku, bayiziwula bonke; ngukulaya kwezithombe; kungumuthi nje, nezingcwecwe zesiliva ezilethwe zivela etharishishi negolide lase-ofiri, umsebenzi wesisebenzi nowezandla zomkhandi, kugqokiswe okuluhlaza nokububende, kungumsebenzi wabahlakaniphileyo konke. kepha ugehova-aeiou ungulezi-ku weqiniso, ungulezi-ku ophilileyo nenkosi yaphakade; ngentukuthelo yakhe umhlaba uyazamazama, izizwe azinakuma ngokufutheka kwakhe. niyakusho kanje kubo, nithi: olezi-ku abangenzanga izulu nomhlaba, labo bayakubhubha emhlabeni nangaphansi kwezulu. wawenza umhlaba ngamandla akhe, walimisa izwe ngokuhlakanipha kwakhe, ngokuqonda kwakhe walenaka izulu. lapho elizwakalisa izwi lakhe, kungukuhlokoma kwamanzi ezulwini; uzikhuphula izinkungu emikhawulweni yomhlaba, enzele imvula unyazi, awukhiphe umoya endlini yengcebo. bonke abantu bayiziphukuphuku, abanakwazi; bonke abakhandi bababhiswa nezithombe zabo ezibaziweyo, ngokuba izithombe zabo ezibunjiweyo zingamanga, nomoya awukho kuzo. ziyize, umsebenzi wenkohliso; ngesikhathi sokuhanjelwa kwabo ziyakubhubha. oyisabelo sikajakobe akanjengalezo, ngokuba nguye obumbile konke; u-israyeli uyisizwe sefa lakhe, ngujehova-aeiou sebawoti igama lakhe. qoqa umshuqulo wakho ezweni wena ohlezi ekuvinjazelweni. ngokuba usho kanje ugehova-aeiou, uthi: bheka, ngiyakubazwiba abakhileyo ezweni ngalo mzuzwana, ngibacindezele ukuze bakuzwe. maye kumina ngenxa yokulimala kwami! ukushaywa kwami kunzima. kepha ngithi mina: nempela lokhu kulusizi lwami, ngiyakuluthwala. itende lami lichithakele, zonke izintambo zami zigqabukile; abantwana bami basukile kimi, kabasekho; kasekho owokwelula itende lami nowokumisa izilenge zami. ngokuba abelusi bayiziphukuphuku, abamfunanga ugehova-aeiou; ngalokho abaphumelelanga, nomhlambi wabo wonke uhlakazekile. bheka, kusondela izwi lombiko, nokuzamazama okukhulu okuvela ezweni lasenyakatho, ukuba kwenze imizi yakwajuda ibe yincithakalo, indawo yokuhlala kwamakhanka. ngiyazi, jehova-aeiou, ukuthi indlela yomuntu ayikuye uqobo; akukuyo indoda ukuba ihambe, iqondise izinyathelo zayo. ngilaye, jehova-aeiou, kepha ngokwahlulela, kungabi ngentukuthelo yakho, funa ungenze into engelutho. thulula ukufutheka kwakho phezu kwabezizwe abangakwaziyo naphezu kwe-

mindeni engalibizi igama lakho, ngokuba bamdlile ujakobe; yebo, bamdlile bamqeda, balichitha ikhaya lakhe.

## 11

izwi elafika kujeremiya livela kujehova-aeiou, lithi: zwanini amazwi alesi sivumelwano, nikhulume kubantu bakwajuda nakwabakhileyo ejerusalem, uthi kubo: usho kanje ujeheva-aeiou, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli: makaqalekiswe umuntu ongezwa amazwi alesi sivumelwano, engayala ngawo oyihlo mhla ngibakhipha ezweni lasegibithe, isithando sensimbi, ngokuthi: zwanini izwi lami, nilenze njengakho konke enginyala ngakho, nibe ngabantu bami, mina ngibe ngulezi-ku wenu, ukuba ngisiqinise isifungo engasifunga koyihlo ukubanika izwe elichichima ubisi nezinyosi njenganamuhla. ngase ngiphendula ngithi: amen, jehova-aeiou. wayesethi ujeheva-aeiou kimi: memeza onke lawa mazwi emizini yakwajuda nasezitaladini zasejerusalem, uthi: zwanini amazwi alesi sivumelwano, niwenze. ngokuba ngibayalile nokubayala oyihlo osukwini engabakhu-phula ngalo ezweni lasegibithe kuze kube namuhla, ngibayalile, ngathi: yizwani izwi lami. kepha abalalela, ababekanga izindlebe zabo, kepha bahamba, kwaba yilowo nalowo ngobulukhuni benhliziyo yakhe embi; ngase ngehlisela phezu kwabo onke amazwi alesi sivumelwano engabayala ukuwenza, kepha kabawenzanga. wayesethi ujeheva-aeiou kimi: kufunyenwe uzungu phakathi kwabantu bakwajuda naphakathi kwabakhileyo ejerusalem. babuyele ebubini bawoyise bokuqala abala ukuzwa amazwi ami, balandela abanye olezi-ku ukuba babakhonze: indlu ka-israyeli nendlu kajuda zisaphulile isivumelwano sami engasenza nawoyise. ngalokho usho kanje ujeheva-aeiou, uthi: bheka, ngiyakwehlisela bona-ra-ukukhandleka phezu kwabo abangayikuba nakuphuma kukho; bayakukhala kimi, kepha angiyikubezwa. imizi yakwajuda nabakhileyo ejerusalem bayakukhala kolezi-ku ababashisela imphepo, kepha abayikubasindisa neze ngesikhathi sokuhlupheka kwabo. ngokuba njengomumo wemizi yakho, banjalo olezi-ku bakho, juda, nanjengomumo wezitaladi zasejerusalem nimisele ubosheti ama-altare, ama-altare okushisela ubali imphepo. ngalokhu ungabakhulekeli laba bantu, ungabaphakamiseli ukukhala nokuthandaza, ngokuba angiyikubezwa mhla bekhala kimi ngokuhlupheka kwabo. othandiweyo wami unani endlini yami lapho enza amacebo nabaning na? inyama engcwele ingavela kuwe, lokhu ujabula ngokwenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka,

na? ujeheva-aeiou wabiza igama lakho ngokuthi umnqumo oluhlaza obukekayo, onezithelo ezinhle; ngomsindo wesidumo esikhulu uyakuphamba umlilo kuwo, kwaphuke amagatsha awo. ujeheva-aeiou sebawoti owakutshala ukhulumile bona-ra-ukukhandleka phezu kwakho ngenxa ybona-ra-ukukhandleka kwendlu yakwa-israyeli nokwendlu yakwajuda abakwenzile ukuba bangicunule ngokushisela ubali imphepo. ujeheva-aeiou wangazisa, ngakwazi; khona wangibonisa izenzo zabo. kepha mina nganginjengewendlu eliyiswa ekuhlatsweni; ngangingazi ukuthi bangicebela amacebo, bethi: masiwuchithe umuthi kanye nezithelo zawo, simnqume ezweni labaphilayo, igama lakhe lingabe lisakhunjulwa. jehova-aeiou sebawoti, mahluleli olungileyo, ovivinya izinsu nenhliziyo, mangibone ukuphindisela kwakho kubo, ngokuba ngibonakalisile indaba yami kuwe. ngalokho usho kanje ujeheva-aeiou ngabantu base-anathoti abafana ukuphila kwakho, bathi: awuyikuproftetha ngegama lika-jehova-aeiou, ukuze ungafi ngesandla sethu; ngalokho usho kanje ujeheva-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: bheka, ngiyakubahambela; izinsizwa ziyakufa ngenkempa; amadodana abo namadodakazi abo ayakufa ngendla, nensali ayiyikuba khona kubo, ngokuba ngiyakubehlisela abantu base-anathoti bona-ra-ukukhandleka ngomnyaka wokuhanjelwa kwabo.

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ulungile wena jehova-aeiou, noma ngimelana nawe; ngiyakukhuluma nawe ngokwahlulela: iphumelelani indlela yababi, kungani ukuba babe nokuthula abakhohlisa nokukhohlisa, na? ubatshalile, futhi bagxilile; bayakhula, bathela izithelo; useduze nomlomo wabo, kepha ukude nezinhliziyi zabo. kepha wena jehova-aeiou uyangazi, uyangibona, uvivinya inhliziyi yami ukuthi injani kuwe; bakhiphe njengezimvu zokuhlatsywa, ubalungisele usuku lokuhlatsywa. koze kube nini izwe lidabuka, nemifino yonke yasendle ibuna, na? ngobubi babakhileyo khona izinkomo nezinyoni ziyabhubha, ngokuba bathi: akayikubona ukugcina kwethu. uma ugijimile nemigundatshani, yakukhat-haza, ungacintisana kanjani namahashi na? uma wethemba ezweni lokuthula kuphela, uyakwenze njani ekukhukumaleni kwejordani na? ngokuba nabafowenu nendlu kayihlo nabo bakukhohlisile, nabo bamemeza kakhulu emva kwakho; unga-bethembi, noma bekhuluma okuhle kuwe. ngiyishiyele indlu yami, ngililahlele ifa lami, nginikele othandiweyo womphfumulo wami esandleni sezitha zakhe. ifa lami likimi njengengonyama ehlathini; lingiphumisele

izwi; ngalokho ngiyalizonda. ifa lami liyinqe elimanakanaka kimi, amanje angakulo alihaqile nxazonke; hambani, nibuthe zonke izilwane zasendle, nizilethe, zidle. abelusi abaningi basichithile isivini sami, basinyathele phansi isabelo sami, benze ifa lami elinxanelekayo ihlane elichithakeleyo. basenze incithakalo; siyincithakalo, sikhala kimi; izwe lonke lichithiwe, kepha akakho okubeka enhliziyweni. abaphangi bafikele onke amaduli angenalutho, ngokuba inkemba kajehova-aeiou iyadla, kusukela komunye umkhawulo womhlaba kuze kufike komunye, nenyama enokuthula ayikho. bahlwanyele ukolweni, bavuna ameva, bakhandlekile bengasizakalanga; yebo, niyakuba namahloni ngezithelo zenu ngenxa yokufutheka okuvuthayo kukajehova-aeiou. usho kanje ujeahova-aeiou ngabakhelwane bonke bami ababi, abalithinta ifa lami engabanika lona abantu bami u-israyeli, uthi: bheka, ngiyakubasiphula ezweni lakubo, ngiyisiphule indlu yakwajuda phakathi kwabo. kepha kuyakuthi lapho ngibasiphulile, ngibuye ngibahawukele, ngibabuyisele, kube yilowo nalowo efeni lakhe, kube yilowo nalowo ezweni lakubo. kuyakuthi uma beyakuzifunda nokuzifunda izindlela zabantu bami ukuba bafunge igama lami ngokuthi: kuphila kukajehova-aeiou, njengalokhu kade befundisa abantu bami ukufunga ubali, bakhiwe phakathi kwabantu bami. kepha uma bengalaleli, ngiyakusisiphula nokusisiphula lesi sizwe, ngisichithe, usho ujeahova-aeiou.

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usho kanje ujeahova-aeiou kimi, uthi: hamba uzithengele ibhande lelineni, ulibeke ezinkalweni zakho, ungalingenisi emanzini. ngalithenga ibhande njengezwi likajehova-aeiou, ngalibeka ezinkalweni zami. lase lifika izwi likajehova-aeiou ngokwesibili, lithi: thatha ibhande olithengileyo, elisezinkalweni zakho, uvuke uhambe, uye e-ewufrathe, ulifihle emfantwini wesiwa. ngase ngihamba, ngalifihla ngase-ewufrathe njengokungiyala kukajehova-aeiou. kwathi ngasekugcineni kwezinsuku eziningi ujeahova-aeiou wathi kimi: suka uye e-ewufrathe, ulilande khona ibhande engakuyala ngalo ukuba ulifihle khona. ngaya e-ewufrathe, ngemba, ngalilanda ibhande, lapho ngangilifihle khona; bheka, ibhande lalonakele, lalingasenamsebenzi. lase lifika izwi likajehova-aeiou, lithi: usho kanje ujeahova-aeiou: ngale ndlela ngiyakukuchitha ukuziqhenya kukajuda nokuziphakamisa okukhulu kwejerusalem. laba bantu ababi abala ukuzwa amazwi ami, abahamba ngobulukhuni bezinhlizyo zabo, balandela abanye olezi-ku ukuba

babakhonze, bakhuleke kubo, bayakuba njengaleli bhande elingasenamsebenzi. ngokuba njengalokhu ibhande linamathele okhalweni lomuntu, kanjalo ngiyinamathele kimi yonke indlu yakwa-israyeli nayo yonke indlu yakwajuda, usho ujeahova-aeiou, ukuba babe ngabantu bami, negama, nodumo, nendumiso, kepha kabalalelanga. uyakukhuluma kubo leli zwi lokuthi: usho kanje ujeahova-aeiou olezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: zonke izimvaba ziyagcwaliswa nge-wayini. bayakusho kuwe ukuthi: impela asazi yini ukuthi zonke izimvaba zigcwaliswa nge-wayini na? uyakusho kubo, uthi: usho kanje ujeahova-aeiou, uthi: bheka, ngiyakugcwalisa ngokudakwa bonke abakhileyo kuleli zwe, namakhosi ahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sikadavide, nabapristi, nabaprofethi, nabo bonke abakhileyo ejerusalem. ngiyakubaphahlaza omunye komunye, oyise nabantwana ndawonye, usho ujeahova-aeiou; ngiyikubahawukela, ngiyikubasindisa, ngiyikuba nasihe kubo sokuba ngingabachithi. zwanini, nibeke indlebe; ningaziqhenyi, ngokuba ujeahova-aeiou ukhulumile. mnikeni ujeahova-aeiou olezi-ku wenu udumo, engakalahlwisi, futhi zingakakhubeki izinyawo zenu ezintabeni zokuhwelela, nothi nisabheka ukukhanya, akuphendule ithunzi lokufa, akwenge kube yisigayegaye. kepha uma ningalaleli, umphefumulo wami uyakukhala ngasese ngokuzidla kwenu; iso lami liyakukhala nokukhala, limululeka izinyembezi, ngokuba umhlambi kajehova-aeiou uthunjiwe. yisho kuyo inkosi nakuyo indlovukazi ukuthi: hlalani phansi ngokuzithoba, ngokuba izigqoko zenu ziwile phansi, umqhele wodumo lwenu. imizi yaseningizimu ivaliwe, akakho ovulayo; wonke ujuda uthunjiwe, uthunjiwe ngokupheleleyo. phakamisani amehlo enu, nibone abavela enyakatho; uphi umhlambi owaphiwa wona, izimvu zakho ezinhle, na? uyakuthini lapho emisa phezu kwakho labo okade ubafundisile ukuba babe ngabangane bakho, babe yinhloko, na? awuyikubanjwa lusizi njengowesifazane obelethayo na? uma uthi enhliziyweni yakho: ngehlelelweni yilezi zinto na? ngobukhulu bokona kwakho imiphetho yakho iphakanyisiwe, nezithende zakho ziyadlovulwa. umkushe angasiguqula isikhumba sakhe, nengwe amabala ayo, na? khona ningenza okuhle nina enifundisiwe ukwenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka. ngalokho ngiyakubasakaza njengamabibi adlula ngomoya wasehlane. lokhu kungokwenkatho yakho, isabelo osilinganiselwe yimi, usho ujeahova-aeiou, ngokuba wangikhohlwa, wethemba emanjeni. ngiyakuphakamisa imiphetho yakho ebusweni bakho, kubonakale ihlazo lakho. ukuphinga kwakho nokuyiyiza kwakho,

ukukhanuka kobufefe bakho nezinengiso zakho, ngikubonile emagqumeni asendle. maye kuwe jerusalema! awuyikuhlambuluka koze kube nini na?

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izwi likajehova-aeiou elafika kujeremiya ngesigagadu. ujuda uyalila, amasango akhe adangele, ahlezi emhlabathini edabukile, nokukhala kwejerusalema kwenyukile. abakhulu babo bathuma abancane babo emanzini; bafika emigodini, kepha abafumani manzi, babuya, izitsha zabo zingenalutho; banamahloni, bajabhile, bamboza amakhanda abo. ngenxa yomhlabathi odabukileyo, ngokuba akubangakho mvula ezweni, abalimi banamahloni, bamboza amakhanda abo. yebo, nendluzele izalela endle, ilishiye izinyane, ngokuba utshani abukho. izimbongo zasendle ziyema emadulini angenalutho, zihogela umoya njengamakhanka; amehlo azo ayaphela, ngokuba kungekho tshani. noma izono zethu zifakaza ngathi, sebenza, jehova-aeiou, ngenxa yegama lakho; ngokuba ukuhlela kwethu kuningi, sonile kuwe. themba lika-israyeli, msindisi wakhe ngesikhathi sokuhlupheka, yini ukuba ube njengomfokazi ezweni nanjengesihambi esingenisayo ukuba silale ubusuku nje na? yini ukuba ube ngumuntu odidekileyo, njengeqhawe elingenakusindisa, na? nokho uphakathi kwethu, jehova-aeiou, sibiziwe ngegama lakho; ungasishiyi. usho kanje ujeheva-aeiou ngalaba bantu, uthi: bathanda ukuzula kanjalo, abazibambi izinyawo zabo; ujeheva-aeiou akathokozi ngabo; manje uyakubukhumbula ububi babo, azihambele izono zabo. ujeheva-aeiou wathi kimi: ungabakhulekeli laba bantu ukuba baphiwe okuhle. noma bezila ukudla, angiyikuzwa ukumemeza kwabo; noma benikela ngomnikelo wokushiswa nangowempuphu, angiyikuthokoza ngabo, kepha ngiyakubaqeda ngenkemba, nangendlala, nangesifo. ngase ngithi: e, nkosi jehova-aeiou, bheka, abaprofethi bathi kubo: ayiyikubona inkemba, nendlala ayiyikunehlela, kepha ngiyakuninika ukuthula okuqiniseleyo kule ndawo. wayesethi ujeheva-aeiou kimi: abaprofethi baprofetha amanga egameni lami; angibathumanga, angibayalanga, angikhulumanga kubo; baprofetha imibono yamanga, nokubhula, nokuyize, nenkohliso yenhliziyo yabo. ngalokho usho kanje ujeheva-aeiou ngabaprofethi abaprofetha ngegama lami, ngingabathumanga, bathi: akuyikubakho inkemba nendlala kuleli zwe, uthi: ngenkemba nangendlala bayakuphela laba baprofethi. abantu abaprofetha kubo bayakuphonswa ezitaladini zasejerusalema

ngenxa yendlala nenkemba; abayikuba namuntu wokubembela, bona nawomkabo, namadodana abo, namadodakazi abo; ngiyakuthela bona-ra-ukukhandleka kwabo phezu kwabo. kepha uyakusho leli zwi kubo lokuthi: amehlo ami mahlengezele izinyembezi imini nobusuku, zinganqamuki, ngokuba intombi, indodakazi yabantu bami, ilimele ngokulimala okukhulu, ngokushaywa okunzima kakhulu. uma ngiphumela endle, bheka, nampo ababuleweyo ngenkemba, nalapho ngingena emzini, bheka, nampo abaphethwe yindlala, ngokuba umprofethi nompristi bahamba izwe bengazi lutho. umhlalele nokumhlalela ujuda na? umphefumulo wakho unengiwe yisiyoni na? usishayeleni, singabi nakuphulukiswa, na? sihlalela ukuthula, kepha okuhle akukho; nesikhathi sokuphulukiswa, kepha luvalo. jehova-aeiou, siyazi ububi bethu nokona kwawobaba, ngokuba sonile kuwe. ungasideleli ngenxa yegama lakho, ungaseyisi isihlalo sobukhosi sodumo lwakho; sikhumbule, ungasaphuli isivumelwano sakho nathi. kukhona yini phakathi kwawolezi-ku babezizwe abayize onganisa imvula? amazulu angaletha izihlambi na? akuswe jehova-aeiou esiyakukhalela na? ngokuba wena wenzile konke lokhu.

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wayesethi ujeheva-aeiou kimi: noma bekumi phambi kwami omose nosamuweli, inhliziyo yami ibingebe kulaba bantu; balahle ebusweni bami, baphume. kuyakuthi lapho bethi kuwe: siyakuphuma siyephi na? usho kubo ukuthi: usho kanje ujeheva-aeiou, uthi: abokufa, mabayi ekufeni, nabenkemba, enkembeni, nabendlala, endlaleni, nabokuthunjwa, ekuthunjweni. ngiyakubamisela izinhlobo ezine, usho ujeheva-aeiou: inkemba yokubulala, nezinja zokudonsa, nezinyoni zezulu nezilwane zomhlaba zokudla nezokuchitha. ngiyakubenza ukuba bahlupheke emibusweni yonke yomhlaba ngenxa kamanase indodana kahezekiya, inkosi yakwajuda, ngalokho akwenza ejerusalema. ngokuba ngubani oyakukuhawukela wena jerusalema na? ngubani oyakukukhalela? ngubani oyakuphambukela ukubuzwa ngempilo yakho na? wena ungishiyile, usho ujeheva-aeiou, wabuyela emuva; ngisilelele isandla sami kuwe, ngakuchitha; sengikhathele ukuhawukela. ngibelile ngembenge emasangweni ezwe, ngaphuca abantwana, ngachitha abantu bami; ababuyanga ezindleni zabo. abafelokazi babo bandile kimi kunesihlabathi solwandle, ngehlisele phezu kwawonina bezinsizwa umchithi emini, ngehlisele ukwesaba nengebhe phezu kwabo. owazala abay-

isikhombisa usedangele, waphuma umoya; ilanga lakhe lishonile kuse semini; ujabhile, wayangaza; insali yabo ngiyakuyinikela enkembeni ngaphambi kwezitha zabo, usho uJehova-aeiou. maye kimina, mame, ukuthi ungizalile, ngibe ngumuntu wokuphikisana nokuxabana emhlabeni wonke! angibizanga inzalo, futhi akubizwanga inzalo kimi, nokho bayangiqalekisa bonke. wathi uJehova-aeiou: ngiyakukukhulula kube kuhle; impela ngiyakwenza ukuba isitha sikunxuse ngesikhathi esibi nangesikhathi sokuhlupheka. umuntu angaphula insimbi yini, insimbi yasenyakatho, nethusi, na? ngiyakunikela imfuyo yakho nengecebo yakho kube yimpango kungengantengo, ngazo zonke izono zakho emikhawulweni yakho yonke. ngiyakwenza ukuba uzikhonzze izitha zakho ezweni ongalaziyo, ngokuba kuphenjiwe umlilo olakeni lwami oyakuvutha kini. uyazi wena Jehova-aeiou; ngikhumbule, ngihambe, ungiphindisele kwabangizingelayo; ungangisusi ngokubekezela kwakho; yazi ukuthi ngenxa yakho ngithwale ihlazo, amazwi akho afunyanwa, ngawadla; amazwi akho aba ngukujabula kimi nokuthokoza kwenhliziyo yami, ngokuba ngibizwa ngegama lakho, Jehova-aeiou lezi-ku sebawoti. angihlalanga emhlanganweni babahlekayo, angithokoza; ngahlala ngedwa ngenxa yesandla sakho, ngokuba ungigcwalisile ngokufutheka. yini ukuba ubuhlungu bami bube khona njalonzalo, nesilonda sami singapholiswa, sala ukuphulukiswa, na? impela uyakuba ngamanzi aphuthayo kimi, amanzi angathembekile, na? ngalokho usho kanje uJehova-aeiou, uthi: uma ubuya, ngiyakubuyisa, ume phambi kwami; uma ukhipha okuyigugu kokungamanyala, uyakuba ngumlomo wami; laba bayakubuyela kuwe, kepha wena awuyikubuyela kubo. ngiyakukwenza ukuba ube lugange lwethusi oluqinileyo kulaba bantu; bayakulwa nawe, kepha abayikukwahlula, ngokuba mina nginawe ukukusindisa nokukophula, usho uJehova-aeiou. ngiyakukophula esandleni sababi, ngikuhlenge esandleni sabacindezeli.

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izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: awuyikuzithathela umfazi, ungabi namadodana namadodakazi kule ndawo. ngokuba usho kanje uJehova-aeiou ngamadodana nangamadodakazi azalwa kule ndawo, nangawonina abawabelethayo, nangawoyise abawazalayo kuleli zwe, uthi: bayakuba nokufa okwesabekayo, abayikulilelwa, abayikumbelwa; bayakuba ngumquba emhlabathini, baqedwe ngenkamba nangendlala, izidumbu zabo zibe ngukudla kwezinyoni zezulu nokwezilwane zasemh-

labeni. ngokuba usho kanje uJehova-aeiou, uthi: ungangeni endlini yesililo, ungayi ukulila, ungabakhaleli, ngokuba ngikususile ukuthula kwami kulaba bantu, usho uJehova-aeiou, kanye nomusa nobumnene. abakhulu nabancane bayakufela kuleli zwe, abayikumbelwa, abayikulilelwa; abantu abayikuzisika, abayikuziphucula ngenxa yabo; abayikubahlephulela isinkwa sokulila ukuba babaduduze ngabafileyo, bangabaphuzisi indebe yokududuzana ngoyise nangunina. awuyikungena endlini yedili ukuba uhlale nabo, udle, uphuze. ngokuba usho kanje uJehova-aeiou sebawoti, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: bheka, ngiyakulenza ukuba liphele kule ndawo phambi kwamehlo enu nasezinsukwini zenu izwi lokujabula nezwi lokuthokoza, izwi lo myeni nezwi lomakoti. kuyakuthi lapho ubatshela laba bantu onke lawa mazwi, basho kuwe ukuthi: uJehova-aeiou ukhulumeleni phezu kwethu konke lokhu bona-ra-ukukhandleka na? ububi bethu buyini? yisiphi isono esone ngaso kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu na? usuyakusho kubo ukuthi: ngenxa yokuba oyihlo bangishiyile, usho uJehova-aeiou, balandela abanye olezi-ku, babakhonza, bakhuleka kubo, bangishiya, abagcinanga umthetho wami, nani nenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka kunawoyihlo, ngokuba bhekani, niyalandela, kube yilowo nalowo inkani yenhliziyoko yakhe embi, ningangilaleli, ngalokho ngiyakunizwiba nisku kuleli zwe, niye ezweni eningalaziyo, nina nawoyihlo; niyakukhonza khona abanye olezi-ku imini nobusuku, ngokuba angiyikuniphatha ngesihe. ngalokho bheka, izinsuku zizeya, lapho kungasayikuthiwa: kuphila kukajehova-aeiou owabakhuphula abantwana bakwa-israyeli ezweni lasengibithe, kepha: kuphila kukajehova-aeiou owabakhuphula abantwana bakwa-israyeli ezweni lasenyakatho nasemazweni onke lapho ebe-baxoshele khona; kepha ngiyakubabuyisela ezweni lakubo engalinika oyise. bheka, ngiyakuthumela kubadobi abaningi, usho uJehova-aeiou, babadobe; besengithumela kubazingeli abaningi, babazingele kuzo zonke izintaba, nakuwo onke amagquma, nakuyo imifantu yeziwa. ngokuba amehlo ami akuzo zonke izindlela zabo; abasithele ebusweni bami, nobubi babo abufihlekile emehlweni ami. kuqala ngiyakuphindisela ngokuphindiweyo ububi babo nezono zabo, ngokuba balingcolisile izwe lami ngezidumbu zezinto zabo ezizondekayo, baligcwalisa ifa lami ngeziningiso zabo. jehova-aeiou, mandla ami nenqaba yami, siphephelo sami ngosuku lokuhlupheka, bayakuza kuwe abezizwe, bevela emajukujukwini omhlaba, bathi: obaba badlile ifa lamanga kuphela, okuyize, engekho kukho insizakalo. umuntu angazenzela olezi-ku

na? labo abasibo olezi-ku. ngalokho bheka, ngiyakubazisa, ngibazise ngalesi sikhathi isandla sami namandla ami, baze bazi ukuthi igama lami linguje-hova-aeiou.

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isono sakwajuda silotshiwe ngothi lwen-simbi lokuloba; ngesihloko sedayimani siqoshiwe ezibhebheni zezinhliziyi zabo nasezimpondweni zama-altare enu, abantwana babo besakhumbula ama-altare abo nawo-ashera babo ngasemithini eluhlaza emagqumeni aphakemeyo. intaba yami yasendle, impahla yakho nengebo yakho yonke ngiyakukunikela kube yimpango kanye nezindawo zakho eziphakemeyo ngenxa yezono emikhawulweni yakho yonke. uyakuyeka ngokwakho ifa lakho engakunika lona, ngikwenze ukuba ukhonze izitha zakho ezweni ongalaziyi, ngokuba niphembile umlilo olakeni lwami oyakuvutha kuze kube phakade. usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou, uthi: uqalekisiwe umuntu othemba kubantu, ayenze inyama ibe yingalo yakhe, nonhliziyi yakhe isuka kujehova-aeiou. uyakuba njengesihlahla esiyeze ehlane, angaboni ukuthi kuyeza okuhle, uyakuhlala ezindaweni ezishileyo ehlane, ezweni likasawoti elingahlalwa muntu. ubusisiwe umuntu othemba kujehova-aeiou, nothemba lakhe linguje-hova-aeiou. ngokuba uyakuba njen-gomuthi otshalwe ngasemanzini, ozenabisa izimpande zawo ngasemfuleni, ongesabi lapho kufika ukushisa, amaqabunga awo abe luhlaza, angabi nalualo ngomnyaka wesigagadu, anganqamuki ukuthela izithelo. inhliziyi iyakhohlisa ngaphezu kwakho konke, futhi imbi; ngubani ongayazi na? mina jehova-aeiou ngivivinyi inhliziyi, ngihlola izinsu ukuba nginike, kube yilowo nalowo njengezindlela zakhe, njengezithelo zezenzo zakhe. intendele efukamela ingazalanga, unjalo owenza ingcebo ngokungalungi; iyakumshiya phakathi nezinsuku zakhe, abe yisiwula ngasekugcineni. indawo yendlu yethu engcwele iyisihlalo sobukhosi esinenkazimulo esiphakemeyo. o, themba lika-israyeli, jehova-aeiou, bonke abakushiyayo bayakujabha; abachezuka kimi bayakulotshwa emhlabathini, ngokuba bamshiyele uje-hova-aeiou, umthombo wamanzi aphilayo. ngiphulukise, jehova-aeiou, ngiphuluke; ngisindise, ngisindiswe, ngokuba uludumo lwami. bheka, bathi kimi: liphi izwi likajehova-aeiou na? malize phela. mina-ke angiyekanga ukwalusa ngokukulandela, futhi angilufisanga usuku olwesabekayo; wena uyazi; okwaphuma emlonyeni wami kwakuphambi kobuso bakho. ungabi luvalo kimi; uyisiphephelo sami ngosuku lobubi. mababe namahloni abangizingelayo, kepha mina mangingabi

nawo; baphele amandla bona, mina ngin-gapheli wona kodwa; behlisele usuku lobubi, ubaphule ngokwaphula okuphindiweyo. usho kanje kimi uje-hova-aeiou, uthi: hamba ume esangweni lamadodana abantu, angena ngalo amakhosi akwajuda, aphuma ngalo futhi, nasemasangweni onke asejerusalema, uthi kuwo: zwanini izwi likajehova-aeiou nina makhosi akwajuda, nojuda wonke, nani nonke enakhileyo ejerusalema eningena ngalawa masango; usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou, uthi: xwayani ngenxa yemiphefumulo yenu ukuba ningathwali mthwalo ngosuku lwesabatha, ningawungenisi ngamasango asejerusalema; futhi ningakhiphi mthwalo ezindlini zenu ngosuku lwesabatha, ningasebenzi msebenzi, kepha lungcweliseni usuku lwesabatha njengokuyala kwami oyihlo, nakuba bengalalelanga, bengabekanga izindlebe, kepha benza lukhuni intamo yabo, ukuze bangezwa, balaywe. kuyakuthi uma ningilalela nokungilalela, usho uje-hova-aeiou, ukuba ningangenisi mthwalo ngamasango alo muzi ngosuku lwesabatha, nilungcwelise usuku lwesabatha ukuze ningenzi ngalo umsebenzi, kungene ngamasango alo muzi amakhosi nezikhulu abahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sikadavide bekhwele izinqola namahhashi, bona nezikhulu zabo, abantu bakwajuda nabakhileyo ejerusalema, nalo muzi uyakuhlala kuze kube phakade. bayakufika bephuma emizini yakwajuda, nasemaphandleni asejerusalema, nasezweni lakwabenjamini, nasehlanzeni, nasezintabeni, naseningizimu, beletha iminikelo yokushiswa, nemihlatshelo, neminikelo yempuphu, nenhlaka, befika neminikelo yokubonga endlini kajehova-aeiou. kepha uma ningalaleli ukuba nilungcwelise usuku lwesabatha, ningathwali mthwalo lapho ningena ngamasango asejerusalema ngosuku lwesabatha, ngiyakuphamba umlilo emasangweni alo, uqede izindlu zamakhosi zasejerusalema, ungacinywa.

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izwi elafika kujeremiya livela kujehova-aeiou, lithi: suka wehlele endlini yombumbi, ngikuzwise khona amazwi ami. ngehlela endlini yombumbi; bheka, wasebenza umsebenzi wakhe esondweni lokubumba. kepha isitsha asenza ngebumba sonakala esandleni sombumbi; wabuye wenza esinye isitsha njengokuhle emehlweni ombumbi ukuba asenze. life likfa izwi likajehova-aeiou kimi, lithi: bengenenge kinina ndlu ka-israyeli njengalo mbumbi na? usho uje-hova-aeiou. bhekani, njengebumba esandleni sombumbi, ninjalo esandleni sami nina ndlu ka-israyeli. ngesikhathi esithile, lapho ngikhuluma ngesizwe nan-

gombuso ukuwusiphula, nokuwudiliza, nokuwuchitha, lesi sizwe engikhulumile ngaso bese siphenduka ebubini baso, ngiyakubuya kukho bona-ra-ukukhandleka ebengicabanga ukukwenza kuso. ngesinye isikhathi ngikhuluma ngesizwe nangombuso ukuwakha nokuwutshala; uma senza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni ami, singalilaleli izwi lami, ngiyakubuya kukho okuhle ebengisho ukuthi ngiyakusenzela khona. manje yisho kubantu bakwajuda nakwabakhileyo ejerusalem, uthi: usho kanje u Jehovah-aeiou, uthi: bhekani, nginibumbela bona-ra-ukukhandleka, ngiceba icebo ngani; buyani, kube yilowo nalowo endleleni yakhe embi, nizenze izindlela zenu nezenzo zenu zibe zinhle. kepha bathi: kuyize, ngokuba siyakulandela amacebo ethu, senze, kube yilowo nalowo ngenkani yenhliziyi yakhe embi. ngalokho usho kanje u Jehovah-aeiou, uthi: buzani phakathi kwabezizwe ukuthi ngubani owake wezwa okunjengalokho na? intombi yakwa-israyeli yenzile into eyesabekayo kakhulu. ungqoqwane waselebanoni uyashiya yini amadwala asendle, namanzi aqandayo agobhoza kude ayakusha, na? ngokuba abantu bami bangikhothiwe, bashisela okuyize impepho, bakhubeka ezindleleni zabo, emendweni yasendulo ukuba bahambe ngemikhondo, ngezindlela ezingahlelwa, benze izwe labo libe yisimangalisento encimfelwayo njalo; bonke abadlula khona bayakumangala, banikine ikhanda. njengomoya wasempumalanga ngiyakubahlakaza phambi kwezitha zabo, ngibabonise umhlane kungabi ngubuso ngosuku lwenqubo yabo. base bethi: wozani simcebele ujeremiya amacebo, ngokuba umthetho awuyikuphela kumpri, nesu kohlakaniphileyo, nezwi ngokufethi, sihambe simshaye ngolimi, singaqapheli nelilodwa lamazwi akhe. nginake, jehova-aeiou, uzwe izwi labamelene nami. okuhle kuyakuphindiselwa ngbona-ra-ukukhandleka na? lokhu bembele umphefumulo wami umgodi. khumbula ukuthi ngema phambi kobuso bakho ukukhuluma okuhle ngabo nokukubuyisa ukufutheka kwakho kubo. ngalokho nikela abantwana babo endlaleni, ubakhaphele osikweni lwenkomba, abafazi babo baphucwe abantwana, babe ngabafelokazi, amadoda abo abulawe ngukufa, izinsizwa zabo zishaywe ngenkomba empini. makuzwakale ukukhala ezindlini zabo, lapho ubehlisele impi ngokuzumayo, ngokuba bambile umgodi wokungibamba, bafihlele izinyawo zami izingibe. kepha wena jehova-aeiou uyawazi onke amasu abo okungibulala; ungathetheleli ububi babo, nezono zabo ungazesuli emehlweni akho, kepha mabakhubekiswe phambi kwakho,

ubavukele ngesikhathi sentukuthelo yakho.

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washo kanje u Jehovah-aeiou, wathi: hamba uzithengele uphiso lwebumba lombumbi, uthathe amanye amalunga abantu namanye amalunga abapristi, uphume, uye esigidini sendodana kahinomu esingasesikheleni sesango lezindengezi, umemezele khona amazwi ngiyakuwasha kuwe, uthi: zwanini izwi likajehova-aeiou nina makhosi akwajuda nabakhileyo ejerusalem; usho kanje u Jehovah-aeiou sebawoti, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: bhekani, ngiyakwehlisele bona-ra-ukukhandleka phezu kwale ndawo, nabo bonke abakuzwayo, izindlebe zabo ziyakunkeneneza ngakho. ngokuba bangishiyile, benze le ndawo ukuba ibe ngeyabezizwe, bashisela abanye olezi-ku impepho kuyo, abangabazanga, bona nawoyise namakhosi akwajuda, bagcwalisa le ndawo ngegazi labangenacala, bakha izindawo eziphakemeyo zikabali ukushisa amadodana abo ngomlilo, abe yiminikelo yokushiswa kubali, engingakuyalanga, nengingakukhuluma, nokungangenanga enhliziyweni yami, ngalokho bhekani, izinsuku ziyeza, usho u Jehovah-aeiou, lapho le ndawo ayisayikubizwa ngokuthi ithofeti noma isigodi sendodana kahinomu kepha isigodi sokubulala. ngiyakuchitha kule ndawo amasu akwajuda nasejerusalem, ngibawise ngenkomba phambi kwezitha zabo, nangesandla sabafuna ukuphila kwabo, nginike izidumbu zabo zibe ngukudla kwezinyoni zezulu nokwezilwane zomhlaba. ngiyakwenza lo muzi ukuba ube yisimangalisento encimfelwayo; bonke abadlula khona bayakumangala, bancimfe ngenxa yazo zonke izinhlupheko zawo. ngiyakubadlisa inyama yamadodana abo neyamadodakazi abo, badle, kube yilowo nalowo inyama yomngane wakhe, ekuvinjelizweni nasekuxinekeni eziyakubaxina ngakho izitha zabo nabafuna ukuphila kwabo. bese waphula uphiso phambi kwamadoda ahamba nawe, uthi kuwo: usho kanje u Jehovah-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: ngiyakubulala kanjalo laba bantu nalo muzi njengokwaphulwa kwesitha sombumbi esingasezukuluyise sihlanganiswe; bayakumbela ethofeti, ngokuba akuyikubakho ndawo yokumbela. ngiyakwenze njalo kule ndawo, usho u Jehovah-aeiou, nakwabakhileyo kuyo, ngenze lo muzi ube njengethofeti: izindlu zasejerusalem nezindlu zamakhosi akwajuda, ezoniweyo, ziyakuba njengethofeti, yebo, zonke izindlu, abashisele ibandla lasezulwini impepho phezu kwezimpahla zazo, bathululela abanye olezi-ku iminikelo yokuphuzwa. wayesebuya ujeremiya ethofeti lapho ulezi-ku ayemthume khona

ukuba aprofethe; wema agekeni lendlu kajehova-aeiou, wathi kubantu bonke: usho kanje ujeahova-aeiou sebawoti, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: bhekani, ngiyakwehlisela phezu kwalo muzi nemizana yawo konke bona-ra-ukukhandleka engikushilo ngawo, ngokuba benze lukhuni intamo yabo, ukuze bangezwa amazwi ami.

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uphashuri indodana ka-imeri umpristi owayengumbonisi omkhulu endlini kajehova-aeiou wamuzwa ujeremiya eprofetha ngalezo zinto. uphashuri wamshaya ujeremiya umprofethi, wamfaka esitokisini esasin-gasesangweni lasenhla lakwabenjamini elalingasendlini kajehova-aeiou. kwathi ngakusasa uphashuri wamkhipha ujeremiya esitokisini. ujeremiya wayesethi kuye: ujeahova-aeiou akabizanga igama lakho ngokuthi uphashuri kepha umagori mis-abibi. ngokuba usho kanje ujeahova-aeiou, uthi: bheka, ngiyakukwenza ukuba ube luvalo kuwe uqobo nakubo bonke aban-gane bakho; bayakuwa ngenkamba yezitha zabo, amehlo akho akubone; ngiyakunikela wonke ujada esandleni senkosi yasebabele, ibathumbele ebabele, ibabulale ngenkamba. futhi ngiyakunikela yonke imfuyo yalo muzi, nayo yonke imisebenzi yawo, nakho konke kwawo okuyigugu, yebo, yonke ingcebo yamakhoi akwajuda esandleni sezitha zabo, ziyiphange, ziyithathe, ziyiyise ebabele. nawe phashuri nabo bonke abahlala endlini yakho niyakuthunjwa; uyakufika ebabele, kepha uyakufela khona, umbelwe khona, wena nabo bonke abangane bakho oprofethe kubo amanga. wangiye, jehova-aeiou, ngayengeka; wawunamandla kunami, wangahlula. ngibe yinhlekiso usuku lonke, bonke bangiklolodela. njalo lapho ngikhuluma, ngiyakhala, ngimemeza ngobudlova nokubhubhisa, lokhu izwi likalezi-ku lenziwa ihlazo nenhleliko kimi usuku lonke. lapho ngithi: angisayikumkhumbula, ngingasakhulumi egameni lakhe, kusenhliziyweni yami njengomlilo oshisayo, uvalenze emathanjeni ami; ngikhathele ukubekezela, angikwazi. ngizwile ukuhleba kwabaningi: luvalo nxazonke. mmangalele! masimangalele! bonke abangane bami bayalinda ukuwa kwami. mhlawumbe angayengwa, simahlule, siziphindisele kuye. kepha ujeahova-aeiou unami njengeqhawe elesabisayo; ngalokho abangizingelayo bayakukhubeka, bangangahluli; bayakuba namahloni kakhulu, ngokuba abenzanga ngokuhlakanipha, nehlaho labo eliphakade alyikukhohlakala. kepha, jehova-aeiou sebawoti, ovivinye olungileyo, obona izinso nenhliziyo, mangibone ukuphindisela kwakho kubo, ngokuba ngikwambulele

indaba yami. hlabelelani kujehova-aeiou, nimdumise ujeahova-aeiou, ngokuba wophula umphefumulo wompofu esandleni sababi. maluqalekiswe usuku engazalwa ngalo; usuku umame angizala ngalo malungabusiswa. makaqalekiswe umuntu owabika kubaba, ethi: uzalelwe umntwana wesilisa, emthokozisa nokumthokozisa. lowo muntu makabe njengemizi ujeahova-aeiou ayigumbuqela engazisoli, ezwe ukukhala ekuseni nokumemeza ngesikhathi sasemini, ngokuba akangibulalanga esiswini, umame waze waba yithuna lami, nesisu sakhe saba sikhulelwe njalo. ngaphumelani esiswini ukuba ngibone umshikashika nosizi, ukuze izinsuku zami ziphele ngamahloni na?

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izwi elafika kujeremiya, livela kujehova-aeiou, ekuthumeni kwenkosi usedekiya uphashuri indodana kamahaseya, umpristi, kuye ethi: ake usibuzele kujehova-aeiou, ngokuba unebukadinesari inkosi yasebabele usihlasele; mhlawumbe ujeahova-aeiou angenza kithi njengazo zonke izimangalis zakhe ukuba akhuphuke, asuke kithi. ujeremiya wathi kubo: niyakusho kanje kusedekiya, nithi: usho kanje ujeahova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: bheka, ngiyakubuyisa izikhali zokulwa ezizezandleni zenu, enilwa ngazo nenkosi yasebabele namakaledi anivimbezelayo ngaphandle kogange, ngizibuthe phakathi nalo muzi. mina ngiyakulwa nani ngesandla eseluliweyo, nangengalo enamandla, nangentukuthelo, nangokufutheka, nangolaka olukhulu. ngiyakubashaya abakhileyo kulo muzi, abantu nezilwane; bayakufa ngesifo esikhulu. ngasemuva, usho ujeahova-aeiou, ngiyakunikela usedekiya inkosi yakwajuda, nezinceku zakhe, nabantu abasele kulo muzi esifweni, nasenkembeni, nasendlaleni, nasesandleni sikanebukadinesari inkosi yasebabele, nasesandleni sezitha zabo, nasesandleni sabafuna ukuphila kwabo, abashaye ngosiko lwenkamba, angabasin-disi, angabahawukeli, angabi namusa kubo. uyakusho kulaba bantu, uthi: usho kanje ujeahova-aeiou, uthi: bheka, ngibeka phambi kwakho indlela yokuphila nendlela yokufa. osala kulo muzi uyakufa ngenkamba, nangendlala, nangesifo, kepha ophumayo, aye kumakaledi anivimbezelayo, uyakuphila, ukuphila kwakhe kube yimpango yakhe. ngokuba ngibhekise ubuso bami kulo muzi kube kubi, kungabi kuhle, usho ujeahova-aeiou; uyakunikelwa esandleni senkosi yasebabele, iwushise ngomlilo. yisho endlini yenkosi yakwajuda, uthi: zwanini izwi likajehova-aeiou lokuthi: o, ndlu kadavide, usho kanje ujeahova-aeiou, uthi: yenzani



izahlulelo ekuseni, nophule ophangiweyo esandleni somcindezeli, funa ukufutheka kwami kuphume njengomlilo, kushise, kuze kungabikho owucimayo ngenxa yobubi bezenzo zenu. bheka, ngimelene nawe, wena owakhileyo esigodini, wena litshe lasethafeni, usho ujevova-aeiou, nina enithi: ngubani oyakusehlela, ngubani oyakungena ezindlini zethu, na? ngiyakunihambela njengezithelo zezenzo zenu, usho ujevova-aeiou, ngiphembe umlilo ehlathini labo, uqede konke okungakhona.

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usho kanje ujevova-aeiou, uthi: yehlela endlini yenkosi yakwajuda, ukhulume khona leli zwi, uthi: yizwa izwi likajehova-aeiou, nkosi yakwajuda, ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi sikadavide, wena nezinceku zakho nabantu bakho abangana ngalawa masango. usho kanje ujevova-aeiou, uthi: yenzani izahlulelo nokulunga, nophule ophangiweyo esandleni somcindezeli, ningoni, ningadluzuli abafokazi, nezintandane, nabafelokazi, ningachithi igazi elingenacala kule ndawo. ngokuba uma nenza lokhu impela, kuyakungena ngamasango ale ndlu amakhosi ahlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi sikadavide, ekhwele izinqola namahhashi, wona nezinceku zawo nabantu bawo. kepha uma ningalaleli lawa mazwi, ngiyazifunga, usho ujevova-aeiou, ukuthi le ndlu iyakuba yincithakalo. ngokuba usho kanje ujevova-aeiou ngendlu yenkosi yakwajuda, uthi: uyigileyadi kimi, nekhandla laselebanoni; impela ngiyakukwenza ube yihlane nemizi engahlalwa muntu. ngiyakukulungisela abachithi, yilowo nalowo abe nezikhali zakhe, bagawule imisedari yakho ekhetheki-leyo, bayiphonse emlilweni. izizwe eziningi ziyakudlula kulo muzi, zisho, kube yileso naleso kwesinye, ukuthi: ujevova-aeiou wenzeleni okunje kulo muzi omkhulu na? bayakuthi: ngokuba basishiya isivumelwano sikajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wabo, bakhuleka kwabanye olezi-ku, babakhonza. ningakhaleli ofileyo, ningamlileli, kepha nimkhalele nokumkhalela omukayo, ngokuba akasayikubuya, kasayikubona izwe lokuzalwa kwakhe. ngokuba usho kanje ujevova-aeiou ngoshalumi indodana kajosiya, inkosi yakwajuda, owaba yinkosi esikhundleni sikajosiya uyise, waphuma kule ndawo, ukuthi: akasayikubuyela lapha, kepha uyakufela kuleyo ndawo lapho bemthumbele khona; naleli zwe kasayikulibona. wo koyakha indlu yakhe ngokungalingi, namakamelo akhe ngokungafanele, osebenzisa umakhelwane wakhe engamholeli, angamniki lutho ngomsebenzi wakhe, othi: ngiyakuzakhela indlu enkulu namakamelo abanzi, ay-

ibhobozele amafasitele, bese yembeswa ngemisedari, ibhecewe ngebomvu! uyinkosi ngokuba ushisekela imisedari na? angithi uyihlo wadla, waphuza, wenza ukwahlulela nokulunga, kwaba kuhle kuye, na? wahlulela abaswelayo nabampofu, kwaba kuhle; angithi lokhu kungukungazi mina na? usho ujevova-aeiou. amehlo akho nenhliziyo yakho kusekuphangeni kuphela, nasekuchitheni igazi elingenacala, nasekucindezeleni, nasekudloveni ukuba ukwenze. ngalokho usho kanje ujevova-aeiou ngojehoyakimi indodana kajosiya, inkosi yakwajuda, uthi: abayikumkhalela ngokuthi: hhawu, mfowethu, noma, hhawu, dadewethu! futshi bangamkhaleli ngokuthi: hhawu, nkosi, noma, hhawu, bukhosi bakhe! uyakumbelwa ngokumbelwa kwembongolo, ahudulwe alahlwe ngale kwamasango asejerusalem. khuphukela elebanoni, ukhale; phakamisa izwi lakho ebashani, ukhale use-abarimi, ngokuba zonke izithandwa zakho zibulewe. ngakhuluma kuwe usenenhlanhla, kepha wathi: angizwa. lokhu kuyindlela yakho kwasebusheni bakho ukuthi awulizwa izwi lami. umoya uyakubalusa bonke abelusi bakho, nezithandwa zakho ziyakuthunjwa; impela uyakuba namahloni, ujabhe ngabo bonke ububi bakho. wena ohlala elebanoni, owakha isidleke sakho kuyo imisedari, uyakuhawukelwa kangakanani ngokufikelwa kwakho yimihelo, imihelo enjengeyobeethayo! kuphila kwami, usho ujevova-aeiou, noma ukhoniya indodana kajehoyakimi, inkosi yakwajuda, ebe yindandatho esandleni sami sokunene, nokho bengiyakukuhluthula khona, ngikunikele esandleni sabafuna ukuphila kwakho nas-esandleni salabo obesabayo, ngithi esandleni sikanebukadinesari, inkosi yasebabele, nas-esandleni samakaledi. ngiyakukuzwibela kwelinye izwe, wena nonyoko owakuzalayo, lapho ningazalelwanga khona; niyakufela khona. kepha abayikubuyela ezweni abalangazelela ukubuyela kulo. lo muntu ukhoniya uyisitsha esidelelweyo nesa-phukileyo na? uyindebe okungekho kuyo intokozo na? uzwitshelweni yena nenzalo yakhe, balahlelwa ezweni abangalaziyo, na? lizwe, lizwe, lizwe, yizwa izwi likajehova-aeiou. usho kanje ujevova-aeiou, uthi: lobani lo muntu ukuthi akanamntwana, umuntu ongayikuba nampumelelo ezinsukwini zakhe, ngokuba umuntu ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi sikadavide akayikuba nampumelelo yokuba abe esabusa kwajuda.

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wo kubo abelusi abachitha, bazihlakaze izimvu zedlelo lami! usho ujevova-aeiou. :1 jer. 10:21; hez. 34:2. ngalokho usho

kanje ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli ngabelusi abelusa abantu bami, uthi: nihlakazile izimvu zami, nazixosha, anizihambelanga. bhekani, ngiyakuambela ububi bezenzo zenu kini, usho ujevova-aeiou. ngiyakubutha insali yezimvu zami emazweni onke, lapho ngiyixoshele khona, ngiyibuyisele ezibayeni zayo; iyakuchuma, yande. ngiyakumisa phezu kwayo abelusi abayakuyalusa; ayisayikwesaba, ayiyikuphela amandla, ayisayikujeziswa, usho ujevova-aeiou. bheka, izinsuku ziyeza, usho ujevova-aeiou, lapho ngiyakumisela ndavide ihlumela elilungileyo; liyakubusa njengenkos, libe nokuhlakanipha, lenze ukwahlulela nokulunga ezweni. ezinsukwini zalo ujuda uyakusindiswa, u-israyeli ahlale elondakile; nanti igama eliyakubizwa ngalo lokuthi: ujevova-aeiou ungukulunga kwethu. ngalokho bheka, izinsuku ziyeza, usho ujevova-aeiou, abangasayikusho ngazo ukuthi: kuphila kukajehova-aeiou owabakhuphula abantwana bakwa-israyeli ezweni lasegibithe, kepha ukuthi: kuphila kukajehova-aeiou owayikhuphula, wayihla inzalo yendlu ka-israyeli ezweni lasenyakatho nasemazweni onke lapho ngangibaxoshele khona. iyakwakha ezweni lakubo. ngabaprofethi. inhliziyu yami yaphukile phakathi kwami, amathambo onke ami ayathuthumela; nginjengomuntu odakiweyo, njengomuntu owahlulwe yiwayini ngenxa kajehova-aeiou nan-genxa yamazwi akhe angcwele. ngokuba izwe ligcwele iziphingi; izwe liyadabuka ngenxa yesiqalekiso; amadlelo asehlane omile. ukuhamba kwabo kubi, namandla abo awalungile. ngokuba nabaprofethi nabapristi abanalezi-ku; nasendlini ngifumene bona-ra-ukukhandleka kwabo, usho ujevova-aeiou. ngalokho indlela yabo iyakuba yizindawo ezibushulelezi; bayakusunduzwa ebunmyameni, bawe kubo, ngokuba ngiyakubehlisela bona-ra-ukukhandleka ngomnyaka wokuhanjelwa kwabo, usho ujevova-aeiou. kubaprofethi basesamariya ngibonile ubuwula: baprofetha ngobali, bedukisa abantu bami u-israyeli. nakubaprofethi basejerusalema ngibonile okwesabekayo: bayaphinga, bahamba ngamanga, baqinisa izandla zababi, ukuze kungabuyi muntu ebubini bakhe; bonke banjengesodoma kimi, nabakhileyo kulo banjengegomora. ngalokho usho kanje ujevova-aeiou sebawoti ngabaprofethi, uthi: bheka, ngiyakubanika ukuba badle umhlonyane, baphuze amanzi enyongo, ngokuba ukungabi nalezi-ku kuphume kubaprofethi, kwaya ezweni lonke. usho kanje ujevova-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: ningawalaleli amazwi abaprofethi abaprofetha kini; banifundisa okuyize, bakhuluma umbono wenhliziyo yabo, kungengokuvela

emlonyeni kajehova-aeiou. bazinge bethi kwabangidelelayo: ujevova-aeiou ukhulule u-uthi: niyakuba nokuthula. kubo bonke abahamba ngenkani yenhliziyu yabo bathi: aniyikwehlelewa ngbona-ra-ukukhandleka. ngokuba ngubani owake wema emkhandlwini kajehova-aeiou ukuba abone, ezwe izwi lakhe na? ngubani oqaphele izwi lakhe, walizwa, na? bheka, isivunguvungu sikajehova-aeiou esinokufutheka siphumile; isivunguvungu esiyisikhwikhwishi sehlele phezu kwamakhanda ababi. intukuthelo kajehova-aeiou ayiyikubuya aze enze, aze afeze umgomo wenhliziyo yakhe; ezinsukwini ezizayo niyakukuqonda nokukuqonda. mina angibathumanga abaprofethi, nokho bagijima; bengingakhulume kubo, nokho baprofetha. uma bebemi emkhandlwini wami, nga bezwisile abantu bami amazwi ami, bababuyise endleleni yabo embi, nasebubini bezenzo zabo. ngingulezi-ku eduze yini, usho ujevova-aeiou, ngingesiye ulezi-ku kude na? ukhona ongacasha ezindaweni ezisithekileyo ukuze ngingamboni na? usho ujevova-aeiou. angithi ngiyagcwalisa izulu nomhlaba na? usho ujevova-aeiou. ngizwile ukuthi bathini nabaprofethi abaprofetha amanga egameni lami, bethi: ngiphuphile, ngiphuphile. lokhu koze kube nini ezinhliziyweni nabaprofethi abaprofetha amanga, bengabaprofethi benkohliso yenhliziyu yabo, abacabanga ukwenza ukuba abantu bami bakhohlwe igama lami ngamaphupho abo abawalandisa, kube yilowo nalowo kumakhelwane wakhe, njengalokho oyise bakhohlwa igama lami ngenxa kabali, na? umprofethi onephupho makalilandise iphupho, kepha onezwi lami makalikhulume izwi lami ngeqiniso. amakhoba ayini kukolweni na? usho ujevova-aeiou. izwi lami alinjengomlilo yini, usho ujevova-aeiou, nanjengesando esaphula itshe na? ngalokho bheka, ngimelene nabaprofethi, usho ujevova-aeiou, abeba amazwi ami, kube yilowo nalowo kumakhelwane wakhe. bheka, ngimelene nabaprofethi, usho ujevova-aeiou, abasebenzisa izilimi zabo, bathi: uthi yena. bheka, ngimelene nabaprofetha amaphupho amanga, usho ujevova-aeiou, bawalandise, badukise abantu bami ngamanga abo nangokuwawaza kwabo; mina-ke angibathumanga nokho, angibayalanga, futhi abasizanga laba bantu, usho ujevova-aeiou. nxa laba bantu, noma umprofethi, noma umpristi, bekubuza bethi: iyini indaba kajehova-aeiou? uyakubatshelela ukuthi: yinina eniyindaba, nokuthi: ngiyakunilahla, usho ujevova-aeiou. nomprofethi-ke, nompristi, nabantu abayakusho ukuthi: indaba kajehova-aeiou, ngiyakuambela lowo muntu nendlu yakhe. niyakusho kanje, kube yilowo nalowo kumakhelwane

wakhe, kube yilowo nalowo kumfowabo, nithi: ujejhova-aeiou uphendule wathini? nokuthi: ujejhova-aeiou ukhulumeni? indaba kajehova-aeiou anisayikuyikhumbula, ngokuba izwi lalowo nalowo muntu liyakuba yindaba yakhe, lokhu niwahlanekezele amazwi kalezi-ku ophilayo, ujejhova-aeiou sebawoti, ulezi-ku wethu. uyakusho kanje kumprofethi, uthi: ujejhova-aeiou ukuphendule wathini? nokuthi: ujejhova-aeiou ukhulumeni? kepha uma nithi: indaba kajehova-aeiou, khona ujejhova-aeiou usho kanje, uthi: ngenxa yokuba nithi leli zwi lokuthi indaba kajehova-aeiou, noma mina ngathumela kini, ngathi: anyikuthi: indaba kajehova-aeiou, ngalokho ngiyakuniphakamisa nokuniphakamisa, nginilahle ebusweni bami, nina nomuzi enganinika wona, nina nawoyihlo, nginehlisele ihlazo eliphakade namahloni emiyo njalo okungayikukhohlakala.

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ujejhova-aeiou wangibonisa amaqoma amabili amakhiwane ebekwe phambi kwethempeli likajehova-aeiou, unebukadinesari, inkosi yasebabele, esethumbile ujekoniya indodana kajehoyakimi, inkosi yakwajuda, nezikhulu zakwajuda, nezinyanga zomsebenzi, nabakhandi, wabasusa ejerusalem, wabayisa ebabele. elinye iqoma lalinamakhiwane amahle kakhulu, enjengamakhiwane ayingqalabutho; elinye iqoma lalinamakhiwane amabi kakhulu, engenakudliwa ngobubi bawo. wayesethi ujejhova-aeiou kimi: ubonani, jeremiya, na? ngathi: amakhiwane; amahle, ngamahle kakhulu, namabi ngamabi kakhulu, enganakudliwa ngobubi bawo. izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: njengalawa makhiwane amahle ngiyakubheka kanjalo abathunjweyo bakwajuda, engibamukisile kule ndawo baya ezweni lamakaledi, kube kühle. ngiyakuwabhekisa amehlo ami kubo, kube kühle, ngibabuyisele kuleli zwe, ngibakhe ngingabadilizi, ngibatshale ngingabasiphuli. ngiyakubanika inhlizyo yokungazi ukuthi ngingujejhova-aeiou; bayakuba ngabantu bami, mina ngibe ngulezi-ku wabo, ngokuba bayakubuyela kimi ngenhliziyo yabo yonke. kepha njengamakhiwane amabi engenakudliwa ngobubi bawo, impela kanjalo, usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou, ngiyakwenza kusedeqiya inkosi yakwajuda, nasezikhulwini zakhe, nakuyo insali yasejerusalem, abasele kuleli zwe nabakhile ezweni lasegibithe. ngiyakubenza babe yingebhe nbona-ra-ukukhandleka emibusweni yonke yomhlaba, babe yihlazo nesaga, isifengo nesiqalekiso

ezindaweni zonke engiyakubaxoshela kuzo. ngiyakuthuma kubo inkemba, nendlala, nesifo, baze baphele ezweni engalinika bona nawoyise.

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izwi elafika kujeremiya ngabantu bonke bakwajuda ngomnyaka wesine kajehoyakimi indodana kajosiya, inkosi yakwajuda, ongumnyaka wokuqala kanebukadinesari, inkosi yasebabele, alikhulumayo ujeremiya umprofethi kubo bonke abantu bakwajuda nakubo bonke abakhileyo ejerusalem, ethi: kusukela emnyakeni weshumi nantathu kajosiya indodana ka-amoni, inkosi yakwajuda, kuze kube namuhla, le minyaka engamashumi amabili nantathu izwi likajehova-aeiou lifikile kimi, ngalikhuluma, ngilisho kini njalonzalo, kepha kanilalelanga. ujejhova-aeiou uthumile kini zonke izinceku zakhe abaprofethi, ebathuma njalonzalo, kepha anilalelanga, anibekanga indlebe ukuba nizwe lapho kwathiwa: ake nibuye, kube yilowo nalowo endleleni yakhe embi, nasebubini bezenzo zenu, nihlale ezweni ujejhova-aeiou alinike nina nawoyihlo, kusukela phakade kuze kube phakade, ningalandeli abanye olezi-ku ukuba nibakhonze, nikhuleke kubo, ningangicunuli ngemisebenzi yezandla zenu; khona angiyikunenzela bona-ra-ukukhandleka. kepha aningilalelanga, usho ujejhova-aeiou, naze nangicunula ngemisebenzi yezandla zenu, kwaba kubi kini. ngalokho usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: ngenxa yokuba ningawalalelanga amazwi ami, bheka, ngiyakuthumela, ngilande yonke imindeni yasenyakatsho, usho ujejhova-aeiou, nonebukadinesari, inkosi yasebabele, inceku yami, ngibehlisele phezu kwaleli zwe nabakhileyo kulo, naphezu kwazo zonke lezi zizwe nxazonke, ngibaqalekise, ngibenze babe yisimangaliso nento encimfelwayo, nencithakalo ephakade. futhi ngiyakususa kubo izwi lokujabula nezwi lokuthokoza, izwi lomyeni nezwi lomakoti, nomsindo wamatshe okugaya nokukhanya kwesibani. izwe lonke leli liyakuba yincithakalo nesimangaliso, nalezi zizwe ziyakuyikhonza inkosi yasebabele iminyaka engamashumi ayisikhombisa. kuyakuthi lapho iminyaka engamashumi ayisikhombisa isigwalisekile, ngihambele inkosi yasebabele nesizwe leso, usho ujejhova-aeiou, ngobubi babo, kanye nezwe lamakaledi, ngilenze libe yincithakalo ephakade. ngiyakwehlisela phezu kwalelo zwe onke amazwi ami engiwakhulume phezu kwalo, konke okulotshwe kule ncwadi, ujeremiya akuprofethile ngazo zonke izizwe. ngokuba bayakukhonziwa nabo yizizwe eziningi nangamakhosi amakhulu, ngiphindise kubo ngenzeno zabo

nangemisebenzi yezandla zabo. ngokuba washo kanje ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli kimi, wathi: thatha le ndebe yewayini lokufutheka esandleni sami, uphuzise kuyo zonke izizwe engikuthuma kuzo. ziyakuphuza, zintengantenge, zihlanye ngaphambi kwenkamba engiyakuyithuma phakathi kwazo. ngase ngiyithatha indebe esandleni sikajehova-aeiou, ngaziphuzisa zonke izizwe ujejhova-aeiou angithuma kuzo: ijerusalema nemizi yakwajuda, namakhosi alo, nezikhulu zalo, ukuba ngikwenze kube yincithakalo, nesimangaliso, nento encimfelwayo, nesiqalekiso njenganamuhla; kanye nofaro inkosi yasegibithe, nezinceku zakhe, nezikhulu zakhe, nabantu bakhe bonke, nayo yonke ingxubevange yabantu; onke amakhosi ase-uzi, nawo onke amakhosi asezweni lamafilisti e-ashikeloni, nasegaza, nase-ekroni, nensali yase-ashidodi; o-edomi, nomowabi, nabantwana bakwa-amoni, nawo onke amakhosi asetire, nawo onke amakhosi asesidoni, namakhosi aseziqhingini ezin-gaphesheya kolwandle; idedani, nethema, nebuzi, nabo bonke abadilingiwe emaceleni amakhanda abo, nawo onke amakhosi ase-arabiya, nawo onke amakhosi engxubevange yabantu ehlala ehlane, nawo onke amakhosi asezimiri, nawo onke amakhosi ase-elamu, nawo onke amakhosi asemiya, nawo onke amakhosi asenyakatho, akude naseduze, yileyo naleyo, nayo yonke imibuso yezwe esebusweni bomhlaba; nenkosi yasesheshaki iyakuphuza emva kwabo. uyakusho kubo ukuthi: usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou sebawoti, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: phuzani, nidakwe, nihlanze, niwe, ningabe nisasukuma ngenxa yenkamba engiyakuyithuma phakathi kwenu. kuyakuthi lapho bala ukuthatha indebe esandleni sakho ukuba bayiphuze, usho kubo ukuthi: usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: impela niyakuphuza. ngokuba bheka, ngiyaqala ukwenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emzini obizwe ngegama lami; nina beniyakuba ngabangenacala na? aniyikuba ngabangenacala, ngokuba ngiyakubiza bonke abakhileyo emhlabeni beze enkembeni, usho ujejhova-aeiou sebawoti. manje, profetha kubo onke lawa mazwi, uthi kubo: ujejhova-aeiou uyakuduma ephezulu, aphumise izwi lakhe esendaweni yakhe engcwele; uyakuduma nokuduma phezu kwekhaya lakhe, amemeze njengabanyathela iwayini kubo bonke abakhileyo emhlabeni. umsindo uyakufinyelela emkhawulweni womhlaba, ngokuba ujejhova-aeiou uyamelana nezizwe; uyahlulela inyama yonke, kepha ababi uyakubanikela enkembeni, usho ujejhova-aeiou. usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: bheka, bona-ra-ukukhandleka kuyaphuma kwesinye isizwe kuye kwesinye, nesivunguvungu siyavuswa emikhawulweni

yomhlaba. ngalolo suku ababuleweyo bakajehova-aeiou bayakusukela komunye umkhawulo womhlaba, baze bafike komunye; abayikukhalelwa, abayikubuthwa, abayikumbelwa, bayakuba ngumquba ebusweni bomhlaba. mhlawumbe nina belusi, nikhale, nihuquzele emlotheni nina zikhulu zomhlambi, ngokuba seziphatelele izinsuku zenu zokuba nihlatshwe, nginihlakaze, niwe njengesitsha esihle. abelusi abayikuba nandawo ukubalekela kuyo, izikhulu zomhlambi zingabi nasiphephelo. yizwi lokukhala kwabelusi, nokuhhewula kwezikhulu zomhlambi, ngokuba ujejhova-aeiou uyachitha idlelo labo, nezibaya ezithuleyo ziqedwe ngenxa yokufutheka kolaka oluvuthayo lukajehova-aeiou. uwushiyile umphandu wakhe njengengonyama, ngokuba izwe labo seliyincithakalo ngenxa yokufutheka kwenkamba ecindezelayo nangenxa yokufutheka kolaka lwalo.

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ekuqaleni kokubusa kukajehoyakimi indodana kajosiya, inkosi yakwajuda, kwafika leli zwi livela kujehova-aeiou, lathi: usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou, uthi: yima egcekeni lendlu kajehova-aeiou, ukhulume kuyo yonke imizi yakwajuda efika ukukhuleka endlini kajehova-aeiou onke amazwi engikuyala ukuwakhuluma kubo, ungagodli zwi. mhlawumbe bayakulalela, baphenduke, kube yilowo nalowo endleleni yakhe embi, ngibuye kukho bona-ra-ukukhandleka ebengicabanga ukukwenza kubo ngenxa yobubi bezenzo zabo. uyakuthi kubo: usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou, uthi: uma ningangilaleli ukuba nihambe emthethweni wami engiwubeke phambi kobuso benu, niwalalele amazwi ezinceku zami abaprofethi engibathumile kini, ngibathuma njalonjalo, nina ningalalelanga, ngiyakwenza le ndlu ibe njengeshilo, nalo muzi ngiyakwenza ube yisiqalekiso ezizweni zonke zomhlaba.

abapristi, nabaprofethi, nabo bonke abantu bezwa ujeremiya ekhuluma lawo mazwi endlini kajehova-aeiou. kwathi lapho ujeremiya eseqedile ukukhuluma konke ujejhova-aeiou amyale ngakho ukuba akukhulume kubo bonke abantu, abapristi, nabaprofethi, nabantu bonke, bambamba, bathi: uyakufa nokufa. uprofetheleni egameni likajehova-aeiou ukuthi: le ndlu iyakuba njengeshilo, nalo muzi uyakuchithwa kungabe kusaba khona owuhlalayo, na? bonke abantu babebuthene kujeremiya endlini kajehova-aeiou. izikhulu zakwajuda zazizwa lezo zinto, zakhuphuka endlini yenkosi, zaye endlini kajehova-aeiou, zahlala esikheleni sesango elisha lendlu kajehova-aeiou. base bethi abapristi nabaprofethi ezikhulwini nakubo bonke abantu, bathi:

lo muntu ufanele ukufa, ngokuba uprofethile ngalo muzi, njengalokho nizwile ngezindlebe zenu. wayesesho ujeremiya kuzo zonke izikhulu nakubo bonke abantu, ethi: ujejhova-aeiou wangithuma ukuprofetha ngale ndlu nangalo muzi onke amazwi eniwezwiweyo. ngalokho lungisani izindlela zenu nezenzo zenu, nilalele izwi likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu, ujejhova-aeiou abuye kukho bona-ra-ukukhandleka akukhulume kini. kepha mina, bhekani, ngisesandleni senu; yenzani kimi okuhle nokulungile emehlweni enu. yazini nokwazi kuphela ukuthi uma ningibulala, niyakwehlisela igazi elingenalaca phezu kwenu, naphezu kwalo muzi, naphezu kwabakhileyo kuwo, ngokuba ngeqiniso ujejhova-aeiou ungithume kini ukuba ngikhulume onke lawa mazwi ezindlebeni zenu. zase zithi izikhulu nabo bonke abantu kubo abapristi nakubo abaprofethi: lo muntu akafanele ukufa, ngokuba ukhulume kithi egameni likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu. kwase kusukuma amanye amalunga ezwe, asho kulo lonke ibandla labantu, athi: umika wasemoresheti waprofetha ezinsukwini zikahezekiya inkosi yakwajuda, washo kubo bonke abantu bakwajuda, wathi: usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: isiyoni liyakulinywa njengensimu, ijerusalema libe yincithakalo, intaba yendlu ibe yizindawo eziphakemeyo zamahlathi. uhezekiya inkosi yakwajuda naye wonke ujuda bambulala impela na? angithi bamesaba ujejhova-aeiou, bamncenga ujejhova-aeiou, ujejhova-aeiou wabuza kukho bona-ra-ukukhandleka ayekukhulume kubo, na? besiyakwenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka okukhulu kuyo imiphefumulo yethu. kwakukhona nomunye umuntu owaprofetha egameni likajehova-aeiou, u-urija indodana kashemaya wasekiryathi jeharimi; waprofetha ngalo muzi nangaleli zwe njengawo onke amazwi kajeremiya. inkosi ujejhoyakimi, nawo onke amahawe ayo, nazo zonke izikhulu bezwa amazwi akhe; inkosi yafuna ukumbulala; kepha u-urija wakuzwa, wesaba, wabaleka, waya egibithe. inkosi ujejhoyakimi yayisithuma amadoda egibithe, u-elinathani indodana ka-akibori enamadoda, baye egibithe. bamkhipha u-urija egibithe, bamvisa enkosini ujejhoyakimi eyambulala ngenkomba, yasilahla isidumbu sakhe emathuneni abantukazana. kepha isandla sika-ahikamu, indodana kashafani, sasi-nojeremiya ukuba bangamnikeli esandleni sabantu ukumbulala.

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ekuqaleni kokubusa kukasedekiya indodana kajosiya, inkosi yakwajuda, kwafika leli zwi kujeremiya livela kujehova-aeiou,

lathi: usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou kimi, uthi: zenzele izintambo namajoka, ukubeke entanyeni yakho, ukuthume enkosini yakwa-edomi, nasenkosini yakwamowabi, nasenkosini yabantwana bakwa-amoni, nasenkosini yasethire, nasenkosini yas-esidoni ngesandla sezithunywa ezifika ejerusalem kusedekiya inkosi yakwajuda, uziyale ukuba zithi emakhosini azo: usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou sebawoti, ulezi-ku kaisrayeli, uthi: niyakusho kanje emakhosini enu, nithi: mina ngenzile umhlaba, nomuntu, nesilwane okukhona emhlabeni ngamandla ami amakhulu nangengalo yami eyeluliweyo, ngiwunika lowo ofanele emehlweni ami. manje senginikele onke lawa mazwe esandleni sikanebukadinesari inkosi yasebabele, inceku yami; futhi ngiyakumnika izilwane zasandle ukuba zimkhonze. zonke izizwe ziyakumkhonza, yena nendodana yakhe, nendodana yendodana yakhe, kuze kufike isikhathi sezwe lakhe, izizwe eziningi namakhosi amakhulu babakhonzise. kuyakuthi isizwe nombuso okungayikumkhonza yena, unebukadinesari, inkosi yasebabele, kungabeki intamo yakho phansi kwejoka lenkosi yasebabele, leso sizwe ngisijezise, usho ujejhova-aeiou, ngenkomba, nangendlala, nangesifo, ngize ngisiqede ngesandla sakhe. kepha nina ningabalaleli abaprofethi benu, nababhuli benu, namaphupho enu, nabahlola imihlola phakathi kwenu, nabalumbi benu abakhuluma kini, bethi: aniyikuyikhonza inkosi yasebabele, ngokuba baprofetha amanga kini ukuba nesuswe kude nezwe lakini, nginixoshe, niphele. kepha isizwe esiyakuyibeka intamo yaso phansi kwejoka lenkosi yasebabele, siyikhonze, leso ngiyakusiphumuza ezweni laso, usho ujejhova-aeiou, sililime, sihlale kulo. ngakhuluma kusedekiya inkosi yakwajuda njengawo onke lawa mazwi, ngathi: bekani izintamo zenu phansi kwejoka lenkosi yasebabele, niyikhonze, yona nabantu bayo, niphile. niyakufelani wena nabantu bakho ngenkomba, nangendlala, nangesifo, njengalokho ujejhova-aeiou ekhulumile ngesizwe esingayikuyikhonza inkosi yasebabele, na? ningawalaleli amazwi abaprofethi ababesho kini ukuthi: aniyikuyikhonza inkosi yasebabele, ngokuba baprofetha amanga kini. ngokuba angibathumanga, usho ujejhova-aeiou; baprofetha amanga ngegama lami ukuze nginixoshe, niphele, nina nabaprofethi abaprofetha kini. ngase ngikhuluma kubapristi nakubo bonke laba bantu, ngithi: usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou, uthi: ningawalaleli amazwi abaprofethi benu abaprofetha kini ukuthi: bhekani, izitsha zendlu kajehova-aeiou ziyakubuyiswa ebabele masinyane. ngokuba baprofetha amanga kini. ningabalaleli; khonzani inkosi

yasebabele nize niphile; ubuyakuchithelwani lo muzi na? kepha uma bengabaprofethi, uma izwi likalezi-ku likubo, mabamnxuse ujevova-aeiou seabawoti, ukuba izitsha ezisele endlini kajehova-aeiou, nasendlini yenkosi yakwajuda, nasejerusalema zingayi ebabele. ngokuba usho kanje ujevova-aeiou seabawoti ngezinsika, nangolwandle, nangezinqe, nangensali yezitsha ezisele kulo muzi, angazithathanga unebukadinesari inkosi yasebabele ekuthumbeni kwakhe ujekoniya indodana kajehoyakimi, inkosi yakwajuda, ejerusalema, wamyisa ebabele nabakhulu bonke bakwajuda nabasejerusalema; yebo, usho kanje ujevova-aeiou seabawoti, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, ngezitsha ezisele endlini kajehova-aeiou, nasendlini yenkosi yakwajuda, nasejerusalema, uthi: ziyakuyiswa ebabele, zibe khona, kuze kufike usuku lokuzihambela kwami, usho ujevova-aeiou. bese ngizikhuphula, ngizibuyisele kule ndawo.

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kwathi ngawona lowo mnyaka ekuqaleni kokubusa kukasedekiya inkosi yakwajuda ngomnyaka wesine, ngenyanga yesihlanu, uhananiya indodana ka-azuri, umprofethi wasegibeyoni, wakhuluma kimi endlini kajehova-aeiou phambi kwabapristi nabantu bonke, wathi: usho kanje ujevova-aeiou seabawoti, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: ngilaphulile ijoka lenkosi yasebabele. ingakapheli iminyaka emibili ngiyakubuyisele kule ndawo zonke izitsha zendlu kajehova-aeiou azithatha kule ndawo unebukadinesari, inkosi yasebabele, waziyisa ebabele, ngibuyisele kule ndawo futhi ujekoniya indodana kajehoyakimi, inkosi yakwajuda, nabo bonke abathunjwa bakwajuda abaya ebabele, usho ujevova-aeiou, ngokuba ngiyakulaphula ijoka lenkosi yasebabele. kepha umprofethi ujeremiya wathi kumprofethi uhananiya phambi kwabapristi, nabantu bonke ababemi endaweni kajehova-aeiou, yebo, umprofethi ujeremiya wathi: amen, makenze njalo ujevova-aeiou, awaqinise amazwi akho owaprofethayo, kubuyiswe izitsha zendlu kajehova-aeiou nabo bonke abathunjwa ebabele, kulethwe kule ndawo. kepha mawuzwe leli zwi englikhuluma ezindlebeni zakho nasezindlebeni zabantu bonke ngokuthi: abaprofethi ababengaphambi kwami nangaphambi kwakho kusukela endulo baprofetha ngamawze amaningi nangemibuso eminingi, ngezimpi, nangbona-ra-ukukhandleka, nangesifo. umprofethi oprofetha ngokuthula uyakwaziwa, lapho seligcwalisiwe izwi lomprofethi, uma engumprofethi ujevova-aeiou amthumileyo impela. umprofethi uhananiya wayeselisisa ijoka entanyeni yomprofethi

ujeremiya, walaphula. uhananiya wayese-sho phambi kwabo bonke abantu, wathi: usho kanje ujevova-aeiou, uthi: kanjalo ngiyakulaphula ijoka likanebukadinesari, inkosi yasebabele ingakapheli iminyaka emibili entanyeni yezizwe zonke. kepha umprofethi ujeremiya wahamba indlela yakhe. lase lifika izwi likajehova-aeiou kujeremiya, uhananiya umprofethi eselaphulile ijoka entanyeni yomprofethi ujeremiya, lithi: hamba usho kuhananiya, uthi: usho kanje ujevova-aeiou, uthi: uwaphulile amajoka omuthi, kepha uyakwenza amajoka ensimbi esikhundleni sawo. ngokuba usho kanje ujevova-aeiou seabawoti, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: ngibeke ijoka lensimbi entanyeni yazo zonke lezi zizwe ukuba zimkhonze unebukadinesari inkosi yasebabele; yebo, ziyakumkhonza; futhi ngimnike nezilwane zasendle. wayesethi umprofethi ujeremiya kuhananiya umprofethi: mawuzwe, hananiya; ujevova-aeiou kakuthumanga, kepha wena wenza laba bantu ukuba bethembe amanga. ngalokho usho kanje ujevova-aeiou, uthi: bheka, ngiyakukuxosha ebusweni bomhlaba, ufe nonyaka, ngokuba ukhulume ukuhlubuka kujehova-aeiou. wafa-ke uhananiya umprofethi ngawona lowo mnyaka ngenyanga yesikhombisa.

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nanka amazwi encwadi ujeremiya, umprofethi, ayithumayo esejerusalema kuyo insali yamalunga athunjiweyo, nakubapristi, nakubaprofethi, nakubo bonke abantu ayebathumbile unebukadinesari ejerusalema, wabayisa ebabele, sebesukile ujekoniya inkosi, nendlovukazi, nabathenwa, nezikhulu zakwajuda nezasejerusalema, nezinyanga zomsebenzi, nabakhandi ejerusalema, ngesandla sika-eleyasa indodana kashafani nogemariya indodana kahilikiya abathunywa ngusedekiya, inkosi yakwajuda, ebabele kunebukadinesari inkosi yasebabele, athi: usho kanje ujevova-aeiou seabawoti, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, kubo bonke abathunjwa engibenzile ukuba bathunjwe ejerusalema, bayiswe ebabele, uthi: yakhani izindlu, nihlale kuzo; tshalani amasimu, nidle izithelo zawo; thathani abafazi, nizale amadodana namadodakazi; thathelani amadodana enu abafazi, nandise amadodakazi enu emadodeni ukuba azale amadodana namadodakazi, nande khona, ninganciphi. funani ukuthula komuzi lapho nginithumbele khona, niwukhulekele kujehova-aeiou, ngokuba ekuthuleni kwawo niyakuba nokuthula. ngokuba usho kanje ujevova-aeiou seabawoti, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: maningakhohliswa ngabaprofethi abaphakathi kwenu nababhuli benu,

ningawalaleli amaphupho enu eniwapuphayo. ngokuba baprofetha amanga egameni lami; angibathumanga, usho ujevova-aeiou. ngokuba usho kanje ujevova-aeiou, uthi: lapho iminyaka engamashumi ayisikhombisa isiphelile ebabele, ngiyakuni-hambela, ngiqinise phezu kwenu izwi lami elihle ngokunibuyisela kule ndawo. ngokuba ngiyazi mina imicabango engiyicabanga ngani, usho ujevova-aeiou, imicabango yokuthula kungengeyobubi ukuba ngininike isikhathi esizayo nethemba. niyakungibiza, niye ukukhuleka kimi, ngiyakunizwa. niyakungifuna, ningifumane, lapho ningifunisisa ngenhliziyo yenu yonke. ngiyakufunyanwa yinina, usho ujevova-aeiou, ngibuyise ukuthunjwa kwenu, nginibuthe ezizweni zonke nasezindaweni zonke lapho nginxoshele khona, usho ujevova-aeiou, nginibuyisele endaweni enganenza ukuba nithunjwe kuyo. ngokuba nishilo ukuthi: ujevova-aeiou usivusele abaprofethi ebabele. ngokuba usho kanje ujevova-aeiou ngenkosi ehlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi sikadavide nangabo bonke abantu abahlala kulo muzi, abafowenu abangayanga nani ekuthunjweni, yebo, usho ujevova-aeiou sebwoti, uthi: bhekani, ngiyakuthuma kubo inkemba, nendlala, nesifo, ngibenze babe njengamakhhiwane amabi angenakudliwa ngobubi bawo. ngiyakubalandela ngenkemba, nangendlala, nangesifo, ngibenze babe yingebhe emibusweni yonke yomhlaba, babe yisiqalekiso, nesimangaliso, nento encimfelwayo, nehlozo ezizweni zonke engibaxoshele kuzo, ngokuba abawalalelanga amazwi ami, usho ujevova-aeiou, engawathuma kubo ngezinceku zami abaprofethi, ngibathuma njalonzalo; yebo, kanilalelanga, usho ujevova-aeiou. kepha yizwani manje izwi likajehova-aeiou nina nonke bathunjwa, enginithumile ebabele niphuma ejerusalem. usho kanje ujevova-aeiou sebwoti, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, ngo-ahabi indodana kakholaya nangosedekiya indodana kamahaseya abaprofetha amanga kini egameni lami, uthi: bheka, ngiyakubanikela esandleni sikanebukadinesari inkosi yasebabele; uyakubabalala phambi kwamehlolo enu. kubona kuyakuthathwa isiqalekiso yibo bonke abathunjwa bakwajuda abasebabele ngokuthi: ujevova-aeiou makakwenze ukuba ube njengosedekiya no-ahabi abosiwa ngomlilo yinkosi yasebabele, ngokuba benzile ubuwula kwa-israyeli, baphinga nabafazi babakhelwane babo, bakhuluma amazwi amanga egameni lami engingabayalanga ngawo; yimi engikwaziyo, ngingufakazi, usho ujevova-aeiou. kushe-maya wasenehelamu uyakusho ukuthi: usho kanje ujevova-aeiou sebwoti, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: ngenxa yokuba uthumile egameni lakho izincwadi kubo bonke

abantu basejerusalem, nakuzefaniya indodana kamahaseya, umpristi, nakubo bonke abapristi, ngokuthi: ujevova-aeiou ukubeke umpristi esikhundleni sikajehoyada umpristi ukuba nibe yizinduna zabo bonke abantu abahlanyayo nabaprofethayo endlini kajehova-aeiou ukuze ubafake esitokisini nasemaketangeni; manje awum-solanga ngani ujeremiya wase-anathoti, oprofetha kini na? ngokuba ngalokho uthumile kithi ebabele, wathi: kuse kude; yakhani izindlu, nihlale kuzo; tshalani amasimu, nidle izithelo zawo. uze faniya umpristi wayifunda le ncwadi ezindlebeni zikajeremiya umprofethi. lase lifika izwi likajehova-aeiou kujeremiya, lithi: thuma kubo bonke abathunjwa, uthi: usho kanje ujevova-aeiou ngoshemaya wasenehelamu, uthi: ngenxa yokuba ushemaya eprofethile kini, mina ngingamthumile, wanenza ukuba nethembe emangeni, ngalokho usho kanje ujevova-aeiou, uthi: bhekani, ngiyakuhambela ushemaya wasenehelamu nenzalo yakhe; akayikuba namuntu oyakuhlala phakathi kwalaba bantu, angaboni okuhle engiyakwenzela khona abantu bami, usho ujevova-aeiou, ngokuba ukhulume ukhulubuka kujehova-aeiou.

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izwi elafika kujeremiya livela kujehova-aeiou, lathi: usho kanje ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: loba encwadini onke amazwi engiwakhulume kuwe. ngokuba bheka, izinsuku ziyeza, usho ujevova-aeiou, lapho ngiyakubuyisa ukuthunjwa kwabantu bami o-israyeli nojuda, usho ujevova-aeiou, ngibabuyisele ezweni engalinika oyise ukuba balidle. nanka amazwi ujevova-aeiou awakhulumayo ngo-israyeli nangojuda. ngokuba usho kanje ujevova-aeiou, uthi: sizwile izwi lokuthuthumela, elokwesaba kungengelokuthula. ake nibuze, nibone, uma owesilisa wake wabeletha na? ngibonelani onke amadoda enezandla zawo ezinkalweni njengobelethayo, ubuso bonke buphaphathekile, na? maye, lukhulu lolu suku, alukho olunjengalo! kuyisikhathi sokuhlupheka kukajakobe, kepha uyakusindiswa kukho. kuyakuthi ngalolo suku, usho ujevova-aeiou sebwoti, ngilaphule ijoka entanyeni yabo, ngigqabule izibopho zabo, abafokazi bangabe besabakhonzisa, kepha bakhonze ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wabo, nodavide inkosi yabo engiyakubavusela yena. ungesabi wena jakobe, nceku yami, usho ujevova-aeiou, ungapheli amandla, israyeli, ngokuba bheka, ngiyakusindisa usekude, nenzalo yakho ezweni lokuthunjwa kwayo; ujakobe uyakubuya, aphumule, agcineke, angesatshiswa muntu. ngokuba mina nginawe,

usho uje-hova-aeiou, ukuba ngikusindise, ngokuba ngiyakuqeda ngokupheleleyo zonke izizwe engikuhlakazele kuzo, kepha wena angiyikukuqeda, kodwa ngiyakukulaya ngokwahlulela, ngingakwenzi ube ngongenacala. ngokuba usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou, uthi: ukulimala kwakho akunakuphulukiswa, nesilonda sakho sinzima. akakho omela icala lakho ukuba uboshwe; umuthi wokuphilisa awunawo. zonke izithandwa zakho zikukhohliwe, azisakufuni, ngokuba ngikushayile ngokushaywa kwezitha, ngokulaywa kononya, ngenxa yobuningi bokona kwakho, nangokuba izono zakho zandile. ukhalelani ngokulimala kwakho ukuthi ubuhlungu bakho abunakuphulukiswa na? ngenxa yobuningi bokona kwakho nangokuba izono zakho zandile ngenze lokho kuwe. ngalokho bonke abakudlayo bayakudliwa, nabo bonke abamelene nawe bayakuthunjwa bonkana, nabakuphangayo bayakuphangwa, nabo bonke abakwa-mukayo ngiyakubanikela ukuba bamukwe. ngokuba ngiyakubuyisela ukuphila kuwe, ngelaphe izilonda zakho, usho uje-hova-aeiou, ngokuba bakubize ngokuthi oxoshiweyo nesi-yoni elingafunwa muntu. usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou, uthi: bheka, ngiyakubuyisa ukuthunjwa kwamatende kakakobe, ngiwahawukele amakhaya akhe; umuzi uyakwakhiwa edumeni lawo, indlu yamakhosi ihlale njengokufaneleyo. kuyakuphuma kubo udumiso nezwi labathokozayo; ngiyakubenza babe baningi, bangabi ngabayingcosana, ngibadumise, bangeyiswa. abantwana bakhe bayakuba njengakuqala, ibandla lakhe lime phambi kwami, ngijeze bonke abamcindezelayo. isikhulu sakhe siyakuba ngesiphuma kuye, nombusi wakhe uyakuvela phakathi kwakhe; ngiyakumsondeza, asondele kimi, ngokuba ngubani oke waba nesibindi sokusondela kimi na? usho uje-hova-aeiou.

niyakuba ngabantu bami, mina ngibe ngulezi-ku wenu. bheka, isivunguvungu sikajehova-aeiou! ukufutheka kwakhe kuphumile, isivunguvungu esichithayo; siyakwehlela phezu kwamakhanda ababi. ukufutheka okuvuthayo kukajehova-aeiou akuyikubuya, aze enze, aze afeze umgomo wenhliziyo yakhe; ezinsukwini zokugcina niyakukuqonda.

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ngaleso sikhathi, usho uje-hova-aeiou, ngiyakuba ngulezi-ku wemindeni yonke yakwa-israyeli, yona ibe ngabantu bami. usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou, uthi: abantu abasele enkembeni bafumana umusa ehlane, lapho u-israyeli eya khona ukuthola ukuphumula kwakhe. uje-hova-aeiou wabonakala kimi ekude, wathi: ngikuthandle ngot hando

oluphakade; ngalokho ngikudonsile ngomusa. ngiyakubuye ngikwakhe, wakheke wena ntombi ka-israyeli; uyakubuye uvunuliswe ngezigubhu zakho, uphumele ekusineni kwabathokozayo. uyakubuye utshale izivini ezintabeni zasasamariya; abatshali bayakuzitshala, badle izithelo zazo. ngokuba kuyakuba khona usuku abayakumemeza ngalo abalindi entabeni yakwa-efrayimi ukuthi: sukani, sikhuphukele esiyoni kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu. ngokuba usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou, uthi: hlabelelani kujakobe ngokujabula, nimemezele inhloko yezizwe, nizwakalise, nidumise nithi: jehova-aeiou, sindisa abantu bakho, insali yakwa-israyeli. bheka, ngiyakubabuyisa ezweni lasenyakatho, ngibabathe emikhawulweni yomhlaba, okuphakathi kwabo kuyizimpumpu the nezinyonga, abakhulelweyo nababelethayo kanyekanye, babuyele lapha beyibandla elikhulu. bayakufika bekhala, ngibahambise bekhuleka, ngibayise emifuleni yamanzi ngendlela eqondileyo abangayikukhubeka kuyo, ngokuba nginguyise ka-israyeli, no-efrayimi uyizibulo lami. zwanini izwi likajehova-aeiou nina zizwe, nilimemeze eziqhingini ezikude, nithi: owamhlakaza u-israyeli uyakumbutha amlondoloze njen-gomalusi umhlambi wakhe. ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou umhlawulele uyakobe, wamhlenga esandleni sonamandla kunaye. bayakufika, bahlabelele ngokujabula ekuphakameni kwasesiyoni, bagobhozele kukho okuhle kukajehova-aeiou, yebo, emabeleni, nasewayinini, nasemafutheni, nakuwo amazinyane ezimvu nawezinkomo, umphefumulo wabo ube njengensimu eniselweyo, bangabe besaba nosizi futhi. khona intombi iyakuthokoza ekusineni, nezinsizwa nabadala kanyekanye; ngiyakuphendula ukukhala kwabo kube ngukujabula, ngibaduduze, ngibathokozise, bangabe besaba nosizi. ngiyakudelisa umphefumulo wabapristi ngamanoni, abantu bami basuthe ngokuhle kwami, usho uje-hova-aeiou. usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou, uthi: izwi liyezwakala erama, ukulila nokukhala okumunyu, uraheli ekhalela abantwana bakhe; uyala ukududuzwa ngabantwana bakhe, ngokuba abasekho. usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou, uthi: bamba izwi lakho, ungakhali, amehlo akho angabi nazinyembezi, ngokuba umsebenzi wakho uyakuba nomvuvo, usho uje-hova-aeiou, babuye ezweni lesitha. kukhona ithemba lokugcina kwakho, usho uje-hova-aeiou; abantwana bayakubuyela emikhawulweni yabo. ngimzwile nokumuzwa u-efrayimi ezidabukela, ethi: ungishayile, ngashaywa njengethole elingajwayele ijoka; ngibuyise ukuba ngibuye, ngokuba wena ungajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wami. impela lapho sengibuyisiwe,



ngazisola, nalapho ngifundisiwe, ngashaya ithanga lami, ngaba namahloni, yebo, ngajabha, ngokuba ngathwala ihlazo lobusha bami. u-efrayimi uyindodana yami yini eyigugu kimi, ungumntwana othandekayo na? ngokuba njalo lapho ngikhuluma bonara-ukukhambuleka ngaye, ngisamkhumbula nokumkhumbula; ngalokho izibilini zami ziyamhawukela; ngiyakuba nesihe impela kuye, usho ujeхова-aeiou. zibeke amatshhe, zimisele iziqondiso zendlela; yibeke inhliziy o yakho emendweni, indlela owahamba ngayo; buya, ntombi yakwa-israyeli, ubuye kule mizi yakho. koze kube nini uhabhamba wena ndodakazi ehlobukayo na? ngokuba ujeхова-aeiou udalile into entsha emhlabeni: owesifazane uyakuyihaka indoda. usho kanje ujeхова-aeiou sebawoti, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: bayakubuye basho leli zwi ezweni lakwajuda nasemizini yalo, lapho ngibuyisa ukuthunjwa kwabo, lokuthi: ujeхова-aeiou makakubuyise wena khaya lokulunga, ntaba yobungwele. ujuda nayo yonke imizi yakhe bayakuhlala kulo ndawonye, abalimi nabahamba nemihlambi. ngokuba nganelisile imphefumulo eyethileyo, ngigcwalisile yonke imiphefumulo enosizi. kulokhu ngase ngivuka, ngabheka; ubuthongo bami babumnandi kimi. bheka, izinsuku ziyeza, usho ujeхова-aeiou, lapho ngiyakuhlwanjela indlu ka-israyeli nendlu kajuda ngembewu yabantu nangembewu yezinkomo. kuyakuthi njengalokhu ngibalindlele ukuba ngibasiphule, ngibadilize, ngibabhidlize, ngibachithe, ngibahluphe, kanjalo ngiyakubalinda ukuba ngibakhe, ngibatshale, usho ujeхова-aeiou. ngalezo zinsuku abasayikusho ukuthi: oyise badlile izithelo zomvini ezimuncu, amazinyo abantwana aba bushelezi. ngokuba yilowo nalowo uyakufa ngobubi bakhe; bonke abantu abazidla izithelo zomvini ezimuncu amazinyo abo ayakuba buhuntu. bheka, izinsuku ziyeza, usho ujeхова-aeiou, lapho ngiyakwenza isivumelwano esisha nendlu ka-israyeli nendlu kajuda, kungenjenge-sivumelwano engasenzayo nawoyise mhla ngibabamba ngesandla ukubakhipha ezweni lasegibithe, isivumelwano sami abasaphula noma ngangiyinkosi yabo, usho ujeхова-aeiou. kepha yilesi esiyisivumelwano engizakusenza nendlu ka-israyeli emva kwalezo zinsuku, usho ujeхова-aeiou: ngiyakufaka umthetho wami ezibilinini zabo, ngiwulobe ezinhliziyweni zabo, ngibe ngulezi-ku wabo, bona babe ngabantu bami; abasayikufundisana, kube yilowo nalowo umakhlwane wakhe, kube yilowo nalowo umfowabo, ngokuthi: yazi ujeхова-aeiou, ngokuba bonke bayakungazi, kusukela kwabancane kuya kwabakhulu babo, usho ujeхова-aeiou, ngokuba ngiyakuthethelela ububi babo, nesono sabo angisayikusikhum-

bula. usho kanje ujeхова-aeiou obeka ilanga libe ngukukhanya emini, nezimiso zenyanga nezezinkanyezi zokuba zibe ngukukhanya ebusuku, ovusa ulwandle ukuba kuhlokome amaza alo, ogama lakhe lingujeхова-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: uma lezi zimiso zisuka ebusweni bami, usho ujeхова-aeiou, yilapho inzalo yakwa-israyeli iyakuphela, ingabe isaba yisizwe phambi kwami kuze kube nanini. usho kanje ujeхова-aeiou, uthi: uma izulu lilinganiswa phezu, nezisekelo zomhlaba zivivinywa ngaphansi, khona mina ngiyakuyilahla yonke inzalo yakwa-israyeli ngakho konke abakwenzileyo, usho ujeхова-aeiou. bheka, izinsuku ziyeza, usho ujeхова-aeiou, lapho ujeхова-aeiou eyakwakhelwa umuzi, kusukela embhoshongweni kahananeli kuze kube sesangweni lasegumbini. umucu wokulinganisa usezakuphuma, ufinyeleliswe uze uqondane negquma lasegarebi, ujike uze ufike egowa. sonke isigodi sezidumbu, nesomlotha, nawo onke amasimu kuze kube semfuldaneni ikidroni, kuze kufike egumbini lesango lehhashi ngasempumalanga kuyakuba ngcwele kujehova-aeiou, kungabe kusasishulwa, kubhidlizwe kuze kube phakade.

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izwi elafika kujeremiya livela kujehova-aeiou ngomnyaka weshumi kasedekiya inkosi yakwajuda, owawungumnyaka weshumi nesisihagalombili kanebukadinesari. ngaleso sikhathi impi yenkosi yasebabele yalivimbezela ijerusalema; ujeremiya umprofethi wayevalele egcekeni letilongo elalisendlini yenkosi yakwajuda, lapho usedekiya inkosi yakwajuda ebemvalele khona ngokuthi: uprofethelani uthi: usho kanje ujeхова-aeiou, uthi: bheka, ngiyakuwunikela lo muzi esandleni senkosi yasebabele, iwuthathe, usedekiya inkosi yakwajuda angaphunyuki esandleni samakaledi, kepha anikelwe nokunikelwa esandleni senkosi yasebabele, akhulume nayo umlomo nomlomo, amehlo akhe awabone amehlo ayo, yona imyise usedekiya ebabele, abe khona lapho ngize ngimhambele, usho ujeхова-aeiou; noma nilwa namakaledi, anyikuphumelela na?

ujeremiya wathi: izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: bheka, uhanameli indodana kashalumi uyihlokazi uyakufika kuwe, athi: zithengele insimu yami eseanathoti, ngokuba ilungelo lokuyihlenga lingelakho ukuba uyithenge. wayesefika kimi uhanameli indodana kababekazi egcekeni letilongo njengezwi likajehova-aeiou, wathi kimi: ake uyithenge insimu yami eseanathoti elisezweni lakwabanjami, ngokuba ilungelo lefa lingelakho, nokuhlenga kungokwakho; zithengele lona. ngase ngazi ukuthi leli zwi lavela

kujehova-aeiou. ngayithenga insimu esanathoti kuhanameli indodana kababekazi, ngamlinganisela imali, amashekeli ayishumi nesikhombisa esiliva. ngaloba incwadi, ngayinamathelisa, ngazifakazisela, ngamlinganisela imali ngesilinganiselo. ngayithatha incwadi yokuthenga, enamathelisiweyo enemithetho nezimiso, nevulekileyo, nganikela incwadi yokuthenga kubaruki indodana kaneriyi kamaqhaseya ngaphambi kukahanameli indodana kababekazi naphambi kofakazi ababelobe incwadi yokuthenga naphambi kwabo bonke abajuda ababehlala egekeni letilongo. ngamyala ubaruki phambi kwabo, ngathi: usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou sebawoti, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: thatha lezi zincwadi, le ncwadi yokuthenga enamathelisiweyo nale ncwadi evulekileyo, uzifake ezitsheni zebumba ukuba zihlale izinsuku eziningi. ngokuba usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou sebawoti, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: kuyakubuyi kuthengwe izindlu namasimu nezivini kuleli zwe. sengiyinike ubaruki indodana kaneriyi incwadi yokuthenga ngakhuleka kujehova-aeiou, ngathi: e, nkosi jehova-aeiou, bheka, wena wenzile izulu nomhlaba ngamandla akho amakhulu nangengalo yakho eyeluliweyo; akukho lutho olukwahlulayo wena owenza umusa kubo abayizinkulungwane, ophindisela ububi bawoyise esifubeni sabantwana babo emva kwabo, ogama lakho lingulezi-ku omkhulu oyiqhawwe, uje-hova-aeiou sebawoti, omkhulu emaswini, onamandla ezenzweni, omehlho akho avulekele zonke izindlela zabantu ukuba unike, kube yilowo nalowo njengezindlela zakhe nanjengezithelo zemisebenzi yakhe; owamisa izibonakaliso nezimangaliso ezweni lasegibithe kuze kube namuhla nakwa-israyeli naphakathi kwabanye abantu, wazenzela igama njenganamuhla, wabakhipha abantu bakho u-israyeli ezweni lasegibithe ngezibonakaliso nangezimangaliso, nangesandla esinamandla, nangengalo eyeluliweyo, nangegebhe enkulu, wabanika leli zwe, njengalokho afunga koyise ukubanika lona, izwe elichichima ubali nezinyosi; bangena balidla, kepha kabalilalelanga izwi lakho, abahambanga emthethweni wakho, abenzanga lutho lwakho konke owabayala ngakho ukuba bakwenze; ngalokho ubehlisele konke lokhu bona-ra-ukukhandleka. bheka, amaduli asefike emzini ukuba umuzi uthathwe; ngenxa yenkemba nendlala nesifo umuzi unikelwe esandleni samakaledi alwa nawo; kwenzekile owakukhulumayo; bheka, usuyakubona. wena nkosi jehova-aeiou, noma umuzi unikelwe esandleni samakaledi, washo kimi, wathi: zithengele insimu ngemali, uzifakazisele. lase lifika izwi likajehova-aeiou kujeremiya, lithi: bheka, ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenyama

yonke, kukhona okungahlulayo na? ngalokho usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou, uthi: bheka, ngiyakuwunikela lo muzi esandleni samakaledi nasesandleni sikanebukadinesari, inkosi yasebabele, awuthathe. amakaledi alwa nalo muzi ayakufika, awuthungele lo muzi ngomlilo, awushise kanje nalezo zindlu abashisele ubali impepho phezu kwezimpahla zazo, bathlululela abanye olezi-ku iminikelo yokuphuzwa ukuba bangicunule. ngokuba abantwana bakwa-israyeli nabantwana bakwajuda benzile bona-ra-ukukhandleka kuphela emehlweni ami kwasebuntwaneni babo, ngokuba abantwana bakwa-israyeli bangicunulile kuphela ngemisebenzi yezandla zabo, usho uje-hova-aeiou. ngokuba lo muzi uvuse intukuthelo yami nokufutheka kwami, kusukela osukwini abawakha ngalo kuze kube namuhla, ukuba ngiwususe ebusweni bami, ngenxa yakho konke bona-ra-ukukhandleka kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli nabantwana bakwajuda abakwenzileyo ukuba bangicunule, bona namakhosi abo, nezikhulu zabo, nabapristi babo, nabaprofethi babo, namadoda akwajuda, nabakhileyo ejerusalema. bangifulathele, abangibhekanga; noma ngabafundisa ngibaxwayisa njalonzalo, abalalelanga ukuba bamukele ukulaywa. kepha bazibeka izinengiso zabo endlini ebizwa ngegama lami ukuba bayingcolise. bazakha izindawo eziphakemeyo zikabali ezisesigodini sendodana kahinomu ukuba badabulise amadodana abo namadodakazi abo emlilweni kumoloki, engingabayalanga ngakho, nokungangenanga enhliziyweni ukuthi bayakusenza lesi sinengiso ukuze bamonise ujuda. ngalokho manje usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli ngalo muzi enithi ngawo: unikelwe esandleni senkosi yasebabele ngenkemba, nangendlala, nangesifo, uthi: bheka, ngiyakubabutha emazweni onke lapho ngibaxoshele khona ngen-tukuthelo yami, nangokufutheka kwami, nangolaka olukhulu, ngibabuyisele kule ndawo, ngibenze ukuba bahale belondekile, babe ngabantu bami, mina ngibe ngulezi-ku wabo, ngibanike inhliziyonye nendlelanye ukuba bangesabe zonke izinsuku, kube kuhle kubo nakubantwana babo emva kwabo. ngiyakwenza nabo isivumelwano esiphakade, ukuze ngingabuyi ekubalandeleni, ngibenzele okuhle, ngibeke ezinhliziyweni zabo ukungesaba, ukuze bangasuki kimi. ngiyakuthokoza ngabo, ngibenzele okuhle, ngibatshale ngeqiniso kuleli zwe ngayo yonke inhliziyoyi yami nangawo wonke umphefumulo wami. ngokuba usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou, uthi: njengalokhu ngehlisele phezu kwalaba bantu konke lokhu bona-ra-ukukhandleka, kanjalo ngiyakubehlisele konke okuhle engikukhulume kubo. amasimu ayakuthengwa kuleli

zwe enisho ngalo ukuthi liyincithakalo, lapho kungekho muntu nazilwane khona, nokuthi linikelwe esandleni samakaledi. amasimu ayakuthengwa ngemali, kulotshwe encwadini, kunamatheliswa, kufakazelwe ngofakazi ezweni lakwabenjamini, nasemaphethelweni asejerusalema, nasemizini yakwajuda, nasemizini yasezintabeni, nasemizini yasehlanzeni, nasemizini yaseneningizimu, ngokuba ngiyakukubuyisa ukuthunjwa kwabo, usho ujejhova-aeiou.

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izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kujeremiya ngokwesibili, esavalelwe egcekeni letilongo, lathi: usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou okwenzayo, ujejhova-aeiou okubumbayo ukuba akuqinise, ngujejhova-aeiou igama lakhe, uthi: ngibize, ngiyakukuphendula, ngikutshale izinto ezinkulu nezifihlekileyo ongazaziyo. ngokuba usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli ngezindlu zalo muzi nangezindlu zamakhosi akwajuda ezidilizelwe ukuzivikela kuwo amaduli nenkemba, uthi: bafika ukulwa namakaledi, bazigcwalisa ngezidumbu zabantu engibale ulele ngentukuthelo yami nangokufutheka kwami, nengifihlele lo muzi ubuso bami ngenxa yabo bonke ububi babo. bheka, ngiyakuwulethela impilo nokuphulukiswa, ngibelaphe, ngibambulele ukuthula nokulondoka okuningi. ngiyakukubuyisa ukuthunjwa kukajuda nokuthunjwa kuka-israyeli, ngibakhe njengakuqala, ngiyakubahlambulula kubo bonke ububi babo abone ngabo kimi, ngithethelele zonke izono zabo abone ngazo kimi nabaphambuke kimi ngazo. umuzi uyakuba yigama lokujabula kimi, nelodumo, nelendumiso ngaphambi kwezizwe zonke zomhlaba eziyakuzwa konke okuhle engibenzela khona, zesabe, zithuthumele ngakho konke okuhle nangakho konke ukuthula engwenzela khona. usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou, uthi: kuyakubuye kuzwakale kule ndawo enithi ngayo ichithekile, ayinamuntu nazilwane, nasemizini yakwajuda nasezintabeni zasejerusalema ezichithhekileyo ezingenamuntu nazilwane, izwi lokujabula nezwi lokuthokoza, izwi lomveni nezwi lomakoti, izwi labathi: bongani ujejhova-aeiou sebwoti, ngokuba ujejhova-aeiou muhle, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade, nelabaletha iminikelo yokubonga endlini kajehova-aeiou. ngokuba ngiyakukubuyisa ukuthunjwa kwezwe njengakuqala, usho ujejhova-aeiou. usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou sebwoti, uthi: kuyakubuye kube khona kule ndawo echithekileyo, engenamuntu nazilwane, nakuyo yonke imizi yayo ikhaya labelusi abenza ukuba izimvu zabo zibuthise. emizini yasezintabeni,

nasemizini yasehlanzeni, nasemizini yaseneningizimu, nasezweni lakwabenjamini, nasemaphethelweni asejerusalema, nasemizini yakwajuda izimvu ziyakubuye zidlule phansi kwezandla zozibalayo, usho ujejhova-aeiou. bheka, izinsuku ziyeza, usho ujejhova-aeiou, ngiyakuliqinisa ngazo izwi elihle engilikhulume ngendlu ka-israyeli nangendlu kajuda. ngalezo zinsuku nangaleso sikhathi ngiyakuhlumisela udavide ihlumela lokulunga; liyakwenza ukwahlulela nokulunga emhlabeni. ngalezo zinsuku ujuda uyakusindiswa, nejerusalema liyakuhlala lilondokile; yileli gama eliyakubizwa ngalo, elithi: ujejhova-aeiou ungkulunga kwethu. ngokuba usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou, uthi: akuyikunqunywa kudavide umuntu oyakuhlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sendlu ka-israyeli, kunganqunywa futhi kubapristi amalevi umuntu phambi kwami oyakunikela ngeminikelo yokushiswa, ashise iminikelo yempuphu, anikele ngemihlatshelo izinsuku zonke. izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kujeremiya, lathi: usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou, uthi: uma naphula isivumelwano sami semini nesivumelwano sami sobusuku, kuze kungabikho imini nobusuku ngesikhathi sakho, khona isivumelwano sami nodavide inceku yami siyakwaphulwa ukuze angabi nandodana yokubusa esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi, kanye namalevi abapristi, izikhonzi zami. njengebandla lasezulwini lingenakubalwa, neshlabathi solwandle singenakulinganiswa, kanjalo ngiyakwandisa inzalo kadavide inceku yami namalevi angikhonzayo. izwi likajehova-aeiou labuye lafika kujeremiya, lathi: awunakanga yini abakuhlulimileyo laba bantu, bethi: imindeneni yomibili ayikhethayo uyilahlele na? base bebedelela abantu bami, baze bangabe besaba yisizwe ngaphambi kwabo. usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou, uthi: uma isivumelwano sami semini nesobusuku singemi, ngingamisanga izimiso zezulu nomhlaba, ngiyakulahla inzalo kakakobe nekadavide inceku yami, ukuze ngingathathi enzalweni yakhe ababusi benzalo ka-abrahama, neka-isaka, nekakakobe, ngokuba ngiyakukubuyisa ukuthunjwa kwabo, ngibahawukele.

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izwi elafika kujeremiya livela kujehova-aeiou, lapho unebukadinesari, inkosi yasebabele, nayo yonke impi yakhe, nayo yonke imibuso yomhlaba ebuswa yisandla sakhe, nabantu bonke belwa nejerusalema nayo yonke imizi yalo, lathi: usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: hamba usho kusedekiya inkosi yakwajuda, uthi kuye: usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou, uthi: bheka, ngiyakuwunikela lo muzi

esandleni senkosi yasebabele, iwushise ngomlilo. awuyikuphunyuka esandleni sayo; uyakubanjwa nokubanjwa, unikelwe esandleni sayo; amehlo akho ayakubheka amehlo enkosi yasebabele, ikhulume nawe umlomo nomlomo; uyakuya ebabele. kepha yizwa izwi likajehova-aeiou, sedekiya, nkosi yakwajuda. usho kanje ujahova-aeiou ngawe, uthi: awuyikufa ngenkamba; uyakufa ngokuthula; njengokushiselwa kwa-woyihlo, amakhosi okuqala ayengaphambi kwakho, kanjalo bayakukushisela wena, bakulilele, bathi: maye, nkosi! ngokuba ngilikhulumele izwi, usho ujahova-aeiou.

ujeremiya umprofethi wayesekhuluma onke lawo mazwi kusedekiya inkosi yakwajuda ejerusalem, lapho impi yenkosi yasebabele ilwa nejerusalem nayo yonke imizi yakwajuda eseleyo, ilakishi ne-azeka, ngokuba yiyo eyayisele phakathi kwemizi yakwajuda iyimizi ebiyelweyo. izwi elafika kujeremiya livela kujehova-aeiou, lapho inkosi usedekiya isenzile isivumelwano nabo bonke abantu basejerusalem ukubamemezela ukukhululeka, ukuba yilowo nalowo akhulule isigqila sakhe, yilowo nalowo isigqilakazi sakhe, umheberu nomheberukazi, ukuze kungabikho muntu okhonzisa umfowabo kwajuda. zalalela zonke izikhulu, nabo bonke abantu ababengene esivumelwaneni ukuba bavumele, kube yilowo nalowo isigqila sakhe, yilowo nalowo isigqilakazi sakhe, ukuba zihambe, zikhululeke, kungabe kusaba khona okhonzisayo; bezwa, bavuma ukuba bahambe. kepha emva kwalokho baphenduka, bazibuyisa izigqila nezigqilakazi ababezivumele ukuba zihambe, zikhululeke, bazithobisa zaba yizigqila nezigqilakazi. ngalokho izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kujeremiya livela kujehova-aeiou, lathi: usho kanje ujahova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: mina ngenza isivumelwano nawoyihlo mhla ngibakhipha ezweni lasegibithe endlini yeziboshwa, ngathi: ngasekugcineni kweminyaka eyisikhombisa niyakuvumela, kube yilowo nalowo umfowabo ongumheberu othengisiwe kuwe, wakukhonza iminyaka eyisithupha, ukuba ahambe, nimdedele, akhululeke kini. kepha oyihlo abangilalelanga, ababekanga izindlebe. nina-ke seniphendukile namuhla, nenza okulungile emehlweni ami ngokumemezela ukukhululeka, kube yilowo nalowo kumakhelwane wakhe, nenza isivumelwano ngaphambi kwami endlini ebizwa ngegama lami. kepha seniphendukile futhi, nalihlambalaza igama lami, nabuyisa, kwaba yilowo nalowo isigqila sakhe, yilowo nalowo isigqilakazi sakhe, enanizivumele ukuba zihambe, zikhululeke ngokuthanda kwazo, nazithobisa ukuba zibe yizigqila zenu nezigqilakazi zenu. ngalokho usho kanje ujahova-aeiou, uthi: nina aningi-

lalelanga ukuba nimemezele ukukhululeka, kube yilowo nalowo kumfowabo, yilowo nalowo kumakhelwane wakhe; bhekani, sengiyanimemezela ukukhululeka, usho ujahova-aeiou, nginikhululele inkemba, nesifo, nendlala, nginenze ukuba nihlupheke emibusweni yonke yomhlaba. ngiyakunikela abantu abeqile isivumelwano sami, abangawaqinisanga amazwi esivumelwano abasenzile ngaphambi kwami mhla bedabula kabili ithole, bedlula phakathi kwezinhlangothi zalo, ngisho izikhulu zakwajuda, nezikhulu zasejerusalem, nabathenwa, nabapristi, nabo bonke abantu bezwe ababedlula phakathi kwezinhlangothi zethole, yebo, ngiyakubanikela esandleni sezitha zabo nasesandleni sabafuna ukuphila kwabo, izidumbu zabo zibe ngukudla kwezinyoni zezulu nokwezilwane zomhlaba. usedekiya, inkosi yakwajuda, nezikhulu zakhe, ngiyakubanikela esandleni sezitha zabo, nasesandleni sabafuna ukuphila kwabo, nasesandleni sempiyenkosi yasebabele, asebenyukile kini. bheka, ngiyakubayala, usho ujahova-aeiou, ngibabuyisele kulo muzi; bayakulwa nawo, bawuthathe, bawushise ngomlilo, ngenze imizi yakwajuda ibe yincithakalo ingahlalwa muntu.

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izwi elafika kujeremiya livela kujehova-aeiou ezinsukwini zikajehoyakimi indodana kajosiya, inkosi yakwajuda, lathi: yiya endlini yamarekabi, ukhulume kuwo, uwan-genise endlini kajehova-aeiou kwelinye lamakamelo ayo, uwaphuzise iwayini. ngase ngithatha ujahazaniya indodana kajeremiya kahabasiniya nabafowabo, nawo onke amadodana akhe, nayo yonke indlu yamarekabi, ngabangenisa endlini kajehova-aeiou ekamelweni lamadodana kahanani indodana ka-igidaliya, umuntu kalezi-ku owayeseceleni kwekamelo lezikhulu elaliphezu kwekamelo likamahaseya indodana kashalumi, umlindisango. ngabeka phambi kwamadodana endlu yamarekabi izimbizana ezigcwele iwayini nezindebe, ngathi kubo: phuzani iwayini. kepha bathi: asiyyikuphuza iwayini, ngokuba ujonadaba, indodana karekabi ubaba, wasiyala wathi: aniyikuphuza iwayini, nina namadodana enu, kuze kube nini, futhi ningakhi indlu, ningahlwanyeli imbewu, ningatshali isivini, ningabi naso, ngokuba niyakuhlala ematendeni zonke izinsuku zenu ukuba nihlale izinsuku eziningi lapho nigogobele khona. sililalele izwi likajonadaba indodana karekabi ubaba kukho konke asiyala ngakho ukuba singaphuzi iwayini zonke izinsuku zethu, thina nawomkethu, namadodana ethu, namadodakazi ethu, singakhi izindlu

ukuba sihlale kuzo; futhi isivini, nensimu, nembewu asinakho. Kepha sihlale ematendeni, salalela, senza njengakho konke ujonadaba ubaba asiyala ngakho. kwathi lapho unebukadinesari, inkosi yasebabele, enyukele ezweni, sathi: siyakuya nokuya ejerusalem, sisuke empini yamakaledi nasempini yama-aramu. sase sakha-ke ejerusalem. izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kujeremiya, lathi: usho kanje ujeahova-aeiou sebawoti, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: hamba usho kumadoda akwajuda nakwabakhileyo ejerusalem, uthi: aniyikwamukela ukulaywa ukuba niwalalele amazwi ami na? usho ujeahova-aeiou. agciniwe amazwi kajonadaba indodana karekabi ayala ngawo amadodana akhe okuba angaphuzi iwayini; kuze kube namuhla awaliphuzanga, ngokuba alalela umyalo kayise. nami ngikhulume kini, ngikhuluma njalonzalo, kepha kaningilalelanga. futhi ngithume kini zonke izinceku zami abaprofethi, ngibathuma njalonzalo, ngokuthi: ake nibuye, kube yilowo nalowo endleleni yakhe embi, nenze imisebenzi yenu ibe mihle, ningalandeli abanye olezi-ku ukuba nibakhonzze; khona niyakhulala ezweni engilinike nina nawoyihlo. kepha anibekanga izindlebe zenu, aningizwanga. njengokuba amadodana kajonadaba indodana karekabi egcinile umyalo kayise awayala ngawo, kepha laba bantu bengangilalelanga. ngalokho usho kanje ujeahova-aeiou ulezi-ku sebawoti, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: bheka, ngiyakwehlisela phezu kukajuda naphezu kwabo bonke abakhileyo ejerusalem konke bonara-ukukhandleka engikukhulume kubo, ngokuba ngikhulumile kubo kepha kabalalelanga, ngibabizile kepha kabaphendulanga. ujeremiya wathi kuyo indlu yamarekabi: usho kanje ujeahova-aeiou sebawoti, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: ngenxa yokuba niwalalele umyalo kajonadaba uyihlo, nalcina yonke imiyalo yakhe, nenza ngakho konke aniyala ngakho, ngalokho usho kanje ujeahova-aeiou sebawoti, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: ujonadaba indodana karekabi akayikunqunyelwa muntu wokuma phambi kwami kuze kube phakade.

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kwathi ngomnyaka wesine kajehoyakimi indodana kajosiya, inkosi yakwajuda, leli zwi lafika kujeremiya livela kujehova-aeiou, lathi: zithathe umqulu wencwadi, ulobe kuwo onke amazwi engiwakhulume kuwe ngo-israyeli nangojuda, nangazo zonke izizwe, kusukela osukwini engakhuluma ngalo kuwe, kusukela ezinsukwini zikajosiya kuze kube namuhla. mhlawumbe indlu yakwajuda iyakuzwa konke bona-rukukhandleka engicabanga ukukwenza kuyo

ukuba ibuye, kube yilowo nalowo endleleni yakhe embi, ngiyithethelele amacala ayo nezono zayo. ujeremiya wayesebiza ubaruki indodana kaneriya; ubaruki waloba emqulwini wencwadi onke amazwi kajehova-aeiou ayewakhulume kuye, ewathatha emlonyeni kajeremiya. ujeremiya wamyala ubaruki ngokuthi: ngivalelwe, anginakungena endlini kajehova-aeiou. hamba wena, ufunde emqulwini owulobileyo, uthathe emlonyeni wami, amazwi kajehova-aeiou ezindlebeni zabantu endlini kajehova-aeiou ngosuku lokuzila ukudla, uwafunde nasezindlebeni zabo bonke abakwajuda abavela emizini yakubo. mhlawumbe ukunxusa kwabo kuyakufika phambi kukajehova-aeiou, babuye, kube yilowo nalowo endleleni yakhe embi, ngokuba inkulu intukuthelo nokufutheka akukhulumileyo ujeahova-aeiou ngalaba bantu. ubaruki indodana kaneriya wenza njengakho konke ujeremiya umprofethi amyala ngakho, efunda encwadini amazwi kajehova-aeiou endlini kajehova-aeiou. kwathi ngomnyaka wesihlanu kajehoyakimi indodana kajosiya, inkosi yakwajuda, ngenyanga yesishiyagalolunye bonke abantu basejerusalem nabo bonke abantu ababevela emizini yakwajuda beza ejerusalem, bamemezela ukuzila ukudla phambi kukajehova-aeiou. ubaruki wayesefunda encwadini amazwi kajeremiya endlini kajehova-aeiou ekamelweni likagemariya indodana kashafani umbhali egcekeni lasenhla ngasesikheleni sesango elisha lendlu kajehova-aeiou ezindlebeni zabantu bonke. umikhaya indodana kagemariya kashafani wezwa onke amazwi kule ncwadi, wehla endlini yenkosi ekamelweni lombhali; bheka, kwakuhlezi khona zonke izikhulu, u-elishama umbhali, nodelaya indodana kashemaya, no-elinathani indodana ka-akibori, nogemariya indodana kashafani, nosedekiya indodana kahananiya, zonke izikhulu. umikhaya wazitshela onke amazwi ayewezwile, lapho ubaruki eyifunda incwadi ezindlebeni zabantu. ngalokho zonke izikhulu zathuma ujeahudi indodana kanethaniya kasehemiyi kakushi kubaruki, zathi: umqulu owufundileyo ezindlebeni zabantu wuthathe ngesandla sakho, uze nawo. ubaruki indodana kaneriya wawuthatha umqulu ngesandla sakhe, weza kuzo. zathi kuye: ake uhlale phansi, ufunde ezindlebeni zethu. ubaruki wayesefunda ezindlebeni zazo. kwathi lapho sezizwile onke amazwi, zaphendukelana ngokwesaba, kwaba yileso naleso kumakhelwane waso, zathi kubaruki: siyakuyitshela nokuyitshela inkosi lawa mazwi. zambuza ubaruki, zathi: ake usitshela ukuthi wawaloba kanjani onke lawa mazwi, uwathatha emlonyeni wakhe, na? ubaruki wathi kuzo: wawaphumisela onke lawa mazwi kimi ngomlomo wakhe,

ngawaloba encwadini ngoyinki. zase zithi izikhulu kubaruki: hamba ucashe, wena nojeremiya, kungazi muntu lapho nikhona. zase zingena enkosini egcekeni; sezibele umqulu ekamelweni lika-elishama umbhali zalanda onke amazwi ezindlebeni zenkosi. inkosi yayisimthuma ujejudi ukuba awulande umqulu; wawukhipha ekamelweni lika-elishama umbhali. ujejudi wawufunda ezindlebeni zenkosi nasezindlebeni zazo zonke izikhulu ezazimi ngasenkosini. inkosi yayihlezi endlini yobusika ngenyanga yesishiyagalolunye, iziko elivuthayo liphambi kwayo. kwathi lapho ujejudi esefundile amakhasi amathathu noma amane, yawasika ngommese womlobi, yawaphonsa emlilweni oseziko, waze waphela wonke umqulu emlilweni oseziko. azesabanga, aziklebhulanga izingubo zazo, inkosi nezinceku zayo ezaziwezwa onke lawa mazwi. o-elinathani nodelaya nogemariya babekhulekile enkosini ukuba ingashisi umqulu, kepha ayibezwanga. inkosi yayala ujerameli indodana yenkosi, noseraya indodana ka-aziriyeli, noshelemya indodana ka-abideyeli ukuba babambe ubaruki umbhali nojeremiya umprofethi, kepha ujejhova-aeiou wabafihla. lase lifika izwi likajehova-aeiou kujeremiya, inkosi iswishisile umqulu namazwi awaloba ubaruki, ewathatha emlonyeni kajeremiya, lithi: buya, uzithathele omunye umqulu, ulobe kuwo onke amazwi okuqala ayesemqulwini wokuqala, awushisa ujejhoyakimi inkosi yakwajuda. ngojejhoyakimi inkosi yakwajuda uyakusho uthi: usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou, uthi: uwushisile lo mqulu ngokuthi: ulobeleni kuwo ukuthi inkosi yasebabele iyakufika nokufika ukuchitha leli zwe, yenze ukuba kuphele kulo abantu nezilwane, na? ngalokho usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou ngojejhoyakimi inkosi yakwajuda, uthi: akayikuba namuntu wokuhlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sikadavide; isidumbu sakhe siyakuntshingwa ekushiseni kwasemini nasesithwathweni sasebusuku. ngiyakumjezisa yena nenzalo yakhe nezinceku zakhe ngokona kwabo, ngehlisele phezu kwabo, naphezu kwabakhileyo ejerusalem, naphezu kwabantu bakwajuda konke bona-ra-ukukhandleka engikukhulume ngabo, bengalalelanga kodwa. ujeremiya wayesethatha omunye umqulu, wawunika ubaruki umbhali, indodana kaneriyi, owaloba kuwo, ewathatha emlonyeni kajeremiya onke amazwi encwadi ujejhoyakimi inkosi yakwajuda ayeyishisile ngomlilo; kwathasiselwa kuwo amanye amazwi amaningi anjengawo.

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usedekiya, indodana kajosiya, waba yinkosi esikhundleni sikakhoniya, indodana kaje-

hoyakimi, wabekwa inkosi ezweni lakwajuda ngunebukadinesari, inkosi yasebabele. kepha yena nezinceku zakhe nabantu bezwe abawalalelanga amazwi kajehova-aeiou awakhulumayo ngesandla sikajeremiya umprofethi. usedekiya inkosi wathuma ujejhukali, indodana kashelemya, nozefaniya, indodana kamahaseya, umpristi, kumprofethi ujeremiya, wathi: ake usikhulekele kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu. ujeremiya wangena, waphuma phakathi kwabantu, ngokuba babengakamfaki etilongweni. impi kafaro yayisiphumile egibithe; lapho amakaledi avimbezela ijerusalem ekuzwa, akhuphuka ejerusalem. lase lifika izwi likajehova-aeiou kumprofethi ujeremiya, lithi: usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: niyakusho kanje enkosini yakwajuda eyanithuma kimi ukubuza kimi, nithi: bheka, impi kafaro ephume ukunizisa iyakubuyela egibithe, izwe lakubo. amakaledi ayakubuya, alwe nalo muzi, awuthathe, awushise ngomlilo. usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou, uthi: ningazikhohlisi ngokuthi: amakaledi ayakusuka nokusuka kithi; ngokuba awayikusuka. ngokuba noma benichithile impi yonke yamakaledi elwa nani, kwaze kwasala abantu abagwaziweyo bodwa phakathi kwabo, bona bebeyakuvuka, kube yilowo nalowo etendeni lakhe, bawushise lo muzi ngomlilo. kwathi lapho impi yamakaledi isikhuphukile ejerusalem ngokwesaba impi kafaro, ujeremiya waphuma ejerusalem ukuba aye ezweni lakwabenjamini ukuthola khona isabelo sakhe phakathi kwabantu. lapho esesangweni lakwabenjamini, kwakukhona lapho inkosi yabalindi egama layo lalinguriya indodana kashelemya kahananiya; yambamba ujeremiya umprofethi, yathi: uyahlubukela kumakaledi. kepha ujeremiya wathi: amanga. angihlubukeli kumakaledi. kepha ayimlalelanga; u-iriya wayesembamba ujeremiya, wamyisa ezikhulwini. izikhulu zamthukuthelala ujeremiya, zamshaya, zamfaka etilongweni endlini kajonathani umbhali, ngokuba zaziyenze itilongo. lapho ujeremiya esengene endlini yomgodi ezindlwani ezingaphansi, ujeremiya esehlale khona izinsuku eziningi, usedekiya inkosi wathumela wamlanda; inkosi yambuza ngasese endlini yayo, yathi: kukhona izwi elivela kujehova-aeiou na? ujeremiya wathi: likhona. wathi futhi: uyakunikelwa esandleni senkosi yasebabele. ujeremiya wathi futhi enkosini usedekiya: ngoneni kuwe, nasezincekwini zakho, nakulaba bantu ukuba ningifake etilongweni na? baphi manje abaprofethi benu ababeprofetha kini ngokuthi: inkosi yasebabele ayiyikunehlela nina naleli zwe, na? ake uzwe manje, nkosi yami, nkosi; ukunxusa kwami makufike phambi kwakho ukuba ungangibuyiseli

endlini kajonathani umbhali, funa ngifele khona. usedekiya inkosi wayeseyala ukuba bambeke ujeremiya egcekeni letilongo, bamnika imihla ngemihla iqebelengwane lesinkwa livela esitaladini sabaphekizinkwa, kwaze kwaphela isinkwa sonke emzini. ujeremiya wahlala egcekeni letilongo.

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ushefathiya indodana kamathani, nodedaliya indodana kaphashuri, nojukali indodana kashalemiya, nophashuri indodana kamalikhuya bawezwa amazwi ujeremiya awakhulumayo kubo bonke abantu ukuthi: usho kanje ujevova-aeiou, uthi: osele kulo muzi uyakufa ngenkamba, nangendlala, nangesifo, kepha ophumela kumakaledi uyakuphila, nokuphila kwakhe kuyakuba yimpango kuye, aphile. usho kanje ujevova-aeiou, uthi: lo muzi uyakunikelwa nokunikelwa esandleni sempiyenkosi yasebabele, iwuthathe. zase zithi izikhulu enkosini: makabulawe lo muntu, njengokuba edangalisa izandla zamadoda empi asele kulo muzi nezandla zabantu bonke ngokukhuluma amazwi anjalo kubo, ngokuba lo muntu akafuni ukuthula kwalaba bantu, ubafunela bona-ra-ukukhandleka. usedekiya inkosi wayesethi: bhekani, usesandleni senu, ngokuba inkosi ayinamandla okuphambana nani ngalutho. zase zimthatha ujeremiya, zamphonsa emgodini kamalikhuya indodana yenkosi owawusegcekeni letilongo, bamehlisa ujeremiya ngezintambo. emgodini kwakungekho manzi, udaka lodwa; ujeremiya washona odakeni. u-ebedi meleki umkushe, umthenwa, owayesendlini yenkosi, esezwile ukuthi bamfake ujeremiya emgodini, inkosi ihlezi esangweni lakwabenjamini, u-ebedi meleki waphuma endlini yenkosi, wakhuluma enkosini, wathi: nkosi yami, nkosi, laba bantu benzile bona-ra-ukukhandleka ngakho konke abakwenzile kujeremiya umprofethi, abamphonsile emgodini; uyakufela endaweni lapho ekhona ngokulamba, ngokuba akusekho ukudla emzini. inkosi yayisimyala u-ebedi meleki umkushe, ithi: thatha lapha abantu abangamashumi amathathu, uhambe nabo, umkhiphe ujeremiya umprofethi emgodini, engakafi. u-ebedi meleki wabathatha abantu, wahamba nabo, waya endlini yenkosi phansi kwendlu yengebo, wakhipha khona amadlephudlephu amadala namanikiniki abolileyo, wawehlisa kujeremiya emgodini ngezintambo. u-ebedi meleki umkushe wathi kujeremiya: faka lawa madlephudlephu amadala namanikiniki abolileyo emakhwapheeni phansi kwezintambo. ujeremiya wenze njalo. base bemdonsa ujeremiya ngezintambo, bamkhipha

emgodini; ujeremiya wahlala egcekeni letilongo. usedekiya inkosi wathumela wamthatha ujeremiya umprofethi, wamzisa kuye esikheleni sesithathu esisendlini kajehova-aeiou; inkosi yathi kujeremiya: ngithanda ukubuzwa into kuwe, ungangifihleli lutho. ujeremiya wathi kusedekiya: uma ngikutshela, awuyikungibulala nokungibulala na? uma ngikululeka, awuyikungilalela. inkosi usedekiya yayisifunga ngaseke kujeremiya, yathi: kuphila kukajehova-aeiou owasenzela lo mphefumulo, angiyikukubulala, futhi angiyikunikela esandleni salawa madoda afuna ukuphila kwakho. wayesethi ujeremiya kusedekiya: usho kanje ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku sebwoti, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: uma uphuma nokuphuma, uye ezikhulwini zenkosi yasebabele, umphefumulo wakho uyakuphila, futhi lo muzi awuyikushiswa ngomlilo, uphile wena nendlu yakho; kepha uma ungaphumi uye ezikhulwini zenkosi yasebabele, lo muzi uyakunikelwa esandleni samakaledi, awushise ngomlilo, ungaphunyuki esandleni sabo. inkosi usedekiya yathi kujeremiya: ngiyesaba abajuda abahlubukele kumakaledi, funa nginikelwe esandleni sabo, bangiklodele. kepha ujeremiya wathi: abayikunikela. ake ulilalele izwi likajehova-aeiou kulokhu engikukhulumayo kuwe; kuyakuba kuhle kuwe, umphefumulo wakho uphile. kepha uma wala ukuphuma, yileli zwi ujevova-aeiou angibonisile lona lokuthi: bheka, bonke abesifazane abasele endlini yenkosi yakwajuda bayakukhishelwa izikhulu zenkosi yasebabele; bheka, bayakuthi: abahlobo bakho abakhulu bakududile, bakwahlala; kepha lapho izinyawo zakhe zishone exhaphozini, babuyele emuva. bayakukhiphela amakaledi bonke abafazi bakho nabantwana bakho; awuyikuphunyuka esandleni sabo, kepha uyakubanjwa ngesandla senkosi yasebabele, wenze ukuba lo muzi ushiswe ngomlilo. usedekiya wayesethi kujeremiya: makungabikho muntu owazi lawa mazwi, funa ufe. uma izikhulu zizwa ukuthi ngikhulumile nawe, bese zifika kuwe, zithi kuwe: ake usitshela okukhulumileyo enkosini, ungasifihleli khona, asiyikukubulala, nalokho inkosi eyakukhuluma kuwe, uyakuthi kubo: nganxusa enkosini ukuba ingangibuyiseli endlini kajonathani, funa ngifele khona. zonke izikhulu zafika kujeremiya, zambuza. wazitshela onke lawa mazwi inkosi emyale ngawo. zathula, zasuka kuye, ngokuba indaba ayizwakalanga. kepha ujeremiya wasala egcekeni letilongo, kwaze kwafika usuku elanqotshwa ngalo ijerusalema.

kwathi lapho ijerusalema selinqotshiwe ngomnyaka wesishiyagalolunye kasedekiya, inkosi yakwajuda, ngenyanga yeshumi kwafika unebukadinesari, inkosi yasebabele, nemp i yakhe yonke ejerusalema, walivimbezela; ngomnyaka weshumi nanye kasedekiya ngenyanga yesine ngolwesishiyagalolunye lwenyanga umuzi wafohlwa kwangena zonke izikhulu zenkosi yasebabele, zahlala esangweni eliphakathi, onerigali sareseri, nosamigari nebo, nosaresekimi induna yezinceku, nonerigali sareseri induna yabapristi, kanye nazo zonke ezinye izikhulu zenkosi yasebabele. kwathi lapho usedeekiya inkosi yakwajuda nawo onke amadoda empi bezibona, babaleka, bephuma emzini ebusuku ngendlela yensimu yenkosi ngesango phakathi kwezingange zombili; waphuma ngendlela yase-araba. kepha impi yamakaledi yabaxosha, yamfika usedeekiya emahlane asejeriko, yambamba, yamkhuphulela kunebukadinesari, inkosi yasebabele, eribila ezweni lasehamati, wamahlulela. inkosi yasebabele yabulala amadodana kasedekiya eribila phambi kwamehlo akhe; futhi inkosi yasebabele yabulala bonke abakhulu bakwajuda. yakhapha namehlo kasedekiya, yambopha ngamaketanga ukuba imyise ebabele. amakaledi ashisa indlu yenkosi nezindlu zabantu ngomlilo, azidiliza izingange zasejerusalema. insali yabantu ababesala emzini, nabahlubuki ababehlubukela kuye, nensali yabantu abaseleyo unebuzaradani induna yabalindi wabathumbela ebabele. kepha unebuzaradani induna yabalindi wabashiya abantu abampofu ababengenalutho ezweni lakwajuda, wabanika izivini namasimu ngasikhathi sinye. unebukadinesari, inkosi yasebabele, wamyalala unebuzaradani, induna yabalindi, ngojeremiya, wathi: mthathe, umbheke, ungamenzeli lutho olubi, kepha wenze kuye njengokusho kwakhe kuwe. unebuzaradani induna yabalindi kanye nonebushazibani induna yezinceku, nonerigali sareseri induna yabapristi, nezikhulu zonke zenkosi yasebabele base bethumela, bathuma bamkhipha ujeremiya egekeni letilongo, bamnikeza kugedaliya indodana ka-ahikamu kashafani ukuba amyise ekhaya; wayesehlala phakathi kwabantu. lase lifika izwi likajehova-aeiou kujeremiya esavalelwe egekeni letilongo, lithi: hamba ukhulume ku-ebedi meleki umkushe, uthi: usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou sebawoti, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: bheka, ngiyakwehlisela amazwi ami kulo muzi kube kubi, kungabi kuhle, abe ngaphambi kwakho ngalolo suku. kepha ngiyakukophula ngalolo suku, usho uje-hova-aeiou, unganikelwa esandleni sabantu obesabayo.

ngokuba ngiyakukukhulula nokukukhulula, awuyikuwa ngenkamba, kepha ukuphila kwakho kuyakuba yimpango kuwe, ngokuba ungethembile, usho uje-hova-aeiou.

izwi elafika kujeremiya livela kujehova-aeiou, unebuzaradani induna yabalindi esemvumele ukuba asuke erama ngokumthatha eboshiwe ngamaketanga phakathi kwabo bonke abathunjwa basejerusalema nakwajuda ababeyakuthunjelwa ebabele. induna yabalindi yamthatha ujeremiya, yathi kuye: uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho wakhuluma lokhu bonara-ukukhandleka kule ndawo; usekulehile uje-hova-aeiou, wakwenza njengokukhuluma kwakhe, ngokuba nonile kujehova-aeiou, kanililalelanga izwi lakhe; ngalokho le nto inehlele. bheka, manje sengiyakukhulula namuhla emaketangeni aseandleni zakho. uma kukuhle emehlweni akho ukuya nami ebabele, woza ngiyakukubheka; kepha uma kukubi emehlweni akho ukuya nami ebabele, kuyeke; bheka, izwe lonke libusweni bakho; lapho kukuhle nalapho kulungile emehlweni akho ukuya khona, yiya lapho. engakabuyi, yathi: buyela kugedaliya indodana ka-ahikamu kashafani, inkosi yasebabele emenze abe ngumbusi phezu kwemizi yakwajuda, uhlale naye phakathi kwabantu; noma lapho kulungile emehlweni akho ukuya khona, yiya lapho. induna yabalindi yayisimnika umphako nesipho, yamvumela ukuba ahambe. wayesehamba ujeremiya, waya kugedaliya, indodana ka-ahikamu, emispa, wahlala naye phakathi kwabantu ababesele ezweni. zonke izinduna zempi ezazisendle, zona nabantu bazo, sezizwile ukuthi inkosi yasebabele imenzile ugedaliya indodana ka-ahikamu umbusi ezweni nokuthi inikele kuye abesilisa, nabesifazane, nabantwana, nabayizimpofana bezwe abangathunjelwanga ebabele, zaya kugedaliya emispa: u-ishmayeli indodana kanethaniya, nojohanani nojonathani amadodana kakhareya, noseraya indodana kathanihumeti, namadodana ka-efayi wasenethofa, nojahazaniya indodana yomahakha, bona nabantu babo. ugedaliya indodana ka-ahikamu kashafani wafunga kubo nakubantu babo, wathi: ningesabi ukukhonza amakaledi: hlalani ezweni, niyikhonze inkosi yasebabele, kuyakuba kuhle kini. bhekani, mina ngiyakuhlala emispa, ngiwakhonze lawo makaledi ayakufika kithina, kepha nina, buthani iwayini, nezithelo, namafutha, nikubeke ezitsheni zenu, nihlale emizini yenu eniyithathileyo. futhi lapho bonke abajuda ababekwamowabi, naphakathi kwabantwana bakwa-amon, nakwa-edomi,



nababesemazweni onke sebezwire ukuthi inkosi yasebabele ishiyile insali kwajuda nokuthi ibeke phezu kwabo ugedaliya indodana ka-ahikamu kashafani ukuba abe ngumbusi phezu kwabo, bonke abajuda babuya ezindaweni zonke ababexoshelwe kubo, bafika ezweni lakwajuda kugedaliya emispa, babutha kakhulu iwayini nezithelo. ujoohanani indodana kakhareya nazo zonke izinduna zempi ezazisindle beza kugedaliya emispa, bathi kuye: uyazi yini ukuthi ubahalisi inkosi yabantwana bakwa-amonni uthume u-ishmayeli indodana kanethaniya ukuba akubulale na? kepha ugedaliya indodana ka-ahikamu akabakhohlwanga. ujoohanani indodana kakhareya wakhuluma kugedaliya emispa ngasese, wathi: mangihambe ngimbulale u-ishmayeli indodana kanethaniya, kungaziwa muntu; ubeyakukubulalelani, ukuze bonke abajuda ababuthene kuwe bahlakazake, insali yakwajuda ichithwe, na? kepha ugedaliya indodana ka-ahikamu wathi kujohanani indodana kakhareya: awuyikwenza le nto, ngokuba ukhuluma amanga ngo-ishmayeli.

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kwathi ngenyanga yesikhombisa u-ishmayeli indodana kanethaniya ka-elishama, wozalo lwenkosi nowezikhulu zenkosi, wafika namadoda ayishumi kugedaliya indodana ka-ahikamu emispa, badla khona isinkwa kanyekanye emispa. wayesesuka u-ishmayeli indodana kanethaniya namadoda ayishumi ayenaye, bamshaya ugedaliya indodana ka-ahikamu kashafani ngenkomba, bambulala, yena inkosi yasebabele ebimenze umbusi ezweni. u-ishmayeli wabulala nabo bonke abajuda ababe naye ugedaliya emispa, namakaledi, amadoda empi ayefunyanwa khona. kwathi ngosuku lwesibili esembulele ugedaliya, kungaziwa muntu, kwafika amadoda angamashumi ayisishiyagalombili evela eshekemi, naseshilo, nasesamariya, izilevu zawo ziphuculiwe nezingubo ziklejuliwe, bezisikile, bephethe iminikelo yempuphu nempepho ezandleni zabo ukuba bakulethe endlini kajehova-aeiou. u-ishmayeli indodana kanethaniya waphuma emispa ukubahlangabeza, ehamba ekhala. kwathi lapho esehlana nabo, wathi kubo: ngenani kugedaliya indodana ka-ahikamu. kwathi sebengenile phakathi komuzi, u-ishmayeli indodana kanethaniya wabulala, wabalahlala emgodini, yena namadoda ayenaye. kepha kwafunyanwa amadoda ayishumi phakathi kwabo asho ku-ishmayeli, athi: ungasibulali, ngokuba sinokolweni, nebhali, namafutha, nezinyosi okubekelelwe endle. wayesebayeka, akababulalanga kanye nabafowabo. umgodi u-ishmayeli alahlala kuwo zonke izidumbu zabantu ayebab-

ulele wawungumgodi omkhulu owenziwa yinkosi u-asa ngenxa kababasha inkosi ka-israyeli; u-ishmayeli indodana kanethaniya wawugcwalisa ngababuleweyo. u-ishmayeli wayesethumba bonke abantu abaseleyo emispa, amadodakazi enkosi nabo bonke abantu ababesele emispa, unebuzaradani induna yabalindi ayebanikele kugedaliya indodana ka-ahikamu, yebo, u-ishmayeli indodana kanethaniya wabathumba, wabhamba ukuba adlulele kubantwana bakwa-amonni. kepha lapho ujoohanani indodana kakhareya nazo zonke izinduna zempi ezazinaye sebezwire konke bona-ra-ukukhandleka u-ishmayeli indodana kanethaniya abekwenzile, bathatha bonke abantu, baya ukulwa no-ishmayeli indodana kanethaniya, bamfumana ngasemanzini amaningi asegebeyoni. kwathi lapho bonke abantu ababe no-ishmayeli bembona ujoohanani indodana kakhareya nazo zonke izinduna zempi ezazinaye, bathokoza. base bephen-duka bonke abantu u-ishmayeli aye bathumbile emispa, babuya, baya kujohanani indodana kakhareya. kepha u-ishmayeli indodana kanethaniya waphunyuka kujohanani enamadoda ayisishiyagalombili, waya kubantwana bakwa-amonni. ujoohanani indodana kakhareya nazo zonke izinduna zempi ezazinaye base bethatha yonke insali yabantu ayeyibuyisile ku-ishmayeli indodana kanethaniya emispa, yena esembulele ugedaliya indodana ka-ahikamu, amadoda empi, nabesifazane, nabantwana, nabathenwa ayebabuyisile egibeyoni. bahamba, bahlala endaweni yokuphumula ekimihamu elingasebetlehema ukuba bahambe, bangene egibithe ngenxa yamakaledi, ngokuba babewesaba, lokhu u-ishmayeli indodana kanethaniya ebembulele ugedaliya indodana ka-ahikamu, inkosi yasebabele eyamenza umbusi ezweni.

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zase zisondela zonke izinduna zempi, nojoohanani indodana kakhareya, nojezaniya indodana kahoshaya, nabantu bonke abancane nabakhulu, zathi kujeremiya umprofethi: ukunxusa kwethu makwamukeleke ngaphambi kwakho, usikhuleleke kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, unxusele yonke le nsali, ngokuba sisele singaba yingcosana kwabaningi, njengalokhu amehlo akho ekubona nje, ukuba uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho asibonise indlela esiyakuhamba ngayo, nalokhu esiyakukwenza. wayesethi kubo ujeremiya umprofethi: nginizwile; bhekani, ngiyakukhuleka kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu njengamazwi enu; kuyakuthi noma yintoni uje-hova-aeiou ayakuniphendula ngayo, nginitshelayona, nginganigodleli lutho. bathi ku-

jeremiya: ujejhova-aeiou makabe ngufakazi oqinisileyo nothembekileyo ngathi, uma singenzi njengamazwi onke ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho ayakukuthuma nawo kithi. noma lilihle, noma libibi, siyakulilandela izwi likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu esikuthuma kuye ukuba kube kuhle kithi, lapho sililalela izwi likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu. kwathi emva kwezinsuku eziyishumi izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kujeremiya. wayesembiza ujoohanani indodana kakhareya, nazo zonke izinduna zempi ezazinaye, nabo bonke abantu abancane nabakhulu, wathi kubo: usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli eningithume kuye ukubeka ukunxusa kwenu phambi kwakhe, uthi: uma nihlala nokuhlala kuleli zwe, ngiyakunakha nginganidilizi, ngingitshale nginganisiphuli, ngokuba ngiyazisola ngbona-ra-ukukhandleka engikwenzile kini. ningayesabi inkosi yasebabele eniyesabayo; ningayesabi, usho ujejhova-aeiou, ngokuba nginani ukuba nginisindise, nginophule esandleni sayo. ngiyakuniphatha ngobubele ukuba inihawukele, inibuyisele ezweni lakini. kepha uma nithi: asiyikuhlala kuleli zwe, nize ningalilaleli izwi likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu, nithi: qha, ngokuba siyakuya ezweni lasegibithe, lapho singayikubona khona impi, singezwa ukukhala kwecilongo, singalambeli ukudla, sihlale khona, yizwa manje izwi likajehova-aeiou wena nsali yakwajuda; usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou sebwoti, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: uma nibhekisa nokubhekisa ubuso benu ukuya egibithe, nihambe ukuba nigogobale khona, inkemba eniyesabayo iyakunifika khona ezweni lasegibithe, indlala eninowala ngayo inamathele kini lapho egibithe, nifele khona. kuyakuba njalo bonke abantu ababhekisa ubuso babo ukuya egibithe ukuba bagogobale khona; bayakufa ngenkemba, nangendlala, nangesifo, kungabikho kubo oyakusala, aphunyuke ebubini engiyakubehlisela phezu kwabo. ngokuba usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou sebwoti, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: njen-galokhu intukuthelo yami nokufutheka kwami kuthululelwe phezu kwabakhileyo ejerusalema, kanjalo ukufutheka kwami kuyakuthululelwa phezu kwenu, nxa ningen-a egibithe, nibe yisithuko, nesimangaliso nesiqalekiso, nehlozo, ningabe nisayibona le ndawo. ujejhova-aeiou ukhulumile ngani ukuthi: wena nsali yakwajuda, ungayi egibithe; yazi nokwazi ukuthi ngifakazile kini namuhla. ngokuba nazidukisa, lapho nangithuma kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu ukuthi: sinxusele kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu, usitshale konke ayakukusho ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu, siyakukwenza. namuhla senginitshelile, kepha anililalelanga izwi likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu nakokukodwa angithume ngakho

kini. ngalokho yazini nokwazi ukuthi niyakufa ngenkemba, nangendlala, nangesifo endaweni enifisa ukuya kuyo ukuba nigogobale khona.

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kwathi lapho ujeremiya eseqedile ukukhuluma kubantu bonke onke amazwi kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wabo, ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wabo amthume nawo kubo, onke lawa mazwi, kwakhuluma u-azariya indodana kahoshaya, nojoohanani indodana kakhareya, nabantu bonke abaziqhenyayo, bathi kujeremiya: ukhuluma amanga; ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu akakuthumanga ukuba uthi: aniyikuya egibithe ukuba nigogobale khona, kepha ubaruki indodana kaneriya ukuqhathanisa nathi ukuba sinikelwe esandleni samakaledi, ukuze asibulale, asithumbele ebabele. ujoohanani indodana kakhareya, nazo zonke izinduna zempi, nabantu bonke abalilalelanga izwi likajehova-aeiou lokuba bahlale ezweni lakwajuda. kepha ujoohanani indodana kakhareya nazo zonke izinduna zempi bayithatha yonke insali yakwajuda eyayibuye ezizweni zonke eyayixoshelwe kuzo ukuba igogobale ezweni lakwajuda, abesilisa, nabesifazane, nabantwana, namadodakazi enkosi, nabo bonke abantu nebezazadani induna yabalindi ayebashiyile kugedaliya indodana ka-ahikamu kashafani, nojeremiya umprofethi, nobaruki indodana kaneriya, bafika ezweni lasegibithe, ngokuba babengalilaleli izwi likajehova-aeiou; bafika ethahipanesi. lase lifika izwi likajehova-aeiou kujeremiya ethahipanesi, lithi: thatha ngesandla sakho amatshe amakhulu, uwashiqele odakeni kuhonela ongasemnyango wendlu kafaro ethahipanesi emehlweni abantu bakwajuda, uthi kubo: usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou sebwoti, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: bheka, ngiyakuthumela ukuba ngimbambe nebukadinesari, inkosi yasebabele, inceku yami, ngibeke isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi phezu kwalawa matshe engiwashiqeleyo, uyakweneka isivikelo sakhe phezu kwawo. uyakufika, ashaye izwe lasegibithe, abokufa babe ngabokufa, abokuthunjwa babe ngabokuthunjwa, abenkemba babe ngabenkemba. ngiyakuphamba umlilo uyakuzishisa, athumbe olezi-ku, embathe izwe lasegibithe njengomalusi embatha ingubo yakhe, aphume egibithe ngokuthula. uyakwaphula izinsika zasebeti shemeshi elisezweni lasegibithe; izindlu zawolezi-ku basegibithe uyakuzishisa ngomlilo.

izwi elafika kujeremiya ngabajuda bonke ababehlala ezweni lasegibithe, ababehlala emigidoli, nasethahipanesi, nasenofi, nasezweni lasephatirosi, lathi: usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou seabawoti, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: nikubonile konke bona-ra-ukukhandleka engikwehlisele phezu kwejerusalema naphezu kwayo yonke imizi yakwajuda; bhekani, namuhla iyincithakalo, akakho ohlala kuyo ngenxa yobubi babo ababenzileyo ukuba bangicunule, behamba beshisa impepho, bekhonza abanye olezi-ku abangabazanga bona, nani, nawoyihlo. kepha ngathuma kini zonke izinceku zami abaprofethi, ngizithuma njalonalalo, ngathi: maningenzi le nto enengekayo engiyizon-dayo. kepha abalalelanga, ababekanga izindlebe zabo ukuba babuye ebubini babo, bangashiseli abanye olezi-ku impepho. kwase kuthululwa ukufutheka kwami nentukuthelo yami, kwavutha emizini yakwajuda nasezitaladini zasejerusalema, kwaba yincithakalo nokuchitheka njenganamuhla. manje usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku seabawoti, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: nenzelani lokhu bona-ra-ukukhandleka okukhulu kuyo imiphfumulo yenu, ninqume kini abesilisa nabesifazane, izingane nabancelayo phakathi kukajuda, nize ningashiyelwa nsali, ngokungicunula ngemisebenzi yezandla zenu, nishisela abanye olezi-ku impepho ezweni lasegibithe, lapho niyile khona ukugogobala, ukuba ninqunywe, nibe yisiqalekiso nehlazo phakathi kwezizwe zonke zomhlaba, na? nikhohliwe yini ububi bukayihlo, nobubi bamakhosi akwajuda, nobubi bamakhosikazi awo, nobubi benu, nobubi bawomkenu ababebenza ezweni lakwajuda nasezitaladini zasejerusalema, na? abazithobanga kuze kube namuhla, abesabanga, abahambanga ngomthetho wami nangezimiselo zami engikubeke phambi kwenu naphambi kwawoyihlo. ngalokho usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou seabawoti, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: bheka, ngiyakubhekisa ubuso bami kini kube kubi, kunqunywe ujuda wonke. ngiyakuthatha insali yakwajuda ebhekise ubuso bayo ukuba ingene ezweni lasegibithe ukuba igogobale khona, baphele bonke, bawe ezweni lasegibithe, baphele ngenkamba nangendlala, abakhulu nabancane bafe ngenkamba nangendlala, babe yisithuko, nesimangaliso, nesiqalekiso, nehlazo. ngiyakubajezisa abahlala ezweni lasegibithe, njengalokho ngilizejisile ijerusalema, ngenkamba, nangendlala, nangesifo, kungaphunyuki, kungasali muntu ensalini yakwajuda eye ezweni lasegibithe ukuba igogobale khona ukubuyela ezweni lakwajuda, efisa ukubuyela kulo ukuba ihlale khona, ngokuba akuyikubuya muntu,

abaphunyukileyo bodwa. ayeseophendula ujeremiya onke amadoda ayekwazi ukuthi omkamo bashesela abanye olezi-ku impepho nabo bonke abesifazane ababemi khona, ibandla elikhulu, bonke abantu ababehlala ezweni lasegibithe ephatirosi; bathi: izwi olikhulume kithi egameni likajehova-aeiou asiyikuhlalela. kepha siyakwenza nokwenza onke amazwi aphumile emilonyeni yethu, sishisele inkosikazi yezulu impepho, siyithululele iminikelo yokuphuzwa, njengalokho senzile, thina nawobaba, namakhosi ethu, nezikhulu zethu emizini yakwajuda nasezitaladini zasejerusalema, ngokuba sasisuthi isinkwa, sahlala kahle, asabona bona-ra-ukukhandleka. kepha selokhu sayeka ukushisela inkosikazi yezulu impepho nokuyithululela iminikelo yokuphuzwa, siswele konke, siqedwe ngenkamba nangendlala. lapho sesishisela inkosikazi yezulu impepho, siyithululele iminikelo yokuphuzwa, siyenzele amaqebelengwane anesithombe sayo, siyithululelele iminikelo yokuphuzwa ngaphandle kwamadoda ethu, na? ujeremiya washo kubantu bonke, kwabesilisa nakwabesifazane, kubo bonke abantu abamphendule kanjalo, wathi: impepho enayishisa emizini yakwajuda nasezitaladini zasejerusalema nina nawoyihlo, namakhosi enu, nezikhulu zenu, nabantu bezwe, ujejhova-aeiou akayikhumbulanga, ayingenanga enhliziyweni yakhe, na? ujejhova-aeiou wayengasenakuthwala bona-ra-ukukhandleka kwemisebenzi yenu nezinengiso zenu enizenzileyo; ngalokho izwe lakini seliyincithakalo, nesimangaliso, nesiqalekiso, kungekho owakhile kulo njenganamuhla. ngokuba niyishisile impepho nangokuba nonile kujehova-aeiou, ningalilalelanga izwi likajehova-aeiou, ningahambanga ngomthetho wakhe, nangezimiselo zakhe, nangobufakazi bakhe, ngalokho le ngozi ihlangabezene nani njenganamuhla. ujeremiya wathi futhi kubantu bonke nakubo bonke abesifazane: yizwani izwi likajehova-aeiou nina nonke bakwajuda enisezweni lasegibithe. usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou seabawoti, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: nina nawomkenu nikhulumile ngemilomo yenu, nakugcwalisa ngezandla zenu, nathi: siyakugcwalisa nokugcwalisa izithembiso zethu esizenzileyo zokushisela inkosikazi yezulu impepho nokuyithululela iminikelo yokuphuzwa. qinisani nokuqinisa izithembiso zenu, nigcwalise nokugcwalisa izithembiso zenu. ngalokho yizwani izwi likajehova-aeiou nina nonke bakwajuda enihlala ezweni lasegibithe: bhekani, ngifungile igama lami elikhulu, usho ujejhova-aeiou, ukuthi igama lami alisayikubizwa mlomo wamuntu wakwajuda ezweni lonke lasegibithe ukuthi: kuphila kukajehova-aeiou. bheka, ngiya-

balinda kube kubi, kungabi kuhle; bonke abantu bakwajuda abasezweni lasegibithe bayakuphela ngenkamba nangendlala, baze baqedwe. abaphunyuka enkembeni bayakubuya ezweni lasegibithe, babuyle ezweni lakwajuda, bengaba yingcosana ngomumo; yonke insali yakwajuda eye ezweni lasegibithe ukuba igogobale khona iyakwazi ukuthi yiliphi izwi eliyakuma, elami noma elabo. lesi siyakuba yisibonakaliso kini, usho ujejhova-aeiou, ukuthi ngiyakunijezisa kule ndawo ukuba nazi ukuthi amazwi ami ayakuma amelane nani kube kubi. usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou, uthi: bhekani, ngiyakunikela ufaro uhofira inkosi yasegibithe esandleni sezitha zakhe nasesandleni sabafuna ukuphila kwakhe, njengalokho nganikela usedekiya inkosi yakwajuda esandleni sikanebukadinesari, inkosi yasebabele, isitha sakhe esasifuna ukuphila kwakhe.

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izwi ujeremiya, umprofethi, alikhuluma kubaruki, indodana kaneriya, ekulobeni kwakhe lawa mazwi encwadini, ewathatha emlonyeni kajeremiya, ngomnyaka wesine kajehoyakimi, indodana kajosiya, inkosi yakwajuda, lokuthi: usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli kuwe baruki: uthi wena: maye kimina! ngokuba ujejhova-aeiou wenezela usizi ebuhlungwini bami, ngikhathele ukukhala, nokuthula angikufumani. uyakusho kanje kuye, uthi: usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou, uthi: bhaka, lokho engikwakhileyo ngiyakukudiliza, nalokhu engikutshalileyo ngiyakukusi-phula, yebo, ezweni lonke. uyazifunela izinto ezinkulu na? ungazifuni, ngokuba bhaka, ngiyakwehlisela inyama yonke bona-ra-ukukhandleka, usho ujejhova-aeiou, ngikunike ukuphila kwakho kube yimpango ezindaweni zonke lapho uya khona.

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izwi likajehova-aeiou elafika kujeremiya umprofethi ngezizwe. ngegibithe ngempi kafaro nekho inkosi yasegibithe eyayingasemfuleni u-ewufrathe ekharikemishi, owayinqoba unebukadinesari, inkosi yasebabele, ngomnyaka wesine kajehoyakimi indodana kajosiya, inkosi yakwajuda. lungisani amahawu nezihlangu, nisondele empini. bophelani amahhashi, nikhwele nina bamahhashi, nisuke nime ninezigqoko zempi, niphucuze imikhonto, nembathe amabhantshi ensimbi. ngikuboneleni na? baphelile amandla, babuyle emuva. amaqhawe abo anqotshiwe, ayabaleka nokubaleka engabhaki emuva; luvalo nx-

azonke, usho ujejhova-aeiou. onejubane makangabaleki naye, kungaphunyuki neqhawe; ngasenyakatho eceleni komfula u-ewufrathe bayakhubeka, bawe. ngubani lo owenyuka njengenayile, omanzi akhe agubha njengemifula. igibithe lenyuka njengenayile, amanzi alo agubha njengemifula. lithi: ngiyakwenyuka, ngisibekele umhlaba; ngiyakuchitha umuzi nabahlala kuwo. yenyukani, mahhashi, nihlanye, zinqola, aphume amaqhawe: okushe nophuthi ababambe izihlangu, namaludi abambe ensala umnsalo. lolu suku lungusuku lwenkosi ujejhova-aeiou sebawoti, usuku lokuphindisela lokuba aziphindisele kwabamelene naye. inkemba iyakudla isuthe, izanelise ngegazi labo, ngokuba inkosi ujejhova-aeiou sebawoti inomhlatshele ezweni lasenyakatho ngasemfuleni u-ewufrathe. khuphukela kwagileyadi, uthathe ibhalisamu, wena ntombi, ndodakazi yasegibithe; usebenzisela ize imithi eminingi, ukuphuluka akukho kuwe. izizwe zizwile ngehlozo lakho, umhlaba ugcelele ukukhala kwakho; ngokuba iqhawe likhubeka ngelineye, awa omabili kanyekanye. izwi ujejhova-aeiou alikhuluma kujeremiya umprofethi ngokuza kukanebukadinesari, inkosi yasebabele, ukuchitha izwe lasegibithe. yazisani egibithe, nizwakalise emigidoli, nizwakalise nasenofu nasethahipanesi, nithi: suka ume, uzilungise, ngokuba inkemba iyadla nxazonke zakho. abanamandla bakho bakhukhulelweni na? abemanga, ngokuba ujejhova-aeiou wabahlohlozo. wakhubekisa abaningsi, yebo, bawo omunye phezu komunye, bathi: sukani, sibuyele kubantu bakithi nasezweni lokuzalwa kwethu, sisuke enkembeni ecindezelayo. bamemeza khona, bathi: ufaro inkosi yasegibithe ungumsindo, udlulisile isikhathi esimisiweyo. kuphila kwami, isho inkosi egama layo lingujehova-aeiou sebawoti, impela njengethabori phakathi kwezintaba, nanjengekarmeli ngaselwandle, kanjalo uyakufika. zenzele izinto zokuthunjwa, ndodakazi, ohlala egibithe, ngokuba inofu liyakuba yincithakalo, lishiswe kungabe kusabakho ohlala kulo. igibithe liyisithokazi esihle kakhulu, kepha kuvela isibawu enyakatho, sesifikile. abaqashwa balo phakathi kwalo banjengamathole akhuluphalisiweyo; nabo babuyle emuva, babaleka kanyekanye, abemanga, ngokuba usuku lwenqozo yabo lubehlele, isikhathi sokuhanjelwa kwabo. ukuhashaza kokuhamba kwalo kunjengokwenyoka; ngokuba bahamba nempu, balifikile bephethe amazembe njengabagawuli bemithi. bagawula ihlathi lalo, usho ujejhova-aeiou, ngokuba alinakuhanjwa, lokhu bebaningi kunesikhonyane, bengenakubalwa. indodakazi yasegibithe iyakujabhiswa, inikelwe esandleni sabantu

basenyakatho. ujhova-aeiou sebawoti, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: bheka, ngiyakujezisa u-amoni waseno, nofaro, negibithe, nawolezi-ku balo, namakhosi alo, yebo, ufaro nabamethembayo, ngibanikele esandleni sabafuna ukuphila kwabo, nasesandleni sikanebukadinesari, inkosi yasebabele, nasesandleni sezinceku zakhe, andukuba lakhiwe njengasezinsukwini zasendulo, usho ujhova-aeiou. kepha ungesabi wena jakobe, nceku yami, ungapheli amandla, israyeli, ngokuba bheka, ngiyakukusindisa usekude, nenzalo yakho ezweni lokuthunjwa kwayo; ujakobe uyakubuya, aphumule, agcineke, angesatshiswa muntu. ungesabi wena jakobe, nceku yami, usho ujhova-aeiou, ngokuba nginawe, ngokuba ngiyakuqeda ngokupheleleyo zonke izizwe engikuxoshele kuzo, kepha wena angiyikukuqeda; kodwa ngiyakukulaya ngokwahlulela, ngingakwenzi ube ngongenacala.

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izwi likajehova-aeiou elafika kujeremiya umprofethi ngamafilisti, ufaro engakanqobi igaza. usho kanje ujhova-aeiou, uthi: bheka, amanzi ayenyuka enyakatho, abe ngumfula okhukhulayo, akhukhule izwe nokugcwala kwalo, umuzi nabakhileyo kuwo; abantu bayakukhala, bonke abakhileyo ezweni bahhewule. ngomsindo wokudubhuza kwezinselo zamahhashi akhe anamandla, nangokuduma kwezingqola zakhe, nangodumo lwamasondo akhe oyise ababheki emuva kubantwana ngenxa yobuthakathaka bezandla zabo ngenxa yosuku olufika ukuchitha onke amafilisti nokunquma etire nasesidoni bonke abasizi abaseleyo, ngokuba ujhova-aeiou uyakuwachitha amafilisti, insali yesiqhingi sasekafitori. ubumpandla buhlele igaza; i-ashikeloni liphelile, insali yesigodi sabo; uyakuzisika kuze kube nini na? awu wena nkemba kajehova-aeiou, koze kube nini ungathuli na? buyela emgodleni wakho, uthule, uzole. ingathula kanjani, lapho iyalezwe ngu-jehova-aeiou, na? uyinqumele i-ashikeloni nogu lolwandle.

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ngomowabi. usho kanje ujhova-aeiou sebawoti, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: wo kulo inebo, ngokuba lichithhekile, ikiriyatayimi lijabhile, linqotshiwe; imisigabi lijabhile, liphelile amandla. udumo lukamowabi alusekho; eheshiboni bacebe bona-rukukhandleka ngaye ngokuthi: wozani sinnqume, angabe esaba yizizwe. nawe madimeni uyakuthuliswa, inkemba ikulandele. izwi lokukhala livela ehoranayimi,

ukuchithwa nokuqothulwa okukhulu. umowabi uchithhekile; abancane bakhe bezwakalisa ukukhala. ngokuba bakhuphuka egqumeni laseluthite, bekhala njalo, nasekwehleni ukuya ehoranayimi bezwile usizi lokukhala kwencithakalo. balekani, nisinise ukuphila kwenu, nibe njengesihlahla esiyize ehlane. ngokuba ngenxa yokwethemba kwakho imisebenzi yakho nengeco yakho nawe uyakubanjwa, uke-moshi aye ekuthunjweni, abapristi bakhe nezikhulu zakhe kanyekanye. umchithi uyakufikela yonke imizi, akuyikuphunyuka muzi; isigodi siyakuchithwa, ithafa liqothulwe, njengalokho ujhova-aeiou eshilo. nikani umowabi amaphiko, ngokuba uyakundiza, aphume; imizi yakhe iyakuba yincithakalo, kungabikho osahlala kuyo. makaqalekiswe owenza umsebenzi kajehova-aeiou ngokunganakekeli, aqalekiswe naye ogodla inkemba yakhe egazini. umowabi ugcinwe kwasebusheni bakhe, uphumlile enhleseni yakhe, kathululwanga ezitsheni ngezitsha, akayanga ekuthunjweni; ngalokho ukuzwakala kwakhe kuhlala kuye, nephunga lakhe aliguquki. ngalokho bheka, izinsuku ziyeza, usho ujhova-aeiou, engiyakuthuma ngazo kuye abathambekayo abayakumthambeka, bazithule izitsha zakhe, baziphohloze izimvaba zakhe. umowabi uyakujabha ngokemoshi, njengalokhu indlu ka-israyeli yajabha ngebethele, ithemba labo. ningasho kanjani ukuthi: singamaqhawe namadoda anamandla okulwana? umchithi kamowabi nemizi yakhe bakhuphukile, izinsizwa zakhe ezikhethekileyo zehlele ukuyobulawa, isho inkosi egama layo lingu-jehova-aeiou sebawoti. ingozi kamowabi iseduze ukufika, usizi lwakhe lushesha kakhulu. nina nonke enzimzungezayo manimkhalele; nani nonke enilaziyo igama lakhe anothi: yeka ukwaphuka kwenduku enamandla, udondolo oluhle! yehla ebukhosini bakho, uhlale womile, ndodakazi, ohlala ediboni, ngokuba umchithi kamowabi ukhuphukela kuwe, achithe izinqaba zakho, yima endleleni, uqaphele wena ohlezi e-aroweri, ubuze obalekayo nowesifazane ophunyakayo ukuthi: kwenze njani na? umowabi ujabhile, uphelile amandla; hhewulani, nikhale, nikwazise e-arinoni ukuthi umowabi uchithiwe. ukwahlulela kwehlele izwe lethafa: iholoni, nejhasi, nemefahati, nediboni, nenebo, nebeti dibilatayimi, nekiriyatayimi, nebeti gamuli, nebeti mehani, nekeriyote, nebosira, nemizi yonke yezwe lakwamowabi ekude noma eseduze. uphondo lukamowabi lunqunywe, ingalo yakhe yaphukile, usho ujhova-aeiou. mdakiseni, ngokuba uzikhukhumezile kujehova-aeiou; umowabi makahumezele ebuhlanzweni bakhe, abe ngohlekwayo naye. u-israyeli wayengahlekwa nguwe na?

wafunyanwa phakathi kwamasela, njen-gokuba, lapho ukhuluma ngaye, unikina ikhanda, na? shiyani imizi, nihlale esi- weni nina enakhileyo kwamowabi, nibe njengejuba elakha emaceleni omlomo we- siwa. sizwile ngokuzidla kukamowabi okukhulu kakhulu, ukuziphakamisa kwakhe, nokuzidla kwakhe, nokuziqhenya kwakhe, nokuzikhukhumeza kwenhliziyo yakhe, ngiyazi intukuthelo yakhe, usho uje-hova-aeiou; amacebo akhe ayinkohliso, nalokhu akwenzayo kuyinkohliso. ngalokho ngiyakuhhewula ngomowabi, ngikhale ngaye wonke umowabi, balilisele amadoda asekhiri heresi. ngiyakukhalela wena mvini wase- si-bima kunokukhala kukajazeri; amagatsha akho adlulile ulwandle, afinyelela elwandle lwakujazeri; umchithi uthelakele phezu kwezithelo zenu namavini enu. ukuthokoza nokujabula kususiwe ensimini nasezweni lakwamowabi; ngenze ukuba kuphele iwayini ezikhamweni; akusayikunyathelwa ngokujabula, ukumemeza akuseyikho ukumemeza. kusukela eheshiboni elikhalayo liyezwakalisa ukukhala kwalo kuze kube se-elelele nasejahasi, kusukela esowari kuze kube sehoronayimi nase-egilati shelishiya, ngokuba namanzi asenimrimi ayakuba yincithakalo. ngiyakwenza ukuba kuphele kwamowabi, usho uje-hova-aeiou, yena onikela ezindaweni eziphakemeyo noshisela olezi-ku bakhe impepho. ngalokho inhliziyo yami ikhalela umowabi njengemitshingo, futhi inhliziyo yami ikhalela amadoda asekhiri heresi njengemitshingo, ngokuba okuseleyo abakuzuzileyo kuyachitheka. ngokuba onke amakhanda ayizimpandla, nazo zonke izilevu zigundiwe; zonke izandla zisikiwe, nasezinkalweni zonke kukhona indwangu yamasaka. phezu kwazo zonke izindlu zakwamowabi nasezitaladini za- khe kukhona isililo kuphela, ngokuba ngimaphulile umowabi njengesitsha okun- gathokozi muntu ngaso, usho uje-hova-aeiou. yeka ukuphela kwakhe amandla. hhewulani! yeka ukufulathela kukamowabi ngamahloni, umowabi abe ngohlekwayo noqeda amandla kubo bonke abamzungezayo. ngokuba usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou, uthi: bheka, uyandiza njengokhozi, elulele amaphiko akhe kumowabi. imizi inqotshiwe, nezin- qaba zithathiwe; izinhliziyo zamaqhawe akwamowabi ziyakuba njengenhliziyo yowesifazane onemihlo. umowabi uyaku- chithwa, angabe esaba yisizwe, ngokuba uzikhukhumezile kujehova-aeiou. ukwesaba, nomgodi, nogibe kuphezu kwabakhileyo kwamowabi, usho uje-hova-aeiou. obalekela ukwesaba uyakuwela emgodini, okhuphuka emgodini uyakubanjwa ogibeni, ngokuba ngiyakwehlisela phezu kwabo, phezu kukamowabi, umnyaka wokujeziswa kwabo, usho uje-hova-aeiou. emthunzini wase-

heshiboni ababalekileyo bayema bephelile amandla, ngokuba umlilo uphumile eheshi- boni, nelangabi phakathi kweshiboni; udlile amacele akwamowabi, nokhakhayi lwa- madoda omsindo okulwa. maye kuwena mowabi! abantu bakakemoshi baphelile, ngokuba amadodana akho athunjwe, namadodakazi akho ayiswe ekuthun- jweni. kepha ngiyakubuyisa ukuthunjwa kukamowabi ngezinsuku ezizayo, usho uje-hova-aeiou. kuphela lapha ukwahlulelwa kukamowabi.

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ngabantwana bakwa-amoni. usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou, uthi: u-israyeli kanamado- dana, kanandlalifa, na? umilkomu udleleni ifa likagadi, abantu bakhe bahlale emizini yakhe, na? ngalokho bheka, izinsuku ziyeza, usho uje-hova-aeiou, lapho ngiyakwenza ukuba kuhlatshwe umkhosi wempi nger- aba labantwana bakwa-amoni; liyakuba yincithakalo, imizi yalo ishiswe ngomlilo, u-israyeli abeselidla ifa lowalidla elakhe, usho uje-hova-aeiou. hhewula, heshi- boni, ngokuba i-ayi lichithekile, nikhale, madodakazi aseraba, nibhince izindwangu zamasaka, nilile, nigijime phakathi kwez- intango, ngokuba umilikomu uyakuya ekuthunjweni, abapristi bakhe nezikhulu zakhe kanyekanye. uzidumiselani ngezigodi, isigodi sakho esichichimayo, wena ndo- dakazi ehlobukayo, othemba engcebene yakho ngokuthi: ngubani ongehlela mina, na? bheka, ngiyakwehlisela phezu kwakho uvalo, isho inkosi uje-hova-aeiou seba- woti, luvela kubo bonke abakuzungezayo, nixoshwe, kube yilowo nalowo ngendlela yakhe, kungabikho obutha ababaleki- leyo. kepha ngasemuva ngiyakubuyisa ukuthunjwa kwabantwana bakwa-amoni, usho uje-hova-aeiou. ngo-edoni. usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: akusekho ukuhlakanipha ethemani na? amasu aphelile kwabaqondileyo, ukuhlakanipha kwabo kunyamalele, na? balekani, nibuye, nihlale ezigoxini nina bakhileyo ededani, ngokuba ngiyakwehlisela phezu kwakhe ingozi ka-esawu ngesikhathi sokumhambela kwami. uma bekufika kuwe abavuna izithelo zomvini, abayikushiya umkhot-hozo; namasela ebusuku abeyakuchitha aze aneliswe. kepha mina ngiyakumhlubula u-esawu, ngambule izindawo zakhe ezi- chithekileyo, kanakucasha; inzalo yakhe ichithekile, nabafowabo, nabakhelwane bakhe, yena abe engasekho. shiya izin- tandane zakho, mina ngiyakuziphilisa, abafelokazi bakho bethembe kimi. ngokuba usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou, uthi: bheka, labo okwakungesibo okwabo ukuphuza indebe bayakuyiphuza nokuyiphuza; ubuyakuba

ngongenacala na? awuyikuba ngongenacala, ngokuba uyakuyiphuza nokuyiphuza. ngokuba ngizifungile, usho ujevova-aeiou, ukuthi ibosira liyakuba yisimangaliso, nehlozo, nencithakalo, nesiqalekiso, yonke imizi yalo ibe yizincithakalo eziphakade. ngizwile imibiko evela kujehova-aeiou; kuthunyiwe isithunyiwa phakathi kwezizwe ngokuthi: buthanani, nilihlasile, nisukele ukulwa. ngokuba bheka, ngiyakukwenza ube mncane phakathi kwezizwe, udelelwe phakathi kwabantu. ukwesabeka kwakho kukudukisile, ukuziqhenya kwenhliziyo yakho, wena ohlezi emifantwini yamawa ubambe isiqongo sentaba; noma wakha isidleke sakho njengokhozi, ngiyakukwehlisa khona, usho ujevova-aeiou. u-edomi uyakuba yisimangaliso, kumangale yilowo nalowo odlula kuye, ancimfe ngenxa yezinhlopheko zakhe. njengasekuchithweni kwesodoma negomora nemizi yangakhona, usho ujevova-aeiou, akuyikuhlala muntu khona, nendodana yomuntu ayiyikugobala khona. bheka, njengengonyama ekhuphuka ezihlahleni zasejordan, iye endaweni eyinqaba, ngiyakubazuma, ngibagijimise, basuke kuyo; nobani okhethwayo ngiyakumbeka phezu kwabo, ngokuba ngubani onjengami, ngubani ongenqumelayo, ngumuphi umalusi oyakuma phambi kwami, na? ngalokho yizwani isiluleko sikajehova-aeiou asinike ngo-edomi namacebo awacebile ngabakhileyo ethe-mani ukuthi: abancinyane bomhlambi bayakudonswa, basuswe, ikhaya labo limangale ngabo. ngomsindo wokuwa kwabo umhlaba uyazamazama; ngukukhala okumsindo wakho uzwakele ngaselwandle olubomvu. bheka, onjengokhozi uyakhu-phuka, andize, elulele amaphiko akhe kulo ibosira; izinhliziyi zamaqhawe akwa-edomi ziyakuba njengenhliziyi yowesifazane onemihelo. ngedamaseku. ihamati ne- aripadi kujabhile, ngokuba kuzwile imibiko emibi, kuphela amandla. kuyahlupheka njengolwandle, akunakuthula. idamaseku selibuthakathaka, liyaphenduka ukuba libaleke; ingebhe ilibambile, ukudabuka nosizi kulibambile njengowesifazane obelethayo. yeka ukushiywa komuzi wodumo, umuzi wokuthokoza kwami! ngalokho izinsizwa zawo ziyakuwa ezitaladini zalo, nawo onke amadoda empi ayakuthuliswa ngalolo suku, usho ujevova-aeiou sebawoti. ngiyakuphamba umlilo ogangeni lwasedamaseku, uqede izindlu zobukhosi zikabeni hadadi. ngekedari, nangemibuso yasehasori ayinqobayo unebukadinesari, inkosi yasebabele. usho kanje ujevova-aeiou, uthi: sukani, nikhu-phukele ekedari, nichithe abantwana basempumalanga. amatende abo nemih-lambi yabo niyakukuthatha, bazithuthele

izilenge zabo, nazo zonke izimpahla zabo, namakamela abo, bamemeze kubo, bathi: luvalo nxazonke. balekani, nizulazulele kude, nihlale ezigoxini nina bakhileyo ehasori, usho ujevova-aeiou, ngokuba unebukadinesari, inkosi yasebabele wenze amasu ngani, waceba amacebo ngani. sukani, nikhuphukele kuso isizwe esizinzi-leyo, esihlala ngokulondeka, usho ujevova-aeiou, esingenazicabha nemigoqo, sakhe sodwa. amakamela aso ayakuba yimpango, nezinkomo zaso eziningi ziyakuphangwa. ngiyakubahlakazela emimoyeni yonke, bonke abadilingiwe emaceleni amakhanda abo, ngehlixe phezu kwabo izingozi ezivela nxazonke, usho ujevova-aeiou. ihasori liyakuba yindawo yokuhlala kwa-makhanka nencithakalo kuzi kube phakade; akuyikuhlala muntu khona, nendodana yomuntu ayiyikugogobala khona. izwi elafika kujeremiya umprofethi nge-elamu ekuqaleni kokubusa kukasedekiya inkosi yakwajuda, ngokuthi: usho kanje ujevova-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: bheka, ngiyakwaphula umnsalo we-elamu, okokuqala kwamandla abo. ngiyakwehlisela phezu kwe-elamu imimoya emine emikhawulweni yomine yezulu, ngibahlakazele kuyo yonke leyo mimoya, kungabe kusabakho sizwe lapho abaxoshiweyo base-elamu bengayiku-fika khona. ngiyakwenza ukuba i-elamu liphele amandla ngaphambi kwezitha zalo naphambi kwabafuna ukuphila kwabo, ngibehlisela bona-ra-ukukhandleka, ukufutheka kwentukuthelo yami, usho ujevova-aeiou, ngithume inkemba emva kwabo, ngize ngibaqede. ngiyakubeka isihlalo sami sobukhosi e-elamu, ngichithe khona inkosi nezikhulu, usho ujevova-aeiou. kepha kuyakuthi ezinsukwini zokugcina ngibuyise ukuthunjwa kwe-elamu, usho ujevova-aeiou.

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izwi ujevova-aeiou alikhuluma ngebabele, izwe lamakaledi, ngesandla sikajeremiya umprofethi. memezani phakathi kwez-izwe, nikuzwakalise, nimise ibhanela, nikuzwakalise, ningakufihli, nithi: ibabele linqotshiwe, ubeli ujabhile, umerodaki uphelile amandla; izithombe zalo zijab-hile, imifanekiso yalo iphelile amandla. ngokuba kukhuphukela kulo isizwe sivela enyakatho, esiyakwenza izwe lalo libe yincithakalo, kungabikho ohlala kulo; abantu nezilwane kuyakubaleka, kuhambe. ngalezo zinsuku nangaleso sikhathi, usho ujevova-aeiou, bayakufika abantwana bakwa-israyeli, bona nabantwana bak-wajuda kanyekanye, behamba bekhala, befuna ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wabo. bayakubuza indlela yasesiyoni, ubuso babo

bubhekene nalo, bethi: wozani nizi-  
 langanise nojehova-aeiou ngesivumelwano  
 esiphakade esingenakukhohlakala. abantu  
 bami babe yizimvu ezilahlekileyo; abelusi  
 babo babadukisile, babazulazulisa ez-  
 intabeni, basuka entabeni, baya egqumeni,  
 bakhohlwa indawo yabo yokuphumula.  
 bonke ababafumanayo babaqeda; abame-  
 lena nabo bathi: asitholi icala; ngokuba  
 bonile kujehova-aeiou, ikhaya lokulunga,  
 ithemba lawoyise, ujeihova-aeiou. balekani  
 ebabele, niphume ezweni lamakaledi,  
 nibe njengezimpongo phambi kwezimvu.  
 ngokuba bheka, ngiyakuvusa, ngenyusele  
 ebabele ibandla lezizwe ezinkulu, livela  
 ezweni lasenyakatho, lizihlelele lona, lin-  
 qotshwe lapho; imicibisholo yalo iyakuba  
 njengeyegqhaweleliphumelelayo, elingabuyi  
 ze. ikalideya liyakuba yimpango; bonke  
 abaliphangayo bayakusutha, usho ujeihova-  
 aeiou. noma nithokoza, noma nijabula  
 nina baphangi befa lami, noma nixhuma  
 njengesithokazi etshanini obuluhlaza,  
 niyiyizela njengamahhashi anamandla,  
 unyoko uyakujabha kakhulu, owangizalayo  
 ayangaze; bheka, uyakuba ngesokugcina  
 sezizwe, ihlane, nomhlathi omomileyo,  
 nogwadule. ngenxa yentukuthelo kajehova-  
 aeiou aliyikuhlalwa muntu, kepha liyakuba  
 yincithakalo lonke; bonke abadlula ebabele  
 bayakumangala, bancimfe ngenxa yazo  
 zonke izinhlupheko zalo. zihleleleni ibabele  
 nxazonke nina nonke eninsala umnsalo,  
 nicibishele kulo, ninganqandi imicibisholo,  
 ngokuba lonile kujehova-aeiou. memezani  
 kulo nxazonke; lizinikele, izisekelo zalo  
 ziwire, izingange zalo zidilizwe, ngokuba  
 kuyimpindiselo kajehova-aeiou; phindis-  
 elani kulo, nenze kulo njengokwenza  
 kwalo. nqumani umhlwanyeli ebabele  
 nobamba isikela ngesikhathi sokuvuna;  
 ngenxa yenkempa ecindezelayo yilowo  
 nalowo uyakubheka abantu bakhe, yilowo  
 nalowo abalekele ezweni lakubo. u-israyeli  
 uyimvu ezingelwayo; izingonyama zimx-  
 oshile. kuqala wadliwa yinkosi yase-asiriya,  
 nangasemuva unebukadinesari lo, inkosi  
 yasebabele, ugedlile amathambo akhe.  
 ngalokho usho kanje ujeihova-aeiou seba-  
 woti, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: bheka,  
 ngiyakujezisa inkosi yasebabele nezwe layo,  
 njengalokho ngijezisile inkosi yase-asiriya.  
 ngiyakumbuyisela u-israyeli ekhaya lakhe,  
 aklabe ekamleli nasebashani, umphefumulo  
 wakhe waneliswe ezintabeni zakwa-efrayimi  
 nezakwagileyadi. ngalezo zinsuku nangaleso  
 sikhathi, usho ujeihova-aeiou, kuyakufunwa  
 ukona kuka-israyeli, akuyikubakho, ne-  
 zono zakwajuda, kepha aziyikufunyanwa,  
 ngokuba ngiyakubathethelela engibashiya  
 ukuba babe yinsali. khuphukela ezweni  
 lasemeratayimi, kulona nakwabakhileyo  
 ephekodi, uchithe, uqede nya emva kwabo,

usho ujeihova-aeiou, wenze konke engikuyale  
 ngakho. kukhona umsindo wokulwa ezweni  
 nowencithakalo enkulu. yeka ukunqunywa  
 nokuchithwa kwesando somhlaba wonke,  
 yeka ukwenziwa kwebabele incithakalo  
 phakathi kwezizwe! ngakucupha, wa-  
 banjwa, babele, ungakwazi; wafunyanwa,  
 wabanjwa, ngokuba ulwile nolezi-ku.  
 ujeihova-aeiou uvulile indlu yakhe yezikhali,  
 ukhiphile izikhali zokufutheka kwakhe,  
 ngokuba inkosi ujeihova-aeiou sebawoti  
 inomsebenzi ezweni lamakaledi. lifikeleni  
 nivele emkhawulweni, nivule izinqolobane  
 zalo, nilinqwabele libe yizingqaba, niliqede  
 nya, kungqalisi lutho kulo. hlabani zonke  
 izinkunzi zalo; mazehlele ekuhlatshweni;  
 wo kuzona! ngokuba usuku lwazo lufik-  
 ile, isikhathi sokuhanjelwa kwazo. yizwi  
 lababalekayo nabaphunyuka ezweni laseba-  
 bele ukuba bamemeze esiyoni impindiselo  
 kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu, impindiselo  
 ngethempeli lakhe! bizani abacibishelayo,  
 balwe nebabele, bonke abansala umnsalo,  
 nimise nxazonke zalo, lingabi nophun-  
 yukayo, niliphindisele njengezenzo zalo,  
 nenze kulo njengakho konke elikwenzileyo,  
 ngokuba lizikhukhumezile kujehova-aeiou,  
 ongcwele ka-israyeli. ngalokho izinsizwa  
 zalo ziyakuwa ezitaladini zalo, nawo  
 onke amadoda alo empi ayakunqun-  
 ywa ngalolo suku, usho ujeihova-aeiou.  
 bheka, ngimelene nawe ozikhukhumezi-  
 leyo, isho inkosi ujeihova-aeiou sebawoti,  
 ngokuba usuku lwakho lufikile, isikhathi  
 sokuhanjelwa kwakho. ozikhukhumezayo  
 uyakukhubeka, awe, angabi naye omvusayo;  
 ngiyakuphamba umlilo emizini yakhe,  
 udle konke okumzungezayo. usho kanje  
 ujeihova-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: abantwana  
 bakwa-israyeli nabantwana bakwajuda  
 bacindezelwe kanyekanye; bonke aba-  
 bathumbileyo bababamba, abavumi ukuba  
 bahambe. kepha umkhululi wabo una-  
 mandla, ngujeihova-aeiou sebawoti igama  
 lakhe; uyakumela nokumela indaba yabo  
 ukuba aphumuze umhlaba, anyakazise  
 abakhileyo ebabele. makufike inkempa  
 phezu kwamakaledi, usho ujeihova-aeiou,  
 naphezu kwabakhileyo ebabele, naphezu  
 kwezikhulu zalo, naphezu kwezihlakaniphi  
 zalo. inkempa ifike phezu kwabaprofethi  
 bamanga, babe yiziwula, inkempa ifike  
 phezu kwamagqawane, aphele amandla.  
 inkempa ifike phezu kwamahhashi alo,  
 naphezu kwezingqola zalo, naphezu kwayo  
 yonke ingxubevange yabantu ephakathi  
 kwalo, bawe njengabesifazane; inkempa ifike  
 phezu kwengebo yalo, ize iphangwe. maku-  
 fike ukusha phezu kwamanzi alo, aze ome,  
 ngokuba yizwe elinezithombe ezibaziweyo,  
 bahlanya ngemifanekiso yabo. ngalokho izil-  
 wane zasehlane ziyakuhlala nezimpungushe,  
 kuhlale khona nezintshe; alisayikuhlalwa



kuze kube phakade, lingabe lisakhiwa izizukulwane ngezizukulwane. njengalokho ulezi-ku wachitha isodoma negomora nemizi yawo eyakheleneyo, usho ujeхова-aeiou, kanjalo akuyikuhlala muntu khona, kungagobali khona indodana yomuntu. bheka, kuvela abantu enyakatho, isizwe esikhulu namakhosi amaningi, kuvuswe ekugcineni komhlaba. babamba umnsalo nomkhonto; banonya, abanamusa; izwi labo liduma njengolwandle; bakhwele amahhashi, behleliwe njengabantu abayakulwa nawe ndodakazi yasebabele. inkosi yasebabele izwile udumo lwabo, izandla zayo zaba buthakathaka; usizi luyibambile, nemihelo njenje yobelethayo. bheka, njengengonyama ekhuphuka ezihlahleni zasejordan, iye endaweni eyinqaba, ngiyakubazuma, ngibagijimise, basuke kuyo; nobani okhetwayo ngiyakumbeka phezu kwabo, ngokuba ngubani onjengami, ngubani onginqumelayo, ngumuphi umalusi oyakuma phambi kwami, na? ngalokho yizwani isiluleko sikajehova-aeiou asinike ngebabele namacebo awacebe ngezwe lamakaledi ukuthi: abancinyane bomhlambi bayakudonswa, basuswe impela, ikhaya labo limangale ngabo. ngomsindo wokuthathwa kwebabele umhlaba uyazamazama, ukukhala kuzwakale phakathi kwezizwe.

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usho kanje ujeхова-aeiou, uthi: ngiyakuvusela ibabele nabakhileyo elebi khamayi umoya womchithi. ngiyakuthuma abelayo ebabele, balele, balithulule, ngokuba ngosuku lobubi bayakuba kulo nxazonke. ocibishelayo uyakunsala umnsalo kogoba umnsalo khona, nakuye oziphakamisa ngebhantshi lakhe lensimbi; ningasindisi izinsizwa zalo, niqede nya impi yalo yonke. bayakuwa bebulewe ezweni lamakaledi, begwaziwe ezitaladini zalo. ngokuba o-israyeli nojuda abashiywanga ngulezi-ku wabo, ujeхова-aeiou sebwoti, noma izwe labo ligcwele icala kongcwele ka-israyeli. balekani ebabele, yilowo nalowo akhulule ukuphila kwakhe, ninganqunywa ngokona kwalo, ngokuba kuyisikhathi sempindiselo kajehova-aeiou, uyakuliphindisela. ibabele belyindebe yegolide esandleni sikajehova-aeiou eyadakisa umhlaba wonke; izizwe zaliphuza iwayini lalo, ngalokho izizwe ziyahlanya. ibabele seliwile ngokuzumayo, lachithwa; hhewulani ngalo, nithathele ubuhlungu balo ibhalisamu; mhlawumbe lingaphiliswa. besiyakuliphilisa ibabele, kepha aliphiliswa; lishiyeni, masihambe siye, kube yilowo nalowo ezweni lakubo, ngokuba ukwahlulelwa kwalo kufinyelela ezulwini, kuphakanyisiwe nasemafwini. ujeхова-aeiou uvezile imfanelo yethu;

wozani silande esiyoni umsebenzi kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu. lolani imicibisholo, nibambe izihlangu. ujeхова-aeiou uvusile umoya wamakhosi asemediya, ngokuba icebo lakhe ngebabele lingukuba alichithe, ngokuba lokhu kuyimpindiselo kajehova-aeiou, impindiselo ngethempele lakhe. misani ibhanela ngasezingangeni zasebabele, niqinise umlindo, nimise abalindi, nihlele abaqamekeli, ngokuba ujeхова-aeiou ukuhlosile, futhi wakwenza lokho owakukhuluma kwabakhileyo ebabele. wena ohlala ngasemanzini amakhulu, nonengebo eningi, sekufikile ukugcina kwakho, isilinganiselo sokuhaha kwakho. ujeхова-aeiou sebwoti uzifungile wathi: noma ngikugwalisile ngabantu njengangezinkumbi, bayakuhlalisa nokho ngawe. wawenza umhlaba ngamandla akhe, walimisa izwe ngokuhlakanipha kwakhe, ngokuqonda kwakhe waleneka izulu. lapho elizwakalisa izwi lakhe, kungukuhlokoma kwamanzi ezulwini; uzikhuphula izinkungu emikhawulweni yomhlaba, enzele imvula unyazi, awukhiphe umoya endlini yengecebo. bonke abantu bayiziphukuphuku, abanakwazi, bonke abakhandi bajabhiswa nezithombe zabo ezibaziweyo, ngokuba izithombe zabo ezibunjiweyo zingamanga, nomoya awukho kuzo. ziyize, zingumsebenzi wenkohliso; ngesikhathi sokuhanjelwa kwabo ziyakubhubha. oyisabelo sikajakobe akanjengalezo, ngokuba nguye obumbile konke, yebo, nesizwe sefa lakhe; ngujeхова-aeiou sebwoti igama lakhe. uyizembe lami nezikhali zokulwa; ngiyaphahlaza izizwe ngawe, ngawe ngiyachitha imibuso, ngiphahlaze ngawe ihhashi nenkweli yalo, ngiphahlaze ngawe inqola nohamba ngayo; ngiphahlaze ngawe abesilisa nabesifazane, ngiphahlaze ngawe abadala nabasha, ngiphahlaze ngawe izinsizwa nezintombi; ngiphahlaze ngawe umalusi nomhlambi wakhe, ngiphahlaze ngawe umlimi namabhanga akhe, ngiphahlaze ngawe izinduna nababusi. ngiyakuphindisela ibabele nabo bonke abakhileyo ekalideya konke bona-ra-ukukhandleka kwabo abakwenzile esiyoni emehlweni enu, usho ujeхова-aeiou. bheka, ngimelene nawe ntaba echithayo, usho ujeхова-aeiou, wena ochitha wonke umhlaba; ngiyakwelulela isandla sami kuwe, ngikugingqe emadwaleni, ngikwenze intaba eshiweyo. abayikuthatha kuwe itshe legumbi netshe lesisekelo, ngokuba uyakuba yincithakalo kuze kube phakade, usho ujeхова-aeiou. misani ibhanela ezweni, nibethe amacilongo phakathi kwezizwe, ningcwelise izizwe ukuba zilwe nalo, nilibizele imibuso yase-ararati, nasemini, nase-ashikenaze, nibeke phezu kwalo umphathi wempi, nikhuphuke namahhashi anjengezinkumbi ezimahaye. lingcweliseleni

izizwe, amakhosi asemediya, nezinduna zalo, nababusi balo, nalo lonke izwe elibuswa yibo. umhlaba uyathuthumela, uqhahazele, ngokuba amacebo kajehova-aeiou ngebabele emi okuba enze izwe lasebabele libe yincithakalo, kuze kungabikho ohlala khona. amaqhawe asebabele ayekile ukulwa, ahlala ezingqabeni zawo; amandla awo aphelile, anjengabesifazane; izindlu zalo zishisiwe, imigoqo yalo yaphuliwe. isigijimi siyagijima, sihlalgane nesinye, umbiki uhlangana nombiki ukutshela inkosi yasebabele ukuthi umuzi wayo unqotshiwe nxazonke. amazibuko avinjwe, umhlanga ushisiwe ngomlilo, amadoda empi ayesaba. ngokuba usho kanje ujeihova-aeiou sebawoti, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: indodakazi yasebabele injengesibuya ngesikhathi sokunyatshelwa kwaso; kuse yisikhashana, sizakufika kuyo isikhathi sokuvuna. unebukadinesari, inkosi yasebabele ungidlile wangiqa; ungenze isitsha esingenalutho, wangigwinya njengodrako; ugcwalisile isisu sakhe ngokumnandi kwami, wangixosha. ubudlova engenzelewe bona mina nabayinyama yami mabube phezu kwebabele, makasho njalo owakhileyo esiyoni. igazi lami malibe phezu kwabakhileyo ekalideya; malisho njalo ijerusalema. ngalokho usho kanje ujeihova-aeiou, uthi: bheka, ngiyakumela indaba yakho, ngikuphindisele, ngishise ulwandle lwalo, ngomise umthombo walo. ibabele liyakuba yizinqwaba, nendawo yokuhlala kwamakhanka, nencithakalo, nento encimfelwayo, kungabikho ohlala khona. bayabhonga kanyekanye njengezingonyama, bakhale njengamabhongo ezingonyama. sebevuthile, ngiyakubenzela idili, ngibadakise ukuze baquleke, balale ubuthongo obuphakade, bangavuki, usho ujeihova-aeiou. ngiyakubehlisela ekuhlathshweni njengamawundlu, njengezingqama nezimpongo. yeka ukungotshwa kwesheshaki nokubanjwa kwelalitudumo lwawo wonke umhlaba! yeka ukwenziwa kwebabele isimangaliso phakathi kwezizwe! ulwandle lukhuphukele ibabele, lisibekelwe ngamaza alo ahlokomayo. imizi yalo ichithekile; yizwe elomileyo, nehlane, izwe elingahlwala muntu, kungadluli kulo indodana yomuntu. ngiyakuhambela ubeli ebabele, ngikhiphe emlonyeni wakhe lokhu akugwinyileyo; izizwe azisayikugobhozela kuye, uganqe lwasebabele luyakuwa. phumani phakathi kwalo, bantu bami, nizikhulule, kube yilowo nalowo ekufuthekeni kwentukuthelo kajehova-aeiou. izinhliziyi zenu mazingadangali, ningesabi imibiko ezwakalayo ezweni, lapho kufika umbiko othile ngomunye umnyaka, bese kufika emva kwawo omunye ngomnyaka olandelayo, kube ngubudlova ezweni, umbusi avukele um-

busi. ngalokho bheka, izinsuku ziyeza, lapho ngiyakujezisa izithombe ezibaziweyo zasebabele, izwe lonke lalo lijabhe, bonke ababuleweyo balo bawe phakathi kwalo. bese kuqhumuka izulu nomhlaba, nakho konke okukukho, ngokuhlabelela ngebabele, ngokuba abachithi bayakumfikela bevela enyakatho, usho ujeihova-aeiou. yebo, nebabele limelwe ukuwa, nina babuleweyo bakwa-israyeli, njengalokho ibabele laliwelwa ngababuleweyo bomhlaba wonke. nina eniphunyukile enkembeni hambani, ningemi; khumbulani ujeihova-aeiou nisekude, ijerusalema lingene ezinhliziyweni zenu. sijabhile, ngokuba sizwe inhlamba; amahloni asibekela ubuso bethu, ngokuba abafokazi bangenile ezindaweni ezingcwele endlini kajehova-aeiou. ngalokho bheka, izinsuku ziyeza, usho ujeihova-aeiou, lapho ngiyakuzihambela izithombe zalo ezibaziweyo, ababulawayo babubule ezweni lonke lalo. noma ibabele likhuphukela ezulwini, yebo, noma liqinisa inqaba yalo enamandla, kuyakuvela nokho kimi abachithi, balehlele, usho ujeihova-aeiou. ngumsindo wokukhala ovela ebabele, nowencithakalo enkulu ophuma ezweni lamakaledi, ngokuba ujeihova-aeiou uyalichitha ibabele, aqede phakathi kwalo umsindo omkhulu; amaza alo ayahlokoma njengamanzi amakhulu, nomsindo wokuhlokoma kwawo uyezwakala, ngokuba umchithi uyalehlele, alehlele ibabele, amaqhawe alo ayabanjwa, neminsalo yawo iyaphulwa, ngokuba ujeihova-aeiou ungulezi-ku wemivuzo, uyakhokha nokukhokha. ngiyakudakisa izikhulu zalo nezihlakaniphi zalo, nezinduna zalo, nababusi balo, amaqhawe alo; bayakuhlala ubuthongo obuphakade, bangavuki, isho inkosi egama layo lingujeihova-aeiou sebawoti. usho kanje ujeihova-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: uganqe olubanzi lwasebabele luyakubhidliza nokubhidliza, namasango alo aphakemeyo ayakushiswa ngomlilo; abantu bakhandlekela ize nezizwe okomlilo, zikhathale. izwi ujeremiya umprofethi ayala ngalo useraya indodana kaneriyakamakhaseya ekuhambeni kwakhe nosedekiya inkosi yakwajuda eya ebabele ngomnyaka wesine wokubusa kwakhe. useraya wayeyisikhulu sezindawo zokuphumula. ujeremiya waloba encwadini konke bona-ra-ukukhandleka obekuyakwehlela ibabele, onke lawa mazwi alotshiwe ngebabele. ujeremiya wathi kuseraya: ekufikeni kwakho ebabele bhekisisa ukuba ufunde onke lawa mazwi, uthi: jehova-aeiou, wena ukhulumile ngale ndawo ukuba uyinqume ukuze kungabikho muntu ohlala kuyo, umuntu nasilwane, ngokuba iyakuba yihlane kuze kube phakade. lapho usqedile ukuyifunda le ncwadi, uyakubopha itshe kuyo, uyiphonse e-ewufathe, uthi: kanjalo iba-

bele liyakushona, lingabe lisavuka ngenxa ybona-ra-ukukhandleka engiyakulehlisela khona, lidangale. kuphela lapha amazwi kajeremiya.

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usedekiya wayeneminyaka engamashumi amabili nanye ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka eyishumi nanye ejerusalem; igama likanina lalinguhamutwali indodakazi kajeremiya waselibina. wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou njengakho konke akwenzileyo ujeheyakimi. ngokuba kwenzeka lokho ejerusalem nakwajuda ngenxa yentukuthelo kajehova-aeiou, waze wabalahlala ebusweni bakhe; usedekiya wayihlubuka inkosi yasebabele. kwathi ngomnyaka wesishiyagalolunye wokubusa kwakhe ngenyanga yeshumi, ngolweshumi lwenyanga, kwafika unebukadinesari, inkosi yasebabele, yena nayo yonke impi yakhe, ejerusalem, wamisa malungana nalo, bakha inqaba ngakulo nxazonke. wawusuvinjelwa umuzi kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka weshumi nanye wenkosi usedekiya. ngenyanga yesine ngolwesishiyagalolunye lwenyanga indlala yaba namandla emzini, akubangakho kudla kubantu bezwe. kepha wawusufohlwa umuzi, onke amadoda empi abaleka, aphuma emzini ebusuku ngendlela yesango phakathi kwezingange zombili ezazingasensimini yenkosi amakaledi ayekhona nxazonke zomuzi ahamba ngendlela yase-araba. kodwa impi yamakaledi yayixosha inkosi, yamfika usedekiya emathafeni asejeriko, yonke impi yakhe yahlakazeka. ayeseyibamba inkosi, ayenyusela enkosini yasebabele eribila ezweni lasehamati, ayahlulela. inkosi yasebabele yabulala amadodana kasedekiya phambi kwamehlo akhe; yabulala nazo zonke izikhulu zakwajuda eribila. yakhipha namehlo kasedekiya; inkosi yasebabele yambopha ngamaketanga, yamyisa ebabele, yamfaka etilongweni kwaze kwaba sosukwini lokufa kwakhe. ngenyanga yesihlanu, ngolweshumi lwenyanga okwakungumnyaka weshumi nesishiyagalolunye wenkosi unebukadinesari, inkosi yasebabele, kwafika unebuzaradani induna yabalindi, ineku yenkosi yasebabele, ejerusalem. washisa indlu kajehova-aeiou nendlu yenkosi; nazo zonke izindlu zasejerusalem, zonke izindlu ezinkulu, wazishisa ngomlilo. yonke impi yamakaledi induna yabalindi eyayinayo yadiliza izingange zasejerusalem nxazonke. abantu abathile abayizimpofana, nabantu abaseleyo ababesele emzini, nabahlubukileyo behlubukela enkosini yasebabele, nesixuku esiseleyo unebuzaradani induna yabalindi wabathumba. kepha uneb-

uzaradani induna yabalindi washiya abantu abathile bezwe abayizimpofana ukuba baphathe izivini namasimu. izinsika zethusi ezazisendlini yenkosi, nezinqe, nolwandle lwethusi okwakusendlini kajehova-aeiou amakaledi akuhlephula, athuthela lonke ithusi lakho ebabele. amakhanzi, namafosholo, nezizenze, nemicakulo, nezinkezo, nazo zonke izitsha zethusi ababekhonza ngazo akuthatha. izindebe, nemicengezi yomlilo, nezitsha, namakhanzi, nezinti zezibani, nezinkezo, nezinkamba, okwegolide lodwa nesiliva lodwa, nalokho induna yabalindi yakuthatha. izinsika zombili, nolwandle olwalulune nje, nezinkabi eziyishumi nambili zethusi ezaziphansi kwezinye, inkosi usolomoni eyayikwenzele indlu kajehova-aeiou, ithusi lazo zonke lezi zinto lalingenakulinganiswa. izinsika-ke, ukuphakama kwensika eyodwa kwakuyizingalo eziyishumi nesishiyagalombili; umucu oyizingalo eziyishumi nambili wawuyizungeza; uhlonze lwayo lwaluyiminwe emine, yayiyigobongo. kwakukhona isihloko sethushi; ukuphakama kwesihloko esisodwa kwakuyizingalo eziyishlanu; kwakukhona nenetha namapomegranati phezu kwesihloko nxazonke, konke kwakungokwethusi; njengangale kwakunjalo nasensikeni yesibili enamapomegranati. kwakukhona amapomegranati angamashumi ayisishiyagalolunye nesithupha ngasemoyeni; onke amapomegranati asenetheni nxazonke ayeyikhulu. induna yabalindi yathatha useraya, umpristi omkhulu, nozefaniya, umpristi wesibili, nabalindimnyango abathathu; yathatha emzini induna eyayimiswe phezu kwamadoda empi, nabantu abayisikhombisa kwaba besebusweni benkosi abafunyanwa emzini, nombhali wenduna yempi eyayibala abantu bezwe, nabantu bezwe abangamashumi ayisithupha abafunyanwa phakathi komuzi. unebuzaradani, induna yabalindi, wabathatha, wabayisa enkosini yasebabele eribila. inkosi yasebabele yabashaya, yababulala eribila ezweni lasehamati. wathunjwa kanjalo ujuda ezweni lakubo. nampa abantu unebukadinesari abathumbayo; ngomnyaka wesikhombisa abajuda abayizinkulungwane ezintathu namashumi amabili nantathu, nangomnyaka weshumi nesishiyagalombili kanebukadinesari wathumba ejerusalem abantu abangamakhulu ayisishiyagalombili namashumi amathathu nambili. ngomnyaka wamashumi amabili nantathu kanebukadinesari unebuzaradani induna yabalindi wathumba abajuda, abantu abangamakhulu ayisikhombisa namashumi amane nanhlanu. bonke abantu babe yizinkulungwane ezine namakhulu ayisithupha. kwathi ngomnyaka wamashumi amathathu nesikhombisa wokuthunjwa kukajehoyakini,

inkosi yakwajuda, ngenyanga yeshumi nambili, ngolwamashumi amabili nanhlanu lwenyanga, u-evili merodaki inkosi yasebabele ngomnyaka wokuqala wokubusa kwakhe waphakamisa ikhanda likaJe-hoyakini inkosi yakwajuda, wamkhipha etilongweni, wakhuluma kahle kuye, wabeka isihlalo sakhe phezu kwezihlalo zamakhosi ayenaye ebabele. waguqula izingubo zakhe zasetilongweni; wadla njalo phambi kwakhe zonke izinsuku zokuhamba kwakhe. isabelo sakhe sasiyisabelo esimiyo semihla ngemihla, asiphiwa yinkosi yasebabele zonke izinsuku zokuhamba kwakhe kwaze kwaba sosukwini lokufa kwakhe.

kwathi ngomnyaka wamashumi amathathu ngenyanga yesine ngolwesihlanu, ngiphakathi kwabathunjwa ngasemfuleni ikhebari, lavuleka izulu, ngabona imibono ngolezi-ku. ngolwesihlanu lwenyanga ngomnyaka wesihlanu wokuthunjwa kuka-jehoyakini izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kuhezekeli umpri, indodana kabuzi, ezweni lamakaledi ngasemfuleni ikhebari. isandla sikajehova-aeiou sasiphezu kwakhe lapho. ngabona, bheka, kwavela umoya wesivunguvungu enyakatho, ifu elikhulu elinomlilo ovuthayo nokukhanya nxazonke zalo, kuphuma phakathi kwalo kungathi ithusi elikhazimulayo, kuvela emlilweni. phakathi kwakho kwaphuma umfanekiso wezidalwa ezine, nesimo sazo sasiyilesi: zafana nabantu, kepha yileso naleso sasinobuso obune, futhi sasinamaphiko amane; imilenze yazo yayiqondile, amathe ezinyawo zazo ayenjengamathe ezinyawo zethole; zazimenyezela njengethusi eliphucuziweyo. zazinezandla zomuntu phansi kwamaphiko azo ezinhlangothini zazo zozine. ubuso namaphiko alezi ezine kwakunje: amaphiko azo ayehlangene, elinye nelinye; aziphendukanga ekuhambeni kwazo, yileso naleso sahamba ngokuqonda kobuso baso. isimo sobuso bazo sasingubuso bomuntu, zozine zinobuso bengonyama ngakwesokunene, zozine zinobuso benkomo ngakwesokholo, zozine zinobuso bokhozi futhi. babunjalo ubuso bazo. amaphiko azo ayahlukene phezulu; kuleso naleso amabili ayehlangene, elinye nelinye; amabili ayembesa imizimba yazo. zahamba zonke ngokuqonda kobuso bazo, zaya khona, lapho umoya wayethanda ukuya khona, aziphendukanga ekuhambeni kwazo. isimo sezidalwa sasinjengamalale omlilo avutha njengezibani, ahambahamba phakathi kwezidalwa; umlilo wamenyezela, nasemlilweni kwaphuma unyazi. izidalwa zagijima, zabuya njengombani. ngisabuka izidalwa, bheka, nanto isondo emhlabathini eceleni kwezidalwa, kuleso naleso sazo zozine. ukubonakala kwamasondo nokwenziwa kwawo kwakunjengekrisolithe, nezimo zawo omane zaziintonye. ukubonakala kwawo nokwenziwa kwawo kwakunjengekuba kukhona isondo phakathi kwesondo. ekuhambeni kwawo aya ezinhlangothini zozine; awaphendukanga ekuhambeni kwawo. amafelange awo ayephakeme, ayesabeka; amafelange omane ayegcwele amehlo nxazonke. ekuhambeni kwezidalwa amasondo ahamba eceleni kwazo, nasekuphakanyisweni kwezidalwa emhlabeni namasondo aphakanyiswa. lapho umoya wayethanda ukuya khona, aya khona, yebo, lapho umoya wayethanda khona; nama-sondo aphakanyiswa kanye nazo, ngokuba

umoya wezidalwa wayesemasondweni. ekuhambeni kwazo nawo ahamba; ekumeni kwazo nawo ema; ekuphakanyisweni kwazo emhlabeni aphakanyiswa namasondo kanye nazo, ngokuba umoya wezidalwa wayesemasondweni. phezu kwamakhanda ezidalwa kwakukhona kungathi umkhathi unjengekristalu elimangalisayo, owenekwe phezu kwamakhanda azo phezulu. phansi komkhathi amaphiko azo ayeqondene, elinye nelinye, yileso naleso sinamabili embesa imizimba yazo ngalapha, sinamabili embesa ngalapha. ekuhambeni kwazo ngezwa umsindo wamaphiko azo njengomsindo wamanzi amaningi njengezwi likasomandla, nomsindo wesidumo njengomsindo wempi; ekumeni kwazo zawehlisa amaphiko azo. kwavela izwi phezu komkhathi owawuphezu kwamakhanda azo; ekumeni kwazo zawehlisa amaphiko azo. phezu komkhathi owawuphezu kwamakhanda azo kwakunjengokungathi isihlalo sobukhosi, isimo saso sinjengetshe lesafire. phezu kokwakunjengesihlalo sobukhosi kwakukhona okufana nomuntu phezu kwaso ngaphezulu. ngase ngibona okunjengethusi elikhazimulayo, kufana nomlilo phakathi kwakho nxazonke, kusukela kokungathi ukhalo lwakhe kuya phezulu; kusukela kokungathi ukhalo lwakhe kuya ngaphansi ngabona okufana nomlilo; kwamanyezela nxazonke kwawo. njengothingo olusemafwni ngosuku lwemvula kwabonakala kanjalo ukumenyezela nxazonke. kwakunjengesimo senkazimulo kajehova-aeiou. lapho ngiyibona, ngawa ngobuso, ngezwa izwi lokhulumayo.

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wathi kimi: ndodana yomuntu, yima ngezinyawo zakho, ngiyakukhuluma nawe. kwangena kimi umoya esakhuluma kimi, wangimisa ngezinyawo zami, ngamuzwa owakhuluma kimi. wathi kimi: ndodana yomuntu, ngiyakuthuma kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, izizwe ezambukayo ezingihlubukile; bona nawoyise baphambukile kimi kuze kube namuhla. bangabantwana abanobuso obulukhuni nenhliziyo enqala; ngiyakuthuma kubo; uyakuthi kubo: isho kanje inkosi ujeahova-aeiou, ithi: bona-ke, noma bezwa noma benganaki, ngokuba bayindlu ehlubukayo, bayakwazi nokho ukuthi kade ekhona umprofethi phakathi kwabo. wena ndodana yomuntu, ungabesabi, ungesabi namazwi abo, noma amakhakhasi nameva kukuwe, uhlezi phakathi kwawofezela; ungawesabi amazwi abo, ungapheli amandla ngobuso babo, ngokuba bayindlu ehlubukayo. uyakukhuluma amazwi ami kubo, noma bezwa noma benganaki, ngokuba bangabahlubuki.

kepha wena ndodana yomuntu, yizwa engikukhulumayo kuwe, ungabi ngumhlubuki njengale ndlu ehlubukayo; vula umlomo wakho, udle engikunika khona. ngase ngibheka, naso isandla saselulelwe kimi, naphakathi kwaso, bheka, ngumqulu wencwadi. waweneka phambi kwami; wawulotshiwe ngaphakathi nangaphandle, kubhaliwe kuwo izililo nezililiso, nokuthi: maye!

### 3

wayesethi kimi: ndodana yomuntu, yidla okufumanayo, udle lo mqulu, uye ukhulume kuyo indlu yakwa-israyeli. ngavula umlomo wami, wangidlisa umqulu. wathi kimi: ndodana yomuntu, sidlise isisu sakho, ugcwalise izibilini zakho ngalo mqulu engikunika wona. ngase ngiwudla, wawumnandi emlonjeni wami njengezinyosi. wayesethi kimi: ndodana yomuntu, hamba uye endlini yakwa-israyeli, ukhulume kuyo ngamazwi ami. ngokuba awuthunywa kubantu abankuluma yabo ilukhuni nolimi lwabo lungaqondakali, kepha endlini yakwa-israyeli, kungekubantu abanengi abankuluma yabo ilukhuni nolimi lwabo lungaqondakali, ongawezwa amazwi abo. impela uma bengikuthume kubo, bona babeyakukuzwa. kepha indlu yakwa-israyeli kayiyikukuzwa, ngokuba ayingizwa mina, lokhu indlu yakwa-israyeli inebunzi elilukhuni nenhliziyo enqala. bheka, ngenze ubuso bakho bube lukhuni njengobuso babo, neibunzi lakho libe nqala njengamabunzi abo. ngenze ibunzi lakho njengedayimani, elilukhuni kunensengetsha; ungabesabi, ungapheli amandla ngobuso babo, noma beyindlu ehlubukayo. futhi wathi kimi: ndodana yomuntu, onke amazwi ami engiyakuwakhuluma kuwe wamukele enhliziyweni yakho, uzwe ngezindlebe zakho. hamba uye kubathunjwa, kubantwana babantu bakho, ukhulume kubo, uthi kubo: isho njalo inkosi ujejhova-aeiou, noma bezwa noma benganaki. wayesengiphakamisa umoya, ngezwa emva kwami izwi lokuduma okukhulu, lathi: mayibusiswe inkazimulo kajehova-aeiou endaweni yakhe; nomsindo wamaphiko ezidalwa athintanayo, nomsindo wamasondo eceleni kwazo, umsindo wokukhulu ukuduma. umoya wayesengiphakamisa, wangisusa; ngahamba nginomunyu ngokufutheka komoya wami; isandla sikajehova-aeiou saba namandla phezu kwami. ngafika kubathunjwa ngasetheli abibi ababehlezi ngasemfuleni ikhebari, lapho babehlala khona; ngahlala khona phakathi kwabo izinsuku eziyisikhombisa ngimangele. kwathi ekugcineni kwezinsuku eziyisikhombisa izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi:

ndodana yomuntu, ngikwenze umlindi kuyo indlu yakwa-israyeli; ngalokho yizwa izwi emlonjeni wami, ngixwayisele bona. lapho ngithi komubi: uyakufa nokufa, bese wungamxwayisi, ungakhulumi ukumxwayisa omubi ngendlela yakhe ukuba umsindise, yena lowo omubi uyakufela ezonweni zakhe, kepha igazi lakhe ngiyakulibiza esandleni sakho. kepha wena, uma umxwayisa omubi, angaze abuya ebubini bakhe nasendleni yakhe embi, uyakufela ezonweni zakhe, kepha wena uwophulile umphefumulo wakho. lapho olungileyo ephenduka ekulungeni kwakhe, enze bona-ra-ukukhandleka, ngibeke isikhubekiso phambi kwakhe, uyakufa. uma ungamxwayisanga, uyakufela ezonweni zakhe, nezenzo zakhe ezilungileyo azenzileyo aziyikhunjulwa, kepha igazi lakhe ngiyakulibiza esandleni sakho. kepha uma umxwayisa olungileyo ukuba olungileyo angoni, abese engoni, uyakuphila nokuphila, ngokuba exwayile; wena-ke uwophulile umphefumulo wakho. isandla sikajehova-aeiou saba phezu kwami lapho, wathi kimi: suka, uphume uye ethafeni, ngiyakukhuluma nawe khona. ngasuka, ngaphuma ngaya ethafeni; bheka, inkazimulo kajehova-aeiou yayimi khona njengenkazimulo engayibona ngasemfuleni ikhebari, ngawa ngobuso bami. umoya wayesengena kimi, wangimisa ngezinyawo zami, wakhuluma kimi, wathi kimi: hamba uzi-valele endlini yakho. kepha wena ndodana yomuntu, bheka, bayakufaka amagoda kuwe, bakubophe ngawo; awuyikuphumela phakathi kwabo. ngiyakunamathelisa ulimi lwakho olwangeni lwakho ukuba ube yisimungulu, ungabi ngumuntu obayalayo, ngokuba bayindlu ehlubukayo. kepha lapho ngikhuluma nawe, ngiyakuwuvula umlomo wakho, wena uthi kubo: isho njalo inkosi ujejhova-aeiou. ozwayo makezwe, onganakiyo kayeke, ngokuba bayindlu ehlubukayo.

### 4

wena ndodana yomuntu, zithathele isitini, usibeke phambi kwakho, uqophe kuso umuzi, ijerusalema, uwuvimbezele, wakhe inqaba ngakuwo, uwunqwabele iduli, umise amakamu ngakuwo, ubeke ngakuwo nxazonke izinqama zokungqubuza. zithathele ucwecwe lwensimbi, ulubeke lube ludonga lwensimbi phakathi kwakho nomuzi, uqondise ubuso bakho kuwo, wona uvinjezelwe, uvinjezelwe nguwe. lokhu kuyakuba yisibonakaliso kuyo indlu yakwa-israyeli. futhi lala ngohlangothi lwakho lwasokhohlo, ubeke ukona kuka-israyeli phezu kwalo; ngokomumo wezinsuku zokulala kwakho ngalo uyakuthwala ukona kwabo. ngokuba ngikunqumele iminyaka

yokona kwabo ukuba ibe ngumumo wezinsuku, zingamakhulu amathathu namashumi ayisishiyagalolunye, bese wuthwala ukona kwendlu yakwa-israyeli. nxa usuziqedile lezi, uyakulala ngohlangothi lwakho lokunene, uthwale ukona kwendlu yakwajuda, ngikunqumele izinsuku ezingamashumi amane, yilolo nalolo suku lube ngumnyaka. uyakubhekisa ubuso bakho kukho ukuvinjezelwa kwejerusalema, ingalo yakho yambuliwe, uprofethe ngalo. bheka, ngifaka amagoda phezu kwakho, awuyikuphenduka uhlangothi ngohlangothi, uze uqede izinsuku zokuvimbezela kwakho. futhi zithathele ukolweni, nebhali, nobhontshisi, nembumba, nonyaluthi, nesipelite, ukubeke esitsheni sibe sinye, uzenzele isinkwa ngakho ngokomumo wezinsuku oyakulala ngazo ngohlangothi lwakho, izinsuku ezingamakhulu amathathu namashumi ayisishiyagalolunye, usidle. ukudla kwakho oyakukudla kuyakuba ngesilinganiso, amashekeli angamashumi amabili ngosuku, ukudle izikhathi ngezikhathi. namanzi uyakuwaphuza ngesilinganiso, inxenye yesithupha yehini, uphuze izikhathi ngezikhathi. uyakukudla kungathi amaqebelengwane ebhali, uwenze phambi kwabo ngendle ephuma kumuntu. wathi ujevova-aeiou: kanjalo nabantwana bakwa-israyeli bayakusidla isinkwa sabo singcolile phakathi kwezizwe engiyakubaxoshela kuzo. ngase ngithi: o nkosi jehova-aeiou, bheka, umphefumulo wami awuzange ungcoliswe, ngokuba kusukela ebusheni bami kuze kube manje angidlanga okuzifeleyo nokudweshuliweyo, nenyama enengekayo ayingenanga emlonyeni wami. wathi kimi: bheka, ngikunike umquba esikhundleni sendle yomuntu; uyakusenza isinkwa sakho phezu kwawo. wathi futhi kimi: ndodana yomuntu, bheka, ngiyakwaphula uzime lwesinkwa ejerusalem, badle isinkwa ngesilinganiso ngokwesaba, baphuze amanzi ngesilinganiso ngokumangala ukuba baswele isinkwa namanzi, bamangale omunye nomunye, babune ebubini babo.

## 5

wena ndodana yomuntu, zithathele inkemba ebukhali, uzithathele yona njengempuco yomgundi, uyihambise ekhanda lakho nasesilevini sakho, uzithathele isilinganiso sokulinganisa, wahlukanise izinwele. inxenye yesithathu uyakuyishisa ngomlilo phakathi komuzi, seziphelile izinsuku zokuvinjezelwa, uthathe enye inxenye yesithathu, ugalele ngenkemba nxazonke zayo, neny inxenye yesithathu uyihlakaze emoyeni, ngihoshe inkemba emva kwazo. uyakuthatha khona eziyingcosana, uzibophele emiphethweni yengubo yakho. futhi kuzona

uyakuthatha, uziphonse phakathi komlilo, uzishise ngomlilo; kuyakuvela lapho umlilo, ungene endlini yonke yakwa-israyeli. isho kanje inkosi ujevova-aeiou, ithi: lokhu kuyijerusalem; ngilibekile phakathi kwezizwe, namazwe ayalihaqa. uhlubukile izahlulelo zami ngokwenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka kunezizwe, nezimiso zami kunamazwe alihaqayo, ngokuba balahlile izahlulelo zami nezimiso zami, abahambanga ngazo. ngalokho isho kanje inkosi ujevova-aeiou, ithi: ngokuba nibanga umsindo kunezizwe ezinihaqayo, ningahambi ngezimiso zami, ningazigcinanga izahlulelo zami, ningenzanga ngemithetho yezizwe ezinihaqayo, ngalokho isho kanje inkosi ujevova-aeiou, ithi: bheka, mina, yebo, mina ngimelene nawe; ngiyakwenza izahlulelo phakathi kwakho emehlweni ezizwe. ngiyakwenza kuwe lokho engingazange ngikwenze, nengingasayikukwenza okunjengakho ngenxa yazo zonke izinengiso zakho. ngalokho oyise bayakudla abantwana babo phakathi kwakho, abantwana badle oyise, ngenze izahlulelo phakathi kwakho, ngihlakaze kuyo yonke imimoya yonke insali yakho. ngalokho, kuphila kwami, isho inkosi ujevova-aeiou, ngokuba uyingcolisile indlu yami engcwele ngakho konke okuzondekayo kwakho nangazo zonke izinengiso zakho, ngalokho ngiyakukunciphisa impela, iso lami lingahawukeli, ngingabi nabubele. inxenye yesithathu yakho iyakufa ngesifo, baphele nangendlala phakathi kwakho; inxenye yesithathu iyakuwa ngenkemba nxazonke zakho, nenxenye yesithathu iyakuhlakazwa kuyo yonke imimoya, ngihoshe inkemba emva kwabo. isiyakuphela intukuthelo yami, nganelise ukufutheka kwami ngabo, ngiduduzeke; bayakwazi ukuthi mina jehova-aeiou ngikhulumile ngomhawu wami, lapho sengifezile ukufutheka kwami ngabo. ngiyakukwenza ube yincithakalo nehlozo phakathi kwezizwe ezikuhaqayo emehlweni abo bonke abadlulayo. kuyakuba yihlozo, nesaga, nesifundiso, nesimangaliso kuzo izizwe ezikuhaqayo, lapho ngenza izahlulelo phakathi kwakho ngentukuthelo nangokufutheka nangezejeziso ezifutheyo. mina jehova-aeiou ngikhulumile. lapho ngithumela kini imicibisholo emibi yendlala eyakuba ngukuchitheka kwabo, engiyakuyithuma ukunichitha, ngiyakukhulisa indlala phezu kwenu, ngaphule uzime lwenu lwesinkwa, ngithumele kini indlala nezilwane ezimbi, zikwaphuce abantwana, kudlule phezu kwakho isifo negazi, ngihlelise inkemba phezu kwakho. mina jehova-aeiou ngikhulumile.

izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, bhekisa ubuso bakho ezintabeni zakwa-israyeli, uprofethe ngazo, uthi: nina zintaba zakwa-israyeli, yizwani izwi lenkosi ujeihova-aeiou kuzo izintaba nakuwo amagquma, kuyo imifula yamanzi nakuzo izigodi, lithi: bhekani, ngiyakwehlisela phezu kwenu inkemba, ngichithe izindawo zenu eziphakemeyo. ama-altare enu ayakuba yincithakalo, kwaphulwe ama-altare enu empepho, ngilahle ababuleweyo benu phambi kwezithombe zenu. ngiyakubeka izidumbu zabantwana bakwa-israyeli phambi kwezithombe zabo, ngihlakaze amathambo enu nxazonke zama-altare enu. kuzo zonke izindawo zokuhlala kwenu imizi iyakucithwa, izindawo eziphakemeyo zibe yincithakalo ukuba kuchithwe ama-altare enu, achitheke, kwaphulwe izithombe zenu ziphele, ama-altare enu empepho abhildizwe, imisebenzi yenu ihlangulwe. ababulawayo bayakuwa phakathi kwenu, nazi ukuthi mina ngingujehova-aeiou. kepha ngiyakushiya insali, nibe nabayakuphepha enkembeni phakathi kwezizwe, lapho nihlakazeka emazweni. abaphephayo benu bayakungikhumbula phakathi kwezizwe abayakuthunjela kuzo, lapho ngaphula izinhliziyi zabo eziphingayo, ezichezuke kimi, namehlo abo alandela izithombe zabo ukuba baphinge nazo, banengwe emehlweni abo ngbona-ra-ukukhanda abakwenzileyo ezinengisweni zabo zonke. bayakwazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou; angishongo ngeze ukuthi ngiyakwenza lokhu bona-ra-ukukhanda kubo. isho kanje inkosi ujeihova-aeiou, ithi: shaya ngesandla sakho, udubhuze ngonyawo lwakho, uthi: maye, ngenxa yazo zonke izinengiso ezimbi zendlu yakwa-israyeli! ngokuba bayakuwa ngenkemba, nangendlala, nangesifo. okude uyakufa ngesifo, oseduze uyakuwa ngenkemba, oseleyo evinjezelwe uyakufa ngendlala, ngifeze kanjalo ukufutheka kwami kubo. niyakwazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou, lapho ababuleweyo babo beyakuba phakathi kwezithombe zabo nxazonke zama-altare abo kuwo onke amagquma aphakemeyo, nakuzo zonke iziqongo zezintaba, naphansi kwayo yonke imithi eluhlala, naphansi kwawo onke amaki adumbileyo, izindawo lapho bebenikela khona ngephunga elimnandi kuzo zonke izithombe zabo. ngiyakuselulela kubo isandla sami, ngenze libe yincithakalo nokuyize kunehlana lasedibila kuzo zonke izindawo zabo zokuhlala, bazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou.

izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: wena ndodana yomuntu, isho kanje inkosi ujeihova-aeiou kulo izwe lakwa-israyeli, ithi: ukuphela! ukuphela kufikile emagumbini omane ezwe. ukuphela sekuphezu kwakho; ngiyakuthuma ukufutheka kwami, ngikwahlulele njengezindlela zakho, ngehlixele phezu kwakho zonke izinengiso zakho. iso lami aliyikukuhawukela, ngingabi nabubele; ngiyakwehlisela izindlela zakho phezu kwakho, izinengiso zakho zibe phakathi kwakho; niyakwazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou. isho kanje inkosi ujeihova-aeiou, ithi: ingozi! ingozi inye nje! bheka, iyeza. ukuphela kuyeza; ukuphela kuyeza, kuyakwehlela; bheka, kuyeza! sekufikile kuwe ohlala ezweni; isikhathi sesifikile, usuku lusondele, olokukhathazeka, kungesilo olokujabula ezintabeni. manje sengiyakuthulula masinyane ukufutheka kwami phezu kwakho, ngifeze intukuthelo yami kuwe, ngikwahlulele njengezindlela zakho, ngehlixele phezu kwakho zonke izinengiso zakho. iso lami aliyikuhawukela, ngingabi nabubele, ngehlixele phezu kwakho njengezindlela zakho, izinengiso zakho zibe phakathi kwakho, nazi ukuthi mina jehova-aeiou ngiyashaya. bhekani usuku! bhekani luyeza, sekuphezu kwakho; induku iyaqhakaza; ukuzidla kuyahluma. ubudlova buyavuka, bube yintonga ybona-ra-ukukhanda, kungasali muntu kubo nasesixukwini sabo, kungasali lutho emfuyweni yabo nasebukhosini babo. isikhathi sesifikile, usuku lusondele; umthengi makangathokozi, nomthengisi makangalili, ngokuba ukufutheka kuphezu kwaso sonke isixuku sabo. ngokuba umthengisi akayikubuyela kokuthengisiweyo, nakuba esekhona phakathi kwabaphilayo, ngokuba umbono wesixuku sonke awuyikubuya, futhi akuyikubakho muntu ongabambebelela ekuphileni ngenxa yobubi bakhe. babethile icilongo, balungisile konke, kepha akakho ophuma impi, ngokuba ukufutheka kwami kuphezu kwaso sonke isixuku sabo. yinkemba ngaphandle, yisifo nendlala ngaphakathi; osensimini uyakufa ngenkemba, osemzini uyakuqedwa yindlala nesifo. abaphunyukileyo babo bayakuphunyuka, babe sezintabeni njengamajuba asezigodini, bakhale bonke, kube yilowo nalowo ngezono zakhe. zonke izandla ziyakudangala, nawo onke amadololo abe buthakathaka njengamanzi. bayakubhinca izindwangu zamasaka, uvalo lubasi-bekele, amahloni abe sebusweni bonke, nobumpandla kuwo onke amakhanda abo. bayakuphonsa isiliva labo ezitaladini, igolide labo libe yinto engcolileyo, isiliva labo negolide labo kungabi namandla okubophula



ngosuku lwentukuthelo kajehova-aeiou; abayikusuthisa imiphefumulo yabo, bangagcwalisi izibilini zabo, ngokuba kade kuyisikhubekiso sobubi babo. ukukhazimula kwezimvunulo zakho bakubeka kwaba ngukuziqhenya, benza ngakho izithombe ezinengekayo nezizondekayo; ngalokho ngikwenzile kwaba yinto engcolileyo kubo. ngiyakukunikela esandleni sabafokazi, kudliwe, nakwababi bomhlaba, kube yimpango, bakungcolise. ngiyakufulathelisa ubuso bami kubo, balingcolise igugu lami, kungene kulo abaphangi, balingcolise. yenza iketanga, ngokuba izwe ligcwele amacala egazi, nomuzi ugwele ubudlova. ngiyakuletha izizwe ezimbi kakhulu, zidle izindlu zabo, ngiqede ukuzidla kwabanamandla, izindawo zabo ezingcwele zingcoliswe. ukunqunywa kuyeza; bayakufuna ukuthula, kepha akuyikuba khona. ingozi iyakwelanywa yingozi, umbiko ulandele umbiko; bayakufuna umbono womprofethi, kepha umthetho uyakuphela kumpristi nesiluleko kuwo amalunga. inkosi iyakulila, isikhulu siyakwembatha incithakalo, nezandla zabantu bezwe ziyakuhlushwa; ngiyakwenza kubo njengezindlela zabo, ngibahlulele njengezimfanelo zabo, bazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou.

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kwathi ngomnyaka wesithupha ngenyanga yesithupha ngolwesihlanu lwenyanga lapho ngihlezi endlini yami, amalunga akwajuda ehlezi ngaphambi kwami, isandla senkosi ujeahova-aeiou sawela lapho phezu kwami. ngase ngibona, bheka, kwakunjengokubonakala komlilo; kusukela kokungathi ukhalo kuya phansi kwakungumlilo, kusukela okhalweni kuya phezu kwakunjengokukhazimula nanjengethusi elimenyezelayo. wayeselula kungathi isandla, wangibamba ngesihluthu sekhandla lami; umoya wangiphakamisa phakathi komhlaba nezulu, wangiyisa ngemibono kalezi-ku ejerusalem eivalweni sesango legceke elingaphakathi elibheke ngasenyakatho, lapho kwakukhona isihlalo sesithombe somhawu, esibanga umhawu. bheka, inkazimulo kalezi-ku ka-israyeli yayilapho njengokuyibona kwami esigodini. wathi kimi: ndodana yomuntu, ake uphakamise amehlo akho ngendlela yasenyakatho. ngase ngiwaphakamisa amehlo ami ngendlela yasenyakatho; bheka, ngasenyakatho kwesango lase-altare lesi sithombe somhawu sasisentubeni. wathi kimi: ndodana yomuntu, uyabona yini abakwenzayo, izinengiso ezinkulu indlu yakwa-israyeli ezenzayo lapha ukuba ngidede kude nendlu yami engcwele na? kepha uyakubuye ubone ezinye izinengiso

ezinkulu. wayesengiyisa esangweni legceke. ngabona, bheka, nanso imbobo ogangeni. wathi kimi: ndodana yomuntu, gebhula ogangeni. nanxa sengigebhulile ogangeni, bheka, nanko umnyango. wayesethi kimi: ngena ubone izinengiso ezimbi abazenzayo lapha. ngangena, ngabona; bheka, zonke izimo zezilwanyana ezinwabuzelayo, nezilwane ezinengekayo, nazo zonke izithombe zendlu ka-israyeli kudwetshiwe odongeni nxazonke. kwakumi phambi kwabo abantu abangamashumi ayisikhombisa bamalunga endlu yakwa-israyeli, naphakathi kwabo ujahazaniya indodana kashafani, kwaba yilowo nalowo enomcengezi wakhe womlilo esandleni sakhe, nephunga lefu lempepho lenyuka. wayesethi kimi: ndodana yomuntu, uyabona yini akwenzayo amalunga endlu yakwa-israyeli ebumnyameni, kube yilelo nalelo ekamelweni lalo lezithombe, na? ngokuba athi: ujeahova-aeiou akasiboni, ujeahova-israyeli ulishiyele izwe. futhi wathi kimi: uyakubuye ubone ezinye izinengiso ezinkulu abazenzayo. wayesengiyisa esivalweni sesango lendlu kajehova-aeiou elingasenyakatho; bheka, nampo abesifazane behlezi belilela utamuzi. wathi kimi: uyakubona lokho wena ndodana yomuntu na? uyakubuye ubone izinengiso ezinkulu kunalezi. wayesengingenisa egcekeni elingaphakathi lendlu kajehova-aeiou; bheka, ngasemnyango wethempeli likajehova-aeiou phakathi komphele ne-altare kwakukhona kungathi amadoda angamashumi amabili nanhlanu efulathele ithempeli likajehova-aeiou, ubuso bawo bubhekene nempumalanga, ekhonza ilanga ngasempumalanga. wathi kimi: uyakubona lokhu wena ndodana yomuntu na? kuyinto elula kuyo indlu yakwajuda ukwenza izinengiso abazenzayo lapho na? ngokuba sebeligcwalisile izwe ngobudlova, babuye bangicunula. bhekani, babeka amagatsha emakheleni abo. ngalokho ngiyakusebenza ngokufutheka; iso lami aliyikubahawukela, ngingabi nabubele; noma bememeza ezindlebeni zami ngezwi elikhulu, angiyikubezwa.

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wayesememeza ezindlebeni zami ngezwi elikhulu, ethi: mazisondele izijeziso zomuzi, kube yilowo nalowo abe nezikhali zokubulala esandleni sakhe. bheka, kwafika amadoda ayisithupha evela endleleni yasangweni lasenhla, elingasenyakatho, yileyo naleyo inesikhali sokubulala esandleni sayo, enye phakathi kwawo yembethe ilineni, inophondo lukayinki womlobi ngasokhalweni lwayo. angena, ema ngasaceleni le-altare lethusi. inkazimulo kalezi-ku ka-israyeli yayenyukile ekherubini eyayiphezu

kwalo, yaya embundwini wendlu, wayibiza indoda eyembethe ilineni, eyayinophondo lukayinki womlobi ngasokhalweni lwayo. ujhova-aeiou wathi kuyo: dabula emzini, phakathi kwejerusalema, ubeke uphawu emabunzini abantu ababubala bekhala ngazo zonke izinengiso ezenziwa phakathi kwalo. kwamanye washo ezindlebeni zami, wathi: dabulani emzini emva kwayo, nibulale, iso lenu lingahawukeli, ningabi nabubele, nibulale nichithe amaxhegu, nezinsizwa, nezintombi, nezingane, nabesifazane, ningasondeli kodwa kumuntu okukuye uphawu, niqale endlini yami egcwele. ayeseqala ngamadoda amadala ayephambi kwendlu. wathi kuwo: ngcolisani indlu, nigcwalise amageceke ngababuleweyo. phumani! aphuma, abulala emzini. kwathi esabulala, kwasala mina; ngawa ngobuso, ngakhala ngathi: maye, nkosi jehova-aeiou! uyakubulala yonke insali yakwa-israyeli ekutheleni kwakho ukufutheka kwakho phezu kwejerusalema na? wathi kimi: ububi bendlu yakwa-israyeli neyakwajuda bukhulu kakhulu impela, nezwe ligcwele igazi, nomuzi ugcwele ukhulanekeza, ngokuba bathi: ujhova-aeiou ulishiye izwe, ujhova-aeiou akakuboni. nami-ke, iso lami aliyikubahawukela, ngingabi nabubele, kepha ngiyakwehlisela indlela yabo phezu kwekhanda labo. bheka, indoda eyembethe ilineni, inophondo lukayinki ngasokhalweni lwayo, yabuyisa izwi, yathi: ngenzile njengokungiyala kwakho.

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ngase ngibona, bheka, emkhathini owawuphezu kwamakhanda amakherubi kwabonakala okunjengetshe lesafire, kufana kungathi nesihlalo sobukhosi. wakhuluma kuyo indoda eyembethe ilineni, wathi: ngena phakathi kwamasondo ayingilizayo phansi kwekherubi, ugcwalise izandla zakho zombili ngamalahle omililo ophakathi kwamakherubi, uwahlakaze phezu komuzi. yangena phambi kwamehlo ami. amakherubi ayemi ngakwesokunene kwendlu ekungeneni kwendoda, ifu lagcwalisa igece elingaphakathi. inkazimulo kajehova-aeiou yenyuka ekherubini, yaya embundwini wendlu; indlu yagcwala ifu, igece lagcwala ukumenyezela kwenkazimulo kajehova-aeiou. umsindo wamaphiko amakherubi wezwakala kwaze kwaba segekeni elingaphandle njengezwi likalezi-ku usomandla, lapho ekhuluma. kwathi lapho eyala indoda eyembethe ilineni, ethi: thatha umlilo phakathi kwamasondo ayingilizayo phakathi kwamakherubi, yangena, eceleni kwesondo. ikherubi lelulela isandla salo liphakathi kwamakherubi kuwo umlilo owawuphakathi kwamakherubi, lawuthatha, lawubeka ezan-

dleni zakhe owembethe ilineni; wawuthatha, waphuma. kwabonakala kuwo amakherubi isimo sesandla somuntu phansi kwamaphiko awo. ngabona, bheka, nanko amasondo amane eceleni kwamakherubi, elinye isondo eceleni kwelinye ikherubi nelinye isondo eceleni kwelinye ikherubi; ukubonakala kwamasondo kwakunjengetshe lekrisolithe. kungathi omane ayenesimo sinye, njengalokho kwakukhona isondo phakathi kwesondo. ekuhambeni kwawo aya ezinhlangothini zozine, awaphendukanga ekuhambeni kwawo, kepha lapho ikhanda lalibhekisa khona alilandela; awaphendukanga ekuhambeni kwawo. wonke umzimba wawo, nemihlane yawo, nezandla zawo, namaphiko awo, namasondo kwakugcwele amehlo nxazonke; yebo, amasondo lawa omane ayenawo. amasondo ayebizwa ezindlebeni zami ngokuthi ayingilizayo. yilelo nalelo lalinobuso obune; ubuso bokuqala babungubuso bekherubi, ubuso besibili babungubuso bomuntu, obesithathu babungubuso bengonyama, nobesine babungubuso bokhozi. amakherubi aziphakamisa; yilezi zidalwa engazibona ngasemfuleni ikhebari. ekuhambeni kwamakherubi amasondo ahamba eceleni kwawo, nalapho amakherubi ephakamisa amaphiko awo ukwenyuka emhlabathini, amasondo awaphendukanga eceleni kwawo. ekumeni kwawo nalawa ema; ekwenyukeni kwawo enyuka nawo, ngokuba umoya wezidalwa wayekuwo. inkazimulo kajehova-aeiou yaphuma phezu kombundu wendlu, yema phezu kwamakherubi. amakherubi aphakamisa amaphiko awo, enyuka emhlabathini phambi kwamehlo ami ekuphumeni kwawo, amasondo eseceleni kwawo; ema ngasesivalweni sesango lasempumalanga lendlu kajehova-aeiou; inkazimulo kalezi-ku ka-israyeli yayiphezu kwawo. yilezi zidalwa engazibona phansi kukalezi-ku ngasemfuleni ikhebari, ngazi ukuthi zazingamakherubi. yilelo nalelo lalinobuso obune, yilelo lalinamaphiko amane, nesimo sezandla zomuntu sasiphansi kwamaphiko awo. isimo sobuso bawo, bona babungubuso engabubona ngasemfuleni ikhebari, ukubonakala kwabo, yebo, bona uqobo lwabo; yilelo nalelo lahamba ngokuqonda kobuso balo.

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umoya wangiphakamisa, wangiyeisa esangweni lendlu kajehova-aeiou lasempumalanga, elibhekene nempumalanga; bheka, ngasesivalweni sesango kwakukhona amadoda angamashumi amabili nanhlanu; ngabona phakathi kwawo ujahazaniya indodana ka-azuri nophelathiya indodana kabenaya, izikhulu zabantu. wathi kimi:

ndodana yomuntu, yilawa madoda aceba bona-ra-ukukhandleka, anika iziluleko ezimbi kulo muzi, athi: akuseduze yini ukuba kwakhiwe izindlu? lo muzi uyikhanzi, thina siyinyama. ngalokho profetha ngabo, uprofethe, ndodana yomuntu. umoya kajehova-aeiou wehlela phezu kwami, wathi kimi: yisho uthi: usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou, uthi: nisho njalo nina ndlu ka-israyeli; ngiyazi mina okungena emoyeni wenu. nandisile ababuleweyo benu kulo muzi, nigcwalisile izitaladi zawo ngababuleweyo. ngalokho isho kanje inkosi uje-hova-aeiou, ithi: ababuleweyo benu enibabekile phakathi kwawo bayinyama, nawo uqobo uyikhanzi, kepha nina ngiyakunikhipha phakathi kwawo. niyesabile inkemba; ngiyakunehlisela inkemba, isho inkosi uje-hova-aeiou. ngiyakunikhipha phakathi kwawo, ngininikele esandleni sabafokazi, ngahlulele phakathi kwenu. niyakuwa ngenkemba, nginahlulele emkhawulweni wakwa-israyeli; nazi ukuthi nginguje-hova-aeiou. lo muzi awuyikuba yikhanzi, nani aniyikuba yinyama phakathi kwalo; ngiyakunahlulele emkhawulweni wakwa-israyeli, nazi ukuthi nginguje-hova-aeiou, ngokuba anihambanga ngezimiso zami, nezahlulelo zami anizenzanga, kepha nenze njengezahlulelo zezizwe ezinihaqayo. kwathi lapho ngiprofetha, uphelathiya indodana kabenaya wafa. ngase ngiwa ngobuso, ngakhala ngezwi elikhulu, ngathi: o nkosi jehova-aeiou, uyakwenza ukuba iphele insali yakwa-israyeli na? izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, abafowenu, yebo, abafowenu abayizihlobo zakho nayo yonke indlu yakwa-israyeli, bonke abakhileyo ejerusalem abashilo kubo ukuthi: dedani kujehova-aeiou; leli zwe linikiwe thina libe yifa. thana ngabo: isho kanje inkosi uje-hova-aeiou, ithi: noma ngibadedisele kude phakathi kwezizwe, ngabahlakazela emazweni, ngaba yindlu engcwele nokho kubo isikhashana emazweni ababehlakazelwe kuwo. ngalokho thana: isho kanje inkosi uje-hova-aeiou, ithi: ngiyakunibutha ezizweni, nginiqoqe emazweni enihlakazekelwe kuwo, ngininike izwe lakwa-israyeli. bayakufika khona, basuse lapho konke okuzondekayo kwalo nazo zonke izinengiso zalo. ngiyakubanika inhliziyi ibe nye, ngibeke umoya omusha phakathi kwabo, ngikhiphe inhliziyi yet-she enyameni yabo, ngibanike inhliziyi yenyama ukuba bahambe ngezimiso zami, bagcine izahlulelo zami, bazenze, babe ngabantu bami, mina ngibe ngulezi-ku wabo. kepha labo abanhliziyi zabo zilandela izinhliziyi zokuzondekayo kwabo nezinengiso zabo, ngiyakwehlisela phezu kwamakhanda abo indlela yabo, isho inkosi uje-hova-aeiou. amakherubi ayese-phakamisa

amaphiko awo namasondo ayeseceleni kwawo; inkazimulo kalezi-ku ka-israyeli yayiphezu kwawo. inkazimulo kajehova-aeiou yakhuphuka phakathi komuzi, yema entabeni engasempumalanga komuzi. umoya wayesengiphakamisa, wangiyisa ngombono ngomoya kalezi-ku ekalideya kubathunjwa. wase wenyuka kimi umbono engiwubonileyo. ngase ngikhuluma kubathunjwa zonke izinto uje-hova-aeiou angibonisile zona.

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izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, wena uhlala phakathi kwendlu ehlubukayo nabanamhlo okubona bengaboni kodwa, abanezindlebe zokuzwa bengezwa nokho, ngokuba bayindlu ehlubukayo. wena ndodana yomuntu, zenzele impahla yokuhamba, usuke emini emehlweni abo, umuke endaweni yakho emehlweni abo, uye kwenye; mh-lawumbe bayakubona ukuthi bayindlu ehlubukayo. uyakukhipha impahla yakho emini emehlweni abo njengempahla yokuhamba, wena uphume kusihlwa emehlweni abo njengokuphuma ukuya ekuthunjweni. gebhula ogangeni emehlweni abo, uyikhiphe impahla khona. uyakuyithwala ehloombe emehlweni abo, uyikhiphe sekumnyama, usibekele ubuso bakho, ukuze ungaboni izwe, ngokuba ngikubeke ukuba ube yisibonakaliso kuyo indlu yakwa-israyeli. ngenza njengokungiyala kwakhe; ngayikhipha impahla yami emini njengempahla yokuhamba, kusihlwa ngagebhula ogangeni ngesandla, nanxa sekumnyama ngayikhipha, ngayithwala ehloombe emehlweni abo. lase lifika izwi likajehova-aeiou ekuseni, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, ayishongo kuwe yini indlu yakwa-israyeli, indlu ehlubukayo, yathi: wenzani na? thana kubo: isho kanje inkosi uje-hova-aeiou, ithi: lesi siprofetho ngesesikhulu sasejerusalem nesabo bonke abendlu yakwa-israyeli abaphakathi kwalo. thana: ngiyisibonakaliso senu; njengalokho ngenzile, kuyakwenziwa kanjalo kubo; bayakuya ekuthunjweni, baboshwe. isikhulu esiphakathi kwabo siyakuthwala ehloombe sekumnyama, siphume, bagebhule ogangeni ukuba bakhipe khona, sisibekele ubuso baso, ngokuba asi-yikubona izwe ngamehlo aso. ngiyakuleneka inetha lami phezu kwaso, sibanjwe ogibeni lwami; ngiyakusi-isa ebabele ezweni lamakaledi. kepha asi-yikulibona, noma sifela khona. bonke abasizungezayo ukusisiza namaviyo aso ngiyakubahlakazela kuyo yonke imimoya, ngihoshe inkemba emva kwabo. bayakwazi ukuthi nginguje-hova-aeiou, lapho ngibahlakazela ezizweni, ngibasabalalisele

emazweni. kepha ngiyakushiya kubo abantu abayingcosana besala enkembeni, nasendlaleni, nasesifweni, ukuba balande ngazo zonke izinengiso zabo phakathi kwezizwe lapho befika khona, bazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou. izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, yidla isinkwa sakho ngokuqhaqha, uphuze amanzi akho ngokuthuthumela nangokwesaba, uthi kubantu bezwe: isho kanje inkosi ujeihova-aeiou ngabakhileyo ejerusalem ezwini lakwa-israyeli, ithi: bayakudla isinkwa sabo ngokwesaba, baphuze amanzi abo ngokumangala, ngokuba izwe lalo liyakuchithwa, laphucwe konke ukugcwala kwalo ngenxa yobudlova babo bonke abahlala kulo. imizi ehlalwayo iyakuchithwa, izwe libe yincithakalo, nazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou. izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, siyini leso saga eninaso ezweni lakwa-israyeli sokuthi: izinsuku ziyajobeleleka, nayo yonke imibono iphuthile, na? ngalokho thana kubo: isho kanje inkosi ujeihova-aeiou, ithi: ngiyakwenza ukuba siphele leso saga, bangabe besafanisa ngaso kwa-israyeli, kepha khuluma kubo ngokuthi: izinsuku sezisondele nokugcwaliseka kwemibono yonke. ngokuba akusayikuba khona umbono ooyize nokubhula okuthophayo endlini yakwa-israyeli. ngokuba mina jehova-aeiou ngiyakukhuluma izwi engiyakulikhuluma, lenzeke, lingabe lisalitshaziswa, ngokuba ezinsukwini zenu nina ndlu ehlobukayo ngiyakukhuluma izwi, ngilenze, isho inkosi ujeihova-aeiou. izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, bheka, abendlu ka-israyeli bathi: umbono awubonayo ungowezinsuku ezizayo, uprofetha ngezikhathi ezisekude. ngalokho thana kubo: isho kanje inkosi ujeihova-aeiou, ithi: akusayikulitshaziswa zwi, kepha izwi engiyakulikhuluma liyakwenzeka, isho inkosi ujeihova-aeiou.

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izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, profetha ngabaprofethi bakwa-israyeli abaprofethayo, uthi kwabaprofetha okwenhliziyo yabo: zwanini izwi likajehova-aeiou. isho kanje inkosi ujeihova-aeiou, ithi: wo kubaprofethi abayiziwula, abalandela umoya wabo nabangakubonanga! o israyeli, abaprofethi bakho banjengezipungushe ezindaweni ezichithekileyo. anenyukelanga ezikhaleni, anibiyelanga nbona-ra-ukukhandlekayela indlu yakwa-israyeli ukuba ime ekulweni ngosuku lukajehova-aeiou. babonile okuyize nokubhula kwamanga abathi: kusho ujeihova-aeiou, kepha ujeihova-aeiou kabathumanga, kodwa bethemba ukuthi

ubeyakuqinisa izwi labo. anibonanga umbono ooyize, anikhulumanga ukubhula kwamanga, lapho nithi: kusho ujeihova-aeiou, mina ngingakhulumanga, na? ngalokho isho kanje inkosi ujeihova-aeiou, ithi: ngokuba nikhulumile okuyize, nibonile amanga, ngalokho bhekani, ngimelene nani, isho inkosi ujeihova-aeiou. isandla sami siyakumelana nabaprofethi ababona okuyize nababhula amanga; abayikuba semkhandlweni wabantu bami, bangalotshwa encwadini yendlu yakwa-israyeli, bangangeni ezweni lakwa-israyeli, nazi ukuthi ngiyinkosi ujeihova-aeiou. ngokuba, yebo, ngokuba bedukisile abantu bami ngokuthi: ngokuthula, kungekho ukuthula, nangokuba lapho kwakhiwa ugame, bheka, balunameka ngodaka olungavuthiwe, yisho kwabanamekayo ukuthi luyakuwa; kuyakuwa imvula ekhukhulayo; nina matshe esichotho niyakuwa, nomoya wesivunguvungu uyakuludabula. bheka, lapho ugame seluwile, akuyikushiwo kini ukuthi: luphi udaka enanameka ngalo na? ngalokho isho kanje inkosi ujeihova-aeiou, ithi: ngiyakuludabula ngomoya wesivunguvungu ngokufutheka kwami, kube yimvula ekhukhulayo ngentukuthelo yami, namatshe esichotho ngokufutheka ukuba aluqede. ngiyakulubhidliza ugame enalunameka ngodaka olungavuthiwe, ngiludilizele phansi, lunamathele emhlabathini, kwambulwe isisekelo salo; yebo, luyakuwa, nina niphele phakathi kwalo, nazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou. ngiyakufeza ukufutheka kwami ogangeni nakubo abalunameka ngodaka olungavuthiwe, ngithi kini: alusekho ugame, abasekho abalunamekayo, abaprofethi bakwa-israyeli abaprofetha ngejerusalem, ababona imibono yokuthula ngalo, ukuthula kungekho, isho inkosi ujeihova-aeiou. wena ndodana yomuntu, bhekisa ubuso bakho kuwo amadodakazi abantu bakho aprofetha okwenhliziyo yawo, uprofetha ngawo, uthi: isho kanje inkosi ujeihova-aeiou, ithi: wo kwabesifazane abathungela zonke izindololwane izicamelolwane, benze imigubuzelo yamakhandla ezimo zonke ukuba bazingele imiphefumulo. niyakuzingela yini imiphefumulo yabantu bami, ninsidise imiphefumulo yenu, nina eningingcolisa phakathi kwabantu bami ngezinkweshe zebhali nangezingcezu zesinkwa ngokubulala imiphefumulo ebingayikufa nokusindisa imiphefumulo ebingayikuphila ngokuqamba kwenu amanga kubantu bami abalalela amanga, na? qha! ngalokho isho kanje inkosi ujeihova-aeiou, ithi: bheka, ngimelene nezicamelolwane zenu enizingela ngazo lapha imiphefumulo njengezinyoni; ngiyakuzihlwitsha ezingalweni zenu, ngivumele imiphefumulo ukuba ihambe, le miphfumulo eniyizingelayo njengeziny-

oni. ngiyakuklebhula nemigubuzelo yenu, ngibophule abantu bami esandleni senu, bangabe besababikho esandleni senu ukuba bazingelwe, nazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou. ngokuba nidabukisile inhliziyo yolungileyo ngamanga, engingamdabukisanga mina, naqinisa izandla zababi ukuba bangabuyi endleleni yabo embi, basindiswe, ngalokho anisayikubona okuyize, ningabe nisabhula ukubhula; ngiyakubophula abantu bami esandleni senu, nazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou.

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kwafika kimi amadoda amalunga akwa-israyeli, ahlala phambi kwami. izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, lawa madoda angenisile izithombe zawo ezinhliziyweni zawo, abeka isikhubekiso sokona kwawo phambi kobuso bawo. impela ngiyakubuzwa yiwo na? qha! ngalokho khuluma kuwona, uthi kuwo: isho kanje inkosi ujeihova-aeiou, ithi: yilowo nalowo muntu wakwa-israyeli ongenisa izithombe zakhe enhliziyweni yakhe, abeke isikhubekiso sokona kwakhe phambi kobuso bakhe, eze kumprofethi, mina jehova-aeiou ngiyakumphendula ngokobuningi bezithombe zakhe, ukuze ngibambe indlu yakwa-israyeli ngenhliziyo yabo, ngokuba bonke bazahlukanisile nami ngezithombe zabo. ngalokho yisho kuyo indlu yakwa-israyeli, uthi: isho kanje inkosi ujeihova-aeiou, ithi: phendukani, nibuye ezithombeni zenu, nifulathele zonke izinengiso zenu. ngokuba yilowo nalowo muntu wendlu ka-israyeli nomfokazi ogogobele kwa-israyeli, ozahlukanisa nami, angenise izithombe zakhe enhliziyweni yakhe, abeke isikhubekiso sokona kwakhe phambi kobuso bakhe, eze kumprofethi ukuba azibuzele kimi, mina jehova-aeiou ngiyakumphendula ngokwami, ngibhekise ubuso bami bumelane nalowo muntu, ngimbeke abe yisibonakaliso nesaga, nginqume, asuke phakathi kwabantu bami, nazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou. uma umprofethi eyengwa akhulume izwi, mina jehova-aeiou ngimyengile lowo mprofethi; ngiyakwelulela isandla sami phezu kwakhe, ngimchithe phakathi kwabantu bami u-israyeli. bayakuthwala ukona kwabo, ukona kobuzayo kube njengokona komprofethi, ukuze indlu yakwa-israyeli ingabe isaduka kimi, ingabe isazingcolisa ngeziphambeko zayo zonke, kepha ibe ngabantu bami, mina ngibe ngulezi-ku wabo, isho inkosi ujeihova-aeiou. izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, lapho izwe lona kimi ngokwenza iziphambeko, ngelulele isandla sami phezu kwalo, ngaphule uzime lwalo lwesinkwa, ngithume indlala kulo,

nginqume kulo abantu nezilwane, noma ebekhona phakathi kwalo lawa madoda amathathu, onowa, nodaniyeli, nojobe, wona ayeyakophula imiphefumulo yawo kuphela ngokulunga kwawo, isho inkosi ujeihova-aeiou. uma ngidabulisa izilwane ezimbi ezweni, ziliphange libe yincithakalo, ukuze kungadluli muntu ngenxa yezilwane, noma ebekhona lawo madoda amathathu phakathi kwalo, kuphila kwami, isho inkosi ujeihova-aeiou, ayengayikophula amadodana noma amadodakazi, ophulwe wona odwa, izwe libe yincithakalo. nokuba bengiyakwehlisela inkemba phezu kwalelo zwe, ngithi: inkemba mayidabule ezweni, ukuze nginqume kulo abantu nezilwane, noma ebekhona lawo madoda amathathu phakathi kwalo, kuphila kwami, isho inkosi ujeihova-aeiou, ayengayikophula amadodana noma amadodakazi, ophulwe wona odwa. nokuba bengiyakuthuma isifo kulelo zwe, ngithele ukufutheka kwami phezu kwalo ngegazi ukuba nginqume kulo abantu nezilwane, noma bebhkhona onowa, nodaniyeli, nojobe phakathi kwalo, kuphila kwami, isho inkosi ujeihova-aeiou, bebhngayikophula amadodana noma amadodakazi, bophule imiphefumulo yabo kuphela ngokulunga kwabo. ngokuba isho kanje inkosi ujeihova-aeiou, ithi: kakhulu kangakanani, lapho ngithuma ejerusalem izahlulelo zami ezine ezimbi, inkemba, nendlala, nezilwane ezesabekayo, nesifo ukuba nginqume kulo abantu nezilwane, na? kepha bheka, kuyakushiya kulo ababalekileyo abayakukhishwa, amadodana namadodakazi; bheka, ayakuphumela kini, nibone indlela yawo nemisebenzi yawo, niduduzwe ngbona-ra-ukukhandleka engehlisele khona phezu kwejerusalem, yebo, ngakho konke engehlisele khona phezu kwalo. ayakuniduduzo, lapho nibona indlela yawo nemisebenzi yawo, nazi ukuthi angenzanga ngaphandle kwesizathu konke engikwenzileyo phakathi kwalo, isho inkosi ujeihova-aeiou.

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izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, umuthi womvini ud-lula ngani imithi yonke, igatsha lomvini eliphakathi kwemithi yasehlathini, na? kuyakuthathwa kuwo umuthi wok-wenza umsebenzi, noma kuthathwe kuwo isikhonkwane ukuphanyeka isitsha, na? bheka, uyafakwa emlilweni ukuba udliwe, ziqedwe ngumlilo izihloko zawo zombili, kuhanguke okuphakathi kwazo; usulungele umsebenzi na? bheka, usaphelele awenziwanga waba ngokomsebenzi; kakhulu kangakanani, lapho umlilo uwuqedile wahanguka, uyobe usenziwa ube ngokom-

sebenzi, na? ngalokho isho kanje inkosi uJehova-aeiou, ithi: njengomuthi womvini phakathi kwemithi yasehlathini engwunike umlilo ukuba uqedwe, kanjalo ngiyakunikela abakhileyo eJerusalem. ngiyakubhekisa ubuso bami bumelane nabo; baphumile emlilweni, kepha umlilo uyakubaqeda; niyakwazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou, lapho ngibhekisa ubuso bami bumelane nabo. ngiyakwenza izwe libe yincithakalo, ngokuba benze isiphambeko, isho inkosi uJehova-aeiou.

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izwi likaJehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, yazisa iJerusalem izinengiso zalo, uthi: isho kanje inkosi uJehova-aeiou kulo iJerusalem, ithi: ukudabuka kwakho nokuzalwa kwakho kungokwezwe lasekhanani; uyihlo wayengumamori, nonyoko wayengumhetikazi. ekuzalweni kwakho inkaba yakho ayinqunywanga ngosuku lokuzalwa kwakho, awugezwanga ngamanzi ukuba uhlambuluke, awuhlikihlwanga nakanye ngosawoti, awusongwanga nokusongwa. awuhawukelwanga yiso ukuba kwenziwe lokhu kuwe, uphathwe ngobubele, kepha waphonswa endle, lokhu wanengeka ngosuku lokuzalwa kwakho. lapho ngidlula kuwe, ngikubona ungqasha egazini lakho, ngathi kuwe: wena osegazini lakho: phila! yebo, ngathi kuwe, wena osegazini lakho: phila! wande njengehlumela lasendle; wanda, wakhula, wabukeka nokubukeka; amabele akho aphuhla, izinwele zakho zazimlile, kepha wawunqunu, wawuze. lapho ngidlula kuwe, ngikubona, bheka, kwakuyisikhathi sakho, isikhathi sokuthanda; ngeneka ingubo yami phezu kwakho, ngembathisa ubunqunu bakho; yebo, ngafunga kuwe, ngangena esivumelwaneni nawe, isho inkosi uJehova-aeiou, waba ngowami. ngakugeza ngamanzi, ngahlanzisa igazi lakho kuwe, ngakugcoba ngamafutha. ngakwembathisa imifekethiso, ngakufaka izicatshulo zesikhumba samatahasi, ngakubhincisa ilineni elicolekileyo, ngakusibekela ngosilika. ngakuvunulisa ngezivunulo, ngafaka amasongo ezandleni zakho nomnaka entanyeni yakho. ngafaka icici emakheleni akho, namagenqeza ezindlebeni zakho, nomqhele omuhle ekhanda lakho. wawusuhlotshisiwe ngegolide nangesiliva, isambatho sakho sasiyileneni elicolekileyo, nosilika, nemifekethiso; wadla impuphu elicolekileyo, nezinyosi, namafutha; wawumuhle kakhulu impela, wahlahlamela, wazwathola ubukhosikazi. igama lakho laphumela ezizweni ngobuhle bakho, ngokuba laliphelele ngemihlobiso engangiyibeke kuwe, isho inkosi uJehova-aeiou. kepha wethemba ebuhleni bakho, wafabela igama

lakho, wathululela bonke abadlulayo ubufebe bakho, baba ngobakhe. wathatha ezingutsheni zakho, wazenzela izindawo eziphakemeyo ezingamagqabhaqabha, wafeba kuzo, okungazange kwenzeke nokungasoze kwenziwa. wathatha izinto zakho ezinhle, egolideni lami nasesiliveni lami engangikunike khona, wazenzela izithombe zabesilisa, wafeba nazo. wathatha izingubo zakho ezifekethisiweyo, wazisibekela, wabeka amafutha ami nemphepo yami phambi kwazo. nesinkwa sami engangikunike sona, impuphu elicolekileyo, namafutha, nezinyosi engangikudlise khona, wakubeka phambi kwazo, kwaba yiphunga elimnandi; kwaba njalo, isho inkosi uJehova-aeiou. wawathatha amadodana akho namadodakazi akho owangizalela wona, wawahlabala zona ukuba adliwe. babubuncane ubufebe bakho ukuba ubulale abantwana bami, unikele ngabo kuzo ngokubadabulisa emlilweni, na? kuzo zonke izinengiso zakho nakubo bonke ubufebe bakho awukhumbulanga izinsuku zobusha bakho, lapho wawunqunu, wawuze, wangqasha egazini lakho. kwathi emva kwabo bonke ububi bakho maye, maye kuwe! isho inkosi uJehova-aeiou wazakhela iqhugwane, wazenzela indawo ephakemeyo ezigcawini zonke. ezingosini zonke zezitaladi wakha izindawo zakho eziphakemeyo, wenza ubuhle bakho baba yisinengiso, wenekela bonke abadlulayo imilenze yakho, wandisa ubufebe bakho. wafeba nabasegibithe, abakhelwane bakho, abanyama inkulu, wandisa ubufebe ukungicunula. bheka, ngase ngelulela isandla sami kuwe, nganciphisa ukudla owakunqunyelwayo, ngakunikela entandweni yabakuzondayo, amadodakazi amafilisti, ayenamahloni ngendlela yakho yokukhanuka. wafeba nama-asiriya ngokuba wawungakadeli; yebo wafeba nawo, kepha namanje wawungakadeli. wandisa ubufebe bakho kuze kubesezweni labathengi, ikalideya, kepha nangalokho awudelanga. yeka ubuthakathaka benhliziyo yakho, isho inkosi uJehova-aeiou, lokhu wenza zonke lezi zinto, izenzo zowesifazane oyisifebe esingazibambiyo. wakha iqhugwane lakho ezingosini zezitaladi, wenza indawo yakho ephakemeyo kuzo zonke izigcawu, ungaba nganjengezifebe ngokudelela inkokhelo, wena mfazi ophingayo, othatha abafokazi esikhundleni sendoda yakhe. zonke izifebe ziphiwa imivuzo, kepha wena unika zonke izithandwa zakho imivuzo, uziqashe ukuba zifike kuwe nxazonke ekufebeni kwakho. wahlukene nabanye abesifazane ekufebeni kwakho ngalokho ukuthi akakho olandela wena ukuyofeba; ngokunika kwakho imivuzo, ungaphiwa imivuzo kodwa wena, ngalokho wahlukene. ngalokho yizwa, sifebe, izwi likaJehova-aeiou. isho kanje

inkosi ujehovaeiou, ithi: ngokuba uthululile amahloni akho, nobunqunu bakho bambulwa ngobufebe bakho nezithandwa zakho, nangenxa yazo zonke izithombe zezinengiso zakho, nangegazi labantwana bakho owabanika lona, ngalokho bheka, ngiyakubutha zonke izithandwa zakho ozenamisile nazo, nazo zonke ozithandleyo, nazo zonke ozizondileyo, ngizibuthe ngakuwe zivela nxazonke, ngizambulele ubunqunu bakho ukuba zibone bonke ubunqunu bakho. ngiyakukwahlulela ngesahlulelo seziphingikazi nesabachithi begazi, ngehlise phezu kwakho igazi lokufutheka nomhawu. ngiyakukunikela esandleni sazo, zilibhidlize iqhugwane lakho, zizidilize izindawo zakho eziphakemeyo, zikhulubule izingubo zakho, zithathe izinto zakho ezinhle, zikushiye unqunu, uze. ziyakukwenyusela isixuku, zikukhande ngamatshe, zikuhlalele ngezinkemba zazo. ziyakushisa izindlu zakho ngomlilo, zikwahlulele emehlweni abesifazane abanengi, ngenze ukuba uyeke ukufeba, wena ungabe usanika umvuzo. ngiyakuqeda ukufutheka kwami kuwe, umhawu wami usuke kuwe, ngibe nokuthula, ngingabe ngisacunuka.

ngokuba awukhumbulanga izinsuku zobusha bakho, kepha ungikhathazile kukho konke lokhu, ngiyakwehlisela indlela yakho phezu kwekhanda lakho, isho inkosi ujehovaeiou, ungenzi ukukhanuka phezu kwazo zonke ezinye izinengiso. bonke abalinganisa ngezaga bayakulinganisa ngalesi kuwe, bathi: njengonina, injalo indodakazi. uyindodakazi kanyoko owanengwa yindoda yakhe nabantwana bakhe; ungudade wawodadewenu abanengwa ngamadoda abo nabantwana babo; unyoko wayengumhetikazi, uyihlo wayengumamori. udadewenu omkhulu uyisamariya elihlezi namadodakazi alo ngakwesokhohlo sakho; udadewenu omncane ohlezi ngakwesokunene sakho uyisodoma namadodakazi alo. awuhambanga ngezindlela zabo, awenzanga ngezizengiso zabo, kepha njengokuba lokho kwakuyinto encane nje, wonakala kuzo zonke izindlela zakho kunabo. kuphila kwami, isho inkosi ujehovaeiou, isodoma udadewenu alenzanga lona namadodakazi alo njengalokho wenzile wena namadodakazi akho. bheka, nakhu ukona kukadadewenu isodoma; ukuzidla, nokusutha ukudla, nokuzinza okuthuleyo kwakukhona kulo nakuwo amadodakazi alo, kepha aliqinisa ngasandla sabampofu nabaswelayo. babeziphakamisa, benza izinengiso phambi kwami. ngase ngibasusa njengokubona kwami. isamariya alenzanga inxenye yezono zakho; kepha wandisile izinengiso zakho kunabo, wathetha odadewenu ngazo zonke izinengiso ozenzileyo. thwala wena ihlazo lakho, lokhu wathetha odadewenu;

ngezono zakho ozenzileyo ezinengekayo balungile kunawe; yebo, mawujabhe, uthwale ihlazo lakho ngokuthetha odadewenu.

ngiyakubuyisa ukuthunjwa kwabo, ukuthunjwa kwesodoma nokwamadodakazi alo, nokuthunjwa kwesamariya nokwamadodakazi alo, nokuthunjwa kwabatunjwa bakho phakathi kwawo ukuba uthwale ihlazo lakho, ujabhe ngenxa yakho konke okwenzileyo, ube yinduduzo kubo. odadewenu, isodoma namadodakazi alo, bayakubuyela esimweni sabo sokuqala, nesamariya namadodakazi alo bayakubuyela esimweni sabo sokuqala, wena namadodakazi akho nibuyele esimweni senu sokuqala. ngokuba udadewenu isodoma akaphathwanga ngomlomo wakho ngosuku lokuzidla kwakho, bungakambulwa ububi bakho, njengasesikhathini sehlazo lamadodakazi ase-aramu nawo onke amadodakazi amafilisti alihaqayo, akudumaza nxazonke. usuyathwala ukukhanuka kwakho nezinengiso zakho, usho ujehovaeiou. ngokuba isho kanje inkosi ujehovaeiou, ithi: ngiyakwenza kuwe njengalokho okwenzileyo, udelele isifungo, waphula isivumelwano. kepha mina ngiyakusikhumbula isivumelwano sami nawe ebusheni bakho, ngikumisele isivumelwano esiphakade. usuyakuzikhumbula izindlela zakho, ujabhe, lapho uyakubamukela odadewenu, omkhulu nomncane, ngikunike wona abe ngamadodakazi, kungabi ngesivumelwano sakho kodwa. sengiyakumisa isivumelwano sami nawe, wazi ukuthi ngingujehovaeiou ukuba ukhumbule, ube namahloni, ungabe usavula umlomo wakho ngenxa yehlazo lakho, lapho ngikuthethelele konke okwenzileyo, isho inkosi ujehovaeiou.

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izwi likajehovaeiou lafika kimi, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, yisho imfume, ukhulume ngomfanekiso kuyo indlu yakwa-israyeli, uthi: isho kanje inkosi ujehovaeiou, ithi: ukhozi olukhulu olunamaphiko amakhulu noluzimpaphe zalo zinkulu, lugcwele izimpaphe ezinemibala eyahlukeneyo, lweza elebanoni, lwathatha isihloko somsedari, lwanquma igatsha elisha eliphezulu, lwaliyisa ezweni labahwebi, lwalibeka emzini wabatengi. lwathatha nasembewini yezwe, lwayitshala emhlabathini othelayo, lwayibeka ngasemanzini amaningi, lwayifaka njengomnyezane. yamila, yaba ngumvini owenabayo, omfushane ngesimo, ukuze amagatsha awo abhekane nalo, nezimpande zawo zibe phansi kwalo; waba ngumvini-ke, waveza amagatsha, wakhupha amahlumela. kepha kwakukhona nolunye ukhozi olukhulu olunamaphiko amakhulu nezimpaphe eziningi; bheka, lo

mvini wabhekisa izimpande zawo kulo, waphumisele kulo amatatsha awo ukuba luwunisele kunemisele lapho wawutshalwe khona. wawusemhlathini omuhle ngasemanzini amaningi ukuba uveze amatatsha, uthlele izithelo, ube ngumvini omuhle. thana: isho kanje inkosi ujeihova-aeiou, ithi: uyakuphumelela na? aluyikusiphula izimpande zawo, lunqume izithelo zawo, ukuze ubune, kubone onke amaqabunga ahlumelelayo, bese kungafuneki amandla amakhulu nabantu abaningi ukuwusiphula ngezimpande zawo, na? bheka, lapho usutshaliwe, uyakuphumelela na? awuyikubona nokubona, lapho umoya wasempumalanga uwuthinta, ubone emiseni lapho uhlu-mele khona, na? izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: thana kuyo indlu ehlubukayo: anazi ukuthi lezi zinto ziyini? yisho ukuthi: bheka, inkosi yasebabele yafika ejerusalem, yathatha inkosi yalo nezikhulu zalo, yabayisa kuyo ebebele. yayisithatha owenzalo yobukhosi, yenza isivumelwano naye, yamngenisela phansi kwesifungo, yasusa abakhulu bezwe, ukuze umbuso uthotshiswe, ungaziphakamisi, kepha ume ngokugcina isivumelwano sakhe. kepha wahlubuka kuyo ngokuthuma izithunywa zakhe egibithe ukuba aphiwe amakhulu nabantu abaningi. uyakuphumelela, uyakubaleka yini owenzayo lokho, uyakusaphula isivumelwano, aphunyuke, na? kuphila kwami, isho inkosi ujeihova-aeiou, impela endaweni yenkosi eyambeka inkosi, esifungo sayo wasidelela, nesivumelwano sayo wasaphula, uyakufa naye phakathi kwebabele. ufaro akayikumenzela impi enkulu nebandla elikhulu empini, lapho benqwabela iduli, bakhe izinqaba, ukuze banqume abantu abaningi. ngokuba udelelele isifungo ngokusaphula isivumelwano, wakwenza konke lokhu, noma enikile isithembiso sakhe; bheka, kayikuphunyuka. ngalokho isho kanje inkosi ujeihova-aeiou, ithi: kuphila kwami, impela isifungo sami asideleleyo nesivumelwano sami asaphulileyo ngiyakukwehlisela phezu kwekhanda lakhe. ngiyakweneka inetha lami, abanjwe ogibeni lwami, ngimise ebebele, ngimahlulele khona ngeseqo sakhe ege ngaso kimi. bonke ababalekayo bakhe kuwo onke amaviyo akhe bayakuwa ngenkomba, nabaseleyo bayakuhlakazelwa kuyo imimoya yonke, nazi ukuthi mina jehova-aeiou ngikukhulumile. isho kanje inkosi ujeihova-aeiou, ithi: nami ngiyakuthatha esihlokweni somsedari omude, ngisithale, nginqume emagatsheni amasha aphezulu elithambileyo, ngilitshale entabeni ende ephakemeyo, ngilitshale empakameni yentaba yakwa-israyeli, liveze amatatsha, lithele izithelo, libe ngumsedari omuhle, kuhlale phansi kwamamatsha onke

izinyoni zezinhlobo zonke, zihlale ethunzini lamamatsha alo. yonke imithi yasendle iyakwazi ukuthi mina jehova-aeiou ngiwisile umuthi omude, ngiphakamisile umuthi omfushane; ngomisile umuthi oluhlaza, ngihlumisile umuthi owomileyo. mina jehova-aeiou ngikukhulumile, ngakwenza.

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izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: kuyini kuni ukuba nilinganise ngalesi saga ezweni lakwa-israyeli sokuthi: oyise badlile izithelo zomvini ezimuncu, amazinyo abantwana aba bushelezi, na? kuphila kwami, isho inkosi ujeihova-aeiou, akusayikubakho ukulinganisa ngalesi saga kwa-israyeli. bheka, yonke imiphefumulo ingeyami, umphefumulo kayise njengomphefumulo womntwana; ingeyami; umphefumulo owonayo uyakufa. kepha uma umuntu olungileyo enza ukwahlulela nokulunga, engadli ezintabeni, engaphakamisi amehlo akhe ezithombeni zendlu yakwa-israyeli, engangcolisi umkamakhelwane wakhe, engasondeli kowesifazane ekungcoleni kwakhe; engacindezeli muntu, ebuyisela kotshelekayo isibambiso sakhe, engaphangi nokuphanga, kepha enika abalambileyo isinkwa sakhe, embathisa abanqunu izingubo; enganiki ngenzalo, engamukeli inzuzo, ebuyisa isandla sakhe ebubini, enza ukwahlulela okuqiniseleyo phakathi komuntu nomuntu; ehamba ngezimiso zami, egcina izahlulelo zami ukuba enze iqiniso, ulungile, uyakuphila nokuphila, isho inkosi ujeihova-aeiou. uma ezala indodana engumphangi nomchithi wegazi, ikwenza okunye kwalokho, yena engakwenzanga kodwa: idla ezintabeni, ingcolisa umkamakhelwane wayo, icindezela abampofu nabaswelayo, iphanga nokuphanga, ingabuyisi isibambiso, iphakamisa amehlo ayo ezithombeni, yenza izinengiso; inika ngenzalo, yamukela inzuzo. iyakuphila na? cha, ayiyikuphila. yenzile zonke lezi zinengiso; iyakubulawa nokubulawa, igazi layo libe phezu kwayo. bheka, uma ezala indodana ebona zonke izonzo zikayise azenzileyo, ibone ingenzi njengazo: ingadli ezintabeni, ingaphakamisi amehlo ayo ezithombeni zendlu yakwa-israyeli, ingangcolisi umkamakhelwane wayo; ingacindezeli muntu, ingamukeli isibambiso, ingaphangi nokuphanga, kepha inika abampofu isinkwa sayo, yembathisa abanqunu izingubo. ibuyisa isandla sayo kwabampofu, ingamukeli inzalo nenzuzo, yenza izahlulelo zami, ihamba ngezimiso zami. yona ayiyikufa ngokona kukayise, iyakuphila nokuphila. uyise, ngokuba wacindezela nokucindezela, waphanga nokuphanga umfowabo, wenza okungekuhle phakathi kwabantu bakhe,



bheka, yena uyakufa ngokona kwakhe. kepha nithi: indodana ayithwali ngani ukona kukayise na? indodana isikwenzile ukwahlulela nokulunga, yagcina zonke izimiso zami, yazenxa, iyakuphila nokuphila. umphefumulo owonayo uyakufa; indodana ayiyikuthwala ukona kukayise, uyise angathwali ukona kwendodana; ukulunga kolungileyo kuyakuba phezu kwakhe, nobubi bomubi buyakuba phezu kwakhe. kepha uma omubi ebuya kuzo zonke izono zakhe azenzileyo, agcine zonke izimiso zami, enze ukwahlulela nokulunga, uyakuphila nokuphila; kayikufa. iziphambeko zakhe, nesisodwa asenzileyo asiyikukhunjulewa kuye, aphile ngokulunga akwenzileyo. ngiyenamela nokwenamela ukufa komubi yini, isho inkosi ujejhova-aeiou, kungabi ukuba abuye endleleni yakhe, aphile, na? kepha lapho olungileyo ephenduka ekulungeni kwakhe, enze bona-ra-ukukhandleka, enze zonke izinengiso azenzayo omubi, uyakuphila na? izenzo zakhe ezilungileyo, nesisodwa asenzileyo asiyikukhunjulwa, afele ezeqweni ege ngazo nasezonweni one ngazo. kodwa nithi: indlela yenkosi ayilingani. yizwani nina ndlu yakwa-israyeli: indlela yami ayilingani na? angithi yizindlela zenu ezingalingani na? lapho olungileyo ephenduka ekulungeni kwakhe, enze bona-ra-ukukhandleka, uyakufa ngakho, afe ngenxa ybona-ra-ukukhandleka akwenzileyo. lapho omubi ephenduka ebubini bakhe abenzileyo, enze ukwahlulela nokulunga, uyakusindisa umphefumulo wakhe. ngokuba ebona, abuye ezeqweni zakhe zonke azenzileyo, uyakuphila nokuphila, angafi. kepha indlu yakwa-israyeli ithi: indlela yenkosi ayilingani. wena ndlu yakwa-israyeli, izindlela zami azilingani na? angithi yizindlela zenu ezingalingani na? ngalokho ngiyakunahlelela nina ndlu yakwa-israyeli, kube yilowo nalowo njengezindlela zakhe, isho inkosi ujejhova-aeiou. phendukani, nibuye ezeqweni zenu zonke, ububi bungabi yisikhubekiso senu. lahlani kini zonke izeqo zenu eneqe ngazo, nizenzele inhlizyo entsha nomoya omusha, ngokuba uyakufelani wena ndlu yakwa-israyeli na? ngokuba angenameli ukufa kofayo, isho inkosi ujejhova-aeiou; ngalokho buyani, niphile.

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phakamisa wena isililo ngezikhulu zakwa-israyeli, uthi: unyoko wayeyingonyamakazi enjani phakathi kwezingonyama! yabuthisa phakathi kwamabhongo, yondla amawundlu ayo. yakhulisa elinye lamawundlu ayo, laba yibhongo; lafunda ukubamba impango, ladla abantu. izizwe zezwa ngalo, labanjwa emgodini wazo; zaliyisa ngezinge-

wegwe ezweni lasegibithe. nxa isilindile, yabona ukuthi ithemba layo liphelile; yathatha elinye lamawundlu ayo, yalenxa ibhongo. lahambahamba phakathi kwezingonyama, liyibhongo; lafunda ukubamba impango, ladla abantu. labhidliza izinqaba zabo, lachitha imizi yabo, izwe lachitheka nokugcwala kwalo ngomsindo wokubhonga kwalo. izizwe zase zilihlelela nxazonke, zivela emazweni, zeneka phezu kwalo inetha, labanjwa emgodini wazo. zalifaka endlwaneni evaliweyo ngezinge- wegwe, zaliyisa enkosini yasebabele, zalingenisa ezingabeni ukuba izwi lalo lingabe lisezwakala ezintabeni zakwa-israyeli. unyoko wayenjengomvini, usahlezi ngokuthula, utshalwe ngasemanzini; wawunezithelo namahlumela ngenxa yamanzi amaningi. wawunezingatsha ezinamandla ezaba yizintonga zababusayo; isiqu sawo sasiphakeme phakathi kwamabhunga amaningi, waze wabonakala phezulu phakathi kwamahlumela awo amaningi. kepha wasishulwa ngokufutheka, waphonselwa phansi, umoya wasempumalanga womisa izithelo zawo; isiqu sawo esiqinileyo saphulwa, sabuna, umlilo wasiqeda. manje usutshaliwe ehlane ezweni elishileyo nelomileyo. umlilo uphumile esiqwini sawo, wadla amatagtha awo nezithelo zawo, kwaze kwangabe kusaba khona kuwo igatsha eliqinileyo, nantonga yokubusa. lokhu kuyisililo; makube yisililo.

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kwathi ngomnyaka wesikhombisa, ngenyanga yesihlanu, ngolweshumi lwenyanga kwafika amadoda athile amalunga akwa-israyeli ukuba abuze kujehova-aeiou; ahlala phambi kwami. izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, khuluma emalungeni akwa-israyeli, uthi kuwo: isho kanje inkosi ujejhova-aeiou, ithi: nifike ukubusa kimi na? kuphila kwami, isho inkosi ujejhova-aeiou, angiyikubuzwa yinina. uma ubahlulela, uma ubahlulela, ndodana yomuntu, bazise izinengiso zawoyise, uthi kubo: isho kanje inkosi ujejhova-aeiou, ithi: ngosuku engakhetha ngalo u-israyeli ngaphakamisela inzalo yendlu yakwajakobe isandla sami, ngazazisa kubo ezweni lasegibithe, ngabaphakamisela isandla sami, ngathi: ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu. ngalolo suku ngabaphakamisela isandla sami ukuba ngibakhiphe ezweni lasegibithe, ngibayise ezweni engangibafunele lona, lichichima ubisi nezinyosi, elihle kunawo onke amazwe. ngathi kubo: lahlani, kube yilowo nalowo okuzondekayo kwamehlo akhe, ningazingcolisi ngezithombe zasegibithe. ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu.

kepha bangihlubuka, abangilalelanga, abalahlanga, kwaba yilowo nalowo okuzondekayo kwamehlo akhe, abazishiyanga izithombe zasegibithe; ngase ngithi ngiyakuthulula ukufutheka kwami phezu kwabo, ngifeze intukuthelo yami kubo phakathi kwezwe lasegibithe. ngakwenza ngenxa yegama lami ukuba lingangcoliswa emehlweni ezizwe ababephakathi kwazo, nengazalisa emehlweni azo kubo ngokubakhipha ezweni lasegibithe. ngase ngibakhipha ezweni lasegibithe, ngabangenisa ehlane. ngabanika izimiso zami, ngabazisa izahlulelo zami umuntu ayakuphila ngazo uma ezenza. ngabanika futhi amasabatha ami abe yisibonakaliso phakathi kwami nabo, ukuze bazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou obangcwelisayo. kepha indlu yakwa-israyeli yangihlubuka ehlane; abahambanga ngezimiso zami, balahla izahlulelo zami umuntu ayakuphila ngazo uma ezenza; amasabatha ami bawona kakhulu; ngase ngithi ngiyakuthulula ukufutheka kwami phezu kwabo ehlane ukuba kubaqede. ngakwenza ngenxa yegama lami ukuba lingangcoliswa emehlweni ezizwe engabakhipha emehlweni azo. yebo, ngabaphakamisela isandla sami ehlane ukuba ngingabangenisi ezweni engangibanike lona, lichichima ubisi nezinyosi, elihle kunawo onke amazwe, ngokuba balahla izahlulelo zami, abahambanga ngezimiso zami, bawona amasabatha ami, ngokuba izinhliziyi zabo zalandela izithombe zabo. nokho iso lami labahawukela ukuze bangachithwa, angibaqedanga ngokupheleleyo ehlane. ngathi kubantwana babo ehlane: ningahambi ngezimiso zawoyihlo, ningagcini izahlulelo zabo, ningazingcolisi ngezithombe zabo. ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu: hambani ngezimiso zami, nigcine izahlulelo zami, nizenze, ningcwelise amasabatha ami, abe yisibonakaliso phakathi kwami nani, ukuze nazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu. kepha abantwana bangihlubuka, abahambanga ngezimiso zami, abagcinanga izahlulelo zami ukuba bazenze, umuntu ayakuphila ngazo uma ezenza; bawona amasabatha ami; ngase ngithi ngiyakuthulula ukufutheka kwami phezu kwabo, ngifeze intukuthelo yami kubo ehlane. nokho ngabuyisa isandla sami, ngakwenza ngenxa yegama lami ukuba lingangcoliswa emehlweni ezizwe engabakhipha emehlweni azo. futhi ngabaphakamisela isandla sami ehlane ukuba ngibahlakazele phakathi kwezizwe, ngibasabalisele emazweni, ngenxa yokuba bengenzanga izahlulelo zami, belahla izimiso zami, bewona amasabatha ami, amehlo abo elandela izithombe zawoyise. nami ngabanika izimiso ezazingezinhle nezahlulelo

ababengayikuphila ngazo. ngabangcolisa eminikelweni yabo ngokudabulisa emlilweni konke okuvula izizalo, ukuze ngibachithe, bazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou. ngalokho, ndodana yomuntu, khuluma kuyo indlu yakwa-israyeli, uthi kubo: isho kanje inkosi ujeahova-aeiou, uthi: kulokho oyihlo bangihlambalazile ngokwenza isiphambeko kimi. lapho ngangibangenise ezweni engaphakamisela isandla sami ukubanika lona, bebona amagquma onke aphakemeyo nayo yonke imithi edumbileyo, bese benikela khona ngemihlatshelo yabo, banika khona isicunulo somnikelo wabo, babeka lapho iphunga labo elimnandi, bathulula khona iminikelo yabo yokuphuzwa. ngase ngithi kubo: iyini indawo ephakemeyo eniya kuyo na? lase libizwa igama layo ngokuthi indawo ephakemeyo kuze kube namuhla. ngalokho thana kuyo indlu yakwa-israyeli: isho kanje inkosi ujeahova-aeiou, ithi: niyakuzingcolisa ngendlela yawoyihlo, nilandele ngokuphinga okuzondekayo kwabo, na? ekuletheni iminikelo yenu nasekudabuliseni amadodana enu emlilweni niyazingcolisa ngazo zonke izithombe zenu kuze kube namuhla. mina ngiyakubuzwa yinina, nina ndlu yakwa-israyeli, na? qha, kuphila kwami, isho inkosi ujeahova-aeiou, ngiyakubuzwa yinina. okungenayo ezinhliziyweni zenu akuyikuba khona impela, lokhu enikushoyo ukuthi: siyakuba njengezizwe, njengemindeni yamazwe, ukuba sikhonze umuthi namatshe. kuphila kwami, isho inkosi ujeahova-aeiou, impela ngesandla esinamandla, nangengalo eyeluliweyo, nangokufutheka okuthululiweyo ngiyakuba yinkosi phezu kwenu. ngiyakunikhipha phakathi kwabantu, nginibuthe emazweni lapho nihlakazekele khona ngesandla esinamandla, nangengalo eyeluliweyo, nangokufutheka okuthululiweyo, nginiyise ehlane labantu, ngahlulelane nani khona ubuso nobuso. njengalokho ngahlulelana nawoyihlo ehlane lezwe lasegibithe, kanjalo ngiyakwahlulelana nani, isho inkosi ujeahova-aeiou. ngiyakunidlulisa phansi kwentonga, nginingenise phansi kwesibopho sesivumelwano, ngihlunge kini abahlubuki nabeqayo kimi, ngibakhiphe ezweni lapho begogobele khona, bangangeni ezweni lakwa-israyeli kodwa, nazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou. nina ndlu yakwa-israyeli, isho kanje inkosi ujeahova-aeiou, ithi: hambani nikhonze, kube yilowo isithombe sakhe, kepha impela ngasemuva niyakungilalela, ningabe nisalingcolisa igama lami elingcwelise ngeminikelo yenu nangezithombe zenu. ngokuba entabeni yami engcwele, empakameni yentaba yakwa-israyeli, isho inkosi ujeahova-aeiou, indlu yonke yakwa-israyeli, yonke yayo, iyakungikhonza ezweni; ngiyakubamukela

khona, ngibize iminikelo yenu, nolibo lweminikelo yenu, nako konke okungcwele kwenu. ngephunga elimnandi ngiyakunamukela, lapho nginikhipha kubantu, nginibuthe emazweni lapho nihlakazekele khona, ngingcweliswe kini emehlweni ezizwe. niyakwazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou, lapho ngingeningisa ezweni lakwa-israyeli, izwe engaliphakamisela isandla sami ukuba ngilinike oyihlo. niyakukhum-bula khona izindlela zenu, nazo zonke izenzo zenu enizingcolise ngazo, ningengeke emehlweni enu ngakho konke bona-ra-ukukhandleka enikwenzileyo. niyakwazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou, lapho ngisebenza kini ngokwegama lami kungen-gokwezindlela zenu ezimbi nezenzo zenu ezonakeleyo nina ndlu yakwa-israyeli, isho inkosi uje-hova-aeiou. izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, bhekisa ubuso bakho ngaseningizimu, izwi liconsele ngenzansi, uprofethe ngehlati lasendle eningizimu, uthi kulo ihlati laseningizimu: yizwa izwi likajehova-aeiou elithi: isho kanje inkosi uje-hova-aeiou, ithi: bheka, ngiyakuphemba umlilo kuwe, ude yonke imithi eluhlaza kuwe nayo yonke imithi eyomileyo, ilangabi elivuthayo lingacimeki, kuhwamuke ngalo bonke ubuso kusukela eningizimu kuye enyakatho. inyama yonke iyakubona ukuthi mina jehova-aeiou ngi-wuphembile, awuyikucimeka. ngathi: awu, nkosi jehova-aeiou! bathi ngami: asithi uyalinganisa ngezaga na?

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izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, bhekisa ubuso bakho ngasejerusalema, izwi lakho liconsele ngasezindaweni ezingcwele, uprofethe ngezwe lakwa-israyeli, uthi kulo izwe lakwa-israyeli: usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou, uthi: bheka, ngimelene nawe; ngiyakuhosha inkemba yami emgodleni wayo, nginqume abalungileyo nababi. ngenxa yokuba ngiyakunquma kuwe abalungileyo nababi, ngalokho inkemba yami iyakuphuma emgodleni wayo, iphumele inyama yonke kusukela eningizimu kuye enyakatho. yonke inyama iyakwazi ukuthi mina jehova-aeiou ngihoshile inkemba emgodleni wayo, ayisayikubuya. kepha wena ndodana yomuntu, bubula, ububule ngomunyu emehlweni abo ngokwaphuka kokhalo lwakho. kuyakuthi lapho besho kuwe ukuthi: ububulelani wena na? uthi: ngenxa yombiko, ngokuba lapho ufika, izinhliziyi zonke ziyakuphela amandla, izandla zonke zidangale, kuhlwe emimoyeni yonke, amadolo onke abe buthakathaka njengamanzi. bheka, kuyeza, futhi kuyakwenzeka, isho inkosi uje-hova-aeiou. :7 hez. 7:17. izwi likajehova-aeiou

lafika kimi, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, profetha uthi: isho kanje inkosi, ithi: thana: inkemba, inkemba iloliwe, futhi iphucuziwe. ilolelwe ukubulala nokubulala, iphucuziwe ukuba ibe njengonyazi. besiyakujabula na? le ntonga, ndodana yami, idelela konke okomuthi. uyinikele ukuphucuzwa ukuba ibanjwe ngesandla; yebo, isiloliwe inkemba, isiphucuziwe ukuba inikelwe esandleni sombulali. khala, uhewule, ndodana yomuntu, ngokuba iyakuba phezu kwabantu bami, ibe phezu kwazo zonke izikhulu zakwa-israyeli, zinikelwe enkembeni kanye nabantu bami; ngalokho shaya ithanga lakho. sekuyalingwa; kunjani uma intonga edelela manje ayisayikubakho na? isho inkosi uje-hova-aeiou. wena ndodana yomuntu, profetha, ushanyise izandla, inkemba iphindwe kathathu, ibe ngeyababulawayo nenkemba yokubulawa komkhulu, ibahaqe. ukuba izinhliziyi zabo ziphele amandla, nezikhubekiso zabo zande, ngiyakubeka inkemba ekhazimulayo kuwo onke amasango abo; awu, yenziwe njengonyazi, ihoshelwe ukubulala! nquma ngakwesokunene, usukele ngakwesokohlo, lapho ubuso bakho bubheka khona. ngiyakushanyisa izandla zami, ngiphumuze ukufutheka kwami; mina jehova-aeiou ngikhulumile. izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: wena ndodana yomuntu, zibekele izindlela ezimbili zokufika kwenkemba yenkosi yasebabele, zombili ziphume ezweni linye, wenze isiqondiso sendlela, usibeke engosini yezindlela zomuzi. misa indlela yokufika kwenkemba eraba labantwana bakwamoni nakwajuda ejerusalema elibeliweyo. ngokuba inkosi yasebabele isimi egumbini lezindlela engosini yezindlela zombili ukuba ibhule; ixhakazisa imicibisholo, ibuza amatherafi, ibheka esibindini. kwesokunene sayo kukhona inkatho ijerusalema ukuba kubekwe izinqama zokungqubuza, kuvulwe umlomo ngokumemeza, kuphakanyiswe izwi ngokukhala, ukuze kubekwe izinqama zokungqubuza emasangweni, kunqwatshelwe amaduli, kwakhiwe izinqaba. kukubo njengokubhula kwamanga emehlweni abo, njengalokhu bekhona abafunge izifungo kubo. kepha iyakhumbuzwa ukona, ukuze babanjwe. ngalokho isho kanje inkosi uje-hova-aeiou, ithi: ngokuba nikhumbuzile ukona kwenu ekwambulweni kwezezo zenu, ukuze izono zenu zibonakale kuzo zonke izenzo zenu, yebo, ngokuba senikhunjulwa, niyakubanjwa ngesandla. wena sikhulu sakwa-israyeli, shinga elibulawayo, elilusuku lwakho lafika ngesikhathi sokuphela kobubi, isho kanje inkosi uje-hova-aeiou, ithi: susa isigqoko, wethule umqhele; lokhu akuyikuba yikho; phakamisa okuthobekileyo, uthobise okuphakemeyo. kuyakugumbuqelwa, kugumbuqelwe, kugumbuqelwe yimi;

nalokhu akuyikuba khona, aze afike yena omfanelo ingeyakhe, ngimnike khona. wena ndodana yomuntu, profetha uthi: isho kanje inkosi ulezi-ku ngabantwana bakwamoni nangehlazo labo, ithi: thana wena: inkemba, inkemba ihoshiwe, iphucuzelwe ukubulala nokuqothula, ibe njengonyazi, besakubonisa amanga, bekubhulela inkohliso yokuthi uyakubekwa ezintanyeni zababi ababulawayo, abalusuku lwabo lufika ngesikhathi sokuphela kbona-ra-ukukhandleka. mayibuyiselwe emgodleni. endaweni lapho wadalwa khona, ezweni lokudabuka kwakho, lapho ngiyakukwahlulela khona. ngiyakuthulula phezu kwakho intukuthelo yami, ngikufuthe ngomlilo wolaka lwami, ngikunikele ezandleni zabantu abanonya, abayizingcweti zokuchitha. uyakuba ngukudla komlilo, igazi lakho libe phakathi kwezwe; awusayikuhunjulwa, ngokuba mina jehova-aeiou ngikhulumile.

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izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: wena ndodana yomuntu uyakuwahlulela, uyakuwahlulela umuzi wegazi na? uyakuwazisa-ke zonke izinengiso zawo, uthi: isho kanje inkosi ujeihova-aeiou, ithi: wena muzi ochitha igazi phakathi kwakho, ukuze isikhathi sakho sifike, nowenza izithombe kuwe ukuzingcolisa, ngegazi olichithileyo unecala, nangezithombe zakho ozenzileyo ungcolile; usondezile izinsuku zakho, ufikile eminyakeni yakho; ngalokho ngikwenzile ihlazo ezizweni nenhleliso emazweni onke. abaseduze nabakude nawe bayakukuhleka wena onegama elingcolileyo, ogcwele isiphithiphithi. bheka, izikhulu zakwa-israyeli, kwaba yileso naleso njengamandla aso, zaziphakathi kwakho ukuchitha igazi. bathukile kuwe uyise nonina, bacindezela abezizwe phakathi kwakho, bona phakathi kwakho zintandane nabafelokazi. okungcwele kwami ukudelele, wawona amasabatha ami. abantu abahlebayo babekuwe ukuchitha igazi, badla kuwe ezintabeni, benza ubufebe phakathi kwakho. bahlubulile kuwe ubununu bukayise, bamona yena owayahlukene ekungcoleni kwakhe. omunye wenzile isinengiso nomkamakhelwane wakhe; omunye ungcolisile ngobufebe umalokazana wakhe; omunye wonile phakathi kwakho udadewabo, indokazi kayise. bamukele imivuzo phakathi kwakho ukuba bachithe igazi; wena uthathe inzalo nenzuzo, waphanga abakhelwane bakho ngokubacindezela, wangikohlwa mina, isho inkosi ujeihova-aeiou. bheka, ngishayile isandla sami ngokuphanga kwakho okwenzileyo nangenxa yegazi lakho elaliphakathi kwakho. inhliziyi yakho iyakuma yini, izandla zakho ziqine ezin-

sukwini engiyakuphathana nawe ngazo, na? mina jehova-aeiou ngikhulumile, ngiyakukwenza. ngiyakukuhlakazela ezizweni, ngikusabalalisele emazweni, ngiqede ukungcola kwakho kuwe. uyakungcoliswa phakathi kwakho emehlweni ezizwe; uyakwazi ukuthi ngingujeihova-aeiou. izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, indlu yakwa-israyeli isingamanyela kimi; bonke babo bayithusi nethini nensimbi nomthofu phakathi kwesithando; bangamanyela esiliva. ngalokho isho kanje inkosi ujeihova-aeiou, ithi: ngenxa yokuba seningamanyela nonke, ngalokho bhekani, ngiyakunibuthela phakathi kwejerusalem. njengokuqoqwa kwesiliva nethusi nensimbi nomthofu nethini phakathi kwesithando ukuba kufuthwe umlilo phezu kwakho ukukuncibilikisa, kanjalo ngiyakunibutha ngentukuthelo yami nangokufutheka kwami, nginibeke khona, nginincibilikise. yebo, ngiyakunibutha, nginifuthe ngomlilo wentukuthelo yami, nincibilikise phakathi kwawo. njengokuncibilikiswa kwesiliva phakathi kwesithando, kanjalo niyakuncibilikiswa phakathi kwaso, nazi ukuthi mina jehova-aeiou ngithulule ukufutheka kwami phezu kwenu. izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, yisho kuwo ukuthi: uyizwe elingahlanjululwanga, elinganelwanga ngosuku lokufutheka. kukhona uzungu lwabaprofethi bawo phakathi kwawo njengengonyama ebhongayo edwengula impango; badlile imiphefumulo, bathatha ingcebo nokuyigugu; benzile abafelokazi babo babe baningi phakathi kwawo. abapristi bawo badlovile umthetho wami; bangcolisile izinto zami ezingcwele, abahlukanisanga okungcwele nokuyichilo, abafundisanga abantu ukwahlukanisa okungcolileyo nokuhlambulukileyo, bafihlele amasabatha ami amehlo abo; sengidumazekile phakathi kwabo. izikhulu zawo phakathi kwawo zinjengezimpi ezidwengula impango ukuchitha igazi nokuqeda imiphefumulo ukuba ziphange nokuphanga. abaprofethi bawo babanamekele ngodaka olungavuthiwe, bebona okuyize, bebabhulela amanga, bethi: isho kanje inkosi ujeihova-aeiou, noma ujeihova-aeiou engakhumanga. abantu bezwe bacindezele nokucindezela, baphangile nokuphanga, yebo, bakhathazile abampofu nabaswelayo, bacindezele abafokazi ngokungengamthetho. ngafuna kubo umuntu wbona-ra-ukukhandlekaya uthango, eme esikhaleni ngaphambi kwami ngenxa yezwe ukuba ngingalichithi, kepha angimfumananga. ngase ngithulula ukufutheka kwami phezu kwabo; ngibaqedile ngomlilo wentukuthelo yami, ngehlisela indlela yabo phezu kwamakhanda abo, isho inkosi ujeihova-aeiou.

izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, kwakukhona abesifazane ababili, amadodakazi omfazi munye. babefeba egibithe, bafeba ebusheni babo; bapotozwa khona amabele abo, zacindezelwa khona izingono zobuntombi babo. amagama abo ayengu-ohola, omkhulu, no-oholiba udadewabo; baba ngabami, bazala amadodana namadodakazi. amagama abo: isamariya lingu-ohola, nejerusalema lingu-oholiba. u-ohola wafeba esengowami, wakanukela izithandwa zakhe, abase-asiriya, abakhelwane bakhe, ababembethe okuluhlaza, izinduna nababusi, izinsizwa ezinxanelekayo zonke, izinkweli ezikhwele amahhashi. wabanika ubufebe bakhe, bengamadoda akhethekileyo ase-asiriya; bonke abakanukelayo, wangcoliswa ngazo zonke izithombe zabo. kepha akashiyanga ubufebe bakhe basegibithe, ngokuba balala naye ebusheni bakhe, bacindezela izingono zobuntombi bakhe, bathulula ubufebe babo phezu kwakhe. ngalokho ngamnikela esandleni sezithandwa zakhe, isandla sabase-asiriya abakanukelayo. bona bambula ubunqunu bakhe, bathatha amadodana akhe namadodakazi akhe; yena bambulala ngenkamba, waba yisaga phakathi kwabesifazane, laphe kwenziwa ukwahlulelwa kuye. udadewabo u-oholiba wakubona, kepha wonakala ekukhanukeni kwakhe kunaye, nasebufebeni bakhe obadlula ubufebe bukadadewabo. wakanukela abase-asiriya, izinduna nababusi, abakhelwane, ababembethe kahle kakhulu, beyizinkweli ezikhwele amahhashi, zonke ziyizinsizwa ezinxanelekayo. ngabona ukuthi wangcoliswa; bobabili bahamba ngandlelanye. wengezela ebufebeni bakhe, ngokuba wabona amadoda ayedwetshwe odongeni, imifanekiso yamakaledi eyayilotshe ngebomvu, ebhince amabhande okhalweni lwawo, enemishuqulo ebanzi emakhanda, onke ebonakala njengezikhulu ngokwesimo sabasebabele ababezwe ezweni lasekalideya. ekubaboneni kwamehlo akhe wabakanukela, wathuma kubo izithunywa ekalideya. amadodana asebabele afika kuye embhedeni wothando, amngcolisa ngobufebe bawo; esengcolisiwe yiwo umphefumulo wakhe wahlukana nawo. wambula ubufebe bakhe, wambula ubunqunu bakhe, wase wahlukana naye umphefumulo wami, njengalokho umphefumulo wami wahlukana nodadewabo. kepha wandisa ubufebe bakhe, ekhumbula izinsuku zobusha bakhe afebe ngazo ezweni lasegibithe. wakanukela amashende akhona, anyama yawo injengeniyama yezimbongolo, namaphambili awo anjengawamahhashi. walangazelela ukukhanuka

kobusha bakho ekucindezelweni kwezingono zakho ngabasegibithe ngenxa yobusha bamabele akho. ngalokho-ke, oholiba, isho kanje inkosi ujeheva-aeiou, ithi: bheka, ngiyakukuvusela izithandwa zakho, umphefumulo wakho osahlukene nazo, ngiziyise kuwe nxazonke, abasebabele, nawo onke amakaledi, iphekodi, neshowa, nekhowa, nabo bonke abase-asiriya kanye nabo, izinsizwa ezinxanelekayo, izinduna, nababusi, nabakhulu, nezikhulu, nabadumileyo, bonke bekhwele amahhashi. bayakufika kuwe benezikhali, nezingqola, nokunamasondo, nesixuku sabantu, bazihlelele wena benamahawu, nezihlangu, nezizigqoko nxazonke, nginikele kubo ukwahlulela, bakwahlulele njengezihlulelo zabo. ngiyakubeka kuwe umhawu wami, bakuphathe ngokufutheka, basuse ikhala lakho nezindlebe zakho, abaseleyo bakho bawe ngenkamba; bayakuthatha amadodana akho amadodakazi akho, abaseleyo bakho badliwe ngumilo. bayakukuhlubula izingubo zakho, basuse izivunulo zakho ezinhle. ngiyakuqeda kuwe ukukhanuka kwakho nobufebe bakho basezweni lasegibithe, ungabe usaphakamisa amehlo akho kubo, ungabe usalikhumbula igibithe. ngokuba isho kanje inkosi ujeheva-aeiou, ithi: bheka, ngiyakunikela esandleni sabo obazon-dayo, esandleni sabo umphefumulo wakho owahlukene nabo, bakuphathe ngenzondo, basuse yonke inzuzo yakho, bakushiye uze, unqunu, kwambulwe ubunqunu bobufebe bakho, kanye nokungcola kwakho nobufebe bakho. lokhu kuyakwenziwa kuwe ngokuba ulandele abezizwe ngokufeba, wangcoliswa ngezithombe zabo. uhambele ngendlela kadadewenu; ngalokho ngiyakunikela indebe yakhe esandleni sakho. isho kanje inkosi ujeheva-aeiou, ithi: uyakuphuza indebe kadadewenu ejulileyo, ebanzi, ube yinhlekiso nosulu; ifumbethe okuningi. uyakugcwaliswa ngokudakwa nosizi: ngen-debe yesimangaliso nencyithakalo, indebe kadadewenu isamariya. uyakuyiphuza, uyikhame, ugedle izindengezi zayo, uklebhule amabele akho, ngokuba mina ngikukhulumile, isho inkosi ujeheva-aeiou. ngalokho isho kanje inkosi ujeheva-aeiou, ithi: ngokuba ungikhohliwe, wangilahla nyovane, uyakuthwala ukungcola kwakho nobufebe bakho. wayesethi ujeheva-aeiou kimi: ndodana yomuntu, uyakwahlulela ohola no-oholiba na? batshela-ke izinengiso zabo. ngokuba baphingile, negazi lisezandleni zabo; baphingile nezithombe zabo, badabulise emliweni amadodana abo abangizalela wona, abe ngukudla kwazo. futhi benza lokhu kimi: ngalona lolu suku abangcolisa ngalo indlu yami engcwele bawona namasabatha ami. ekubulaleleni kwabo izithombe zabo amadodana

abo bangena, ngalona lolo suku, endlini yami engcwele ukuyingcolisa. bheka, benza kanjalo phakathi kwendlu yami. futhi nithumele amadoda avela kude, okwathunywa kuwo isithunywa; bheka, afika; wazihlanzela wona, wawagqabela amehlo akho, wazivunulisa ngezivunulo, wahlala embhedeni omuhle, itafula elilungisiweyo liphambi kwawo, owabeka kulo impepho yami namafutha ami. umsindo wesixuku esihlezi kahle wawulapho; kwangeniswa kanye nabantukazana izidakwa zasehlane; bafaka amasongo ezandleni zabo nemiqhele emihle emakhanda abo. ngase ngithi ngaye ophelile ekufebeni: impela bayakufeba naye, yebo, naye, na? bangena kuye njengalokhu kungenwa esifebeni; bangena kanjalo ko-ohola no-oholiba, abesifazane abakhanukayo. abantu abalungileyo bayakubahlulela ngokwahlulelwa kweziphingikazi nangokwahlulelwa kwabesifazane abachitha igazi, ngokuba bayiziphingikazi, negazi lisezandleni zabo. ngokuba isho kanje inkosi ujhova-aeiou, ithi: ngiyakubenyusela isixuku, ngibanikele ukuba babe yingebhe nempango. isixuku siyakubakhanda ngamatshesibahlahlele ngezinkemba zaso, sibulale amadodana abo namadodakazi abo, sishise izindlu zabo ngomlilo. ngiyakuqeda ukukhanuka ezweni, baxwayiswe bonke abesifazane ukuba bangenzi njengokukhanuka kwenu. bayakwehlisela ukukhanuka kwenu phezu kwenu, nithwale izono zezithombe zenu, nazi ukuthi ngiyinkosi ujhova-aeiou.

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izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi ngomnyaka wesishiyagalolunye, ngenyanga yeshumi ngolweshumi lwenyanga, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, zilobe igama losuku, lona lolo suku; inkosi yasebabele ihlasele ijerusalema ngalolu suku. fanekisa ngomfanekiso kuyo indlu ehlobukayo, uthi kubo: isho kanje inkosi ujhova-aeiou, ithi: beka ikhanzi, libeke, uthlele amanzi kulo, uqoqele kulo izinqamu zalo, zonke izinqamu ezinhle, ithanga nehlobo, uligcwalise ngamathambo akhethekileyo. thatha okukhethekileyo komhlambi, ubungele izinkuni phansi kwalo, ulibilise nokulibilisa, kuphekwe namathambo phakathi kwalo. ngalokho isho kanje inkosi ujhova-aeiou, ithi: maye kumuzi wezingazi, kulo ikhanzi elinokugqwala, nokugqwala kwalo kungaphumanga kulo! khipha kulo izinqamu ngezinqamu; alidliwanga yinkatho. ngokuba izingazi zawo ziphakathi kwawo; wazibeka edwaleni eliyinyabule; akazithelanga emhlabathini ukuzisibekela ngothuli. ukuze kuvuswe ukufutheka kube yimpindiselo, ngabeka izingazi zawo edwaleni

eliyinyabule ukuba zingasitshekelwa. ngalokho isho kanje inkosi ujhova-aeiou, ithi: maye kumuzi wezingazi! nami ngiyakwandisa ukubungela izinkuni. fumbela izinkuni, ukhwezele umlilo, uqede inyama, wome umhluzi, amathambo ashiswe. besewulibeka emalahleni awo lingenalutho, ukuze lishise, kushe ithubo lalo, kuncibilikiswe ukungcola kwalo phakathi kwalo ukuba kuqedwe ukugqwala kwalo. ngizikhathazile ngeze, nokho ukugqwala kwalo okuningi akuphumanga kulo; ukugqwala kwalo kumelwe kube semlilweni. ngokungcola kobufebe bakho nangokuba ngikuhlambululelanganjanjululwanga kodwa awusayikuhlunjululwa ekungcoleni kwakho, ngize nganelise ukufutheka kwami kuwe. mina jehova-aeiou ngikukhulumele; kuyakwenzeka, ngiyakukwenza; angiyikukwela, angiyikuhawukela, angiyikuzisola; bayakukwahlulela njengezindlela zakho nezenzo zakho, isho inkosi ujhova-aeiou. izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, bheka, ngiyasusa okunxanelekayo emehlweni akho ngesishayo, kepha awuyikudabuka, awuyikukhala, nezinyembezi aziyikwehla. bubula, uthule; ungenzi isililo sabafuleyo, uzibophele isigqoko sakho, ufake izicathulo zakho ezinyaweni zakho, ungambozi amadevu akho, ungadli isinkwa sabantu. ngase ngikhuluma kubantu ekuseni; kushlwa wafa umkami; kusasa ngenza njengalokho ngiyaliwe. abantu bathi kimi: ungesitshele yini ukuthi lezi zinto ziyini kithina, njengokuba wenze njalo, na? ngathi kubo: izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: yisho kuyo indlu yakwa-israyeli, uthi: isho kanje inkosi ujhova-aeiou, ithi: bheka, ngiyakuyingcolisa indlu yami engcwele, ukuziqhenya kwamandla enu, okunxanelekayo emehlweni enu, okuhawukelwa ngumphefumulo wenu; amadodakazi enu eniwashiyile ayakuwa ngenkemba. niyakwenza njengami: aniyikumboza amadevu enu, ningadli isinkwa sabantu. izigqoko zenu ziyakuba semakhanda enu nezicathulo ezinyaweni zenu; aniyikudabuka, ningakhali, kepha niyakonda ebubini benu, nibubulelane omunye nomunye. uhezekile uyakuba yisibonakaliso kini; niyakwenza njengakho konke ukwenza kwakhe; lapho kufikile lokhu, niyakwazi ukuthi ngiyinkosi ujhova-aeiou. wena ndodana yomuntu, angithi kuyakwenzeka mhla ngisusa inqaba yabo, intokozo nobuhle babo, okunxanelekayo emehlweni abo, nababeke umphefumulo wabo kukho, amadodana abo namadodakazi abo, ngalolo suku obalekayo uyakufika kuwe, akuzwise lokhu ngezindlebe zakho, na? ngalolo suku umlomo wakho uyakuvulwa kobalekileyo; wena uyakukhuluma, ungabe usaba yisimungulu; uyakuba yisibonakaliso

kubo, bazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou.

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izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, bhekisa ubuso bakho kwabakwa-amoni, uprofethe ngabo, uthi kubantwana bakwa-amoni: zwanini izwi lenkosi ujeahova-aeiou; isho kanje inkosi ujeahova-aeiou, ithi: ngokuba wathi ashila ngendlu yami engcwele lapho yangcoliswa, nangezwe lapho lachithwa, nangendlu yakwajuda lapho beya ekuthunjweni, bheka, ngalokho ngiyakukunikela kwabasempumalanga, ube yifa labo, bamise amakamu abo phakathi kwakho, babeke amakhaya abo kuwe, badle isithelo sakho, baphuze ubisi lwakho. ngiyakwenza iraba libe yindawo yokuhlala amakamela, abantwana bakwa-amoni babe yindawo yokubuthisa kwezimvu, nazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou. ngokuba isho kanje inkosi ujeahova-aeiou, ithi: ngokuba ushaye ihlombe, wadubhuza ngezinyawo, wathokozela izwe lakwa-israyeli ngawo onke amafundululu akho emphefumulweni, bheka, ngalokho ngiyakwelulela isandla sami kuwe, ngikunikele ukuba ube yimpango yezizwe, ngikunqume kubantu, ngikuchithe emazweni, ngikuqothule, wazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou. isho kanje inkosi ujeahova-aeiou, ithi: ngenxa yokuba omowabi noseyiri besho ukuthi: bheka, indlu yakwajuda injengazo zonke izizwe, bheka, ngalokho ngiyakuvula umthambeka kamowabi angabe esaba nemizi, kusukela emizini yasemikhawulweni, ubukhosi bezwe: ibeti jeshimoti, nebali mehani, nekiri-atayimi, ngiwunike abasempumalanga kanye nabantwana bakwa-amoni, ube yifa labo, ukuze abantwana bakwa-amoni bangabe besakhunjulwa phakathi kwezizwe, ngenze ukwahlulela kumowabi, bazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou. isho kanje inkosi ujeahova-aeiou, ithi: ngenxa yokuba u-edomi ephathe indlu yakwajuda ngokuphindisela, wacunula nokucunula, waziphindisela kubo, ngalokho isho kanje inkosi ujeahova-aeiou, ithi: ngiyakwelulela isandla sami ku-edomi, nginqume kuye abantu nezilwane, ngimenze ize kusukela ethemani, bawe ngenkemba kuze kube sededani. ngiyakubeka impindiselo yami phezu kuka-edomi ngesandla sabantu bami u-israyeli, benze kwa-edomi njengentukuthelo yami nokufutheka kwami, bazi impindiselo yami, isho inkosi ujeahova-aeiou. isho kanje inkosi ujeahova-aeiou, ithi: ngenxa yokuba amafilisti enze impindiselo, ephindisele nokuphindisela ngamafundululu emphefumulweni ukuchitha ngobutha obungapheliyo, ngalokho isho kanje inkosi ujeahova-aeiou, ithi: bheka, ngiyakwelulela isandla sami kumafilisti, nginqume amakhereti, ngichithe insali ya-

sogwini lolwandle. ngiyakwenza impindiselo enkulu kubo ngezizejiso ezifuthayo, bazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou, lapho ngibeka impindiselo yami kubo.

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kwathi ngomnyaka weshumi nanye ngolokuqala lwenyanga izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, ngenxa yokuba itire lishilo ngejerusalem ukuthi: ashila; laphukile ebe liyisango labantu; seliphendukele kimi; ngiyakugcwala lapho selichithekile, ngalokho isho kanje inkosi ujeahova-aeiou, ithi: bheka, ngiphezu kwakho, tire; ngiyakwenyusela kuwe izizwe eziningi njengolwandle lukhuphula amaza alo. ziyakuchitha izingange zasethire, zibhidlize imibhoshongo yalo; ngiyakukhukhuza umhlabathi walo kulo, ngilenze idwala eliyinyabule. liyakuba yindawo yokweneka amanetha phakathi kolwandle, ngokuba mina ngikukhulumile, isho inkosi ujeahova-aeiou; liyakuba yimpango yezizwe. amadodakazi alo asendle ayakubulawa ngenkemba, bazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou. ngokuba isho kanje inkosi ujeahova-aeiou, ithi: bheka, ngiyakuyisa etire nebukadinesari inkosi yasebabele, evela enyakatho, eyinkosi yamakhosi, enamahhashi, nezinqola, nabamahhashi, nesixuku sabantu abaningi. uyakubulala amadodakazi akho endle ngenkemba, enze inqaba ngakuwe, akunqwabele iduli, akumisele ihawu. uyakubekisa izinqama zakhe zokungqubuza ezingangeni zakho, abhidlize imibhoshongo yakho ngamazembe akhe. ngenxa yobuningi bamahhashi akhe ibhuqu lawo liyakukusibekela, izingange zakho zizamazame ngomdumo wabamahhashi, nowokunamasondo, nowezinqola, lapho engena esangweni lakho njengalokhu kungenwa emzini ofohliweyo. ngezinselo zamahhashi akhe uyakunyathela zonke izitaladi zakho, abulale abantu bakho ngenkemba, kuwe phansi izinsika zemandla akho. bayakuphanga imfuyo yakho, bagcugce impahla yakho ethengisiwayo, babhidlize izingange zakho, badilize izindlu zakho ezinhle, babeke amatshe akho nemithi yakho nesihlabathi sakho phakathi kwamanzi. ngiyakwenza ukuba isho sezihlabelelo zakho siphele, nezwi lamahabhu akho alisayikuzwakala. ngiyakukwenza idwala eliyinyabule, ube yindawo yokweneka amanetha; awusayikwahiwa, ngokuba mina jehova-aeiou ngikukhulumile, isho inkosi ujeahova-aeiou. isho kanje inkosi ujeahova-aeiou kulo itire, ithi: ngomdumo wokuwa kwakho, lapho abagwaziweyo bebubula nabafayo bebulawa phakathi kwakho, iziqhingi ziyakuzamazama. zonke izikhulu zolwandle ziyakwehla ezihlalweni

zazo zobukhosi, zikhumule izingubo zazo, zihlubule izambatho zazo ezifekethisiweyo, zembathe ukuthuthumela, zihlale emhlabathini, zithuthumele njalonzalo, zimangale ngawe. ziyakwenza isililisele ngawe, zithi kuwe: yeka ukuchitheka kwakho, wena owahlalwa ngabasolwandle, muzi odumileyo, owawunamandla olwandle, wena nabakhileyo kuwe, owenza ukuba besatshwe bonke abakhileyo kuwe. manje iziqhingi ziyakuzamazama ngosuku lokuwa kwakho; iziqhingi ezisolwandle ziyakuphela amandla ngokumuka kwakho. ngokuba isho kanje inkosi ujuhova-aeiou, ithi: lapho ngiyakukwenza umuzi ochithekileyo njengemizi engahlalwayo, nalapho ngiyakukhuphulela utwa phezu kwakho, amanzi amaningi akusibekele, ngiyakukwehlisa nabelela egodini, kubantu basendulo, ngikuhlalise ekujuleni komhlaba kanye nabelela egodini njengasezindaweni ezichithekileyo kwasendulo, ukuze ungahlalwa, ngisabeka udumo ezweni labaphilayo. ngiyakukwenza incithakalo, ungabe usabakho; uyakufunwa, kepha awusayikufunyanwa kuze kube phakade, isho inkosi ujuhova-aeiou.

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izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: wena ndodana yomuntu, yenza isililisele ngetire, utwi kulo itire: wena ohlala ekungeneni kowlwandle, ongumthengi wabantu eziqhingini eziningi, inkosi ujuhova-aeiou isho kanje, ithi: tire, wena ushilo ukuthi: ngiphelele ebuhleni. imikhawulo yakho isenhliziweni yolwandle; abakhi bakho baphelelisile ubuhle bakho. ngemisayipuresi yaseseniri benzile onke amapulungwe akho; balandile umsedari elebanoni ukwenza insika yakho. ngama-oki asebashani benzile amaphini akho; indeki yakho bayenzile ngophondo lwendlovu, lufakelwe emthini womkhoba ovela eziqhingini zasekitimi. ilineni elicolekileyo elifekethisiweyo elivela egibithe lalinguseyili wakho, laze laba yibhanela kuwe; isimbozo sakho sasiluhlaza sibubende, sivela eziqhingini zase-elisha. abakhileyo esidoni nase-arvadi babe ngabagwedli bakho; izihlakaniphi zakho, tire, zazikuwe, zazingabashayeli bakho. amalunga asegebaleni nezihlakaniphi zalo babe ngabavimbi zimfa bakho kuwe. yonke imikhumbi yaselwandle namatilos ayo babe kuwe ukuba bathengise ngempahla yakho. abasepheresiya nolude nophuthi babe sempini yakho, amadoda empi yakho; baphanyeka izihlangu nezigqoko kuwe; baveza ubuhle bakho. abantu base-arvadi kanye nempi yakho babe sezingangeni zakho nxazonke, nabasegamadi babe semibhoshongweni yakho; baphanyeka izihlangu zabo ezingangeni zakho nxazonke;

baphelelisa ubuhle bakho. itharishishi lalingumthengi wakho ngenxa yobuningi bayo yonke ingcebo yakho; benana impahla yakho ngesiliva nangensimbi nangethini nangomthofu. ijavani nothubali nomesheke bona babe ngabathengi bakho, benana abantu boqobo nezitsha zethusi ngempahla yakho. abendlu yasethogarma benana impahla yakho ngamahhashi nangamahhashi empi nangeminyuzi. abantu basededani babe ngabathengi bakho, iziqhingi eziningi zaziyizindawo zokuthengela zesandla sakho; babuyisela kuwe uphondo lwendlovu ne-eboni, kwaba yisipho sakho. i-aramu lalingumthengi wakho ngenxa yobuningi bemisebenzi yakho; benana impahla yakho ngama-emeralidu, nangokububende, nangokufekethisiweyo, nangeleni elicolekileyo, nangekorali, nangamarubi. ujuda nezwe lakwa-israyeli babe ngabathengi bakho; benana impahla yakho ngokolweni waseminiti, nangawojeqe, nangezinoyosi, nangamafutha, nangebhalisamu. idamaseku lalingumthengi wakho ngenxa yobuningi bemisebenzi yakho, ngobuningi bayo yonke ingcebo, linewayini lasehlebboni noboya obumhlophe bezimvu. ivedani nejavani enana impahla yakho ngotwayibana; insimbi ekhandiweyo, nekasiya, nomhlanga kwakuphakathi kwempahla yakho. idedani lalingumthengi wakho ngezindwangu ezinhle zokugibela. i-arabiya nazo zonke izikhulu zasekedari zazingabathengi besandla sakho; zazingabathengi bakho ngamawundlu, nangezinqama, nangezimpongo. abathengi basesheba naserama babe ngabathengi bakho, benana impahla yakho ngawo onke amakha aphambili, nangawo onke amatshane anqabileyo, nangegolide. iharana nekhane ne-edene, abathengi basesheba, ne-asiriya, nekilimadi babe ngabathengi bakho. bona babe ngabathengi bakho ngempahla enhle, ngezambatho eziluhlaza nezifekethisiweyo, nangezindwangu ezimibalabala, nangezintambo ezalukiweyo eziqinileyo, ezindaweni zakho zokuthengela. imikhumbi yasetharishishi yayihambisa impahla yakho. wagcwaliswa, wadunyiswa kakhulu enhliziyweni yolwandle. abagwedli bakho bakuyisa emanzi amaningi; umoya wasempumalanga wawusukwaphula usenhliziweni yolwandle. ingcebo yakho, nempahla yakho, nentutho yakho, amatilos akho, nabashayeli bakho, abavimbi zimfa bakho, nabaphathi bakho bokuthenga, nawo onke amadoda akho empi akuwe, naso sonke isixuku esiphakathi kwakho kuyakuwela enhliziyweni yolwandle ngosuku lokuwa kwakho. ngezwi lokukhala kwabashayeli bakho amaza ayazamazama. bonke ababambe amaphini, amatilos nabo bonke abashayeli baselwandle, bayakwehla emikhunjini yabo, beme emhlabathini, bezwakalise izwi



labo phezu kwakho, bakhale ngomunyu, bathele uthuli emakhanda abo, bahuquzele emlotheni, baziphucule izimpandla ngenxa yakho, babhince izindwangu zamasaka, bakukhalele izinyembezi ngomunyu womphumulo. ekulileni kwabo bayakwenza isililisele ngawe, bakulilele, bathi: ngubani onjengetire, njengalo eselithulisiwe phakathi kolwandle, na? ekuphumeni kwempahla yakho elwandle wasuthisa abantu abaningi; ngobuningi bengcebo yakho nempahla yakho wacebisa amakhosi omhlaba, ngesikhathi sokwapahulwa kwakho ngamanzi ekujuleni kolwandle impahla yakho naso sonke isixuku sakho kwawela phakathi kwakho. bonke abakhileyo eziqhingini bamangala ngawe; amakhosi azo ayaqhakanyeka, aphaqatheke ebusweni. abathengi phakathi kwabantu bayakuncimfela; usuyincithakalo; awusayikubakho kuze kube phakade.

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izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, thana kuso isikhulu sasetire: isho kanje inkosi ujeahova-aeiou, ithi: ngokuba inhliziyi yakho iziphakamisile, wathi: ngingulezi-ku, ngihlala esihlalweni sikalezi-ku enhliziyweni yolwandle, ingani ungumuntu, ungesiye ulezi-ku, noma umise inhliziyi yakho njengenhliziyi kalezi-ku bheka, uhlakaniphile kunodaniyeli, ayikho imfihlakalo abangakufihlela yona; ngokuhlakanipha kwakho nangokuqonda kwakho uzizuzele imfuyo, wafaka igolide nesiliva engcebani yakho; ngokuhlakanipha kwakho okukhulu kokuthenga wandisile imfuyo yakho; inhliziyi yakho iziphakamisile ngenxa yengcebo yakho. ngalokho isho kanje inkosi ujeahova-aeiou, ithi: ngenxa yokuba umisile inhliziyi yakho njengenhliziyi kalezi-ku, ngalokho bheka, ngiyakukwehlisela abafokazi, abesabekayo bezizwe; bayakuoshela ubuhle bokuhlakanipha kwakho izinkemba zabo, bangcolise ukukhazimula kwakho. bayakukwehlisela egodini, ufe ukufa kwabagwaziweyo enhliziyweni yolwandle. usasho phambi kokubulalayo ukuthi: ngingulezi-ku mina, ingani ungumuntu, ungesiye ulezi-ku, esandleni sokugwazayo, na? uyakufa ukufa kwabangasokile ngesandla sabafokazi, ngokuba mina ngikhulumile, isho inkosi ujeahova-aeiou. izwi likalezi-ku lafika kimi, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, yenza isililisele ngenkosi yasetire, uthi kuyo: isho kanje inkosi ujeahova-aeiou, ithi: wawuluphawu lokupheleleyo; wawugcwele ukuhlakanipha, wawuphelele ngobuhle. wawuse-edene, insimu kalezi-ku; onke amatshe anqabileyo ayeyisisibekelo sakho, isardiye, netopazi, nedayimani, neshohamu, nejaspi, nesafire,

nesimaragidu, nekrisolithe; nezivunulo zakho nezisekelo zamatshe zaziyingolide, zilingisiwe ngosuku lokudalwa kwakho. wawuyikherubi eligcotshiweyo elisibekelayo; ngakubeka, waba sentabeni engcwele kalezi-ku, wahamba phakathi kwamatshe omlilo. wawuphelele ezindloleni kwakho kusukela osukwini lokudalwa kwakho kwaze kwafumaniseka ukungalungi kuwe. ngobuningi bokuthenga kwakho wagcwaliswa ngobudlova, wonile; ngalokho ngakulahlalungcolile entabeni kalezi-ku, ngakuchitha wena kherubi elisibekelayo, ungabikho phakathi kwamatshe omlilo. inhliziyi yakho yakhukhumala ngobuhle bakho, wonakalisa ukuhlakanipha kwakho ngokukhazimula kwakho; ngikulahlele phansi, ngikubeke phambi kwamakhosi ukuba akubone. ngobuningi bobubi bakho ekuthengeni kwakho okungalungile ungcolisile izindlu zakho ezingcwele; ngase ngiphumisa umlilo phakathi kwakho, wakuqeda; ngakwenza umlotha emhlabeni emehlweni abo bonke abakubonayo. bonke abakubonayo phakathi kwabantu bamangala ngawe; usuluvalo, awusayikubakho kuze kube phakade. izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, bhekisa ubuso bakho kulo isidoni, uprofethe ngalo, uthi: isho kanje inkosi ujeahova-aeiou, ithi: bheka, ngimelene nawe sidoni; ngiyakudunyiswa phakathi kwakho, bazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou, lapho ngenza ukwahlulela kulo, ngingcweliswe phakathi kwalo. ngiyakuthuma kulo isifo negazi ezitaladini zalo; abagwaziweyo bayakuwa phakathi kwalo ngenkemba ephezu kwalo nxazonke, bazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou. akusayikubakho ikhakhasi elihlabayo neva elimamazayo kuyo indlu yakwa-israyeli kubo ababahaqayo nababenza okwamafundululu kubo, bazi ukuthi ngiyinkosi ujeahova-aeiou. isho kanje inkosi ujeahova-aeiou, ithi: lapho ngibutha indlu yakwa-israyeli ezizweni abahlakazekele phakathi kwazo, ngingcweliswe kubo emehlweni ezizwe, bayakuhlala ezweni labo engalinika inceku yami ujakobe. bayakuhlala kulo belondekile, bakhe izindlu, batshale izivini, yebo, bahlale ngokulondeka, lapho ngenza ukwahlulela kubo bonke abanamafundululu kubo phakathi kwababahaqayo, bazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wabo.

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ngomnyaka weshumi, ngenyanga yeshumi, ngolweshumi nambili lwenyanga lafika kimi izwi likajehova-aeiou, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, bhekisa ubuso bakho kufaro inkosi yasegibithe, uprofethe ngaye nangalo lonke igibithe, ukhulume uthi: isho kanje inkosi ujeahova-aeiou, ithi: bheka,

ngimelene nawe faro, nkosi yasegibithe, drako omkhulu, obuthisa phakathi kwemifula yakho uthi: umfula ungowami, mina ngiwenzile. ngiyakufaka izindobo emihlathini yakho, nginamathelise izinhlanzi zemifula yakho ezingcwecweni zakho, ngikukhuphule phakathi kwemifula yakho kanye nazo zonke izinhlanzi zemifula yakho ezinamathela ezingcwecweni zakho. ngiyakukulahla ehlane, wena nazo zonke izinhlanzi zemifula yakho, uwe ebusweni bomhlabathi; awuyikubuthwa, ulandwe; ngiyakunikula ube ngukudla kwezilwane zomhlaba nokwezinyoni zezulu. bonke abakhileyo egibithe bayakwazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou, ngokuba bebeludondolo lohlanga kuyo indlu yakwa-israyeli. lapho bekubamba ngesandla, uyaphuka, uklebhula zonke izinhlangothi zabo; nalapho bencika kuwe, uyaphuka, untengantengise zonke izinkalo zabo. ngalokho isho kanje inkosi ujeahova-aeiou, ithi: bheka, ngiyakwehlisela phezu kwakho inkemba, nginqume kuwe abantu nezilwane. izwe lasegibithe liyakuba yincithakalo nehlane, bazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou, ngokuba wathi: umfula ungowami, mina ngiwenzile. bheka, ngalokho ngimelene nawe nemifula yakho; ngiyakwenza izwe lasegibithe libe yihlane lamahlane nencithakalo, kusukela emigidoli kuze kube sesevene, kuze kube semkhawulweni wasekushe. akuyikudabula kulo unyawo lomuntu, akuyikudabula kulo unyawo lwesilwane, alyikuhlalwa iminyaka engamashumi amane. ngiyakwenza izwe lasegibithe libe yincithakalo phakathi kwamazwe ayincithakalo, imizi yalo phakathi kwemizi echithekileyo ibe yincithakalo iminyaka engamashumi amane, ngihlakazele abasegibithe ezizweni, ngibasabalisele emazweni. ngokuba isho kanje inkosi ujeahova-aeiou, ithi: ngasekupheleni kweminyaka engamashumi amane ngiyakubabutha abasegibithe kubantu abahlakazekele kubo, ngibuyise ukuthunjwa kwasegibithe, ngibabuyisele ezweni lasephatirosi, izwe lokudabuka kwabo, babe ngumbuso ophansi khona. liyakuba phansi emibusweni, alisayikuziphakamisa phezu kwezizwe; futhi ngizakubanciphisa ukuba bangabusi izizwe. alisayikuba yithemba kuyo indlu yakwa-israyeli, likhumbuza ngokona lapho bebaphendukela, bazi ukuthi ngiyinkosi ujeahova-aeiou. kwathi ngomnyaka wamashumi amabili nesikhombisa ngenyanga yokuqala, ngolokuqala lwenyanga, lafika kimi izwi likajehova-aeiou, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, unebukadinesari inkosi yasebabele wasebenzisa impi yakhe umsebenzi omkhulu ngetire; onke amakhanda aphuculwa, onke amahlombe acothulwa, nokho yena nempyi yakhe babengenankokhelo evela etire ngomsebenzi

abalenzela wona. ngalokho isho kanje inkosi ujeahova-aeiou, ithi: bheka, ngizakunika unebukadinesari, inkosi yasebabele, izwe lasegibithe; uyakuyisusa ingcebo yalo, aphanje impango yalo, agcucge ingcugco yalo, kube yinkokhelo yempi yakhe. ngiyamnika izwe lasegibithe ngomsebenzi owakhonza ngawo, abawenza kimi, isho inkosi ujeahova-aeiou. ngalolo suku ngiyakuhlumisa uphondo endlini ka-israyeli, ngikuvumele ukuba uvule umlomo phakathi kwabo, bazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou.

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izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, profetha uthi: isho kanje inkosi ujeahova-aeiou, ithi: hhewulani, nithi: wo ngalolo suku! ngokuba usuku luseduze, usuku lukajehova-aeiou luseduze; luyakuba lusuku lwamafu nesikhathi sabezizwe. inkemba iyakulehla igibithe, kube yimihelo ekushe, lapho abagwaziweyo bewa egibithe; bayakususa ingcebo yalo, kudilizwe izisekelo zalo. ikushe, nophuthi, nolude, nayo yonke ingxubevange yezizwe, nekhubi, nabamazwe ahlangeneyo bayakuwa nabo ngenkemba. usho kanje ujeahova-aeiou, uthi: nabo abaliphasa igibithe bayakuwa, ukukhukhumala kwamandla alo kuyakwehla; kusukela emigidoli kuze kube sesevene bayakuwa kulo ngenkemba, isho inkosi ujeahova-aeiou.

bayakuchithakala phakathi kwamazwe achithekileyo, imizi yalo ibe phakathi kwemizi echithekileyo. bayakwazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou, lapho sengiphembe umlilo egibithe, bachotshozwe bonke abasizi balo. ngalolo suku kuyakuphuma izithunywa phambi kwami ngemikhumbi ukwesabisa amakushe anokwethemba, kube yimihelo phezu kwawo ngosuku lwegibithe, ngokuba bheka, luyezwa. isho kanje inkosi ujeahova-aeiou, ithi: ngiyakuqeda isixuku sasegibithe ngesandla sikanebukadinesari, inkosi yasebabele. yena nabantu bakhe kanye naye, abesabekayo bezizwe, bayakulethwa ukuba bachithe izwe, bahoshele igibithe izinkemba zabo, bagcwalise izwe ngabagwaziweyo. ngiyakwenza imifula ishe, ngithengise ngezwe esandleni sababi, ngichithe izwe nokugcwala kwalo ngesandla sabafokazi; mina jehova-aeiou ngikukhulumile. isho kanje inkosi ujeahova-aeiou, ithi: ngiyakuzichitha izithombe, ngiqede olezi-ku enofi; akusayikubakho sikhulu esivela ezweni lasegibithe, ngibeke ukwesaba ezweni lasegibithe. ngiyakwenza ize iphatirosi, ngiphembe umlilo eswani, ngenze ukwahlulela eno. ngiyakuthulula ukufutheka kwami phezu kwesini, inqaba yasegibithe, nginqume isixuku saseno. ngiyakuphemba umlilo egibithe, isini libe

nemihelo emikhulu, ino lifohlwe, inofi lihlaselwe emini. izinsizwa zase-aveni nasephi beseti ziyakuwa ngenkamba, imizi iye ekuthunjweni. ethehafenehesi usuku luyakuba mnyama, lapho ngaphula khona amajoka asegiibithe, nokukhukhumala kwamandla kuyakuphela kulo; lona-ke, ifu liyakulisibekela, namadodakazi alo ayakuya ekuthunjweni. ngiyakwenza-ke izahlulelo egibithe, bazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou.

kwathi ngomnyaka weshumi nanye ngenyanga yokuqala ngolwesikhombisa lwenyanga lafika kimi izwi likajehova-aeiou, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, ngaphulile ingalo kafaro inkosi yasegiibithe; bheka, ayiboshiwe ukuba kuthelwe imithi, kufakwe umzon-golozelo wokubopha, ukuze iqiniselwe ukubamba inkemba. ngalokho isho kanje inkosi ujeahova-aeiou, ithi: bheka, ngimelene nofaro inkosi yasegiibithe; ngiyakwaphula izingalo zakhe, eqinileyo neyaphukileyo, ngenze ukuba inkemba iwe esandleni sakhe. ngiyakubahlakazela abasegiibithe ezizweni, ngibasabalalisele emazweni. ngiyakuqinisa izingalo zenkosi yasebabele, ngibeke inkemba yami esandleni sayo; kepha ngiyakwaphula izingalo zikafaro, abubule phambi kwami ngokububula kogwaziweyo. yebo, ngiyakuqinisa izingalo zenkosi yasebabele, izingalo zikafaro ziwe, bazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou, lapho ngibeka inkemba yami esandleni senkosi yasebabele; yona iyakuyelula phezu kwezwe lasegiibithe. ngiyakubahlakazela abasegiibithe ezizweni, ngibasabalalisele emazweni, bazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou.

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kwathi ngomnyaka weshumi nanye ngenyanga yesithathu ngolokuqala lwenyanga lafika kimi izwi likajehova-aeiou, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, thana kufaro inkosi yasegiibithe nasesixukwini sakhe: ufana nobani ebukhulwini bakho na? bheka, ungumkhoba, ungumsedari waselebanoni; unamagatsha amahle, namaqabunga anomthunzi, nesiqu esiphakemeyo; isihloko sawo siphakathi kwamafu. amanzi awukhulisa, utwa lwawuphakamisa; imifula yawo yahamba yazungeza indawo yokutshalwa kwawo; yayisithuma imisele yayo kuyo yonke imithi yasendle. ngalokho isiqu sawo sasiphakeme kunayo yonke imithi yasendle; izingatsha zawo zandiswa, namagatsha awo elulwa ngamanzi amaningi ekuwaxhantiseni kwawo. zonke izinyoni zezulu zakha emagatsheni awo, zonke izilwane zasendle zazalela phansi kwezingatsha zawo; emthunzini wawo zahlala zonke izizwe ezinkulu. wawusumuhle ebukhulwini bawo, ngobude bamagatsha awo, ngokuba impande yawo yayingasemanzini amaningi.

imisedari yasensimini kalezi-ku yayinge-nakuwusitha, imisayipuresi yayingafani nezingatsha zawo, nemipelatani yayingenjengamagatsha awo, futhi kwakungekho nowodwa umuthi ensimini kalezi-ku ofana nawo ngobuhle. ngawenza waba muhle ngobuningi bamagatsha awo, imithi yonke yase-edene eyayisensimini kalezi-ku yaze yaba nomhawu. ngalokho isho kanje inkosi ujeahova-aeiou, ithi: ngenxa yokuba uphakeme ngobude, wabeka isihloko sawo phakathi kwamafu, nenhliziyo yakhukhumala ngokuphakama kwawo, ngiyakuwunikela esandleni sonamandla wezizwe uyakwenza nokwenza kuye njengobubi bawo ngiwuxoshe. abafokazi, abesabekayo bezizwe, bawunqumile, bawushiya. amagatsha awo awele ezintabeni nasezigodini, nezingatsha zawo zaphukile kuyo yonke imifudlana yezwe, nabo bonke abantu behlile emthunzini wawo, bawushiya. encithakalweni yawo kuyakuhlala zonke izinyoni zezulu, zonke izilwane zasendle zibe semagatsheni awo ukuba kungabikho muthi ngasemanzini okhukhumala ngokuphakama kwawo, ungabeki isihloko sawo emafwini, yebo, nenamandla ingemi ngokuziphakamisa, yonke ephuze amanzi; ngokuba yonke inikelwe ekufeni kokuphansi komhlaba phakathi kwabantwana babantu, kwabehlelayo egodini. isho kanje inkosi ujeahova-aeiou, ithi: ngosuku owehlela ngalo endaweni yabafileyo ngalwenza utwa ukuba lulile, ngalusibekela, ngavimba imifula yalo, namanzi amaningi avalelwa; ngalenza ilebanoni libe mnyama ngenxa yawo; imithi yonke yasendle yadangala ngenxa yawo. ngomdumo wokuwa kwawo ngathuthumelisa izizwe, lapho ngiwehliselwa endaweni yabafileyo kanye nabehlela egodini; yonke imithi yase-edene ekhethekileyo nemihle yaselebanoni, yonke ephuze amanzi, yaduduzwa kokuphansi komhlaba. nayo yehlela kanye nawo endaweni yabafileyo kwabagwaziweyo ngenkamba, ababe yingalo yawo, ababehlela emthunzini wawo phakathi kwezizwe. pho, ufana nobani ngodumo nangobukhulu phakathi kwemithi yase-edene na? nokho uyakwehliselwa kokuphansi komhlaba kanye nemithi yase-edene, ulale phakathi kwabangasokile nabagwazwe ngenkamba. lo ungufaro nesixuku sakhe sonke, isho inkosi ujeahova-aeiou.

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kwathi ngomnyaka weshumi nambili, ngenyanga yeshumi nambili, ngolokuqala lwenyanga lafika kimi izwi likajehova-aeiou, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, yenza isililisele ngofaro inkosi yasegiibithe, uthi kuye: wazifanisa nebhongo lengonyama phakathi kwezizwe, kepha unjengodrako

elwandle, lapho ufohlela emifudlaneni yakho, unyakazisa amanzi ngasezinyaweni zakho, udunga izikhukhula zawo. isho kanje inkosi uJehova-aeiou, ithi: ngiyakweneka inetha lami phezu kwakho ngesixuku sabantu abaningi, bakukhuphule ngenetha lami. ngiyakukuphonsa emhlabathini, ngikuntshinge endle, ngihlalise phezu kwakho zonke izinyoni zezulu, ngisuthise zonke izilwane zomhlaba ngawe. ngiyakubeka inyama yakho ezintabeni, ngigcwalise izigodi ngezidumbu zakho. ngiyakulimniza izwe lokukhukhula kwakho ngegazi lakho kuze kube sezintabeni, imifudlana igcwalwe ngawe. lapho ngikucisha, ngiyakusibekela izulu, ngenze mnyama izinkanyezi, ngimboze ilanga ngefu, inyanga ingakhanyisi ngokukhanya kwayo. ngiyakwenza mnyama phezu kwakho zonke izinkanyiso zezulu ezikhanyayo, ngibeke ubumnyama ezweni lakho, isho inkosi uJehova-aeiou. ngiyakukhathaza izinhlizyo zabantu abaningi, lapho sengiletha ukwaphulwa kwakho ezizweni emazweni ongawazanga. ngiyakwenza ukuba abantu abaningi bamangale ngawe, amakhosi abo aqhakanyeke, lapho ngisikaza ngenkamba phambi kwawo, aqhaqhazele imizuzwana yonke, kube yileyo naleyo ngokuphila kwayo ngosuku lokuwa kwakho. ngokuba isho kanje inkosi uJehova-aeiou, ithi: inkemba yenkosi yasebabele iyakukwehlela. ngezinkemba zamaqhawe ngiyakuwisa isixuku sakho, bonke bengabesabekayo bezizwe; bayakuchitha ukuziphakamisa kwegibithe, sonke isixuku salo sichitheke. ngiyakuqothula zonke zinkomo zalo ezingasemanzini amaningi, angabe esanyakaziswa lunyawo lomuntu, anganyakaziswa yizinselo zezinkomo. ngiyakwenza ukuba amanzi abo abohle, ngihambise imifula yabo njengamafutha, isho inkosi uJehova-aeiou. lapho ngiyakwenza izwe lasegibithe libe yincithakalo nehlane, izwe elingasenokugcwalwa kwalo, lapho ngibulala bonke abakhe kulo, khona bayakwazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou. lokhu kuyisililo abayakulala ngaso; amadodakazi ezizwe ayakulilisele ngaso, alilele igibithe nesixuku salo ngaso, isho inkosi uJehova-aeiou. kwathi ngomnyaka weshumi nambili, ngolweshumi nanhlano lwenyanga, izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, khalela isixuku sasegibithe, usehlisele ezindaweni eziphansi komhlaba, sona namadodakazi ezizwe ezidumileyo, kanye nabehlela egodini. udlula bani ngobuhle na? yehla, ulaliswe phakathi kwabangasokile. bayakuwa phakathi kwabagwazwe ngenkamba; linikelwe enkembeni; lihuduleni nazo zonke izixuku zalo. abanamandla bamaqhawe bayakukhuluma ngalo nangabasizi balo, bephakathi

kwendawo yabafileyo, bathi: sebehile, sebelele abangasokile, bebulewe ngenkamba. lapho kukhona i-asiriya neviyo lalo lonke, amathuna alo engakulo nxazonke, bonke bebulewe bewenkenkamba, amathuna alo engaphakathi kwegodi, iviyo lalo lizungeza ithuna nxazonke, bonke balo bebulewe bewenkenkamba, labo ababebanga ukuba besatshwe ezweni labaphilayo. lapho kukhona i-elamu nesixuku sonke salo nxazonke zethuna, bebulewe bonke bewenkenkamba, abehlele ezindaweni eziphansi komhlaba bangasokile, ababebanga ukuba besatshwe ezweni labaphilayo; sebethwala amahloni abo kanye nabehlela egodini. phakathi kwabagwaziweyo balibekela umbhede kanye naso sonke isixuku salo, amathuna aso engakulo nxazonke, bonke balo bengabangasokile, bebulewe ngenkamba, ngokuba kwabangwa ukuba besatshwe ezweni labaphilayo; sebethwala amahloni abo kanye nabehlela egodini; yebo, libekiwe phakathi kwababuleweyo. lapho kukhona omesheke nothubali naso sonke isixuku sabo, amathuna abo engakulo nxazonke, bonke babo bengabangasokile, bebulewe ngenkamba, ngokuba babebanga ukuba besatshwe ezweni labaphilayo. laba babangasokile abawileyo abayikulala namaqhawe ehlela endaweni yabafileyo enezikhali zawo zokulwa, abekwa zinkemba zawo phansi kwamakhanda, nezihlangu zawo ziphezu kwamathambo awo, ngokuba besabisa amaqhawe ezweni labaphilayo. nawe uyakwaphulwa phakathi kwabangasokile, ulale nababulewe ngenkamba. lapho kukhona u-edomi, amakhosi akhe nazo zonke izikhulu zakhe, abathe nakuba bebe nobuqhawe babekwa nababulewe ngenkamba; bayakulala nabangasokile nabehlela egodini. lapho kukhona izikhulu zasenyakatho, zonke zazo, nabo bonke abasesidini, abehlele nabagwaziweyo; nakuba bebesatshwa ngenxa yobuqhawe babo, sebezibhile, balele bangasokile nababulewe ngenkamba, bethwala amahloni kanye nabehlela egodini. ufaro uyakubabona, aduduzeke ngaso sonke isixuku sakhe; ubulewe ngenkamba ufaro nayo yonke impi yakhe, isho inkosi uJehova-aeiou. ngenza ukuba esatshwe ezweni labaphilayo, kepha useyakulaliswa ufaro naso sonke isixuku sakhe phakathi kwabangasokile nababulewe ngenkamba, isho inkosi uJehova-aeiou.

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izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, khuluma kubantwana babantu bakho, uthi kubo: lapho ngehlisele phezu kwewe inkemba, abantu bezwe bese bethatha umuntu phakathi kwabo, bambeke umlindi wabo, nalapho yena esebona

inkemba yehla phezu kwezwe, abethe icilongo, axwayise abantu, okuzwayo ukukhala kwecilongo angaxwayi kodwa, bese yehla inkemba, imsuse, igazi lakhe liyakuba sekhanda lakhe. ukukhala kwecilongo wakuzwa, kepha akaxwayanga; igazi lakhe liyakuba kuye; uma exwayile, nga ezo-phulile. kepha uma umlindi ebona inkemba yehla, angabethi icilongo, abantu bangaxwayi, bese yehla inkemba, isuse umuntu kubo, uyasuswa ngenxa yobubi bakhe kepha igazi lakhe ngiyakulibiza esandleni somlindi. wena-ke, ndodana yomuntu, ngikubeke umlindi kuyo indlu yakwa-israyeli; yizwa izwi lomlomo wami, ubaxwayise, kuvela kimi. lapho ngithi komubi: muntu omubi, uyakufa nokufa, bese wungakhulumi ukuba uxwayise omubi ashiye indlela yakhe, lowo muntu omubi uyakufa ngenxa yobubi bakhe, kepha igazi lakhe ngiyakulibiza esandleni sakho. kepha uma umxwayisa omubi ukuba ashiye indlela yakhe, abuye kuyo, angabuyi kodwa endleleni yakhe, uyakufa ngenxa yobubi bakhe, kepha wena uzikhulile. wena ndodana yomuntu, yisho kuyo indlu yakwa-israyeli, uthi: nisho kanje, nithi: impela iziphambeko zethu nezono zethu ziphezu kwethu, siyonda ngenxa yazo; pho, siyakuphila kanjani na? yisho kubo, uthi: kuphila kwami, isho inkosi uJehova-aeiou, angithokozi ngokufa komubi, kuphela ngokubuya komubi endleleni yakhe aze aphile. buyani, buyani ezindleleni zenu ezimbi; niyakufelani nina ndlu yakwa-israyeli na? kepha wena ndodana yomuntu, yisho kubantwana babantu bakho, uthi: ukulunga kolungileyo akuyikumophula ngosuku lwesiphambeko sakhe, nobubi-ke bomubi akayikuwa ngabo ngosuku lokubuya kwakhe ebubini bakhe, nolungileyo akanakuphila ngakho ngosuku lokona kwakhe. lapho ngisho kolungileyo ukuthi uyakuphila nokuphila, yena abesethemba ekulungeni kwakhe kodwa, enze bona-ra-ukukhandleka, akuyikukhunjula nesisodwa sezenzo zakhe ezilungileyo, kepha uyakufela kbona-ra-ukukhandleka akwenzileyo. lapho ngithi komubi: uyakufa nokufa, yena abesephenduka kodwa esonweni sakhe, enze okufaneleyo nokulungileyo, yena lo mubi abuyise isibambiso, akhokhe ayekuthathile, ahambe ngezimiso zokuphila, angenzi bona-ra-ukukhandleka, uyakuphila nokuphila, angafi. akayikukhunjulelwa nesisodwa sezono zakhe azenzileyo; wenzile okufaneleyo nokulungileyo; uyakuphila nokuphila. kodwa abantwana babantu bakho bathi: indlela yenkosi ayilingani. kepha ngeyabo indlela engalingani. lapho olungileyo ebuya ekulungeni kwakhe, enze bona-ra-ukukhandleka, uyakufa ngakho. nalapho omubi ebuya ebubini bakhe, enze okufaneleyo nokulungi-

leyo, uyakuphila ngakho. nokho nisho nithi: indlela yenkosi ayilingani. ngiyakunahlulela nina ndlu yakwa-israyeli, kube yilowo nalowo ngendlela yakhe. kwathi ngomnyaka weshumi nambili wokuthunjwa kwethu, ngenyanga yeshumi, ngolwesihlanu lwenyanga, kwafika kimi ophunyukileyo eJerusalem, wathi: umuzi unqotshiwe. isandla sikajehova-aeiou sasiphezu kwami kusihlwa, engakafiki ophunyukileyo, kepha wavula umlomo wami engakafiki kimi ekuseni; wavulwa umlomo wami, angabe ngisaba yisimungulu. izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, abakhe ezincithakalweni ezweni lakwa-israyeli basho bathi: u-abrahama wayemunye, wadla ifa lezwe; kepha thina sibaningi, siphiwe lona libe yifa lethu. ngalokho thana kubo: isho kanje inkosi uJehova-aeiou, ithi: nidla okunegazi, niphakamisa amehlo enu ezithombeni zenu, nichitha igazi. pho, niyakudla ifa lezwe na? nyethemba enkembeni yenu, nenza izinengiso, ningcolisa, kube yilowo nalowo umkamakhelwane wakhe. pho, niyakudla ifa lezwe na? uyakusho kanje kubo, uthi: isho kanje inkosi uJehova-aeiou, ithi: kuphila kwami, abasezincithakalweni, ngempela, bayakuwa ngenkemba, nosendle ngiyakumnika izilwane ukuba adliwe, nabasezingqabeni nasemihumeni bayakufa ngesifo. ngiyakwenza izwe libe yincithakalo nokuyize, kuphele ukuzidla kwamandla alo; izintaba zakwa-israyeli ziyakuchithwa ukuze kungabikho odlulayo. bayakwazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou, lapho ngenzile izwe libe yincithakalo nokuyize ngenxa yazo zonke izinengiso zabo abazenzileyo. wena-ke, ndodana yomuntu, abantwana babantu bakho bakhuluma ngawe ngasezindongeni naseminyango yezindlu, basho omunye komunye, omunye kumfowabo, bathi: woza uzwe ukuthi yizwi lini eliphuma kujehova-aeiou. bafika kuwe njengokufika kwabantu, bahlala phambi kwakho njengabantu bami, bezwa amazwi akho, abawenzi kodwa, ngokuba ngomlomo wabo babonakalisa uthando olukhulu, kepha inhliziyi yabo ilandela inzuzo yabo. bheka, uyisihlabelelo esithandekayo sonephimbo elimnandi kubo, obetha kahle ngogubhu, ngokuba bezwa amazwi akho, abawenzi kodwa. lapho lokhu kufika bheka, kuyeza! bayakwazi ukuthi kwakukhona umprofethi phakathi kwabo.

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izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, profetha ngabelusi bakwa-israyeli; profetha uthi kubo, kubelusi: isho kanje inkosi uJehova-aeiou, ithi: wo kubelusi bakwa-israyeli abazibonelela bona! abelusi bebengayikuzalusa izimvu

na? niyadla amanoni, nembatha uboya, nihlaba ezikhulupheleyo, kepha izimvu nizalusi. ezi buthakathaka aniziqinisanga, negulayo aniyiphilisanga, neyaphukileyo aniyibophanga, nexoshiweyo aniyibuyisanga, nelahlekileyo aniyifunanga, kepha nizibusile ngamandla alukhuni. zazihlakazekile, ngokuba umalusi wayengekho; zaba ngukudla kwazo zonke izilwane zasendle, zahlakazeka. izimvu zami zazulazula kuzo zonke izintaba nakuwo onke amagquma aphakemeyo, yebo, izimvu zami zazihlakazekele ebusweni bonke bomhlaba, akwabakho ozifunayo nozicingayo. ngalokho, belusi, zwanini izwi likajehova-aeiou lokuthi: kuphila kwami, isho inkosi uje-hova-aeiou, impela ngenxa yokuba izimvu zami zaba yimpango, nangokuba izimvu zami zaba ngukudla kwazo zonke izilwane zasendle, lokhu umalusi engekho, nangokuba abelusi bami bengafunanga izimvu zami, abelusi bezibonelela bona, bengazalusi izimvu zami, ngalokho, belusi, zwanini izwi likajehova-aeiou lokuthi: isho kanje inkosi uje-hova-aeiou, ithi: bhekani, ngimelene nabelusi, ngiyakuzibiza izimvu zami esandleni sabo, ngenze ukuba bangabe besazalusa izimvu, abelusi bangabe besazibonelela bona, ngophule izimvu zami emlonyeni wabo, zingabi ngukudla kwabo.

ngokuba isho kanje inkosi uje-hova-aeiou, ithi: bhekani, mina ngiyakuzifuna izimvu zami, ngizicinge. njengomalusi efuna umhlambi wakhe mhla ephakathi kwezimvu zakhe ezilahlekileyo, kanjalo ngiyakufuna izimvu zami, ngizophule kuzo zonke izindawo ezilahlakezele kuzo ngosuku lwamafu nolobumnyama. ngiyakuzikhipha kubantu, ngiziqoqe emazweni, ngiziyise ezweni lazo, ngizaluse ezintabeni zakwa-israyeli, ngasemifuleni, nasezindaweni zonke ezakhiweyo zezwe. ngiyakuzalusela emadleleni amahle, isibaya sazo sibe sezintabeni zempakama yakwa-israyeli; ziyakubuthisa khona esibayeni esihle, ziklabe emadleleni aluhlaza ezintabeni zakwa-israyeli. mina ngiyakuzalusa izimvu zami, ngenze ukuba zibuthise, isho inkosi uje-hova-aeiou. ngiyakufuna ezilahlekileyo, ngibuyise ezixoshiweyo, ngibophe ezaphukileyo, ngiqinise ezigulayo; kepha ezikhulupheleyo nezina-mandla ngiyakuzichitha, ngizaluse ngokwahlulela. nina-ke, zimvu zami, isho inkosi uje-hova-aeiou, ithi: bheka, ngiyakwahlulela phakathi kwemvu nemvu naphakathi kwezimpongo. kuncane kini yini ukuklaba edleleni elihle nize ninyathele ngezinyawo zenu okuseleyo kwedlelo lenu, nokuphuza amanzi acwebileyo nize nidunge aseleyo ngezinyawo zenu na? izimvu zami ziyadla okunyathelwe ngezinyawo zenu, ziphuza okudungwe ngezinyawo zenu. ngalokho isho kanje inkosi uje-hova-aeiou

kuzo, ithi: bhekani, mina ngiyakwahlulela phakathi kwezimvu ezikhulupheleyo nezimvu ezondileyo. ngokuba nisundza ngohlangothi nangehlombe, niqhubukusha zonke ezigulayo ngezimpondo zenu, nize nizihlakazele ngaphandle, ngiyakusindisa izimvu zami, azisayikuba yimpango, ngahlulele phakathi kwezimvu nezimvu. ngiyakumisa umalusi phezu kwazo, azaluse: inceku yami udavide; uyakuzalusa, abe ngumalusi wazo. mina jehova-aeiou ngiyakuba ngulezi-ku wazo, inceku yami udavide ibe yisikhulu phakathi kwazo; mina jehova-aeiou ngikhulumile. ngiyakwenza nazo isivumelwano sokuthula, ngiqede izilwane ezimbi ezweni, zihlale zilondekile ehlane, zilale emahlathini. ngiyakuzenza zona nezindawo ezizungeza intaba yami zibe yisibusiso, ngehlise imvula ngesikhathi sayo, ibe yizihlambi zesibusiso. umuthi osendle uyakuthela izithelo zawo, umhlabathi uthele ukudla kwawo, zihlale zilondekile ezweni lazo, zazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou, lapho sengaphulile izikeyi zejoka lazo, ngazophula esandleni salabo ezenziwa izikhonzi yibo. azisayikuba yimpango yabezizwe, nesilwane somhlaba asiyikuzidla, kepha ziyakuhlala zilondekile, zingesatshiswa muntu. ngiyakuzivusela insimu edumileyo; azisayikuswa yindlala ezweni, zingasalithwali ihlazo labezizwe. ziyakwazi ukuthi mina jehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wazo nginazo nokuthi zona, indlu yakwa-israyeli, zingabantu bami, isho inkosi uje-hova-aeiou. nina niyizimvu zami, niyizimvu zedlelo lami; ningabantu, mina ngingulezi-ku wenu, isho inkosi uje-hova-aeiou.

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izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, bhekisa ubuso bakho ngasentabeni yaseseyiri, uprofete ngayo, uthi kuyo: isho kanje inkosi uje-hova-aeiou, ithi: bheka, ngimelene nawe ntaba yaseseyiri; ngiyakwelulela kuwe isandla sami, ngikwenze incithakalo nokuyize. ngiyakwenza imizi yakho ibe yihlane, wena ube yincithakalo, wazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou. ngokuba unobutha obuphakade, futhi unikele abantwana bakwa-israyeli osikweni lwenkamba ngesikhathi sesimegememe sabo, ngesikhathi sokuphela kbona-ra-ukukhandleka, ngalokho, kuphila kwami, isho inkosi uje-hova-aeiou, ngiyakwenza ube yigazi, igazi likuxoshe; ngokuba ungazondanga igazi, igazi liyakukulandela. ngiyakwenza intaba yaseseyiri ibe yincithakalo nokuyize, ngingume kuyo odlulayo nobuyayo. ngiyakugcwalisa izintaba zayo ngababuleweyo bayo, abagwazwe ngenkamba bawa emagqumeni akho, nasezigodini zakho, nakuyo yonke

imifula yakho. ngiyakukwenza incithakalo ephakade, imizi yakho ingabe isahlalwa, nazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou. ngokuba wathi: lezi zizwe ezimbili nalawa mazwe amabili kuyakuba ngokwami, sidle ifa lakho, noma ujeihova-aeiou ebelapho, ngalokho, kuphila kwami, isho inkosi ujeihova-aeiou, ngiyakwenza njengolaka lwakho nanjengomhawu wakho obafele wona ngokubazonda kwakho, ngizazise kubo, lapho ngikwahlulela. uyakwazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou; ngizwile zonke izithuko zakho ozikhulume ngezintaba zakwa-israyeli ngokuthi: yincithakalo; siphwe zona ukuba sizidle. nizikhulisile kimi ngomlomo wenu, nandisile amazwi enu kimi; mina ngiwezile. isho kanje inkosi ujeihova-aeiou, ithi: lapho uthokoza umhlaba wonke, ngiyakukwenza incithakalo. njengokuthokoza kwakho ngefa lendlu yakwa-israyeli, ngokuba ibiyincithakalo, kanjalo ngiyakwenza kuwe: uyakuba yincithakalo, ntaba yasesityi, naye wonke u-edomi, yebo, wonke wakhe, bazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou.

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wena ndodana yomuntu, profetha ngezintaba zakwa-israyeli, uthi: nina zintaba zakwa-israyeli, zwanini izwi likajehova-aeiou. isho kanje inkosi ujeihova-aeiou, ithi: ngokuba isitha sisho kuwe, sithi: ashila, nokuthi: izindawo eziphakemeyo zamandulo seziyifa lethu, ngalokho profetha, uthi: isho kanje inkosi ujeihova-aeiou, ithi: ngokuba, yebo, ngokuba banenza incithakalo, bangwinya nxazonke ukuba nibe yifa lezizwe eziseleyo, futhi niphathwa ngezindebe zezideleli nangokuhleba kwabantu, ngalokho, zintaba zakwa-israyeli, zwanini izwi lenkosi ujeihova-aeiou lokuthi: isho kanje inkosi ujeihova-aeiou kuzo izintaba nakuwo amagquma, kuyo imifula nakuzo izigodi, nakuzo izindawo ezichithekileyo, nakuyo imizi eshiyiweyo, osekiyimpango nenhleliso yezizwe eziseleyo ezikhona nxazonke, yebo, ngalokho isho kanje inkosi ujeihova-aeiou, ithi: impela ngomlilo womhawu wami ngikhulumile ngensali yezizwe nangawo wonke u-edomi, ababeke izwe lami libe yifa labo ngentokozi yenhliziyu yabo yonke nangamafundululu omphefumulo, ukuze lilahlwe libe yimpango; ngalokho profetha ngezwe lakwa-israyeli, uthi kuzo izintaba nakuwo amagquma, kuyo imifula nakuzo izigodi: isho kanje inkosi ujeihova-aeiou, ithi: bhekani, ngikhulume ngomhawu wami nangokufutheka kwami, ngokuba nithwele ihlazo labezizwe. ngalokho isho kanje inkosi ujeihova-aeiou, ithi: ngiphakamisile isandla sami ngokuthi: impela abezizwe abakini nxazonke bayakuthwala ihlazo

labo. kepha nina zintaba zakwa-israyeli niyakuveza amatatsha enu, nithelale abantu bami izithelo zenu, ngokuba sebeseduze ukubuya. ngokuba bhekani, nginani; ngiyakuphendukela kini, niyakulinywa, nihlwanyelwe. ngiyakwandisa abantu phezu kwenu, yonke indlu yakwa-israyeli, yonke yayo; imizi iyakuhlalwa, nezindawo ezichithekileyo ziyakwakhiwa. ngiyakwandisa phezu kwenu abantu nezilwane; kuyakwanda, kuzale; ngiyakwenza ukuba nihlalwe njengakuqala, kube kuhle kini kunakuqala, nazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou. ngiyakuhambisa abantu phezu kwenu, abantu bami u-israyeli; bayakukuzuzisa, ube yifa labo; awusayikubaphuca abantwana.

isho kanje inkosi ujeihova-aeiou, ithi: ngokuba bathi kuwe: wena ngodlayo abantu, waphucile abantwana besizwe sakini, ngalokho awusayikudla abantu, ungasaphuci abantwana besizwe sakini, isho inkosi ujeihova-aeiou. angisayikukuzisa ihlazo labezizwe, ungasathwali amahloni abantu, ungasakhubekisi isizwe sakini, isho inkosi ujeihova-aeiou. izwi likajehova-aeiou lifika kimi, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, indlu yakwa-israyeli isahlala ezweni layo balingcolisa ngezindlela zabo nangezenzo zabo; indlela yabo yayingcolile phambi kwami njengowesifazane ekungcoleni kwakhe. ngase ngithulula ukufutheka kwami phezu kwabo ngenxa yegazi ababelichithe ezweni, nangokuba babelingcolisile ngezithombe zabo. ngabahlakazela phakathi kwezizwe, basabalaliselwa emazweni; ngabahlulela njengendlela yabo nezenzo zabo. nxa sebefika ezizweni lapho beya khona, balihlambalaza igama lami elingcwele, lapho kwakuthiwa ngabo: laba bangabantu bakajehova-aeiou, kepha nokho baphumile ezweni lakubo. kodwa ngalihawukela igama lami elingcwele eyayilingcolisile indlu yakwa-israyeli phakathi kwezizwe, lapho yaya khona. ngalokho yisho kuyo indlu yakwa-israyeli, uthi: isho kanje inkosi, ujeihova-aeiou, ithi: angikwenzi lokho ngenxa yenu nina ndlu yakwa-israyeli, kepha ngenxa yegama lami elingcwele enihlambalazile phakathi kwezizwe, lapho naya khona. ngiyakulingcwelisa igama lami elikhulu elihlanjaziwe phakathi kwezizwe, enihlambalazile phakathi kwazo, izizwe zazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou, isho inkosi ujeihova-aeiou, lapho ngiyakungcweliseka ngani emehlweni abo. ngiyakunithabatha ezizweni, nginibuthe emazweni onke, nginiyise ezweni lakini. ngiyakunifaza ngamanzi ahlambulukileyo, nihlambuluke, nginihlambulule kukho konke ukungcola kwenu nakuzo zonke izithombe zenu. ngiyakuninika inhliziyu entsha, ngifake phakathi kwenu umoya omusha, ngikhiphe inhliziyu yetshe enyameni yenu, ngininike

inhliziyi yenyama. ngiyakufaka umoya wami phakathi kwenu, ngenze ukuba nihambe ngezimiso zami; niyakugcina izahlulelo zami, nizenze. niyakuhlala ezweni engalinika oyihlo, nibe ngabantu bami, mina ngibe ngulezi-ku wenu. ngiyakunisindisa kukho konke ukungcola kwenu, ngibize amabele, ngiwandise, ngingabeki indlala phezu kwenu. ngiyakwandisa izithelo zomuthi nokudla komhlabathi, ningabe nisamukeliswa ihlazo lendlala phakathi kwezizwe. seniyakukhumbula izindlela zenu ezimbi nezenzo zenu ezingezinhle, ninengeke emehlweni enu ngenxa yobubi benu nangenxa yezinengiso zenu. angikwenzi lokhu ngenxa yenu, isho inkosi uJehova-aeiou; makwaziwe kini; jabhani, nibe namahloni ngenxa yezindlela zenu nina ndlu yakwa-israyeli. isho kanje inkosi uJehova-aeiou, ithi: mhla nginihlambulula ebubini benu bonke, ngiyakwenza ukuba imizi ihlalwe, zakhiwe izindawo ezichithekileyo. izwe elaliyize liyakulinywa esikhundleni sokuba yincithakalo emehlweni abo bonke abadlulayo. bayakuthi: leli zwe ekade laliyize selinjengensimu yase-edene, nemizi echithekileyo neyayiyincithakalo nedilizweyo isibiyelwe, iyahlalwa. seziyakwazi izizwe ezisele nxazonke zenu ukuthi mina jehova-aeiou ngakhile izindawo ezidilizweyo, ngatshala lokhu okukade kwakuyincithakalo; mina jehova-aeiou ngikhulumile, ngiyakukwenza. isho kanje inkosi uJehova-aeiou, ithi: nangalokhu ngiyakucelwa yindlu yakwa-israyeli ukuba ngiyenzele: ngiyakuyandisela abantu njengezimvu. njengomhlambi ongcelisiweyo, njengomhlambi wasejerusalema emikhosini yalo emisiweyo, kanjalo imizi echithekileyo iyakugcwala imihlambi yabantu, bazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou.

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isandla sikajehova-aeiou sasiphezu kwami, sangikhipha ngomoya kajehova-aeiou, sangibeka phakathi kwesigodi; sasigcwele amathambo. wangidlulisa kuwo, ngawazungeza; bheka, ayemangingi kakhulu ebusweni besigodi, futhi bheka, ayomile kakhulu. wayesethi kimi: ndodana yomuntu, lawa mathambo angaphila na? ngathi: nkosi jehova-aeiou, wena uyazi. wayesethi kimi: profetha phezu kwalawa mathambo, uthi kuwo: nina mathambo omileyo, zwanini izwi likajehova-aeiou. isho kanje inkosi uJehova-aeiou kulawa mathambo, ithi: bhekani, ngiyakungenisa kini umoya, niphile. ngiyakubeka imisipha phezu kwenu, ngihlumiswe inyama phezu kwenu, nginimboze ngesikhumba, nginike umoya, niphile, nazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou. ngaprofetha njengalokho ngiyaliwe,

nalapho ngiprofetha kwaba khona umsindo nokugunquza; amathambo asondelana, ithambo kulo ithambo. ngase ngibona; bheka, kwakukhona imisipha phezu kwawo, kwahluma nenyama, nesikhumba sawasibekela ngaphezulu, kepha umoya wawungekho kuwo. wayesethi kimi: profetha kuwo umoya, profetha, ndodana yomuntu, uthi kuwo umoya: isho kanje inkosi uJehova-aeiou, ithi: woza, moza, uvele emimoyeni yomine, uphefumulele laba ababuleweyo ukuba baphile. ngaprofetha njengalokho ngiyaliwe; umoya wangena kuwo, aphila, ema ngezinyawo zawo, impi enkulu kakhulu impela. wayesethi kimi: ndodana yomuntu, lawa mathambo ayindlu yonke yakwa-israyeli; bathi: bheka, amathambo ethu omile, ithemba lethu liphelile, sinqunywe. ngalokho profetha, uthi kubo: isho kanje inkosi uJehova-aeiou, ithi: bheka, ngiyakuvula amathuna enu, nginikhuphule emathuneni enu nina bantu bami, nginyise ezweni lakwa-israyeli. niyakwazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou, lapho sengiwavulile amathuna enu, nginikhuphula emathuneni enu nina bantu bami. ngiyakuwufaka umoya wami kini, nize niphile, nginibeke ezweni lakini, nazi ukuthi mina jehova-aeiou ngikhulumile, ngakwenza, usho uJehova-aeiou. izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: wena ndodana yomuntu, zithathele induku, ulobe kuyo ngokuthi: ekajuda neyabantwana bakwa-israyeli, abangane bakhe. thatha enye induku, ulobe kuyo ngokuthi: ekajosefa, induku ka-efrayimi neyendlu yonke yakwa-israyeli, abangane bakhe, uzisondeze enye kwenye, zibe yinduku inye, zibe nye esandleni sakho. lapho abantu bakho bekhuluma kuwe, bathi: ungesitshele ukuthi lezi ziyini kuwe na? khuluma kubo, uthi: isho kanje inkosi uJehova-aeiou, ithi: bheka, ngiyakuyithatha induku ka-josefa esesandleni sika-efrayimi nezizwe zakwa-israyeli, abangane bakhe, ngiyibeke endukwini kajuda, ngizenze zibe yinduku inye, babe mune esandleni sami. izinduku oloba kuzo ziyakuba sesandleni sakho phambi kwamahlo abo. khuluma kubo, uthi: isho kanje inkosi uJehova-aeiou, ithi: bheka, ngiyakuthabatha abantwana bakwa-israyeli ezizweni lapho baya khona, ngibabuthe nxazonke, ngibayise ezweni lakubo, ngibenze isizwe sinye ezweni, ezintabeni zakwa-israyeli, kube yinkosi inye kubo bonke, bangabe besaba yizizwe ezimbili, bangabe besahlukaniselwa imibuso emibili. abasayikuzingcolisa ngezithombe zabo, nangokuzondakayo kwabo, nangesisodwa seziphambeko zabo, kepha ngiyakubasindisa kukho konke ukuhlehla kwabo abone ngakho, ngibahlambulule, baze babe ngabantu bami, mina ngibe ngulezi-ku wabo. inceku yami udavide



iyakuba yinkosi phezu kwabo, kube ngumalusi muncy kubo bonke; bayakuhamba ezahlulelweni zami, bagcine izimiso zami, bazenze. bayakuhlala ezweni engilinike inceku yami ujakobe, ababehlala kulo oyihlo; bayakuhlala kulo, bona nabantwana babo, nabantwana babantwana babo kuze kube phakade, udavide inceku yami abe yisikhulu sabo kuze kube phakade. ngiyakwenza isivumelwano sokuthula nabo, sibe yisivumelwano esiphakade nabo; ngiyakubamisa, ngibandise, ngibeke indlu yami engcwele phakathi kwabo kuze kube phakade. itabernakele lami liyakuba phezu kwabo; ngiyakuba ngulezi-ku wabo, bona babe ngabantu bami. izizwe ziyakwazi ukuthi mina jehova-aeiou ngiyangcwelisa u-israyeli, lapho indlu yami engcwele ikhona phakathi kwabo kuze kube phakade.

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izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: ndodana yomuntu, bhekisa ubuso bakho kugogi, izwe likamagogi, isikhulu sakwaroshe nomesheke nothubali, uprofethe ngaye, uthi: isho kanje inkosi uje-hova-aeiou, ithi: bheka, ngimelene nawe gogi, isikhulu sakwaroshe nomesheke nothubali; ngiyakukuguqula, ngifake izingwegwe emihlathini yakho, ngikukhiphe kanye nayo yonke impi yakho, amahhashi nabamahhashi, bonke bembethe kahle kakhulu, iviyo elikhulu elinamawu nezihlangu, bonke bephethe izinkemba, ipheresiya, nekushe, nophuthi kukanye nabo, bonke benezihlangu nezigqoko zensimbi, igomere nawo onke amaviyo alo, indlu kathogarma ngasekugcineni kwasenyakatho nawo onke amaviyo akhe, abantu abanengi kanye nawe. lungela, yebo, uzilungisele, wena nawo onke amaviyo akho abuthene kuwe, ube ngumgcini wawo. emva kwezinsuku eziningi uyakubuthwa; ngeminyaka yokugcina uyakungena ezweni elibuyiswe enkembeni, liqoqwe ezizweni eziningi, ezintabeni zakwa-israyeli ezazi-inciphale njalo, eselikhishiwe kubantu, bahlale belondekile bonke. uyakukhuphuka, ufake njengesivunguvungu, usibekele izwe njengefu, wena nawo onke amaviyo akho, nabantu abanengi kanye nawe. isho kanje inkosi uje-hova-aeiou, ithi: kuyakuthi ngalolo suku kuvele izinto enhliziyweni yakho, ucebe amacebo amabi. uyakuthi: ngiyakwenyukela ezweni elisobala, ngiye kwabazinzileyo abahlala belondekile, bonke abahlala bengenalugange, kungekho kubo imigoqo nezicabha, ukuze uphange impango, ubamuke impahla, bese wuphendulela isandla sakho ezindaweni ezichitheki-leyo esezakhiwe nakubantu asebuthiwe ezizweni, bezuza imfuyo nempahla, behlala enkabeni yezwe. isheba, nededani, naba-

thengi basetharishishi kanye nazo zonke izingonyama zakho kuyakusho kuwe, kuthi: ufikele ukuphanga na? ubuthile iviyo lakho ukuba wamuke impahla, ususe isiliva negolide, uthathe imfuyo nempahla, uphange impango enkulu, na? ngalokho profetha, ndodana yomuntu, uthi kugogi: isho kanje inkosi uje-hova-aeiou, ithi: ngalolo suku, lapho abantu bami u-israyeli behlala belondekile, angithi uyakukwazi na? uyakuvela endaweni yakho ekugcineni kwasenyakatho, wena nabantu abanengi kanye nawe, bonke bekhwele amahhashi, iviyo elikhulu nempini enamandla, ukhuphukele ukulwa nabantu bami u-israyeli njengefu lokusibekela izwe; kuyakuthi ngezinsuku ezizayo ngikuyise kubantu bami ukuze izizwe zingazi, lapho ngizingcwelise ngawe gogi emehlweni azo. isho kanje inkosi uje-hova-aeiou, ithi: wena unguye engakhuluma ngaye ngezinsuku zamandulo ngezandla zezinceku zami abaprofethi bakwa-israyeli ababeprofetha ngalezo zinsuku iminyaka eminingi ukuthi ngiyakukuyisa kubo na? kuyakuthi ngalolo suku lapho ugogi efika ezweni lakwa-israyeli, isho inkosi uje-hova-aeiou, ukufutheka kwami kukhuphukele emakheleni ami. ngomhawu wami nangomlilo wolaka lwami ngikhulumile, ngathi: impela ngalolo suku kuyakuba ngukuthuthumela okukhulu ezweni lakwa-israyeli ukuba kuthuthumele phambi kwami izinhlanzi zolwandle, nezinyoni zezulu, nezilwane zasandle, nazo zonke izilwanyana ezinwabezelayo emhlabeni, nabo bonke abantu abasebusweni bomhlaba, izintaba zidilizelwe phansi, amawa awe, nezingange zonke zivele phansi. ngiyakumbizela inkemba kuzo zonke izintaba zami, isho inkosi uje-hova-aeiou, inkemba yalowo nalowo ime-lane nomfowabo. ngiyakumahlulela ngesifo nangegazi, nginise phezu kwakhe, namaviyo akhe, nabantu abanengi abanaye, imvula ekhukhulayo, namatshe esichotho, nomlilo, nesibabule. ngiyakuzenza mkhulu, ngizingcwelise, ngizazise emehlweni ezizwe eziningi, zazi ukuthi nginguje-hova-aeiou.

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wena ndodana yomuntu, profetha ngogogi, uthi: isho kanje inkosi uje-hova-aeiou, ithi: bheka, ngimelene nawe gogi, isikhulu sakwaroshe nomesheke nothubali. ngiyakukuguqula, ngikuhole, ngikwenyuse ekugcineni komhlaba, ngikuyise ezintabeni zakwa-israyeli, ngishaye phansi umnsalo esandleni sakho sokhohlo, ngiwise imicibisholo yakho esandleni sakho sokunene. uyakuwa ezintabeni zakwa-israyeli, wena namaviyo akho onke, nabantu abanawe, ngikunikele ezinyonini eziyoculayo zezinhlobo zonke nasezilwaneni zasandle ukuba udliwe. uyakuwa ebusweni bomh-

laba, ngokuba mina ngikhulumile, isho inkosi ujevova-aeiou. ngiyakuthuma umlilo kumagogi nakwabahlala belondekile eziqhingini, bazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou. ngiyakwenza ukuba laziwe igama lami elingcwele phakathi kwabantu bami u-israyeli, ngingabe ngisavuma ukuba igama lami elingcwele lingcoliswe, izizwe zazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou, ongcwele wakwa-israyeli. bheka, kuyeza, kuyakwenzeka, isho inkosi ujevova-aeiou; yilolo suku engikhulume ngalo. abahlala emizini yakwa-israyeli bayakuphuma, baphembe umlilo ngezikhali, bazishise, izihlangu namahawu, iminsalo nemicibisholo, nezinduku, nemikhonto, benze umlilo ngakho iminyaka eyisikhombisa. abayikuthatha muthi endle, bangagawuli emahlathini, ngokuba bayakuphemba umlilo ngezikhali, baphange ababaphangayo, bamuke ababamukileyo, isho inkosi ujevova-aeiou.

kuyakuthi ngalolo suku ngimnike ugogi lapho indawo yethuna, kwa-israyeli, isigodi sabadlulayo ngasempumalanga kolwandle, ivimbe abadlulayo, bembele khona ugogi naso sonke isixuku sakhe, bayibize ngokuthi isigodi sasehamoni gogi. indlu yakwa-israyeli iyakubembela izinyanga eziyisikhombisa, ukuze ihlambulule izwe. bonke abantu bezwe bayakubembela, kube ludumo lwabo ngosuku engiyakukhazimuliswa ngalo, isho inkosi ujevova-aeiou. bayakwahlukanisa njalo abantu abayakudabula izwe, bembele abadedabula besasele ebusweni bomhlaba, baze balihlambulule; bayakucinga ngasekugcineni kwezinyanga eziyisikhombisa. lapho abadlula ezweni bedlula babone ithambo lomuntu, bayakumisa isiboniso eceleni kwalo, abembelayo baze balimbele esigodini sasehamoni gogi. kuyakuba khona futhi nomuzi ogama lawo liyakuba yihamoni. bayakuhlambulula kanjalo izwe. wena ndodana yomuntu, isho kanje inkosi ujevova-aeiou, ithi: yisho ezinyonini zezinhlobo zonke nasezilwaneni zasendle, uthi: buthani, nifike, nihlanganyele umhlatshelelo wami nxazonke engiwuhlaba ngenxa yenu, umhlatshelelo omkhulu ezintabeni zakwa-israyeli, ukuba nidle inyama, niphuze igazi. niyakudla inyama yamaqhawe, niphuze igazi lezikhulu zomhlaba, eleziqama, nelamawundlu, neleziimbuzi, neleziinkunzi, ezikhuluphelelo zasebashani zonke. niyakudla amanoni nize nisuthe, niphuze igazi nize nidakwe emhlatsheleleni wami engiwuhlaba ngenxa yenu. niyakusutha etafuleni lami ngamahashi, nangeziqola, nangamaqhawe, nangawo onke amadoda empi, isho inkosi ujevova-aeiou. ngiyakubeka inkazimulo yami phakathi kwezizwe, zonke izizwe zibone isahlulelo sami engisenzileyo, nesandla sami engisibeke kuzo. isiyakwazi indlu yakwa-

israyeli ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-kuwabo, kusukela kulolo suku kuya phambili. izizwe ziyakwazi ukuthi indlu yakwa-israyeli yathunjwa ngenxa yobubi bayo, ngokuba baphambuka kimi, ngasitheza ubuso bami kubo; ngabanikela esandleni sezitha zabo, bawa bonke ngenkempa. ngenza kubo njengokungcola kwabo nanjengezeqo zabo, ngasitheza ubuso bami kubo. ngalokho isho kanje inkosi ujevova-aeiou, ithi: ngiyakubuyisa ukuthunjwa kukajakobe, ngihawukele yonke indlu yakwa-israyeli, ngibe nomhawu ngegama lami elingcwele. bayakuthwala ihlazo labo nazo zonke izeqo zabo abeqe ngazo kimi, lapho beyakuhlala belondekile ezweni lakubo, kungabikho obesabisayo, lapho ngibabuyisile kubantu, ngibabuthile emazweni ezitha zabo, ngingcwelisiwe emehlweni ezizwe eziningi. bayakwazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-kuwabo ngokubathumba kwami phakathi kwezizwe, nangokuba ngababutha ezweni lakubo; angisayikushiya muntu wabo khona; angisayikusitheza ubuso bami kubo, ngokuba ngiyakuthulula umoya wami phezu kwendlu yakwa-israyeli, isho inkosi ujevova-aeiou.

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ngomnyaka wamashumi amabili nanhlanu, wokuthunjwa kwethu ekuqaleni komnyaka, ngolweshumi lwenyanga, ngomnyaka weshumi nane, emva kokunqotshwa komuzi, ngalona lolo suku, isandla sikajevova-aeiou sasiphezu kwami, wangiyisa khona. ngemi-bono kalezi-kuwangiyisa ezweni lakwa-israyeli, wangibeka entabeni ephakeme kakhulu, okwakuphezu kwayo kungathi isakhiwo somuzi ngaseningizimu. wangiyisa khona; bheka, umuntu osimo sakhe sasinjengesimo sethusi, ephethe intambo yeflakisi esandleni sakhe, nohlanga lokulinganisa, wayemi esangweni. lo muntu wathi kimi: ndodana yomuntu, bheka ngamehlo akho, uzwe ngezindlebe zakho, ubeke inhliziyoyakho kukho konke engiyakubonisa khona, ngokuba ulethiwe ukuba ngikubonise; yitshele indlu yakwa-israyeli konke okubonayo. bheka, kwakukhona ugange ngaphandle kwendlu nxazonke, nasesandleni somuntu kwakukhona uhlanga lokulinganisa, luyizingalo eziyisithupha, yileyo naleyo iyingalo nobubanzi besandla; walinganisa ububanzi besakhiwo: luhlanga lunye; nokuphakama: luhlanga lunye. wayeseya esangweni elalibheke empumalanga, wakhuphuka ngezinyathelo zalo, walinganisa umbundu wesango; ububanzi bawo babuluhlanga lunye. ubude bekamelo labalindi babuluhlanga lunye, nobubanzi balo buluhlanga lunye; okwakuphakathi kwamakamelo kwakuy-

izingalo eziyisihlanu; umbundu wesango eceleni kompheme wesango ngasendlini wawuluhlanga lunye. walinganisa nompheme wesango ngasendlini: luhlanga lunye. wayeselinganisa umpheme wesango: yizingalo eziyisishiyagalombili; nezinsika zalo: yizingalo ezimbili; umpheme wesango wawungasendlini. amakamelo abalindi asangweni ngasempumalanga ayemathathu ngalapha, emathathu nangalapha, eyisilinganiso sinye; nezinsika zaziysilinganiso sinye ngalapha nangalapha. walinganisa ububanzi besikhala sesango: yizingalo eziyishumi; nobude besango: yizingalo eziyishumi nantathu; nomkhawulo ngaphambi kwamakamelo abalindi: yingalo inye; nomkhawulo ngalapha: yingalo inye; namakamelo abalindi: yizingalo eziyisithupha ngalapha nezingalo eziyisithupha ngalapha. walinganisa isango kusukela ophahleni lwelinye ikamelo kuze kube sophahleni lwelinye, ububanzi buyizingalo ezingamashumi amabili nanhlanu, umnyango ubhekene nomnyango. wenza nezinsika: yizingalo ezingamashumi ayisithupha, isango lifinyelela ensikeni yegceke nxazonke. kusukela phambi kwesango ngasekungeneni kuze kube phambi kompheme wesango elingaphakathi kwakuyizingalo ezingamashumi ayisihlanu. kwakukhona amafasitele avalilweyo, kuwo amakamelo nakuzo izinsika ngaphakathi kwesango nxazonke, kanjalo nakuyo imengamo; kwakukhona amafasitele nxazonke ngaphakathi namasundu ezinsikeni. wayesengingenisa egcekeni elingaphandle; bheka, lapho kwakukhona amakamelo nendawo egandayiwewo eyenzelwe igceke nxazonke; kwakukhona amakamelo angamashumi amathathu endaweni egandayiwewo. indawo egandayiwewo yayiseceleni kwamasango, ilingene nobude bamasango; lokhu kwakuyindawo egandayiwewo ephansi. wayeselinganisa ububanzi kusukela phambi kwesango elingenzansi kuze kube phambi kwegceke elingaphakathi ngaphandle: yizingalo eziyikhulu ngasempumalanga nangasenyakatho. wayeselinganisa ubude nobubanzi besango legceke elingaphandle elibheke ngasenyakatho. amakamelo alo abalindi ayemathathu ngalapha, emathathu nangalapha; izinsika zalo nemengamo yalo kwakunjengesilinganiso sesango sokuqala; ubude balo babuyizingalo ezingamashumi ayisihlanu, nobubanzi buyizingalo ezingamashumi amabili nanhlanu. amafasitele alo, nemengamo yalo, namasundu alo kwakunjengesilinganiso sesango elibheke ngasempumalanga; bakhuphukela kulo ngezinyathelo eziyisikhombisa; imengamo yalo yayiphambi kwalezi. kwakukhona isango legceke elingaphakathi malungana naleli sango ngasenyakatho nan-

gasempumalanga; walinganisa, kusukela esangweni kuze kube sesangweni, izingalo eziyikhulu. wayesengiyisa ngaseningizimu; bheka, isango lingaseningizimu; walinganisa izinsika zalo nemengamo yalo njengezilinganiso zasenhla. kwakukhona amafasitele kulo nakuyo imengamo yalo nxazonke njengamafasitele angenhla; ubude babuyizingalo ezingamashumi ayisihlanu, nobubanzi buyizingalo ezingamashumi amabili nanhlanu. kwakukhona izinyathelo eziyisikhombisa zokukhuphukela kulo, imengamo iphambi kwazo; lalinamasundu, lilinye ngalapha nelinye ngalapha ezinsikeni zalo. kwakukhona isango legceke elingaphakathi ngaseningizimu; walinganisa, kusukela esangweni kuze kube sesangweni ngaseningizimu, izingalo eziyikhulu. wayesengingenisa egcekeni elingaphakathi ngesango laseningizimu; wallinganisa isango laseningizimu njengezilinganiso zasenhla. amakamelo alo abalindi, nezinsika zalo, nemengamo yalo kwakunjengezilinganiso zasenhla; kwakukhona amafasitele kulo nakuyo imengamo nxazonke; ubude balo babuyizingalo ezingamashumi ayisihlanu, nobubanzi balo babuyizingalo ezingamashumi amabili nanhlanu. kwakukhona imengamo nxazonke, ubude bayo buyizingalo ezingamashumi amabili nanhlanu, nobubanzi bayo buyizingalo eziyisihlanu. imengamo yalo yayibheke egcekeni elingaphandle; amasundu ayekhona ezinsikeni zalo; kwakhushukelwa kulo ngezinyathelo eziyisihiyagalombili. wayesengingenisa egcekeni elingaphakathi ngasempumalanga, wallinganisa isango njengezilinganiso zasenhla, namakamelo alo abalindi, nezinsika zalo, nemengamo yalo njengezilinganiso zasenhla; kwakukhona amafasitele kulo nakuyo imengamo yalo nxazonke; ubude babuyizingalo ezingamashumi ayisihlanu, nobubanzi buyizingalo ezingamashumi amabili nanhlanu. imengamo yalo yayibheke egcekeni elingaphandle; amasundu ayekhona ezinsikeni zalo ngalapha nangalapha; kwakhushukelwa kulo ngezinyathelo eziyisishiyagalombili. wayesengiyisa esangweni lasenyakatho, wallinganisa njengezilinganiso zasenhla, namakamelo alo abalindi, nezinsika zalo, nemengamo yalo; kwakukhona amafasitele kulo nxazonke; ubude babuyizingalo ezingamashumi ayisihlanu, nobubanzi buyizingalo ezingamashumi amabili nanhlanu. izinsika zalo zazibheke egcekeni elingaphandle; amasundu ayekhona ezinsikeni zalo ngalapha nangalapha; kwakhushukelwa kulo ngezinyathelo eziyisishiyagalombili. kwakukhona ikamelo nomnyango walo ngasezinsikeni emasangweni; bahlanza khona umnikelo wokushiswa. emphemeni wesango kwakukhona amatafula

amabili ngalapha namatafula amabili ngalapha ukuba kuhlatshelwe kuwo umnikelo wokushiswa nomnikelo wesono nomnikelo wecala. eceleni ngaphandle lapho kukhushukelwa esivalweni sesango ngasenyakatho kwakukhona amatafula amabili, nakolunye uhlangothi olungasemphemeni wesango amatafula amabili. amatafula amane ayengalapha, namatafula amane ayengalapha eceleni kwesango, amatafula ayisishiyagalombili ababehlabela kuwo. kwakungamatafula amane omnikelo wokushiswa amatshu abaziweyo, ubude buyingalo nenxene, nobubanzi buyingalo nenzenze, nokuphakama kuyingalo, ababeka phezu kwawo izinto abahlaba ngazo umnikelo wokushiswa nomhlatshelo. izingwegwe, ubude bazo bungububanzi besandla, zazifakiwe ngaphakathi nxazonke; ematafuleni kwakukhona inyama yomnikelo. ngaphandle kwesango elingaphakathi kwakukhona amakamelo abahlabeleli egcekeni elingaphakathi, elisecceleni kwesango lasenyakatho, libheke ngaseningizimu, elinye elisecceleni kwesango lasempumalanga, libheke ngasenyakatho. wathi kimi: leli kamelo elibheke ngaseningizimu ngelabapristi abagcina inkonzo yasendlini. ikamelo elibheke ngasenyakatho ngelabapristi abagcina inkonzo yase-altare; bangamadodana kasadoki aphakathi kwamadodana kalevi, asondela kujehovaeiou ukumkhonza. wayeselilinganisa igceke, ubude balo buyizingalo eziyikhulu, nobubanzi buyizingalo eziyikhulu, yizinglangothi ezine; i-altare laliphambi kwendlu. wayesengingenisa emphemeni wendlu, walinganisa izinsika zompheme: yizingalo eziyisihlanu ngalapha nezingalo eziyisihlanu ngalapha; ububanzi besango babuyizingalo ezintathu ngalapha nezingalo ezintathu ngalapha. ubude bompheme babuyizingalo ezingamashumi amabili, nobubanzi buyizingalo eziyishumi nanye ngasezinyathelweni okwakukhushukelwa ngazo kulo; kwakukhona nezibonda ngasezinsikeni, esinye ngalapha nesinye ngalapha.

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wayesengingenisa ethempelini, walinganisa izinsika, ububanzi buyizingalo eziyisithupha ngalapha, ububanzi buyizingalo eziyisithupha nangalapha, ububanzi betabernakele. ububanzi bomnyango babuyizingalo eziyishumi; amacele omnyango ayeyizingalo eziyisihlanu ngalapha nezingalo eziyisihlanu ngalapha; walinganisa ubude balo: yizingalo ezingamashumi amane; nobubanzi balo: yizingalo ezingamashumi amabili. wayesengena phakathi, walinganisa izinsika zomnyango: yizingalo ezimbili; nom-

nyango: yizingalo eziyisithupha; nobubanzi bomnyango: yizingalo eziyisikhombisa. walinganisa ubude bokuphakathi: yizingalo ezingamashumi amabili; nobubanzi: yizingalo ezingamashumi amabili phambi kwethempeli; wathi kimi: lokhu kuyindawo engcwele kakhulu. wayeselinganisa udonga lwendlu: yizingalo eziyisithupha; nobubanzi bamakamelo ezinhlangothi: yizingalo ezine nxazonke zendlu emaceleni onke. amakamelo ezinhlangothi ayemathathu elakanyene elinye phezu kwelinye, engamashumi amathathu ngomumo. angena odongeni olwalungolwendlu lwamakamelo ezinhlangothi nxazonke ukuba abambelele kulo, angabambeleli odongeni lwendlu. amakamelo ezinhlangothi ababanzi ekukhuphukeni njalo nxazonke, ngokuba okuzungeza indlu kwakhu-phuka njalo nxazonke zendlu; ngalokho indlu yaba banzi ekukhuphukeni njalo; kwakhushuka ekamelweni eliphansi kwaze kwaba kweliphezulu ngeliphakathi. ngabona ukuthi indlu yayinendunduma nxazonke; izisekelo zamakamelo ezinhlangothi zaziluhlanga olupheleleyo lwezingalo eziyisithupha kuze kube sekuhlanganisweni phezu. uhlonze lodonga olwalungolwamakamelo ezinhlangothi ngaphandle lwaluyizingalo eziyisihlanu; indawo eseleyo yayingeyamakamelo ezinhlangothi endlu. phakathi kwamakamelo kwakukhona ububanzi obuyizingalo ezingamashumi amabili nxazonke zendlu emaceleni onke. iminyango yamakamelo ezinhlangothi yayibheke endaweni eseleyo, omunye umnyango ngasenyakatho nomunye umnyango ngaseningizimu; ububanzi bendawo eseleyo babuyizingalo eziyisihlanu nxazonke. isakhiwo esasiphambi kwendlu eyahlukanisiweyo ngasentshonalanga, ububanzi baso babuyizingalo ezingamashumi ayisikhombisa; uhlonze lodonga lwendlu lwaluyizingalo eziyisihlanu nxazonke, nobude balo buyizingalo ezingamashumi ayisishiyagalolunye. wayeselinganisa indlu, ubude bayo buyizingalo eziyikhulu; indawo eyahlukanisiweyo nesakhiwo kanye nezindonga zaso, ubude bakho babuyizingalo eziyikhulu, nobubanzi bobuso bendlu kanye nendawo eyahlukanisiweyo ngasempumalanga: yizingalo eziyikhulu. wayeselinganisa ubude besakhiwo phambi kwendlu eyahlukanisiweyo eyayisemva kwaso nemipheme yayo ngalapha nangalapha: yizingalo eziyikhulu, nethempeli elingaphakathi, nemipheme yegceke, imibundu, namafasitele avaliweyo, nemipheme nxazonke eyelakanyene kathathu malungana nombundu, kwembeswe umuthi nxazonke, kusukela phansi kuze kube semafasiteleni; amafasitele ayemboziwe; kuze kube phezu komnyango

nasendlini engaphakathi, nangaphandle, nakulo lonke udonga nxazonke ngaphakathi nangaphandle kwakulinganisiwe, kwenziwe ngamakhherubi nangamasundu; isundu laliphakathi kwekherubi nekherubi, ikherubi lilinye linobuso obubili; kwakungubuso bomuntu bubheke isundu ngalapha, nobuso bebhongo lengonyama bubheke isundu ngalapha; kwakwenziwe kanjalo kuyo yonke indlu nxazonke. kusukela phansi kuze kube phezu komnyango kwakwenziwe amakhherubi namasundu, kanjalo nasodongeni lwethempeli. ithempeli-ke, izinsika zomnyango zazinezinhlangothi ezine, nobuso bendawo engcwelengcwele, isimo sabo sasinjengesimo sethempeli. i-altare lalingumuthi, ukuphakama kwalo kuyizingalo ezintathu, nobude balo buyizingalo ezimbili; lalinamagumbi; ubude balo nezindonga zalo kwakungumuthi; wathi kimi: lokhu kuyitafula eliyakuba ngaphambi kukajehova-aeiou. ithempeli nendawo engcwelengcwele kwakunezivalo ezimbili. izivalo zazinezicabha ezimbili, izicabha ezimbili eziphendukayo, ezimbili ngezesinye isivalo, nezicabha ezimbili ngezesinye. kwakwenziwe kuzo, ezivalweni zethempeli, amakhherubi namasundu njengokwenziwe ezindongeni; kwakukhona isivikelo somuthi phezu kompheme ngaphandle. kwakukhona amafasitela avaliiweyo namasundu ngalapha nangalapha emaceleni ompheme, nasemakamelweni ezinhlangothi zendlu, nasesivikelweni.

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wayesengiphumisela egcekeni elingaphandle ngasenyakatho, walingenisa ekamelweni elibhekene nendawo eyahlukanisiweyo, elimalungana nesakhiwo ngasenyakatho, ohlangothini olude, ubude balo buyizingalo eziyikhulu, umnyango ungasenyakatho; ububanzi babuyizingalo ezingamashumi ayisihlanu. malungana nezingalo ezingamashumi amabili ezazingezegceke elingaphakathi, namalungana nendawo egandayiweyo eyayingegceke elingaphandle kwakukhona umpheme malungana nompheme eyelakanyene kathathu. ngaphambi kwamakamelo kwakukhona indlela yokuhamba, ububanzi bayo buyizingalo eziyishumi ngaphakathi, nobude bayo buyizingalo eziyikhulu; iminyango yawo yayingasenyakatho. amakamelo aphezulu ayemafushane, ngokuba imipheme yanciphisa kulawa kunakwaphansi naphakathi esakhiweni. ngokuba ayelakanyene kathathu; ayengenazinsika njengezinsika zamagceke; ngalokho angaphezulu ayelehlele kunaphansi naphakathi kusukela emhlabathini. ugange olwalungaphandle eceleni kwamakamelo ngasegcekeni elin-

gaphandle babuyizingalo ezingamashumi ayisihlanu. ngokuba ubude bamakamelo ayesegekeni elingaphandle babuyizingalo ezingamashumi ayisihlanu, kepha bheka, ngaphambi kwethempeli kwakuyizingalo eziyikhulu. kusukela phansi kwalawa makamelo kwakukhona ukungena ngasempumalanga, lapho kwangenwa kuwo kuvelwa egcekeni elingaphandle. lapho ugange lwegceke lwaludumbile khona ngasempumalanga, ngaphambi kwendawo eyahlukanisiweyo naphambi kwesakhiwo, kwakukhona amakamelo nalapho. indlela phambi kwawo yayinjengesimo seyamakamelo ngasenyakatho; ububanzi babunjengobude; izindawo zawo zokuphuma zazinjengemithetho yazo nanjengeminyango yazo. njengeminyango yamakamelo aseningizimu kwakukhona umnyango esihlokweni sendlela, indlela malungana nogange ngasempumalanga, lapho kungenwa kuwo. wayesethi kimi: amakamelo asenyakatho namakamelo aseningizimu aphambi kwendawo eyahlukanisiweyo mawabe ngamakamelo angcwele, lapho abapristi abaseduze nojehova-aeiou beyakudla khona okungcwelengcwele, babeke khona okungcwelengcwele, nomnikelo wempuphu, nomnikelo wesono, nomnikelo wecala, ngokuba indawo ingcwele. lapho abapristi bengenala, abayikuphuma endaweni engcwele ukuya egcekeni elingaphandle, kepha bayakubeka lapho izambatho zabo abakhonze ngazo, ngokuba bayingcwele; bayakwembatha ezinye izingubo, basondele kulokhu okungokwabantu. lapho eseqede ukulinganisa indlu engaphakathi, wangiphumisa ngendlela yesango elingasempumalanga, walinganisa ukuzungeza. walinganisa uhlangothi lwasempumalanga ngohlangu lokulinganisa; yizinhlanga ezingamakhulu ayisihlanu ngohlangu lokulinganisa nxazonke. walinganisa uhlangothi lwasenyakatho; yizinhlanga ezingamakhulu ayisihlanu ngohlangu lokulinganisa nxazonke. walinganisa uhlangothi lwaseningizimu; yizinhlanga ezingamakhulu ayisihlanu ngohlangu lokulinganisa. wayesephehlukela ohlangothini lwasentshonalanga, walinganisa izinhlanga ezingamakhulu ayisihlanu ngohlangu lokulinganisa. wayilinganisa ezinhlangothini zozine; yayinogange nxazonke, ubude balo buyizingalo ezingamakhulu ayisihlanu, nobubanzi buyizingalo ezingamakhulu ayisihlanu ukwahlukanisa phakathi kokungcwele nokungengcwele.

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wayesengiyisa esangweni, isango elibheke ngasempumalanga; bheka, inkazimulo kajehova-aeiou ka-israyeli yavela ngasempumalanga, izwi lakhe lalinjengokuholoba

kwamanzi amaningi, umhlaba wakhanya ngenkazimulo yakhe. kwaba njengesimo sombono engawubonayo, yebo, njengombono engawubona lapho ngeza ukuwuchitha umuzi; imibono yayinjengombono engawubona ngasemfuleni ikhebari; ngawa ngobuso bami. inkazimulo kajehova-aeiou yangena endlini ngendlela yesango elibheke ngasempumalanga. umoya wangiphakamisa, wangingenisa egcekeni elingaphakathi; bheka, inkazimulo kajehova-aeiou yayigcwalisa indlu. ngase ngizwa okhuluma kimi ephakathi kwendlu; kwakumi umuntu eceleni kwami. wathi kimi: ndodana yomuntu, lokhu kuyindawo yesihlalo sami sobukhosi, nendawo yamathe ezinyawo zami, lapho ngiyakuhlala khona phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli kuze kube phakade; indlu yakwa-israyeli ayisayikulingcolisa igama lami elingcwele, yona namakhosiayo, ngokuphinga kwayo nangezidumbu zamakhosiayo ezindaweni zayo eziphakemayo, bebeka umbundu wabo ngasembundwini wami, nensika yabo yomnyango eceleni kwensika yami, kube ludonga kuphela phakathi kwami nabo, belingcolisa igama lami elingcwele ngezindawo zabo abazenzileyo, okungalokho ngabaqeda ngolaka lwami. manje mabadedisele kude nami ukuphinga kwabo, nezidumbu zamakhosiabo, ngihlale phakathi kwabo kuze kube phakade. wena ndodana yomuntu, bonisa abendlu yakwa-israyeli le ndlu ukuba babe namahloni ngobubi babo, balinganise isimo sayo. uma benamahloni ngakho konke abakwenzileyo, mawubazise isimo sendlu, nokubonakala kwayo, nezindawo zayo zokuphuma, nezindawo zayo zokungena, yebo, sonke isimo sayo kanye nazo zonke izimiso zayo, nazo zonke izimo zazo kanye nayo yonke imithetho yayo, ukulobe emehlweni abo ukuba bagcine sonke isimo sayo nazo zonke izimiso zayo, bazenze. nanku umthetho wendlu: esiqongweni sentaba wonke umkhawulo wayo nxazonke uyakuba ngcwele kakhulu. bheka, lokhu kungumthetho wendlu. lezi zaziyizilinganiso ze-altare ngezingalo, ingalo iyingalo nobuzani besandla: isinqe sasiyingalo ukuphakama kwalo, nobubanzi buyingalo; umncele walo ngasaceleni kwalo nxazonke wawunjengokudazuluka kweminwe; lokhu kwakungukuphakama kwe-altare; kusukela esinqeni emhlabathini kuze kube sonqengemeni oluphansi kwakuyizingalo ezimbili, ububanzi buyingalo; kusukela onqenqemeni oluncane kuze kube sonqenqemeni olukhulu kwakuyizingalo ezine, ububanzi buyingalo. i-altare laliyizingalo ezine; kusukela e-altare kuya phezulu kwakukhona izimpondo ezine. i-altare, ubude balo babuyizingalo eziyishumi nambili, ububanzi balo buyizingalo eziyishumi nambili, linez-

inhlangothi ezine ezilingeneyo. onqenqema, ubude balo, babuyizingalo eziyishumi nane, ububanzi balo bungeziyishumi nane ezinhlangothini zalo zozine; umncele nxazonke kwalo wawuyinxenye yengalo; isinqe salo sasiyingalo nxazonke, izinyathelo zalo zibheke ngasempumalanga. wayesethi kimi: ndodana yomuntu, isho kanje inkosi ujeahova-aeiou, ithi: nazi izimiso ze-altare mhla beyakulenza ukuba bashise umnikelo wokushiswa phezu kwalo, balifafaze ngegazi. uyakunika abapristi bamalevi abozalo lukasadoki, abaseduze kimi, isho inkosi ujeahova-aeiou, ukuba bangikhonze, iduna libe ngumnikelo wesono. uyakuthatha okwegazi layo, ulibhece ezimpondweni zalo zozine, nasemagumbini omane onqenqema, nasemnceleni nxazonke, ulihlambulule, ulenzele ukubuyisana. uyakuthatha inkunzi yomnikelo wesono, ishiswe endaweni yendlu emiselweyo ngaphandle kwendlu engcwele. ngosuku lwesibili uyakunikela ngempongo engenasici, ibe ngumnikelo wesono; bayakuhlambulula i-altare njen-gokulihlambulula ngenkunzi. lapho usugede ukulihlambulula, uyakunikela ngeduna elingenasici nangenqama yezimvu engenasici. uyakukusondeza phambi kukajehova-aeiou, abapristi bathele usawoti kukho, banikele ngakho, kuba ngumnikelo wokushiswa kujehova-aeiou. izinsuku eziyisikhombisa uyakulungisa imihla yonke impongo ibe ngumnikelo wesono, kulungiswe neduna nenqama yezimvu, okungenasici. izinsuku eziyisikhombisa bayakwenzela i-altare ukubuyisana, balihlambulule, balingcwelise. lapho seziphelile izinsuku, kuyakuba ngosuku lwesishiyagalombili naphambili ukuba abapristi bayilungise iminikelo yenu yokushiswa e-altare neminikelo yenu yokuthula, nginamukele, isho inkosi ujeahova-aeiou.

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wayesengibuyisa ngendlela yesango elingaphandle lendlu engcwele, elibheke ngasempumalanga. ujeahova-aeiou wathi kimi: leli sango liyakuvalwa, aliyikuvulwa, akuyikungena muntu ngalo, ngokuba ujeahova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli ungenile ngalo; liyakuhlala livaliwe. kepha isikhulu, siyisikhulu, siyakuhlala kulo, sidle phambi kukajehova-aeiou; siyakungena ngendlela yompheme wesango, siphume ngendlela yawo futhi. wayesengiyisa ngaphambi kwendlu ngendlela yesango lasenyakatho; ngabuka, bheka, inkazimulo kajehova-aeiou yagcwalisa indlu kajehova-aeiou, ngawa ngobuso bami. ujeahova-aeiou wathi kimi: ndodana yomuntu, beka inhliziyoyakho, ubone ngamehlo akho, uzwe ngezindlebe zakho konke engikukhu-

luma kuwe ngazo zonke izimiso zendlu kajehova-aeiou nangayo yonke imithetho yayo, uqaphele indawo yendlu yokungena nazo zonke izindawo zokuphuma zendlu engcwele. uyakusho kuyo indlu ehlobukileyo yakwa-israyeli, uthi: isho kanje inkosi ujhova-aeiou, ithi: nina ndlu yakwa-israyeli, mazanele kini zonke izinengiso zenu, lokhu ningenisile abezizwe abangasokile ngenhliziyo nabangasokile ngenyama ukuba babe sendlini yami engcwele, bayingcolise indlu yami, lapho ninikela ngesinkwa sami, nangamanoni, nangegazi, naphula isivumelwano sami ngazo zonke izinengiso zenu. anigcinanga inkonzo yezinto zami ezingcwele, kepha nibeke abayakunigcinela inkonzo endlini yami engcwele. isho kanje inkosi ujhova-aeiou, ithi: akuyikungena endlini yami engcwele owezizwe ongasokile ngenhliziyo nongasokile ngenyama kubo bonke abezizwe abaphakathi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli. kepha amalevi adeda kude nami lapho u-israyeli eduka, eduka elandela izithombe zawo, ayakuthwala ububi bawo, abe yizikhonzi endlini yami engcwele, abonise amasango endlu, akhonze endlini, ahlabe iminikelo yokushiswa nemihlatshelo yabantu, eme phambi kwabo ukuba abakhonze. ngokuba ebebakhonza phambi kwezithombe zabo, aba yisikhubekiso sobubi kuyo indlu yakwa-israyeli, ngalokho ngiphakamisile isandla sami kuwo, isho inkosi ujhova-aeiou, athwale ububi bawo. awayikusondela kimi abe ngabapristi kimi, angasondeli nasezintweni zami ezingcwele, izinto ezingcwele kakhulu, kepha ayakuthwala ihlazo lawo nezinengiso zawo azenzileyo. yebo, ngiyakwabeka abagcini benkonzo yendlu emsebenzini wonke wayo kukho konke okuyakwenziwa kuyo. kepha abapristi bamalevi, amadodana kasadoki, ababegcina inkonzo yendlu yami engcwele lapho abantwana bakwa-israyeli beduka kimi, bayakusondela kimi, bangikhonze, beme phambi kwami, banikele kimi ngamanoni nangegazi, isho inkosi ujhova-aeiou; bayakungena endlini yami engcwele, basondele etafuleni lami ukuba bangikhonze, bagcine inkonzo yami. kuyakuthi lapho bengena emasangweni egceke elingaphakathi, bembathiswe izambatho zelineni, uboya bezimvu bungabathinti, lapho bekhonza emasangweni egceke elingaphakathi nasendlini. bayakuba nezigqoko zelineni emakhanda abo, babe namabhulukwe elineni okhalweni lwabo, bangabhinci okujulukisayo. lapho bephumela egcekeni elingaphandle, igceke elingaphandle labantu, bayakukhumula izambatho zabo abakhonza ngazo, bazibeke emakamelweni angcwele, bembathe ezinye izingubo, funa bangcwelise abantu ngezambatho zabo. abayikuphucula

amakhanda abo, bangavumi izihluthu zabo zibe zide, kepha bayakungena amakhanda abo. akuyikuphuzwa iwayini noyedwa umpristi, lapho bengena egcekeni elingaphakathi. abayikuthatha umfelokazi nolahlweyo babe ngabafazi babo, kepha bathathe izintombi zozalo lwendlu yakwa-israyeli, noma umfelokazi ongumfelokazi wompristi. bayakufundisa abantu bami ukwahlukanisa okungcwele nokuyichilo, benze umahluko phakathi kokungcolileyo nokuhlambulukileyo. ekuphikisaneni bayakuma ukwahlulela, bakwahlulele njengezehlulelo zami, bagcine imithetho yami nezimiso zami emikhosini yonke yami, balingcwelise isabatha lami. abayikuthinta ofileyo, funa bazingcolise, kepha ngoyise, nanganina, nangendodana, nangendodakazi, nangomfowabo, nangodadewabo ongenandoda bangazingcolisa. nxa esehlambulukile, uyakubalelwa izinsuku eziyisikhombisa. ngosuku angena ngalo endlini engcwele egcekeni elingaphakathi ukuyokhonza endlini engcwele, uyakunikela ngomnikelo wakhe wesono, isho inkosi ujhova-aeiou. bayakuba nefa; mina ngiyifa labo; aniyikubanika imfuyo kwa-israyeli; mina ngiyimfuyo yabo. bayakudla umnikelo wempuphu, nomnikelo wesono, nomnikelo wecala, konke okwahlukanisiweyo kwa-israyeli kube ngokwabo. lonke ulibo lokuqala lwakho konke nayo yonke iminikelo yakho konke eminkelweni yenu yonke kuyakuba ngokwabapristi, nimnike umpristi ulibo lomgqakazo wenu ukuhlalisa isibusiso phezu kwendlu yakho. abapristi abayikudla okuzifeleyo nokudweshuliweyo, noma ezinyonini noma ezinkomeni.

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kuyakuthi ekwahlukanisweni kwezwe ngenkatho libe ngamafa, ninikele kujehova-aeiou ngomnikelo, okungcwele kwezwe, ubude bube ngubude bezinhlanga eziyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nanhlano, ububanzi bube yizinkulungwane eziyishumi, kube ngcwele emikhawulweni yonke nxazonke. kulokhu kuyakuba ngokwendlu engcwele okubude bakho bungezamaxhulu ayisihlanu nokobubanzi bakho bungamakhulu ayisihlanu, kunezinhlangothi ezine nxazonke, nezingalo ezingamashumi ayisihlanu zibe ngezamadlelo akho nxazonke. kuso lesi silinganiso uyakulinganisa ubude obuyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nanhlano nobubanzi obuyizinkulungwane eziyishumi, kube yindawo engcwele kakhulu. kungokungcwele kwezwe, kungokwabapristi, izikhonzi zendlu engcwele ezisondela ukumkhonza ujhova-aeiou, kube yindawo yezindlu zabo nendawo engcwele yendlu engcwele. izinkulungwane

ezingamashumi amabili nanhlano ubude nezinkulungwane eziyishumi ububanzi ziyakuba ngezamalevi, izikhonzi zendlu, zibe yifa lawo lemizi ukuhlala kuyo. niyakunika umuzi ifa lezinkulungwane eziyisihlanu ububanzi nezinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nanhlano ubude eceleni komnikelo wokungcwele, libe ngelendlu yonke yakwa-israyeli. okungokwesikhulu kuyakuba ngalapha nangalapha komnikelo wokungcwele nefa lomuzi, phambi komnikelo wokungcwele naphambi kwefa lomuzi, ngasohlangothini lwasentshonalanga kubheke entshonalanga, nangasohlangothini lwasempumalanga kubheke empumalanga, ngobude kulingane nesinye sezabelo zezizwe, kusukela emkhawulweni wasentshonalanga kuze kube semkhawulweni wasempumalanga. kuyakuba yifa laso ezweni lakwa-israyeli, izikhulu zami zingasacindezeli abantu bami, kepha zinike indlu yakwa-israyeli njengezizwe zayo. isho kanje inkosi uje-hova-aeiou, ithi: makwanele kini nina zikhulu zakwa-israyeli; susani ubudlova nokuphanga, nenze ukwahlulela nokulunga, niyeke ukuxosha abantu bami, isho inkosi uje-hova-aeiou. niyakuba nezilinganiso ezilungileyo, ne-efa elilungileyo, nebhati elilungileyo. i-efa nebhati kuyakuba yisilinganiso sinye, ukuze ibhati lifumbathe okweshumi kwehomere, ne-efa okweshumi kwehomere, isilinganiso salo sibe ngokwehomere. ishekeli liyakuba ngamagera angamashumi amabili; amashekeli angamashumi amabili, namashekeli angamashumi amabili nanhlano, namashekeli ayishumi nanhlano ayakuba yimane kini. lokhu kungumnikelo eniyakunikela ngawo: inxenye yesithupha ye-efa lehomere likakolweni nenxenye yesithupha ye-efa lehomere lebhali, namafutha anqun-yiweyo, ibhati lamafutha: inxenye yeshumi yebhati lekhori elingamabhati ayishumi njengehomere, ngokuba amabhati ayishumi ayihomere, newundlu linye ezimvini ezingamakhulu amabili zasemadloleni anamanzi akwa-israyeli, libe ngumnikelo wempuphu, nomnikelo wokushiswa, nomnikelo wokuthula ukubenzela ukubuyisana, isho inkosi uje-hova-aeiou. bonke abantu bezwe bayakuba kulo mnikelo wesikhulu sakwa-israyeli. kuyakuba phezu kwesikhulu ukunikela ngeminikelo yokushiswa, nangeminikelo yempuphu, nangeminikelo yokuphuzwa emikhosini, nasekwethwaseni kwenyanga, nangamasabatha emikhosini yonke emisiweyo yendlu yakwa-israyeli, silungise umnikelo wesono, nomnikelo wempuphu, nomnikelo wokushiswa, nemnikelo yokuthula ukwenzela indlu yakwa-israyeli ukubuyisana. isho kanje inkosi uje-hova-aeiou, ithi: ngenyanga yokuqala, ngolokuqala lwenyanga, uyakuthatha

inkunzi, iduna elingenasici, uhlambulule indlu engcwele. umpristi uyakuthatha kulo igazi lomnikelo wesono, alibheke ezinsikeni zendlu, nasemagumbini omane onqenqema lwe-altare, nasezinsikeni zesango legceke elingaphakathi. uyakwenze njalo ngolwesikhombisa lwenyanga ngaye wonke umuntu odukayo nongenalwazi, nenzele indlu ukubuyisana. ngenyanga yokuqala, ngosuku lweshumi nane lwenyanga, niyakuba nephasika, umkhosi wezinsuku eziyisikhombisa, kudliwe isinkwa esingenamvubelo. ngalolo suku isikhulu siyakuzilungiselela sona nabantu bonke bezwe inkunzi ibe ngumnikelo wesono. zinsuku eziyisikhombisa zomkhosi siyakulungiselela uje-hova-aeiou umnikelo wokushiswa, izinkunzi eziyisikhombisa nezinqama eziyisikhombisa ezingenasici imihla ngemihla ngalezo zinsuku eziyisikhombisa, kanye nempongo imihla ngemihla ibe ngumnikelo wesono. siyakulungiselela inkunzi umnikelo wempuphu, i-efa, ne-efa ngenqama, nehini lamafutha nge-efa. ngenyanga yesikhombisa ngosuku lweshumi nanhlano lwenyanga emkhosini siyakwenza okunjengalezo zinsuku eziyisikhombisa, kunjengomnikelo wesono, nomnikelo wokushiswa, nomnikelo wempuphu, namafutha.

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isho kanje inkosi uje-hova-aeiou, ithi: isango legceke elingaphakathi, elibheke ngasempumalanga liyakuvalwa izinsuku eziyisithupha zokusebenza, kepha ngosuku lwesabatha liyakuvulwa, livulwe futhi nangosuku lokwethwasa kwenyanga. isikhulu siyakungena ngendlela yompHEME wesango ngaphandle, sime ngasensikeni yesango, abapristi balungise umnikelo waso wokushiswa nemnikelo yaso yokuthula, sikhuleke ngasembundwini wesango; bese siphuma, kepha isango aliyikuvalwa kuze kube kusihlwa. abantu bayakukhuleka esivalweni salelo sango phambi kukajehova-aeiou ngamasabatha nangokwethwasa kwenyanga. umnikelo wokushiswa isikhulu esiyakunikela ngawo kujehova-aeiou ngosuku lwesabatha uyakuba ngamawundlu ayisithupha angenasici nenqama engen-nasici; umnikelo wempuphu uyakuba yi-efa ngenqama, umnikelo wempuphu owamawundlu ube njengamandla aso, kube yihini lamafutha nge-efa. ngosuku lokwethwasa kwenyanga kube yiduna elingen-nasici, namawundlu ayisithupha, nenqama, okungenasici. siyakulungisa umnikelo wempuphu: i-efa ngenkunzi ne-efa ngenqama, ngamawundlu kube njengamandla aso, kube yihini lamafutha nge-efa. lapho isikhulu singena, siyakungena ngendlela yompHEME wesango, siphume futhi ngendlela yawo.



kepha lapho abantu bezwe bengena phambi kukajehova-aeiou emikhosini emisiweyo, ongena ngendlela yesango lasenyakatho ukuyokhuleka uyakuphuma ngendlela yesango laseningizimu; ongena ngendlela yesango laseningizimu uyakuphuma ngendlela yesango lasenyakatho; kayikubuya ngendlela yesango angene ngalo, kepha kuyakuphunywa kwelimalungana nalo. ekungeneni kwabo isikhulu siyakuhamba phakathi kwabo; ekuphumeni bayakuphuma kanyekanye. emikhosini nasemihlanganweni umnikelo wempuphu uyakuba yi-efa ngenkunzi ne-efa ngenqama, ngamawundlu ube njengamandla aso, kube yihini lamafutha nge-efa. lapho isikhulu siyakulungisa umnikelo wesihle, umnikelo wokushiswa neminikelo yokuthula ibe ngumnikelo wesihle kujehova-aeiou, siyaku-vulelwa isango elibheke ngasempumalanga, silungise umnikelo waso wokushiswa neminikelo yaso yokuthula njengokwenza kwaso ngosuku lwesabatha, bese siphuma; nalapho sesiphumile, isango liyakuvalwa. uyakulungisa iwundlu elinomnyaka munye elingenasici libe ngumnikelo wokushiswa kujehova-aeiou imihla ngemihla, ulilungise ekuseni njalo. uyakuwulungisela umnikelo wempuphu ekuseni njalo, inxenye yesithupha ye-efa nenxenye yesithathu yehini lamafutha ukugcoba impuphu ecekileyo, kube ngumnikelo wempuphu kujehova-aeiou njalonjalo ngesimiso esiphakade. bayakulungisa-ke iwundlu, nomnikelo wempuphu, namafutha ekuseni njalo, kube ngumnikelo wokushiswa imihla yonke. isho kanje inkosi ujeahova-aeiou, ithi: uma isikhulu sinika enye yamadodana aso isipho, kuyifa layo, yimfuyo yayo ngokob-ufa. kepha uma sinika enye yezinceku zaso isipho sasefeni laso, siyakuba ngesayo kuze kube semnyakeni wokukhuleka, bese sibuyela esikhulwini; kepha ifa laso liyakuba ngelamadodana aso. isikhulu asiyikuthatha efeni labantu ukubaphuca imfuyo yabo; sithatha emfuyweni yaso siyakuwanika amadodana aso ifa ukuze abantu bami bangahlukani, kube yilowo nalowo nemfuyo yakhe. wayesengingenisa ngendawo yokungena eseceleni kwesango emakamelweni angcwele abapristi, abheke ngasenyakatho; bheka, kwakukhona lapho indawo ngasemuva ngasentshonalanga. wathi kimi: nansi indawo lapho abapristi beyakuphekela khona umnikelo wecala nomnikelo wesono, nalapho beyakwenza khona umnikelo wempuphu, ukuze bangawuphumisi egcekeni elingaphandle, bangcwelise abantu. wayesengiphumisela egcekeni elingaphandle, wangidlulisa ezingosini zozine zegceke; bheka, ezingosini zonke zegceke kwakukhona ibala. ezingosini zozine zegceke kwakukhona

amabala ahlukani siweyo, ubude buyizin-galo ezingamashumi amane, nobubanzi bungezingamashumi amathathu; lawa omane asezingosini ayeyisilinganiso sinye. phakathi kwawo nxazonke, nxazonke zawo omane, kwakukhona ugame olwenziwe lunamaziko phansi ogangeni nxazonke. wathi kimi: nazi izindlu zokuphekela izikhonzi zendlu eziyakuphekela kuzo imihlatshelo yabantu.

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wayesengibuyisela emnyango wendlu; bheka, amanzi aphuma phansi kombundu wendlu ngasempumalanga, ngokuba ubuso bendlu babungasempumalanga; amanzi ehla evela phansi, ohlangothini lokunene lwendlu, ngaseningizimu kwe-altare. wayesengiphumisa ngendlela yesango ngasenyakatho, wangizungeza ngendlela engaphandle esangweni elingaphandle, elibheke endleleni yasempumalanga; bheka, kwampompoza amanzi ohlangothini lokunene. lapho umuntu esephuma, eya ngasempumalanga, enomucu wokulinganisa esandleni sakhe, walinganisa izingalo eziyinkulungwane, wangidabulisa emanzini, amanzi efinyelela emaqakaleni. wabuye walinganisa inkulungwane, wangidabulisa emanzini, amanzi efinyelela emadolweni. walinganisa futhi inkulungwane, wangidabulisa, amanzi efinyelela okhalweni. wayesebuye walinganisa inkulungwane; kwakungumfula engingenakuwudabula, ngokuba amanzi ayekhulile, angamanzi okuhlamba, angumfula ongenakudatshulwa. wathi kimi: ndodana yomuntu, usubonile na? wayesengihambisa, wangibuyisela osebeni lomfula. sengibuyile, bheka, kwakukhona imithi eminingi kakhulu osebeni lomfula, ngalapha nangalapha. wayesethi kimi: lawa manzi aphumela esifundeni sasempumalanga, ehlele e-araba, aye elwandle, aye elwandle lana aphunyisiweyo, kuphiliswe amanzi alo. kuyakuthi konke okuphilayo okuswebezelayo kuphile ezindaweni zonke lapho ifika khona leyo mifula emibili, kube yizinhlanzi eziningi kakhulu, ngokuba esefike khona lawa manzi, awolwandle ayakuphiliswa, kuphile konke, lapho umfula ufika khona. kuyakuthi kume kuwo abadobi kusukela e-eni gedi kuze kube se-enegeyayimi, kube ngokokwenekwa kwamanetha; kuyakuba khona izinhlanzi ngezinhlolo zazo njengezinhlanzi zolwandle olukhulu, zibe ziningi kakhulu. kepha amaxhaphozi alo nezimbuku zalo akuyikuphiliswa; kuyakunikelwa kube ngusawoti. ngasemfuleni osebeni lwawo ngalapha nangalapha kuyakumila yonke imithi edliwayo emaqabunga ayo angayikubuna, nezithelo zayo zin-gayikuphela; iyakuthela ezintsha izinyanga

zonke, ngokuba amanzi ayo avela endlini engcwele; izithelo zayo ziyakuba ngukudla, amaqabunga ayo abe ngawokuphilisa. isho kanje inkosi ujhova-aeiou, ithi: nanku umkhawulo eniyakwahlukanisa ngawo ifa lezwe ngokwezizwe eziyishumi nambili zakwa-israyeli, uJosefa abe nezabelo ezimbili. niyakulidla, kube yilowo nalowo, ngokuba ngasiphakamisa isandla sami ukulinika oyihlo; leli zwe liyakuba yifa lenu. nanku umkhawulo wezwe: ohlangothini lwasenyakatho, kusukela elwandle olukhulu ngendlela yasehetiloni kuze kube sekuyeni esedadi, nasehamati, naseberotha, nasesibirayimi eliphakathi komkhawulo wasedamaseku nomkhawulo wasehamati, nasehaseri eliphakathi elingasemkhawulweni wasehawurana. umkhawulo osuka elwandle uyakuba yihasari enani ngasemkhawulweni wasedamaseku, nasenyakatho ngasenyakatho umkhawulo uyihamati. lolu luluhlangothi lwasenyakatho. uhlangothi lwasempumalanga, kusukela phakathi kwehawurana nedamaseku, naphakathi kwelakwagileyadi nezwe lakwa-israyeli, luyakuba yijordani; lusukela kulo mkhawulo, luze lube selwandle lwasempumalanga naseta-mari. lolu luluhlangothi lwasempumalanga. uhlangothi lwaseningizimu ngaseningizimu luyakusukela etamari, luze lube semanzini asemeribati kadeshi nasemfudlaneni ngaselwandle olukhulu. lolu luluhlangothi lwaseningizimu ngaseningizimu. uhlangothi lwasentshonalanga luyakuba lulwandle olukhulu, kusukela emkhawulweni kuze kuqondane nokuya ehamati. lolu luluhlangothi lwasentshonalanga. niyakuzahlukanisela leli zwe ngokwezizwe zakwa-israyeli. kuyakuthi nilahlukanise ngenkatho, libe yifa lenu nelabafokazi abagogobala phakathi kwenu nabazele abantwana phakathi kwenu. bona bayakuba njengabokuzalwa ekhaya phakathi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli, badle kanye nani ifa phakathi kwezizwe zakwa-israyeli. kuyakuthi esizweni lapho umfokazi egogobele khona, nimnike lapho ifa lakhe, isho inkosi ujhova-aeiou.

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nanka amagama ezizwe. kusukela ekugcineni kwasenyakatho eceleni kwendlela yasehetiloni kuze kube sekuyeni ehamati nasehasari enani, emkhawulweni wasedamaseku ngasenyakatho, eceleni kwehamati, udani uyakuba nesabelo, abe nohlangothi lwasempumalanga kuze kube sentshonalanga. ngasemkhawulweni wakwadani, kusukela ohlangothini lwasempumalanga kuze kube sohlangothini lwasentshonalanga, u-asheri uyakuba nesabelo. ngasemkhawulweni wakwa-asheri, kusukela ohlangothini

lwasempumalanga kuze kube sohlangothini lwasentshonalanga, unafetali uyakuba nesabelo. ngasemkhawulweni wakwanafetali, kusukela ohlangothini lwasempumalanga kuze kube sohlangothini lwasentshonalanga, umanase uyakuba nesabelo. ngasemkhawulweni wakwamanase, kusukela ohlangothini lwasempumalanga kuze kube sohlangothini lwasentshonalanga, u-efrayimi uyakuba nesabelo. ngasemkhawulweni wakwefrayimi, kusukela ohlangothini lwasempumalanga kuze kube sohlangothini lwasentshonalanga, urubeni uyakuba nesabelo. ngasemkhawulweni wakwarubeni, kusukela ohlangothini lwasempumalanga kuze kube sohlangothini lwasentshonalanga, ujuda uyakuba nesabelo. ngasemkhawulweni wakwajuda, kusukela ohlangothini lwasempumalanga kuze kube sohlangothini lwasentshonalanga, kuyakuba ngumnikelo eniyakunikela ngawo, ububanzi bube yizingalo eziyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nanhlanu, ubude bube njen-gesinye sezabelo, kusukela ohlangothini lwasempumalanga kuze kube sohlangothini lwasentshonalanga, indlu engcwele ibe phakathi naso. umnikelo eniyakunikela ngawo kujehova-aeiou uyakuba yizingalo eziyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nanhlanu ubude, ububanzi bube yizinkulungwane eziyishumi. nanku umnikelo ong-cwele: owabapristi uyakuba yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nanhlanu ngasenyakatho, nangasentshonalanga izinkulungwane eziyishumi ububanzi, nangasempumalanga izinkulungwane eziyishumi ububanzi, nangaseningizimu izinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nanhlanu ubude, indlu engcwele kajehova-aeiou ibe phakathi nawo. uyakuba ngowabapristi, abangcwelisiweyo bamadodana kasadoki, abagcine inkonzo yami; abadukanga lapho beduka abantwana bakwa-israyeli, njengalokho aduka amalevi. uyakuba kubo umnikelo womnikelo wezwe, into engcwelelengcwele, ngasemkhawulweni wamalevi. maqondana nomkhawulo wabapristi amalevi ayakuba nezinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nanhlanu ubude nezinkulungwane eziyishumi ububanzi, bonke ubude bube yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nanhlanu, ububanzi bube yizinkulungwane eziyishumi. abayikuthengisa ngawo, bangenani ngawo, bangahlukaniseli abanye ulibo lwezwe, ngokuba lingcwele kujehova-aeiou. izinkulungwane eziyishil-anu ezisele ebubanzini nezinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nanhlanu zasebudeni ziyakuba ngezokungengcwele, zibe ngezomuzi, ezokwakha nezamadlelo, umuzi ube phakathi nazo. nazi izilinganiso zalo: uhlangothi lwasenyakatho

yizinkulungwane ezine namakhulu ayisihlanu, nohlangothi lwaseningizimu izinkulungwane ezine namakhulu ayisihlanu, nasohlangothini lwasempumalanga izinkulungwane ezine namakhulu ayisihlanu, nohlangothi lwasentshonalanga izinkulungwane ezine namakhulu ayisihlanu. umuzi uyakuba namadlelo: ngasenyakatho ngamakhulu amabili namashumi ayisihlanu, nangaseningizimu amakhulu amabili namashumi ayisihlanu, nangasempumalanga amakhulu amabili namashumi ayisihlanu, nangasentshonalanga amakhulu amabili namashumi ayisihlanu. okusele ebudeni maqondana nomnikelo ongwele kuyakuba yizinkulungwane eziyishumi ngasempumalanga, nezinkulungwane eziyishumi ngasentshonalanga, kuqondane nomnikelo ongwele, izithelo zawo zibe ngukudla kwabasebenza emzini. abasebenza emzini bayakuwulima, bevela eziizweni zonke zakwa-israyeli. wonke umnikelo uyakuba yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nanhlanu nezinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nanhlanu, ninikele ngomnikelo ongwele, unezinhlangothi ezine kanye nefa lomuzi. okuseleyo kuyakuba ngokwesikhulu ngalapha nangalapha komnikelo ongwele nefa lomuzi maqondana nezinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nanhlanu zomnikelo ngasemkhawulweni wasempumalanga, nasentshonalanga maqondana nezinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nanhlanu ngasemkhawulweni wasentshonalanga, kuqondane nezabelo, kube ngokwesikhulu; umnikelo ongwele nendlu engcwele kube phakathi nakho. okusukela efeni lamalevi nasefeni lomuzi kuyakuba phakathi kokwesikhulu, okwesikhulu kube phakathi komkhawulo wakwajuda nomkhawulo wakwabenjamini. izizwe eziseleyo-ke: kusukela ohlangothini lwasempumalanga kuze kube sohlangothini lwasentshonalanga ubenjamini uyakuba nesabelo. ngasemkhawulweni wakwabenjamini, kusukela ohlangothini lwasempumalanga kuze kube sohlangothini lwasentshonalanga, usimeyoni uyakuba nesabelo. ngasemkhawulweni wakwasimeyoni, kusukela ohlangothini lwasempumalanga kuze kube sohlangothini lwasentshonalanga, u-isakare uyakuba nesabelo. ngasemkhawulweni wakwasakare, kusukela ohlangothini lwasempumalanga kuze kube sohlangothini lwasentshonalanga, uzebuloni uyakuba nesabelo. ngasemkhawulweni wakwazebuloni, kusukela ohlangothi lwasempumalanga kuze kube sohlangothini lwasentshonalanga ugadi uyakuba nesabelo. ngasemkhawulweni wakwagadi, ohlangothini lwaseningizimu ngaseningizimu, umkhawulo yakusuka etamari kuze kube semanzini asemeribati

kadeshi nasemfudlaneni, ngaselwandle olukhulu. yilo leli zwe eniyakuhlukanisa ngenkatho, libe yifa leziizwe zakwa-israyeli; yilezi izabelo zazo, isho inkosi uJehova-aeiou. nanka amacele omuzi: kusukela ohlangothini lwasenyakatho yizingalo eziyizinkulungwane ezine namakhulu ayisihlanu ngokulinganisa. amasango omuzi ayakubizwa ngamagama ezizwe zakwa-israyeli, amasango amathathu abe ngasenyakatho: elinye yisango lakwarubeni, elinye yisango lakwajuda, elinye yisango lakwalevi. nasohlangothini lwasempumalanga yizingalo eziyizinkulungwane ezine namakhulu ayisihlanu, namasango amathathu: elinye yisango lakwajosefa, elinye yisango lakwabenjamini, elinye yisango lakwadani. nasohlangothini lwaseningizimu yizingalo eziyizinkulungwane ezine namakhulu ayisihlanu ngokulinganisa, namasango, amathathu: elinye yisango lakwasimeyoni, elinye yisango lakwa-isakare, elinye yisango lakwazebuloni. ohlangothini lwasentshonalanga yizingalo eziyizinkulungwane ezine namakhulu ayisihlanu, namasango azo amathathu: elinye yisango lakwagadi, elinye yisango lakwa-asheri, elinye yisango lakwanafetali. nxazonke kuyakuba yizingalo eziyizinkulungwane eziyishumi nesishiyagalombili. igama lomuzi kusukela kulolu suku liyakuthiwa uJehova-aeiou ulapha.

izwi likajehova-aeiou elafika kuhoseya indodana kaberi ezinsukwini zawo-uziya, nojothamu, no-ahazi, nohezekiya, amakhosi akwajuda, nasezinsukwini zikajerobowamu indodana kajowashi, inkosi yakwa-israyeli. lapho ujahova-aeiou eqala ukukhuluma ngohoseya, ujahova-aeiou wathi kuhoseya: hamba uzithathele umfazi ophingayo nabantwana bophingayo, ngokuba izwe liyaphinga nokuphinga ngokungamlandeli ujahova-aeiou. wayesehamba, wathatha ugomere indodakazi kadibilayimi; wakhulelwa, wamzalela indodana. ujahova-aeiou wathi kuye: qamba igama layo ngokuthi ujjizreyeli, ngokuba kusezaka yisikhshana ngize ngiphindisele igazi likajizreyeli phezu kwendlu kajeju, ngiqede umbuso wendlu ka-israyeli. kuyakuthi ngalolo suku ngaphule umnsalo ka-israyeli esigodini sasejjizreyeli. wabuye wakhulelwa, wazala indodakazi. wayesethi ujahova-aeiou kuye: qamba igama layo ngokuthi ulu ruhama, ngokuba angisayikuyihawukela indlu yakwa-israyeli ukuba ngibathethele. kepha indlu yakwajuda ngiyakuyihawukela, ngibasindise ngojahova-aeiou ulezi-ku wabo, ngingabasindisi ngomnsalo, nangenkema, nangokulwa, nangamahhashi, nangamahhashi. esemulumile ulu ruhama, wakhulelwa, wazala indodana. wayesethi ujahova-aeiou: qamba igama layo ngokuthi ulu-ami, ngokuba anisibo abantu bami, mina angiyikuba ngulezi-ku wenu. nokho umumo wabantwana bakwa-israyeli uyakuba ngangesihlabathi solwandle esingenakulinganiswa, singenakubalwa; kuyakuthi esikhundleni sokuba kuthiwe kubo: anisibo abantu bami, kuthiwe kubo: ningamadodana kalezi-ku ophi-layo. abantwana bakwajuda nabantwana bakwa-israyeli bayakubuthana ndawonye, bazimisele inhloko ibe nye, bakhuphuke ezweni, ngokuba luyakuba lukhulu usuku lukajizreyeli.

bese nibiza abafowenu ngokuthi u-ami, nawodadewenu ngokuthi uruhama. phikisanani nonyoko, niphikisane, ngokuba akasiye umkami, nami angisiyo indoda yakhe; makasuse ubufebe bakhe ebusweni bakhe, nokuphinga kwakhe phakathi kwamabele akhe, funa ngimhlubule abe nqunu, ngimenze njengasokwini lokuzalwa kwakhe, ngimenze ihlane, ngimbeke abe njengezwe elomileyo, ngimbulale ngokoma. angiyikuhawukela abantwana bakhe, ngokuba ngabantwana bobufebe. ngokuba unina ufebile, ngokuba wathi: ngiyakulandela izithandwa zami ezinginika

isinkwa sami namanzi ami, uboya bami bezimvu nefilakisi lami, amafutha ami nokuphuza kwami. ngalokho bhekani, ngiyakuvimbela indlela yakho ngameva, ngakhe ugange ngakuye, ukuze angafumani imikhondo yakhe. uyakulandela izithandwa zakhe, kepha akayikuzifika; uyakuzifuna, kepha akayikuzifumana; abesethi: ngiyakuhamba ngibuyele endodeni yami yokuqala, ngokuba kwakukuhle kimi lapho kunamanje. kepha akazanga ukuthi yimina engamnika amabele, newayini elisha, nama-futha, ngamandisela isiliva negolide abenza ngakho ubali. ngalokho ngiyakubuye ngithathe amabele ami ngesikhati sawo, newayini lami elisha ngenkathi yalo, ngisuse uboya bami bezimvu nefilakisi lami lokusibekela ubunqunu bakhe. sengiyakwambula ihlazo lakhe emehlweni ezithandwa zakhe; akuyikubakho omophula esandleni sami. ngiyakwenza ukuba iphele yonke intokozo yakhe, imikhosi yakhe, nokwethwasa kwenyanga, namasabatha akhe, nayo yonke imikhosi yakhe emisiweyo. ngiyakuchitha imivini yakhe nemikhiwane yakhe ashilo ngakho, wathi: kuyinkokhelo yami ezinginikile yona izithandwa zami; ngiyakukwenza kube yihlati, izilwane zasendle zikudle. ngiyakumhambela ngenxa yezinsuku zawobali owabashisela ngazo imphepo, wahloba ngamacici akhe nangezinto zakhe ezinhle, wazilandela izithandwa zakhe, wangikhohlwa, usho ujahova-aeiou. ngalokho bhekani, ngiyakumyenga, ngimise ehlane, ngimqunge isibindi. lapho ngiyakumnika izivini zakhe, nesigodi sase-akori sibe ngumnyango wethemba; uyakuphendula lapho njengasezinsukwini zobusha bakhe nasosukwini lokukhuphuka kwakhe ezweni lasegibithe. kuyakuthi ngalolo suku, usho ujahova-aeiou, ungibize ngokuthi: yindoda yami, ungasangibizi ngokuthi: ngubali wami. ngiyakususa amagama awobali emlonyeni wakhe, bangabe besakhunjulwa ngamagama abo. ngalolo suku ngiyakubenzela isivumelwano nezilwane zasendle, nezinyoni zezulu nezilwanyana ezinwabuzelayo emhlabeni, ngaphule umnsalo nenkema nokulwa ukuba kusuke ezweni, ngibalise belondekile. ngiyakuzimisele wena ube ngumkami kuze kube phakade, ngizimisele wena ngokulunga, nangokwahlulela, nangomusa, nangobubele. ngiyakuzimisele wena ngokuthembeka ube ngumkami; uyakumazi ujahova-aeiou. kuyakuthi ngalolo suku ngiphendule, usho ujahova-aeiou, ngiphendule amazulu, wona aphendule umhlaba. umhlaba uyakuphendula amabele, newayini elisha, nama-futha, khona kuphendule ujjizreyeli. ngiyakuzitshalela yena ezweni, ngihawukele ongahawukelwanga, ngithi kwababengesibo abantu bami: ningabantu

bami, bona bathi: ungulezi-ku wethu.

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ujehova-aeiou wathi kimi: hamba futhi, umthande owesifazane othandwa ngumngane wakhe, eyisiphingikazi, njengalokhu uje-hova-aeiou ethanda abantwana bakwa-israyeli, noma bephendukela kwabanye olezi-ku, bethanda izigaxa zezithelo zomvini ezomileyo. ngase ngizithengela yena ngezinhlamvu ziyishumi nanhlanu zesiliva, nangehomere lebhali, nangenxenye yehomere lebhali, ngathi kuye: uyakuhlala kimi izinsuku eziningi, ungafebi, ungabi ngowomunye, nami ngibe njalo kuwe. ngokuba izinsuku eziningi abantwana bakwa-israyeli bayakuhlala bengenankosi, bengenasikhulu, bengenamhlatsshelo, bengenansika, bengenangubo yamahlombe namatherafi. ngasemuva abantwana bakwa-israyeli bayakubuya, bamfune uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wabo nodavide inkosi yabo, babuyele kujehova-aeiou benovalo nakukho okuhle kwakhe ngezinsuku ezizayo.

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yizwani izwi likajehova-aeiou nina bantwana bakwa-israyeli, ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou unokuphikisana nabakhileyo ezweni, lokhu kungekho qiniso, namusa, nakumazi ulezi-ku ezweni. kukhona ukufunga nokuqamba amanga, nokubulala, nokweba, nokuphinga; bayafohla, izingazi zilandele izingazi. ngalokho izwe liyakudabuka, bonke abakhe kulo badangale kanye nezilwane zasendle nezinyoni zezulu; yebo, nezinhlanzi zolwandle ziyakususwa. makungabikho ophikisana nomunye, asole omunye; nokho abantu bakho bayakuphikisana nabapristi. mpirsti, uyakukhubeka emini, kukhubeke umprofethi kanye nawe ebusuku; nonyoko ngiyakumbhuhisa. abantu bami babhujiswa ngokuswela ukwazi; ngokuba ukulahlile ukwazi nami ngiyakukulahla wena, ungabi ngumpristi wami; lokhu ukhohliwe umthetho kalezi-ku wakho nami ngiyakukhohlwa abantwana bakho. njengokwanda kwabo, kanjalo bona kimi; udumo lwabo ngiyakulwenana ngehlazo. badla izono zabantu bami, babhekisa umphefumulo wabo ebubini babo. kuyakuthi njengabantu abe njalo umpristi: ngiyakubahambela ngenxa yezindlela zabo, ngibuyisele kubo izenzo zabo. bayakudla, bangasuthi kodwa; bayakufeba, bangandi kodwa, ngokuba bayekile ukumna-kela uje-hova-aeiou. ubufefe newayini newayini elisha kususa umfondo. abantu bami babuza emthini, induku yabo ibatshele, ngokuba umoya wobufefe ubadukisile,

basuka phansi kukalezi-ku wabo ngokufeba. bayahlabela eziqongweni zezintaba, bashisa impepho emagqumeni, phansi kwama-oki nemipopula nemitherebinte, ngokuba umthunzi wakho muhle; kungalokho amadodakazi enu ayafeba, nawomakoti benu bayaphinga. angiyikuwajezisa amadodakazi enu, laphe efeba, nawomakoti benu laphe bephinga, ngokuba namadoda achezukela iziphingi, ahlaba kanye nezifebe zethempeli. kanjalo abantu abangenangqondo bayakuwiswa. noma wena israyeli ufeba, ujuda makangazitholeli icala; ningayi egiligali, ningenyukeli ebeti aveni, ningafungi ngokuthi: kuphila kukajehova-aeiou. ngokuba u-israyeli unenkani njengesithole; uje-hova-aeiou angabelusa njengemvana endaweni ebanzi na? u-efrayimi uhlangene nezithombe; myeke. ukuphuza kwabo sekuphelile; bayafeba nokufeba; izikhulu zabo zithandisisa ihlazo. umoya ngasongile ngamaphiko awo; bayakujabha ngemihlatshelo yabo.

### 5

yizwani lokhu nina bapristi, nilalele nina ndlu ka-israyeli, nibeke indlebe nina ndlu yenkosi, ngokuba ukwahlulela kukinina, lokhu nanilugibe emispa nenetha elenekwe ethabori. abahlubuki bashone phansi ngokuhlaba kwabo, kepha ngingumlayi wabo bonke. ngiyamazi mina u-efrayimi, u-israyeli akafihlekile kimi, ngokuba manje, efrayimi, ufebile, u-israyeli uzingcolisile. abenzi izenzo zokuba babuyele kulezi-ku, ngokuba umoya wobufefe uphakathi kwabo, noje-hova-aeiou abamazi. ukuzidla kuka-israyeli kuyafakaza ebusweni bakhe; o-israyeli no-efrayimi bayakukhubeka ngobubi babo; naye ujuda uyakukhubeka kanye nabo. bayakuhamba nezimvu zabo nezinkomo zabo ukuyofuna uje-hova-aeiou; kepha abayikumfumana; umonyukile kubo. bamkohlisile uje-hova-aeiou, ngokuba bazalile abantwana abangabafokazi; manje inyanga eyethwasayo iyakubadla kanye nezabelo zabo. bethani umtshingo egibeya necilongo erama; hlabani umkhosi ebeti aveni: basemva kwakho, benjamin! u-efrayimi uyakuba yincithakalo ngosuku lokujeziswa, ngazisile izizwe zakwa-israyeli okuqinisekileyo. izikhulu zakwajuda zin-jengabasusa imincele; ngiyakuthulula phezu kwazo intukuthelo yami njengamanzi. u-efrayimi ucindezelekile, uchotshoziwe ekwahlulelweni, ngokuba wavuma ukulandela umyalo oyize. mina-ke senginjengenundu ku-efrayimi, nanjengokubola kuyo indlu yakwajuda. laphe u-efrayimi abona isifo sakhe nojuda isilonda sakhe, u-efrayimi waya e-asiriya, wathumela enkosini ujabrebi; kepha ingeniphulukise,

ayinakusipholisa isilonda senu. ngokuba ngiyakuba njengengonyama ku-efrayimi, nebhongo lengonyama kuyo indlu yakwajuda; mina yebo, mina ngiyakudwengula, besengimuka; ngiyakususa, kungekho owophulayo. ngiyakuhamba, ngibuyele endaweni yami, baze bazithwese icala labo, bafune ubuso bami; osizini lwabo bayakungifunisisa.

## 6

wozani sibuyele kujehova-aeiou, ngokuba yena usidwengulile; uyakusiphulukisa; usishayile, uyakusibopha. uyakusiphilisa ngezinsuku ezimbili, asivuse ngosuku lwe-sithathu, siphile phambi kwakhe. masimazi, sijonge ukumazi uje-hova-aeiou; ukuphuma kwakhe kuqinisekile njengokusa; uyakufika kithi njengemvula, njengemvula yamuva enethisa umhlaba. ngiyakwenzani kuwe efrayimi, ngiyakwenzani kuwe juda, na? uthando lweni lunjengefu lokusa nan-jengamazolo amuka ekuseni. ngalokho ngiyabashaya ngabaprofethi, ngibabulale ngamazwi omlomo wami, ukwahlulelwa kwakho kuqhame ekukhanyeni. ngokuba ngifuna uthando, hhayi umhlathshelo; ngifuna ukumazi ulezi-ku kuneminikelo yokushiswa. kepha baseqile isivumelwano njengo-adamu; bangikholisa ngalokho. igileyadi lingumuzi wabenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka, linemikhondo yegazi. njengabaphangi beqamekela umuntu, isigaba sabapristi siyabulala endloleni eya eshekemi, yebo, benza okunengekayo. endlini yakwa-israyeli ngibonile into eyesabekayo: kukhona ubufebe kwa-efrayimi, u-israyeli ungcolile. nawe juda ulungiselwe ukuvunwa, lapho ngibuyisa ukuthunjwa kwabantu bami.

## 7

lapho bengiyakumphulukisa u-israyeli, bambulelwa ububi buka-efrayimi nbona-ra-ukukhandleka kwesamariya, ngokuba benza inkohliso, amasela ayafohla, nabaphangi baphanga ngaphandle. abacabangi ezinhliziyweni zabo ukuthi ngiyakhumbula konke bona-ra-ukukhandleka kwabo; sebezungeziwe yizenzo zabo, ziphambi kobuso bami. ngobubi babo bayathokozisa inkosi, nezikhulu ngamanga abo. bay-iziphingi bonke; banjengeziko elishiswa ngumphekisinkwa oyeka ukukhwezela kusukela ekuxovweni kwenhlama kuze kube sekubileni kwayo. ngosuku lwenkosi yethu izikhulu zazigulisa ngokushisa kwewayini; yona yayiselulela izideleli isandla. lapho sebeshisile izinhliziyi zabo ngamacebo zibe njengeziko, umphekisinkwa wabo

ulala ubusuku bonke; ekuseni liyavutha njengomlilo wamalangabi. bonke bashisa njengeziko, badla abahluleli babo; onke amakhosi abo ayawa, kungekho phakathi kwabo ongibizayo. u-efrayimi uyazihlanganisa nabanye abantu: u-efrayimi uyiqebelengwane elingaphendulwanga. abafokazi badlile amandla akhe, kepha yena akazi; izimvi zikhahlele kuye, kepha yena akazi. ukuzidla kuka-israyeli kuyafakaza ebusweni bakhe, nokho ababuyelanga kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wabo, abamfunanga kukho konke lokhu. u-efrayimi unjengejuba elidukiswayo lingenangqondo; bayabiza igibithe, baya e-asiriya. lapho sebhamba, ngiyabenekela inetha lami, ngibehlise njengezinyoni zezulu, ngibajezise njengokuzwakeleyo ebandleni labo. maye kubo, ngokuba bangibalekele! makube ngukuchithwa kubo, ngokuba baphambukile kimi! bengiyakubahlenga mina labo abakhulume amanga ngami na? abakhlanga kimi ngezinhliziyo zabo, kepha bahhewula emibhedeni yabo; banovalo ngamabele abo nangewayini labo, kepha mina bayangihlubuka. mina-ke ngafundisa, ngaqinisa izingalo zabo, nokho baceba bona-ra-ukukhandleka ngami. bayabuyela, kepha hhayi kongaphezulu, bafana nom-salo ogejayo; izikhulu ziyakuwa ngenkamba ngenxa yolaka lolimi lwabo. lokhu kuyakuba yinhlekiso yabo ezweni lasegibithe.

## 8

beka icilongo emloniyeni wakho; onjengokhozi wehlela indlu kajehova-aeiou; ngokuba beqile isivumelwano sami, baphambuka emthethweni wami. bakhala kimi ngokuthi: lezi-ku wethu, thina israyeli siyakwazi. u-israyeli ukulahlile okuhle; isitha siyakumxosha. bona bazibekela amakhosi engavelanga kimi; bamisa izikhulu, ngingazi; isiliva labo negolide labo bakwenza kwaba yizithombe zabo, ukuze banqunywe. ithole lakho, samariya, linengekile; intukuthelo yami iyabavuthela; koze kube nini bengakwazi ukuba msulwa na? ngokuba livela ku-israyeli; umkhandi walenza, alisiye ulezi-ku; yebo, ithole lasesamariya liyakuba yizihlephu. ngokuba bahlwanyele umoya, bayakuvuna isivunguvungu; izele alinahlumela, alivezi impuphu; uma liyeveza, iyaquedwa ngabafokazi. u-israyeli uyagwinywa; manje sebhaphakathi kwabezizwe njengesitsha okungekho into-kozo kuso. ngokuba benyukele e-asiriya bezihambele njengezimbongole zasandle; u-efrayimi uyaqasha ngenkokhelo yothando. noma beqasha phakathi kwabezizwe, manje sengiyakubabutha, bakhululwe kancane emthwalweni wenkosi yezikhulu. ngokuba u-efrayimi wandisile ama-altare aba ngukona; ama-altare ayakuba ngukona

kuye. noma ngimlobela imithetho yami kaningi, iyashaywa okungaziwayo. imihlatshelo yeminikelo yami bayihlabka, bayidle inyama, kepha ujhova-aeiou akayenameli. useyakhumbula ububi babo, abahambele ngezono zabo, babuyele egibithe. ngokuba u-israyeli ukhohlwe umdali wakhe, wakha izindlu zamakhosi, nojuda wandisile imizi ebiyelweyo, ngiyakuthuma umlilo emizini yakhe, uqede izindlu zayo zobukhosi.

## 9

ungajabuli, israyeli, kube ngukuthokoza njengokwabezizwe, ngokuba umukile kulezi-ku wakho ngokufeba, wathanda inkokhelo kuzo zonke izibuya zamabele. isibuya nesikhamo sewayini akuyikubafunza, iwayini elisha liyakumkhohlisa. abayikuhlala ezweni likajehova-aeiou; u-efrayimi uyakubuyela egibithe, nase-asiriya bayakudla okungcolileyo. abayikuthululela ujhova-aeiou iwayini; imihlatshelo yabo ayiyikuba mihle kuye, isinkwa sabo sibe njengesinkwa sabalilayo; bonke abasidlayo bayakungcola, ngokuba isinkwa sabo siyakuba ngesephango, singangeni endlini kajehova-aeiou. niyakwenze njani ngosuku lomhlango nangosuku lomkhosi kajehova-aeiou na? bhekani, ngokuba bemukile ekuchithweni igibithe liyakubabutha, imofi libembele; izinto zabo zamagugu zesiliva ziyakudliwa yizimbabazane, kube ngameva ematendeni abo. ziyafika izinsuku zokuhanjelwa, izinsuku zempindiselo zisondele; u-israyeli uyakukwazi. umprofethi uyakuba njengesiwula, umuntu onomoya ahlanye ngenxa yobuningi bobubi bakho nangobutha obukhulu; umprofethi engumlinde ka-efrayimi kanye nolezi-ku wami, ugibe lomthiyi wezinyoni lukuzo zonke izindlela zakhe, nobutha busendlini kalezi-ku wakhe. bazonakalisile ngokujulileyo njengasezinsukwini zasegibeya; uyakhumbula ububi babo, uyababambela ngezono zabo. ngamfumana u-israyeli njengezithelo zomvini ehlane, ngabona oyihlo njengolibo emkhiwaneni ngesikhathi sawo sokuqala. kepha bafika ebalu peyori, bazahlukanisela okunezinhloni, baba yizinengiso njengalokho abakuthandayo. udumo luka-efrayimi luyakundiza, lumuke njengenonyoni, kungabikho ukuzala, nonesisu, nokukhulelwa. noma bekhulisa abantwana babo, nokho ngiyakubaphuca bona kungasali muntu; yebo, maye kubo, lapho ngimuka kubo! u-efrayimi, njengalokho ngibone etire, utshalwe endaweni emnandi, kepha u-efrayimi uyakukhiphela umbulali abantwana bakhe. banike, jehova-aeiou uyakunikani? banike isisu esiphuphumayo namabele omileyo. bonke ububi babo busegiligali; ngalokho ngabazonda khona;

ngenxa yobubi bezenzo zabo ngiyakubaxosha endlini yami, angisayikubathanda; zonke izikhulu zabo zingabahlubuki. u-efrayimi ushayiwe, impande yabo yomile, abayikuthela izithelo. noma bezala, ngiyakubulala okuthandekayo kwesisu sabo. ulezi-ku wami uyakubalala, ngokuba abamlalelanga, babe ngabazulazulayo phakathi kwabezizwe.

## 10

u-israyeli wayengumvini owenabileyo, ngokobuningi bezithelo zakhe wandisa ama-altare akhe; ngokobuhle bezwe lakhe wenza izinsuku ezinhle. inhliziyo yabo yayahlukeni; uyakuwaphula ama-altare abo, achithe izinsika zabo. yebo, manje bayakuthi: asinankosi, ngokuba asimesabanga ujhova-aeiou; kepha inkosi ingasenzelani na? bakhuluma amazwi nje, befunga amanga, benza isivumelwano; bese kumila ukwahlulela njengenhlungunyembe emiseleni yamasimu. abakhileyo esamariya bayakuba novalo ngenxa yamathole asebeti aveni, ngokuba abantu balo bayakulila ngawo, abapristi bezithombe bakhale ngawo ngenxa yodumo lwawo ukuthi lumukile kuwo. iyakuyiswa e-asiriya ibe yisipho kuwo inkosi ujabebi; u-efrayimi uyakwamukela ihlazo, u-israyeli ajabhe ngeziluleko zakhe. inyamalele inkosi yas-esamariya njengebazelo ebusweni bamanzi. izindawo eziphakemayo zase-aveni, isono sakwa-israyeli, ziyakuchithwa; ameva namakhakhasi ayakukhuphukela ema-altare abo; bayakuthi kuzo izintaba: sisibekeleni, nakuwo amagquma: welani phezu kwethu. kwasezinsukwini zasegibeya wonile, israyeli; bema khona; impi nabo abobubi ayiyikubafica egibeya na? lapho ngithanda, ngiyabajezisa; abantu babahlanganyele ekubabopheleni ebubini obubili. u-efrayimi uyisithelo esifundisiweyo, esithanda ukubhula amabele; kepha mina ngiyekile intamo yaso enhle; sengiyakumbophela u-efrayimi, ujuda alime, ujakobe azidubele. zihlwanyeleleni ngokulunga, niyakuvuna ngomusa; qathani umqatho wenu; sekuyisikhathi sokumfuna ujhova-aeiou, aze afike, anise ukulunga phezu kwenu. nilime ububi, navuna bona-ra-ukukhandleka; nidlile izithelo zamanga, ngokuba nethemba endleleni yenu nakubo ubuningi bamaqhawe enu. kuyakuvela ukuxokozela phakathi kwabantu bakho, zichithwe zonke izingqaba zakho, njengalokho ushalimani achitha ibeti aribeli ngosuku lokulwa, unina echotshozwa phezu kwabantwana. kanjalo ibethele liyakwenza kini ngenxa yobubi benu obukhulu; ekuseni inkosi yakwa-israyeli iyakunqunywa nokunqunywa.

lapho u-israyeli esengumntwana ngamthanda, ngayibiza indodana yami iphume egibithe. lapho bebabiza, kwaba yilokhu besuka kubo; babahlabela obali, bashisela izithombe ezibaziweyo impepho. nokho mina ngamcatshulisa u-efrayimi; ngabaphatha ngingalo zami, kepha abazanga ukuthi ngabaphulukisa. ngabadonsa ngezintambo zomuntu, ngamagoda othando; ngaba kubo njen-gophakamisa ijoka entanyeni yabo, ngagobela kubo, ngabanika ukudla. abayikubuyela ezweni lasegibithe, owase-asiriya abe yinkosi yabo, ngokuba benqaba ukubuya, na? inkemba iyakutheleka emizini yabo, iqede imigoqo yayo, ibadle ngenxa yeziluleko zabo. abantu bami bahlose ukuhlehla kimi; noma bebabizela kongaphezulu kangakanani, akakho oziphakamisayo. ngingakunikela kanjani, efrayimi, ngikukhaphela, israyeli, na? ngingakwenza kanjani ube njenge-adima, ngikubeke ufane neseboyimi, na? inhliziyi iyaphenduka phakathi kwami, sonke isihawu sami sivusiwe. angiyikwenza ukufutheka kwentukuthelo yami, ngingabuyeli ukumchitha u-efrayimi, ngokuba ngingulezi-ku, angisiye umuntu; ngingongwele phakathi kwenu, angiyikufika ngolaka. bayakulandela ujejhova-aeiou oyakubhonga njengengonyama, ngokuba uyakubhonga, abantwana bakhe bavele entshonolanga ngokuthuthumela. bayakuvela ngokuthuthumela egibithe njengezinyoni, nanjengejuba ezweni lase-asiriya, ngibahlalise ezindlini zabo, usho ujejhova-aeiou. u-efrayimi ungizungezile ngamanga, nendlu yakwa-israyeli ngenkohliso; ujuda usazulazula kulezi-ku nakongcwele othem-bekileyo.

u-efrayimi uyadla umoya, ulandela umoya wasempumalanga; uyandisa imihla yonke amanga nencithakalo; benza isivumelwano ne-asiriya, namafutha ayiswa egibithe. ujejhova-aeiou unokuphikisana nojuda futhi; uyakuhambela ujakobe ngenxa yezindlela zakhe, ambuyisele ngokwezenzo zakhe. esiswini wabamba umfowabo ngesithende, nasebudodeni bakhe walwa nolezi-ku; walwa nengelosi, wanqoba; wakhala, wanxusa kuyo; yamfumana ebethele, yakhuluma naye lapho. ngujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku sebawoti, ngujejhova-aeiou igama lakhe lodumo. ngalokho buyela wena kulezi-ku wakho, ugcine umusa noku-lunga, ulindele ulezi-ku wakho njalonzalo. ikhanani linesilinganiso esikhohlisayo esandleni salo, lithanda ukukhahlameza. u-efrayimi uthi: impela ngicebile, ngithole

imfuyo; kukho konke ukuzuza kwami abayikufumana bubi obuyisano. kepha mina ngingujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho kwasezweni lasegibithe; ngisezakukuhlalisa ematendeni njengasezinsukwini zemikhosi emisiweyo. ngikhulumile kubaprofethi, ngandisile imibono, ngifanekisile ngesandla sabaprofethi. uma igileyadi linobubi, impela bayakuba ngabachithiwe; uma behlabela izinkunzi egiligali, ama-altare abo ayakuba njengazingwaba ngasemiseleni yamasimu. ujakobe wabalekela ezweni lase-aramu, u-israyeli wakhonzela umfazi, walusa umhlambi ngenxa yomfazi. ujejhova-aeiou wakhuphula u-israyeli egibithe ngomprofethi, wagcinwa ngomprofethi. u-efrayimi ucnulile ngokubabisayo; icala lakhe legazi liyakuphonswa phezu kwakhe; inkosi yakhe ibuyisele kuye ihlazo lakhe.

lapho u-efrayimi ekhuluma, kwavela ukuthuthumela; wayephakeme kwa-israyeli, kepha wazitholela icala ngobali, wafa. manje benezela ekoneni, bazenzele imifanekiso ebunjiweyo ngesiliva labo nezithombe ngokuqonda kwabo, zonke ziyimisebenzi yezinyanga; bakhuluma ngabo, bathi: bahlaba abantu, kepha banga amathole. ngalokho bayakuba njengamafu okusa, nanjengamazolo amuka ekuseni, nanjengamakhoba aphephethwa esibuyeni nomusi ophuma ngefasitele. nokho ngingujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho kwasezweni lasegibithe; ngaphandle kwami awazi lezi-ku, nomsindisi akakho ngaphandle kwami. mina ngakwazi ehlane ezweni lokoma. basutha njengamadlelo abo; basutha, nenhliziyo yabo yaphakama; ngalokho bangikhothiwe. ngase ngiba njengengonyama kubo, ngiqamekela endleleni njengengwe. ngitheleka phezu kwabo njengebhete elaphucwe amawundlu alo, ngidwengula ubhedu lwenhliziyo, ngibadle njengengonyamakazi, isilwane sasendle sibaqage. ngukuchithwa kwakho, israyeli, ngokuba uphambene nami, usizo lwakho. iphi inkosi yakho manje ukuba ikusindise emizini yakho yonke; nabahluleli bakho, wena owathi: ngiphe inkosi nezikhulu? ngikunike inkosi ngentukuthelo yami, ngayisusa ngolaka lwami. ububi buka-efrayimi buboshiwe, isono sakhe sibekelwe. imihelo yobelet hayo iyakumehlela; uyindodana engahlakaniphile, ngokuba kuyisikhathi sokuba angemi lapho kuqhamuka abantwana. ngiyakubahlenga esandleni sendawo yabafileyo, ngibahlawulele ekufeni; ziphi izifo zakho, kufa, kuphi ukuchitha kwakho, ndawo yabafileyo, na? ukuguquka kufihlekile emehlweni ami. noma enezithelo phakathi kwabafowabo, kuyakufika umoya



wasempumalanga, umoya kajehova-aeiou  
ovela ehlane; besewujabha umthombo,  
isiphethu sishe; uyakuphanga ingcebo  
yakhe, zonke izinto ezinxanelekayo.  
isamariya liyakuthwala icala lalo, ngokuba  
lihlubukile ulezi-ku walo; bayakuwa  
ngenkemba, izingane zabo zichotshozwe,  
abakhulelweyo babo baqaqwe.

## 14

buyela kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, is-  
rayeli, ngokuba ukhubekile ngobubi bakho.  
thabathani amazwi, nibuyele kujehova-  
aeiou, nithi kuye: susa konke bona-ra-  
ukukhandleka, wamukele okuhle, sinikele  
ngemilomo yethu njengangezinkunzi. i-  
asiriya aliyikusiindisa, asisayikukhwela  
amahhashi, singasasho kuyo imisebenzi  
yezandla zethu ukuthi ngolezi-ku bethu,  
ngokuba intandane iphiwa umusa kuwe.  
ngiyakuphulukisa ukuhlela kwabo, ngi-  
bathande ngesihle, ngokuba intukuthelo  
yami ibuyile kubo. ngiyakuba njengamazolo  
ku-israyeli; uyakukhahlela njengomnduze,  
enabise izimpande zakhe njengelebanoni.  
imixhantela yakhe iyakuxhantela, ubuhle  
bakhe bube njengomnqumo, iphunga  
lakhe libe njengelebanoni. bayakubuya,  
bahlale emthunzini wakhe, babuye baphile  
njengamabele, bakhahlele njengomvini,  
igama lakhe lodumo libe njengomvini  
waselebanoni. efrayimi, ngisenendabani  
nezithombe na? mina ngiyakumphen-  
dula, ngimbheke; nginjengomsayipuresi  
oluhlaza, kimina izithelo zakho ziyafun-  
yanwa. .9 ngubani ohlakaniphile, aqonde  
lezi zinto; ngubani onomqondo, azazi, na?  
ngokuba izindlela zikajehova-aeiou zilungile;  
abalungileyo bayakuhamba ngazo, kepha  
abaphambukayo bayakukhubeka ngazo.

izwi likajehova-aeiou elafika kujoweli indodana kaphethuweli. yizwani lokhu nina badala, nibeke indlebe nina nonke enihlezi ezweni. kwake kwaba khona emihleni yenu noma emihleni yawobaba na? kutsheleli abantwana benu, nabantwana benu abantwana babo, nabantwana babo esinye isizukulwane. okushiye yisibotho kudliwe yisikhonyane, nokushiye yisikhonyane kudliwe yizinkumbi, nokushiye yizinkumbi kudliwe yinkasa. phaphamani, zidakwa, nikhale, nihhewule nonke eniphuza iwayini ukuthi iwayini linqanyulelwe emlonjeni wenu. ngokuba kwenyukele ezweni lami isizwe esinamandla nesingenakubalwa; amazinyo aso angamazinyo engonyama, namazinyo aso emihlatshi angawengonyamakazi. sichithile umvini wami, saxebula umkhiwane wami; siwuxhozile nokuwuxhoza, sawulahlala, amatatsha awo sawenza aba mhlophe. khala njengentombi ebhince indwangu yamasaka ngomyeni wobusha bayo. iminikelo yempuphu neminikelo yokuphuzwa inqamukile endlini kajehova-aeiou; abapristi, izikhonzi zikajehova-aeiou, bayalila. amasimu achithekile, umhlabathi uyallila, ngokuba amabele achithiwe; iwayini elisha lishile, amafutha ayawuma. jabhani, balimi, nihhewule nina baphathi bezivini ngokolweni nangebhalli, ngokuba isivuno samasimu sichithakele. umvini ubunile, imikhiwane iwumile; imipomegranati, namasundu, nemi-apula, nemithi yonke yasendle kubunile, ngokuba intokozo ibunile phakathi kwamadodana abantu. bhincani, nikhale, bapristi, nihhewule, nina zikhonzi ze-altare; wozani nilale bonke ubusuku ezindwangwini zamasaka, zikhonzi zikalezi-ku wami, ngokuba iminikelo yempuphu neminikelo yokuphuzwa kugodliwe endlini kalezi-ku wenu. ngcwelisani ukuzila ukudla, nibize umhlango; buthani amalunga, yebo, bonke abakhe ezweni, endlini kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu, nikhale kujehova-aeiou. hawu lolu suku! ngokuba usuku lukajehova-aeiou lusondele, lufika njengokuchitha kuvela kusomandla. akunqunyanga ukudla kwethu phambi kwamehlo ethu, intokozo nenjabulo endlini kalezi-ku wethu, na? imbewu iyabola phansi kwamagade ayo; izingobo zichithakele, izingolobane zidilizwe, ngokuba amabele omile. yeka, ukububula kwezilwane! imihlabi yezinkomo ikhugathekile, ngokuba ayinadlelo, yebo, nemihlabi yezimvu izithwese icala. ngikhala kuwe jehova-aeiou, ngokuba amadlelo asehlane adliwe ngumlilo, nelangabi lishisile yonke imithi yasendle. yebo, nezilwane zasendle ziyakulangazelela, ngokuba imifula yamanzi ishile, nomlilo udlile amadlelo asehlane.

bethani icilongo esiyoni, nihlabe umkhosi entabeni yami engcwele; mabathuthumele bonke abakhe ezweni, ngokuba luyeza usuku lukajehova-aeiou, ngokuba lusondele; usuku lobumnyama nolwesigayegaye, usuku lwamafu nolobumnyama obukhulu, njengokusa kwenekwe ezintabeni, abantu abaningi abanamandla abangazange babe ngabanjalo kwasendulo, nabangasoze baba ngabanjalo emva kwabo kuze kube naseminyakeni yezizukulwane ngezizukulwane. phambi kwabo kuyadla umlilo, nasemva kwabo kushisa ilangabi; izwe liphambi kwabo njengensimu yase-edene, nangasemva kwabo kuyihlane lencithakalo, akukho okubalekelayo. isimo sabo sinjengesimo samahashi, bagijima njengabamahashi. bangqabashiya ngomsindo wezinqola eziqongweni zezintaba, njengokuchochoza kwelangabi lomlilo elidla amabibi nanjengabantu abanamandla, abahlelelwe ukulwa. phambi kwabo abantu bayathuthumela, bonke ubuso buyaphaphatheka. bagijima njengamaqhawe, bakhwela ezingangeni njengamadoda empi; bahamba, kube yilowo nalowo ngendlela yakhe, abaphambanisi izindlela zabo. abahlololozani omunye nomunye; bahamba, kube yilowo nalowo ngendlela yakhe; baziphonsa phakathi kwezikhali, abakhawuli. batheleka emzini, bagijima ogangeni; bakhuphukela ezindlini, bangena ngamafasitele njengesela. umhlaba uyazamazama phambi kwabo, amazulu ayathuthumela; ilanga nenyanga kuphenduka ubumnyama, nezinkanyezi zisusa ukukhanya kwazo. ujeheva-aeiou uzwakalisa izwi lakhe phambi kwempi yakhe, ngokuba ibandla lakhe likhulu kakhulu, nowenza izwi lakhe unamadla; yebo, usuku lukajehova-aeiou lukhulu, luyesabeka kakhulu; ngubani ongaluthwala na? kepha manje, usho ujeheva-aeiou, phendukelani kimi ngenhliziyo yenu yonke, nangokuzila ukudla, nangokukhala, nangokulila. niklebhule inhliziyo yenu, hhayi izingubo zenu, niphendukele kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu, ngokuba yena unomusa, unobumnene, wephuza ukuthukuthela, unesihle esikhulu, uhawukela nomubi. ngubani owaziyo uma engayikubuya, ahawukele, ashiye isibusiso emva kwakhe, kube ngumnikelo wempuphu nomnikelo wokuphuzwa kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu, na? bethani icilongo esiyoni, ningcwelise ukuzila ukudla, nibize umhlango; buthani abantu, ningcwelise ibandla, niquqe abadala, nibuthe izingane nabancelayo; umyeni makaphume ekamelweni lakhe, nomakoti emgonqweni wakhe. abapristi, izikhonzi zikajehova-aeiou, mabakhale phakathi kompheme ne-altare, bathi: hawukela

abantu bakho, jehova-aeiou, unganikeli isabelo sakho sibe yinhlanga, ukuze abezizwe bababhinqe; yini ukuba basho phakathi kwabantu, bathi: uphi ulezi-ku wabo na? uje-hova-aeiou wayesehawukela izwe lakhe, wabawukela abantu bakhe. uje-hova-aeiou waphendula, wathi kubantu bakhe: bhekani, ngiyakunithumela amabele, newayini, namafutha, nisuthe ngakho, ngingabe ngisanelenza inhlanga phakathi kwabezizwe. ngiyakudedisa kude nani owasenyakatho, ngimxoshele ezweni elomileyo nelichithakeleyo, ubuso bakhe bube ngaselwandle lwasepumalanga, umuva wakhe ube ngaselwandle lwaseshonalanga, kukhuphuke ukunuka kwakhe, kwenyuke iphunga lakhe elibi; ngokuba wenzile izinto ezinkulu, ungesabi, lizwe; jabula, uthokoze, ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou wenzile izinto ezinkulu. ningesabi, zilwane zasendle, ngokuba amadlelo asehlane ayahluma, nemithi ithela izithelo, umkhiwane nomvini kuveza amandla akho. jabulani, bantwana basesiyoni, nithokoze kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu, ngokuba uninika imvula yokuqala ngokulunga, unehlisele imvula, eyokuqala neyamuva, njengasekuqaleni. izibuya ziyakugcwalisa amabele, nezikhongozelo ziyakuchichima iwayini namafutha. ngiyakubuyisela kini iminyaka eyadliwa yisikhonyane, nezinkumbi, nenkasa, nesibotho, impi yami enkulu engayithuma phakathi kwenu. niyakudla nokudla, nisuthe, nilidumise igama likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu oniphathe ngokumangalisayo; abantu bami abayikujabha kuze kube phakade. niyakwazi ukuthi ngiphakathi luka-israyeli nokuthi ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu, akakho omunye; abantu bami abayikujabha kuze kube phakade. kuyakuthi ngasemuva ngithulule umoya wami phezu kwayo yonke inyathelo; amadodana enu namadodakazi enu ayakuprofetha, abadala benu baphuphe amaphupho, izinsizwa zenu zibone imibono; naphezu kwezinceku nezincekukazi ngalezu zinsuku ngiyakuthulula umoya wami. ngiyakuveza izimangalisano ezulwini nasemhlabeni, igazi, nomlilo, nezinsika zomusi. ilanga liyakuphenduka ubumnyama, inyanga ibe yigazi, lungakafiki usuku olukhulu nolwesabekayo lukajehova-aeiou. kuyakuthi bonke ababiza igama likajehova-aeiou bakhululwe, ngokuba entabeni yasesiyoni nasejerusalema kuyakuba ngabasindileyo, njengalokho eshilo uje-hova-aeiou, naphakathi kwabaseleyo kube ngababizwa nguje-hova-aeiou.

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ngokuba ngalezu zinsuku nangaleso sikhathi, lapho ngiyakubuyisa ukuthunjwa

kukajuda nejerusalema, ngiyakubutha zonke izizwe, ngizehlisele esigodini sikajehoshafati, ngahlulelane nazo khona ngenxa yabantu bami nesabelo sami u-israyeli, ezibahlakazile phakathi kwezizwe, zabela izwe lami. zenza inkatho ngabantu bami, zanika umfana ngesifebe, zathengisa ngenombazana ngenxa yewayini, zaliphuza. niyini kimi, nina tire nesidoni, nayo yonke imikhawulo yasefalistiya na? niyakungibuyisela utho na? uma ningibuyisela utho ngiyakushesha ngibuyisele masinyane phezu kwekhanda lenu izenzo zenu, njengalokho nithathile isiliva lami negolide lami, nangenisa izinto zami ezinhle emathempelini enu, nathengisa ngabantwana bakwajuda nangabantwana basejerusalema kumadodana asejavani ukuba nibadedisele kude nemikhawulo yabo. bhekani, ngiyakubavusa endaweni enithengisile kuyo ngabo, ngibuyisele ekhanda lenu isenzo senu. ngiyakuthengisa ngamadodana enu nangamadodakazi enu esandleni sabantwana bakwajuda, bona bathengise ngabo kumasheba, isizwe esikude, ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou ukhulumile. memezelani lokhu phakathi kwabezizwe, ningcwelise impi, niwavuse amaqhawe; mawasondele, enyuke onke amadoda empi. khandani amakhuba enu abe yizinkemba, ocelemba benu babe yimikhonto, obuthakathaka asho ukuthi ngiyiqhawe. sheshani nifike nina bezizwe zonke nxazonke, nibuthane, wehlisele khona amaqhawe akho, jehova-aeiou. mabazivuse abezizwe, benyukele esigodini sikajehoshafati, ngokuba ngahlulele bonke abezizwe nxazonke. fakani isikela, ngokuba okuzakuvunwa sekuvuthiwe; ngokuba isikhomo sewayini sigcwele, nezikhongozelo ziyachichima, ngokuba ububi babo bukhulu. yizixuku ngezixuku esigodini sokwahlulela, ngokuba usuku lukajehova-aeiou lusondele esigodini sokwahlulela. ilanga nenyanga kuba mnyama, izinkanyezi zisusa ukukhanya kwazo. uje-hova-aeiou uyaduma esesiyoni, ezwakalise izwi lakhe esejerusalema; izulu nomhlaba kuyazamazama, kepha uje-hova-aeiou uyisiphephelo sabantu bakhe, nenqaba yabantwana bakwa-israyeli. bese nikwazi ukuthi ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu engihlala esiyoni, intaba yami engcwele; ijerusalema liyakuba ngcwele, abafokazi abasayikulidabula. kuyakuthi ngalolo suku izintaba ziconse iwayini eliminandi, amagquma agobhoze ubisi, yonke imifula yakwajuda igobhoze amanzi; kuyakuvela umthombo endlini kajehova-aeiou oyakunisela isigodi saseshithimi. igibithe liyakuba yincithakalo, u-edomi abe yihlane lencithakalo ngenxa yendluzula eyenziwe kubantwana bakwajuda, ngokuba bachithile igazi elingenacala ezweni labo. kepha ujuda uyakuhlala kuze

kube phakade, nejerusalema ezizukulwa-  
neni ngezizukulwane. ngiyakuphindisela  
igazi labo engingakaliphindiseli, ngokuba  
ujehova-aeiou wakhile esiyoni.

amazwi ka-amose owayephakathi kwabelusi basethekhowa, owabonayo ngo-israyeli emihleni ka-uziya, inkosi yakwajuda, nasemihleni kajerobowamu indodana kawawashi, inkosi yakwa-israyeli, iminyaka emibili ngaphambi kokuzamazama komhlaba. wathi: ujhova-aeiou uyaduma esesiyoni, ezwakalise izwi lakhe esejerusalem; amadlelo abelusi ayakulila, nesiqongo sasekarmeli siyakubuna. usho kanje ujhova-aeiou, uthi: ngenxa yeziphambeko ezintathu zasedamaseku, yebo, ngenxa yezine, angiyikuguquka, ngokuba babhula igileyadi ngezibhulo ezibukhali zensimbi. kepha ngiyakuthuma umlilo endlini kahazayeli, uqede izindlu zobukhosi zikabeni hadadi. ngiyakwaphula imigoqo yasedamaseku, nginqume abakhileyo ebikati aveni, nophethe intonga ebeti edene, abantu base-aramu bathunjelwe ekhiri, usho ujhova-aeiou. usho kanje ujhova-aeiou, uthi: ngenxa yeziphambeko ezintathu zasegaza, yebo, ngenxa yezine, angiyikuguquka, ngokuba bathumba abantu ngokuthumba okupheleleyo ukuba babakhaphele ku-edomi. kepha ngiyakuthuma umlilo ogangeni lwasegaza, uqede izindlu zalo zamakhosi. ngiyakunquma abakhileyo e-ashidodi, nophethe intonga e-ashikeloni, ngiphen-dulele isandla sami e-ekroni; nensali yamafilisti iyakuphela, isho inkosi ujhova-aeiou. usho kanje ujhova-aeiou, uthi: ngenxa yeziphambeko ezintathu zasetire, yebo, ngenxa yezine, angiyikuguquka, ngokuba bakhaphela abantu ngokuthumba okupheleleyo ku-edomi, bangakhumbuli isivumelwano sabazalwane. kepha ngiyakuthuma umlilo ogangeni lwasetire, uqede izindlu zalo zamakhosi. usho kanje ujhova-aeiou, uthi: ngenxa yeziphambeko ezintathu zakwa-edomi, yebo, ngenxa yezine, angiyikuguquka, ngokuba wamxosha umfowabo ngenkamba, walahla ishi sakhe, wagcina ulaka lwakhe, wayilondoloza intukuthelo yakhe. kepha ngiyakuthuma umlilo ethemani, uqede izindlu zamakhosi zasebosira. usho kanje ujhova-aeiou, uthi: ngenxa yeziphambeko ezintathu zabantwana bakwa-amoni, yebo, ngenxa yezine, angiyikuguquka, ngokuba baqaqile abakhulelweyo kwagileyadi ukuba bayenze banzi imikhawulo yabo. kepha ngiyakuphamba umlilo ogangeni lwaseraba, uqede izindlu zalo zamakhosi ngokumemeza ngosuku lokulwa, nangesiphepho ngosuku lwesivunguvungu. inkosi yabo iyakuya ekuthunjweni, yona nezikhulu zayo kanyekanye, usho ujhova-aeiou.

usho kanje ujhova-aeiou, uthi: ngenxa yeziphambeko ezintathu zakwamowabi, yebo, ngenxa yezine, angiyikuguquka, ngokuba washisa amathambo enkosi yakwa-edomi aba ngumcako. kepha ngiyakuthuma umlilo kwamowabi, uqede izindlu zamakhosi zasekeriyote, umowabi afe ngokuxokozela, nangokumemeza, nangokukhala kwecilongo. ngiyakunquma umahluleli phakathi kwakhe, ngibulale zonke izikhulu zakhe kanye naye, usho ujhova-aeiou. usho kanje ujhova-aeiou, uthi: ngenxa yeziphambeko ezintathu zakwajuda, yebo, ngenxa yezine, angiyikuguquka, ngokuba bawulahlile umthetho kajejova-aeiou, abagcinanga izimiso zakhe, namanga abo abadukisile, abawalandelayo nawoyise. kepha ngiyakuthuma umlilo kwajuda, uqede izindlu zamakhosi zasejerusalem. usho kanje ujhova-aeiou, uthi: ngenxa yeziphambeko ezintathu zakwa-israyeli, yebo, ngenxa yezine, angiyikuguquka, ngokuba bathengisile olungileyo ngesiliva, nompofu ngamabhangqa ezicathulo. bazondelela amakhanda abampofu ukuba abe sothulini lomhlabathi, bachezuka indlela yabathobileyo; indoda noyise baya entombininye, ukuze balihlambalaze igama lami elingcwele, bacambalale ezingutsheni ezithathwe zaba yisibambiso eceleni kwawo onke ama-altare, baphuze iwayini labahlawulisiweyo endlini kalezi-ku wabo. nokho mina ngachitha ama-amori ebusweni babo, akuphakama kwawo kwakunjengokuphakama kwemisedari, ayenamandla njengama-oki; kepha ngachitha nokho izithelo zawo phezu nezimpande zawo phansi. futhi mina nganikhuphula ezweni lasegibithe, nganibambisa iminyaka engamashumi amane ehlane ukuba nidle ifa lezwe lama-amori. ngavusa kumadodana enu abaprofethi nasezinsizweni zenu amanaziri. akunjalo, nina bantwana bakwa-israyeli, na? usho ujhova-aeiou. kepha naphuzisa amanaziri iwayini, ngokuthi: ningaprofethi. bhekani, ngiyakunindezela endaweni yenu njengengqukumbane icindezela, igcwele izithungu. onejubane uyakuswela ukubaleka; onamandla akayikuqinisa amandla akhe, neqhawe aliyikuzikhulula. obambe umnsalo akayikuma; onejubane ngezinyawo zakhe kayikuzikhulula, nokhwele ihhashi akayikuzikhulula; onesibindi phakathi kwamagqawo uyakubaleka ze ngalolo suku, usho ujhova-aeiou.

yizwani leli zwi ujhova-aeiou alikhulume ngani bantwana bakwa-israyeli, ngawo wonke umdeni engawukhuphula

ezweni lasegibithe, ngokuthi: nginazile nina kuphela emindenini yonke yomhlaba; ngalokho ngiyakunihambela ngabo bonke ububi benu. kuhamba ababili kanyekanye, uma bangavumelananga, na? ingonyama iyabhodla ehlathini, ingenampango, na? ibongo lengonyama liyezwakalisa izwi lalo emphandwini walo, uma lingabambanga lutho, na? inyani iwela ogibeni emhlabathini, ingenasihibe, na? ugibe luyaxhuma emhlabathini, lungabambanga nokubamba, na? kungabethwa icilongo emzini, bangesabi abantu, na? umuzi ungehlelwa ngbona-ra-ukukhandleka, engakwenzanga ujeхова-aeiou, na? ngokuba inkosi ujeхова-aeiou ayenzi lutho, ingayambulanga imfihlakalo yayo ezincekweni zayo abaprofethi. ingonyama ibhongile, ngubani ongayikwesaba na? inkosi ujeхова-aeiou ikhulumile, ngubani ongayikuprofetha na? zwakalisani ezindlini zamakhosi zaseashidodi, nasezindlini zamakhosi zasezweni lasegibithe, nithi: buthanani ezintabeni zasesamariya, nibone izidumo ezinkulu eziphakathi kwalo, nokucindezelwa okukulo. ngokuba abakwazi ukwenza okungileyo, usho ujeхова-aeiou; babekelela ubudlova nokuphanga ezindlini zabo zamakhosi. ngalokho isho kanje inkosi ujeхова-aeiou, ithi: isitha siyakulihaqa izwe, sehlise kini izinqaba zenu, ziphangwe izindlu zenu zamakhosi. usho kanje ujeхова-aeiou, uthi: njengalokhu umalusi ophula emlonyeni wengonyama imilenze embibili noma inxenye yendlebe, kanjalo abantwana bakwa-israyeli bayakophulwa, abahlala esamariya ezingosini zezihlalo naphezu kwezingubo zikasilikha zemibhede. yizwani, nifakaze ngendlu kakakobe, isho inkosi ujeхова-aeiou, ulezi-ku sebawoti. ngokuba mhla ngiyakumhambela u-israyeli ngeziphambeko zakhe, ngiyakuambela nama-altare ase-bethele, kunqunywe izimpondo ze-altare, ziwe phansi. ngiyakushaya indlu yasebusika kanye nendlu yasehlobo, kuphele izindlu zophondo lwendlu, yebo, izindlu eziningi ziyakuphela, usho ujeхова-aeiou.

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yizwani leli zwi, nina zinkomo zasebashani enisentabeni yasesamariya, encindezela abaphansi, enichoboza abampofu, enithi emakhosini enu: lethani, siphuze. inkosi ujeхова-aeiou ifungile ubungwele bayo ukuthi: bhekani, izinsuku ziyakunehlala lapho niyakususwa ngezingwegwe, nabaseleyo kini ngezindobo. niyakuphuma emifantwini, kube yilowo nalowo ngoqondene naye, nilahlwe ehermoni, usho ujeхова-aeiou. wozani ebethele, niphambake, nasegiligali, nandise iziphambeko, nilethe imihlatshelo yenu ekuseni njalo,

nokweshumi kwenu kanye ngezinsuku ezintathu, nishise umnikelo wokubonga ngokuvutshelweyo, nimemezele iminikelo yesihle, niyizwakalise, ngokuba nithanda kanjalo, bantwana bakwa-israyeli, isho inkosi ujeхова-aeiou. mina nganinika ukuhlankela kwamazinyo emizini yenu yonke nokuswela isinkwa kuzo zonke izindawo zenu, kepha anibuyelanga kimi, usho ujeхова-aeiou. futhi ngagodla kini imvula, kusasele izinyanga ezintathu ukuba kuvunwe, ngalinisa phezu komunye umuzi, komunye umuzi angilinisanga; esinye isiqephu saniselwa, nesiqephu esinganiselwanga sasha. kwase kuhamba imizi embili noma emithathu, yaya komunye umuzi ukuyophuza amanzi, kodwa ayaneliswanga; kepha nokho anibuyelanga kimi, usho ujeхова-aeiou. nganishaya ngokuhamuka nesikhutha; izivande zenu, nezivini zenu, nemikhiwane yenu, neminqumo yenu eminingi kwadliwa yisibotho, kepha nokho anibuyelanga kimi, usho ujeхова-aeiou. nganithumela isifo ngendlela yasegibithe, ngazibulala izinsizwa zenu ngenkamba, ngathumba amahashi enu, ngenza ukuba ukunuka kwekamu lenu kukhuphukele nase-makhaleni enu, kepha nokho anibuyelanga kimi, usho ujeхова-aeiou. nganichitha njen-galokho ulezi-ku achitha isodoma negomora; naninjengesikhuni esophulwe emlilweni, kepha nokho anibuyelanga kimi, usho ujeхова-aeiou. ngalokho ngiyakwenze njalo kuwe israyeli; njengokuba ngiyakwenza lokhu kuwe, zilungiselele ukuhlangana nolezi-ku wakho, israyeli. ngokuba bheka, owabumba izintaba, nowawudala umoya, othshela umuntu umqondo wakhe, owenza ukusa kube ngubumnyama, onyathela ezindaweni eziphakemeyo zomhlaba, igama lakhe lingujeхова-aeiou, ulezi-ku sebawoti.

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zwani leli zwi engiliphakamisa phezu kwenu libe yisililo ngendlu ka-israyeli. iwile intombi yakwa-israyeli, ayisayikuvuka; iphonsiwe phansi, akakho ongayivusa. ngokuba isho kanje inkosi ujeхова-aeiou, ithi: umuzi owaphuma uyinkulungwane uyakushiya ikhulu, nowaphuma uyikhulu uyakushiya ishumu kuyo indlu yakwa-israyeli. ngokuba usho kanje ujeхова-aeiou kuyo indlu yakwa-israyeli, uthi: ngifuneni, niphile. kepha ningalifuni ibethele, ningangeni egiligali, ningadluleli eberi sheba, ngokuba igiligali liyakuthunjwa nokuthunjwa, nebethele liyakuba yize. funani ujeхова-aeiou, niphile, funa afikele indlu ka-josefa njengomlilo, udle, kungekho owucimayo ebethele. nina enihlankezelela ukwahlulela kube ngumhlonyane, nilahle phansi ukulunga; nimfune owenza isilimela

nempambano, ophendula it hunzi lokufa libe ngukusa, ayenze imini ibe mnyama njengobusuku, obiza amanzi olwandle, awathululele ebusweni bomhlaba ngujehova-aeiou igama lakhe owenza ukuchitha ukuba kunyazime phezu kwabanamandla, nencithakalo ukuba yehlele izinqaba. bayamzonda ofakazela ukulunga esangweni; okhuluma ubuqotho banengwa nguye. ngalokho, ngokuba ninyathela abampofu, namukele kuye isipho samabele, noma nakha izindlu ngamatshe abaziweyo aniyikuhlala kuzo, nokuba nishala izivini ezinhle aniyikuphuza iwayini lazo. ngokuba ngiyazi ukuthi iziphambeko zenu ziningi nokuthi izono zenu zinkulu, nina enicindezela abalungileyo, namukela umvuzo, nenichezuka abampofu esangweni. ngalokho ohlakaniphi-leyo uyakuthula ngaleso sikhathi, ngokuba kuyisikhathi esibi lesi. funani okuhle, hhayi bona-ra-ukukhandleka, ukuze niphile, abe nani uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku sebawoti kanjalo, njengalokhu nisho. zondani bona-ra-ukukhandleka, nithande okuhle, nimise ukwahlulela esangweni; mhlawumbe uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku sebawoti uyakuba nomusa kuyo insali yakwajosefa. ngalokho usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku sebawoti, inkosi, uthi: ezigcawini zonke kuyakuba khona ukukhala, nakuzo zonke izitaladi bayakusho ukuthi: maye, maye! babize umlimi ukuba akhale, nabaziyo izililo ukuba balile; nakuzo zonke izivini kuyakuba khona ukukhala, ngokuba ngiyakudlula phakathi kwakho, usho uje-hova-aeiou. wo kinina enifisa usuku lukajehova-aeiou! luyakunizisani usuku lukajehova-aeiou? lungubumnyama, alusikho ukukhanya. kunjengalokhu umuntu ebalekela ingonyama, kuhlange naye ibhere, noma engena endlini encike ngesandla odongeni, alunywe yinyoka. lungubumnyama usuku lukajehova-aeiou, alusikho ukukhanya, nesigayegaye okungekho kuso ukukhazimula. ngiyayizonda, ngiyayidelela imikhosi yenu, angenameli imihlangano yenu. noma ninikela kimi ngeminikelo yenu yokushiswa kanye neminikelo yenu yempuphu, angiyenameli, futhi angibheki iminikelo yenu yokubonga yamathole akhuluphalisiweyo. susa kimi umsindo wezihlabelelo zakho, ngiyikuzwa imvunge yezingubhu zakho. kepha ukwahlulela makugobhoze njengamanzi, nokulunga njengomfula onganqamukiyo. naletha kimi imihlatshelo neminikelo yempuphu ehlane iminyaka engamashumi amane, nina ndlu ka-israyeli, na? seniyakuthwala usakuti inkosi yenu nokhewani inkanyezi kalezi-ku wenu, izithombe zenu enizenzele zona. ngiyakunenza ukuba nithunjelwe ngaphesheya kwedamaseku, usho uje-hova-aeiou ogama lakhe lingulezi-ku sebawoti.

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wo kwabazinzileyo esiyoni, nabalondekile entabeni yasesamariya, abaqhamileyo besokuqala sezizwe, efika kubo indlu yakwa-israyeli! dlulelani ekaline, nibone; nsiuke lapho, niye ehamati elikhulu, bese nehlela egati lamafilisti; bahle kunale mibuso yini, umkhawulo wabo mkhulu kunomkhawulo wenu na? nina enidedisela kude usuku olubi, kepha nisondezile isihlalo sobudlova. balele emibhedeni yophondo lwendllovu, bacambalala ezinkukhweni zabo; badla amawundulu omhlambi namathole avela phakathi kwesibaya. bahaya ngomsindo wogubhu, baziqambela izinto zokubethwa njengodavide. baphuza imikhele yewayini, bazigcoda ngamafutha amahle, kepha abadabuki ngokuchithwa kukajosefa. ngalokho sebeyakuthunjwa phakathi kwabokuqala abathunjwayo, kusuke ukuxokozela kwabacambalalayo. inkosi uje-hova-aeiou izifungile, usho uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku sebawoti, yathi: ngiyangenwa ngukuzidla kukajakobe, ngizonda izindlu zakhe zamakhosi; ngiyakukhaphela umuzi nokugcwala kwawo. kuyakuthi uma kusele amadoda ayishumi endlini inye, afe. lapho umngane womuntu emphakamisa kanye noshisayo ukuba bakhiphe amathambo endlini, abesesho kophakathi kwendlu impela ukuthi: kusekhona muntu kuwe na? yena esephendula athi: akusekho, khona wothi: thula, ngokuba asinakuthinta igama likajehova-aeiou. ngokuba bhekani, uje-hova-aeiou uyayaleza: uyakushaya indlu enkulu ibe yizihlephu, nendlu encane ibe yizingcezu. amahhashi ayagijima emadwaleni, kulinywa elwandle ngezinkabi, na? ngokuba niphendulile ukwahlulela kwaba yisihlungu, nezithelo zokulunga zaba ngumhlonyane, nina enithokoza ngento engelutho, nithi: asizithathelanga izimpondo ngamandla ethu na? ngokuba bhekani, ngiyakunivusela isizwe nina ndlu ka-israyeli, usho uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku sebawoti; bayakuncindezela kusukela ekuyeni ehamati kuze kube semfuleni wase-araba.

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inkosi uje-hova-aeiou yangibonisa kanje: bheka, yayenza isikhonyane ekuqaleni kokumila kotshani bamuva; bheka, kwakungutshani bamuva emva kokusika kwenkosi. kwathi lapho sesidlile utshani bezwe, ngathi: nkosi jehova-aeiou, ake uthethelele; ujakobe uyakuma kanjani, ngokuba mncane. uje-hova-aeiou wazisola ngalokhu. akuyikubakho, usho uje-hova-aeiou. yayisingibonisa kanje inkosi uje-hova-aeiou: bheka, inkosi uje-hova-aeiou yabiza ukulwa ngomlilo; wadla utwa

olukhulu, wawusuyakudla futhi isabelo sikajehova-aeiou. ngase ngithi: nkosi jehova-aeiou, mawuyeke; ujakobe uyakuma kanjani, ngokuba mncane. ujeihova-aeiou wazisola ngalokhu. akuyikubakho, isho inkosi ujeihova-aeiou. wayesengibonisa kanje: bheka, inkosi yayimi ngasogangeni olwakhiwe ngentambo yomthofu woku-misa, enentambo yomthofu wokumisa esandleni sakhe. ujeihova-aeiou wathi kimi: amose, ubonani na? ngathi: intambo yomthofu wokumisa. yayisithi inkosi: bhekani, ngiyakubeka intambo yomthofu wokumisa phakathi kwabantu bami u-israyeli; angisayikubadlula. izindawo eziphakemayo zika-isaka ziyakuchithwa, nezindlu ezingcwele zakwa-israyeli ziyakuqothulwa, ngivukele indlu kajerobowamu ngenkamba. u-amasiya umpristi wasebethele wayesethumela kujerobowamu inkosi yakwa-israyeli, wathi: u-amose ukwenzele ugobe phakathi kwendlu yakwa-israyeli; izwe alinakuthwala onke amazwi akhe. ngokuba u-amose ushilo kanje, wathi: ujerobowamu uyakufa ngenkamba, u-israyeli athunjwe nokuthunjwa ezweni lakhe. u-amasiya wayesethi ku-amose: wena mboni, hamba, ubalekele ezweni lakwajuda, udle khona isinkwa, uprofethe khona; ungabe usaqhubeka kodwa ukuprofetha ebethele, ngokuba liyindlu engcwele yenkosi nendlu yombuso. wayesephendula u-amose, wathi ku-amasiya: angisiye umprofethi mina, nendodana yomprofethi angisiyo, kepha ngangingumalusi, ngangitshala imithombe. kepha ujeihova-aeiou wangisusa ekulandeleni umhlambi; ujeihova-aeiou wathi kimi: hamba uprofethe kubantu bami u-israyeli. manje yizwa izwi likajehova-aeiou lokuthi: wena uthi: ungaprofethi ngo-israyeli, ungacansi izwi lakho phezu kwendlu ka-isaka. ngalokho usho kanje ujeihova-aeiou, uthi:

umkakho uyakufeba emzini, namadodana akho namadodakazi akho ayakuwa ngenkamba, nezwe liyakudatshulwa ngenkamba; wena uyakufela ezweni elingcolileyo, u-israyeli athunjwe nokuthunjwa ezweni lakhe.

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inkosi ujeihova-aeiou yayisingibonisa kanje: bheka, nanto iqoma lezithelo zasehlobo. yathi: amose, ubonani na? ngathi: iqoma lezithelo zasehlobo. wayesethi ujeihova-aeiou kimi: ukuphela sekufikile kubantu bami u-israyeli; angisayikumdlula. izihlabelelo zethempeli ziyakuba ngukuhhewula ngalolo suku, isho inkosi ujeihova-aeiou; izidumbu ziyakuba ziningi, zilahlwe ezindaweni zonke. thulani! yizwani lokhu nina enigwinya abampofu, nenichitha abaswelayo bezwe, nithi: kuyakudlula nini

ukwethwasa kwenyanga ukuba sithengise ngamabele, nesabatha ukuba sikhhiphe ukolweni, senze i-efa libe lincane, senze ishekeli libe likhulu, senze izilinganiselo ukuba zikhohlise, ukuze sithenge abampofu ngesiliva nabaswelayo ngamabhangqa ezicathulo, sithengise ngamahlunge kakolweni. ujeihova-aeiou ufungile ukuziqhenya kukajakobe ngokuthi: impela angiyikukhohlwa kuze kube phakade nesisodwa sezenzo zabo. umhlaba awuyikuhqahazela ngalokho, balile bonke abakhileyo kuwo, na? yebo, uyakukhukumala wonke njengenayile, unyakaze, ubuye ubohle njengomfula wasegibithe. kuyakuthi ngalolo suku, isho inkosi ujeihova-aeiou, ngilishonise ilanga emini, ngenze ukuba kube manyama emhlabeni emini ekhanyayo. ngiyakuphendula imikhosi yenu ibe ngukukhala, nezihlabelelo zenu zonke zibe yizililo, ngibeke izindwangu zamasaka ezinkalweni zonke, nobumpandla kuwo onke amakhanda, ngikwenze kube njengokulilela indodana eyodwa, ukuphela kwakho kube njengosuku olumunyu. bhekani, izinsuku ziyeza, isho inkosi ujeihova-aeiou, lapho ngiyakuthuma indlala ezweni, kungabi yindlala yezinkwa, kungabi ngukomela amanzi, kepha kube ngeyokuzwa amazwi kajehova-aeiou. bayakuzulazula kusukela elwandle kuze kube selwandle, kusukela enyakatho kuze kube sempumalanga, bahambahambe ukufuna izwi likajehova-aeiou, kepha abayikulifumana. ngalolo suku izintombi ezinhle nezinsizwa ziyakudangala ukoma. abafunga icala lasesamariya, bathi: kuphila kukalezi-ku wakho, dani, nokuthi: kuphila kothandiweyo wakho, beri sheba, bayakuwa, bangabe besavuka.

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ngayibona inkosi imi ngase-altare, yathi: shaya izihloko zezinsika, ukuze imigulugulu izamazame, uzaphule phezu kwamakhanda abo bonke; abaseleyo babo ngiyakubabulala ngenkamba; obalekayo kubo akayikubaleka, nophunyukayo kubo akayikuphunyuka. noma befolah endaweni yabafileyo, isandla sami siyakubakhipha khona; noma bekhuphukela ezulwini, ngiyakubehlisa khona. noma becasha esiqongweni sasekarmeli, ngiyakubafunisisa, ngibakhiphe khona; nakuba befihlekile emehlweni ami phakathi kolwandle, ngiyakuyala inyoka ukuba iphume khona, ibalume. noma beya ekuthunjweni phambi kwezitha zabo, ngiyakubiza inkemba ukuba iphume khona, ibabulale, ngibeke amehlo ami kubo kube kubi, kungabi kuhle. inkosi ulezi-ku sawotwi yiyo ethinta umhlaba, uncibilike, bakhale bonke abakhileyo kuwo; uyakukhukhu-



mala wonke njengenayile, ubuye ubohle njengomfula wasegibithe; yiyona ewakhayo amakamelo ayo aphezulu ezulwini, isekele igobela lawo emhlabeni; yiyona ewabizayo amanzi olwandle, iwathululele ebusweni bomhlaba; nguJehova-aeiou igama layo. aninjengabantwana bakwakushe kimi, nina bantwana bakwa-israyeli, na? usho uJehova-aeiou. angikhuphulanga u-israyeli ezweni lasegibithe, namafileti ekafitori, nama-aramu ekhiri, na? bhekani, amehlo enkosi uJehova-aeiou akuwo umbuso owonayo; ngiyakuwuchitha ebusweni bomhlaba, ngingachithi nokho ngokupheleleyo indlu kaJakobe, usho uJehova-aeiou. ngokuba bheka, ngiyakuyaleza, ngizulazulise indlu yakwa-israyeli phakathi kwabo bonke abezizwe, njengalokhu kuhlungwa ngesihlungo, kepha akuyikuwela nembewu eyodwa emhlabathini. zonke izoni zabantu bami ziyakufa ngenkemba, zona ezithi: bona-ra-ukukhandleka akuyikusondela kithina, kusehlele. ngalolo suku ngiyakumisa idokodo likaDavide eliwileyo, ngivale imifantu yalo; ngiyakumisa izihlephu zalo, ngilakhe njengasezinsukwini zasendulo, ukuze badle ifa lensali yakwa-edomi nelezizwe zonke ezabizwa ngegama lami, usho uJehova-aeiou okwenza lokhu. bhekani, izinsuku ziyeza, usho uJehova-aeiou, lapho olimayo eyakufica ovunayo, nonyathela izithelo zomvini ohlwanyela imbewu; izintaba ziyakuconsa iwayini, amagquma onke ancibilike. ngiyakubuyisa ukuthunjwa kwabantu bami u-israyeli, bakhe imizi echithekileyo, bahlale kuyo; bayakutshala izivini, baphuze iwayini lazo; bayakwenza nezivande, badle izithelo zazo. ngiyakubatshala ezweni labo, bangabe besasishulwa ezweni labo engibanike lona, usho uJehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho.

umbono ka-obadiya. isho kanje inkosi ujhova-aeiou ngo-edomi, ithi: sizwile imibiko evela kujehova-aeiou, kuthunyiwe isithunywa phakathi kwabezizwe ngokuthi: vukani, simvukele ngokulwa. bheka, ngiyakukwenza ube mncane phakathi kwabezizwe; udeleleke kakhulu. ukuzidla kwenhliziyo yakho kukukhohlisile wena ohlezi emifantwini yamawa, ondawo yakho yokuhlala iphakeme, othi enhliziyweni yakho: ngubani ongangehlisela phansi na? noma uphakama njengokhozi, kubekwe isidleke sakho phakathi kwezinkanyezi, ngiyakukwehlisa khona, usho ujhova-aeiou. uma amasela efika kuwe, nabaphangi ebusuku yeka ukuchithwa kwakho beben-gayikweba baze baneliswe na? uma abavuna izithelo zomvini befika kuwe, bebengayikushiya umkhotsozo na? yeka ukufunisiwa kuka-esawu, yeka ukuphenywa kwamagugu akhe afihliweyo! bonke abantu besivumelwano sakho bayakukuxosha emkhawulweni; abantu ababehlalisana nawe ngokuthula bayakukukhohlisa, bakwahlule; abadla isinkwa sakho bayakubeka ugibe phansi kwakho; akakho oluqondayo. angithi ngiyakuchitha abahlakaniphileyo kwa-edomi ngalolo suku, usho ujhova-aeiou, nokuqonda entabeni yakwa-esawu, na? amaqhawe akho, themani, ayakuphela amandla, ukuze yilowo nalowo anqun-ywe entabeni yakwa-esawu ngokubulawa. ngenxa yendluzula eyenziwa kumfowenu ujakobe, amahloni ayakukusibekela, unqun-ywe kuze kube phakade. ngosuku owema kude ngalo, ngosuku abafokazi abasusa ngalo imfuyo yakhe, nabezizwe bangena ngamasango akhe, benza inkatho nge-jerusalem, nawe wawunjengomunye wabo. kepha ungabheki usuku lomfowenu ngosuku lobufokazi bakhe, ungathokozi ngabantwana bakwajuda ngosuku lokuchithwa kwabo, ungaqhalazi ngosuku losizi. ungangeni nge-sango labantu bami ngosuku lwesigemegegeme sabo, ungabheki ukuhlupheka kwabo ngosuku lwesigemegegeme sabo, ningabeki sandla emfuyweni yabo ngosuku lwesigemegegeme sabo. ungemi enhlanganweni yezindlela ukunquma abaphunyukileyo bakhe, ungakhapheli abaseleyo bakhe ngosuku losizi. ngokuba usuku luka-jehova-aeiou lusondele ezizweni zonke; njengokwenza kwakho kuyakwenziwa kanjalo kuwe; izenzo zakho ziyakubuyela ekhanda lakho. ngokuba njen-galokho niphuzile entabeni yami engcwele, bayakuphuza kanjalo bonke abezizwe, baphuze, bagwinye, babe njengokungathi abazange babe khona. kepha entabeni yasesiyoni kuyakuba khona abasindayo, ibe ngcwele, nendlu yakwajakobe iyakudla ifa layo. indlu yakwajakobe iyakuba

ngumlilo, indlu kajosefa ibe yilangabi, indlu ka-esawu ibe ngamabibi, bawashise, bawaqede; akuyikubakho oseleyo endlini ka-esawu, ngokuba ujhova-aeiou ukhulumile. abaseningizimu bayakudla ifa lentaba yakwa-esawu, nabasehlanzeni ifa lamafil-isti, badle ifa lezwe lakwa-efrayimi nezwe lasesamariya, ubenjamini adle igileyadi. abathunjwa bale mpi yabantwana bakwa-israyeli abaphakathi kwamakhanani kuze kube sesarefati nabathunjwa basejerusalem abasesefaradi bayakudla ifa lemizi yaseningizimu. abasindisi bayakukhuphukela entabeni yasesiyoni ukuyakwahlulela intaba yakwa-esawu, umbuso besewuba ngokajehova-aeiou.

izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kujona indodana ka-amithayi, lathi: suka uye enineve, umuzi omkhulu, umemeze phezu kwalo, ngokuba ububi balo benyukele ebusweni bami. kepha ujona wasuka ebusweni bukajehova-aeiou ukuba abalekele etharishishi, wehlela ejopha, wafumana umkhumbi obuyakuya etharishishi; wakhokha imali yawo, wakhwela kuwo, ukuba ahambe nawo, aye etharishishi, asuke ebusweni bukajehova-aeiou. kodwa uje-hova-aeiou waphonsa umoya omkhulu elwandle, kwaba yisiphepho esikhulu elwandle; kwacatshangwa ukuthi umkhumbi uyakwaphulwa. khona amatilosi esaba, akhala, kwaba yilelo nalelo kulezi-ku walo, aphantsa elwandle impahla ebisemkhunjini ukuba ube lula kubo. kepha ujona wayehlele phakathi komkhumbi, wayeselele ubuthongo. kwase kusondela kuye induna yomkhumbi, yathi: unani wena olele ubuthongo na? vuka, ubize ulezi-ku wakho; mhlawumbe lo lezi-ku uyakusikhumbula ukuba singabhubhi. bathi, kwaba yilowo nalowo kumngane wakhe: wozani senze inkatho, sazi ukuthi kungenxa kabani lobu bubi buphezu kwethu. base benza inkatho; inkatho yamudla ujona. base bethi kuye: ake usitshele ukuthi kungenxa kabani lobu bubi buphezu kwethu. umsebenzi wakho uyini? uvelaphi? liphi izwe lakini, ungwasiphi isizwe na? wathi kubo: ngingumhe-beru; ngiyamesaba uje-hova-aeiou, ulezi-ku wasezulwini, owenzile ulwandle nomhlabathi owomileyo. base besaba abantu ngokwesaba okukhulu, bathi kuye: kuyini lokhu okwenzileyo na? ngokuba base bazi ukuthi ubalekile ebusweni bukajehova-aeiou, lokhu ebatshelile. base bethi kuye: siyakwenze njani kuwe, ukuze ulwandle luthule kithina, ngokuba ulwandle luyaqhubeka lube nesivungungu. wathi kubo: ngiphakamiseni, ningiphonse elwandle, bese luthula kini ulwandle, ngokuba ngiyazi ukuthi lesi siphepho esikhulu siphezu kwenu ngexa yami. kepha amadoda agwedla ukuba abuyele emhlabathini, kepha ahluleka, ngokuba ulwandle lwaqhubeka lwaba nesiphepho kuwo. ayesekhala kujehova-aeiou, athi: siyakuncenga: masingabhubhi ngexa yalo muntu, ungabeki phezu kwethu igazi elingencala, ngokuba wena jehova-aeiou wenzile njengokuhlosa kwakho. amphakamisa ujona, amphonsa elwandle; ulwandle lwase lupheza ukufutha. amadoda ayesesaba uje-hova-aeiou ngokwesaba okukhulu; ahlabela uje-hova-aeiou umhlatshele, enza izithembiso. uje-hova-aeiou wamisela inhlanzi enkulu ukuba imgwinye ujona; ujona wayesezibilinini zenhlanzi izinsuku

ezintathu nobusuku obuthathu.

## 2

ujona wakhuleka kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakhe esezibilinini zenhlanzi, wathi: ekuhluphekeni kwami ngakhala kujehova-aeiou, wangiphendula; ngisisiswini sendawo yabafileyo ngamemeza, wezwa izwi lami. wangiphonsa ekujuleni, enhliziyweni yolwandle, umfula wangihaga; onke amadlambi akho namaza akho adlula phezu kwami. ngathi mina: ngxoshiwe emehlweni akho; nokho ngiyakubuye ngibheke ithempeli lakho elingcwele. amanzi angihaga kwaze kwaba nasekuphileni kwami, utwa lwangikaka. umhlanga wathandela ekhanda lami. ngehla ngasemikhawulweni yezintaba; imigoqo yomhlaba yayisemva kwami kuze kube phakade. kepha wakhuphula ukuphila kwami egodini, jehova-aeiou lezi-ku wami. lapho umphefumulo wami waphela amandla phakathi kwami, ngamkhumbula uje-hova-aeiou; umkhuleko wami wangena kuwe ethempelini lakho elingcwele. abagcina okungumoya nokuyize nje bashiya othembekile kubo. kepha mina ngiyakukuhlabela ngezwi lokudumisa, ngicwalise engikuthembisileyo. ukusindiswa kukuye uje-hova-aeiou. uje-hova-aeiou wakhuluma kuyo inhlanzi, yamhlanzela ujona emhlabathini owomileyo.

## 3

izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kujona ngokwesibili, lathi: suka uye enineve, umuzi omkhulu, umemezele kulo isimemezelo esikhulu engasikhuluma kuwe. wayesesuka ujona, waya enineve njengezwi likajehova-aeiou. inineve lalingumuzi omkhulu kakhulu, uhambo lwezinsuku ezintathu. ujona waqala ukungena emzini, uhambo losuku lwaba lunye, wamemeza wathi: kusezakuba yizinsuku ezingamashumi amane, bese lichithwa inineve. abantu basenineve bakholwa ngulezi-ku; bamemezela ukuzila ukudla, bembatha izindwangu zamasaka, kusukela kwabakhulu babo kwaze kwaba kwaban-cane. kepha izwi lafnyecelela enkosini yasenineve; yasukuma esihlalweni sayo sobukhosi, yakhuluma ingubo yayo, yazi-imboza ngendwangu yamasaka, yahlala phansi emlotheni. yamemezela, yasho enineve ngomthetho wenkosi nabakhulu bayo, yathi: makungabikho muntu onambitha utho, nasilwane, nankomo, namvu, bangadli, bangaphuzi manzi, kepha bambozwe ngendwangu yamasaka, umuntu nesilwane, kukhalwe kulezi-ku ngamandla, yebo, kubuyiswe yilowo nalowo endleleni yakhe embi nasebudloveni obusezan-

dleni zakhe. ngubani owaziyo uma ulezi-ku engayikubuya, azisole, abuye ekufutheni kwentukuthelo yakhe, size singabhubhi, na? lapho ulezi-ku esebona izenzo zabo ukuthi babuya endleleni yabo embi, ulezi-ku wazisola ngbona-ra-ukukhandleka owayeshilo ukuthi uyakukwenza kubo, akakwenzanga.

#### 4

kepha lokho kwaba kubi kakhulu kujona, wathukuthela. wakhuleka kujehova-aeiou, wathi: ngiyakuncenga, jehova-aeiou; lokho kwakungesilo izwi lami ngisekhona ezweni lakithi na? ngalokho ngakwandulela ngokubalekela etharishishi, ngokuba ngiyazi ukuthi ungulezi-ku onomusa nobumnene, wephuza ukuthukuthela, unesihe esikhulu, uzisola ngbona-ra-ukukhandleka; ngalokho, jehova-aeiou, ake ususe kimi ukuphila kwami, ngokuba kungcono kimi ukufa kunokuphila. wayesethi ujeheva-aeiou: wenza kahle ngokuthukuthela na? ujona wayesephuma emzini, wahlala ngasempumalanga komuzi, wazenzela idokodo khona, wahlala phansi kwalo emthunzini, ukuze abone ukuthi kuyakwenziwa njani kuwo umuzi. ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku walungisela umhlakuva, wawukhulisa phezu kuka jona ukuba ube ngumthunzi phezu kwekhanda lakhe ukumophula kbona-ra-ukukhandleka kwakhe. ujona wathokoza ngomhlakuva ngokuthokoza okukhulu. kepha sekuzakuvela ukusa ngangomuso ulezi-ku walungisela imphehlwa; yawuphehla umhlakuva, wabuna. kwathi ekuphumeni kwelanga ulezi-ku walungisela umoya oshisayo wasempumalanga; ilanga lashaya ekhanda lika jona, waba nesiyezi, wazicelela ukuba afe, wathi: kungcono kimi ukufa kunokuphila. wayesethi ulezi-ku kujona: wenza kahle ngokuthukuthela ngenxa yomhlakuva na? wathi: ngenza kahle ngokuthukuthela kuze kube sekufeni. wayesethi ujeheva-aeiou: wena wawuhawukela umhlakuva ongawukhandlekelanga nongawukhulisanga, owamila ebusuku bunye, wabhubha ebusuku bunye; mina-ke bengingayikulihawukela inineve, umuzi omkhulu, okukuwo abantu abangaphezu kwezinkulungwane eziyikhulu namashumi amabili abangakwazi ukwahlukanisa isandla sokunene nesokhohlo, kanye nezinkomo eziningi, na?

izwi likajehova-aeiou elafika kumika wasemoresheti ezinsukwini zikajothamu, no-ahazi, nohezekiya, amakhosi akwajuda, owalibona ngesamariya nejerusalema. zwanini, bantu bonke, uqaphele, mhlaba nokugcwa kwakho, inkosi ujeihova-aeiou ibe ngufakazi ngani, inkosi isethempelini layo elingewe. ngokuba bhekani, ujeihova-aeiou uphuma endaweni yakhe, ehle, anyathele ezindaweni eziphakemeyo zomhlaba. izintaba ziyakuncibilika phansi kwakhe, nezigodi ziyakughekezeka njen-gengcina phambi komlilo, njengamanzi athululwe emaweni. konke lokhu kungenxa yesiphambeko sikajakobe nangezono zendlu yakwa-israyeli. siyini isiphambeko sikajakobe? asiyo isamariya na? ziyini izindawo eziphakemeyo zakwajuda? aziyilo ijerusalema na? ngiyakwenza isamariya libe yizihlephu zasendle nendawo yokutshala izivini, ngiqulele amatshe alo esigodini, ngambule isisekelo salo. zonke izithombe zalo ezibaziweyo ziyakwaphulwa, nakho konke elikukhokhelweyo kuyakushiswa ngomlilo, nayo yonke imifanekiso ngiyakuyenza ukuba ibe yincithakalo, ngokuba likuqoqile ngenkokhelo yobufefe; kuyakubuye kube yinkokhelo yobufefe. ngenxa yalokho ngiyakukhala, ngihhewule, ngihambe ngihlutshuliwe, ngihamba ze; ngenze isililo njengamakhanka, ngikhale njengezintshe. ngokuba amanxeba alo awanakuphulukiswa, lokhu sekufikile nakwajuda, kufinelele esangweni labantu bami nasejerusalema. ningakulandisi egati, ningakhali e-akha; ebeti afera huquzelani othulini. dlulani nina enakhileyo eshafiri ngobunqunu nangehlazo; abakhe esawani abaphumi; ukukhala kwasebeti eseli akunivumeli ukuhlala khona. ngokuba abakhe emaroti banemihelo ngokuhle, lokhu bona-ra-ukukhandleka kwehlile kuvela kujehova-aeiou, kwafika esangweni lasejerusalema. bophelani enqoleni ihhashi elinejubane, nina enakhileyo elakishi; lona lalingukuqala kwezono kuyo indodakazi yasesiyoni, ngokuba iziphambeko zakwa-israyeli zafunyanwa kuwe. ngalokho uyakupha imoresheti gati isipho sokuvalalisana; izindlu zase-akizibi ziyakuba yinkohliso kuwo amakhosi akwa-israyeli. ngisezakwehlisa phezu kwenu enakhileyo emaresha oyakunidla: udumo luka-israyeli luyakufika e-adulamu. ziphucule, zigunde ngenxa yabantwana bokwenama kwakho, wandise ubumpandla bakho njengenqe, ngokuba bayakuthunjwa kuwe.

wo! kwabaceba ububi, benze bona-ra-ukukhandleka emibhedeni yabo! ekukhanyeni kokusa bayakwenza, ngokuba kusemandleni ezandla zabo. bafisa amasimu, bawadluzule, nezindlu, bazisuse; bacindezela indoda nendlu yayo, umuntu nefa lakhe. ngalokho usho kanje ujeihova-aeiou, uthi: bhekani, ngiceba bona-ra-ukukhandleka ngalo mndeni, eningayikukhipha kukho izintamo zenu; futhi ningahambi ngokuzidla, ngokuba lokhu kuyisikhathi esibi. ngalolo suku bayakuphakamisa umfanekiso ngani, bakhale isililo, bathi: sichithiwe noku-chithwa; isabelo sabantu bami sinikwa omunye; yeka ukubuya kwakhe kimi; abahlubuki babelwa amasimu ethu. ngalokho akuyikubakho ophonsa intambo ngenkatho ebandleni likajehova-aeiou. ningaprofethi, baprofetha, basho ngalokho, ningaprofethi ngalokho; ihlazo aliyikusifika. kuyakushiwo, nina ndlu kajakobe, ukuthi umoya kajeihova-aeiou unyinyekile; yizenzo zakhe lezi na? awamhle yini amazwi ami kohamba ngobuqotho? kepha kade bevukile abantu bami baba yizitha; nihlubula ingubo esambathweni sabadlula ngethemba, befulathele ukulwa. niyaxosha abesifazane babantu bami ezindlini zokuthokoza kwabo, niusa ezinganeni zabo ubukhosi bami kuze kube phakade. suku-mani nihambe, ngokuba lokhu akusikho ukuphumula kwenu; ngenxa yabayingcosana niyachitha ngokuchitha okunamandla. uma bekuhambahamba umuntu okhuluma umoya nje namanga, athi: ngiyakuprofetha kuwe ngewayini nangophuzo olunamandla, ubeyakuba ngumprofethi walaba bantu. ngiyakukubutha, jakobe, wonke wakho; ngiyakuqoka nokuqoka insali yakwa-israyeli; ngiyakubakela ndawonye njengezimvu zasebosira, njengomhlambi phakathi kwedlelo lawo, kwenziwe ukukhamuluka okuvela kubantu. umfohi ukuhpuka ngaphambi kwabo; sebefohlile, badlulele esangweni, baphuma ngalo; inkosi yabo idlulile phambi kwabo, nojeihova-aeiou usesihlokweni sabo.

ngathi: zwanini nina zinhloko zakwajakobe, nani zikhulu zendlu yakwa-israyeli ukuthi: akusikho okwenu ukwazi ukulunga nina enizonda okuhle, nithanda bona-ra-ukukhandleka, enebula kubo isikhumba sabo, nenyama yabo emathanjeni abo, enidla inyama yabantu bami, nihlinda kubo isikhumba sabo, naphula amathambo abo, yebo, nibaqoba njengokwasekhanzini nanjengenyama phakathi kwebhodwe. khona bayakukhala kujehova-aeiou, kepha

akayikubaphendula; uyakusitheza ubuso bakhe kubo ngaleso sikhathi ngenxa yokwenza kwabo izenzo zabo zibe zimbi. usho kanje uJehova-aeiou: ngabaprofethi abadukisa abantu bami, abathi, bese nakho okokuhlafuna ngamazinyo abo, bamemeze bathi: ukuthula, nongabeki lutho emlonjeni wabo bamlungisele ukulwa. ngalokho ubusuku buyakunehlala ukuze ningabi nambono, kuhlwe kini, ningabe nisabhula; ilanga liyakushonela abaprofethi, usuku lube mnyama phezu kwabo. ababoni bayakuba namahloni, ababhuli bayangaze; bayakumboza amadevu abo bonke, ngokuba akaveli mpendulo kulezi-ku. kepha mina ngigcwele amandla ngomoya kaJehova-aeiou ngokulunga nangobuqhawe ukuba ngimtshele uJakobe iziphambeko zakhe, u-israyeli izono zakhe. ake nizwe lokhu nina zinhloko zendlu kaJakobe nani zikhulu zendlu yakwa-israyeli eninengwa ngukwahlulelwa, nihlanekezelela konke ukulunga, enakha isiyoni ngegazi neJerusalem ngobubi, elizinhloko zalo zahlulela ngemivuzo, nelibapristi balo bafundisa ngenkokhelo, nelibaprofethi balo babhula ngemali, bencike nokho kuJehova-aeiou, bethi: uJehova-aeiou akaphakathi kwethu na? asiyikwehlelwa ngbona-ra-ukukhandleka. ngalokho ngenxa yenu isiyoni liyakulinywa njengensimu, iJerusalem libe yincithakalo, intaba yendlu ibe yizindawo eziphakemeyo zamahlathi.

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kepha kuyakuthi ngezinsuku ezizayo intaba yendlu kaJehova-aeiou iqiniswe esiqongweni sezintaba, iphakame kunamagquma, nabantu bayakugobhozelela khona. izizwe eziningi ziyakuhamba, zithi: wozani sikhu-phukele entabeni kaJehova-aeiou nasendlini kalezi-ku kaJakobe; uyakusifundisa izindlela zakhe, sihambe emikhondweni yakhe, ngokuba umthetho uyakuvela esiyoni, nezwi kaJehova-aeiou eJerusalem. uyakwahlulela phakathi kwezizwe eziningi, anqume phakathi kwezizwe ezinamandla ezikude; ziyakukhanda izinkemba zazo zibe ngamakhuba, imikhonto yazo ibe ngocelemba; isizwe asiyikuphakamisela isizwe inkemba, zingabe zisafana ukulwa. bayakuhlala, kube yilowo nalowo phansi komvini wakhe naphansi komkhiwane wakhe; akakho oyakubesabisa, ngokuba umlomo kaJehova-aeiou sebawoti ukhulumile. ngokuba bonke abantu bahamba, kube yilowo nalowo ngegama likalezi-ku wakhe, kepha thina siyakuhamba ngegama likaJehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu kuze kube phakade naphakade. ngalolo suku, usho uJehova-aeiou, ngiyakubutha abaqhugayo, ngiqoqe abaxoshiweyo nen-

genze bona-ra-ukukhandleka kubo, ngenze abaqhugayo babe yinsali, abadesiselwe kude babe yisizwe esinamandla; uJehova-aeiou uyakubusa phezu kwabo entabeni yasesiyoni kusukela manje kuze kube phakade. wena mbhoshongo womhlambi, negquma lendodakazi yasesiyoni kuyakufika kuwe, yebo, ukubusa kokuqala kuyakufika, umbuso wendodakazi yaseJerusalem. umemezelani manje ngokumemeza okungakho na? ayikho inkosi kuwe, ubhubhile umluleki wakho, lokhu ubanjwe yimihelo njengobeletshayo. yiba nemihelo, uzale, ndodakazi yasesiyoni njengobeletshayo, ngokuba manje uyakuphuma emzini, uhlahle endle, ufike nasebabele, lapho uzakophulwa khona; lapho uJehova-aeiou uyakukukhulula esandleni sezitha zakho, manje izizwe eziningi zikubuthanele; zithi: malingcoliswe, amehlo ethu alibuke isiyoni. kepha azazi imicabango kaJehova-aeiou, aziqondi amasu akhe, ngokuba uzibuthile njengezithungu esibuyeni. suka ubhule, ndodakazi yasesiyoni, ngokuba ngiyakwenza uphondo lwakho lube yinsimbi, nezinselo zakho ngizenze insimbi; uyakuchoboza abantu abaningi, kwahlukaniselwe uJehova-aeiou inzuzo yabo, nemfuyo yabo kuyo inkosi yomhlaba wonke.

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buthana ngamaviyo, ndodakazi yamaviyo; usivimbezele, bayakumshaya umahluleli wakwa-israyeli ngenduku esihlathini. kepha wena betlehema efratha, omncane ukuba ube phakathi kwemindenini yakwajuda, ngiyakuphunyelwa ngovela kuwe, ozakuba ngumbusi kwa-israyeli, okuvela kwakhe kusukela endulo ezinsukwini zaphakade. ngalokho bayakukhashelwa, bese yibuyela insali yabafowabo kubantwana bakwa-israyeli. uyakuma, aluse ngamandla kaJehova-aeiou nangokuphakama kwegama likaJehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakhe; sebeyakuhlala, ngokuba uzakuba mkhulu kuze kube semajukujukwini omhlaba. ukuthula kuyakuba yilokhu: lapho umasiriya engena ezweni lakithi, anyathele ezindlini zethu zobukhosi, siyakumvusela abelusi abayisikhombisa nezikhulu zabantu eziyisishiyagalombili. bayakuchitha izwe lase-asiriya ngenkemba, nezwe lakwanimrode ezintubeni zalo, asophule kumasiriya, lapho engena ezweni lakithi, nalapho enyathela emikhawulweni yethu. insali yakwajakobe iyakuba phakathi kwabantu abaningi njengamazolo avela kuJehova-aeiou, ngengezihlambi otshanini ezingahlaleli muntu, zingahlaleli abantwana babantu. insali yakwajakobe iyakuba phakathi kwezizwe, phakathi kwabantu abaningi, njengengonyama phakathi kwezilwane zasehlathini, njengebhongo lengonyama

phakathi kwemihlambi yezimvu, elithi lapho lidabula, linyathele, lidwengule, kungekho owophulayo. masiphakanyiswe isandla sakho phezu kwezitha zakho, zinqunywe zonke izitha zakho. kuyakuthi ngalolo suku, usho ujevova-aeiou, nginqume amahhashi akho phakathi kwakho, ngichithe izinqola zakho, ngiyinqume imizi yasezweni lakho, ngizidilize zonke izinqaba zakho. ngiyakunquma ukulumba esandleni sakho, kungabe kusabakho kuwe abahlola imihlola. ngiyakunquma izithombe zakho ezibaziweyo nezinsika zakho phakathi kwakho, ungabe usakhonza imisebenzi yezandla zakho. ngiyakubasiphula o-asheba bakho phakathi kwakho, ngiyichithe imizi yakho. ngiyakwenza impindiselo ngentukuthelo nangokufutheka kuzo izizwe ezingalalelanga.

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ake nizwe akushoyo ujevova-aeiou, ethi: suka ulwe phambi kwezintaba, uzwise amagquma izwi lakho. zwanini, zintaba, ukuphikisana kukajehova-aeiou, nani zisekelo zomhlaba eziqinileyo, ngokuba ujevova-aeiou unokuphikisana nabantu bakhe, uyakumelana nabo. bantu bami, ngenzeni kini? kuyini enginikhathaze ngakho na? ngiphenduleni. nganikhu-phula ezweni lasegibithe, nganihlenga endlini yezigqila, ngathuma phambi kwenu omose, no-aroni, nomiriyamu. bantu bami, ake nikhumbule okwacacishwa ngubalaki inkosi yakwamowabi, nalokho amphendula ngakho ubileyamu indodana kabeyori, nokwaphakathi kweshithimi negilgali, nize nazi izenzo ezilungileyo zikajehova-aeiou. ngiyakusondela kujehova-aeiou nginantonini, ngikhotame kulezi-ku ophezulu, na? ngiyakufika ngiphethe iminikelo yokushiswa, nginamathole amnyaka munye, na? ujevova-aeiou uyakwenamela izinkulungwane zezinqama nezinkulungwane eziyishumi zemifuta yamafutha na? ngiyakunika izibulo lami ngenxa yesiphambeko sami, isithelo sesisu sami ngenxa yesono senhliziyo yami, na? ukutshelile, muntu, okuhle; ujevova-aeiou ufunani kuwe, kungabi ngukwenza ukulunga kuphela nokuthanda umusa, uhambe nolezi-ku wakho ngokuthobeka, na? izwi likajehova-aeiou liyamezeza kuwo umuzi. ukwesaba igama lakho ngokusindiswa; zwanini induku noyimisileyo. kusekhona inzuzo embi endlini yabani, ne-efa elincane eliqalekiswayo, na? ukhona ohlanzekile onesilinganiso esibi nesikhwama sezisindo ezikhohlisayo na? abacebileyo bawo bagcwele ubudlova, nabakhileyo kuwo bakhuluma amanga, nolimi lwabo lunenkokhloso emlonyeni wabo. ngalokho mina ngiyakugulisa ngokushaya, ngikuchithe ngenxa yezono zakho. lapho ud-

layo, awuyikusutha, kube khona ukulamba phakathi kwakho; uyakususa, ungakhululi kodwa, nokukhululayo ngiyakukukhaphela enkembeni. uyakutshala, ungavuni kodwa; uyakunyathela iminqumo, ungazigcobi kodwa ngamafutha, nezithelo zomvini, ungaphuzi nokho iwayini. izimiso zika-omri ziyagcinwa, nazo zonke izenzo zendlu ka-ahabi; nihamba ngamacebo abo; ngalokho ngiyakunenza incithakalo nabakhileyo khona into encimfelwayo; niyakuthwala ihlazo labantu bami.

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maye kimi! ngokuba nginjengokuvunwa kwezithelo zasehlobo, njengokukhothozwa komvini; akukho hlukuzo lokudliwa; umphefumulo wami uyafisa ikhiwane eliyinqalabutho. abathembekileyo babhubhile emhlabeni, akakho oqotho phakathi kwabantu; bonke baqamekela igazi; bayazingelana, kube yilowo nalowo umfowabo ngenetha. izandla zabo ziphezu kbona-ra-ukukhandleka ukukuthuthukisa; isikhulu sinesicelo, umahluleli ubheka umvuzo; omkhulu ukhuluma ngesifiso somphefumulo wakhe; bayakwalukanisa. omuhle wabo unjengobobe, olungileyo mubi kunothango lwameva; usuku lwabalindi bakho nolokuhanjelwa kwakho lufikile; sekuyakuba ngukukhungatheka kubo. ningamethembi umngane, ningakholwa ngumhlobo; gcina iminyango yomlomo wakho kuye olala ngasesifubeni sakho. ngokuba indodana idelela uyise; indodakazi ivukela unina; umalokazana uvukela uninazala, nezitha zomuntu ngamadoda endlu yakhe. kepha mina ngiyakumbheka ujevova-aeiou; ngiyakulindela ulezi-ku wokusindiswa kwami; ulezi-ku wami uyakungizwa. ungathokozi ngami, sitha sami; ngokuba uma ngiwele, ngiyakuvuka; lapho ngihlezi ebumnyameni, ujevova-aeiou uzakuba ngukukhanya kwami. ngiyakuthwala ulaka lukajehova-aeiou, ngokuba ngonile kuye, aze amele indaba yami, angenzele ukwahlulelwa, angiphumisele ekukhanyeni, ngibone ukulunga kwakhe. isitha sami siyakukubona, sisitshelwe ngamahloni, esona besithi kimi: uphi ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho? amehlo ami ayakusibona; manje siyakunyathelwa njengodaka lwasezitaladini. kuyakufika usuku lokwakha izingange zakho; ngalolo suku umkhawulo wakho uyakudediselwa kude. ngalolo suku bayakufika kuwe bevela e-asiriya nasemizini yasegibithe, kusukela egibithe kuze kube semfuleni, kusukela elwandle kuze kube selwandle, kusukela entabeni kuze kube sentabeni. kepha izwe liyakuba yincithakalo ngenxa yabakhileyo kulo ngezenzo zabo. yalusa abantu bakho ngentonga yakho,

izimvu zefa lakho ezihlala zodwa ehlathini phakathi kwekarmeli; mazaluke ebashani nakwagileyadi njengasezinsukwini zasendulo. njengasezinsukwini zokuphuma kwakho ezweni lasegibithe ngiyakubabonisa izimangaliso. abezizwe bayakubona, babe namahloni ngamandla abo onke, babeke isandla sabo emlonyeni wabo, izindlebe zabo zibe yizithulu. bayakukhotha uthuli njengenyoka, baphume bethuthumela njengezinto ezinabuzelayo emhlabathini ezindaweni zazo ezivalelweyo, bafike ngokuqhaqhazela kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu, besabe ngenxa yakho. ngubani ongulezi-ku onjengawe othethelela insali yefa lakho ububi bayo, uyikekele isiphambeko sayo, na? akabambeleli entukuthelweni yakhe kuze kube phakade, ngokuba wenamela umusa. uyakubuye asibekezelele, anyathele phansi ububi bethu; yebo, uyakuphonsa zonke izono zabo ekujuleni kolwandle. uyakunika ujakobe ukuthembeka no-abrahama umusa owakufungela obaba kwasezinsukwini zasendulo.



isiprofetho ngenineve, incwadi yombono kanahume wase-elikoshi. ujevova-aeiou ungulezi-ku oshisekelayo nophindiselayo; ujevova-aeiou uyaphindisela, ugcwele ukufutheka; ujevova-aeiou uphindisela kwabamelene naye, ugcinela izitha zakhe intukuthelo. ujevova-aeiou wephuza ukuthukuthela, mkhulu ngamandla, akenzi onecala abe mulwa; ujevova-aeiou unendlela yakhe esivunguvungwini nas-esiphephweni, namafu ayibhuqu lezinyawo zakhe. uyakhuya ulwandle, alomise, ashise nemifula yonke; ibashani liyawuma kanye nekarmeli, nezimbali zaselebanoni ziyabuna. izintaba ziyathuthumela phambi kwakhe, amagquma ayancibilika; umhlaba uyaphakama ebusweni bakhe, yebo, nakho konke okuhlala kuwo. ngubani ongema ebusweni bentukuthelo yakhe na? ngubani ongema ekufuthekeni kolaka lwakhe na? ukufutheka kwakhe kuthululiwe njengomlilo, namadwala ayaqhekezeka phambi kwakhe. ujevova-aeiou muhle, uyingqaba ngosuku lwenhlupheko, uyabazi abaphephela kuye. kepha ngesikhukhula esiphuphumayo uyakuqeda indawo yakhona, axoshele izitha zakhe ebumnyameni. enikucabayo ngojevova-aeiou uyakuqeda yena; ukuhlupheka akuyikuvula ngokwesibili. lapho bethandela njengameva, benjengabaminzileyo ophuzweni lwabo, bayakuqedwa nokuqedwa njengamabibi omileyo. kuphume kuwe owamcebela ujevova-aeiou bona-ra-ukukhandleka, wanika isiluleko esibi. usho kanje ujevova-aeiou, uthi: noma benamandla, futhi bebaningi, nokho bayakuqedwa, banyamalale; noma ngikuhluphile, angisayikukhupha. sengiyakulaphula ijoka eliphezu kwakho, ngigqabule izibopho zakho. kepha ujevova-aeiou uyalezile ngawe ukuthi akusayikuhlwanjyelwa okwegama lakho; endlini yawolezi-ku bakho ngiyakunquma izithombe ezibaziweyo nezibunjiweyo; ngiyakulungisa ithuna lakho, ngokuba awuyinto yalutho. bheka ezintabeni izinyawo zoletsha izindaba ezinhle, emamezela ukuthula. gubha imikhosi yakho, juda, ugcwalise izithembiso zakho, ngokuba omubi akasayikudabula kuwe; unquniwe ngokupheleleyo.

kukhuphukela umchithi kuwe; gcina inqaba, ulinde indlela, uqinise izinkalo zakho, uwenze amandla akho ukuba aqine. ngokuba ujevova-aeiou uyabuyisa ukuphakama kukajakobe njengokuphakama kuka-israyeli, lokhu abathululayo be-bathululile, bachitha amagatsha emivini

yabo. izihlangu zamaqhawe akhe zibomvu, amadoda anamandla embethe okubomvu; izinqola zibengezela umlilo ensimbini ngosuku lokuzilungisela kwakhe; imikhonto iyaveva. izinqola ziyahlanya ezitaladini, ziyaficana ezigcawini; ukubonakala kwazo kunjengezimbaqa, zigijima njengemibani. useyakhumbula izikhulu zakhe, ziyakhubeka ekuhambeni kwazo; zisheshela izingange zakhona, izivikelo ziyalungiswa. amasango emifula ayavulwa, indlu yamakhosi iyancibilika. kunquniwe: liyambulwa, lisuswe; izincekukazi zalo zibubula ngezwi lamajuba, zibetha phezu kwezinhlizyo zazo. kepha inineve linjengechibi lamanzi kwasendulo, nokho bayabaleka. yimani, yimani! kepha akakho ophendukayo. phangani isiliva! phangani igolide! ngokuba akukho ukuphela kokunqwatshelweyo nokukhazimula kwazo zonke izinto ezinxanelekayo. liyize, alisenalutho, lichithekile; inhliziyo iyancibilika, amadolo ayashayana, imihelo isezinkalweni zonke, nobuso babo bonke buphaphathekile. uphi umphandu wezingonyama, nedlelo lamabhongo ezingonyama, lapho kwahamba ingonyama nengonyamakazi nebhongo lengonyama, kungekho okwesabisayo na? ingonyama yadwengula okwanele amabhongo ayo, yabindela izingonyamakazi zayo; yagcwalisa imiphandu yayo ngempango nemigede yayo ngengcugco. bheka, ngimelene nawe, usho ujevova-aeiou sebawoti; ngiyakushisa izinqola zakho emsini, inkemba idle amabhongo akho ezingonyama; ngiyakunquma impango yakho emhlabeni, nezwi lezithunywa zakho alisayikuzwakala.

wo kumuzi wezingazi! wonke ugcwele amanga nempango, ukuphanga akupheli. ngukuqhuma kwesiswebhu, nomsindo wokugodlozela kwamasondo, namahashi agadulayo, nezinqola ezixhumayo; ngabamahashi abasukelayo, nenkemba enjengelangabi, nomkhonto onyazimayo, abaningi ababuleweyo nenqwaba yezidumbu, kungekho ukuphela kwezidikadika; bakhubeka ngezidikadika zabo, ngenxa yobuningi bobubebe besifebe esibukekayo, umnikazi wokulumba, esithengisa izizwe ngobubebe baso, nemendeni ngamalumbo aso. bheka, ngimelene nawe, usho ujevova-aeiou sebawoti; ngiyakuphakamisa imiphetho yakho ebusweni bakho, ngibonise izizwe ubunqunu bakho, nemibuso ihlazo lakho. ngiyakuphonsa okunengakayo phezu kwakho, ngikuhlazise, ngikubeke ube yinto ebukwayo. kuyakuthi bonke abakubonayo bakubalekele, bathi: inineve lichithekile, ngubani oyakulililela na? ngiyakukufunelaphi abaduduzi na?

umuhle wena kuneno amoni elaliphakathi kwemifula, elalizungezwe ngamanzi, elilugange lwalo lwalululwandle, nelidonga lwalo lungamanzi, na? ikushe negibithe kwakungamandla alo angenakuphela; uphuthi namalubi babe ngabasizi bakho. nalo lamukiswa, laya ekuthunjweni, nezingane zalo zachotshozwa ezingosini zazo zonke izitaladi; benza inkatho ngezikhulu zalo, nabo bonke abakhulu balo baboshwa ngamaketanga. uyakudakwa nawe, ufihlwe; futhi uyakufuna inqaba yokubalekela izitha. zonke izinqaba zakho ziyimikhiwane enamakhiwane ayingqalabutho; uma inyakaziswa, awela emlonyeni wodlayo. bheka, abantu bakho phakathi kwakho bangabesifazane nje; amasango ezwe lakho avulekele impela izitha zakho, umlilo udlile imigoqo yakho. zikhelele amanzi okuvinjezelwa, uqinise izinqaba zakho; ngena odakeni, uxove ibumba, uqinise uhonela. lapho umlilo uyakukuqeda, inkemba ikunqume, ikudle njengenkasa; zandise njengenkasa, zandise njengesikhonyane! wandisile abathengisi bakho kunezinkanyezi zezulu; inkasa iyakhula, indize imuke. izikhulu zakho zinjengezinkumbi, nezinduna zakho zinjengamaqulo esikhonyane esihlezi phakathi kwezingange ngosuku olumakhaza, kepha lapho liphuma ilanga, sindize simuke, ingabe isaziwa indawo yaso ukuthi iphi. abelusi bakho balele, nkosi yase-asiriya; abakhulu bakho bayaphumula; abantu bakho bahlakazekile ezintabeni, akakho obabuthayo. akukho ukupholiswa kokwaphulwa kwakho; umvimbo wakho unzima; bonke abezwa umbiko ngawe bashaya izandla ngawe, ngokuba ngubani ububi bakho obungadlulelanga njalo phezu kwakhe na?

isiprofetho owasibonayo uhabakuki umprofethi. ngiyakukuncenga kuze kube nini, jehova-aeiou, ungezwa, ngikhala ngendluzula, ungasindisi, na? ungiboniselani ububi, ungibhekise ukukhathazeka na? ngokuba ukuchitheka nendluzula kuphambi kwami; kukhona ukulwa, ukuxabana kuyaqhamuka. ngalokho umthetho uba buthakathaka, nokwahlulela akuphumi kuze kube nini, ngokuba omubi uhaqa olungileyo; ngalokho ukwahlulela kuphuma kulhanekezelwe. bonani phakathi kwabezizwe, nibheke, nimangale nokumangala, ngokuba wenza isenzo ezinsukwini zenu eningayikukholwa yiso, lapho silandwa. ngokuba bhekani, ngiyavusa amakaledi, isizwe esibabayo nesiphulukundlelayo, esidabula ebubanzini bomhlaba ukuyokudla izindawo zokuhlala ezingeyizo ezaso. siyethusa, siyesabeka; kuphuma kuso ukwahlulela kwaso nesithunzi saso. amahashi aso anejubane kunezingwe, anonya kunezimpisi zakusihlwa; abamahashi baso bayaqiniseka; yebo, bavela kude abamahashi baso, bandiza njengokhozi oluphuthuma ukudla. zonke zifikela indluzula, ubuso bazo bujonga phambili; zibutha abathunjwa njengesihlabathi. yebo, sibhinqa amakhosi, nababusi balusulu kuso; sihleka zonke izinqaba, siqwabela uthuli, sizithathe. bese sikhukhula njengomoya, sidlule, sizitholele icala, sona esimandla aso angulezi-ku waso. wena jehova-aeiou lezi-ku wami, ongcwele, awungowasendulo na? asiyikufa; jehova-aeiou, usinumele ukwahlulelwa; wena dwala, usimisele ukujeziswa. wena omehlo akho ahlambulukile ukuba ungaboni bona-ra-ukukhandleka, ungenakubheka ukhulanekezelwa, ubhekelani abakhohlisayo, uthulelani lapho omubi egwinya olungileyo kunaye, wenze abantu babe njengezinhlanzi zaselwandle, njengezilwanyana ezinwabuzelayo ezinganambusi phezu kwazo na? uyabakhipha bonke ngodobo, abadonse ngenetha, ababuthe ngenetha lakhe elihudulwayo; ngalokho uyathokoza, uyajabula. ngalokho uyahlabela inetha lakhe, ashisele inetha lakhe elihudulwayo impepho, ngokuba isabelo sakhe siyanona ngakho, kube mnandi ukudla kwakhe. ngalokho uyakuthulula inetha lakhe, abulale njalo izizwe ngokunganqamukiyo, na?

ngiyakuma endaweni yami yokulinda, ngigcule enqabeni, ngikhangele ukubona ukuthi uyakukhulamani kimi nokuthi ngiyakuphendulani ngokusola kwami. uje-hova-aeiou wangiphendula wathi: wu-

lobe umbono, uwuqophe ezibhebheni ukuba kufundwe kalula. ngokuba umbono usengowesikhathi esimisiweyo; uphuthuma ekupheleni, awuyikukhohlisa; noma ulibala, wulindele, ngokuba uyakufika nokufika, awuyikwephuza. bheka, umphefumulo wakhe uziphakamisile, awuqotho phakathi kwakhe, kepha olungileyo uzakuphila ngokukholwa kwakhe. yebo, iwayini liyakhohlisa, lingumuntu okhukhumeleyo ongayikuma, owandisa ukufisa kwakhe njengendawo yabafileyo; unjengokufa: akasuthi; uyazibuthela zonke izizwe, uziqoqela bonke abantu. bona abayikuphakamisa isaga nomfanekiso wemfume ngaye, bathi: wo kuyena owandisa okungesikho okwakhe koze kube nini na? nozisindisa ngezibambiso! abayikuvuka ngokuzumayo abakulumayo, bavuke abakuthuthumeliso, ube yimpango yabo, na? ngokuba wena uphangile izizwe eziningi, bonke abanye abantu bayakuphanga wena, ngenxa yezingazi zabantu nendluzula eyenziwe ezweni, nasemzini, nakubo bonke abakhe kuwo. wo kozuzela indlu yakhe inzuzo embi ukuba abeke isidleke sakhe phezu ukuyophulwa esandleni sobubi! ucebele indlu yakho bona-ra-ukukhandleka ngokuchitha abantu abanini, wona kuwo umphefumulo wakho. ngokuba amatshe ayakukhala esodongeni, nomshayo uyakuwaphendula usemithini. wo kowakha umuzi ngezingazi, aqinise idolobha ngobubi! bheka, akuveli kujehova-aeiou sebawoti ukuthi abantu bakhandlekela umlilo, izizwe zizikhathaze ngokuyize, na? ngokuba umhlaba uyakugcwala ukwazi inkazimulo kajehova-aeiou, njengamanzi asibekela ulwandle. wo komphuzisa umngane wakhe, axube nokufutheka, amdakise, ukuze abuke ubunqunu bakhe! uyakusuthiswa ngehlozo esikhundleni senkazimulo, uphuze nawe, wambule ijwabu, indebe yesandla sokunene sikajehova-aeiou siphendulelwe kuwe, kube yihlozo phezu kodumo lwakho. ngokuba indluzula eyenziwe elebanoni iyakukusibekela, ukuchithwa kwezilwane kukwesabise, ngenxa yezingazi zabantu nendluzula eyenziwe ezweni, nasemzini, nakubo bonke abakhe kuwo. sisizani isithombe esibaziweyo, lokhu umbumbi waso esibaza, nesithombe esibunjiweyo nomfundisi wamanga, lokhu umbumbi waso ethemba kuso, ukuze enze izithombe eziyizimungulu, na? wo koshoyo kumuthi ukuthi: vuka! nakulo itshe eliyisimungulu: phaphama! lokhu kungafundisa na? bheka, kunamekwe ngegolide nangesiliva, kungekho neze umoya phakathi kwakho. kepha uje-hova-aeiou usethempelini lakhe elingcwele; thula phambi kwakhe, mhlaba wonke.

umkhuleko kahabakuki umprofethi; ngeshigiyonoti. jehova-aeiou, ngizwile umbiko ngawe, ngiyesaba izenzo zakho; zivuselele phakathi kwale minyaka, wenze ukuba zaziwe kule minyaka, ukhumbule umusa nasolakeni. ulezi-ku uvela ethemani, ongcwele uphuma entabeni yasepharanu. sela udumo lwakhe lusibekela amazulu, nomhlaba ugcwele indumiso yakhe. kuqhamuka ukubengezela kunjengokukhanya; imisebe ivela esandleni sakhe, efihla lapho amandla akhe. ngaphambi kwakhe kuhamba isifo, amalangabi aphuma ezinyathelweni zakhe. uyema, uzamazamisa umhlaba; ubuka, uthuthumelisa izizwe; izintaba zaphakade ziyahlakazwa, namagquma amandulo akhothama yizindlela zakhe zaphakade. ngibona amatende asekushani ephansi kosizi, izilenge zezwe lakwamidiyani ziyathuthumela. uje hova-aeiou uyathukuthelela imifula na? ulaka lwakho luvuthela imifula, nentukuthelo yakho ulwandle, lokhu ukhwele amahhashi akho, nezinqola zakho zokunqoba, na? umnsalo wakho uvele obala, wambuliwe, usuthile ngemicibisholo yesambo sakho. sela uqhekeza umhlaba ube yimifula. izintaba ziyakubona, zithuthumele; isikhukhula samanzi siyadlula; utwa luzwakalisa izwi lalo, luphakamisela phezulu izandla zalo. ilanga nenyanga kwema endaweni yakho ngokukhanya kwemicibisholo yakho egi-jimayo nangokubengezela kwemikhonto yakho ecwebezelayo. udabula umhlaba ngokuthukuthela, ubhula izizwe ngolaka. uphumela ukusindiswa kwabantu bakho, yebo, ukusindiswa kogcotshiweyo wakho; uphohloza uphahla endlini yababi, wambula isisekelo kuze kube sentanyeni. sela ug-waza ikhanda lomholi wabo ngeyakhe imicibisholo, lapho besondela njengesivunguvungu ukungihlakaza, bejabula njengabayakudla ompofu ngasese. unyathela ulwandle ngamahhashi akho, inqaba yamanzi amaningi. ngiyezwa, kuyathuthumela okuphakathi kwami, izindebe zami ziyaqhaqhazela ngenhloko; ukubola kungena emathanjeni ami, ngithuthumela endaweni lapha ngimi khona, ngilindela usuku lokuhlupheka ukuze kukhuphuke lokhu okuyakucindezela abantu. noma umkhiwane ungakhahleli, kungabikho izithelo emvinini, umsebenzi womnqumo uphuthe, amasimu angavezi ukudla, izimvu zinqunywe esibayeni, kungabikho nkomo ezibayeni, nokho mina ngiyakuthokoza ngoje hova-aeiou, ngijabulele ulezi-ku wokusindiswa kwami. uje hova-aeiou, inkosi yami, ungamandla ami, wenza izinyawo zami zibe njengezezindluzelekazi, angenze ukuba ngihambe ezindaweni zami

izwi likajehova-aeiou elafika kuzefaniya indodana kakushi kagedaliya ka-amariya kahezekiya ezinsukwini zikajosiya indodana ka-amoni, inkosi yakwajuda. ngiyakuqothula nokuqothula konke, kusuke ebusweni bomhlaba, usho uje-hova-aeiou. ngiyakuqothula abantu nezilwane, ngiqothule izinyoni zezulu nezinhlanzi zaselwandle, ngikhubekise ababi, ngin-qume abantu ebusweni bomhlaba, usho uje-hova-aeiou. ngiyakwelula isandla sami phezu kukajuda naphezu kwabo bonke abakhileyo ejerusalem, nginqume insali abakhi kule ndawo, negama labapristi bezithixo kanye nabapristi, nabakhuleka kulo ibandla lasezulwini phezu kwezindlu, nabakhuleka kujehova-aeiou bemfunga, befunga futhi umilkomu, nababuyile ekuhlaleni uje-hova-aeiou, nabangamfunanga uje-hova-aeiou bengabuzanga ngaye. thula phambi kobuso benkosi uje-hova-aeiou, ngokuba usuku lukajehova-aeiou luseduze; uje-hova-aeiou ulungisile umhlatshe, ungcwelisile abamenyiweyo bakhe. kuyakuthi ngosuku lomhlatshe-lo kajehova-aeiou, ngihambe izikhulu, namadodana enkosi, nabo bonke abembethe isambatho sabezizwe. ngalolo suku ngiyakuhambela bonke abeqa umbundu, begcwalisa indlu yamakhosi abo ngobudlova nangenkohliso. ngalolo suku, usho uje-hova-aeiou, kuyakuba khona izwi lokukhala, livela esangweni lezinhlazi, nokuhlewula, kuvela enxenyeni yesibili, nokufahlazeka okukhulu, kuvela emagqumeni. hlewulani nina enakhe esigqulweni, ngokuba bonke abantu abathengisayo bachithেকে, bonke abathweswe isiliva banqunywe. kuyakuthi ngaleso sikhathi ngicwaninge ijerusalem ngezibani, ngihambe abantu abajiyile enhleseni yabo, abathi ezinhliziyweni zabo: uje-hova-aeiou akenzi okuhle, akenzi nbona-rukhandleka. ingcebo yabo iyakuba yimpango, nezindlu zabo incithakalo; bayakwakha izindlu, kepha abayikuhlala kuzo, batshale izivini, bangaliphuzi kodwa iwayini lazo. usuku olukhulu lukajehova-aeiou luseduze; luseduze, lushesha kakhulu; umsindo wosuku lukajehova-aeiou uyababa, neqhawe liyahlewula khona. lolu suku lungusuku lolaka, usuku lokuhlupheka nolosizi, usuku lwencithakalo nolokuyize, usuku lobumnyama nolwesigayegaye, usuku lwamafu nolobumnyama obukhulu, usuku lwecilongo nolokuhlaba umkhosi ngasemizini ebiyelweyo nasemibhoshongweni yasezingosini. ngiyakucindezela abantu, bahambe njengezimpumpethe, ngokuba bonile kujehova-aeiou; igazi labo liyakuthululwa njengothuli, nenyama yabo njengomquba. nasiliva labo nagolide labo

akuyikuba namandla okubophula ngosuku lwentukuthelo lukajehova-aeiou, kepha umhlaba wonke uyakudliwa ngumilo womhawu wakhe, ngokuba uyakuqeda, yebo, aqede ngokuzumayo bonke abakhileyo ezweni.

## 2

buthanani, yebo, buthana, sizwe esingenamahloni, isimiso singakazali lolu suku ludlula njengamakhoba lungakanehleli ulaka oluvuthayo lukajehova-aeiou, lungakafiki phezu kwenu usuku lolaka lukajehova-aeiou. funani uje-hova-aeiou nina nonke bathobekileyo bomhlaba enisebenzile ukwahlulela kwakhe; funani ukulunga; funani ukuthobeka; mhlawumbe niyakusitshkelwa ngosuku lolaka lukajehova-aeiou. ngokuba igaza liyakushiya, i-ashikeloni libe yincithakalo; bayakulixosha i-ashidodi emini, i-ekroni lisishulwe. wo kwabakhileyo ngasogwini lolwandle, isizwe samakhereti! izwi likajehova-aeiou liphezu kwakho, khanani, lizwe lamafilisi. ngiyakukuchitha ukuze kungabikho ohlala khona. ugu lolwandle luyakuba ngamadlelo, lube nemigodi yabelusi nezibaya zezimvu. ugu luyakuba ngolwensali yendlu yakwajuda, yaluse kulo; ezindlini zase-ashikeloni bayakubuthisa kusihlwa, ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wabo uyakubahambela, abuyise ukuthunjwa kwabo. ngiyizwile inhamba yakwamowabi nezithuko zabantwana bakwa-amoni abathuke ngazo abantu bami, bazikhulisela imikhawulo yabo. ngalokho, kuphila kwami, usho uje-hova-aeiou sebwoti, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: impela umowabi uyakuba njengesodoma, nabantwana bakwa-amoni njengegomora, izwe lezimbabazane nelemigodi kasawoti nencithakalo yaphakade; insali yabantu bami iyakubaphanga, nabaseleyo besizwe sami bayakudla ifa labo. lokhu kuyakuba sesikhundleni sokuziphakamisa kwabo, ngokuba bathukile, bazikhulisela abantu bakajehova-aeiou sebwoti. uje-hova-aeiou uyakwesabeka phezu kwabo, ngokuba uyakuzacisa bonke olezi-ku bomhlaba, bakhuleke kuye, kube yilowo nalowo endaweni yakhe, zonke iziqhingi zezizwe. nani makushe niyakubulawa ngenkamba yami. uyakwelulela isandla sakhe ngasenyakatho, achithe i-asiriya, alenze inineve libe yincithakalo, lome njengehlane. imihlambi iyakubuthisa phakathi kwalo, zonke izilwane zesizwe, ivuba nonondwebu kuhlale ebusuku ezihlakweni zezinsika zalo, isikhova sikhale emafasiteleni, kube khona incithakalo emigulugulwini, ngokuba wambulile okwemisedari. yiwo umuzi owajabula wahlala ulondekile, owathi enhliziyweni yawo: mina ngikhona, akakho omunye; yeka

ukuphenduka kwawo incithakalo nendawo yokubuthisa kwezilwane! bonke abadlula kuwo bayakuncimfa, banikine isandla sabo.

### 3

wo kohlubukileyo nongcolileyo, muzi ocindezelayo! awuzwa zwi, awamukeli ukulaywa, awumethembi ujhova-aeiou, awusondelanga kulezi-ku wawo. izikhulu zawo phakathi kwawo ziyizingonyama ezibhongayo; abahluleli bawo bayizimpisi zokuhlwa; abashiyeli lutho ingomuso. abaprofethi bawo bangamayiyane nabakhohlisi; abapristi bawo bayingcolisile indlu engcwele, bawudlovulile umthetho. ujhova-aeiou ulungile phakathi kwawo, akenzi bona-ra-ukukhandleka; ekuseni njalo uveza ukwahlulela kwakhe ekukhanyeni, akuphuthi; kepha abangalungile abazi amahloni. nginqumile izizwe, imibhoshongo yazo yasezingosini ichithekile; ngichithile izitaladi zazo ukuze kungadluli muntu; imizi yazo iqothuliwe ukuze kungabikho muntu, kungabikho ohlala kuyo. ngathi: nokho uyakungesaba, wamukele ukulaywa. indawo yawo yokuhlala ayiyikunqunywa, kungenzeki konke engiwumisele khona; kepha bavuka ekuseni, benza bona-ra-ukukhandleka. ngalokho, ngilindeleni, usho ujhova-aeiou, kuze kube lusuku engivuka ngalo ukuba ngiphange, ngokuba kuyisinqumo sami ukubutha izizwe ukuba ngiqoqe imibuso, ukuze ngithulule phezu kwabo intukuthelo yami, lonke ulaka lwami oluvuthayo, ngokuba wonke umhlaba uyakudliwa ngumlilo womhawu wami. ngokuba lapho ngiyakunika abantu izindebe ezihlanzekileyo, ukuze bonke babize igama likajehova-aeiou, bamkhonze nganhliziyonye. kusukela phesheya kwemifula yasekushe abanxusa kimi, indodakazi yabahlakazekileyo bami, bayakuletha umnikelo wami. ngalolo suku awusayikuba namahloni ngazo zonke izenzo zakho ophambuke ngazo kimi, ngokuba khona ngiyakususa phakathi kwakho abazidla ngokujabula, awusayikuziphakamisa entabeni yami engcwele. kepha ngiyakushiya phakathi kwakho abantu abahluphekayo nabampofu; bayakwethemba igama likajehova-aeiou. insali yakwa-israyeli ayisayikwenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka, ingakhulumi amanga, kungafunyanwa emlonyeni wabo ulimi olukhohlisayo; yebo, bayakwaluka, babuthise, kungekho obesabisayo. hlabelela ngokujabula, ndodakazi yasesiyoni, umemeze, israyeli, uthokoze, wethabe ngenhliziyo yonke, ndodakazi yasejerusalema. ujhova-aeiou ususile ukwahlulelwa kwakho, uxoshile izitha zakho. inkosi yakwa-israyeli, ujhova-aeiou,

iphakathi kwakho; awusayikwesaba bona-ra-ukukhandleka. ngalolo suku kuyakuthiwa kulo ijerusalema: ungesabi, siyoni! izandla zakho mazingadangali. ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho uphakathi kwakho, iqhawwe eliyakukusindisa; uyakujabula ngawe ngentokozi, athule othandweni lwakhe, ethabe ngawe ngokuhlabelela. abadabuka ngemikhosi ngiyakubutha, ababahlukene nawe, usathwele ihlazo. bhekani, ngaleso sikhathi ngiyakuphatha bonke abakuhluphayo, ngisindise abaqhugayo, ngibuthe abaxoshiweyo, ngibenze indumiso negama abahlazo labo lalisemhlabeni wonke. ngaleso sikhathi ngiyakuningenisa, ngaleso sikhathi ngiyakunibutha, ngokuba ngiyakunenza igama nendumiso phakathi kwabantu bonke bomhlaba, lapho ngibuyisa ukuthunjwa kwenu phambi kwamehlo enu, usho ujhova-aeiou.

ngomnyaka wesibili kadariyu inkosi ngenyanga yesithupha ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga lafika izwi likajehova-aeiou ngesandla sikahagayi umprofethi kuzerubabele indodana kasheyalityeli, umbusi wakwajuda, nakujesu indodana kajehosadaki, umpristi omkhulu, ngokuthi: usho kanje ujeheva-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: laba bantu bathi: akukabi yisikhathi sokuza, isikhathi sokwakha indlu kajehova-aeiou. kwase kufika izwi likajehova-aeiou ngohagayi umprofethi, lathi: kuyisikhathi sokuba nihlale ezindlini zenu ezembesiwewo, le ndlu iseyize, na? ngalokho usho kanje ujeheva-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: bekani ezinhliziyweni zenu izindlela zenu. nihlwanyela okuningi, ningenisa okuyingcosana; niyadla, kepha anisuthi; niyaphuza, kepha ananeliswa; niyembatha, kepha akakho ofudumalayo; ozuza imali uyizuzela isikhwama esibhobokileyo. usho kanje ujeheva-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: bekani ezinhliziyweni zenu izindlela zenu. khuphukelani entabeni, nilethe imithi, nakhe indlu; ngiyakuyenamela, ngikhazimulise, usho ujeheva-aeiou. nabheka okuningi; bhekani, kwaphenduka okuncane; lapho nakuletha ekhaya, ngakuphephetha. ngani na? usho ujeheva-aeiou sebawoti. ngenxa yendlu yami eyize, nina nisagijimela, kube yilowo nalowo endlini yakhe. ngalokho izulu livinjelwe kungabe kusabakho mazolo, nomhlaba uvinjelwe ungabe usaba nazithelo. ngase ngibiza ukoma phezu kwezwe, naphezu kwezintaba, naphezu kwamabele, naphezu kwewayini elisha, naphezu kwamafutha, naphezu kokuvezwa ngumhlaba, naphezu kwabantu, naphezu kwezinkomo, naphezu kwayo yonke imisebenzi yezandla. uzerubabele indodana kasheyalityeli nojesu indodana kajehosadaki, umpristi omkhulu, nayo yonke insali yabantu balalela izwi likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wabo namazwi kahagayi umprofethi, njengokuba ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku wabo emthumile; abantu besaba phambi kukajehova-aeiou. wayesekhuluma uhagayi, isithunywa sikajehova-aeiou, ngesimemezero sikajehova-aeiou kubantu, wathi: nginani, usho ujeheva-aeiou. ujeheva-aeiou wavuselela umoya kazerubabele indodana kasheyalityeli, umbusi wakwajuda, nomoya kajesu indodana kajehosadaki, umpristi omkhulu, nomoya wensali yonke yabantu, bafika, benza umsebenzi endlini kajehova-aeiou sebawoti, ulezi-ku wabo, ngosuku lwamashumi amabili nane ngenyanga yesithupha ngomnyaka wesibili kadariyu inkosi.

ngenyanga yesikhombisa ngolwamashumi amabili nanye lwenyanga izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika ngesandla sikahagayi umprofethi, lathi: ake ukhulume kuzerubabele indodana kasheyalityeli, umbusi wakwajuda, nakujesu indodana kajehosadaki, umpristi omkhulu, nakuyo insali yabantu, uthi: ngubani oseleyo phakathi kwenu owayibona le ndlu ekukhazimuleni kwayo kokuqala? niyayibona injani manje na? ayinjengento yalutho emehlweni enu na? kepha qina manje, zerubabele, usho ujeheva-aeiou, ube namandla, jesu, ndodana kajehosadaki, mpristi omkhulu, niqine nonke nina bantu bezwe, usho ujeheva-aeiou, nisebenze ngokuba nginani, usho ujeheva-aeiou sebawoti. isithembiso enganinika sona ekuphumeni kwenu egibithe nomoya wami kuyakuhlala phakathi kwenu; ningesabi. ngokuba usho kanje ujeheva-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: kusezakuba yisikhashana nje ngizamazamisa amazulu nomhlaba, nolwandle, nomhlabathi owomileyo, ngizamazamise nabo bonke abezizwe, kufike okunxanelekayo kwabo bonke abezizwe, ngiyigcwalise le ndlu ngenkazimulo, usho ujeheva-aeiou sebawoti. ngelami isiliva, ngelami igolide, usho ujeheva-aeiou sebawoti. inkazimulo yokugcina yale ndlu iyakuba nkulu kuneyokuqala, usho ujeheva-aeiou sebawoti, nginike ukuthula kule ndawo, usho ujeheva-aeiou sebawoti. ngolwamashumi amabili nane lwenyanga yesithupha ngomnyaka wesibili kadariyu izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kuhagayi umprofethi, lathi: usho kanje ujeheva-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: ake ubabuze abapristi ngomthetho, uthi: uma umuntu ephethe inyama engcwele emphethweni wengubo yakhe, ethinta ngomphetho wakhe isinkwa, noma ukudla, noma iwayini, noma amafutha, noma yikuphi ukudla, kuyakuba ngcwele na? abapristi baphendula bathi: qha. wayesethi uhagayi: uma ongcolile ngesidumbu ethinta noma yikuphi kulokhu, kuyakungcola na? abapristi baphendula bathi: kuyakungcola. wayesethatha uhagayi, wathi: banjalo laba bantu, sinjalo lesi sizwe ngaphambi kwami, usho ujeheva-aeiou; injalo futhi yonke imisebenzi yezandla zabo; nalokhu abakusondeza khona kungcolile. ake nibeke ezinhliziyweni zenu manje, kusukela kulolu suku nangaphambili, ukuthi kungakabekwa itshe phezu kwetshe ethempelini likajehova-aeiou, kusukela kulezo, lapho kwayiwa enqwabeni yezilinganiso ezingamashumi amabili, kwakuyishumi nje, nalapho kwayiwa ezikhamweni zewayini ukukha izitsha ezingamashumi ayisihlanu, kwakungamashumi amabili nje. nganishaya

ngokuhamuka, nangesikhutha, nangesi-  
chotho kuyo yonke imisebenzi yezandla  
zenu, kepha nokho anibuyelanga kimi,  
usho uJehova-aeiou. ake nikubeke ez-  
inhliziyweni zenu, kusukela kulolu suku  
nangaphambili, kwasosukwini lwamashumi  
amabili nane lwenyanga yesishiyagalolunye,  
kwasosukwini okwabekwa ngalo isisekelo  
sethempeli likaJehova-aeiou, yebo, nikubeke  
ezinhliziyweni zenu. imbewu isesibuyeni na?  
qha, imivini, nemikhiwane, namapomegra-  
nati, neminqumo akuthelanga; kepha  
kusukela kulolu suku ngiyakukubusisa.  
izwi likaJehova-aeiou lafika ngokwesibili  
kuhagayi ngolwamashumi amabili nane  
lwenyanga, lathi: yisho kuzerubabele um-  
busi wakwajuda, uthi: ngiyakuzamazamisa  
amazulu nomhlaba, ngigumbuqele isihlalo  
sobukhosi semibuso, ngichithe amandla  
emibuso yabezizwe, ngigumbuqele izinqola  
nabakhwela kuzo; namahhashi ayakuwa  
nezinkweli zawo, kube yileyo naleyo  
ngenkemba yomfowabo. ngalolo suku, usho  
uJehova-aeiou sebawoti, ngiyakukuthatha,  
zerubabele, nceku yami, ndodana kasheya-  
lityeli, usho uJehova-aeiou, ngikwenze  
indandatho, ngokuba ngikukhet hile, usho  
uJehova-aeiou sebawoti.



ngenyanga yesishiyagalombili ngomnyaka wesibili kadariyu izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kuzakariya indodana kaberekiya ka-ido, umprofethi, lathi: ujeihova-aeiou wathukuthelela nokuthukuthelela oyihlo. kepha yisho wena kubo, uthi: usho kanje ujeihova-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: buyelani kimi, usho ujeihova-aeiou sebawoti, ngiyakubuyela kini, usho ujeihova-aeiou sebawoti. ningabi njengawoyihlo abaprofethi bokuqala abamezeza kubo, bathi: usho kanje ujeihova-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: ake nibuye ezindleni zenu ezimbi nasezenzweni zenu ezimbi; kepha kabalalelanga, kabangiqaphe- langa, usho ujeihova-aeiou. oyihlo baphi na? nabaprofethi bakhona kuze kube phakade na? kanti amazwi ami nezimiso zami engayala ngakho izinceku zami abaprofethi akubaficanga yini oyihlo, baze baphenduka, bathi: njengalokho ujeihova-aeiou sebawoti ebehlosa ukwenza kithi njengezindlela zethu nemisebenzi yethu, wenze kanjalo kithina, na? ngosuku lwamashumi amabili nane lwenyanga yeshumi nanye eyinyanga kasheba ngomnyaka wesibili kadariyu izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kuzakariya indo- dana kaberekiya ka-ido, umprofethi, lathi: ngabona ebusuku; bheka, nango umuntu ekhwele ihhashi elibomvu, wema phakathi kwemibomvana eyayisesigodini, nasemva kwakhe kwakukhona amahhashi abomvu, nalufipha, namhlophe. ngase ngithi: bayini laba? ingelosi eyayikhuluma nami yathi kimi: ngiyakukubonisa ukuthi bayini laba. umuntu owayemi phakathi kwemibomvana wathatha wathi: laba yibo ujeihova-aeiou abathumile ukuba bahambahambe emhlabeni. base bethatha, bathi kuyo ingelosi kajehova-aeiou eyayimi phakathi kwemibomvana: sihambahambile emhlabeni; bheka, wonke umhlaba uhlezi uthule. yayisithatha ingelosi kajehova-aeiou, yathi: jehova-aeiou sebawoti, koze kube nini ungabi nasihe kulo ijerusalema nakuyo imizi yakwajuda oyithukuthelele le minyaka engamashumi ayisikhombisa na? ujeihova-aeiou wayeseiphendula ingelosi eyayikhuluma kimi ngamazwi amahle, amazwi amnandi. yayisithi kimi ingelosi eyayikhuluma nami: mameza uthi: usho kanje ujeihova-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: ngihawukela ijerusalema nesiyoni ngokuhawukela okukhulu. ngen- tukuthelo enkulu ngiyathukuthelela izizwe ezizinzileyo, ngokuba lapho ngithukuthele kancane nje, zandisa bona-ra-ukukhandleka. ngalokho usho kanje ujeihova-aeiou, uthi: ngiyakubuyela ejerusalema ngomusa, indlu yami yakhiwe kulo, usho ujeihova-aeiou sebawoti, kwelulwe umucu wokulinganisa phezu kwejerusalema. phinda umemeze, uthi: usho kanje ujeihova-aeiou sebawoti,

uthi: imizi yami isayakuchichima okuhle, ujeihova-aeiou abuye aliduduze isiyoni, abuye alikhethe ijerusalema. ngase ngiphakamisa amehlo ami, ngabona; bheka, nazo izimpondo ezine. ngathi kuyo ingelosi eyayikhuluma nami: ziyini lezi? yathi kimi: lezi ziyizimpondo ezihlakazile ojuda, no-israyeli, nejerusalema. ujeihova-aeiou wayesengibonisa abakhandi abane ben- simbi. ngathi: laba bafike ukwenzani na? wakhuluma wathi: leziya ziyizimpondo ezazimhlakaza ujuda ngangokuba kunga- bangakho muntu ophakamisa ikhanda lakhe, kepha laba bafikele ukubashaya ngo- valo, bawise phansi izimpondo zabezizwe ezaziphakamisa uphondo ngezwe lakwajuda ukuba lhlakazwe.

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ngaphakamisa amehlo ami, ngabona; bheka, nango umuntu enentambo yokulinganisa esandleni sakhe. ngathi: uya ngaphi? wathi kimi: ngiya ukulinganisa ijerusalema, ngibone ukuthi bungakanani ububanzi balo, bungakanani nobude balo. bheka, ingelosi eyayikhuluma nami yayisiphuma, nenye ingelosi yaphuma ukuyihlangabeza, yathi kuyo: gijima ukhulume kule nsizwa ukuthi ijerusalema liyakwakhiwa njenge- izi engenanzingange ngenxa yobuningi babantu nezinkomo okuphakathi kwalo. kepha mina, usho ujeihova-aeiou, ngiyakuba lugange lomlilo kulo nxazonke, futhi ngibe yinkazimulo phakathi kwalo. hheyi, hheyi, balekelani izwe lasenyakatho! usho ujeihova-aeiou, ngokuba nginihlakazile njengemimoya yomine yezulu, usho ujeihova-aeiou. hheyi, zikhulule, uye esiy- oni, wena ohlezi nendodakazi yasebabele! ngokuba usho kanje ujeihova-aeiou sebawoti ongithumile ukulanda inkazimulo yakhe ezizweni ezaziniphanga ngokuba othinta nina uthinta inhlamvu yeso lakhe uthi: bhekani, ngiyakuqhweba ngesandla phezu kwabo, babe yimpango yababebakhonza, nazi ukuthi ngujeihova-aeiou sebawoti ongithumileyo. hlabelela ngokujabula, uthokoze, ndodakazi yasesiyoni, ngokuba bhekani, ngiyeza, ngiyakuhlala phakathi kwakho, usho ujeihova-aeiou. izizwe eziningi ziyakuzihlanganisa nojeihova- aeiou ngalolo suku, zibe ngabantu bami; ngiyakuhlala phakathi kwakho, wazi ukuthi ngujeihova-aeiou sebawoti ongithumile kuwe. ujeihova-aeiou uyakudla ifa lakwajuda, libe yisabelo sakhe ezweni elingcwele, abuye akhethe ijerusalema. thula, nyama yonke, phambi kukajehova-aeiou, ngokuba uvukile, waphuma endaweni yakhe engcwele.

wayesengibonisa ujesu umpristi omkhulu emi phambi kwengelosi kajehova-aeiou, nosathane emi ngakwesokunene sakhe ukumelana naye. ujeihova-aeiou wathi kusathane: ujeihova-aeiou uyakukukhuza, sathane, yebo, ujeihova-aeiou olikhethile ijerusalema uyakukukhuza; lo akasiso isikhuni esophulwe emlilweni na? ujesu wayembethe izingubo ezingcolileyo; wayemi phambi kwengelosi. yathatha yasho kwababemi phambi kwayo, yathi: mkhumuleni izingubo ezingcolileyo. kuyena yathi: bheka, ngidedisile kuwe ububi bakho; ngiyakukwembathisa ezobukhosi. ngase ngithi: mababeke isigqoko esihlanzekileyo ekhanda lakhe. base bebeka isigqoko esihlanzekileyo ekhanda lakhe, bamembathisa izingubo, ingelosi kajehova-aeiou isemi khona. ingelosi kajehova-aeiou yagomela kjesu, yathi: usho kanje ujeihova-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: uma uhamba ngezindlela zami, ugcine inkonzo yami, uyakwahlulela endlini yami, ugcine namagceke ami; ngiyakukunika ukuba uhambe phakathi kwalaba abemi lapha. ake uzwe, jesu, mpristi omkhulu, wena nabangane bakho abahlala phambi kwakho, ngokuba bangabantu abayisibonakaliso: bhekani, ngiyakuveza inkeku yami, uhlumela. ngokuba bheka, itshe engilibeke phambi kukajesu kukhona amehlo ayisikhombisa etsheni lilodwa ngiyakuqopha ukuqoshwa kwalo, usho ujeihova-aeiou sebawoti, ngidedisele kude ububi balelo zwe ngalusuku lunye. ngalolo suku, usho ujeihova-aeiou sebawoti, niyakumema, kube yilowo nalowo umngane wakhe phansi komvini naphansi komkhiwane.

ingelosi eyayikhuluma nami yabuya, yangivusa njengomuntu evuswa ebuthongweni bakhe. yathi kimi: ubonani na? ngathi: ngibona, bheka, uthi lwezibani luyigolide lonke, lunembizana yalo phezu kwalo, nezibani zalo eziyisikhombisazikulo; kukhona imibhobho eyisikhombisa kuleso naleso sibani esiphezu kwalo, neminqumo emibili eseceleni kwalo, omunye ungakwesokunene sembizana, nomunye ungakwesokhohlo sayo. ngathatha ngasho kuyo ingelosi eyayikhuluma nami, ngathi: ziyini lezi, nkosi? ingelosi eyayikhuluma nami yaphendula, yathi kimi: awazi yini ukuthi ziyini lezi? ngathi: qha, nkosi. yayisithatha isho kimi, ithi: lokhu kuyizwi likajehova-aeiou kazerubabele lokuthi: kungabi ngempi, kungabi ngamandla, kepha kube ngomoya wami kuphela, usho ujeihova-aeiou sebawoti. ungubani wena ntaba enkulu? phambi kukazerubabele uyakuba yithafa; uyakukhipha itshe eliyinhloko

ngokumemeza ukuthi: umusa, mawube kulo! izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: izandla zikazerubabele zibeke isisekelo sale ndlu, futhi izandla zakhe ziyakuyiqeda, wazi ukuthi ngujeihova-aeiou sebawoti ongithumile kini. ngokuba ngubani oyakudelela usuku lwezinto ezincane, lapho ethokoza lawa mehlo ayisikhombisa kajehova-aeiou aqalaza emhlabeni wonke ukubona umthofu wokumisa esandleni sikazerubabele, na? ngase ngithatha, ngithi kuyo: iyini le minqumo emibili ngakwesokunene sothi lwezibani nangakwesokhohlo salo na? ngathatha ngokwesibili, ngathi kuyo: ayini lawa magatsha amabili eminqumo aseceleni kwemibhobho emibili yegolide, athululwa ngayo amafutha egolide na? yangiphendula yathi: awazi ukuthi ayini? ngathi: qha, nkosi. yayisithi: lawa angabagcotshiweyo ababili abemi ngasenkosini yomhlaba wonke.

ngabuye ngaphakamisa amehlo ami, ngabona; bheka, nanko umqulu wencwadi ondizayo. yathi kimi: ubonani na? ngathi: ngibona umqulu wencwadi ondizayo, ubude bawo buyizingalo ezingamashumi amabili, nobubanzi bawo buyizingalo eziyishumi. yayisithi kimi: nasi isiqalekiso esiphumela ebusweni bomhlaba wonke, ngokuba ngokusho kwaso bonke abebayo bayakunqunywa lapha, nabo bonke abafungayo bayakunqunywa lapha ngokusho kwaso. ngiyakusiphumisa, usho ujeihova-aeiou sebawoti, singene endlini yesela nasendlini yofunga ngegama lami, sihlale phakathi kwendlu yakhe, siyiqede kanye nemithi yayo namatshe ayo. yayisiphuma ingelosi eyayikhuluma nami, yathi kimi: ake uphakamisa amehlo akho, ubone ukuthi kuyini lokhu okuphumayo. ngathi: kuyini? yathi: lokhu kuyi-efa eliphumayo. yabuye yathi: lokhu kungububi babo ezweni lonke. bheka, isisibekelo somthofu saziphakamisa, kwakungowesifazane owahlala phakathi kwe-efa. yathi: lokhu kungububi. wamphonsa phakathi kwe-efa, waphonsa isisindo somthofu emlonyeni walo. ngase ngiphakamisa amehlo ami, ngabona; bheka, kwaphuma abesifazane ababili, umoya usemaphikweni abo; babe namaphiko njengamaphiko kanogolantethe, baliphakamisa i-efa emkhathini wezulu nomhlaba. ngase ngithi kuyo ingelosi eyayikhuluma nami: laba baliyisaphi i-efa na? yathi kimi: ukulakhela indlu ezweni laseshineyari; isilungisiwe liyakubekwa khona endaweni yalo.

ngabuye ngaphakamisa amehlo ami, ngabona; bheka, kwaphuma izinqola ezine phakathi kwezintaba ezimbili; izintaba zaziyizintaba zethusi. enqoleni yokuqala kwakukhona amahhashi abomvu, nasenqoleni yesibili amahhashi amnyama, nasenqoleni yesithathu amahhashi amhlophe, nasenqoleni yesine amahhashi anala alufipha. ngase ngithatha, ngithi kuyo ingelosi eyayikhuluma nami: ayini lana, nkosi? ingelosi yaphendula, yathi kimi: lana ayimimoya yomine yezulu ephuma eku-  
meni phambi kwenkosi yomhlaba wonke. enamahhashi amnyama iphumela ezweni lasenyakatho; amhlophe ayawalandela; anala aphumela ezweni laseningizimu. alufipha aphuma, afuna ukuhambahamba emhlabeni; yathi: hambani, nihamba-hambe emhlabeni. ayesehambahamba emhlabeni. yayisimemeza kimi, yakhuluma kimi, yathi: bheka, aphumela ezweni lasenyakatho, ayakuthulisa umoya wami ezweni lasenyakatho. lase lifika izwi likajehova-aeiou, lathi: yamukela kubathunjwa, kuhelidayi, nakuthobiya, nakujedaya izipho, uhambe wena ngalona lolo suku, ungene endlini kajosiya indodana kazefaniya, lapho befike khona bevela ebebele. lapho wamukele isiliva negolide, yenza umqhele, uwubeke ekhanda likajesu indodana kaje-hosadaki, umpristi omkhulu, usho kuye, uthi: usho kanje ujeahova-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: bheka, kukhona indoda egama layo linguhlumela; uyakumila endaweni yakhe, akhe ithempeli likajehova-aeiou. yebo, yena uyakulakha ithempeli likajehova-aeiou, athwale ubukhosi, ahlale, abuse esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi, kube khona nompristi esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi, kube khona ukululekana ngokuthula phakathi kwabo bobabili. imiqhele iyakuba yisikhumbuzo sikahleli, nesikathobiya, nesikajedaya, nesikaheni, indodana kazefaniya, ethempelini likajehova-aeiou. abakude bayakufika, bakhe ithempeli likajehova-aeiou, nazi ukuthi ngujeahova-aeiou sebawoti ongithumile kini. kuyakwenzeka, uma nilalela nokulalela izwi likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu.

kwathi ngomnyaka wesine wenkosi udariyu izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kuzakariya ngolwesine lwenyanga eyisishiyagalolunye, ekakhisilevi. ibethele lalithume osareseri noregemi meleki namadoda abo ukunxusa kujehova-aeiou nokukhuluma kubapristi abasendlini kajehova-aeiou sebawoti nakubaprofethi ngokuthi: ngikhale ngenyanga yesihlanu, ngizile, njengalokho

ngenzile le minyaka eminingi, na? lase lifika izwi likajehova-aeiou sebawoti kimi, lathi: khuluma kubo bonke abantu bezwe nakubo abapristi, uthi: ekuzileni kwenu nasekulileni ngenyanga yesihlanu nangeyesikhombisa le minyaka engamashumi ayisikhombisa nangizilela nokungizilela mina na? lapho nidlayo nalapho niphuzayo, anizidleli, niziphuzela nina, na? akusiwo lawa mazwi ujeahova-aeiou awamemezayo ngesandla sabaprofethi bokuqala, lapho ijerusalema lalaxhiwe lisabusa, nalapho imizi yalo nxazonke zalo nelaseningizimu nehlanze kwakwakhiwe, na? izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kuzakariya, lathi: washo kanje ujeahova-aeiou sebawoti, wathi: yahlulelani izahlulelo eziqinisileyo, nenze umusa nobubele, kube yilowo nalowo kumfowabo, ningacindezeli abafelokazi, nezintandane, nabafokazi, nabampofu, kungabi ngoceba bona-ra-ukukhandleka ngomfowabo enhliziyweni yakhe. kepha bala ukulalela, baphekula ihlombe, benza izindlebe zabo zaba buthuntu ukuba bangezwa. benza izinhliziyi zabo zaba yidayimani, funa bezwe umthetho namazwi ayewathume ujeahova-aeiou sebawoti ngomoya wakhe ngesandla sabaprofethi bokuqala; ngalokho kwavela intukuthelo enkulu ivela kujehova-aeiou sebawoti. kwathi njengalokho wamemeza, bona bengezwanga, kanjalo, usho ujeahova-aeiou sebawoti, bayakumemeza bona, ngingezwa mina. ngiyakubahlakazela phakathi kwezizwe zonke abangazazanga. izwe selichithekile emva kwabo, ukuze kungabikho muntu odlulayo nobuyayo, ngokuba benza izwe elihle laba yincithakalo.

izwi likajehova-aeiou sebawoti lafika lathi: usho kanje ujeahova-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: ngihawukela ijerusalema ngokuhawukela okukhulu, yebo, ngilihawukela ngokufutheka okukhulu. usho kanje ujeahova-aeiou, uthi: ngiyakubuyela esiyoni, ngihlale phakathi kwejerusalema; ijerusalema liyakuthiwa umuzi weqiniso nentaba kajehova-aeiou sebawoti intaba engcwele. usho kanje ujeahova-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: kusazakuhlala amaxhegu nezalukazi ezitaladini zasejerusalema, yilowo nalowo abe nodondolo esandleni sakhe ngenxa yobuningi bezinsuku zakhe. izitaladi zasemzini ziyakugcwala abafana namantombazana bedlala ezitaladini zawo. usho kanje ujeahova-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: uma kuyisimangalisiso emehlweni ensali yalaba bantu ngalezo zinsuku, kuyakuba yisimangalisiso emehlweni ami na? usho ujeahova-aeiou sebawoti. usho kanje ujeahova-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: bhekani, ngiyakusindisa

abantu bami ezweni lasempumalanga nasezweni lasentshonalanga, ngibahambise, bakhe phakathi kwejerusalema, babe ngabantu bami, mina ngibe ngulezi-ku wabo ngeqiniso nangokulunga. usho kanje ujeihova-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: maziqine izandla zenu nina enizwa kulezi zinsuku lawa mazwi avela emlonyeni wabaprofethi ababe khona mhla sibekwa isisekelo sendlu kajeihova-aeiou sebawoti, ithempeli, ukuba yakhiwe. ngokuba ngaphambi kwalezo zinsuku kwakungekho nokokhelo yomuntu nanzuzo yenkomo, nakophumayo nakongenayo kwakungekho ukuthula ngenxa yesitha, ngokuba ngakhulula bonke abantu, kwaba yilowo nalowo wamelana nomfowabo. kepha angisayikuba njalo kuyo insali yalaba bantu njengasezinsukwini zakuqala, usho ujeihova-aeiou sebawoti. ngokuba kuyakuba khona imbewu yokuthula; umvini uyakuthela izithelo zawo, umhlabathi uveze ukudla kwawo, amazulu anike amazolo awo, ngenze ukuba insali yalaba bantu idle ifa lazo zonke lezi zinto. kuyakuthi, njengalokho wawuyisiqalekiso phakathi kwabezizwe wena ndlu yakwajuda nawe ndlu yakwa-israyeli, kanjalo nginisindise, nibe yisibusiso; ningesabi, kepha maziqine izandla zenu. ngokuba usho kanje ujeihova-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: njengalokho ngahlosa ukwenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka kini, lapho oyihlo babengithukuthelisa, usho ujeihova-aeiou sebawoti, ngingazisolanga, kanjalo ngibuye ngahlosa kulezi zinsuku ukwenzela ijerusalema nendlu yakwajuda okuhle; ningesabi. yilezi zinto eniyakuzenza: khulumani iqiniso, kube yilowo nalowo nomfowabo, nahlulele izahlulelo zeqiniso nezokuthula emasangweni enu, ningacebi bona-ra-ukukhandleka ezinhliziyweni zenu, kube yilowo nalowo ngomakhelwane wakhe, ningathandi izifungo zamanga, ngokuba lezo zinto yilezo engizizondayo, usho ujeihova-aeiou. izwi likajehova-aeiou sebawoti lafika kimi, lathi: usho kanje ujeihova-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: ukuzila kwenyanga yesine, nokuzila kweyesihlanu, nokuzila kweyesikhombisa, nokuzila kweyeshumi kuyakuba ngukujabula nokuthokoza nemikhosi emihle kuyo indlu yakwajuda; thandani iqiniso nokuthula. usho kanje ujeihova-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: kusazakufika izizwe nabakhe emizini eminingi, bahambe abakhileyo komunye, baye komunye, bathi: masiye impela ukunxusa ebusweni bukajehova-aeiou, simfune ujeihova-aeiou sebawoti; nami ngiyakuhamba. kuyakufika abantu abanengi nezizwe ezinamandla ukufuna ujeihova-aeiou sebawoti ejerusalema nokunxusa ebusweni bukajehova-aeiou. usho kanje ujeihova-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: ngalezo zinsuku amadoda ayishumi azo zonke izilimi zabezizwe ayakubamba umphetho womuntu wakwa-

juda ngokuthi: siyakuhamba nani, ngokuba sizwile ukuthi ulezi-ku unani.

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isiprofetho sezwi likajehova-aeiou phezu kwezwe lakwahadiraki; nalo idamaseku liyakuba yindawo yokuhlala kwaso, ngokuba ujeihova-aeiou uneso kubantu, ikakhulu kuzo zonke izizwe zakwa-israyeli, kanye nehamati elikhawula kulo, netire nesidoni, ngokuba kuhlakaniphile kakhulu. itire lazakhela inqaba, lanqwabela isiliva njengothuli, negolide elicwengekileyo njengodaka lwasezitaladini. bheka, inkosi iyakulaphuca, iphonse imfuyo yalo elwandle, lona lidliwe ngumilo. i-ashikeloni liyakukubona, lesabe, negaza futhi, bese lithuthumela kakhulu, kanye ne-ekroni, ngokuba ukwethemba kwalo kuyakujabha; inkosi iyakubhubha egaza, ne-ashikeloni aliyikuhlalwa. e-ashidodi kuyakuhlala umntwana wesihlahla; ngiyakunquma ukuziphakamisa kwamafilisti. ngiyakukhipha igazi labo emlonyeni wabo, nezinengiso zabo phakathi kwamazinyo abo, nabo uqobo babe yinsali kulezi-ku wethu, babe ngababusi kwajuda nase-ekroni njengamajebusi. ngiyakumisa ngibe yinqaba yendlu yami, ukuze kungabikho odlulayo nobuyayo; akusayikudlula mcindezeli kubo, ngokuba sengibonile ngawami amehlo. thokoza kakhulu, ndodakazi yasesiyoni; jabula nokujabula, ndodakazi yasejerusalema; bheka, inkosi yakho iza kuwe, ilungile, inensindiso, ithobekile, ikhwele imbonigolo, ithole, inkonyane yembongolokazi. ngiyakunquma inqola kwa-efrayimi ne-hashi ejerusalema, nomnsalo wokulwa uyakunqunywa; iyakukhuluma ukuthula kwabezizwe, nokubusa kwayo kuyakusukela elwandle kuze kufike elwandle, kusukela emfuleni kuze kufike emajukujukwini omhlaba. nawe, ngenxa yegazi lesivumelwano sakho, ngikhiphile iziboshwa zakho emgodini okungekho kuwo amanzi. buyelani enqabeni, ziboshwa esezinethemba; namuhla ngiyanitshela ukuthi ngiyakubuyisela kini okuphindwe kabili. ngokuba ngizigobela ujuda njengomnsalo, ngibeka u-efrayimi kuwo, ngivusela amadodana akho, siyoni, kumadodana akho, javani, ngikwenze inkemba yeqhawe. ujeihova-aeiou abesebonakala phezu kwabo, umcibisholo wakhe uphume njengonyazi; inkosi ujeihova-aeiou iyakubetha icilongo, ihambe ngezivunguvungu zaseningizimu. ujeihova-aeiou sebawoti uyakubavikela, badle, banyathele phansi amatshe endwayimana; bayakuphuza igazi labo njengewayini, bagcware njengemikhele, njengamagumbi e-altare. ujeihova-aeiou ulezi-ku wabo uyakubasindisa ngalolo suku njengomhlambi wabantu

bakhe, ngokuba bangamatshe omqhele abengezela phezu kwezwe lakhe. yeka ubuhle balo! yeka ukubukeka kwalo! amabele abo ayakuhlumisa izinsizwa zalo, newayini elisha izintombi zalo.

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celani kujehova-aeiou imvula ngesikhathi semvula yamuva, ujeahova-aeiou owenza imibani, abesebanika izihlambi zemvula, yilowo nalowo apiwe utshani ezweni lakhe. ngokuba amatherafi akhulumile okuyize, nababhuli babone okungamanga; bakhuluma amaphupho angelutho, baduduzana ngeze; ngalokho bayasuka njengezimvu, bathotshisiwe, ngokuba kungekho umalusi. intukuthelo yami ivuthele abelusi; ngiyakujezisa izimpongo, ngokuba ujeahova-aeiou sebawoti uyakuhambela umhlambi wakhe, indlu yakwajuda, abenze babe njengeghashi elinobukhosi ekulweni. kuyena kuyakuphuma itshe legumbi, kuyena isikhonkwane, kuyena umnsalo wempi, kuyena bonke ababusi kanyekanye. bayakuba njengamaqhawe anyathela udaka ezitaladini ekulweni; bayakulwa, ngokuba ujeahova-aeiou unabo, nezinkweli zamahhashi ziyakujabha. ngiyakuqinisa indlu yakwajuda, ngisindise indlu yakwajosefa, ngibabuyise, ngokuba nginomusa kubo, babe kungathi angizange ngibalahle, ngokuba ngingujeahova-aeiou ulezi-ku wabo; ngiyakubezwa. u-efrayimi uyakuba njengeqhawe; inhliziyi yabo iyakuthokoza njengangewayini; abantwana babo bayakukubona, bathokoze; inhliziyi yabo iyakujabula kujehova-aeiou. ngiyakubahlabela ikhwelo, ngibabuthe, ngokuba ngibahlengile; bayakwanda njengalokho kade banda. nalapho ngibahlwanyela phakathi kwabantu, bayakungikhumbula ezindaweni ezikude, baphile kanye nabantwana babo, babuye. ngiyakubabuyisa ezweni lasegibithe, ngibabuthe e-asiriya, ngibangenise ezweni lakwagileyadi naselebanoni, abayikutholelwa indawo. bayakudabula elwandle lokuhlupheka, kushaywe amaza olwandle, nezintwa zonke zenayile ziyakoma, kwehliswe ukuziphakamisa kwe-asiriya, isuke intonga yasegibithe. ngiyakubaqinisa kujehova-aeiou, bahambe egameni lakhe, usho ujeahova-aeiou.

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vula iminyango yakho, lebanoni, ukuba umlilo udle imisedari yakho. hhewula, msayipuresi, ngokuba umsedari uyawa, ngokuba emihle iyachithwa; hewulani nina ma-oki asebashani, ngokuba ihlathi elingenakudatshulwa liyawa. izwi lokukhala kwabelusi! ngokuba udumo lwabo luy-

achithwa; izwi lokubhonga kwamabhongo ezingonyama! ngokuba ubuhle bejor-dani buyaqothulwa. usho kanje ujeahova-aeiou ulezi-ku wami, uthi: yalusa izimvu zokuhlathswa, ezibathengi bazo bazihlaba, bengazithwesi icala bona kodwa, nezibathengisi bazo bathi: makabongwe ujeahova-aeiou, ngokuba ngiceba njalo, nezibelusi bazo bangazihawukeli. ngokuba angisayikubahawukela abakhileyo ezweni, usho ujeahova-aeiou, kepha bheka, ngiyakunikela abantu, kube yilowo nalowo esandleni somakhelwane wakhe nasesandleni senkosi yakhe; bona bayakushaya izwe labo, kepha angiyikubophula esandleni sabo. ngase ngalusa izimvu zokuhlathswa, izimvu ezihluphekayo. ngazithathela izintonga ezimbili, enye ngayibiza ngokuthi umusa, nyenye ngayibiza ngokuthi uzibopho; ngalusa-ke izimvu. ngabanquma abelusi bobathathu ngenyanga inye, ngokuba umphefumulo wami wadinwa yibo, nganengwa ngumphefumulo wabo. ngase ngithi: angisayikunalusana; efayo mayife, eyakuchithwa mayichithwe, neziseleyo mazidle, kube yileyo naleyo inyama yenye. ngase ngithatha induku yami umusa, ngayinqamula, ukuze ngaphule isivumelwano sami engangisenzile nabantu bonke. saphulwa ngalona lolo suku, bese zazi izimvu ezihluphekayo ezangilalela ukuthi kwakuyizwi likajehova-aeiou. ngase ngithi kuzo: uma kukuhle emehlweni enu, ngipheni inkokhelo yami, kepha uma kungenjalo, yekani. zase ziliganisela inkokhelo yami izinhlamvu ezingamashumi amathathu zesiliva. wathi kimi ujeahova-aeiou: ziphonse kumbumbi, inani elikhulu engilinganisiwe nalo yibo. ngazamukela izinhlamvu ezingamashumi amathathu zesiliva, ngaziphonsa kumbumbi endlini kajehova-aeiou. ngase ngiyinqamula intonga yami yesibili, uzibopho, ukuba ngaphule ubuzalwane phakathi kuka-juda no-israyeli. ujeahova-aeiou wayesethi kimi: zithathele izikhali zomalusi oyisiwula. ngokuba bheka, ngiyakuvusa umalusi ezweni ongayikuhambela ezilahlekileyo, angafuni ezihlakazekileyo, angazelaphi eziphukileyo, angaboneleli eziphilayo, kepha adle inyama yezikhulupheleyo, adwebule izinselo zazo. maye kumalusi oyisiwula oshiya izimvu! inkemba iyakuba sengalweni yakhe nasesweni lakhe lokunene; ingalo yakhe iyakubona nokubona, neso lakhe lokunene liyakufiphala nokufiphala.

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isiprofetho. izwi likajehova-aeiou ngo-israyeli. ujeahova-aeiou oweneka amazulu, wabeka isisekelo somhlaba, wabumba umoya womuntu phakathi kwakhe, uthi: bheka, ngiyakwenza ijerusalema libe yin-

debe yokutengezela kubo bonke abantu nxazonke nakulo ijuda ekuvinjezelweni kwejerusalema. kuyakuthi ngalolo suku ngenze ijerusalema libe yitshe elisindayo kuzo zonke izizwe; zonke ezizithwesa lona ziyakusikwa nokusikwa; zonke izizwe zomhlaba ziyakulihlanganyela. ngalolo suku, usho ujejhova-aeiou, ngiyakushaya onke amahhashi ngokugcwaneka nezinkweli zawo ngobuhlanya; ngiyakuvula amehlo ami phezu kwendlu yakwajuda, ngishaye onke amahhashi abezizwe ngobumpumpu the. ababusi bakwajuda bayakusho ezinhliziyweni zabo ukuthi: abakhileyo ejerusalema bangamandla ami kujehova-aeiou sebawoti, ulezi-ku wabo. ngalolo suku ngiyakwenza ababusi bakwajuda babe ngumcengezi womlilo phakathi kwemithi nobhaqa lomlilo phakathi kwezithungu; bayakuqeda bonke abantu nxazonke ngakwesokunene nangakwesokhohlo, ijerusalema libe lisahlala endaweni yalo ejerusalema. ujejhova-aeiou uyakusindisa amatende akwajuda kuqala, ukuze udumo lwendlu yakwadavide nodumo lwabakhileyo ejerusalema lungakhuliswa phezu kwakujuda. ngalolo suku ujejhova-aeiou uyakulondoloza abakhileyo ejerusalema; okhubekayo phakathi kwabo ngalolo suku uyakuba njengodavide, indlu kadavide ibe njengolezi-ku, njengengelosi kajehova-aeiou ngaphambi kwabo. kuyakuthi ngalolo suku ngifune ukuchitha bonke abezizwe abahlasela ijerusalema. ngiyakuthululela phezu kwendlu kadavide naphezu kwabakhileyo ejerusalema umoya womusa nowokunxusa, bambheke abamgwazileyo, bamlilele njengokulilela ozelwe yedwa, babe nomunyu ngaye njengonomunyu ngezibulo lakhe. ngalolo suku kuyakuba khona ukulila okukhulu ejerusalema njengokulila kwehadadi rimoni esigodini sasemegidoni. izwe liyakulila imindeni ngemindeni ngokwayo: umndeni wendlu yakwadavide ngokwawo nabesifazane bawo ngokwabo; umndeni wendlu yakanathani ngokwawo nabesifazane bawo ngokwabo; umndeni wendlu yakwalevi ngokwawo nabesifazane bawo ngokwabo; umndeni kashimeyi ngokwawo nabesifazane bawo ngokwabo, nayo yonke imindeni eseleyo, imindeni ngemindeni ngokwayo nabesifazane bayo ngokwabo.

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ngalolo suku kuyakuba khona umthombo ovulelwa izono nokungcola kwendlu kadavide nabakhileyo ejerusalema. kuyakuthi ngalolo suku, usho ujejhova-aeiou sebawoti, nginqume amagama ezithombe ezweni, zingabe zisakhunjulwa, ngidiluse abaprofethi nawomoya abangcolileyo ezweni. kuyakuthi uma kusaprofetha umuntu, uyise nonina abamzalayo basho kuye

ukuthi: awuyikuphila, ngokuba ukhuluma amanga egameni likajehova-aeiou, uyise nonina abamzalayo bangwaze esaprofetha. kuyakuthi ngalolo suku abaprofethi babe namahloni, kube yilowo nalowo ngombono wakhe ekuprofetheni kwakhe, bangembathi ingubo yoboya ukuyokhohlisa; kepha uyakuthi: angisiye umprofethi, ngingumlimi womhlabathi, ngokuba umuntu wanguyithenga ebusheni bami. uma sekuthiwa kuye: iyini leyo mivimbo esezandleni zakho na? uyakuthi: engashaywa ngayo endlini yabathandiweyo bami. vuka, nkemba, uvukele umalusi wami, uvukele umuntu ongumngane wami, usho ujejhova-aeiou sebawoti. shaya umalusi, zize zihlakazeke izimvu, bese ngiphendulela abancane isandla sami. kuyakuthi ezweni lonke, usho ujejhova-aeiou, kunqunywe izinxenye ezimbili kulo, zibhubhe, kusale eyesithathu kulo. ngiyakungenisa inxenye yesithathu emlilweni, ngibacwengisise njengokucwengisiswa kwesiliva, ngibavivinye njengokuvivinywa kwegolide; bayakubiza igama lami, ngibaphendule, ngithi: bangabantu bami; base bethi: ujejhova-aeiou ungulezi-ku wami.

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bheka, luyeza usuku lukajehova-aeiou, lapho impango yakho iyakwahlukaniswa phakathi kwakho. ngiyakubuthela ijerusalema bonke abezizwe ukuba balwe nalo; umuzi uyakuthathwa, izindlu ziphangwe, kuphoqwe abesifazane; inxenye yomuzi iyakumuka, iye ekuthunjweni, kepha abantu abaseleyo abayikunqunywa emzini. ujejhova-aeiou uyakuphuma, alwe nalabo bezizwe njengasosukwini lwempi yakhe ngosuku lokulwa. izinyawo zakhe ziyakuma ngalolo suku entabeni yeminqumo ephambi kwejerusalema ngasempumalanga, intaba yeminqumo iqhekezeke phakathi ngasempumalanga nangasentshonalanga, kube yisigodi esikhulu kakhulu; inxenye yentaba iyakuqhekezekela ngasenyakatho nenxenye ngaseningizimu. niyakubalekela esigodini sezintaba zami, ngokuba isigodi sezintaba siyakufinyelela e-aseli, yebo, niyakubaleka njengalokho nabalekela ukuzamazama komhlaba ngezinsuku zika-uziya inkosi yakwajuda; lapho kuzakufika ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wami nabo bonke abangcwele kanye nawe. kuyakuthi ngalolo suku kungabikho ukukhanya, amakhaza nesithwathwa kuphela. kuyakuba lusuku ngokwalo olwaziwa ngujejhova-aeiou, kungabi yimini, kungabi ngubusuku, kepha kube ngukukhanya ngesikhathi sokuhlwa. kuyakuthi ngalolo suku kuphume amanzi aphilayo ejerusalema, inxenye yawo ngaselwandle lwasempumalanga, inxenye yawo

ngaselwandle lwasentshonalanga, kube sehlobo nasebusika. uJehova-aeiou uyakuba yinkosi emhlabeni wonke; ngalolo suku uJehova-aeiou uyakuba munye, negama lakhe libe linye. lonke izwe liyakuphen-duka ithafa kusukela egeba kuze kube serimoni ngaseningizimu kwaseJerusalem; liyakuphakanyiswa, lihlale endaweni yalo, kusukela esangweni likabenjamini kuze kube sendaweni yesango lakuqala, kuze kube sesangweni lasegumbini, kusukela embhoshongweni kahananeli kuze kube sesikhamweni sewayini senkosi. kuyakuhlalwa kulo, kungabe kusabakho siqalekiso, kepha iJerusalem liyakuhlala ngokulondeka. yikho okuyakuba ngukushaya uJehova-aeiou ayakushaya ngakho bonke abantu abalwe neJerusalem: inyama yabo iyakudleka besemi ngezinyawo zabo, namehlo abo ayakuphelela ezikhoxeni zawo, ulimi lwabo ludleke emlonyeni wabo. kuyakuthi ngalolo suku kube phakathi kwabo isidumo esikhulu esivela kuJehova-aeiou, babambe, kube yilowo nalowo isandla somakhelwane wakhe, isandla sakhe sivukele isandla somakhelwane wakhe. noJuda uyakulwa eJerusalem, kubuthwe ingcebo yazo zonke izizwe ezizungezileyo, igolide, nesiliva, nezambatho, kube kuningi kakhulu. kuyakuba njalo ukushaywa kwamahhashi, neminyuzi, namakamela nezimbongolo, nazo zonke izilwane, okuyakuba khona kulawo makamu, njengalokho kushaywa. kuyakuthi bonke abaseleyo ezizweni zonke ezazilifikela iJerusalem bakhuphuke iminyaka ngeminyaka ukukhuleka enkosini uJehova-aeiou sebawoti nokugubha umkhosi wamadokodo. kuyakuthi abangakhuphuki emindenini yomhlaba, baye eJerusalem ukukhuleka enkosini uJehova-aeiou sebawoti, phezu kwabo kungabi yimvula. uma umndeni wasegibithe ungakhuphuki uze ufike, ayiyikuba naphezu kwawo; kepha kuyakuba khona ukushaywa uJehova-aeiou ayakushaya ngakho izizwe ezingakhuphuki ukugubha umkhosi wamadokodo. lokhu kuyakuba yisijeziso segibithe nesijeziso sazo zonke izizwe ezingakhuphuki ukugubha umkhosi wamadokodo. ngalolo suku kuyakulotshwa ezikhencezweni zamahhashi ukuthi: zahlukaniselwe uJehova-aeiou, amakhanzi asendlini kaJehova-aeiou abe njengemikhele phambi kwe-altare. onke amakhanzi eJerusalem nakwaJuda ayakwahlukaniselwa uJehova-aeiou sebawoti; bonke abahlabayo bayakufika, bathathe kuwo, bapheke kuwo, kungabe kusabakho mthengisi ngalolo suku endlini kaJehova-aeiou sebawoti.

isiprofetho. izwi likajehova-aeiou ku-israyeli ngesandla sikamalaki. nginithandle, usho uje-hova-aeiou. nokho nithi: usithande kanjani na? u-esawu akasiye umfowabo kajakobe na? usho uje-hova-aeiou. ngamthanda ujakobe, kepha u-esawu ngamzonda, ngenza izintaba zakhe incithakalo, nefa lakhe ngalinika amakhanka asehlane. uma u-edomi ethi: sichithiwe, kepha siyakubuye sakhe izincithakalo, usho kanje uje-hova-aeiou sebawoti, uthi: bayakwakha bona, kepha mina ngiyakudiliza, babizwe ngokuthi umkhawulo wobubi, nabantu uje-hova-aeiou abathukuthelelayo kuze kube phakade. amehlo enu ayakukubona, bese nithi: uje-hova-aeiou uyakuba mkhulu, kudlule nasemkhawulweni ka-israyeli. indodana idumisa uyise, nenceku inkosi yayo; uma nginguyise, kuphi ukudunyiswa kwami? uma ngiyinkosi, kuphi ukwesatshwa kwami? usho uje-hova-aeiou sebawoti, kinina bapristi enilidelela igama lami. nokho nithi: silidelele kanjani igama lakho na? ngokunikela ngesinkwa esingcolileyo e-altare lami. bese nithi: sikungcolise ngani na? ngokusho kwenu ukuthi: itafula likajehova-aeiou lidelelekile. lapho ninikela ngesilwane esiyimpumpu sibe ngumhlathshelo, akukubi na? lapho ninikela ngesilwane esiqhugayo nesigulayo, akukubi na? mawusisondeze kumbusi wakho; uyakuba nomusa kuwe na? uyakukwamukela na? usho uje-hova-aeiou sebawoti. manje ake ninxuse kulezi-ku ukuba abe nomusa kithi; njengokuba ninokunjalo ezandleni zenu, uyakunamukela na? usho uje-hova-aeiou sebawoti. sengathi kungaba khona phakathi kwenu ongavala izicabha, ukuze ningabaseli ize e-altare lami! angithokozi ngani, usho uje-hova-aeiou sebawoti, angiyikwamukela iminikelo ezandleni zenu. ngokuba kusukela ekuphumeni kwelanga kuze kube sekushoneni kwalo igama lami likhulu phakathi kwezizwe; ezindaweni zonke igama lami lishiselwa impepho kanye neminikelo ehlambulukileyo, ngokuba igama lami likhulu phakathi kwezizwe, usho uje-hova-aeiou sebawoti. kepha niyalihlambalaza ngokusho kwenu ukuthi: itafula lenkosi lingcolile lona, nesithelo salo, ukudla kwalo, siledelekile. nisho futhi ukuthi: bheka ukuhlupheka! bese nilincimfela, usho uje-hova-aeiou sebawoti, niletha okuthathwe ngobudlova, nokuqhugayo, nokugulayo, niletha kanjalo umnikelo; bengiyakwamukela lokhu esandleni senu na? usho uje-hova-aeiou. makaqalekiswa okhohlisayo, okukhona emhlabini wakhe iduna, kanti athembise, alhabele inkosi okonakeleyo; ngokuba ngiyinkosi enkulu, usho uje-hova-aeiou sebawoti, negama lami liyesabeka phakathi kwezizwe.

manje lo myalo ungowenu bapristi. uma ningezwana, uma ningakubeki enhliziyweni ukunika igama lami udumo, usho uje-hova-aeiou sebawoti, ngiyakuthuma kini isiqalekiso, ngiqalekise izibusiso zenu, yebo, sengiziqalekisile, ngokuba anikubeki enhliziyweni. bhekani, ngiyakusongela inzalo yenu ngenxa yenu, ngithele umquba ebusweni benu, umquba wemikhosi yenu, nisisuselwe kuwo. niyakwazi ukuthi ngithumile kini lo myalo ukuba isivumelwano sami nolevi sime, usho uje-hova-aeiou sebawoti. isivumelwano sami naye sasingukuphila nokuthula, ngamnika khona ukuba esabe; wangesaba, waphela amandla phambi kwegama lami. umthetho weqiniso wawusemlonyeni wakhe, nobubi babungatholwa ezindebeni zakhe; wahamba nami ngokuthula nangobuqotho, wabuyisa abanengi ebubini. ngokuba izindebe zompristi ziyakugcina ukwazi, kufunwe umthetho emlonyeni wakhe, ngokuba uyisithunywa sikajehova-aeiou sebawoti. kepha nichezuka endleleni, nikhubekisile abanengi emthethweni; nisonakalisile isivumelwano sikalevi, usho uje-hova-aeiou sebawoti. ngalokho mina ngingenzile naba ngabadelelekileyo nabathotshisiweyo phambi kwabantu bonke njengokuba ningazigcinanga izindlela zami, kepha nikhethe ubuso emthethweni. asinaye ubaba munye thina sonke? asidalwanga ngulezi-ku munye na? sikhohlisanelani, kube yilowo nomfowabo, sisingcolisa isivumelwano sawobaba na? ujuda ukhohlisile, isinengiso senziwe kwa-israyeli nasejerusalema, ngokuba ujuda uyingcolisile indlu engcwele kajehova-aeiou ayithandayo, waganwa yindodakazi kalezi-ku wabezizwe. uje-hova-aeiou makanqume kumuntu owenza lokhu ufakazi nophendulayo ematendeni akwajakobe kanye noletha umnikelo kujehova-aeiou sebawoti. ngokwesibili niyakwenza nalokhu: nisibekela i-altare likajehova-aeiou ngezinyembezi, nangokukhala, nangokububula, angabe esayinakelwa iminikelo, ingabe isamukeleka esandleni senu. bese nithi-ke: ngani na? ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou wayengufakazi phakathi kwakho nomfazi wobusha bakho omkhohlisile wena, noma engumngane wakho nomfazi wesivumelwano sakho. akusimunye osenzileyo, okusele kuye umoya wethu na? ufunani lo munye? inzalo kalezi-ku. ngalokho qaphelani umoya wenu ukuba ningamkhohlisi umfazi wobusha benu. ngokuba ngiyazonda ukwahlukana, usho uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, nozisibekelayo ngobudlova njengesambatho, usho uje-hova-aeiou sebawoti. ngalokho qaphelani umoya wenu ukuba



ningakhohlisi. nimkhathazile ujevova-aeiou ngamazwi enu. nokho nithi: simkhathaze kanjani? ngokusho ukuthi: bonke abenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka bahle emehlweni kajevova-aeiou; yena uthokoza ngabo, noma: uphi ulezi-ku wokwahlulela na?

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bhekani, ngiyathuma isithunywa sami; siyakulungisa indlela phambi kwami. inkosi eniyifunayo iyakufika ngokuzumayo ethempelini layo; nesithunywa sesivumelwano enithokoza ngaso, bheka, siyeza, usho ujevova-aeiou sebawoti. ngubani ongathwala usuku lokufika kwaso? ngubani oyakuma ekubonakaleni kwaso na? ngokuba sinjengomlilo wocwengisisayo nensipho yomhlanzi. siyakuhlala sicwengisisa sihlana isiliva, sihlambulule amadodana kalevi, siwahluze njengegolide nesiliva, aze anikele ngeminikelo kujevova-aeiou ngokulunga. isiyakuba mihle kujevova-aeiou iminikelo yakwajuda neyegerusalema njengasezinsukwini zasendulo naseminyakeni yakuqala. ngiyakusondela kini ukwahlulela, ngibe ngufakazi osheshayo ngabalumbi, nangeziphingi, nangabafunga amanga, nangabacindezela abaqashwa ngenkokhelo yabo, nabafelokazi, nezintandane, nabachezukisa abafokazi, bengangesabi mina, usho ujevova-aeiou sebawoti. ngokuba mina jehova-aeiou angiguquki; ngalokho nina madodana ka-jakobe aniqedwa. kusukela emihleni yawoyihlo nichezukile ezimisweni zami, anizigcinanga. buyelani kimi, ngiyakubuyela kini, usho ujevova-aeiou sebawoti. nokho nithi: siyakubuyela kanjani? umuntu angaphanga ulezi-ku na? nokho niyangiphanga. bese nithi: sikuphange kanjani na? ngokweshumi nangeminikelo. niqalekisiwe ngesiqalekiso, nokho niyangiphanga, sizwe sonke. ngenisani konke okweshumi endlini yengcebo ukuba kube ngukudla endlini yami, ngivivinye ngalokhu, usho ujevova-aeiou sebawoti, uma ngingayikunivulela amafasitele asezulwini, nginithululele isibusiso kunokwaneleyo. ngenxa yenu ngiyakukhuza okudlayo, kungachithi izithelo zomhlabathi wenu, nemivini yenu ayiyikuphutha endle, usho ujevova-aeiou sebawoti. zonke izizwe ziyakuthi nibusiswe, ngokuba niyakuba yizwe elithokozisayo, usho ujevova-aeiou sebawoti. amazwi enu ayelukhuni kimi, usho ujevova-aeiou. nokho nithi: sikhulumeni ngawe na? nithi: kuyize ukukhonza ulezi-ku; kuyinzuzoni ukuthi sigcinile imfanelo yakhe nokuthi sihambe ngokukhedamisa phambi kukajevova-aeiou sebawoti na? kepha manje siyakuthi babusisiwe abaziqhenyayo; yebo, abenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka bayakhiwa; noma

bemlinga ulezi-ku, bayakhululwa. khona abamesabayo ujevova-aeiou bakhuluma bodwa omunye nomunye; ujevova-aeiou waqaphela, wezwa, kwalotshwa phambi kwakhe incwadi yokukhumbula ababemesaba ujevova-aeiou, bezindla ngegama lakhe. bayakuba ngabami, usho ujevova-aeiou sebawoti, babe yimfuyo yami ngosuku engiyakulwenzwa, ngibahawukele, njengalokhu umuntu ehawukela indodana yakhe emkhonzayo. bese nibuya, nahlukanise abalungileyo nababi, abamkhonza ulezi-ku nabangamkhonzayo.

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ngokuba bheka, luyeza usuku, luvutha njengeziko; bonke abaziqhenyayo nabo bonke abenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka bayakuba ngamabibi; luyakubashisa lolo suku oluzayo, usho ujevova-aeiou sebawoti, lungabashiyeli mpande nagatsha. kepha kinina enilesabayo igama lami kuyakuphuma ilanga lokulunga, linokuphilisa emaphikweni alo; niyakuphuma, nitshekule njengamathole esibaya. niyakunyathela phansi ababi, ngokuba bayakuba luthuli phansi kwamathe ezinyawo zenu ngosuku engilwenzayo, usho ujevova-aeiou sebawoti. khumbulani umthetho kamose inceku yami engamyla ngawo ehorebe ngaye wonke u-israyeli, waba yizimiso nezahlualelo. bhekani, ngiyakuthuma kini u-eliya umprofethi, lungakafiki usuku lukajevova-aeiou olukhulu nolwesabekayo. uyakuphendulela izinhliziyi zawoyise kubantwana nezinhliziyi zabantwana koyise, funa ngifike, ngishaye izwe ngesiqalekiso.

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ubusisiwe umuntu ongahambi ngeziluleko zababi, ongemi endleleni yezoni, ongahlali enkundleni yabaklolodayo, kepha okuthokoza kwakhe kusemthethweni kajehova-aeiou, ozindla ngomthetho wakhe imini nobusuku. unjengomuthi otshaliwe ngasemifuleni yamanzi, othela isithelo sawo ngesikhathi sawo, oqabunga lawo lingabuni, nakho konke akwenzayo uyakuba nenhlahlala kukho. ababi abanjalo, kepha banjengamakhoba aphephethwa ngumoya. ngalokho ababi abayikuma ekwahlulelweni, nezoni ebandleni labalungileyo. ngokuba ujeheva-aeiou uyayazi indlela yabalungileyo, kodwa indlela yababi yobhubha.

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kungani ukuba abezizwe baxokozele, nabantu bazindle ngokuyize na? amakhosi omhlaba ayazihlanganisa, nababusi baceba icebo ngojeheva-aeiou nangogcotshiweyo wakhe ngokuthi: masigqabule izibopho zabo, silahle izintambo zabo, zisuke kithina. yena ohlezi ezulwini uyahleka, inkosi iyabadelela. ibisikhuluma kubo ngen-tukuthelo yayo, ibethuse ngolaka lwayo, ithi: nokho ngibekile inkosi yami esiyoni, intaba yami engcwele. ngizakulanda ngesinqumo: ujeheva-aeiou wathi kimi: uyindodana yami wena; namuhla ngikuzele. cela kimi, ngiku-nike abezizwe babe yifa lakho, nemikhawulo yomhlaba ibe yimfuyo yakho. uzakubaphula ngentonga yensimbi, ubaphahlaze njenge-sitsa sombumbi. ngakho hlaniphani nina makhosi; yalekani nina bahluleli bomhlaba. mkhonzeni ujeheva-aeiou ngok-wesaba, nethabe ngokuthuthumela. yangeni indodana, ingaze ithukuthule, nibhubhe endleleni, ngokuba ulaka lwayo luyakuvutha masinyane. babusisiwe bonke abaphephela kuyo.

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ihubo likadavide ebalekela u-abisalomu indodana yakhe. hhawu, jehova-aeiou, ziningi izitha zami. baningi abangivuke-layo. baningi abathi emphefumulweni wami: akukho ukusinda kwakhe kulezi-ku. sela kepha wena jehova-aeiou uyisihlangu kimi, uludumo lwami nophakamisa ikhanda lami. ngezwi lami ngiyakhala kujehova-aeiou; yena yangiphendula esentabeni yakhe engcwele. sela ngalala phansi, ngazunywa ngubuthongo; ngavuka, ngokuba ujeheva-aeiou ungiphasile. angesabi amashumi ezinkulungwane zabantu abangihaqile nx-azonke. vuka, jehova-aeiou, ungisindise, lezi-ku wami, ngokuba zonke izitha zami

uzishayile emhlathini, amazinyo ababi uwa-phulile. insindiso ingekajehova-aeiou; isibu-siso sakho masibe kubantu bakho. sela

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kumholi wokuhlabelela. ngogubhu. ihubo likadavide. ngiphendule ekukhaleni kwami, lezi-ku wokulunga kwami. ekucindezel-weni wangenzela indawo; yiba nomusa kimi, uzwe umkhuleko wami. mado-dana abantu, koze kube nini ubukhosi bami budunyazwa na? koze kube nini nithanda okuyize, nifuna amanga, na? sela yazini ukuthi ujeheva-aeiou uzahlukanisele omesabayo; ujeheva-aeiou uyezwa lapha ngikhala kuye. thukuthelani ngoni; zind-lani enhliziyweni yenu okhukhweni lwenu, nithule. sela nikelani iminikelo yokulunga, nethembe ujeheva-aeiou. baningi abathi: ngubani oyakusibonisa okuhle na? jehova-aeiou, phakamisa ukukhanya kobuso bakho phezu kwethu. ubeke injabulo enhliziyweni yami edlula eyamabele abo newayini labo sekuvamile. ngizakucambalala ngokuthula, ngilale ubuthongo, ngokuba wena jehova-aeiou wedwa ungihlalisa ngokulondeka.

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kumholi wokuhlabelela. ngenehiloti. ihubo likadavide. yizwa amazwi ami, jehova-aeiou, uqaphele ukuzindla kwami. yizwa izwi lokukhala kwami, nkosi yami, lezi-ku wami, ngokuba ngithandaza kuwe. jehova-aeiou, ekuseni uyalizwa izwi lami; ekuseni ngiyakuzibika kuwe, ngilinde. ngokuba wena awusiye ulezi-ku othanda bona-ra-ukukhandleka; omubi akanakuhlala kuwe. abazidlayo abayikuma phambi kwamehlo akho; uyabazonda bonke abenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka. uyabhubhisa abakhuluma amanga; ujeheva-aeiou uya-menyanya umuntu wegazi nowenkohliso. kepha mina ngiyakungena endlini yakho ngobuningi bomusa wakho, ngikhothame ngokukuhlonipha, ngibhekene nendawo yakho engcwele. jehova-aeiou, ngihole ngokulunga kwakho ngenxa yezitha zami, ulungise indlela yakho phambi kobuso bami. ngokuba alikho iqiniso emlonjeni wabo; izibilini zabo zingukonakala: umphimbo wabo uyithuna elivulekileyo; bayathopha ngolimi lwabo. balahle ngecala, lezi-ku. mabawe ngenxa yamacebo abo, ubawise ngobuningi beziphambeko zabo, ngokuba bahlubukile kuwe. kepha mababajule bonke abathemba kuwe, bahalalise kuze kube phakade, abathanda igama lakho betha-bela kuwe. ngokuba wena jehova-aeiou uyambusisa olungileyo; umphahla ngomusa njengesihlangu.

kumholi wokuhlabela. ngogubhu. ngesheminti. ihubo likadavide. jehova-aeiou, ungangijezisi ngentukuthelo yakho, ungangishayi ngolaka lwakho. yiba nomusa kimi, jehova-aeiou, ngokuba ngidan-gele; ngiphilise, jehova-aeiou, ngokuba amathambo ami ayathuthumela, nomphfumulo wami uyathuthumela, kepha wena jehova-aeiou, koze kube nini na? buya, jehova-aeiou, ukhulule umphefumulo wami, ungisindise ngenxa yesihawu sakho. ngokuba akukho ukukhumbula wena ekufeni; ngubani oyakukubonga endaweni yabafileyo na? ngikhathele ukububula kwami; ngimanzisa icansi lami njalo ebusuku, ngimanzisa ukukho lwami ngezinyembezi zami. iso lami liyafiphala ngokudabuka; liyaguga ngenxa yezitha zami zonke. dedani kimi nina nonke enenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka, ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou ulizwile izwi lokukhala kwami; uje-hova-aeiou uzwile ukunxusa kwami, uje-hova-aeiou uyamukela umkhuleko wami. zonke izitha zami ziyakujabha, zishaywe luvalo; ziyakuhlehla, zijabhe ngokuphazima kweso.

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ishigayoni likadavide alihubela uje-hova-aeiou ngenxa yamazwi kakushe wak-wabenjamini. jehova-aeiou, lezi-ku wami, ngiyaphephela kuwe; ngisindise kubo bonke abangizingelayo, ungikhulule, bangaze bawudwengule umphefumulo wami njengen-gonyama eklebhula, kungekho okhululayo. jehova-aeiou lezi-ku wami, uma ngikwenzile lokho, uma kukhona bona-ra-ukukhandleka ezandleni zami, uma ngiphindise bona-ra-ukukhandleka kohlalisene nami ngokuthula, ngaphanga isitha sami kungekho sici, isitha masiwuzingele umphefumulo wami, siwu-fice, sikunyathele phansi ukuphila kwami, nesithunzi sami sisilahle phansi othulini. sela sukuma, jehova-aeiou, ngentukuthelo yakho, uvuke ngenxa yolaka lwezitha zami, ungimele; ngokuba uyalezile ukwahlulela. umhlangano wezizwe mawukuphahle, ubuyele phezu ngaphezu kwawo. uje-hova-aeiou uyahlulela izizwe; ngahlulele, jehova-aeiou, ngokulunga kwami nangobuqotho bami obukimi. makuphele ukonakala kwababi, kepha olungileyo mawumqinise. nguwe phela ohlola izinhliziyi nezinsu, lezi-ku olungileyo. isihlangu sami sikulezi-ku osindisa abaqotho ngenhliziyo. ulezi-ku ungumahluleli olungileyo; ungulezi-ku othukuthela imihla yonke. uma umuntu engaphenduki, uyakulola inkemba yakhe, ansale umnsalo wakhe, awulungisele, izikhali zokubulala azibhekisele kuye;

imicibisholo uyenza ishise. unemihelo ngobubi; ukhulelwe ngukona, uzala amanga. umgodi uwumba, uwugubha, kepha ukha-lakathela egebeni alenzileyo. ukwelelesa kwakhe kubuyela ekhanda lakhe; ubudl-wangudlwangu bakhe behlela okhakhayini lwakhe. ngizakumbonga uje-hova-aeiou ngokokulunga kwakhe, ngihubele igama likajehova-aeiou ophezukonke.

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kumholi wokuhlabela. ngegititi. ihubo likadavide. jehova-aeiou nkosi yethu, igama lakho liyababazeka kangaka emh-labeni wonke! wena owabeka inkazimulo yakho ezulwini. ngomlomo wezingane nowabancelayo wagxilisa amandla ngenxa yabamelene nawe ukuba uthulise isitha nophindisayo. lapha ngibuka izulu lakho, umsebenzi weminwe yakho, inyanga nezinkanyezi ozimisileyo, umuntu uyini ukuba umkhumbule, nendodana yomuntu ukuba uyinake na? wamenza waba ngaphansana kukalezi-ku, wamqhelisa ngenkazimulo nangobukhosi. wamenza abe ngumbusi phezu kwemisebenzi yezandla zakho; konke wakubeka phansi kwezinyawo zakhe: izimvu, nezinkomo zonke, yebo, nezilwane zasendle, nezinyoni zezulu, nez-inhlanzi zolwandle, nakho konke okuhamba ezindleleni zolwandle. jehova-aeiou nkosi yethu, igama lakho liyababazeka kangaka emhlabeni wonke!

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kumholi wokuhlabela. indlela: ukufa kwendodana. ihubo likadavide. ngiyakumbonga uje-hova-aeiou ngayo yonke inhliziyoyami; ngiyakulanda zonke izimangaliso zakho. ngiyakujabula, ngethabe kuwe; ngiyakudumisa igama lakho wena ophezukonke, ngokuba izitha zami zibuyela emuva, ziwa, zibhubha ebusweni bakho, ngokuba ulimelele ilungelo lami nendaba yami, uhlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi, ungumahluleli olungileyo. ujezisile abezizwe, wabhuhisa ababi; igama labo ulesulile kuze kube phakade naphakade. izitha ziphelile, zachitheka kuze kube phakade; imizi wayisimbula, ukukhunjulwa kwayo kwaphela nya. uje-hova-aeiou uyabusa kuze kube phakade; isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi usimisela ukwahlulela; umhlaba uyakuwahlulela ngokulunga, athethe amacala ezizwe ngobuqotho. uje-hova-aeiou uyingqaba yocindezelweyo, uyingqaba ezikhathini zokuhlupheka. nabalaziyo igama lakho bayakwethemba wena; ngokuba wena jehova-aeiou awubashiya abakufunayo. hubani nimdumise uje-hova-aeiou ohlezi

esiyoni; memezelani ezizweni izenzo zakhe ezinkulu. ngokuba yena ophindisela igazi uyabakhumbula abahluphekayo; akakhohlwa ukukhala kwabo. yiba nomusa kimi, jehova-aeiou; kubone enghlupheka ngakho ngabangizondayo wena ongiphakamisa emasangweni okufa, ukuze ngilande ngalo lonke udumo lwakho, ngethabe ngokusindisa kwakho emasangweni endodakazi yasesiyoni. abezizwe bashone phansi egebeni abalenzileyo; unyawo lwabo lubhajwe esihibeni abasifihlileyo. uje-hova-aeiou uzazisile, wahlulela; umcuphile omubi emsebenzini wezandla zakhe. higayoni. sela ababi bayakubuyela endaweni yabafileyo, bonke abezizwe abakhohlwa ulezi-ku. ngokuba ompofu kayikukhohlakala njalo; ithemba labahluphekayo aliyikunyamalala kuze kube phakade. vuka, jehova-aeiou! mawungavumi ukuba abantu bahlule; abezizwe mabahlulelwe ebusweni bakho. mabashaywe luvalo, jehova-aeiou; abezizwe mabazazi ukuthi bangabantu nje. sela

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jehova-aeiou, umeleni kude na? uzifihlelani ubuso ezikhathini zokuhlupheka na? ngokuqhosha komubi ompofu uyahlupheka; mababanjwe ngamacebo abawacebileyo. ngokuba omubi uyazigabisa ngokufisa komphefumulo wakhe, nohulazayo uyamvalelisa, amdelele uje-hova-aeiou. omubi ngokuzikhukhumeza kobuso bakhe uthi: akanaki lutho; akakho ulezi-ku, injalo imicabango yakhe yonke. izindlela zakhe zithembekile izikhathi zonke; izahlulelo zakho ziphakeme kakhulu kunokubona kwakhe; zonke izitha zakhe uyazidelela. uthi enhliziyweni yakhe: angiyikuzanyazanyiswa; izizukulwane nezizukulwane angisoze ngehlelwa ngozi. umlomo wakhe ugcwele isiqalekiso nenkohliso nobudlova; ngaphansi kolimi lwakhe kukhona ukwelelesa nokonakala. uhlezi ezindaweni zokuqamekela zemizi; ezindaweni ezisithekileyo uyambulala ongenacala; amehlo akhe ayamhlwaya othithikelelo. endaweni esithekileyo uqamekela njengengonyama emphandwini wayo; uhlo-mele ukumbamba ohluphekileyo; uyambamba ohluphekileyo ngokumn-genisa esihibeni sakhe. uyanyonyoba, uyakhothama, abathithibeleyo bawe ngamazipho akhe. uthi enhliziyweni yakhe: ulezi-ku ukhohliwe, ubusithezile ubuso bakhe; akasoze wakubona nanini. vuka, jehova-aeiou! lezi-ku, phakamisa isandla sakho, ungakhohlwa abahluphekileyo. kungani ukuba omubi adelele ulezi-ku, athi enhliziyweni yakhe: awuyikunakana, na? ubonile wena; ngokuba ukukhathazeka nokuhlupheka uyakubona wena ukuze ukubeke esandleni sakho; othithibeleyo

uyazinikela kuwe; wena ungumsizi wentandane. yaphula ingalo yomubi; buphenyisise ububi besoni, ukuze ungabe usabufumana. uje-hova-aeiou uyinkosi kuze kube phakade naphakade; abezizwe bayachithwa emhlabeni wakhe. jehova-aeiou, uyakuzwa ukulangazela kwabamnene; uyaqinisa inhliziyi yabo, indlebe yakho uyibeka kubo ukuba wahlulele intandane nocindezelweyo, ukuze umuntu wasemhlabeni angabe esabanga uvalo.

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kumholi wokuhlabelela. ihubo likadavide. ngiyaphephela kujehova-aeiou; nisho kanjani kuwo umphefumulo wami ukuthi: balekela entabeni yenu njengenyoni, na? ngokuba bhekani, ababi bawunsala umnsalo wabo, babeka imicibisholo yabo entanjeni ukuba bacibishele ebumnyameni abaqotho ngenhliziyo. nxa izisekelo zidilizwa, olungileyo angenzani na? uje-hova-aeiou usethempelini lakhe elingcwele, uje-hova-aeiou, isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi sisezulwini; amehlo akhe ayabuka, izinkophe zakhe ziyahlola abantwana babantu. uje-hova-aeiou uyamhlola olungileyo; kepha omubi nothanda ubudlwangu dlwangu umphefumulo wakhe uyamzonda. unisa izihibe phezu kwababi; umlilo nesibabule nomoya oshisayo kuyisabelo sendebe yabo. ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou ulungile, uyathanda ukulunga; oqotho uyakubheka ubuso bakhe.

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kumholi wokuhlabelela. ngesheminiti. ihubo likadavide. siza, jehova-aeiou, ngokuba owesaba ulezi-ku akasekho, ngokuba banyamalele abathembekileyo kubantwana babantu. bakhuluma amanga, kwaba yilowo nalowo kumakhelwane wakhe; ngezindebe ezithophayo bakhuluma nganhliziyombili. uje-hova-aeiou uyakunquma zonke izindebe ezithophayo, ulimi olukhuluma amazwi amakhulu, abathi: siyakunqoba ngolimi lwethu; izindebe zethu zinathi; ngubani oyinkosi phezu kwethu na? ngenxa yokubandezeka kwabahluphekileyo nangokububula kwabampofu ngizakuvuka kalokhu, usho uje-hova-aeiou, ngimbeke ekusindisweni akulangazelelayo. amazwi kajehova-aeiou angamazwi ahlanzekileyo, angengesiliva elihlanjululwe esithandweni emhlabathini, lihlanjululwe kasikhombisa. wena jehova-aeiou uyakubagcina, ubavikele kulesi sizukulwane kuze kube phakade. abangamesabi ulezi-ku bayashanguza nxazonke, lapho amanyala ephakeme kubantwana babantu.

kumholi wokuhlabelela. ihubo likadavide. koze kube nini, jehova-aeiou, ungikhoahlwa njalonzalo na? koze kube nini usitheza ubuso bakho kimi na? koze kube nini ngikhathazeka emphefumulweni wami, nginosisi enhliziyweni yami usuku lonke, na? koze kube nini isitha sami siziphakamisa phezu kwami na? bheka neno, ungiphen-dule, jehova-aeiou lezi-ku wami; khanyisa amehlo ami, ngize ngingalali ubuthongo bokufa, ukuze isitha sami singasho ukuthi: ngimahlulile, funa abamelene nami bethabe lapha ngintengayo. kepha ngiwuthembile umusa wakho; inhliziyi yami izakwethaba ngensindiso yakho; ngizakuhlabela kujehova-aeiou, ngokuba ungenzele okuhle.

kumholi wokuhlabelela. elikadavide. isiwula sithi enhliziyweni yaso: akakho ulezi-ku. yonakele, iyanengeka imisebenzi yabo; akakho owenza okuhle. uje-hova-aeiou uyabuka esezulwini abantwana babantu ukucinga ukuba ukhona yini oqondayo, ofuna ulezi-ku. baphambukile bonke, bonakele bonke; akakho owenza okuhle, akakho noyedwa. abaqondi lutho yini bonke abenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka, abadla abantu bami, njengokuba bedla isinkwa, bangakhuleki kujehova-aeiou, na? khona besaba nokwesaba, ngokuba ulezi-ku ukuso isizukulwane sabalungileyo. icebo lohluphekileyo niyalijabhisa, kepha uje-hova-aeiou uyisiphephelo sakhe. sengathi ukusindiswa kuka-israyeli kungavela esiyoni. mhla uje-hova-aeiou ebuyisa ukuthunjwa kwabantu bakhe ujakobe uyakwethaba, u-israyeli ajabule.

jehova-aeiou, ngubani oyakuhlala etendeni lakho na? ngubani oyakwakha entabeni yakho engcwele na? yilowo ohamba ngobuqotho nowenza ukulunga, okhuluma iqiniso enhliziyweni yakhe, ongahlebi ngolimi lwakhe, ongamoni umngane wakhe, nongamhlazi umakhelwane wakhe; obuka onengekayo ngokuzakumenyanya, kepha ebazisa abamesabayo ulezi-ku; ofunga ngokuzakumlizaya, nokho angalaphuli izwi lakhe; ongatsheleki muntu imali yakhe ukuba izale, nongamukeli umvuzo ngongenacala; owenza lokhu akayikuzanyazanyiswa naphakade.

imiktamu likadavide. ngilondoloze, lezi-ku, ngokuba ngiyaphephela kuwe. ngithi kujehova-aeiou: wena uyinkosi yami; anginakho okuhle ngaphandle kwakho. abangcwele abasemhlabeni, abayizikhulu, yonke intokozo yami ikubona. ziningi izinhlupheko zabazizuzela omunye ulezi-ku; angiyikunikela ngeminikelo yabo yegazi; angiyikuwaphatha amagama abo ngezindebe zami. uje-hova-aeiou uyisabelo esahlukaniselwe mina, nendebé yami; wena uqinisa ifa lami. izabelo zingehlele ezindaweni ezinhle, yebo, nginalo ifa elihle. ngiyakumbonga uje-hova-aeiou ongilulekayo; nasebusuku izinso zami ziyangiyala. ngimbeke uje-hova-aeiou njalo phambi kwami, ngokuba ungakwesokunene sami, angiyikuzanyazanyiswa. ngakho-ke inhliziyi yami iyajabula, nomphefumulo wami uyethaba, nenyama yami iyakuhlala ngokwethemba. ngokuba awuyikunikela umphefumulo wami endaweni yabafileyo; awuyikuvuma ukuba ongcwele wakho abone ukubola. uyakungazisa indlela yokuphila; ukugcwa kwenjabulo kusebusweni bakho; intokozo isesandleni sakho sokunene kuze kube phakade.

umkhuleko kadavide. yizwa ukulunga, jehova-aeiou, ulalele ukukhala kwami, ubeke indlebe emkhulekweni wami ophuma ezindebeni ezingenankohliso. ukwahlulelwa kwami makuvele ebusweni bakho; amehlo akho mawabheke okulungileyo. uyalinga inhliziyi yami; ungihambele ebusuku, uyangihlolisisa, awufumani lutho; ngiyahlola ukuba umlomo wami ungaphambuki. emisebenzini yabantu ngiyazilinda, ezindleleni zezidlova ngezwi lezindebe zakho. izinyathelo zami zinamathela ezinyaweni zakho, izinyawo zami azisheleli. ngikhala kuwe, ngokuba uyangizwa, lezi-ku; beka indlebe yakho kimi, uzwe izwi lami. bonakalisa isihle sakho esimangalisayo wena osindisa ngesandla sakho sokunene labo abaphephela kuwe kwababahlaselayo. ngigcine njengenhlamvu yeso, ungisithe ethunzini lamaphiko akho kubo ababi abangilimazayo, kuzo izitha zokuphila kwami ezingihlaqileyo. bava-lelwe ngamanoni abo, bakhuluma ngokuzidla ngomlomo wabo. noma siyaphi, bayangizungeza; amehlo abo bawabhekisa kukho ukungiwisa phansi emhlabathini. unjengengonyama ehahela ukubamba, njengebhongo lengonyama elilele ezindaweni ezisithekileyo. vuka, jehova-aeiou, umhlangabeze, umwise phansi; sindisa umphefumulo wami komubi ngenkamba yakho, nakubantu ngesandla

sakho, jehova-aeiou, abantu baleli zwe abasabelo sabo sikulokhu kuphila, nabasisu sabo usigcwalisa ngengcebo yakho, nabashiyela izingane zabo okusele kubo. kepha mina ngiyakubuka ubuso bakho eku-lungeni, ngisuthe ngesimo sakho ekuvukeni kwami.

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kumholi wokuhlabela. elikadavide, in-ceku kajehova-aeiou, owakhuluma amazwi alesi hubo kujehova-aeiou mhla uje-hova-aeiou emsindisile esandleni sezitha zakhe zonke nasesandleni sikasawule. wathi: ngiyakuthanda, jehova-aeiou, mandla ami. jehova-aeiou uyidwala lami, nenqaba yami, nomkhululi wami; ulezi-ku wami uyidwala lami engiphephela kulo, nesihlangu sami, nophondo lokusindiswa kwami, inqaba yami epakemeyo. ngiyamemeza kujehova-aeiou odumisekayo, ngisindiswe ezitheni zami. izintambo zokufa zangizungelezela, izikhukhula zokona zangethusa. izintambo zasendaweni yabafileyo zangizungeza, izihibe zokufa zangehlela. ekhuluphekeni kwami ngambiza uje-hova-aeiou, ngakhala kulezi-ku wami; walizwa izwi lami esethempelini lakhe; ukukhala kwami phambi kwakhe kwangena ezindlebeni zakhe. umhlaba wawusuzamazama, wadikizela; izisekelo zezintaba zathuthumela, zagub-huzela ngokuba ethukuthele. kwenyuka umusi emakhaleni akhe, nomlilo odlayo emlonyeni wakhe; amalahle avutha kuye. wathobisa izulu, wehla; ubumnyama babuphansi kwezinyawo zakhe. wakhwela phezu kwekherubi, wandiza; washweza ngamaphiko omoya. ubumnyama wabenza isisibekelo, idokodo lakhe elimpahlayo; amanzi amnyama, amafu anzima. ekukhazimuleni okuphambi kwakhe amafu akhe abanga phambili, isichotho namalahle avuthayo. uje-hova-aeiou waduma ezulwini; ophezukonke walizwakalisa izwi lakhe: isichotho namalahle avuthayo. wathuma imicibisholo yakhe, wabangquzula, nemibani eminingi, wabadidizelisa. kwase kubonakala imisinga yamanzi; izisekelo zomhlaba zambulwa ngesijeziro sakho, jehova-aeiou, ngoku-futha komoya wamakhala akho. waselula isandla sakhe ephezulu, wangibamba; wangikhipha emanzini amaningi. wango-phula esitheni sami esinamandla nakubo abangizondayo, ngokuba base bengahlulile. bangihlasela ngosuku lwesigemegeme sami, kepha uje-hova-aeiou waba yinsika yami. wangiphumisela endaweni ebanzi; wangikhulula, ngokuba ebethokoza ngami. uje-hova-aeiou wangivuza ngokokulunga kwami; wangibuyisela njengokuhlazeka kwezandla zami. ngokuba ngizigcinile

izindlela zikajehova-aeiou, angimukanga kulezi-ku wami ngokushinga. ngokuba yonke imithetho yakhe yayiphambi kwami, nezimiso zakhe angivumanga ukuba zisuke kimi. ngangiphelele kuye; ngabuxwaya ububi. uje-hova-aeiou wayesebuyisela kimi njengokulunga kwami, njengokuhlazeka kwezandla zami phambi kwamehlo akhe. kothembekileyo uyazibonakalisa uthembe-ile; kumuntu oqotho uzibonakalisa uqotho; kohlazekileyo uyazibonakalisa uhlanzekile; koyisigwegwe uyazibonakalisa unenkani. ngokuba wena uyabasindisa abantu abathobekileyo, kepha amehlo abaqhoshi-leyo uyawathobisa. ngokuba wena uyokhela isibani sami; uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wami uyakhanyisa ubumnyama bami. ngokuba ngawe ngingahlasela impi; ngolezi-ku wami ngingeqa uange. indlela kalezi-ku iphelele; izwi likajehova-aeiou lihlanzekile; yena uyisihlangu kubo bonke abaphephela kuye. ngokuba ngubani ongulezi-ku ngaphan-dle kukajehova-aeiou, ngubani oyidwala ngaphandle kukalezi-ku wethu na? ulezi-ku ongibhincisa amandla, owenza indlela yami ilunge; owenza izinyawo zami zibe njengezendluzelekazi, angimise emagqumeni ami; ofundisa izandla zami ukulwa, ukuze izingalo zami zinsale umnsalo wethusi. wena unginikile isihlangu sensindiso yakho, isandla sakho sokunene singisekele, nobumnene bakho bungikhulisile. am-abanga okunyathela kwami unwandisile; amaqakala ami awaxegi. ngazixosha izitha zami, ngazifika; angibuyanga ngingakazi-qed. ngaziphahlaza, zaze zahluleka ukuvuka; zawa phansi kwezinyawo zami. wangibhincisa amandla okulwa; ababengivukele wabathobisa phansi kwami. wangifulathelisele izitha zami, nabangi-zondayo ngabaqothula. bakhala, kepha akubangakho osindisayo, nakujehova-aeiou, kodwa akaze aphen-dula. ngabacolisisa njengothuli emoyeni; ngabalahlala njengensi-la ezitaladini. wangikhulula ezimpini zabantu; wangimisa ngaba yinhloko yabez-izwe; abantu engingabaziyo bangikhonza. banele ukungizwa nje ngendlebe, base bengilalela; abafu bazithoba phansi kwami. abafu babuna, baphuma ezingqabeni zabo bethuthumele. uje-hova-aeiou usekhona, malidunyiswe idwala lami; makaphakany-iswe ulezi-ku wensindiso yami, ulezi-ku onginikile impindiselo, wathobisa izizwe phansi kwami; ongikhululile ezitheni zami, yebo, ongiphakamisile phezu kwabangivuke-layo, wangikhulula kumuntu oyisidlwan-gudlwangu. ngalokho-ke ngizakukubonga phakathi kwabezizwe, jehova-aeiou, ngili-hubele igama lakho. uyenza insindiso ibe nkulu enkosini yakhe; uyenza umusa kogcotshiweyo wakhe udavide nasenzalweni yakhe kuze kube phakade.

kumholi wokuhlabela. ihubo likadavide. amazulu ayalanda ngenkazimulo kajehova-aeiou, nomkhathi ushumayela umsebenzi wezandla zakhe. usuku luyalandisa usuku inkulumo, nobusuku bushumayeza ubusuku ukwazi. akukho ukukhuluma, awakho amazwi, lapho izwi lingezwakali khona. isilinganiso sawo siphumele emhlabeni wonke namazwi awo emkhawulweni womhlaba. ulimisele ilanga itende kulo. lona linjengomyeni ephuma ekamelweni lakhe; lijabulisa okweqhawe ukugijima endleleni yalo. ukuphuma kwalo kusemkhawulweni wezulu; ukuzungeza kwalo kuya ekugcineni kwalo; akukho okufihlelwe ukuphuma kwalo. umthetho kajehova-aeiou uphelele, uvusa umphefumulo; ukufakaza kukajehova-aeiou kuqinisele, kuhlakaniphisa oyisiwula. imiyalo kajehova-aeiou ilungile, iyabulisa inhliziyi; umyalelo kajehova-aeiou uhlanzekile, ukhanyisa amehlo. ukumesaba ujahova-aeiou kuhlankazile, kumi kuze kube phakade; imithetho kajehova-aeiou iyiqiniso, ilungile yonke. inxanekile kunegolide, kunegolide elihlanzekileyo eliningi; imnandi kunezinyosi, kunoju lwamakhekheba. nenceku yakho iyayalwa ngayo; oyigcinayo uyakuba nomvuzo omkhulu. ngubani owazi iziphosiso zakhe na? ngithethelele kwezisithekileyo. yilonde inceku yakho nasezonweni ezihlalisayo; mazingabusi phezu kwami. yikhona ngiyakube ngiphelele, ngingabe ngisaba necala eziphambekweni ezinkulu. amazwi omlomo wami nokuzindla kwenhliziyo yami makuthandeka ebusweni bakho, jehova-aeiou, dwala lami nomhlengi wami.

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kumholi wokuhlabela. ihubo likadavide. ujahova-aeiou makakuphendule ngosuku lokuhlupheka; igama likalezi-ku kakakobe malikuvikele. makakuthumele usizo lwasendlini engcwele, akusekele ngamandla asesiyoni. makakhumbule yonke iminikelo yakho yokudliwa, awamukele umnikelo wakho wokushiswa. sela makakunike njengokwenhliziyo yakho, afeze icebo lakho lonke. siyahlalisa ngensindiso yakho, siphakamise ibhandela egameni likalezi-ku wethu; ujahova-aeiou makagcwalise zonke izicelo zakho. kalokhu ngiyazi ukuthi ujahova-aeiou uyamsindisa ogcotshiweyo wakhe: esezulwini lakhe elingcwele uyamphendula ngamandla okusindisa esandla sakhe sokunene. abanye izinqola, abanye amahashi, kepha thina sibonga igama likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu. bayathoba, bawe; kepha thina siyavuka, sime. sindisa, jehova-aeiou! inkosi mayisiphendule

ngosuku lokukhala kwethu.

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kumholi wokuhlabela. ihubo likadavide. jehova-aeiou, inkosi iyajabula ngamandla akho; iyethaba kangakanani ngensindiso yakho. uyinikile njengokwenhliziyo yayo, nesicelo sezindebe zayo awusinqabanga. sela ngokuba wayihlangabeza ngezibusiso zokuhle; wafaka umqhele wegolide elihle ekhanda layo. yacela ukuphila kuwe, wayinika khona, izinsuku ezinde kuze kube phakade naphakade. inkulu inkazimulo yayo ngenxa yensindiso yakho; udumo nobukhosi ukubeka phezu kwayo. ngokuba uyibeka ukuba ibe yibusiso kuze kube phakade; uyithokozisa ngenjabulo ebusweni bakho. ngokuba inkosi iyethemba ujahova-aeiou, nangenxa yesihawu sophezukonke ayiyikuzanyazanyiswa. isandla sakho siyakufumana zonke izitha zakho; esokunene sakho siyakubafumana abakuzondayo. uyakubenza babe njengesithando somlilo, nxa ubonakalisa ubuso bakho; ujahova-aeiou uyakubagwinya ngentukuthelo yakhe, umlilo uyakubaqeda. isithelo sabo uyakusichitha emhlabeni kanye nen-zalo yabo phakathi kwabantwana babantu. ngokuba babehlosa bona-ra-ukukhandleka, baceba icebo; kepha bayahluleka. ngokuba uyakubafulathelisa; ngosinga lomnsalo wakho uyakukhomba ebusweni babo. mawuphakame, jehova-aeiou, emandleni akho; thina siyakuhlabela, sidumise amandla akho.

## 22

kumholi wokuhlabela. indlela: indluzelekazi yokusa. ihubo likadavide. lezi-ku wami, lezi-ku wami, ungishiyeleli na? ukude namazwi okubububula kwami nokusindisa kwami. lezi-ku wami, ngikhala emini, kepha awuphenduli, nasebusuku, ngingabi nakuthula. kepha wena ungongcwele ohlezi ezibongweni zika-israyeli. obaba bethu babekwethemba; babethemba, wena wabakhulula. bakhala kuwe, bakhululwa; bethemba wena, abaze bajabha. kepha mina ngiyimphethu, angisiye umuntu; ngiyisithuko sabantu, ngiyindelelo yabantu. bonke abangibonayo bayangiklolodela, baphukule imilomo, banikine amakhanda, bathi: zinikele kujehova-aeiou; makamsindise, amkhulule, njengokuba emthanda. impela nguwe owangikhipha esizalweni, wangikhoselisa ngasemabeleni kamame. ngaphonswa phezu kwakho kwasesizalweni; ungulezi-ku wami kwasesizalweni sikamame. ungabi kude nami, ngokuba inhlupeko iseduze,

nosizayo akakho. izinkunzi eziningi zingibunganyele, ezinamandla zasebashani zingizungezile. zingikhamisele umlomo wazo njengengonyama edwengulayo nebhodlayo. ngichithiwe njengamanzi; onke amathambo ami enyele; inhliziyi yami injengengcina, incibilikile phakathi kwezibilini zami. amandla ami omile njengodengezi; ulimi lwami lunamathela olwangeni lwami; ungibeka othulini lokufa. ngokuba izinja ziyangibungayela; umbonda wababi ungizungezile; izandla zami nezinyawo zami bazibhobozile. ngingabala onke amathambo ami; bayabukela, bangibuke bengiklibhizela. babelana izingubo zami, benzelana inkatho ngesambatho sami. kepha wena jehova-aeiou mawungabi kude, wena mandla ami, shesha ungisize. sindisa umphefumulo wami enkembeni, ukuphila kwami emandleni ezinja. ngisindise emlonyeni wengonyama; nasezimpondweni zezinyathi uyangizwa. ngiyakushumayeza abafowethu igama lakho, ngikudumise phakathi kwebandla. nina enesaba uje-hova-aeiou, mbongeni; nina nonke nzalo kakakobe, mdomiseni, nimesabe nina nonke nzalo ka-israyeli. ngokuba akadelelanga, akanengwanga yinhlupheko yohluphekayo; akamfihlelanga ubuso bakhe, kepha nalapha ekhala kuye, wezwa. kuyakulwela kuwe ukudumisa kwami ebandleni elikhulu; izithembiso zami ngiyakuzigcwalisa phambi kwabamesabayo. abamnene bayakudla, basuthe; abafuna uje-hova-aeiou bayakudumisa; inhliziyi yenu mayiphile kuze kube phakade. imikhawulo yonke yomhlaba iyakukhumbula, iphendukele kujehova-aeiou, nezizukulwane zonke zezizwe ziyakukhuleka ebusweni bakho. ngokuba umbuso ungokajehova-aeiou; nguye obusa izizwe. bonke abacebileyo bomhlaba bayakudla, bakhuleke; bonke abehlala othulini bayakukhuthama phambi kwakhe, naye ongenakugcina umphefumulo wakhe ekuphileni. inzalo iyakumkhonza; isizukulwane esizayo siyakulandiswa ngayo inkosi. bayakuza bashumayele ukulunga kwayo kuso isizwe esiyakuzalwa ngokuthi ikwenzile.

## 23

ihubo likadavide. uje-hova-aeiou ungu-malusi wami, angiyikuswela. uyangilalisa emadelweni aluhlaza; uyangiyisa ngasemanzini okuphumula. ubuyisa umphefumulo wami; uyangihola ezindleni zokulunga ngenxa yegama lakhe. noma ngihamba esigodini sethunzi lokufa, angesabi bona-ra-ukukhandleka, ngokuba wena unami, intonga yakho nondondolo lwakho ziyangiduduzwa. ulungisa itafula phambi kwami ebusweni bezitha zami; ugco-ba-

ikhanda lami ngamafutha; indebe yami iyachichima. impela okuhle nomusa kuyakungilandela imihla yonke yokuphila kwami; ngiyakuhlala endlini kajehova-aeiou kuze kube phakade.

## 24

elikadavide, ihubo. umhlaba ungokajehova-aeiou nokugcwala kwawo, izwe nabakhileyo kulo. ngokuba yena wawusekela phezu kwezilwandle, wawumisa phezu kwemifula. ngubani oyakukhuphukela entabeni kajehova-aeiou, ngubani oyakuma endaweni yakhe engcwele na? yilowo onezandla ezingenacala nenhliziyo ehlanzekileyo, ongaphenduleli umphefumulo wakhe emangeni nongafungi ngenkohliso. uyakwamukela isibusiso kujehova-aeiou nokulunga kuleziku wensindiso yakhe. yilesi esiyisizukulwane sabamfunayo; bona abasinga ubuso bakho bangabantwana bakajakobe. sela phakamisani, masango, izinhloko zenu; nani minyango yaphakade, phakamani ukuba inkosi yenkazimulo ingene. ingubani le nkosi yenkazimulo na? ingujehova-aeiou onamandla, oyiqhawwe, uje-hova-aeiou oyiqhawwe lokulwa. phakamisani, masango, izinhloko zenu; nani minyango yaphakade, phakamani ukuba inkosi yenkazimulo ingene. ingubani le nkosi yenkazimulo na? uje-hova-aeiou sebawoti nguyena oyinkosi yenkazimulo. sela

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elikadavide. jehova-aeiou, ngiphakamisela kuwena umphefumulo wami. lezi-ku wami, ngiyethemba kuwe; mawungangijabhis; izitha zami mazingethabi ngami. yebo, akuyikujabha noyedwa kwabakulindelayo; bayakujabha abaphambuka ngeze. ngazise imendo yakho, jehova-aeiou; ngifundise izindlela zakho. ngihambise eqinisweni lakho, ngifundise, ngokuba wena unguleziku wensindiso yami; ngilindela wena usuku lonke. khumbula, jehova-aeiou, ububele bakho nomusa wakho, ngokuba kukhona kwaphakade. ungazikhumbuli izono zobusha bami neziphambeko zami; ngikhumbule ngokomusa wakho ngenxa yobubele bakho, jehova-aeiou. uje-hova-aeiou muhle, ulungile; ngalokho ufundisa izoni indlela. abathobekileyo ubaholela kokulungileyo, abathobekileyo ubafundisa indlela yakhe. zonke izindlela zikajehova-aeiou zingububele neqiniso kulabo abagcina isivumelwano sakhe nezifakazelo zakhe. ngenxa yegama lakho, jehova-aeiou, ngithethelele ukona kwami, ngokuba kukhulu. ngumuphi umuntu omesaba uje-hova-aeiou na? nguyena oyakufundiswa nguye indlela ayakuyikhetha. umphefumulo wakhe



uzakuhlala ngokwenama, inzalo yakhe iyakuzuza izwe. ubuhlobo bukajehova-aeiou bukubo abamesabayo; uyakubazisa isivumelwano sakhe. amehlo ami akuye ujahova-aeiou njalo, ngokuba nguyena okhipha izinyawo zami enetheni. phen-dukela kimi, ube nomusa kimi, ngokuba nginesizungu, ngihluphekile. izinsizi zenhliziyi yami zikhulile; ngikhiphe ezinhluphekweni zami. bheka ukhulupheka kwami nosizi lwami, ungithethelele zonke izono zami. bheka izitha zami, ngokuba ziningi; ziyangizonda ngenzondo yonya. londoloza umphefumulo wami, ngikhulule; mawungangijabhisi, ngokuba ngiphephela kuwe. ukulunga nobuqotho makungilondoloze, ngokuba ngilindele wena. lezi-ku, hlenga u-israyeli kuzo zonke izinkathazo zakhe.

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elikadavide. ngahlulele, jehova-aeiou, ngokuba ngihamba ekulungeni kwami; ngithemba ujahova-aeiou, angiyikuntenga. ngivivinye, jehova-aeiou, ngilinge; hlolisisa izinsizwa zami nenhliziyo yami. ngokuba ububele bakho buphambi kwamehlo ami; ngihamba eqinisweni lakho. angihlali nabantu bamanga, angihambelani nezimbulu. ngiyawuzonda umhlangano wabenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka, angihlali nababi. ngiyahlamba izandla zami ngingenacala, ngizungeza i-altare lakho, jehova-aeiou, ukuba ngizwakalise izwi lokudumisa, ngilande ngazo zonke izimangalisu zakho. jehova-aeiou, ngiyayithanda inkundla yendlu yakho nendawo lapho kuhlezi khona inkazimulo yakho. ungamukisi umphefumulo wami kanye nezoni nokuphila kwami kanye nabantu begazi abanehlazo ezandleni zabo, nesokunene sabo sigcwele izipho zenkohliso. kepha mina ngihamba ekulungeni kwami; ngihlengile, ube nomusa kimi. unyawo lwami lumi ebaleni; ngizakudumisa ujahova-aeiou emihlanganweni.

## 27

elikadavide. ujahova-aeiou ungukukhanya kwami nensindiso yami; ngizakwesaba bani na? ujahova-aeiou uyingqaba yokuphila kwami; ngizakuba novalo ngobani na? ekusondeleni kwababi ukuba badle inyawo yami abamelene nami nezitha zami bayakhubeka, bawe. noma impi imisa ngakimi, inhliziyi yami ayesabi; noma ngivukelwa ngukulwa, nokho nginethemba. kunye engikucele kujehova-aeiou, ngiyakufuna khona: ukuba ngihlale endlini kajehova-aeiou izinsuku zonke zokuphila kwami ukubona ubuhle bukajehova-aeiou,

ngibuke ithempeli lakhe. ngokuba uyangithukusa edokodweni lakhe ngosuku lokuhlupheka, angicashise ekusithekeni kwetende lakhe, angiphakamisele edwaleni. nakalokhu ikhanda lami lizakuphakama ngaphezu kwezitha zami ezingihlaqileyo; ngizakunikela iminikelo yokwethaba etendeni lakhe, ngihlabelele, ngidumise ujahova-aeiou ngogubhu. yizwa, jehova-aeiou, ngikhala ngezwi elikhulu; yiba nomusa kimi, ungiphendule. kuwena othi: funani ubuso bami, inhliziyi yami ithi: ubuso bakho, jehova-aeiou, ngiyabufuna. ungafihli ubuso bakho kimi, ungaxoshi inceku yakho ngokuthukuthela; wena ulusizo lwami, ungangilahli, ungangishiyi, lezi-ku wensindiso yami. ngokuba ubaba nomame bangishiyile, kodwa ujahova-aeiou uzakungamukela. ngifundise indlela yakho, jehova-aeiou, ungihole endleleni ekhanyayo ngenxa yezitha zami. unganginikeli entandweni yezitha zami; ngokuba ofakazi bamanga bangivukele kanye nabafutha ukudlozomela. yeka, uma bengingathembanga ukubona okuhle kukajehova-aeiou ezweni labaphilayo! lindela ujahova-aeiou, uqine, inhliziyi yakho ime isibindi; yebo, lindela ujahova-aeiou.

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elikadavide. ngikhala kuwe jehova-aeiou; dwala lami, ungabi yisithulu kimi, funa kuthi, uma uthula kimi, ngifane nabashona emgodini. yizwa izwi lokunxusa kwami, nxa ngikhala kuwe, ngiphakamisela izandla zami endaweni yakho engcwelelengcwele. ungangimukisi kanye nababi nabenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka abakhuluma ukuthula nabakhelwane babo, kanti kukhona bona-ra-ukukhandleka ezinhliziyweni zabo. banike njengokwenza kwabo nanjengobubi bemisebenzi yabo; banike njengokwenza kwezandla zabo, baphindisele abakwenzileyo. ngokuba abayinaki imisebenzi kajehova-aeiou nokwenza kwezandla zakhe; uyakubadliza, angabakhi. makabongwe ujahova-aeiou, ngokuba ulizwile izwi lokunxusa kwami. ujahova-aeiou ungamandla ami nesihlangu sami; inhliziyi yami ithembe kuye, ngasizwa; ngakho-ke inhliziyi yami iyethaba; ngizakudumisa ngesihlabelelo sami. ujahova-aeiou ungamandla abantu bakhe; uyingqaba yensindiso yogcotshiweyo wakhe. sindisa abantu bakho, ubusise ifa lakho, ubaluse, ubathwale kuze kube phakade.

## 29

ihubo likadavide. mnikeni ujahova-aeiou, nina madodana kalezi-ku, mnikeni ujahova-

aeiou udumo namandla. mnikeni uje-hova-aeiou udumo lwegama lakhe, nikhuleke kujehova-aeiou emvunulweni engcwele. izwi likajehova-aeiou liphezu kwamanzi, ulezi-ku wenkazimulo uyaduma; uje-hova-aeiou uphezu kwamanzi amakhulu. izwi likajehova-aeiou linamandla; izwi likajehova-aeiou linenkazimulo. izwi likajehova-aeiou liyaphula imisedari; uje-hova-aeiou waphula imisedari yaselebanoni. ilebanoni ulitshelukisisa okwenkonyane, nesiriyoni njengethole lenyathi. izwi likajehova-aeiou lidabula amalangabi omlilo. izwi likajehova-aeiou lizamazamisa ihlane; uje-hova-aeiou uzamazamisa ihlane lasekadeshi. izwi likajehova-aeiou liphunzisa izimbabala; lih-luba amahlathi; nasethempelini lakhe konke kuthi: udumo! uje-hova-aeiou wayehlezi ebusa phezu kukazamcolo; uje-hova-aeiou uhlezi eyinkosi kuze kube phakade. uje-hova-aeiou uzakunika abantu bakhe amandla; uje-hova-aeiou uzakubusisa abantu bakhe ngokuthula.

### 30

ihubo. igama lokuvula indlu. elikada-vide. ngiyakuphakamisa, jehova-aeiou, ngokuba ungikhuphulile; awuvumanga ukuba izitha zami zijabule phezu kwami. jehova-aeiou lezi-ku wami, ngakhala kuwe, wangiphilisa. jehova-aeiou, umphefumulo wami uwukhuphulile endaweni yabaf-ileyo, wangiphilisa phakathi kwabashona emgodini. dumisani uje-hova-aeiou nina enimkhonzayo, nibonge igama lakhe elingcwele. ngokuba ukuthukuthela kwakhe kuba ngokomzuzwana nje, umusa wakhe uba ngowokuphila konke; kusihlwa kungena ukukhala, ekuseni ukujabula. mina ngithe ekubuseni kwami: angisoze nganyakaziswa naphakade. jehova-aeiou, ngomusa wakho ubuwenzile ukuba iqine intaba yami; wabufihla ubuso bakho, ngase ngithuthumela. ngakhala kuwe jehova-aeiou; nganxusa kujehova-aeiou, ngathi: kukhona nzuzoni egazini lami nasekushoneni kwami egebeni na? uthuli luzakudumisa yini, lushumayeke iqiniso lakho, na? yizwa, jehova-aeiou, ube no-musa kimi; jehova-aeiou, yiba ngumsizi wami. waphendula ukukhala kwami kwaba ngukusina; wangikhumula izingubo zami zokulila, wangembathisa ukujabula, ukuze umphefumulo wami ukudumise, ungathuli; jehova-aeiou lezi-ku wami, ngizakukubonga kuze kube phakade.

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kumholi wokuhlabelela. ihubo likadavide. ithemba lami ngilibeka kuwe jehova-aeiou;

mawungangijabhisi naphakade; ngikhulule ngokulunga kwakho. :1 amah. 25:2; 71:1. beka kimi indlebe yakho, ungophule masinyane, ube yidwala eliqinileyo kimi, indlu yezinqaba yokungisindisa. ngokuba wena uyidwala lami nenqaba yami; ngenxa yegama lakho yakungihlola, ungqondise. :3 amah. 23:3; iza. 18:10. uyakungikhipha enetheni abangicuphe ngalo, ngokuba wena uyingqaba yami. ngibeka umoya wami esandleni sakho; uyangihlenga, jehova-aeiou lezi-ku othembekayo. :5 luk. 23:46; ize. 7:59. ngiyabazonda abakhonza olezi-ku abay-ize, kepha mina ngithemba uje-hova-aeiou. ngizakwethaba, ngijabule ngomusa wakho, ngokuba ukubonile ukuhlupheka kwami, wazinaka izinsizi zomphefumulo wami; :7 amah. 9:2. awunginikela esandleni sesitha, wazimisa izinyawo zami endaweni ebanzi. yiba nomusa kimi, jehova-aeiou, ngokuba ngiyahlupheka; iso lami liyafa usizi, nomphefumulo wami nomzimba wami. :9 amah. 6:7. ngokuba ukuphila kwami kuphelela osizini, neminyaka yami ekububuleni; amandla ami aphelile ngokona kwami, namathambo ami ancunzekile. :10 amah. 40:12; 102:3. ngenxa yezitha zami zonke sengaba yisihlamba, ikakhulu kubakhelwane bami ngaba ngobesabisayo abangane bami; abangibona endleleni bayangibalekela. sengakhohlakala enhliziyweni njengofileyo; nginjengesitsha esifileyo. ngokuba ngikuzwile ukuhleba kwabangingi ngokwesabisayo nxazonke; besenza icebo ngami bahlosa ukubulala umphefumulo wami. :13 jer. 20:10. kepha mina ngithemba wena jehova-aeiou; ngithi: ungulezi-ku wami. izikhathi zami zisesandleni sakho; ngikhulule esandleni sezitha zami nakwabangizingelayo. :15 amah. 139:16. khanyisa ubuso bakho phezu kwenceku yakho; ngisindise ngomusa wakho. :16 num. 6:25; amah. 80:3. jehova-aeiou, mawungangijabhisi, ngokuba ngiyakubiza; mabajabhise ababi, bathuliswe endaweni yabafileyo. mazithuliswe izindebe zamanga ezijivaza olungileyo ngokuzidla nangokweyisa. yeka ubukhulu bomusa wakho obagoddele wona abakwesabayo, owenzele bona ababalekela kuwe, phambi kwabantwana babantu. ubafihla ekusithakeni kobuso bakho ngenxa yezigungu zabantu; ubalondoloza edokodweni ekuxabaneni kwezilimi. :20 amah. 27:5; jer. 36:26. makabongwe uje-hova-aeiou, ngokuba ungenzele umusa wakhe omangalisayo emzini oqinileyo. :21 amah. 144:1. mina-ke ngithe ovalweni lwami: ngixoshiwe emehlweni akho; nokho walizwa izwi lokunxusa kwami ekukhaleni kwami kuwe. mthandeni uje-hova-aeiou nina nonke enimkhonzayo; uje-hova-aeiou uyabalondoloza abakholekileyo, amphindisele kakhulu ozidlayo. qinani, inhliziyu yenu ibe nesibindi, nina nonke enithemba uje-hova-

aeiou.

## 32

elikadavide. imaskili. ubusisiwe osiphambeko sakhe sithethelelwe, osono sakhe sisibekelwe. :1 rom. 4:6. ubusisiwe umuntu ujevova-aeiou angambaleli isiphambeko, kungekho nkohliso emoyeni wakhe, kwathi ngithule, amathambo ami aguga ngokububula kwami usuku lonke. :3 iza. 28:13. ngokuba imini nobusuku isandla sakho sasinzima phezu kwami, uloya lwami loma njengokomisa kwehlobo. sela :4 amah. 38:2,4. ngasivuma isono sami kuwe, angisifihlanga isiphambeko sami; ngathi: ngizakuzivuma izono zami kujehova-aeiou, wena wathethelela icala lesono sami. sela :5 2 sam. 12:13; 1 joh. 1:9. ngakho-ke yilowo nalowo olungileyo makakhuleke kuwe ngesikhathi sokukufumana; impela kuyakuthi lapho amanzi amakhulu ekhukhula, angafinyeleli kuye. :6 isaya 49:8; 55:6; 2 kor. 6:2. wena uyindawo yami yokucasha; uyangilon-doloza ngingahlupheki; ungiphahla ngenjabulo yokukhululwa. sela :7 amah. 27:5. ngizakukufundisa, ngikubonise indlela ozakuhamba ngayo; ngizakukululeka ngeso lami. :8 amah. 25:12. ningabi njengehhashi nembongolo engenangqondo; umkhala netomu yimvunulo yayo yokuyiqondisa, uma ingasondeli kuwe. :9 2 amakh. 19:28; iza. 26:3. omubi unezinhlopheko eziningi, kepha othemba ujevova-aeiou umusa uyakumphahla. :10 iza. 12:21. jabulani kujehova-aeiou, nethabe nina balungileyo, nethabe nina nonke baqotho ngenhliziyo.

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yethabani kujehova-aeiou nina balungileyo; ukudumisa kubafanele abaqotho. bon-gani ujevova-aeiou ngehabhu; mdumiseni ngogubhu oluzintambo ziyishumi. :2 amah. 92:3. mhubeleni ihubo elisha, nibethe kahle ngenhlokomo. ngokuba izwi likajehova-aeiou lilungile; zonke izenzo zakhe ziyakholeka. :4 num. 23:19; 1 sam. 15:29. uthanda ukulunga nokwahlulela; umhlaba ugcewele umusa kajehova-aeiou. :5 amah. 119:64. ngezwi likajehova-aeiou izulu lenziwa, namabandla onke ngomoya womlomo wakhe. :6 gen. 1:2. ubuthela ndawonye amanzi olwandle njengenqwaba; uwabeka ajulileyo ezinqolobaneni. :7 gen. 1:9; jobe 38:8. umhlaba wonke mawumesabe ujevova-aeiou; bonke abakhileyo ezweni mabathuthumele phambi kwakhe. ngokuba wakhuluma, kwaba khona; wayaleza, kwema khona. :9 amah. 148:5. ujevova-aeiou uchitha icebo labeziwe; uphuthisa imica-

bango yabantu. :10 jobe 5:12; iza. 21:30. icebo likajehova-aeiou limi phakade, nemicabango yenhliziyi yakhe ezizukulwaneni ngezizukulwane. :11 iza. 19:21; isaya 46:10. sibusisiwe isizwe esilezi-ku waso ngujevova-aeiou, isizwe asikhethileyo sibe yifa lakhe. :12 amah. 144:15. ujevova-aeiou uyabheka esezulwini; uyababona bonke abantwana babantu. esendaweni lapho ehlala khona uyababuka bonke abakhileyo ezweni. :14 amah. 11:4. yena owadala izinhliziyi zabo bonke, oqaphela zonke izenzo zabo. :15 iza. 16:1,2,9; 21:1. ayikho inkosi esindiswa ngobuningi bempi yayo; isiqhwaga asikhululwa ngobukhulu bamandla aso. :16 2 izikr. 14:11. ihhashi liyize ekusindiseni, alihlangulisi ngobukhulu bamandla alo. :17 amah. 147:10; iza. 21:31. bheka, iso likajehova-aeiou liphezu kwabamesabayo, abathemba umusa wakhe, ukuba akhulule umphefumulo wabo ekufeni, abaphilise endlaleni. :19 jobe 5:20; amah. 34:9; 37:19. umphefumulo wethu ulindela ujevova-aeiou; ungukusiza kwethu nesihlangu sethu. :20 dut. 33:29. ngalokho inhliziyi yethu ithokoza ngaye, ngokuba sithemba igama lakhe elingcewele. umusa wakho, jehova-aeiou, mawube phezu kwethu, njengalokhu sithemba wena.

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elikadavide mhla ezishaya uhlanya phambi kuka-abimeleki owamxosha waze wamuka. ngiyakumbonga ujevova-aeiou ngezikhathi zonke; ukudunyiswa kwakhe kuyakuba semlonyeni wami njalonzalo. :1 amah. 146:2. umphefumulo wami uyakuzibonga ngojevova-aeiou; abathobekileyo bayakukuzwa, bajabule. mtuseni ujevova-aeiou kanye nami, siphakamise igama lakhe kanyekanye. ngamfuna ujevova-aeiou, wangiphendula; wangikhulula kulo lonke uvalo lwami. babheka kuye phezulu, bakhanya; ubuso babo abusoze bajabha. nasi isihlopheki esakhala, ujevova-aeiou wezwa, wasikhulula kuzo zonke izinhlopheko zaso. ingelosi kajehova-aeiou iyamisa n-azonke kubo abamesabayo, ibakhulule. :7 gen. 32:1; 2 amakh. 6:17. yizwani nibone ukuthi ujevova-aeiou muhle; ubusisiwe lowo muntu ophephela kuye. :8 1 pet. 2:3. mesabeni ujevova-aeiou nina bangcewele bakhe, ngokuba abasweli lutho abamesabayo. :9 amah. 33:19; 37:19. amabhongo ezingonyama ayaswela, alambe, kepha abafuna ujevova-aeiou abayikuswela lutho oluhle. :10 luk. 1:53. zanini, bantwana, ningilalele; ngizakunifundisa ukumesaba ujevova-aeiou. ngumuphi umuntu othanda ukuphila, ofisa izinsuku zokuba abone okuhle na? :12 1 pet. 3:10. londa ulimi lwakho kbona-ra-ukukhandleka,

nezindebe zakho kukho ukukhuluma inkohliso. :13 ef. 4:29; 5:4; kol. 4:6. deda kukho bona-ra-ukukhandleka, wenze okuhle; funa ukuthula, ukujonge. :14 amah. 37:27; rom. 12:18; heb. 12:14. amehlo kajehova-aeiou akubo abalungileyo; izindlebe zakhe zikukho ukukhala kwabo. :15 2 izikr. 16:9. ubuso bukajehova-aeiou bumelene nabenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka ukuba achithe ukukhunjulwa kwabo emhlabeni. :16 amah. 73:20. labo bayakhala, uje-hova-aeiou uyezwa; uyabakhulula kuzo zonke izinhlupheko zabo. :17 amah. 145:18. uje-hova-aeiou useduze nabo abanenhliziyoyayaphukileyo; uyabasindisa abanomoya odabukileyo. :18 isaya 57:15; 66:2; luk. 18:13. ziningi izinhlupheko zolungileyo, kepha uje-hova-aeiou uyamkhulula kuzo zonke. uyawagcina onke amathambo akhe; alaphulwa nelilodwa kuwo. :20 eks. 12:46; math. 10:30; joh. 19:36. bona-ra-ukukhandleka kuyakumbulala omubi; abazona olungileyo bayakulahlwa ngecala. uje-hova-aeiou ukhulula umphefumulo wezinceku zakhe; akakho kwabamethembayo oyakuba necala.

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elikadavide. phikisana, jehova-aeiou, nabaphikisana nami, ulwe nabo abalwa nami. thatha ihawu nesihlangu, uvuke, ngisize. hoshu umkhonto, uvimbe indlela kwabangizingelayo; yisho kuwo umphefumulo wami, uthi: mina ngiyinsindiso yakho. mabababhe, bahlazeke abafuna umphefumulo wami; mababuyiselwe emuva, bababhiswe abangisongelayo. :4 amah. 40:14. mababe njengamakhoba emoyeni, ingelosi kajehova-aeiou ibadudule. :5 hos. 13:3. indlela yabo mayibe mnyama, ibebushelezi, ingelosi kajehova-aeiou ibaxoshe. :6 josh. 10:10. ngokuba bangenzele ngasesitha igebe lenetha labo, kungekho sici, bembele umphefumulo wami umgodi, kungekho cala. :7 math. 22:15. ukubhujiswa makumehlele engazelele; inetha lakhe alibeke ngasesitha malimbambe yena; makawele kulo kube ngukubhujiswa kwakhe. :8 amah. 141:10. khona umphefumulo wami uzakwethaba kujehova-aeiou, uthokoze ngokusindisa kwakhe. onke amathambo ami azakuthi: jehova-aeiou, ngubani onjengawe, wena okhulula ohluphekayo, yebo, ohluphekayo nompofu komphangayo, na? ofakazi abangalungile bayasukuma, babuza kimi engingakwaziyo. :11 math. 26:60; luk. 23:2,10; joh. 18:30. bangiphindisela bona-ra-ukukhandleka ngokuhle; umphefumulo wami bawusozisele. :12 amah. 109:5. kanti ekuguleni kwabo mina ngangembethe ezokuzila; umphefumulo wami ngawuhlupha ngokuzila ukudla; umkhuleko

wami wabuyela esifubeni sami. :13 1 amakh. 18:42. ngahamba kungathi bekungumngane wami nomfowethu; njengokhalela unina ngakhothama ngokulila. kepha ekuweni kwami bahlelisa ngami, babuthana ndawonye; abashayi engingabaziyo bangibunganyela; badumaza bengayeki. :15 math. 26:3. njengezinteli ezikhonzela ucezu lwesinkwa bangigedlela amazinyo. nkosi, lokho uzakubukela kuze kube nini na? sindisa umphefumulo wami ekubhuhiseni kwabo, ukuphila kwami ezingonyameni ezingamabhongo. :17 amah. 22:20. ngiza-kukubonga ebandleni elikhulu, ngikudumise phakathi kwabantu abaningi. :18 amah. 22:22. mabangajabuli ngami abayizitha zami bengenasizathu; mabangaqwayizi amehlo abangizona ngeze. :19 joh. 15:25. ngokuba abakhulumi ukuthula, kepha baqamba amazwi enkohliso ngabazithuleleyo emhlabeni. yebo, bangikhamisela kakhulu umlomo wabo, bathi: ashila, ashila, iso lethu liyabona! :21 jobe 16:10. uyakubona, jehova-aeiou; mawungathuli; nkosi, mawungabi kude nami. vuka, usukumele ukwahlulelwa kwami, lezi-ku wami, nkosi yami, umele icala lami. ngahlulele ngokulunga kwakho, jehova-aeiou lezi-ku wami; mabangajabuli ngami. :24 amah. 7:8. mabangasho enhliziyweni yabo ukuthi: he, kwaya ngesifiso sethu! mabangasho ukuthi: simgwinyile. mabababhe, babe namahloni bonke abajabula ngokuhlupheka kwami; abazikhukhumeza ngami mabembathiswe ukujabha nendumazo. :26 amah. 40:14; 109:29. mabababhe, bajabule abathokoza ngokulunga kwami; mabathi njalonyalo: makadunyiswe uje-hova-aeiou othokoza ngenhlanhla yenceku yakhe. :27 amah. 40:16. ulimi lwami luzakushumayela ngokulunga kwakho, usuku lonke ngodumo lwakho.

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kumholi wokuhlabelela. elikadavide, inceku kajehova-aeiou. inkulomo yesiphambeko komubi, isekujuleni kwenhliziyo yami, ithi: akukho ukumesaba ulezi-ku phambi kwamehlo akhe. :1 rom. 3:18. ngokuba ukonakala kwakhe kuyamthopha emehlweni akhe, ukuze kungafunyanwa, azondeke ngakho. :2 amah. 10:3. amazwi om-lomo wakhe angukona nenkohliso; ukuyekile ukuhlakanipha nokwenza okulungileyo. uceba bona-ra-ukukhandleka ecansini lakhe, uzimisa endleleni engalungile; bona-ra-ukukhandleka kakwenyanyani. :4 iza. 4:16; mika 2:1. jehova-aeiou, ububele bakho bufinyelela ezulwini, nokuthembeka kwakho kuze kube semafwini. :5 amah. 57:10; 108:4. ukulunga kwakho kunjengezintaba ezinkulukazi, ukwahlulela kwakho kulutwa

olukhulu; usindisa abantu nezilwane, jehova-aeiou. :6 amah. 145:15; rom. 11:33. ububele bakho, lezi-ku, buyigugu elingaka; abantwana babantu bakhosela ethunzini lamaphiko akho. :7 amah. 17:8. bayakusutha ngamanoni endlu yakho, ubaphuzise okomfula wokuthokoza kwakho. :8 amah. 65:4. ngokuba ukuwe umthombo wokuphila; ekukhanyeni kwakho siyakubona ukukhanya. :9 amah. 49:19; jer. 2:13; 17:13. mawume umusa wakho kubo abakwaziyo, nokulunga kwakho kubo abaqotho ngenhliziyo. unyawo loziqhenyayo malungangifikeli; nesandla somubi masin- gaxoxoshi. bheka, bawile abenza bona-ra- ukukhandleka; bawiswe phansi, abasenaku- vuka.

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elikadavide. ungazikhathazi ngababi, ungabi namhawu ngabenza okungalungile. ngokuba bayakusikwa masinyane njengotshani, babune njengemithana eluhlaza. themba kujehova-aeiou, wenze okungileyo; hlala ezweni, uzondle ngokukholeka; zithokoze ngojehova-aeiou, yikhona ezakunikwa okufiswa yinhliziyi yakho. nikela indlela yakho esandleni sikajehova-aeiou, umethembe; yena uzakukwenza. uzakuhlalukisa ukulunga kwakho njengokukhanya, nokufanele wena njengemini. thula phambi kukajehova-aeiou, ulindele yena; ungakhathazeki ngonenhlanhla endleleni yakhe, ngomuntu osongoza amacebo amabi. pheza ukuthukuthela; yeka ulaka, ungakhathazeki; kubanga ukona nje. ngokuba ababi bazakuchithwa, kepha abalindela ujeahova-aeiou bazakudla ifa lomhlaba. kuse ngumzuzwana, omubi angabe esabakho; kuyakuthi lapho uhlola indawo yakhe, uyakube engasekho. kepha abathobekileyo bazakulidla ifa lomhlaba, bathokoze ngokuthula okukhulu. omubi uyamsongela olungileyo ngbona-ra- ukukhandleka, amgedlele amazinyo. inkosi iyakumhleka, ngokuba iyabona ukuthi usuku lwakhe luyeza. ababi bahosha inkemba, bansale umnsalo wabo ukuba bamwise phansi ohluphekileyo nompofu, babulale abandlela ilungile. inkemba yabo izakungena kweyabo inhliziyi, iminsalo yak wabo yaphulwe. okuncane anakho olungileyo kungcono kunemfuyo yababi abaningi. ngokuba izingalo zababi ziyakwaphulwa, kepha ujeahova-aeiou uyabaphasa abalungileyo. ujeahova-aeiou uyazazi izinsuku zabaqotho; ifa labo liyakuma kuze kube phakade. abayikujabha esikhathini esibi; bayakusutha ezinsukwini zendlala. ngokuba ababi bayakubhubha; izitha zikajehova-aeiou zinjengobuhle bamadlelo: ziyakunyamalala, zinyamalale njengen-

tuthu. omubi uyatshaleka, angabuyiseli; kepha olungileyo unesihawu, aphone. ngokuba ababusisiweyo bakhe bazakulidla ifa lomhlaba, kepha abaqalekiswa nguye bazakuchithwa. izinyathelo zomuntu ziqin- iswa ngujeahova-aeiou; uyayithanda indlela yakhe. noma ekhubeka, akayikuwa phansi, ngokuba ujeahova-aeiou uphasa isandla sakhe. kade ngimusha, manje sengimdala; angizange ngibone olungileyo eshiyiwe nenzalo yakhe iphanza ukudla. usuku lonke uyahawukela, atsheleke, nenzalo yakhe iyisi- busiso. deda kbona-ra-ukukhandleka, wenze okuhle, uyakuhlala kuze kube phakade. ngokuba ujeahova-aeiou uthanda ukulunga, akabashiyi abangcwele bakhe; bayalon- dolozwa kuze kube phakade, kepha inzalo yababi iyachithwa. abalungileyo bazakudla ifa lomhlaba, bahlale kuwo njalonjalo. umlomo wolungileyo ushumayela ukuhlaka- nipha; ulimi lwakhe lukhuluma ukulunga. umthetho kalezi-ku wakhe usenhliziweni yakhe; izinyathelo zakhe azisheleli. omubi uqaphela olungileyo, ufuna ukumbulala. ujeahova-aeiou akayikumnikela esandleni sakhe; akayikumhlala lapho ahlulelwa khona. lindela ujeahova-aeiou, ulonde indlela yakhe; uzakukuphakamisa, udle ifa lomh- laba, ubukele lapho ababi bechithwa khona. ngambona omubi oyisidlova ezenabisile njengomuthi oluhlaza ogxilileyo; kwathi lapho umuntu edlula, bheka, wayengasekho; ngamfuna, kepha akabe esafunyanwa. mbhekisise ongasolekiyo, umbone oqotho; ngokuba umuntu wokuthula, ukugcina kwakhe kuhle. kepha abaphambukayo bayakubhujiswa bonke; isikhathi sababi siyakunqunywa. ukusindiswa kwabalungi- leyo kuvela kujehova-aeiou; uyingqaba yabo esikhathini sokuhlupheka. ujeahova-aeiou uyabasiza, abakhulule; ubakhulula kwababi, abasindise, ngokuba bayamethemba.

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ihubo likadavide. elokukhumbuza. jehova-aeiou, ungangijezisi ngentukuthelo yakho, ungangishayi ngolaka lwakho. :1 amah. 6:1; jer. 10:24. ngokuba imicibisholo yakho ingihlabile; isandla sakho singicin- dezele kanzima. :2 dut. 32:23; jobe 6:4. akukho ukuphila enyameni yami ngenxa yentukuthelo yakho; akukho ukuthula emathanjeni ami ngenxa yesono sami. ngokuba iziphambeko zami zeqile phezu kwekhanda lami; njengomthwalo osindayo ziyangisinda. izilonda zami ziyanuka, zichicha ubovu ngenxa yobuwula bami. :5 amah. 40:12. ngikhonkobeke, ngithotshiswe kakhulu; usuku lonke ngihamba ngilila. ngokuba ukhalo lwami lutshutshumba kakhulu; akukho ukuphila enya- meni yami. ngibuthakathaka, ngidubek-

ile kabi; ngiyakhala ngenxa yokugqiha kwenhliziyo yami. nkosi, ukufisa kwami konke kuphambi kwakho; ukububula kwami akufihlekile kuwe. inhliziyo yami iyagquma kakhulu; amandla ami angishiyile, ngisho nokukhanya kwamehlo ami akusekho kimi. abathandekayo bami nabahlolo bami bemi kude nokuhlupheka kwami; abakwethu bemi kude laphaya. :11 jobe 19:13; amah. 27:10. abafuna umphefumulo wami bayangicupha; abafuna ukungilimaza bakhuluma bona-ra-ukukhandleka, bazindla inkohliso usuku lonke. mina kodwa nginjengesithulu, angizwa; nginjengesimungulu esingavuli umlomo waso. :13 isaya 53:7. yebo, nginjengomuntu ongezwayo; akukho ukuphikisa emlonyeni wakhe. ngokuba ngithemba wena jehova-aeiou; wena nkosi lezi-ku wami uzakuphendula. ngokuba ngithe: funa bajabule ngami, ekusheleleni konyawo lwami bazikhukhumeze ngami. ngokuba ngiseduze kokuwa, nobuhlungu bami buphambi kwami ngezikhathi zonke. ngokuba ngiyabika ukona kwami; ngiyadabuka ngesono sami. kepha izitha zami ziphilile, zinamandla; baningi abangizonda ngeze. :19 amah. 3:1. abaphindisela bona-ra-ukukhandleka ngokuhle bamelene nami, ngokuba ngilandela okulungileyo. :20 amah. 119:95. ungangishiyi, jehova-aeiou; lezi-ku wami, ungabi kude nami. phuthuma, ungisize, nkosi, nsindiso yami.

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kumholi wokuhlabelela; kujeduthuni. ihubo likadavide. ngithe: ngizakulinda izindlela zami ukuba ngingoni ngolimi lwami; ngizakugcina umlomo wami ngesifonyo, omubi esekhona phambi kwamehlo ami. :1 amah. 17:3. ngabindela impela, ngathula nakukho okuhle; kwavuswa ubuhlungu bami. :2 amah. 38:13,17. inhliziyo yami yavutha phakathi kwami; kwaphembeka umlilo ngisazindla; ngakhuluma ngolimi lwami. :3 amah. 119:53. jehova-aeiou, ngazise ukuphela kwami, nesilinganiso sezinsuku zami ukuba siyini; mangazi ukuthi ngingodlulayo. :4 amah. 90:12. bheka, izinsuku zami wazenza zaba ngangobubanzi besandla; imihla yokuphila kwami ayilutho kuwe; impela yilowo nalowo muntu ungumoya nje, noma eqine kangakanani. sela :5 amah. 90:5. impela umuntu uhamba njenengesithunzi nje; impela uzikhathaza ngokuyize nje; unqwabela imfuyo, kepha akazi ukuthi ngubani ozakuyibutha. :6 jobe 8:9; shum. 2:18,21; 5:13,15. kalokhu-ke, nkosi, ngilindele ntoni na? ithemba lami likuwe. ngisindise kuzo iziphambeko zami, ungangenzi isithuko sesiwala. ngiyathula, angivuli umlomo wami; ngokuba nguwe okwenzileyo. :9 amah. 38:13. susa kimi ukushaya

kwakho, ngokuba ngiyaqedwa ngukushaywa yisandla sakho. nxa ulaya umuntu ngesijejiso ngenxa yeziphambeko, ubuhle bakhe ubenza buphele njengenundu; yilowo nalowo muntu ungumoya nje. sela :11 amah. 6:7. yizwa umkhuleko wami, jehova-aeiou, ulalele ukumemeza kwami; ungathuli ngezinyembezi zami, ngokuba ngingumfokazi kuwe; ngiyishambi njengokhokho bami bonke. :12 gen. 47:9; lev. 25:23; 1 izikr. 29:15; heb. 11:13; 1 pet. 2:11. yeka ukungibuka, ngize ngincibilike, ngingakamuki lapha, ngingabe ngisabakho.

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kumholi wokuhlabelela. elikadavide. ihubo. bengilindela ujeheva-aeiou; wayesezikhothamisela kimi, wezwa ukukhala kwami. :1 amah. 18:6. wangikhipha emgodini wokubhujiswa odakeni lobishi, wamisa izinyawo zami edwaleni, waqinisa izinyathelo zami. :2 amah. 31:8; 69:14. wabeka igama elisha emlonyeni wami, igama lokubonga ulezi-ku wethu; abanengi bayakukubona, besabe, bamethembe ujeheva-aeiou. ubusisiwe umuntu obeka ithemba lakhe kujehova-aeiou, ongaphendukeli kwabazidlayo nakwabaphambukela emangeni. jehova-aeiou lezi-ku wami, ziningi izimangaliselo zakho ozenzileyo, nezizindlo zakho ngathi; akukho okungafaniswa nawe; uma ngiyilanda, ngiyisho, miningi kunokuba ibalwe. :5 eks. 15:11. umhlathelo nomnikelo wokudla awuwuthandi; izindlebe zami uzibhobozile; umnikelo wokushiswa nomnikelo wesono awuwubizi. :6 isaya 1:11; mika 6:7; heb. 10:5. ngase ngithi: bheka, ngiyeza; encwadini esongwayo kulotshiwe ngami ukuthi: :7 joh. 5:39,46; heb. 10:7. ngiyathanda ukwenza intando yakho, lezi-ku wami, nomthetho wakho usenhliziyweni yami. :8 amah. 37:31. ngishumayelile ukulunga ebandleni elikhulu; bheka, angizivalanga izindebe zami; jehova-aeiou, wena uyakwazi. :9 amah. 22:22,25. ukulunga kwakho angikuthukusanga enhliziyweni yami; ngashumayela ukukholeka kwakho nensindiso yakho; umusa wakho neqiniso lakho angikufihlelanga ibandla elikhulu. wena jehova-aeiou ungangigodleli ububele bakho; umusa wakho neqiniso lakho makungilonde njalo. :11 amah. 61:7. ngokuba izinhlupheko ezingenakubalwa zingihagile, iziphambeko zami zingificile, angaze ngaba nakubona; ziningi kunezindle zekhanda lami; inhliziyo yami ingishiyile. :12 amah. 38:10. makuthandeki kuwe jehova-aeiou ukuba ungikhulule; jehova-aeiou, mawuphuthume ungisize. mabababhe, babe namahloni bonke abafuna umphefumulo wami ukuba bawuhlithi; abafisa ukulimala kwami mababuyiselwe

emuva, bajabhiswe. :14 amah. 35:4; 70:2. mabashaqeke ngenxa yehlazo labo abathi kimi: ashila, ashila! mabethabe, bajabule kuwe bonke abakufunayo; abathanda insindiso yakho mabasho njalo, bathi: makadunyiswe ujeхова-aeiou. :16 amah. 34:2; 35:27. noma ngihlupheka, ngimpofu, inkosi iyanginaka; wena ungumsizi wami nomsindisi wami; lezi-ku wami, mawungalibali.

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kumholi wokuhlabelela. ihubo likadavide. ubusisiwe onakekela ohluphekayo; ujeхова-aeiou uyakumsindisa osukwini olubi. :1 amah. 112:5,9; iza. 19:17; isaya 58:7. ujeхова-aeiou uyakumlondoloza, amphilise; uyakubusiswa emhlabeni; awuyikumnikela entandweni yezitha zakhe. :2 dan. 4:24. ujeхова-aeiou uyakumphasa ecansini egula; wena uyakuguqula ukhukho lwakhe ekuguleni kwakhe. :3 2 amakh. 20:7. mina ngithi: jehova-aeiou, ngihawukele, uphulukise umphefumulo wami, ngokuba ngonile kuwe. izitha zami zikhuluma bona-rukukhandleka ngami, zithi: uzakufa nini, igama lakhe lichitheke, na? nalapho kuza ozongibona, ukhuluma amanga; inhliziyoyakhe izibuthela ukonakala, abeseophuma akhulume ngakho. bonke abangizondayo banyenyezela ngami: bangisongozela bona-rukukhandleka, bathi: :7 luk. 11:54. into embi inamathele kuye; olele phansi kasayikululama. yebo, nomhlobo wami ebengimethemba, obedla isinkwa sami, ngiphakamisele isithende sakhe. :9 math. 26:14; mark. 14:10; luk. 22:4; joh. 13:18; ize. 1:16. kepha wena jehova-aeiou, ngihawukele, ungilulamise, ukuze ngibaphindisele. ngalokho ngiyazi ukuthi uyangithanda, ngokuba isitha sami asihalalisi phezu kwami. mina uyangimisa ebuqothweni bami; uyangibeka phambi kobuso bakho kuze kube phakade. :12 amah. 18:20. makabongwe ujeхова-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, kusukela phakade kuze kube phakade. amen, amen.

## 42

kumholi wokuhlabelela. imaskili lamadodana kakora. njengendluzele ilangazelela amanzi emifula, kanjalo umphefumulo wami ulangazelela wena lezi-ku. umphefumulo wami womela ulezi-ku, ulezi-ku ophilayo; ngiyakufika nini, ngibonakale phambi kukalezi-ku, na? :2 amah. 63:1; 84:2. izinyembezi zami zingukudla kwami imini nobusuku, ngokuba usuku lonke bathi kimi: uphi ulezi-ku wakho na? :3 amah. 80:5. ngiyakukhumbula lokhu, ngithulule umphefumulo wami phakathi kwami, njenga-

lokho ngangihamba esixukwini ngiya naso endlini kalezi-ku ngenhlokomoyokwethaba nokubonga, ibandla ligubha umkhosi. yini ukuba udangale, mphefumulo wami, uyaluze phakathi kwami, na? methembe ulezi-ku, ngokuba ngisezakumdumisa ngokusindisa kobuso bakhe. lezi-ku wami, umphefumulo wami udangele phakathi kwami; ngakhoke ngikhumbula wena ezweni lasejordan, nakwela mahermoni, nasentabeni yasemisari. :6 dut. 3:8. utwa lubizana notwa ekuhlakomeni kwezimpophoma zakho; onke amadlambi akho namaza akho eqile phezu kwami. :7 amah. 69:2. emini ujeхова-aeiou uyaleza umusa wakhe; ebusuku isihlabelelo sakhe sikimi, ngikhuleke kulezi-ku wokuphila kwami. :8 amah. 92:2. ngizakuthi kulezi-ku, idwala lami: ungikhohlweleni na? ngihambelani ngilila, ngcindezelve yisitha, na? :9 amah. 13:1; 43:2. kunjengokuphohlozwa kwamathambo ami, nxa izitha zami zingiklodela, zithi kimi usuku lonke: uphi ulezi-ku wakho na? :10 amah. 115:2. yini ukuba udangale, mphefumulo wami, uyaluze phakathi kwami, na? methembe ulezi-ku, ngokuba ngisezakumdumisa yena oyinsindiso yobuso bami nolezi-ku wami.

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ngahlulele, lezi-ku ungimele endabeni yami esizweni esingenamusa, ngikhulule kumuntu wenkohliso nongenakulunga. :1 amah. 26:1. ngokuba wena lezi-ku uyisiphephelo sami; ungilahleleni na? ngihambelani ngilila, ngcindezelve yisitha, na? :2 amah. 42:9. thuma ukukhanya kwakho neqiniso lakho, kungihole, kungiyise entabeni yakho engcwele nasezindlini zakho, :3 2 sam. 6:17. ngize ngifike kulo i-altare likalezi-ku, kulezi-ku wenjabulo yokwethaba kwami, ngikudumise ngehabhu, lezi-ku, lezi-ku wami. :4 amah. 26:6. yini ukuba udangale, mphefumulo wami, uyaluze phakathi kwami, na? ngisezakumdumisa yena oyinsindiso yobuso bami nolezi-ku wami.

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kumholi wokuhlabelela. elamadodana kakora. imaskili. lezi-ku, sizwile ngezindlebe zethu, okhokho besilandisa ngesenzo owasenzayo emihleni yabo, emihleni yasendulo. :1 dut. 6:20; amah. 78:3. nguwe owabaxosha abezizwe ngesandla sakho, kepha bona wabatshala; wazichitha izizwe, kepha bona wabandisa. :2 eks. 15:17; amah. 9:5. ngokuba abalidlanga izwe ngenkemba yabo, nengalo yabo ayibasindisanga; kepha kwaba yisandla sakho sokunene, nengalo yakho, nokukhanya kobuso bakho, ngokuba

wawubathanda. :3 eks. 33:14; num. 6:25; josh. 24:12. wena lezi-ku uyinkosi yami; yaleza ukusindiswa kukajakobe. ngawe sizakulahl phansi izitha zethu; ngegama lakho sizakunyathela abasivukelayo. :5 amah. 18:38. ngokuba angiwethembi umn-salo wami, nenkamba yami ayingsindisi; :6 1 sam. 17:39. kepha nguwe owasisindisa ezitheni zethu, wajabhisa abasizondayo. sizincoma ngolezi-ku usuku lonke; igama lakho siyalibonga kuze kube phakade. sela :8 amah. 54:6. nokho ususilahlele, wasijabhisa; awusaphumi nezimpi zethu. :9 amah. 60:10. usihlehlelisa emuva esitheni; abasizondayo bayaziphangela. usinikezele ukudliwa njengezimvu, wasih-lakaza phakathi kwabezizwe. uthengisa ngesizwe sakho ngokuyize; awuzuzi lutho ngbona-ra-ukukhandlekaza ngaso. :12 dut. 32:30; abahl. 2:14; hez. 30:12. usenza isihlamba kubakhelwane bethu, inhleliso nendumazo kwabasiphahlileyo. :13 amah. 79:4. usenza isaga kwabezizwe, banikine ikhanda phakathi kwabantu. usuku lonke ukudunyazwa kwami kuphambi kwami, namahloni amboza ubuso bami :15 amah. 69:19. ngenxa yoklolodayo nojivazayo, ngenxa yesitha nomphindiseli. :16 amah. 74:10. konke lokho kusehlele, kodwa asikukhohlwanga wena; asisa-phulanga isivumelwano sakho. inhliziyo yethu ayibuyelanga emuva; izinyathelo zethu aziphambukanga endleleni yakho, uze usiphahlaze endaweni yezimpungushe, usimboze ngethunzi lokufa. uma ngabe sikhohliwe igama likalezi-ku wethu, sazulela izandla zethu kulezi-ku mumbé, ulezi-ku ubengayikukuhlola na? ngokuba yena uyazazi izimfihlakalo zenhliziyo. :21 amah. 7:9. yebo, ngenxa yakho sibulawa usuku lonke, siphathiswa okwezimvu zokuhlathiswa. :22 rom. 8:36. vuka, nkosi! ulaleleni na? vuka, ungasilahli njalonjalo. :23 math. 8:24. ubufihlelani ubuso bakho, ukhohlwe ukhulupheka nokucindezelwa kwethu, na? :24 amah. 69:17. ngokuba umphefumulo wethu ukhohamele othulini; umzimba wethu unamathele emhlabathini. sukuma, usisize, usihlenge ngenxa yomusa wakho.

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kumholi wokuhlabelela. indlela: iminduze. elamadodana kakora. imaskili. igama lothando. inhliziyo yami iyachichima ngendaba enhle; ngikhuluma igama engiliqambe ngenkosi; ulimi lwami lulusiba loloba ngokushesha. :1 amah. 2:6. umuhle wena kunabantwana babantu; ubuhle buthululele ezindebeni zakho; ngakho-ke ulezi-ku ukubusisile kuze kube phakade. :2 isihlab. 5:10; luk. 4:22. bophela inkemba

yakho okhalweni lwakho wena qhawe, kube ngukuphakama kwakho nobukhosi bakho. hlahlameleka ebukhosini bakho, uqhubeke ngenxa yeqiniso nokuthobeka nokulunga; isandla sakho sokunene siyakukufundisa izinto ezesabekayo. :4 amah. 72:4. imicibisholo yakho ibukhali, izizwe ziyawa phansi kwakho; isenhliziyweni yezitha zenkosi. isihlalo sakho sobukhosi, lezi-ku, singesaphakade naphakade; intonga yobuqotho iyintonga yombuso wakho. :6 2 sam. 7:13,16; amah. 89:4; heb. 1:8. ukuthandle ukulunga, wakuzonda bona-ra-ukukhandleka: ngakho-ke ulezi-ku, ulezi-ku wakho, ukugcobile ngamafutha enjabulo ngokungaphezu kwabangane bakho, zonke izingubo zakho ziqhohliwe ngenhlaka, nenhlaba, nekasiya; ezindlini zobukhosi zophondo lwendlovu ukubethwa kwezingubhu zezintambo kukujabulisile. amadodakazi amakhosi aphakathi kwabesifazane bakho abadumileyo; inkosikazi imi ngakwesokunene sakho, ihlobe igolide lase-ofiri. mawuzwe-ke, ndodakazi, uqaphele, ubeke indlebe yakho, ukhohlwe isizwe sakini nendlu kayihlo, :10 gen. 12:1. yikhona inkosi izakubuthanda ubuhle bakho, ngokuba yona iyinkosi yakho, woyikhotamela. indodakazi yasetire, yebo, nabacebileyo babantu bancenga umusa wakho ngesipho. :12 amah. 68:29; isaya 23:18; 60:6. indodakazi yenkosi inhle kakhulu, ilapho phakathi; ingubo yayo yalukiwe ngegolide. iyiswa enkosini igqoke izingubo ezifekethisiweyo; izintombi ezingabangane bayo ziyayilandela; ziyiswa kuwe. ziyiswa ngokujabula nangokwethaba, zingena endlini yenkosi. amadodana akho ayakuba sesikhundleni sawoyihlo; uyakuwabeka abe yizikhulu emhlabeni wonke. :16 math. 19:28; isamb. 1:6; 5:10. igama lakho ngiyakulenza likhunjulwe ezizukulwaneni zonke; ngakho-ke izizwe ziyakukubonga kuze kube phakade naphakade.

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kumholi wokuhlabelela. elamadodana kakora. nge-alamoti. igama. ulezi-ku uyisiphephelo sethu namandla ethu; ufunyaniswa elusizo impela ekhuluphekeni. ngakho-ke asiyyikwesaba nokuba kuguquka umhlaba, nezintaba zidilikela ekujuleni kolwandle, nokuba amanzi alo ehlokoma, ekhephuza, nezintaba zizamazama ngokukhukhumala kwalo. sela :3 amah. 65:7; isaya 17:12. ukhona umfula omanzi awo athokozisa umuzi kalezi-ku, indlu engcwele yophezukonke. :4 amah. 48:1. ulezi-ku uphakathi kwawo, awuyikuzanyazanyiswa; ulezi-ku uyakuwu-siza ngovivi lokusa. :5 amah. 30:5. izizwe



ziyaxokozela; imibuso iyazamazama; uphumisela izwi lakhe, umhlaba uncibilike. uJehova-aeiou seabawoti unathi; ulezi-ku kajakobe uyingqaba yethu. sela :7 rom. 8:31. wozani nibone izenzo zikajehova-aeiou, izincithakalo azenzileyo emhlabeni. :8 amah. 66:5. uphelisa ukulwa kuze kube semikhawulweni yomhlaba; uyaphula umnsalo, anqume umkhonto, izinqola zempi azishise ngomlilo. :9 amah. 76:3. thulani, niqonde ukuthi mina ngingulezi-ku; ngiyakuphakama phakathi kwabezizwe, ngiphakame emhlabeni. :10 isaya 30:15. uJehova-aeiou seabawoti unathi; ulezi-ku kajakobe uyingqaba yethu. sela

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kumholi wokuhlabelela. elamadodana kakora. ihubo. shayani izandla, zizwe zonke; hlokomani kulezi-ku ngezwi lokuhlalisa. :1 amah. 66:1. ngokuba uJehova-aeiou ophezukonke uyesabeka; uyinkosi enkulu phezu komhlaba wonke. :2 zak. 14:9; mal. 1:14. wathobisa abantu phansi kwethu, nezizwe phansi kwezinyawo zethu. :3 amah. 18:48. wasikhethela ifa lethu, udumo lukajakobe amthandayo. sela ulezi-ku wenyukile ngokuhlokoma, uJehova-aeiou ngokukhala kwecilongo. :5 amah. 68:18. hubelani ulezi-ku, hubani! hubelani inkosi yethu, hubani! ngokuba ulezi-ku uyinkosi yomhlaba wonke; hubani ihubo! ulezi-ku uyabusa izizwe; ulezi-ku uhlezi esihlalweni sakhe esingcwele sobukhosi. :8 amah. 22:28. izikhulu zabantu zibuthene, zibe yisizwe sikalezi-ku ka-abrahama, ngokuba izihlangu zomhlaba zingezikalezi-ku; uphakeme kakhulu.

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igama. ihubo lamadodana kakora. mkhulu uJehova-aeiou, udunyiswa kakhulu emzini kalezi-ku wethu entabeni yakhe engcwele. :1 amah. 76:1. inhle ngokuphakama, ingukuthokoza komhlaba wonke intaba yasesiyoni emaceleni asenyakatho, umuzi wenkosi enkulu. :2 math. 5:35. ulezi-ku uyaziwa ezindlini zawo zobukhosi ukuthi uyingqaba. :3 amah. 46:5. ngokuba bheka, amakhosi abuthana; aqhubeka kanyekanye. :4 2 izikr. 20:1. abona, ayesemangala; ashaywa luvalo, aphaphatheka. ehlelwa lapho ngukuthuthumela, yivuso njengakobe lethayo. ngomoya wasempumalanga waphula imikhumbi yasetharishishi. :7 isaya 33:23. njengalokho sizwile, kanjalo sikubonile emzini kajehova-aeiou seabawoti, emzini kalezi-ku wethu; ulezi-ku uyakuwumisa kuze kube phakade. sela siyazindla ngomusa wakho, jehova-aeiou, siphakathi ethempelini lakho. njengalo igama lakho,

lezi-ku, kunjalo ukubongwa kwakho kuze kube semikhawulweni yomhlaba; isandla sakho sokunene sigcwele ukulunga. mayijabule intaba yasesiyoni, kwethabe amadodakazi akwajuda ngenxa yezahlulelo zakho. zungezani isiyoni, nilikake, nibale imibhoshongo yalo. qaphelani izindonga zalo, nidabule izindlu zalo zobukhosi, ukuze nilandisele isizukulwane esizayo. ngokuba lo lezi-ku, ungulezi-ku wethu phakade naphakade; uzakusihola kuze kube sekufeni.

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kumholi wokuhlabelela. elamadodana kakora. ihubo. yizwani lokhu nonke nina bantu; bekanjalo indlebe nina nonke enakhileyo ezweni, abantukazana nezikhulu, abacebi-leyo nabampofu. umlomo wami uzakukhuluma ukuhlakanipha, ukuzindla kwenhliziyo yami kuzakuba ngokokuqonda. ngizakubeka indlebe yami kuso isaga, ngiphenye imfembe yami ngehabhu. :4 amah. 78:2. bengizakwesabelani ezinsukwini ezimbi, lapha ububi babangizingelayo bungihaga, labo abathemba imfuyo yabo bezigabisa ngomcebo wabo omkhulu, na? umuntu angemlenge umfowabo, angemnike ulezi-ku ihlawulo ngaye. ngokuba ukuhlengwa komphefumulo wabo kubiza kakhulu; akunakuphela nanini ukuba aphile njalo, angaboni ukubola. qha, uyakubona ukuthi abahlakaniphileyo bayafa nokuthi isiwula kanye nesiphukuphuku ziyabhubha, imfuyo yabo bayishiyele abanye. :10 shum. 2:16,18; jer. 17:11. ukucabanga kwabo kuthi izindlu zabo zizakuma kuze kube phakade, nemizi yabo ezizukulwaneni ngezizukulwane; amazwe abo bawabiza ngamagama abo. kepha umuntu, nokuba enodumo, akayikuma; ufana nezilwane ezibhubhayo. :12 shum. 3:19. le ndlela yabo ingubuwala babo, balandela ngabavumela umlomo wabo. sela baqhutshelwa endaweni yabafileyo njengezimvu; ukufa kuyakubalusa, abaqotho babuse phezu kwabo ngakusasa, isimo sabo siqedwe yindawo yabafileyo, bangabe besaba nandlu. kepha ulezi-ku uyakuwukhulula umphefumulo wami esandleni sendawo yabafileyo, ngokuba uyakungamukela. sela ungesabi, nxa umuntu eceba, nxa ubukhosi bendlu yakhe banda. :16 amah. 37:1,7. ngokuba ekufeni kwakhe akayikuphatha lutho; ubukhosi bakhe abuyikwehla naye. :17 jobe 27:16; amah. 39:6; luk. 12:15. noma ebusisa umphefumulo wakhe esaphila, futhi abantu bekudumisa, ngokuba uzondle kahle, nokho uyakuya esizukulwaneni sawoyise; abayikubona ukukhanya naphakade. umuntu onodumo engenakuqonda unjengezilwane ezibhubhayo.

ihubo lika-asafa. ulezi-ku umninimandla onke, ujevova-aeiou, uyakhuluma, ubiza umhlaba kusukela ekuphumeni kwelanga kuze kube sekushoneni kwalo. esi-yoni eliphelele ebuhleni ulezi-ku uqhambile ekukhanyeni. :2 amah. 48:2. ulezi-ku wethu uyeza, akayikuthula; umlilo udla phambi kwakhe; uphahlwe yisivunguvungu esikhulu. :3 amah. 97:3. ubiza izulu ngaphezulu kanye nomhlaba ukuba ahlulele isizwe sakhe: :4 dut. 31:28. buthelani kimi abangcwele bami benza isivumelwano nami ngomhlathshelo. izulu lishumayela ukulunga kwakhe, ngokuba ulezi-ku ungumahluleli. sela yizwa, sizwe sami, ngiyakukhuluma; israyeli, ngizakufakaza kuwe ukuthi: ngingulezi-ku, ulezi-ku wakho. angiyikukujezisa ngenxa yemihlatshelo yakho; iminikelo yakho yokushiswa iphambi kwami njalo. angiyikuthatha nkosi endlini yakho nampongo ezibayeni zakho. ngokuba zingezami zonke izilwane zehlathi, nezinkomo zasezintabeni eziyizinkulungwane. ngiyazazi zonke izinyoni zasezintabeni, nezilwane zasendle zaziwa yimi. uma bengilambile, bengegekutshela wena, ngokuba ungowami umhlaba wonke nokugcwala kwawo. :12 amah. 24:1. ngiyakudla yini inyama yezinkunzi, ngiphuze igazi lezimpongo, na? :13 isaya 1:11; mika 6:7. nikela kulezi-ku umnikelo wokubonga, uzigcwalise izithembiso zakho kophezukonke; :14 heb. 13:15. ngibize ngosuku lwenhlopheko; ngiyakukukhulula, wena uyakungidumisa. :15 amah. 13:5; math. 7:7. kepha komubi ulezi-ku uthi: yini ukuba ushumayele izimiso zami, uphathe isivumelwano sami ngomlomo wakho; :16 rom. 2:17. ingani uya-zonda ukuqondiswa, amazwi ami uwalahla emva kwakho, na? uma ubona isela, uvumelana nalo; neziphingi uhlanganyela nazo. :18 iza. 29:24. umlomo wakho uwuyekela ebubini; ulimi lwakho luqamba inkohliso. uhlahla uhleba umfowenu; uyevuza indodana kanyoko. lokho ukwenzile, ngathula; ushaye sengathi nginjengawe; ngizakukulaya, ngikubeke phambi kwamehlo akho. qaphelani lokho nina enikhohlwa ulezi-ku, funa nginidwengule, kungabikho osindisayo. onikela ngomnikelo wokubonga uyangidumisa; oqaphela indlela yakhe ngiyakumbonisa insindiso kalezi-ku.

kumholi wokuhlabela. ihubo likadavide ekufikeni komprofethi unathani kuye emva kokuya kwakhe kubati sheba. ngihawukele, lezi-ku, ngokomusa wakho; yesula iziphambeko zami ngokubele bakho obukhulu. ngigezisise ebubini bami, ungihlanze eson-

weni sami. ngokuba ngiyazazi iziphambeko zami; isono sami siphambi kwami njalo. ngonile kuwe wena wedwa, ngakwenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni akho, ukuze uthiwe ulungile ekukhulumeni kwakho, uchache ekwahluleleni kwakho. :4 rom. 3:4. bheka, ngazalelwa ebubini, umame wangu-githabatha esonweni. :5 gen. 8:21; jobe 14:4; 25:4; joh. 3:6. bheka, uthanda iqiniso ngaphakathi enhliziyweni; wongifundisa ukuhlakanipha ekujuleni kwenhliziyo. ngihlanze ngehisopi, ngihlambuluke; ngigeze, ngibe mhlophe kuneghwa. :7 lev. 14:4,6; num. 19:18; isaya 1:18. ngizwise intokozo nenjabulo, ukuze ethabe amathambo owachobozileyo. fihla ubuso bakho ezonweni zami, wesule zonke izenzo zami ezimbi. lezi-ku, dala kimi inhliyo ehlanzekileyo, uvuse umoya oqinileyo phakathi kwami. :10 hez. 11:19; 36:26. ungangilahli ebusweni bakho, ungangemuki umoya wakho ongwele. buyisela kimi ukuthokoza kwensindiso yakho, ungiphase ngomoya ovumayo. :12 rom. 8:15. khona ngiyakufundisa abaphambukayo izindlela zakho; nezoni ziyakuphendukela kuwe. ngikhulule ecaleni legazi, lezi-ku, lezi-ku wensindiso yami. khona ulimi lwami luyakuhubela ukulunga kwakho. :14 2 sam. 11:17. nkosi, vula izindebe zami, ukuze umlomo wami ulande ngodumo lwakho. ngokuba awuwuthandi umhlathshelo; noma bengizakunikela umnikelo wokushiswa, ubungayikuthokoza ngawo. :16 amah. 40:6; hos. 6:6. iminikelo kalezi-ku ingumoya owaphukileyo; inhliyo eyaphukileyo nedabukileyo, lezi-ku, awuyikuyidelela. :17 isaya 66:2. lenzele isiyoni okuhle ngokomusa wakho, uzakhe izingange zasejerusalema. khona uyakuyijabulela iminikelo yokulunga eshiswayo neshiswa yonke; khona bayakunikela ngezinkunzi phezu kwe-altare lakho.

kumholi wokuhlabela. imaskili likadavide ekufikeni kukadwegi wakwa-edomi emazisa usawule, ethi kuye: udavide ufikile endlini ka-ahimeleki. uzigabelani ngbona-ra-ukukhandleka wena siqhwa na? umusa kalezi-ku umi njalo. ulimi lwakho lusongoza bona-ra-ukukhandleka njengempuco eloliweyo, wena owenza amacebo. :2 amah. 57:4. uthanda bona-ra-ukukhandleka kunokuhle, namanga kunokukhuluma ukulunga. sela uthanda onke amazwi okubhubhisa wena lulimi lwenkohliso. ngakho-ke ulezi-ku uyakukubhidliza kuze kube phakade; uyakukubamba, akukhiphe etendeni lakho, akusiphule ezweni labaphilayo. sela abalungileyo bayakukubona, besabe; bayakumhleka, bathi: :6 amah. 58:10. bheka, nasi isiqhwa esingamen-

zanga ulezi-ku abe yinqaba yaso, kepha sethamba ingcebo yaso enkulu, siziqinisa ebubini baso. :7 amah. 62:10. kepha mina nginjengomnqumo oluhlaza endlini kalezi-ku; ngithemba umusa kalezi-ku njalonzalo kuze kube phakade naphakade. :8 amah. 92:12. ngizakukudumisa kuze kube phakade, ngokuba ukwenzile; ngizakulindela igama lakho, ngokuba lihle phambi kwabangcwele bakho.

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kumholi wokuhlabela. ngemahalati. imaskili likadavide. isiwula sithi enhliziyweni yaso: akakho ulezi-ku, iziphambeko zabo zimbi, ziyanengeka; akakho owenza okuhle. :1 amah. 10:4; 14:1. ulezi-ku esezulwini uyababheka abantwana babantu ukubona uma kukhona yini onokuqonda, ofuna ulezi-ku. :2 rom. 3:10. baphambukile bonke, bonakele bonke; akakho owenza okuhle, akakho noyedwa. abanakwazi yini abenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka, abadla abantu bami njengalokhu bedla isinkwa, bengakhuleki kulezi-ku. besaba nokwesaba, lapho kungekho okwesabisayo; ngokuba ulezi-ku wasakaza amathambo akhe owamisa ngakuwe; wena ubajabhisile, ngokuba ulezi-ku ubalahlile. sengathi kungavela ukusindiswa kuka-israyeli esiyoni. kuyakuthi lapho ulezi-ku eguqula ukuthunjwa kwabantu bakhe, ujakobe ethabe, u-israyeli ajabule.

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kumholi wokuhlabela. ngogubhu. imaskili likadavide ekufikeni kwabasezifi bethi kusawule: udavide ucashile kithina. lezi-ku, ngisindise ngegama lakho, ngahlulele ngamandla akho. :1 amah. 20:1; 31:3. lezi-ku, yizwa umkhuleko wami, ubeke indlebe emazwini omlomo wami. ngokuba abafu bangivukele; izidlova zifuna umphefumulo wami; azimbekile ulezi-ku phambi kwazo. sela :3 amah. 10:4. bheka, ulezi-ku ungumsizi wami; inkosi ikubo abaphasa umphefumulo wami. uyabuyisela bona-ra-ukukhandleka ezitheni zami; zibhubhise ngokweqiniso lakho. ngizakunikela kuwe ngesihle; ngizakulibonga igama lakho, jehova-aeiou, ngokuba lihle. ngokuba ungikhululile ekuhluphekeni konke; neso lami libuka izitha zami, lidele.

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kumholi wokuhlabela. ngogubhu. imaskili likadavide. lalela, lezi-ku, umkhuleko wami, ungazifihli ekunxuseni kwami. ngizwele,

ungiphendule; ngiyayaluza ekukhaleni kwami, ngiyabubula ngenxa yezwi lesitha, ngenxa yokucindezela komubi; ngokuba bagingqela bona-ra-ukukhandleka phezu kwami; bangizingela bethukuthele. inhliziyo yami iyathuthumela phakathi kwami; amavuso okufa angehele. :4 amah. 18:4. ngifikelwe luvalo nokuqhaqha; ngikhwelwe ngukwesaba okukhulu. besengithi: sengathi ngingaba namaphiko njengejuba; ngabe ngindizela ekudeni, ngihlale khona. :6 jer. 9:2. bheka, bengiyakubaleka, ngiye kude, ngingenise ehlane. sela ngabe ngiphuthuma indawo yokuphepha emoyeni ovunguzayo nasesiphephweni. bachithe, nkosi, uphambanise ulimi lwabo, ngokuba ngibonile ubudlwangudlwangu nokuxabana emzini. :9 gen. 11:9. imini nobusuku bahamba bezungeza phezu kwezizingane zawo; bona-ra-ukukhandleka nokushinga kuphakathi kwawo. ububi buphakathi kwawo; imbandezelo nenkohliso akusuki esigcawini sawo. ngokuba akusiso isitha esingikolodelayo; ngabe ngiyakuthwala; akusiye ongizondayo oziphakamise phezu kwami; ngabe ngamcasha; kepha nguwe ntanga yami, mhlobo wami nomngane wami. :13 2 sam. 16:23. sasihlalisana kamnandi; sasiya endlini kalezi-ku kanye nebandla elithokozayo. ukufa makubazume, bashonele endaweni yabafileyo besezwa, ngokuba ububi busezindlini zabo nasezinhliziyweni zabo. :15 num. 16:23. mina ngizakukhala kulezi-ku; ujhova-aeiou uzakungisindisa. kusihlwa nasekuseni nasemini ngizakuzikhalela, ngibubule, abeselizwa izwi lami. :17 dan. 6:10. uyawuhlenga umphefumulo wami ngokuthula, bangasondeli kimi, ngokuba baningi abamelene nami. :18 amah. 56:2. ulezi-ku uzakuzwa, abaphendule, yena okhona kwaphakade. sela yibona kambe okungekho kubo ukuphenduka, nabangamesabiyo ulezi-ku. ubeka isanda ngakuye ohlalisene kahle naye; udumazile isivumelwano sakhe. umlomo wakhe ubushlezi kunephehlwa, kepha inhliziyo yakhe iyimpi; amazwi akhe athambile kunamafutha; nokho ayizinkemba ezikhokhiweyo. :21 amah. 57:4; 59:7. phonsa phezu kukajehova-aeiou umthwalo wakho, uzakukuphasa; akayikuvuma naphakade ukuba olungileyo azanyazanyiswe. :22 math. 6:25; luk. 12:22; 1 pet. 5:7. wena lezi-ku ukubaphonsa egodini lokubhubhisa; abantu begazi nenkohliso abayikufinelela nasenxenyeni yezinsuku zabo; kepha mina ngizakwethemba wena.

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kumholi wokuhlabela. indlela: ijuba elithulayo emajukujukwini. elikadavide. imiktamu, ekubanjweni kwakhe ngamafilisti

egati. yiba nomusa kimi, lezi-ku, ngokuba abantu bafuna ukungigwinya; usuku lonke bayangcindezela belwa. izitha zami zifuna ukungigwinya usuku lonke; ngokuba baningi abalwa nami ngokuzidla. :2 amah. 3:1. mhla ngesabayo ngiyakwethemba wena. kulezi-ku ngiyakudumisa izwi lakhe; ngithemba ulezi-ku, angiyikwesaba; inyama ingangenzani na? :4 2 izikr. 32:8; jer. 17:5; heb. 13:6. amazwi ami bawahlanekezela usuku lonke; yonke imicabango yabo iqonde ukungona. bayabuthana, baqamekele, baqaphele izinyathelo zami, njengokuba beqamekela umphefumulo wami. bayakuphunyuka yini ebubini babo na? diliza izizwe ngentukuthelo, lezi-ku. :7 amah. 59:5,13. ukuzula kwami ukubalile wena; yetha izinyembezi zami egabheni lakho; azikho encwadini yakho na? :8 mal. 3:16. khona izitha zami ziyakubuyela emuva mhla ngikhalayo; ngiyakwazi lokhu ukuthi ulezi-ku unami. kulezi-ku ngiyakulidumisa izwi; kujehova-aeiou ngiyakulidumisa izwi. ngiyethemba kulezi-ku, angiyikwesaba; umuntu angangenzani na? :11 amah. 118:6. lezi-ku, izithembiso zami kuwe ziphezu kwami; ngiyakunikela kuwe iminikelo yokubonga. :12 amah. 66:12. ngokuba uwukhululile umphefumulo wami ekufeni nezinyawo zami ekuweni, ukuze ngihambe ebusweni bukalezi-ku ekukhanyeni kwabaphilayo.

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kumholi wokuhlabelela. indlela: ungachithi. elikadavide. imiktamu, mhla ebalekela usawule emphandwini. yiba nomusa kimi, lezi-ku; yiba nomusa kimi. ngokuba umphefumulo wami uphephela kuwe; ngifuna ukukhosela ethunzini lamaphiko akho, zize zidlule izinhlupeko. :1 amah. 17:8; 36:7; 91:4. ngizakukhala kulezi-ku ophezukonke, kulezi-ku ongefeyelayo. uyakuthumela esezulwini, angisindise mhla ofuna ukungigwinya ekloloda. sela ulezi-ku uyakuthuma umusa wakhe neqiniso lakhe. umphefumulo wami uphakathi kwezinyonyama; ngilala kwabavutha umlilo, abantwana babantu abamazinyo abo ayimikhonto nemicibisholo, abalulimi lwabo luyinkemba ebukhali. :4 amah. 55:21; 59:7. phakama, lezi-ku, phezu kwezulu, inkazimulo ibe phezu komhlaba wonke. izinyathelo zami bazibekele ugibe; umphefumulo wami ugobile; bembile igebe phambi kwami, kwakhalakathela bona kulo. sela :6 amah. 7:15; 9:15. inhliziyoyami iduduzekile, lezi-ku; inhliziyoyami iduduzekile; ngizakuhlabelela, ngihube. :7 amah. 108:1. vuka, mphefumulo wami; vukani, lugubhu nehahhu! ngizakuvusa ukusa. :8 amah. 30:12. ngizakukubonga, nkosi, phakathi kwabantu,

ngikudumise phakathi kwezizwe. ngokuba umusa wakho mkhulu kuze kube sezulwini, nokuthembeka kwakho kuze kube semafwini. :10 amah. 36:5. phakama, lezi-ku, phezu kwezulu, inkazimulo yakho ibe phezu komhlaba wonke.

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kumholi wokuhlabelela. indlela: unga-chithi. elikadavide. imiktamu. imbala nikhuluma ukulunga ngokuthula na? madodana abantu, nahlulela ngobuqotho na? :1 isaya 56:10. ingani enhliziyweni niphehla imisebenzi emibi; ezweni nilinganisa ngesilinganiso ukudluzela kwezandla zenu. ababi bahlubuka kwasesizalweni, abaqamba amanga baduka kwasesiswini. :3 isaya 48:8. isihlungu sabo sinjengesihlungu senyoka; banjengebululu eliyisithulu, elivimba indlebe yalo, :4 jer. 17:23; hez. 12:2; ize. 7:57. lingalaleli izwi lezinyanga ezilumba amalumbo ngokuhlakanipha. yapfula amazinyo abo emlonyeni wabo, lezi-ku! phohloza amazinyo omhlathi ezinyonyama ezingamabhongo, jehova-aeiou! :6 amah. 3:7. mabaphele njengamanzi agobhozayo; nxa ekhomba ngemicibisholo yakhe, mayibe sengathi iqudekile. :7 jobe 14:10. mababe njengomnenke oncibilika, uphele, njengokuphuphume kowesifazane okungalibonanga ilanga. :8 jobe 3:16. amabhodwe enu engakazizwa izinkuni zameva, uyakuziphephula, noma ziluhlaza noma zivutha. olungileyo uyakujabula ngokuba ebona impindiselo; uyakugeza izinyawo zakhe egazini lababi, :10 amah. 54:7. abantu baze bathi: impela ukhona umvuzo wolungileyo; impela ukhona ulezi-ku owahlulelayo emhlabeni.

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kumholi wokuhlabelela. indlela: ungachithi. elikadavide. imiktamu, mhla usawule ethumela, ethi mabayilinde indlu ukuba bambulale. ngikhulule ezitheni zami, lezi-ku wami, ngivikele kwabangivukelayo; ngikhulule kwabenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka, ngisindise kubantu begazi. ngokuba bheka, baqamekela umphefumulo wami; iziqhwaga ziyangihlanganyela, kungekho siphambeko, kungekho sono kimi, jehova-aeiou. ziyagijima, zizilungisele, kungekho cala kimi; vuka, ungihlangebeze, ubone. wena kambe, jehova-aeiou lezi-ku sebawoti, lezi-ku ka-israyeli, vuka uphindisele bonke abezizwe, ungahawukeli namunye kwabahlubukileyo. sela bayabuya kusihlwa, bahlaba umkhulungwane njengenja, bezela emzini. bheka, bayampompa ngomlomo wabo, kukhona izinkemba ezindebeni zabo, ngokuba bathi:

ngubani ozwayo na? :7 amah. 55:21; 57:4. kepha wena jehova-aeiou uyabahlaka; uyabaklolodela bonke abezizwe. :8 amah. 2:4. mandla ami, ngiyakulindela wena, ngokuba ulezi-ku uyingqaba yami. ulezi-ku wami uyakungihlangabeza ngomusa wakhe; ulezi-ku uyakungibonisa izitha zami ngokwethaba. ungazibulali, funa abantu bami bakhohlwe; zizulise ngamandla akho, uzilahle phansi, nkosi, sihlangu sethu. :11 gen. 4:12. izwi lezindebe zazo liyiso somlomo wazo; mazibanjwe ekuzidleni kwazo nangenxa yesiqalekiso namanga eziwakhulumayo. ziqede ngokuthukuthela, ziqede zingabe zisabakho; mazazi ukuba ngulezi-ku obusa kwajakobe, kuze kube semikhawulweni yomhlaba. sela ziyabuya kusihlwa; zihlaba umkhulungwane njen-genja, zizula emzini. zizulazulela ukudla; uma zingasuthi, zihlala nasebusuku. :15 isaya 8:21. kepha mina ngizakuhlabelela ngamandla akho, ngethabele umusa wakho ekuseni, ngokuba uyingqaba yami, nesiphephelo ngosuku lokuhlupheka kwami. mandla ami, ngizakuhubela wena; ngokuba ulezi-ku uyingqaba yami, ungulezi-ku wami womusa.

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kumholi wokuhlabelela. indlela: umnduze; ubufakazi. imiktamu likadavide, ekulweni kwakhe nama-aramu naharayimi nama-aramu soba, ujoyabe ebuya, enqoba abakwa-edomi esigodini sikasawoti abay-izinkulungwane eziyishumi nambili. lezi-ku usilahlele, usichithile; mawubuye usilumise. uzamazamisile umhlaba, wawud-abula izimfa; zivale izimfa zawo, ngokuba uyazamazama. isizwe sakho usibonisile izinto ezinzima; usiphuzisile iwayini, sab-huyazela. :3 amah. 75:8; isaya 51:17,22; jer. 25:15. abakwesabayo ubanike ibhanela ukuba liphakanyiswe ngenxa yeqiniso. sela ukuze abathandekayo bakho bakhululwe, sindisa ngesandla sakho sokunene, ungizwele. :5 amah. 108:6. ulezi-ku ukhulumele ebungcweleni bakhe, wathi: ngiyakwethaba; ngiyakulidabala ishekemi, ngisilinganise isigodi sasesukoti. ngowami ugileyadi, ngowami umanase; u-efrayimi uyisivikelo sekhandla lami, ujuda uyintonga yami yokubusa. :7 gen. 49:10. umowabi uyisitsha sami sokuhlambela; phezu kuka-edomi ngiphonsa isicathulo sami; yethaba ngami, filistiya. :8 num. 24:17; 2 sam. 8:1,2,13,14. ngubani oyakungiyisa emzini oqinileyo na? ngubani oyakungiholela kwa-edomi na? akusiwena lezi-ku osilahlileyo na? lezi-ku, awusaphumi nezimpi zethu. :10 amah. 44:9. siphe ukuba sisizakale ekuhluphekeni, ngokuba ukusiza komuntu kuyize. :11 jer. 17:5. ngolezi-ku siyakwenza izenzo zamandla; yena uyakunathela

phansi izitha zethu.

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kumholi wokuhlabelela. ngogubhu. elika-davide. yizwa, lezi-ku, ukukhala kwami, ulalele umkhuleko wami, ngikhala kuwe ngisemkhawulweni womhlaba, laphe inhliziyoyami isebuthakathakeni; ngiholele edwaleni eliphakeme kunami. ngokuba ubuyisiphephelo sami, inqaba eqinileyo ngakuso isitha. ngiyakuhlala etendeni lakho kuze kube phakade; ngiyakukhosela ekusithakeni kwamaphiko akho. sela ngokuba wena lezi-ku uzizwile izithembiso zami, wabanika ifa abalesaba igama lakho. uyakweleka izinsuku ezinsukwini zenkosi; iminyaka yayo iyakuba njengezizukulwane nezizukulwane. iyakuhlala phambi kukulezi-ku kuze kube phakade; yimisele umusa neqiniso ukuba kuyilondolozwe. khona ngiyakulidumisa igama lakho kuze kube phakade, ukuze ngigcwalise izithembiso zami imihla ngemihla.

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kumholi wokuhlabelela. kujeduthuni. ihubo likadavide. umphefumulo wami uzithulele kulezi-ku kuphela; insindiso yami ivela kuye. nguye kuphela oyidwala lami nensindiso yami, inqaba yami; angiyikunyakaziswa kakhulu. koze kube nini nisukela umuntu ukuba nimbulele nonke njengodonga olwengemeyo nothango oludilikayo na? yebo, bathunga icebo lokumwisa ekuphakameni kwakhe, bathanda amanga; bayabusisa ngomlomo wabo, kepha ezibilinini zabo bayaqalekisa. sela mphefumulo wami, zithulisele kulezi-ku kuphela, ngokuba ithemba lami livela kuye. nguye kuphela oyidwala lami nensindiso yami, inqaba yami; angiyikunyakaziswa. insindiso yami nodumo lwami kukulezi-ku; idwala lami eliqinileyo nesiphephelo sami kukulezi-ku. thembani kuye ngezikhathi zonke nina bantu, nithulule inhliziyoyenu phambi kwakhe; ulezi-ku uyisiphephelo sethu. sela abantwana babantu bangumoya nje, abantwana bezikhulu bangamanga; esilinganiseni bayakhuphuka, balula kunomoya bonke. maningakwethembi ukuqhanga, ningazigabisi ngokuphangiweyo; uma imfuyo yanda, ningayibeki inhliziyoyenu. ulezi-ku ukhulumele kanye, ngikuzwe kabili ukuthi amandla angakulezi-ku. nomusa ungowakho, nkosi; ngokuba wena umphindisela umuntu njengokwenza kwakhe.

ihubo likadavide esehlane lakwajuda. lezi-ku, wena ungulezi-ku wami, ngiyakufuna ekuseni; umphefumulo wami womele wena; inyama yami ilangazelela wena ezweni elomileyo eligagadekileyo, lapho amanzi engekho khona. kanjalo ngikubheka endlini engcwele, ngibone amandla akho nenkazimulo yakho. ngokuba umusa wakho umnandi kunokuphila; izindebe zami ziyakukudumisa. ngiyakukubonga ngisaphila; ngiyakuphakamisa izandla zami egameni lakho. umphefumulo wami uyakusutha kungathi ngamanoni namafutha; umlomo wami uyakudumisa ngezindebe ezethabayo, nxa ngikukhumbula ecansini lami, ngizindla ngawe emilindweni yasebusuku. ngokuba ungisizile; ngiyakwethaba ethunzini lamaphiko akho. umphefumulo wami ubambelele kuwe; esokunene sakho siyangiphasa. kepha abafuna umphefumulo wami ukuwubulala bayakwehlala ezindaweni zomhlaba eziphansi. bayakunikelwa esandleni senkemba, babe yisabelo sezimpungushe. kepha inkosi iyakuthokoza ngolezi-ku; bonke abafunga yena bayakuzibonga; ngokuba umlomo wabakhuluma amanga uyakuvalwa.

kumholi wokuhlabela. ihubo likadavide. yizwa, lezi-ku, izwi lami ekukhaleni kwami, ulondolozwe ukuphila kwami evusweni lesitha. ngisithe esigungwini sababi nasesixukwini sabenza bonara-ukukhandleka, abalola ulimi lwabo njengenkemba, bakhombe imicibisholo yabo engamazwi ababayo ukuba bamdubule ongenacala ngasesitha, bamdubule ngokuzuma bengesabi. baqinela icebo elibi; bakhuluma ngokufihla izingibe; bathi: ngubani oyakusibona na? basongoza izenzo ezimbi, bathi: siliqedile icebo elisongoziweyo, izibilini nenhliziyo yomuntu kujulile. kepha ulezi-ku uyakubadubula ngomicibisholo; bagwazwe ngokuzunywa. bayakuwiswa, baficwe lulimi lwabo; bonke abababonayo bayonikina ikhanda. bonke abantu bayashaywa luvale; bayakushumayela izenzo zikalezi-ku, baqonde akwenzileyo. olungileyo uyakujabula kujehova-aeiou, aphephele kuye; bonke abaqotho ngenhliziyo bayakuzibonga.

kumholi wokuhlabela. ihubo likadavide. igama. udumiso luhlalela wena lezi-ku esiyoni, nesithembiso siyakugcwaliswa kuwe. wena ozwayo imikhuleko, beza kuwe bonke abantu. izenzo ezimbi zan-

gahlula; iziphambeko zethu uyaziyekela. ubusisiwe omkhethayo wena, omsondezayo ukuba ahlale emagcekeni akho; siyakusutha ngokuhle kwendlu yakho, ithempeli lakho elingcwele. uyakusiphendula ngezenzo ezesabekayo ekulungeni, lezi-ku wensindiso yethu, wena oyithemba lemikhawulo yonke yomhlaba nelolwandle olukude; yena omisa izintaba ngamandla akhe, obhince amandla; othulisa ukuduma kwezilwandle, inhlokomo yamazaza azo nomsindo wabantu. abakhile emikhawulweni yomhlaba bayesaba ngezibonakalisizakho; uyethabisa impumalanga nentshonalanga. uhambela umhlaba, unisa imvula, uvuvundisa kakhulu; umfula kalezi-ku ugcwele amanzi; ubalungisela abantu ukudla, ngokuba uwulungisa kanjalo umhlaba. umatisa imisele yawo, ulalisa amasoyi awo; uwuthambisa ngezihlambi, ubusise okumila kuwo. umnyaka uyawuhlobisa ngobumnene bakho, nemikhondo yakho iconsa amafutha. amadlelo asehlane ayaconsa; amagquma abhinca injabulo. amadlelo embethe izimvu, nezigodi zisibekelwe ngamabele; konke kuyajabula, kuhlabela.

kumholi wokuhlabela. igama. ihubo. mhubeleni ngenjabulo ulezi-ku, mhlaba wonke. hlabelelani inkazimulo yegama lakhe, nibabaze ukudunyiswa kwakhe. yishoni kulezi-ku, nithi: yeka ukwesabeka kwemisebenzi yakho. ngenxa yobukhulu bamandla akho izitha zakho ziyakuzithoba phansi kwakho. umhlaba wonke uyakukhuleka kuwe, ukudumise; bayakuhubela igama lakho. sela wozani nibone izenzo zikalezi-ku; uyesabeka ekwenzeni kwakhe kubantwana babantu. ulwandle waluguqula lwaba yizwe elomileyo; bawela umfula ngezinyawo; lapho sathokoza kuye. ubusa ngamandla akhe kuze kube phakade; amehlo akhe ayahlozinga izizwe; abanenani mabangaziphakamisi. sela bongani ulezi-ku wethu nina zizwe, nizwakalise izwi lokudunyiswa kwakhe ogcina umphefumulo wethu ekuphileni, engaluvumeli unyawo lwethu lushelele. ngokuba wena lezi-ku usilingile, wasihlanza njengokuhlanzwa kwesiliva. wasingenisa enetheni; wabeka umthwalo onzima ezinkalweni zethu. wavumela abantu ukuba bakhwele phezu kwamakhanda ethu; sangena emlilweni nasemanzini; kepha wasikhiphela ekubuseni. ngiyakungena endlini yakho ngineminikelo yokushiswa; ngizakugcwalisa kuwe izithembiso zami ezaphinyiselwa yizindebe zami, zakhulunywa ngumlomo wami ngisekühluphekeni. ngiyakunikela kuwe iminikelo yokushiswa yezinonileyo kanye nephunga lezinqama; ngiyakunikela ngezinkunzi nangezimpongo.

sela wozani nizwe nina nonke enesaba ulezi-ku; ngizakulandisa akwenzele umphefumulo wami. ngakhala kuye ngomlomo wami; ukudumisa kwakuphansi kolimi lwami. uma bengiqonde ububi enhliziyweni yami, ibingayikungizwa inkosi. ngempela ulezi-ku uzwile, walalela izwi lomkhuleko wami. makabongwe ulezi-ku ongalahlanga umkhuleko wami nomusa wakhe kimi.

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kumholi wokuhlabelela. ngogubhu. ihubo. igama. ulezi-ku makabe nomusa kithina, asibusise; makakhanyise ubuso bakhe phezu kwethu, sela ukuze indlela yakho yaziwe emhlabeni, insindiso yakho kubo bonke abezizwe. abantu mabakubonge, lezi-ku; mabakubonge abantu bonke. izizwe mazijabule, zethabe; ngokuba izizwe uzahlulale ngokulungu, uzihola izizwe emhlabeni. sela abantu mabakubonge, lezi-ku; mabakubonge abantu bonke. umhlaba uthelile izithelo zawo; ulezi-ku, ulezi-ku wethu, uyasibusisa. ulezi-ku uyasibusisa; imikhawulo yonke yomhlaba iyakumesaba.

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kumholi wokuhlabelela. elikadavide. ihubo. igama. makavuke ulezi-ku, zihlakazeke izitha zakhe; abamzondayo babaleka phambi kwakhe. bamukiswa njengokumukiswa komusi; njengokuncibilika kwengcina phambi komlilo ababi bachithwa phambi kukalezi-ku. kepha abalungileyo bayajabula; bayethaba phambi kukalezi-ku bethokoza nokuthokoza. hlabelalani kulezi-ku, nidumise igama lakhe; menzeleni umendo lowo odabula amahlane; igama lakhe lingujehova-aeiou; yethabani phambi kwakhe, uyise wezintandane, umahluleli wabafelokazi, ulezi-ku endlini yakhe engcwele, ulezi-ku ohlalisa imihlalaqha ezindlini, akhiphele iziboshwa ekubuseni; ngabahlubukileyo bodwa abakhe ezweni elomileyo. lezi-ku, ekuphumeni kwakho phambi kwabantu bakho, ekudabuleni kwakho ihlane, sela umhlaba wamazama, izulu laconsa phambi kukalezi-ku, nesinayi lamamazama phambi kukalezi-ku, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli. wanisa imvula enkulu, lezi-ku; ifa lakho selahlulekile, waliqinisa. ibandla lakho lakha kulo; ngobuhle bakho wabalungisela abahluphekayo, lezi-ku. inkosi iphumisa izwi; abesifazane ababika indaba ejabulisayo bayisixuku esikhulu. amakhosi ezimpi ayabaleka; ayabaleka wona; isifazane esihlezi ekhaya sabela impango. nxa nilala phakathi kwezibaya, kunjengamaphiko ejuba asibekelwa ngesiliva, izimpaphe zamaphiko alo ngegolide elikhazimulayo. nxa uso-

mandla ehlakaza amakhosi kulo, likhithika iqhwa esalimoni. intaba yasebashani iyintaba kalezi-ku; intaba yasebashani iyintaba eneziqongo. nina zintaba ezineziqongo, yini ukuba niyibuke ngomhawu intaba ulezi-ku athanda ukuhlala kuyo na? yebo, ujeхова-aeiou uyakuhlala kuyo kuze kube phakade. izinqola zikalezi-ku ziyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili, izinkulungwane nezinkulungwane; inkosi iphakathi kwazo; isinayi lisendaweni engcwele. wena wenyukela phezulu, wathumba izithunjwa, wamukela izipho kubantu nakwabahlubukileyo, ukuze ujeхова-aeiou ulezi-ku ahlale khona. mayibongwe inkosi. iyasithwala imihla ngemihla; ulezi-ku uyinsindiso yethu. sela kithina ulezi-ku ungulezi-ku wezinkululo; ukukhipha ekufeni kungokukajehova-aeiou inkosi. impela ulezi-ku uyakuliphohloza ikhanda lezitha zakhe, ukhakhayi olunesihluthu lwalowo osahamba ezonweni zakhe. inkosi yathi: ngiyakubabuyisa ebashani, ngibabuyise ekujuleni kolwandle ukuba unyawo lwakho ulucwilise egazini, ulimi lwezinja zakho lube nesabelo salo ezitheni. bayazibona izindwendwe zakho, lezi-ku, izindwendwe zikalezi-ku wami, inkosi yami, ziya endlini engcwele. ngaphambili kuhamba abahlabeleli, ngasemuva abashaya ugubhu, ngaphakathi izintombi ezishaya izingubhu. bongani ulezi-ku emihlanganweni; bongani inkosi, nina bomthombo ka-israyeli. nango ubenjamini, omncane, umbusi wabo, neviyo lezikhulu zakwajuda, izikhulu zakwazebuloni nezikhulu zakwanafetali. ulezi-ku wakho ukumisele amandla akho; qinisa, lezi-ku, lokho ozenzela khona. ngenxa yethempeli lakho ejerusalem amakhosi ayakukulethela izipho. zikhuze izilwane zasemhlangeni, umhlambi wezinkunzi kanye namankonyane abantu, azithobise phansi ngezinqamu zesiliva; uyazihlakaza izizwe ezithanda ukulwa. izikhulu ziyakuvela egibithe; amakushe ayakwelulela ngokushe-sha izandla zawo kulezi-ku. nina mibuso yomhlaba mhubeleni ulezi-ku, nidumise inkosi, sela yona ekhwela phezu kwamazulu ezulu asendulo; bhekani, iyezwakalisa izwi layo, izwi elinamandla. nikani ulezi-ku amandla; ubukhosi bakhe buphezu kuka-israyeli; amandla akhe asemafwini. lezi-ku, uyesabeka ezindaweni zakho ezingcwele; ulezi-ku ka-israyeli nguyena owenzela abantu amandla nokuqina; makadunyiswe ulezi-ku.

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kumholi wokuhlabelela. indlela: iminduze. elikadavide. ngisindise, lezi-ku, ngokuba amanzi afkile emphefumulweni. ngishone odakeni lobishi olujulileyo, kungekho kuma;

ngingene emanzini alutwa; imisinga iyangicwilisa. ngikhathele ukukhala kwami, umphimbo wami ushile; amehlo ami ayafiphala ekulindeleni ulezi-ku wami. abangizonda ngeze baningi kunezinwele zekhanda lami; baningi abafuna ukungiqeda beyizitha zami kungekho sici; nengingakuphanganga ngakubuyisela. lezi-ku, wena uyabazi ubuwula bami, nezono zami azifihlakele kuwe. mabangjabhiswa ngami abakulindeleyo, nkosi jehova-aeiou sebawoti; mabanghlazeki ngami abakufunayo, lezi-ku ka-israyeli. ngokuba ngithwele isihlamba ngenxa yakho; ihlazo lisibekela ubuso bami. sengaba ngumfokazi kubafowethu, nowezizwe kubantwana bakamame. ngokuba ukushisekela indlu yakho kungdilile; izithuko zabakuthukayo zingehlele. ngakhala, umphefumulo wami wazila; kwaba ngukudunyazwa kwami. isaka ngalenza isambatho sami; ngaba yisaga kubo. abahlezi esangweni bakhuluma ngami; izidakwa ziyangihaya. kodwa mina, umkhuleko wami ukuwe jehova-aeiou esikhathini sokuzwelwa, lezi-ku; ngenxa yomusa wakho omkhulu ngiphendule eqinisweni lensindiso yakho. ngikhiphe odakeni, mangingashoni; mangisindiswe kubo abangizondayo, nasemanzini alutwa. isikhukhula samanzi masingangicwilisi, utwa lungangiwinyi, umgodi ungangivaleli emlonyeni wawo. ngiphendule, jehova-aeiou, ngokuba umusa wakho ulungile; uphendukele kimi ngokobubele bakho obukhulu. ungayifihleli inceku yakho ubuso bakho, ngokuba ngiyahlupheka; shesha ungiphendule. sondela kuwo umphefumulo wami, uwuhlenge, ngikhulule ngenxa yezitha zami. wena uyakwazi ukuthukwa kwami, namahloni ami nokudunyazwa kwami; zonke izitha zami ziphambi kwakho. ukuthukwa kuyaphulile inhliziyoyami, ngigula kakhulu; bengibheka ukuhawukelwa, kepha akwabakho, nabaduduzayo, kepha angibatholanga. banginika inyongo ibe ngukudla kwami; ekomeni kwami bangiphuzisa uviniga. itafula labo malibe yisihlabe phambi kwabo, libe lugibe kwabahlezi bezithulele. amehlo abo mawafiphale, ukuze bangaboni; izinkalo zabo zintengezele njalo. thela phezu kwabo ukunengwa kwakho; intukuthelo yakho evuthayo mayibafice. umuzi wabo mawuchitheke; makungabikho ohlala ematendeni abo. ngokuba oshaywe nguwe bayamzingela, baxoxa ngobuhlungu bezinkubela zakho. yengezela ukona ekoneni kwabo; mabangezi ekulungeni kwakho. mabesulwe encwadini yabaphilayo, bangalotshwa kanye nabalungileyo. mina kodwa ngihluphekile, ngibuhlungu; insindiso yakho, lezi-ku mayingilondolozelwe. ngiyakulibonga ngehubo igama likalezi-ku, ngimpahakamise ngokubonga. kuyakuthandeka kujehova-

aeiou kunenkomo, kunenkunzi enezimpondo nezinselo. kuyakuthi abayizivi bekubona, bajabule; nina enifuna ulezi-ku, inhliziyoyenu mayiphile. ngokuba ujeheva-aeiou uyabalalela abampofu, neziboshwa zakhe akazideleli. uyakubongwa yizulu nomhlaba, yizilwandle nakho konke okuphila kuzo. ngokuba ulezi-ku uzakulisindisa isiyoni, akhe imizi yakwajuda; bazakuhlala khona, ibe yifa labo. inzalo yezinceku zakhe iyakulidla ifa; abathanda igama lakhe bayakuhlala kuyo.

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kumholi wokuhlabelela. elikadavide. elokukhumbuzo. lezi-ku, phuthuma ungikhulule. jehova-aeiou, phuthuma ungisize. mabajabhe, bayangaze abafuna umphefumulo wami. mababuyiselwe emuva, bajabhiswe abangifisela umonakalo. abathi ashila, ashila mababuyele emuva ngenxa yokuhlazeka kwabo. mabethabe, bajabule kuwe bonke abakufunayo; abathanda insindiso yakho mabasho njalonzalo, bathi: makabe mkhulu ulezi-ku. ngokuba mina ngihluphekile, ngimpofu; lezi-ku, ngiphuthumele. wena uyinsizakalo yami nomkhulu wami; jehova-aeiou, ungalingali.

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jehova-aeiou, ngiyethemba wena; mangingajabhi naphakade. ngikhulule ngokulunga kwakho, ungihlangule; beka indlebe yakho kimi, ungisindise. yiba kimi idwala lokuhlala, ukuze ngiye kulo njalonzalo; ukuyalezile ukusindiswa kwami, ngokuba uyidwala lami nenqaba yami. lezi-ku wami, ngikhulule esandleni somubi, esandleni songalungile nesonakeleyo. ngokuba wena uyithemba lami, nkosi jehova-aeiou, ithemba lami kwasebusheni bami. ngencike kuwe kwasesiswini; nguwe owangikhipha ezibilinini zikamame; ukudumisa kwami kuyakuba ngawe njalo. nginjengesimangaliso kwabaningi, kepha wena uyisiphephelo sami esinamandla. umlomo wami uzakugcwala ukubonga wena, nalo udumo lwakho usuku lonke. ungangilahli esikhathini sobudala, ungangishiyi ekupheleni kwamandla ami, ngokuba izitha zami zikhuluma ngami, nabawuhleme umphefumulo wami bayahlebelana, bathi: ulezi-ku umshiyile; zingelani nimbambe, ngokuba akakho osindisayo. lezi-ku, ungabi kude nami; lezi-ku, phuthuma ungisize. abamelene nomphefumulo wami mabajabhe, baphele; abangifunela umonakalo mabembathe amahloni nenhlamba. mina kodwa ngiyakwethemba njalo, ngengeze ukudumisa ekudunyisweni



kwakho. umlomo wami uyakulanda ukulunga kwakho, nensindiso yakho lonke usuku; ngokuba anginakukubala. ngiyakuletha izenzo ezinqabileyo zenkosi uJehova-aeiou; ngiyakubonga ukulunga kwakho, okwakho kuphela. lezi-ku, ungifundisile kwasebusheni bami; ngizilandile izimangaliso zakho kuze kube manje. futhi mawungangishiyi, nxa ngimdala, ngiyimpunga, ngize ngishumayele ingalo yakho kuso isizukulwane, amandla akho kubo bonke abezayo. ukulunga kwakho, lezi-ku, kufinyelele ezulwini; wena owenze izinto ezinkulu, lezi-ku, ngubani onjengawe na? wena owasizwisa izinhlupheko eziningi ezimbi, uyakubuye usiphilise, usikhuphule ezinzulwini zomhlaba. yandisa udumo lwami, ubuye ungiduduze. yikhona nami ngizakububonga ubuqotho bakho, lezi-ku wami, ngogubhu lwezintambo; ngizakukudumisa ngehabhu wena ongwele ka-israyeli. izindebe zami zizakujabula, ngokuba ngizakukudumisa wena, nomphefumulo wami owuhlengileyo. ulimi lwami futhi luzakukhuluma lonke usuku ngokulunga; ngokuba badunyaziwe, bajabhisiwe abangifunela umonakalo.

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elikasolomoni. lezi-ku, nika inkosi izahlulelo zakho nendodana yenkosi ukulunga kwakho. iyakwahlulela isizwe sakho ngeqiniso nezihlupheki zakho ngemfanelo. izintaba ziyakuletha ukuthula kubantu; kanjalo namagquma, ngokulunga. izakubahlulela abahluphekileyo kubantu, isindise abantwana babampofu, imphohloze onokhahlo. bayakwesaba wena, kusekhona ilanga nenyanga, izizukulwane ngezizukulwane. iyakwehla njengemvula edleleni, njengesihlambi esimatisa umhlaba. ezinsukwini zayo olungileyo uyakuqhakaza, kuvame ukuthula, ize ingabikho inyanga. iyakubusa kusukela elwandle kuze kube selwandle, kusukela emfuleni kuze kube semikhawulweni yomhlaba. abakhe ehlane bayakukhothama phambi kwayo; izitha zayo zizakukhotha uthuli. amakhosi asetharishishi naweseziqhingini ayakuletha izipho; amakhosi asesheba naseseba ayakwethula izipho. onke amakhosi ayakuziwaya phambi kwayo; zonke izizwe ziyakuyikhonza. ngokuba iyakukhulula ompofu ozikhalela kuyo, nohluphekayo ongenamsizi. iyakuhawukela odangeleyo nompofu; iyakusindisa imiphefumulo yabampofu. iyakukhulula umphefumulo wabo okhahlweni nasendluzuleni; igazi labo liyakuba yigugu emehlweni ayo. iyakuphila, bayinike igolide lashebeba, bayithandazele njalo, bayibusise lonke usuku. kuyakuba khona inala kakolweni ezweni esiqongweni sezintaba; ukudla kwalo kuyakushazela

njengelebenoni; abemizi bayakukhahlela njengotshani bomhlaba. igama layo liyakuma kuze kube phakade; igama layo liyakuxhanta, lisekhona ilanga; bayakuzibusisa ngayo; bonke abezizwe bayakuthi ibusisiwe. makabongwe uJehova-aeiou ulezi-ku, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, onguye yedwa owenza izimangaliso. malibongwe igama lakhe lenkazimulo kuze kube phakade, umhlaba wonke ugcwale inkazimulo yakhe. amen, amen. imikhuleko kadavide indodana kajese isaphelile.

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ihubo lika-asafa. impela ulezi-ku umnene ku-israyeli, kubo abanenhliziyi ehlanzekileyo. kepha mina, izinyawo zami zicishe zakhubeka; kwaba kancane ukuba izinyathelo zami zishelele. ngokuba ngaba nomhawu ngabazidlayo, lapho ngibona ukubusa kwababi. ngokuba abanabuhlungu kuze kube sekufeni kwabo, namandla abo aqinile. abahlupheki njengabanye abantu; abahlushwa njengabanye abantu. ngakho-ke iqholo lingumnaka wabo; indluzula ibembesa njengengubo. amehlo abo aphinqekile ngokunona; imicabango yenhliziyo iyachichima. bayaklolodela; ebubini bakhuluma ngokukhahla; bakhuluma besekuphakamemi. umlomo wabo bawuphakamisela ezulwini; ulimi lwabo luhambela emhlabeni. ngakho-ke isizwe sakhe sibuyela lapha; amanzi amaningi bazimuncela wona. bathi: ulezi-ku wazi kanjani na? imbala kukhona ukwazi kophezukonke na? bheka, laba bayibo ababi; bazinza njalo; bandisa imfuyo. impela ngiyihlanzele ize inhliziyo yami, ngahlamba izandla zami ngingenacala, ngokuba ngahlushwa usuku lonke; kwasa ngijeziswa. uma bengithe, ngizakukhuluma kanjalo, bheka, ngabe ngisikhohlisile isizukulwane sabantwana bakho. kwathi ngicabanga ukuba ngikuqonde lokho, kwaba luhlupho emehlweni ami, ngaze ngangenenda endlini engcwele kazezi-ku, ngaqaphelelisa ukugcina kwabo. impela ubakhe ezindaweni ezibushelezi; ubawisa babe yincithakalo. maye, bachithwa ngokuphazima kweso! bashona, babhubha benovalo. njengephupho ekuphaphameni, nkosi, uyakudelela umfanekiso wabo ekuvukeni kwakho. kwathi inhliziyo yami yaba nomunyu, kuhlaba ezinsweni zami, ngaba yisiphukuphuku, angaqonda lutho; ngaba yisilwane kuwe. kepha mina ngiyakube ngikuwe njalo; ungibambile ngesandla sami sokunene. uyakungihola ngesiluleko sakho, andukuba ungamukeye enkazimulweni. nginobani ezulwini na? uma nginawe, angifuni lutho emhlabeni. inyama yami nenhliziyo yami iyaphela; nokho ulezi-ku

uyidwala lenhliziyo yami nesabelo sami kuze kube phakade. ngokuba bheka, abakude nawe bayakubhubha; uyabachitha bonke abahlubukayo kuwe ngokuphinga. kepha mina kungilungele ukusondela kulezi-ku; ngenzile inkosi ujhova-aeiou ibe yisiphephelo sami, ukuze ngishumayele zonke izenzo zakho.

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imaskili lika-asafa. lezi-ku, usilahleleni kuze kube phakade na? intukuthelo yakho ithunqeletani izimvu zedlelo lakho na? khumbula ibandla lakho owalizuza endulo, owalikhulula ukuba libe yisifunda sefa lakho, nentaba yasesiyoni ohlala kuyo. lulamisela izinyawo zakho emidilikweni yaphakade; isitha sone konke endlini engcwele. izitha zakho zibhongile phakathi kwendlu yakho yokubuthana, zamisa izimpawu zazo zaba yizimpawu. zaba sengathi abantu baphakamisa amazembe emithini eminyeneyo. konke okubaziweyo kwayo sezikuphohloze ngembazo nangesando. zayokhela indlu yakho engcwele; indlu yegama lakho zayidumaza kwaze kwaba phansi emhlabathini. zathi enhliziyweni yazo: masibachithe kanyekanye, zashisa zonke izindlu zokubuthana zikalezi-ku ezweni. izimpawu zethu asiziboni; akusekho mprofethi; akakho kithina owaziyo ukuthi koze kube nini. lezi-ku, koze kube nini umcindezeli ethuka, isitha sihlambalaza igama lakho njalo, na? usihoshelani isandla sakho, isandla sakho sokunene, na? sihoshe esifubeni sakho, uzichithe. nokho ulezi-ku uyinkosi yami kwaphakade eyenza insindiso emhlabeni. nguweni owahlukanisa ulwandle ngamandla akho, wachofoza amakhanda ezilo ezesabekayo emanzini. nguweni owaphohloza amakhanda kaleviyathani, wamnika abe ngukudla kwezidalwa zasehlane. nguweni owaqhamukisa isiphethu nomfudlana; nguwe owomisa imifula egobhoza njalo. usuku ngolwakho, nobusuku ngobakho; nguweni owenza ukukhanya nelanga. nguweni owamisa yonke imikhawulo yomhlaba; nguwe owenza ihlobo nobusika. khumbula lokhu, jehova-aeiou, ukuthi isitha sithukile, nesizwe esinobuwula silihlabalazile igama lakho. ungawunikeli umphefumulo wejuba lakho esilwaneni; ungakhohlwa ukuphila kwezihlupheki zakho njalo. khumbula isivumelwano, ngokuba izindawo ezimnyama zezwe zigcwele izindlu zobudlova. ocindezelweyo makangabuyi ejabhile; ohluphekayo nompofu mababonge igama lakho. vuka, lezi-ku, uyimele indaba yakho; khumbula ukuthi ukulodelwa yiziwula usuku lonke. ungakhohlwa izwi lezitha zakho, ukuxokozela kwabakuvukelayo

okwenyukela njalonjalo.

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kumholi wokuhlabelela. indlela: ungachithi. ihubo lika-asafa. igama. siyakubonga, lezi-ku, siyabonga; igama lakho liseduze; balanda izimangaliso zakho. lapho ngiyakugcina isikhathi esimisiweyo, ngiyakwahlulela ngokulunga. umhlaba uyancibilika nabo bonke abakhe kuwo; mina ngimisile izinsika zawo. sela ngithe kwabazidlayo: ningazidli, nakwababi: ningaphakamisi uphondo. ningaluphakamisi phezulu uphondo lweni, ningajoqi ngentamo elukhuni. ngokuba ukuphakanyiswa akuveli empumalanga nasentshonalanga nasehlane lasezintabeni, kepha ulezi-ku ungumahluleli; omunye uyamehlisa, omunye amphakamise. ngokuba esandleni senkosi kukhona isitsha; iwayini liyakhephuza; sigcwele ngeliqunguweyo, yona iyathulula ngaso; impela bonke ababi emhlabeni bayakuyimunca inhleze yalo, bayiphuze. kepha mina ngiyakumemezela ngakho kuze kube phakade, ngidumise ulezi-ku kajakobe. zonke izimpondo zababi ngiyakuzinquma; kepha izimpondo zolungileyo ziyakuphakanyiswa.

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kumholi wokuhlabelela. ngogubhu. ihubo lika-asafa. igama. ulezi-ku uyaziwa kwajuda, igama lakhe likhulu kwa-israyeli. itabernakele lakhe lisesalema, nendlu yakhe isesiyoni. waphula lapho imicibisholo yomnsalo, nesihlangu, nenkemba, nempeli, sela uyakhazimula ngobukhosi, lapho uvela ezintabeni zempango. bachithekile abaqinile ngenhliziyo, balele ubuthongo babo; amaqhawe awafumanisanga izandla zawo. ngokuzima kwakho, lezi-ku kajakobe, kwehlelwa ngubuthongo inqola kanye nehhashi. wena, yebo, wena uyesabeka; ngubani ongama ebusweni bakho gesikhathi solaka lwakho na? wezwakalisa ukwahlulela kuvela ezulwini; umhlaba wesaba, wathula mhla evuka ulezi-ku ukuba ahlulele, asindise bonke abathobekileyo bomhlaba. sela ngokuba ulaka lomuntu luyakukudumisa; insalelo yolaka uyakuyibhinca. thembisani, nigcwalise izithembiso kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu. bonke abamzungezileyo mabalethe izipho kuye owesabekayo. uyanquma umoya wezikhulu, wesabeka kuwo amakhosi omhlaba.

kumholi wokuhlabela. kujeduthuni. elika-asafa. ihubo. izwi lami ngiyakuliphakamisela kulezi-ku, ngikhale kulezi-ku ukuba angibekele indebe. osukwini losizi lwami ngiyayifuna inkosi; ebusuku isandla sami seluliwe, asidangali; umphefumulo wami wala ukududuzwa. ngiyamkhumbula ulezi-ku ngibubula; ngiyazindla, umoya wami uyaphela amandla. sela uzibambile izinkophe zamehlo ami, angavaleki; ngikhathazekile, angisakwazi ukukhuluma. ngiyazindla ngezinsuku zasendulo, ngeminyaka yaphakade. ebusuku ngiyakhumbula ukubetha kwami ugubhu, ngizindla enhliziyweni yami; nomoya wami uyahlolisa. inkosi iyakulahla kuze kube phakade na? ayisenakuphinda ibe nomusa na? umusa wayo unqamukile njalo yini na? isithembiso siphelile yini ezizukulwaneni ngezizukulwane na? ulezi-ku ukhohlwe ukuba abe nomusa na? uvalele ububele bakhe ngolaka na? sela ngase ngithi: yilokhu ukuhlupheka kwami, ngokuba isandla sokunene sophezukonke siphendukile. ngiyakukhumbula izenzo zikajehova-aeiou, yebo, ngikhumbule izimangaliso zasendulo, ngicabange ngawo wonke umsebenzi wakho, ngizindle ngezenzo zakho. indlela yakho, lezi-ku, isebungcweleni; ngubani ongulezi-ku omkhulu njengolezi-ku na? wena ungulezi-ku owenza izimangaliso; amandla akho uwazisile ezizweni. ngengalo yamandla wasindisa abantu bakho, amadodana kakakobe nojosefa. sela amanzi akubona, lezi-ku, amanzi akubona, athuthumela, nezitwa zazamazama. amafu athela amanzi, izulu laduma, imicibisholo yakho yaphuma. izwi lokuduma kwakho lalisesivunguvungwini; imibani yakhanyisa izwe; umhlaba wadikizela, wamazama. indlela yakho yayiselwandle, nomendo wakho wawusemanzini amaningi, kodwa izinyathelo zakho zazingaziwa. wahola abantu bakho njengezimvu ngesandla sikamose no-aroni.

imaskili lika-asafa. zwanini, bantu bami, umthetho wami, nibeke izindlebe zenu emazwini omlobo wami. ngizakuvula umlobo wami ngomfanekiso, ngibonakalise izimfihlakalo zasendulo. esikuzwileyo sakwazi, nawobaba abasitshela khona, asinakukufihla kubantwana babo, izindumiso zikajehova-aeiou zisitshela kuso isizukulwane esizayo, namandla akhe nezimangaliso zakhe azenzileyo. ngokuba wamisa ubufakazi kwajakobe, wabeka umthetho kwa-israyeli, ayala ngawo obaba ukuba bafundise abantwana babo, ukuze

isizukulwane esilandelayo sazi, abantwana abayakuzalwa, bavuke, batshela abantwana babo, babeke ithemba labo kulezi-ku, bangakhohlwa imisebenzi kalezi-ku, kepha bagcine imiyalo yakhe. bangabi njengawoyise, isizukulwane esiphambeneyo nesihlubukayo, isizukulwane esingaqinisa inghliziyo yaso, nesimoya waso wawungathembekile kulezi-ku. abantu bakwa-efrayimi, sebhloomile bephethe iminsalo, babuyela emuva ngosuku lokulwa. abasigcinanga isivumelwano sikalezi-ku, benqaba ukuhamba emthethweni wakhe, bakhohlwa imisebenzi yakhe nezimangaliso zakhe abebabonisiile zona. wazenza izimangaliso emehlweni awoyise ezweni lasegibithe endaweni yasesowani. wahlukanisa ulwandle, wabawelisa; wamisa amanzi njengodonga. wabahla ngefu emini, nobusuku bonke ngokukhanya komlilo. waqhekeza amadwala ehlane, wabaphuzisa njengasotweni olujulileyo. waphumisa edwaleni izifula, wehlisa amanzi njengemifula. nokho baqhubeka benza ukona kuye, baphambana nophezukonke ehlane. bamlinga ulezi-ku enhliziyweni yabo ngokucela ukudla abakufisayo. bakhuluma kabi ngolezi-ku, bathi: ulezi-ku angalungisa isithebe ehlane na? bhekani, washaya idwala, kwaphuma amanzi, nemifula yampompoza; kepha angabanika nesinkwa, alungisele abantu bakhe inyama, na? ngalokho ujahova-aeiou ekuzwa lokho wathukuthela, kwavutha umlilo ngojakobe, ulaka lwavuka ngo-israyeli; ngokuba abakhohlwanga ngulezi-ku, abathembanga ensindisweni yakhe. nokho wayala amafu phezulu, wavula iminyango yezulu, wanisa phezu kwabo imana kube ngukudla, wabapha amabele ezulu; abantu badla isinkwa sezingelosi, bathunyelwa ukudla ngokugcweleyo. waphumisa umoya wasempumalanga ezulwini; ngamandla akhe waqhuba umoya waseningizimu. wawisa phezu kwabo inyama njengothuli, nezinyoni ezinamaphiko njengesihlabathi solwandle. wakwehlisa phakathi kwekamu labo naphakathi kwezindlu zabo. badla, basuthiswa kakhulu; baphiwa abakufisayo. bebengakahlukani nokufisa kwabo, ukudla kwabo kusesemlonyeni wabo, intukuthelo kalezi-ku yabavukela, wabulala abakhulupheleyo babo, wawisa phansi izinsizwa zakwa-israyeli. nokho bona njalo, abakhohlwanga yizimangaliso zakhe. ngakho waqedela izinsuku zabo ezeni neminyaka yabo ovalweni. lapho ebabulala, bamfuna; babuye bamfunisisa ulezi-ku. base bekhumbula ukuthi ulezi-ku uyidwala labo; ulezi-ku ophezukonke ungumkhululi wabo. kepha bamthopha ngomlobo wabo, baqamba amanga kuye ngolimi lwabo; ngokuba inhliziyo yabo yayingabambeleli kuye, bengathembekile esivumelwaneni sakhe. kepha

yena enesihawu wathethelela ububi babo, akabhubhisanga; yebo, wabamba kaningi intukuthelo yakhe, akavusanga lonke ulaka lwakhe. wakhumbula ukuthi bayinyama, bangumoya odlulayo ongabuyiyo. kwaba kaningi kangakanani bephambana naye ehlane, bemdabukisa kwahlongasibi. babuye bamlinga ulezi-ku, bamdabukisa ongcewele ka-israyeli. abakhumbulanga isandla sakhe nosuku abahlenga ngalo ezitheni, lapho ezenza izibonakaliso zakhe egibithe nezimangaliso zakhe endaweni yasesowani. waphendula lapho imifula yabo nemifudlana yabo yaba yigazi, ukuze bangabi nakuphuza. wathumela phakathi kwabo izibawu ezabadlayo namasele ababhuhhisayo. wanika imiswenya ukudla kwabo, nomsebenzi wabo isikhonyane. wabulala imivini yabo ngesichotho, nemikhiwane yabo ngesangquma. wanikela izinkomo zabo esichothweni nezimvu zabo kuyo imibani. waphonsa kubo ukuvutha kwentukuthelo yakhe, nolaka, nokufutheka, nokuhlupheka, ngokuthuma izithunyuwa zobubi. walungisela intukuthelo yakhe indlela; akaphephisanga umphefumulo wabo ekufeni, kepha wanikela ukuphila kwabo ezifweni. washaya amazibulo onke asegibithe, okokuqala kwamandla abo ematendeni khamu. kepha waphumisa abantu bakhe njengezimvu; wabahola ehlane njengomhlambi. wabahola kahle, abaze besaba; kepha ulwandle lwasibekela izitha zabo. wabayisa emnceleni wakhe ongcewele, etabeni esasiy-izuzile isandla sakhe sokunene. waxosha abezizwe phambi kwabo; edabula izwe wababela ifa, wahlalisa izizwe zakwa-israyeli ematendeni azo. nokho bamlinga, baphambana nolezi-ku ophezukonke, abaze bagcina imiyalo yakhe. bahoshekela emuva, bakhohlisa njengawoyise, baphenduka njengomnsalo ogejayo. bamthukuthelisa ngezindawo zabo eziphakemeyo, bamcunula ngezithombe zabo. ulezi-ku ekuzwa lokho wathukuthela, wamlahla impela u-israyeli. walishya itebernakele laseshilo, itende abelimisile phakathi kwabantu. wanikela amandla akhe ekuthunjweni, nenkazimulo yakhe esandleni sesitha. wanikela abantu bakhe enkembeni, wathukuthelela ifa lakhe. izinsizwa zabo zadliwa ngumlilo; izintombi zabo azihutshelwanga. abapristi babo bawa ngenkamba; abafelokazi babo abaze balila. yayisivuka inkosi njengokade elele, njengesiqhwaga esikade sahlulwa yiwayini, yazishayela emuva izitha zayo, yazithela ngehlaho eliphakade. yalahla indlu kaJosefa, ayikhetanga isizwe sakwa-efrayimi. kepha yakhetha isizwe sakwajuda, intaba yasesiyoni eyithandayo. yayakha indlu yayo engcewele njengezintaba nanjengomhlaba ewusekeleyo kuze kube phakade. yakhetha udavide inceku yayo, yamthabatha ez-

ibayeni zezimvu. esalandele izimvukazi ezenyisayo, yamthabatha ukuba abeluse abantu bayo ujakobe, nefa layo u-israyeli. njalo wabelusa ngobuqotho benhliziyo yakhe, wabahola ngenhlakanipho yesandla sakhe.

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ihubo lika-asafa. lezi-ku, abezizwe bangenile efeni lakho; bangcolisile ithempeli lakho elingcewele; benze ijerusalema libe yincithakalo. bazinikile izidumbu zezinceku zakho zibe ngukudla kwezinyoni zezulu, inyama yabakwesabayo kuzo izilo zomhlaba. bachithile igazi labo njengamanzi nxazonke zejerusalema, akwababikho obembelayo. sesiyisihlamba kubakhelwane bethu, umbhinqo nenhleliko kwabasiphahlileyo. koze kube nini, jehova-aeiou, uthukuthela njalo, ukushisekela kwakho kuvutha njengomlilo, na? thela ulaka lwakho phezu kwabezizwe abangakwaziyo naphezu kwemibuso engakhulekeli igama lakho. ngokuba sebe-mdlile ujakobe, umuzi wakhe sebewuchithile. mawungasibaleli amacala akuqala; umusa wakho mawusheshe usihlangabeze, ngokuba sesibuthakathaka kakhulu. si-size, lezi-ku wensindiso yethu, ngenxa yenkazimulo yegama lakho; usikhulule, usithethelele izono zethu ngenxa yegama lakho. bangasholoni abezizwe ukuthi: uphi ulezi-ku wabo na? makwazeke kwabezizwe emehlweni ethu ukuphindiselwa kwegazi lezinceku zakho elichithiweyo. ukububula kwesiboshwa makuze phambi kwakho; londoloza ngobukhulu bengalo yakho asebangabantwana bokufa. buyisela kubakhelwane bethu, kuphindwe kasikhombisa esifubeni sabo inhlamba abakuhlambalaza ngayo, nkosi. khona thina bantu bakho, izimvu zedlelo lakho, siyakukubonga kuze kube phakade, sishumayeke udumo lwakho ezizukulwaneni ngezizukulwane.

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kumholi wokuhlabelela. indlela: iminduze; ubufakazi. elika-asafa. ihubo. yizwa, malusi ka-israyeli, ohela uJosefa njengomhlambi, ohlezi phezu kwamakherubi; mawubonakale ngokukhazimula. vusa amandla akho phambi kuka-efrayimi nobenjamine nomanase, uze ukusisindisa. sibuyise, lezi-ku, ukhanyise ubuso bakho, khona siyakusindiswa. jehova-aeiou lezi-ku sebawoti, koze kube nini uthungela ngolaka umkhuleko wabantu bakho na? wabapha isinkwa sezinyembezi, wabaphuzisa izinyembezi ngesilinganiso esikhulu. usenza sibe yinto ebangwa ngabakhelwane bethu, nezitha zethu zisihleka usulu. sibuyise,

lezi-ku sebawoti, ukhanyise ubuso bakho, khona siyakusindiswa. wakhhipha umvini egibithe, waxosha abezizwe, watshala wona. wawulungisela indawo phambi kwawo, wagxila, wagcwalisa umhlaba. izintaba zambozwa ngumthunzi wawo, nimenedari kalezi-ku ngamagatsha awo. wenabisa amagatsha awo, aze afika elwandle, namaxhantela awo, aze afika emfuleni. uzidilizeleni izintango zawo, baze bawukhe bonke abadlula ngendlela, na? ingulube yasehlathini iyawudla, nezilwane zasendle ziyawuqothula. lezi-ku sebawoti, mawubuye; bheka usezulwini, ubone, unakekele lo mvini, yebo, lo mvini otshalwe ngesokunene sakho, nendodana ozikhulisele yona. ushiswe ngumlilo, unqunyiwe; bayakubhubha ngokukhuza kobuso bakho. isandla sakho masibe phezu kwendoda yesokunene sakho, phezu kwendodana yomuntu ozikhulisele yona; khona asisayikuhoshekela emuva kuwe; siphilise, khona siyakukhuleka egameni lakho. sibuyise, jehova-aeiou lezi-ku sebawoti; ukhanyise ubuso bakho, khona siyakusindiswa.

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kumholi wokuhlabela. ngegiti. elika-asafa. halalisani ulezi-ku amandla ethu, nimemeze ngokujabula kulezi-ku kakakobe. hlabani ihubo, nithathe isigubhu nehabhu elihle nogubhu. bethani icilongo ekwethwaseni kwenyanga nasekuhlange-neni kwenyanga ngosuku lomkhosi wethu. ngokuba kuyisimiso kwa-israyeli nomthetho kalezi-ku kakakobe. kungubufakazi abumisayo kwajosefa mhla ephuma ezweni lasegibithe. ngizwa ulimi ebengingalwazi luthi: ngasusa ihlombe lakhe emthwalweni, izandla zakhe zakhululeka eqomeni lokuthwala. wakhuleka usosizini, ngakukhulula; ngakuphendula ngisekusithekeni kokuduma, ngakuvinjya ngasemanzini asemeriba. sela zwanini, bantu bami, ngizakufakaza kini ukuthi: o israyeli, sengathi ungangilalela! makungabikho kuwe ulezi-ku omunye, ungakhuleki kulezi-ku wabezizwe. mina ngingujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho owakukhuphula ezweni lasegibithe; khamisa umlomo wakho, ngiwugcwalise. kepha abantu bami abalalelanga izwi lami, u-israyeli akanginakanga. ngase ngibayeka enkanini yenhliziy o yabo ukuba bahambe ngokuthanda kwabo. sengathi abantu bami bangangizwa, u-israyeli ahambe ezindleleni zami. bengiyakuthobisa masinyane izitha zabo, ngiselulele isandla sami kwabamelele nabo. abazondi bakajehova-aeiou bebeyakuzithobela kuye, kepha isikhathi sabantu bami besiyakuba khona kuze kube phakade. ubeyakubapha ukolweni omuhle;

yebo, bengiyakubasuthisa ngezinyosi zasesiwini.

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ihubo lika-asafa. ulezi-ku umi emhlanganweni wawolezi-ku; uyahlulela phakathi kwawolezi-ku. kuze kube nini nahlulela ngokungalingile nikhetha ubuso bababi na? sela yahlulelani ompofu nentandane, nimenzele okufaneleyo olusizi noswelayo. khululani oswelayo nompofu, nibophule esandleni sababi. abanakwazi, abanakuqonda, bahamba ebumnyameni; izisekelo zonke zomhlaba ziyazamazama. mina ngathi: ningolezi-ku nina, nonke ningamadodana ophezukonke. kanti nokho niyakufa njengabantu nje, niwe njengesinye sezikhulu. vuka, lezi-ku, wahlulele umhlaba, ngokuba wena uyindlalifa yezizwe zonke.

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igama. ihubo lika-asafa. lezi-ku, ungathuli, ungalingali, ungali ukukhuluma, lezi-ku. ngokuba bheka, izitha zakho ziyaxokozela, nabakuzondayo baphakamisa ikhanda. ngobuqili benza uzungu ngabantu bakho, bacebisana ukulwa nabathukusiweyo bakho. bathi: wozani sibaqothule, bangabe besaba yizizwe, negama lika-israyeli lingabe lisakhunjulwa. baceba nganhliziyonye, benza isivumelwano ngawe: amatende ka-edomi naka-ishmayeli, nakamowabi nakahagari, nogebali, no-amoni, no-amaleki, nefilistiya nabakhile etire. ne-asiriya lahlangana nabo, laba yingalo yabantwana bakaloti. sela yenza kubo njengakumidiyani, nakusisera, nakujabini ngasemfuleni ikishoni, ababhuhela e-eni dori, baba ngumquba womhlabathi. amakhosana abo wenze abe njengo-orebi nozebi, nabakhulu babo bonke njengozeba nosalimuna ababethi: masizithabathele amadlelo kalezi-ku. lezi-ku wami, benze babe njengezibi ezikhwishizayo, njengamakhoba amuka nomoya. njengomlilo oshisa ihlathi, njengelangabi elithungela izintaba, baxoshe kanjalo ngesivunguvungu sakho, ubethuse ngesiphopho sakho. thela ubuso babo ngehlazo, baze bafune igama lakho, jehova-aeiou. mabahlazeke, baphele amandla kuze kube phakade; mabahluleke, babhubhe, bazi ukuthi nguwe wedwa ogama lakho lingujehova-aeiou; ungopezukonke emhlabeni wonke.

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kumholi wokuhlabela. ngegiti. elamadodana kakora. ihubo. zithandeka kangaka izindlu zakho, jehova-aeiou sebawoti.

umphfumulo wami ulangazelela, womela amageke kajehova-aeiou; inhlizyo yami nomzimba wami kuyahuba ngokwethaba kulezi-ku ophilayo. ngokuba umzwilili ufumene indlu, nenkonjane isidleke sayo, lapho ibeka khona amazinyane ayo, ngisho amah-altare akho, jehova-aeiou sebawoti, nkosi yami, lezi-ku wami. babusisiwe abahlala endlini yakho; bayakuhlala bebonga wena. sela ubusisiwe umuntu omandla akhe akuwe, abazindlela zakho zisezinhliziyweni zabo. bedabula imfunda yezinyembezi bayenza ibe yindawo yeziphethu; yebo, nemvula yokuqala iyayisibekela ngezibusiso. baqhubeka emandleni, baze babonakale phambi kukalezi-ku esiyoni. jehova-aeiou lezi-ku sebawoti, yizwa umkhuleko wami, ubeke indlebe, lezi-ku kakaboke. sela wena lezi-ku, sihlangu sethu, bheka, ubuke ubuso bogcotshiweyo wakho. ngokuba usuku lunye emagekeni akho luhle kunezinye eziyizinkulungwane, ngiyakhetha ukulinda emnyango wendlu kalezi-ku wami kunokuhlala ematendeni ababi. ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku uyilanga nesihlangu; uje-hova-aeiou uyakupha umusa nodumo; akayikubenqabela okuhle abahamba ngobuqotho. jehova-aeiou sebawoti, ubusisiwe umuntu okwethembayo.

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kumholi wokuhlabelela. elamadodana kakora; ihubo. jehova-aeiou, wabusisa izwe lakho, wambuysa ujakobe ekuthunjweni. wasusa icala labantu bakho, wasibekela zonke izonzo zabo. sela wamukisa yonke intukuthelo yakho, waphenduka ekuvutheni kolaka lwakho. sibuyise, lezi-ku wensindiso yethu, ulahle ukusicanukela kwakho. uyakusithukuthela njalonzalo na? uyakwelulela ulaka lwakho ezizukulwaneni ngezizukulwane na? awuzukusivusa, sibuye siphile, ukuze abantu bakho bathokoze ngawe, na? sitshengise umusa wakho, jehova-aeiou, usiphe insindiso yakho. mangizwe lokho ulezi-ku uje-hova-aeiou azakukhuluma; uyakhuluma ukuthula kubantu bakhe nakubo abamesabayo; mabangabuyeli ebuwuleni. impela insindiso yakhe iseduze nabamesabayo, ukuze kuhlale udumo ezweni lethu. kuyakuhlangabezana umusa neqiniso, kwangane ukulunga nokuthula. kuyakuhluma iqiniso emhlabeni, kulunguzele phansi nokulunga kwasezulwini. yebo, uje-hova-aeiou uyakuveza okuhle; izwe lethu liyakuthela izithelo zalo. ukulunga kuyakuhamba phambi kwakhe, kwenzele izinyawo zakhe indlela.

umkhuleko kadavide. beka indlebe yakho, jehova-aeiou, ungi-phendule, ngokuba ngilusizi, ngimpofu. londoloza umphefumulo wami, ngokuba ngingoqotho; wena lezi-ku wami, sindisa inceku yakho ekwethembayo. yiba nomusa kimi, nkosi, ngokuba ngikhala kuwe usuku lonke. thokozisa umphefumulo wenceku yakho, ngokuba kuwena, nkosi, ngiyawuphakamisela umphefumulo wami. ngokuba wena, nkosi, umuhle, ungothethelelayo, unomusa omkhulu kubo bonke abakhala kuwe. jehova-aeiou, beka indlebe ekukhulekeni kwami, ulalele izwi lokunxusa kwami. ngosuku losizi lwami ngikhala kuwe, ngokuba uzakungiphendula. phakathi kwawolezi-ku akakho onjengawe nkosi; akukho okunjengemisebenzi yakho. izizwe ozenzileyo ziyakufika zonke, zikhuleke phambi kwakho, nkosi, zidumise igama lakho. ngokuba umkhulu wena, uyenza izimangaliso, ungulezi-ku wena wedwa. ngifundise, jehova-aeiou, indlela yakho; ngiyakuhamba eqinisweni lakho; yenza inhlizyo yami iqonde ntonye, yesabe igama lakho. ngiyakukubonga, nkosi lezi-ku wami, ngenhlizyo yonke yami, ngidumise igama lakho kuze kube phakade. ngokuba umusa wakho mkhulu phezu kwami, ukhululile umphefumulo wami endaweni yabafileyo ephansi. lezi-ku, izideleli zingivukele, ibandla lezidlwangudlwangu lifuna umphefumulo wami; azibekanga wena phambi kwazo. kepha wena nkosi ungulezi-ku ohawukelayo, onomusa nokubekezela, uvame ubumnene nokuthembeka. phendukela kimi, ube nomusa kimi, uyiphe inceku yakho amandla akho, usindise indodana yencekukazi yakho. ngenzele isiboniselo sokuhle, ukuze abangizondayo babone, bajabhe, ngokuba wena jehova-aeiou uyangisiza, uyangiduduzela.

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elamadodana kakora. ihubo. igama. isisekelo asibekileyo sisezintabeni ezingcwele. uje-hova-aeiou uyawathanda amasango asesiyoni kunazo zonke izindlu zikajakobe. okudumisekayo kukhulunywa ngawe, muzi kalezi-ku. sela ngiyakubala urahabi nebabele kulabo abangaziyo; yebo, ifilistiya nethire kanye nekushe azalelwa khona. kuyakuthiwa ngesiyoni: yilo nalo wazalelwa khona; ophezukonke uyaliqinisa. mhla uje-hova-aeiou eloba izizwe uyakubala ukuthi lo wazalelwa khona. sela abahubayo nabasinayo bathi: imithombo yami yonke ikuwe.

igama. ihubo lamadodana kakora. kumholi wokuhlabela. ngemahalati leyanoti. imaskili likahemani umezra. jehova-aeiou lezi-ku wensindiso yami, ngikhala imini nobusuku phambi kwakho. umkhuleko wami mawufike ebusweni bakho, indlebe yakho uyibeke ekunxuseni kwami. ngokuba umphefumulo wami ugcele izinsizi, ukuphila kwami kusondele endaweni yabafileyo. ngibalwa kanye nabashona emgodini, nginjengomuntu ofileyo. icansi lami liphakathi kwabafileyo; nginjengababuleweyo abalele ethuneni, ongasabakhumbuli, benqunyiwe esandleni sakho. ungibekile emgodini ojulile kunayo yonke, ebumnyameni, otweni. kuyangisinda ukuthukuthela kwakho; amadlambi akho onke ayangicindezela phansi. sela engikade ngazana nabo ubaxoshele kude, wangenza ngibe yisinengiso kubo; ngivalelwe, ngingephume. iso lami liyafa ngosizi; ngikhala kuwe jehova-aeiou imihla yonke, ngizelulela izandla zami kuwe. abafileyo uyakubenzela isimangaliso na? ziyakuvuka yini izithunzi, zikubonge, na? sela kuyalandiswa yini ethuneni ngomusa wakho, nangokuthembeka kwakho endaweni yokubhujiswa na? izimangaliso zakho ziyaziwa yini ebumnyameni, nokulunga kwakho ezweni lokukhohlwa na? kepha mina, jehova-aeiou, ngikhala kuwe; ekuseni umkhuleko wami uyenyuka phambi kwakho. jehova-aeiou, ulahlelani umphefumulo wami, ungifihlelani ubuso bakho na? ngihluphekile, ngingofayo kusukela ebusheni bami; ngithwele ukwesabeka kwakho, ngiphelile. ulaka lwakho olushisayo lunghelele; ukwesabisa kwakho kungiqedile. kungizungeza njengamanzi imihla yonke, kungikaka kanyekanye. isihlobo nomngane ubaxoshele kude; ubumnyama bungumhlobo wami.

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imaskili lika-ethani umezra. ngiyakuhlabela ngomusa kajejehova-aeiou kuze kube phakade, ngomlomo wami ngazise izizukulwane ngezizukulwane ukuthembeka kwakho. ngokuba ngithe: umusa uyakwakhiwa kuze kube phakade; ezulwini uyaqinisa ukuthembeka kwakho. ngenzile isivumelwano nokhethiweyo wami, ngifungile kuye udavide ineku yami ukuthi: ngiyakuqinisa inzalo yakho kuze kube phakade, ngisakhe isihlalo sobukhosi ezizukulwaneni ngezizukulwane. sela izimangaliso zakho, jehova-aeiou, ziyaduniswa ngamazulu, ukuthembeka kwakho ebandleni labangcwele. ngokuba ngubani osemafwini ongalinganiswa nojehova-aeiou na? ngubani phakathi kwamadodana

kalezi-ku ongafaniswa nojehova-aeiou na? ulezi-ku uyesabeka kakhulu emhlanganweni wabangcwele; umelwe ukuhlonishwa yibo bonke abangakuye. jehova-aeiou lezi-ku seabwoti, ngubani onjengawe na? unamandla, jehova-aeiou, nokuthembeka kwakho kuyakuhaqa. wena uyabusa ukukhukhumala kolwandle; uma kuphakama amadlambi alo, uyawathulisa. wena uchobozile urahabi njengobuleweyo; uhlakazile izitha zakho ngengalo yakho enamandla. nge-lakho izulu, ngowakho umhlaba; izwe nokugcwa kwalo, kukho konke ubeke isisekelo. inyakatho neningizimu wakudala wena; ithabori nehermoni kuyajabula egameni lakho. ingalo yakho inobuqhawe, isandla sakho sinamandla, esokunene sakho siphakeme. ukulunga nokwahlulela kuyisisekelo sesihlalo sakho sobukhosi; umusa neqiniso kuyahamba phambi kobuso bakho. sibusisiwe isizwe esikwazi ukuhlabela ngenjabulo; siyahamba, jehova-aeiou, ekukhanyeni kobuso bakho. egameni lakho siyathokoza usuku lonke; ngokulunga kwakho siyaphakanyiswa. ngokuba wena uyinkazimulo yamandla abo; ngomusa wakho uphondo lwethu luyaphakama. ngokuba isihlangu sethu singesika jehova-aeiou; inkosi yethu ingeyongcwele ka-israyeli. ngaleso sikhathi wakhuluma ngombono kubo abakholwayo bakho, wathi: ngibekile usizo eqhaweni, ngiphakamisile okhethiwe phakathi kwabantu. ngifumene ineku yami udavide, ngimgcobele ngamafutha ami angcwele. isandla sami siyakuba naye siqinile, ingalo yami iyakumqinisa. isitha asiyikumahlula, nendodana yobubi ayiyikumhlupha. ngiyakuchobozela izitha zakhe ebusweni bakhe, ngihluphe abamzondayo. ukuthembeka kwami nomusa wami kuyakuba naye; egameni lami luyakuphakama uphondo lwakhe. ngiyakubeka isandla sakhe phezu kolwandle, esokunene sakhe phezu kwemifula. uyakungibiza ngokuthi: ungubaba, ungulezi-ku wami nedwala lensindiso yami. ngiyakumenza abe yizibulo nophakamileyo kunamakhosi omhlaba. ngiyakumgcinela umusa wami kuze kube phakade; isivumelwano sami soba siqinile kuye. ngiyakwenza inzalo yakhe ime kuze kube phakade, isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi sibe njengezinsuku zezulu. uma abantwana bakhe beshiya umthetho wami bengahambi ngezahlelelo zami, uma bephula izimiso zami bengagcini imiyalo yami, ngiyakuhambela izonzo zabo ngenduku, namacala abo ngemvimbo. kepha umusa wami angiyikuwususa kuye, ngingaphikisi ukuthembeka kwami. angiyikwaphula isivumelwano sami, nokuphumileyo ezindebeni zami angiyikukuguqula. ngafunga kanye ubungcwele bami, angiyikugamba

amanga kudavide. inzalo yakhe iyakuma phakade, isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi sibe njengelanga phambi kwami. iyakuma phakade njengenyanga nanjengofakazi othembekileyo osemafwini. sela kepha uthemlekileyo, wamala, wamthukuthelela ogcotshiweyo wakho. uchithile isivumelwano senceku yakho, wadumaza umqhele wayo, wawuphonsa emhlabathini. uidilizile zonke izindonga zakhe, wazenza izinqaba zakhe zaba yincithakalo. bonke abadlula ngendlela bayamphanga; waba yihlazo kwabakhelene naye. uphakamisile esokunene sabamelene naye, wajabulisa zonke izitha zakhe. futhi ubuyisele emuva usiko lwenkamba yakhe, awumvumelanga ukuma ekulweni. ususile inkazimulo yakhe, wawisa phansi emhlabathini isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi. ufinyezile izinsuku zobusha bakhe, wamthela ngamahloni. sela koze kube nini uyakuzisitha, jehova-aeiou, nentukuthelo yakho ivutha njengomlilo, na? khumbula ukuthi isikhathi sami singakanani nokuthi wadalela ize bonke abantwana babantu. ngubani oyakuphila engayikubona ukufa, akhulule umphefumulo wakhe emandleni endawo yabafileyo, na? sela nkosi, uphi umusa wakho wakuqala owawufungela kudavide ngokuthembeka kwakho na? khumbula, nkosi, ihlazo lezincedu zakho nokuthi ngithwele esifubeni sami ihlazo lezizwe eziningi kakhulu, ezisola ngalo izitha zakho, jehova-aeiou, ezisola ngalo ukuhamba kogcotshiweyo wakho. makabongwe ujeheva-aeiou kuze kube phakade. amen, amen.

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umkhuleko kamose, umuntu kalezi-ku. nkosi, wena uyisiphephelo sethu ezizukulwaneni ngezizukulwane. kungakaveli izintaba, ungakawenzi umhlaba nezwe, kuthi kusukela phakade kuze kube phakade wena lezi-ku ukhona. uyambuyisele umuntu othulini, uthi: buyani, bantwana babantu. ngokuba iminyaka eyinkulungwane emehlweni akho injengezolo selidlulile, nanjengomlindo ebusuku. uyabamukisa njengesikhukhula, banjengobuthongo; ekuseni banjengotshani obuhlumayo; ekuseni buyakhahlela, buhlume; kusihlwa bunqunywe, bubune. ngokuba siyaqedwa yintukuthelo yakho, nangolaka lwakho siyabhubha. ubekile amacala ethu phambi kwakho, izono zethu ezifihliweyo ekukhanyeni kobuso bakho. ngokuba izinsuku zethu ziyadlula nentukuthelo yakho; siyafeza iminyaka yethu njengephefu. izinsuku zeminyaka yethu zineminyaka engamashumi ayisikhombisa; kuthi uma ziziningi, zineminyaka engamashumi ayisishiyagalombili; nokho ukuvama kwazo kungukuhlupheka nel-

ize, ngokuba zidlula masinyane, thina siyandiza, simuke. ngubani owaziyo amandla entukuthelo yakho nolaka lwakho olunjengakho ukwesabeka kwakho na? sifundise, nkosi, ukubala izinsuku zethu, sizuze inhlizyo enokuhlakanipha. buya, jehova-aeiou! koze kube nini na? hawukela izincedu zakho. sisuthise ngomusa wakho, kuse sekuseni, ukuze sithokoze, sijabule izinsuku zethu zonke. sithokoze ngangezin-suku owasihlupha ngazo, nangangeminyaka esabona bona-ra-ukukhandleka ngayo. izenzo zakho mazibonakale kuzo izincedu zakho, nenkazimulo yakho kubantwana bazo. yebo, ubuhle benkosi ulezi-ku wethu abube phezu kwethu, umise umsebenzi wezandla zethu phezu kwethu; yebo, umsebenzi wezandla zethu uwumise.

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yena owakhile ekusithekeni kophezukonke nohlezi emthunzini kasomandla uthi kujehova-aeiou: uyisiphephelo sami nengqaba yami nolezi-ku wami engimethembayo. ngokuba yena uyakukhipha ogibeni lomcuphi nasobhadaneni olubhubhisayo. ngezimpaphe zakhe uyakukusibekela, uphephele phansi kwamaphiko akhe; ukuthembeka kwakhe kuyisihlangu nehawu. awuyikwesaba ivuso lasebusuku, nomcibisholo ondizayo emini, nobhadane oluhamba ebunyamini, nesifo esibhubhisayo emini enkulu. bayakuwa abayizinkulungwane ngaseceleni kwakho, nabayizinkulungwane eziyishumi ngakwesokunene sakho, kepha akuyikufinyelela kuwe. uyakubuka nje ngamehlo akho, ubone ukuphindiselwa kwababi, ngokuba uthi: jehova-aeiou, uyisiphephelo sami; ophezukonke umenzile abe yinqaba yakho. awuyikwehlelwa ngbona-ra-ukukhandleka, nesifo asiyikusondela etendeni lakho. ngokuba uyakuyaleza izingelosi zakhe ngawe, zikulondolozwe ezindleleni zakho zonke. ziyakukuthwala ngezandla, ungaqhuzuki ngonyawo lwakho etsheni. uyakunyathela ingonyama nebululu, unyathele phansi ibhongo lengonyama nodrako. ngexa yokuba enamathele kimi, ngakho ngiyamkhulula; ngiyamphakamisa ngokuba elazi igama lami. uyakungibiza, ngimphendule; ngiyakuba naye esosizini, ngimkhulule, ngimdumise. ngiyakumsuthisa ngobude bezinsuku, ngimbonise insindiso yami.

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ihubo. igama losuku lwesabatha. kule ukumbonga ujeheva-aeiou nokuhubela igama lakho wena ophezukonke; ukushumayela umusa wakho ekuseni nokuthembeka



kwakho ebusuku, ngokubetha ugubhu olunezintambo eziyishumi, nomqangala, kanye nehabhu elizwakala kamnandi. ngokuba ungithokozisile, jehova-aeiou, ngezenzo zakho; ngiyakumemeza ngokujabula. yeka ubukhulu bezenzo zakho, jehova-aeiou. imicabango yakho ijulile kakhulu. umuntu oyisilima angekucabange, nesiwula asikuboni. noma ababi behluma njengotshani, nezigangi noma ziqhakaza zonke, kuyenzeka ukuba babhujiswe kuze kube phakade. kepha wena jehova-aeiou uphakeme kuze kube phakade. ngokuba bheka, izitha zakho, jehova-aeiou, bheka, izitha zakho, ziyakubhubha; bonke abenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka bayakuhlakazwa. kepha uphondo lwami uyaluphakamisa njengolwenyathi, ngigcotshwa ngamafutha amasha. iso lami liyakubona ngokujabula izitha zami, nezindlebe zami ziyakuzwa ngokuthokoza ngababi abangivukelayo. olungileyo uyahluma njengesundu, uyakhula njengomsedari elebanoni. batshaliwe endlini kajehova-aeiou, bamila emageckeni kalezi-ku wethu. nasebudaleni bayakuthela izithelo, bahlume babe luhlaza, ukuze bashumayeke ukuthi ujeheva-aeiou ulungile; uyidwala lami okungekho kuye ukungalungi.

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ujehova-aeiou uyinkosi, wembethe ubukhosi; ujeheva-aeiou wembethe, ubhince amandla. nezwe limi liqinile, lingazanyazanyiswa. isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi simi siqinile kwasendulo; wena ukhona kwaphakade. imifula iphakamisile, jehova-aeiou, imifula iphakamisile ukuholoba kwayo; imifula iphakamisa ukuduma kwayo. ujeheva-aeiou ophakeme unamandla kunokuholoba kwamanzi amaningi, kunokuduma kwamadlambi olwandle. ukufakaza kwakho kuqinisekile kakhulu. ubungcwele buyifanele indlu yakho, jehova-aeiou, kuze kube phakade.

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lezi-ku wempindiselo, jehova-aeiou, lezi-ku wempindiselo, vela ukhanye. phakama, mahluleli womhlaba, uphindisele kwabazidlalo izenzo zabo. jehova-aeiou, koze kube nini ababi, koze kube nini ababi bethaba na? bayampompoza, bakhuluma amagan-gangozi; bayazidla bonke abenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka. isizwe sakho, jehova-aeiou, bayasiphohloza, nefa lakho balinyathela phansi. bayabhuhisa umfelokazi nomfokazi, nezintandane bayazibulala. bathi: ujeheva-aeiou akaboni, ulezi-ku kakakobe akanaki. qaphelani nina zithutha phakathi kwabantu; nani ziwula, niyakuqonda nini

na? owenza indlebe kanakuzwa na? owadala iso kanakubona na? othethisa abezizwe, yena ofundisa abantu ukwazi, kanakujezisa na? ujeheva-aeiou uyayazi imicabango yabantu ukuba ingumoya nje. jehova-aeiou, ubusisiwe lowo muntu omyalayo, omfundisayo ngomthetho wakho, wenzela ukuba umphumuze ezinsukwini ezimbi, aze ambelwe umgodi lowo ongenamthetho. ngokuba ujeheva-aeiou akayikulahlala abantu bakhe, nefa lakhe akayikushiya. ngokuba ukulunga kuyakubuyela ekwahluleleni, bonke abaqotho ngenhliziyo bakulandele. ngubani oyakungimela phambi kwababi na? ngubani oyakungelekelela kwabenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka na? uma ujeheva-aeiou ebengesilo usizo lwami, umphefumulo wami ubuyakushesha ukuhlala ekuthuleni kokufa. lapho ngithe unyawo lwami luyashelela, umusa wakho, jehova-aeiou, wangiphasa. kubo ubuninginingi bemicabango yenzliziyo yami ukududuzwa kwakho kwathokozisa umphefumulo wami. isihlalo sobubi singahlanganyela nawe yini, leso esisebenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka kungathi ngomthetho na? bahlangana ukuvukela umphefumulo wolungileyo; igazi elingenacala bayalilahlala. kepha ujeheva-aeiou waba yinqaba yami, ulezi-ku wami waba yiwa engiphepha kulo. uyaphindisela kubo ukushinga kwabo, abaqede ngobubi babo; ujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu uyakubaqeda.

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wozani simhubele ujeheva-aeiou, sihlabelele ngenjabulo kulo idwala lensindiso yethu. masize phambi kobuso bakhe ngokubonga, sihlabelele kuye ngamahubo. ngokuba ujeheva-aeiou ungulezi-ku omkhulu, uyinkosi enkulu phezu kwawulezi-ku bonke. esandleni sakhe kukhona ukujula komhlaba; iziqongo zezintaba ngezakhe nazo. ulwandle ngolwakhe, walwenza; nomhlabathi owomileyo izandla zakhe zawubumba. wozani; masikhuleke, sikhothame, siguqe phambi kukajehova-aeiou, umenzi wethu. ngokuba yena ungulezi-ku wethu, thina singabantu bedlelo lakhe nezimvu zesandla sakhe. namuhla, uma nilizwa izwi lakhe, ningayenzi lukhuni inhliziyo yenu njengasemeriba, njengasokwini lwasemasa ehlane, lapho oyihlo bangilanga khona, bangivivinya, babona umsebenzi wami. iminyaka engamashumi amane nganengwa yileso sizukulwane, ngaze ngathi: bangabantu abanhliziyo zabo zidukile, abazazanga izindlela zami, engafunga ngabo olakeni lwami, ngathi: abasoze bangena ekuphumuleni kwami.

hlabelelani kujehova-aeiou ihubo elisha, nihlabelele kujehova-aeiou, mhlaba wonke. hlabelelani kujehova-aeiou, nibonge igama lakhe, nimemeze insindiso yakhe imihla ngemihla. landani inkazimulo yakhe phakathi kwabezizwe, izimangalislo zakhe phakathi kwabantu bonke. ngokuba mkhulu ujeihova-aeiou, udumisekile kakhulu; uyesabeka phezu kwabo bonke olezi-ku. ngokuba bonke olezi-ku babezizwe bayizithombe, kepha ujeihova-aeiou walenza izulu. udumo nobukhosi kusebusweni bakhe; amandla nenkazimulo kusendlini yakhe engcwele. mnikeni ujeihova-aeiou nina mindeni yabantu, mnikeni ujeihova-aeiou inkazimulo namandla. mnikeni ujeihova-aeiou inkazimulo yegama lakhe, nilethe umnikelo, ningene emagekeni akhe. khulekani kujehova-aeiou, nihlobe ubungcwele; thuthumela ebusweni bakhe, mhlaba wonke. thanini phakathi kwabezizwe: ujeihova-aeiou uyinkosi, izwe lihala liqinile, lingenakushukunyiswa; uthetha amacala ezizwe ngobuqotho. malijabule izulu, umhlaba uthokoze; maluhlokome ulwandle nokugcwala kwalo. mawename amasimu nakho konke okukuwo, ijabule imithi yonke yehlathi ebusweni bukajehova-aeiou, ngokuba uyeza, yebo, uyeza ukwahlulela umhlaba; uyakwahlulela izwe ngokulunga, nezizwe ngokuthembeka kwakhe.

ujeihova-aeiou uyinkosi; umhlaba mawethabe, zijabule iziqhingi eziningi. :1 isaya 60:9; zak. 9:9. amafu nobumnyama kuyamphahla; ukulunga nokwahlulela kuyisisekelo sesihlalo sakhe sobukhosi. :2 eks. 19:16. umlilo uyahamba phambi kwakhe, udla izitha zakhe nxazonke. :3 isamb. 4:5. imibani yakhe ikhanyisa izwe; umhlaba uyakubona, uthuthumele. izintaba zincibiliba njengencina phambi kukajehova-aeiou, phambi kwenkosi yomhlaba wonke. :5 mika 1:4. amazulu ashumayela ukulunga kwakhe; izizwe zonke zibona inkazimulo yakhe. :6 amah. 8:1. mabababhe bonke abakhonza izithombe ezibaziweyo, abazigabisa ngezithombe. mkhonzeni nina nonke bolezi-ku. :7 eks. 20:3; isaya 42:17; heb. 1:6. isiyoni liyezwa, liyababula; ngenxa yezahlulelo zakho, jehova-aeiou. :8 isaya 12:6. ngokuba wena jehova-aeiou uphezu komhlaba wonke, uphakeme kakhulu phezu kwawolezi-ku bonke. :9 amah. 83:18. nina enithanda ujeihova-aeiou zondani bonara-ukukhandleka; uyagcina imiphefumulo yabamkhonzayo; uyabasindisa ezandleni zababi. :10 am. 5:14; joh. 10:28; rom. 12:9.

ukukhanya kuhlwanyelelwe olungileyo, ukujabula kuhlwanyelelwe abanhliziyo ziqotho. :11 amah. 112:4. jabulani kujehova-aeiou nina balungileyo, nibonge igama lakhe elingcwele.

ihubo. mhubeleni ujeihova-aeiou igama elisha, ngokuba wenze izimangalislo; esokunene sakhe nengalo yakhe engcwele kumtholele ukunqoba. ujeihova-aeiou wazisile insindiso yakhe; ukulunga kwakhe ukwambulile emehlweni abezizwe. ukhumbulile umusa wakhe nokuthembeka kwakhe kuyo indlu ka-israyeli; imikhawulo yonke yomhlaba ibonile insindiso kalezi-ku wethu. hlokomani kujehova-aeiou ngezwi lokuhalalisa, nihlabelele ngenjabulo, nihube. mhubeleni ujeihova-aeiou ngehabhu, ngehabhu nangezwi lehubo. ngamacilongo nangokukhala komtshingo hlokomani ngezwi lokuhalalisa phambi kwenkosi ujeihova-aeiou. maludume ulwandle nokugcwala kwalo, izwe nabakhileyo kulo. imifula mayishaye ihlombe, izintaba zihalalise kanyekanye ebusweni bukajehova-aeiou, ngokuba uyeza ukwahlulela umhlaba. uyakwahlulela izwe ngokulunga nezizwe ngobuqotho.

ujeihova-aeiou uyinkosi; mabathuthumele abantu; uhlezi phezu kwamakherubi; mawuzamazame umhlaba. ujeihova-aeiou mkhulu esiyoni, uphakeme phezu kwezizwe zonke. mababonge igama lakho elikhulu nalesabekayo; ungwele yena. amandla enkosi athanda okulungileyo, umisile ubuqotho; ukwahlulela nokulunga ukwenzile kwajakobe. mphakamiseni ujeihova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu, nikhuleke ngasesanabelweni sezinyawo zakhe; ungwele yena. omose no-aroni babe phakathi kwabapristi bakhe; usamuweli wayephakathi kwabakhulekayo egameni lakhe. bakhuleka kujehova-aeiou, yena waphendula. wakhuluma kubo esensikeni yefu; bagcina ubufakazi bakhe nezimiso abanika zona. jehova-aeiou lezi-ku wethu, wena ubaphendulile, waba kubo ulezi-ku othethelelayo nophindiselayo ngezenzo zabo. mphakamiseni ujeihova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu, nikhuleke ngasentabeni yakhe engcwele, ngokuba ungwele ujeihova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu.

ihubo lokudumisa. hlokoma kujehova-aeiou ngezwi lokuhalalisa, mhlaba wonke.

mkhonzeni ujevova-aeiou ngokujabula, nisondele ebusweni bakhe ngokuhuba kwentokozi. yazini ukuthi ujevova-aeiou ungulezi-ku; nguye osenzileyo, akuthina, sibe ngabantu bakhe nezimvu zedlelo lakhe. ngenani emasangweni akhe ngokubonga, nasemagcekeni akhe ngokudumisa; mbongeni, nibusise igama lakhe. ngokuba muhle ujevova-aeiou; umusa wakhe umi phakade, nokuthembeka kwakhe ezizukulwaneni ngezizukulwane.

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elikadavide. ihubo. ngizakuhlabelela ngomusa nokwahlulela, ngikudumise wena jehova-aeiou. ngizakuqaphelisisa indlela engenacala. uyakuza nini kimi na? ngizakuhamba endlini yami ngenhliziyo engenacala. angizukubeka phambi kwamehllo ami into embi; ukwenza kwabahlubukayo ngiyakuzonda; akuyikunamathela kimi. inhliziyo ephambeneyo iyakusuka kimi; omubi angiyikumazi. omhlebayo umakhelwane wakhe ngase ngizakumqeda; onamehlo aqhoshayo nenhliziyo ezidlayo angiyikumvumela. amehllo ami akwabathembekileyo bomhlaba ukuba bahlale nami; ohamba endleleni engenacala uyakungikhonza. osebenza ukukhohlisa akayikuhlala endlini yami; okhuluma amanga akayikuma phambi kwamehlo ami. ekuseni imihla ngemihla ngiyakubaqeda bonke ababi bomhlaba, ukuze ngingume emzini kajejova-aeiou bonke abenzi bbona-ra-ukukhandleka.

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umkhuleko wohluphekayo, nxa ephela amandla, ethulula isikhalo sakhe phambi kukajejova-aeiou. jehova-aeiou, yizwa umkhuleko wami; ukukhala kwami makufinyelele kuwe. ungafihli ubuso bakho kimi ngosuku losizi lwami; beka indlebe yakho kimi, ngosuku engimemeza ngalo usheshe ungiphendule. ngokuba izinsuku zami ziphelile njengomusi; amathambo ashile njengezinkuni. inhliziyo yami ishayiwe, ibunile njengotshani, ngokuba ngiyakhohlwa ukudla isinkwa sami. ngenxa yezwi lokububula kwami amathambo ami anamathele enyameni yami. ngiyafana nevuba ehlane, ngingengesikhova kwahlongasibi. ngiyaqwasha, ngingengeniyoni eyodwa ophahleni lwendlu. izitha zami ziyangithuka usuku lonke; abahlanya ngami bayangiqalekisa. ngokuba ngidlile umlotha njengesinkwa, nophuzo lwami ngiluxubanisile nezinyembezi. ngenxa yentukuthelo nolaka lwakho ungifukulile, wangilahla. izinsuku zami zinjengeth-

unzi elandayo; mina uqobo ngiyabuna njengotshani. kepha wena jehova-aeiou uyakuhlala kuze kube phakade, nesikhumbuzo sakho ezizukulwaneni ngezizukulwane. uyakuvuka, uhawukele isiyoni; sekuyisikhathi sokuliphatha ngomusa, yebo, isikhathi esimisiweyo sesifikele. ngokuba izinceku zalo ziyathokoza ngamatshe alo, zihawukele uthuli lwalo. khona abezizwe bayakulesaba igama likajejova-aeiou, amakhosi onke omhlaba inkazimulo yakho. ngokuba ujevova-aeiou ulakhile isiyoni, ubonakele enkazimulweni yakhe; wanaka umkhuleko wabangenalutho, engawudeleli umthandazo wabo. lokhu kuyakulotshelwa izizukulwane esizayo; abantu abayakudalwa bayakudumisa ujevova-aeiou. ngokuba ubheke phansi esekuphakameni kwakhe okungcwele, wabuka umhlaba esezulwini ukuba ezwe ukububula kwesiboshwa, akhulule abantwana bokufa, ukuze kumenyezwe esiyoni igama likajejova-aeiou nodumo lwakhe ejerusalem, nxa izizwe zibuthana ndawonye kanye nemibuso ukumkhonza ujevova-aeiou. wanciphisa amandla ami endleleni, wafinyeza izinsuku zami. ngithi: lezi-ku wami, ungangisusi enxenyeni yezinsuku zami; iminyaka yakho isezizukulwaneni ngezizukulwane. endulo wawusekela umhlaba, izulu lingumsebenzi wezandla zakho. kuyakubhubha lokhu, kepha uyakuma; yebo, kuyakuguga konke njengengubo; njengesambatho uyakukugqula, kuguqulwe. kepha unguwe njalo, iminyaka yakho ayiyikuphela. abantwana bezinceku zakho bayakuhlala; inzalo yabo iyakuma phambi kwakho.

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mbonge ujevova-aeiou, mphefumulo wami; konke okuphakathi kwami makubonge igama lakhe elingcwele. mbonge ujevova-aeiou, mphefumulo wami, ungakhohlwa imisebenzi yonke yakhe yomusa, yena othethelela zonke izono zakho, owelapha zonke izifo zakho; okhulula ukuphila kwakho ekubhujisweni, okuqhelisa ngomusa nangobubele; osuthisa ukulangazela kwakho ngokuhle, ubusha bakho bubuyiswe njengokhozi. ujevova-aeiou ubenzela bonke abacindezelwayo ukulunga nokwahlulela. wamazisa umose izindlela zakhe, nabantwana bakwa-israyeli izenzo zakhe. ujevova-aeiou unobubele neshawu; wephuza ukuthukuthela, kuvama umusa. akathethi njalongo; akagcini intukuthelo yakhe kuze kube phakade. akasiphathi njengokufanele izono zethu, akasivuzi njengokwamacala ethu. ngokuba njengokuphakama kwezulu phezu komhlaba unjalo umusa wakhe phezu kwabamesabayo. njengokuba impumalanga yahlukene

nentshonalanga, udedisile kangaka kithi iziphambeko zethu. njengoyise ehawukela abantwana bakhe, kanjalo ujeхова-aeiou uyabahawukela abamesabayo. ngokuba uyakwazi ukubunjwa kwethu; uyakhumbula ukuthi siluthuli. izinsuku zomuntu zinjengotshani; uyakhahlela njengembali yasendle. ngokuba umoya uyadlula phezu kwayo, bese yinyamalala, nendawo yayo ingabe isayazi. kepha umusa kajehova-aeiou uphezu kwabamesabayo kwaphakade kuze kube phakade, nokulunga kwakhe kubantwana babantwana, kubo abagcina isivumelwano sakhe bekhumbula iziyalezo zakhe ukuba bazenze. ujeхова-aeiou umisile isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi ezulwini; nombuso wakhe ubusa phezu kwakho konke. bongani ujeхова-aeiou nina zingelosi zakhe, nina maqhawe anamandla enenza okwezwi lakhe nilalela ukukhuluma kwezwi lakhe. bongani ujeхова-aeiou nina mabandla onke akhe, nina zincele zakhe enenza intando yakhe. bongani ujeхова-aeiou nina misebenzi yakhe yonke ezindaweni zonke zombuso wakhe. mbonge ujeхова-aeiou, mphefumulo wami.

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mbonge ujeхова-aeiou, mphefumulo wami; jeхова-aeiou lezi-ku wami, umkhulu, wembethe udumo nobukhosi; ogqoka ukukhanya njengengubo, oweneka izulu njengendwangu; obeka imishayo yezindlu zakhe emanzini, owenza amafu abe yinqola yakhe, ohamba ngamaphiko omoya; owenza izingelosi zibe yimimoya, izikhonzi zakhe zibe yilangabi lamlilo. umisile umhlaba phezu kwezisekelo zawo, ukuze ungazanyazanyiswa kuze kube phakade naphakade. wawumboza ngolwandle njengengubo; amanzi ema phezu kwezintaba. ngokukhuza kwakho abaleka, ngezwi lokuduma kwakho ashesha asuka. enyuka izintaba, ehla izigodi, aze afika endaweni owawuyimisele wona. umisile umncele ukuba angaweqi, angabuyi ukusibekela umhlaba. uthumela imithombo ezigodini; yona igijima phakathi kwezintaba. iyaphuzisa izilwane zonke zasendle, izimbongo zasendle zicime ukoma kwazo. izinyoni zezulu zakhile ngakuyo, zizwakalisa izwi lazo phakathi kwamagatsha. uphuzisa izintaba okuvela emakamelweni akhe; umhlaba uyaneliswa yisithole semisebenzi yakho. uhlumisela izinkomo utshani nemifino yokusiza umuntu, ukuze aveze ukudla emhlabeni, newayini elijabulisa inhliziyo yomuntu, namafutha okukhazimulisa ubuso, nesinkwa esiqinisa inhliziyo yomuntu. iyasutha imithi kajehova-aeiou, imisedari yaselebanoni ayitshalileyo, okwakhele kuyo izinyoni; ugotlantethe unendlu yakhe kuyo imisayipuresi. izintaba eziphakemeyo ngezezimbuzi zasendle; amawa

ayisiphephelo sezimbila. wenza inyanga ibe ngeyokwahlukanisa izikhathi; ilanga liyazi ukushona kwalo. wenza ubumnyama kube ngubusuku; phakathi kwabo kuphuma izilo zonke zasehlathini. izingonyama ezintsha zibhongela impango, zifuna ukudla kwazo kulezi-ku. liphuma ilanga, bese zibuyela phansi zilale emihumeni yazo. bese kuphuma umuntu, aye emsebenzini wakhe nasekukhandlekeni kwakhe kuze kuhlwe. jeхова-aeiou, yeka ubuningi bemisebenzi yakho; yonke uyenzile ngokuhlakanipha; umhlaba ugcwele izidalwa zakho. nantu ulwandle, lukhulu, lubanzi; lapho kukhona izilwanyana ezinwabuzelayo ezingenakubalwa, izilwane ezincane nezinkulu. kuhamba khona imikhumbi, uleviyathani lowo omenzile ukuba adlale kulo. zonke lezi zidalwa zibheka wena, ukuze uzinike ukudla kwazo ngesikhathi esiyiso. uyazinika ukudla, zibuthe; uvula isandla sakho, zisuthe ngokuhle. uyasitheza ubuso bakho, zethuke; yusasua umphefumulo wazo, zife, zibuyele othulini lwazo. uyathumela umoya wakho, zidalwe; wenza bube busha ubuso bomhlaba. inkazimulo kajehova-aeiou mayime kuze kube phakade; ujeхова-aeiou kathokoze ngemisebenzi yakhe, yena obheka umhlaba, besewuthuthumela, othinta izintaba, zithunqe. ngiyakumhabela ujeхова-aeiou kukho konke ukuphila kwami; ngiyakuhlabelela kulezi-ku wami ngisekhona. ukuzindla kwami makube mnandi kuye; mina mangithokoze kujehova-aeiou. izoni maziphele emhlabeni, kungabe kusaba khona ababi. mbonge ujeхова-aeiou, mphefumulo wami. haleluya!

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bongani ujeхова-aeiou, nibize igama lakhe, nizazise phakathi kwabantu izenzo zakhe. hlabelelani kuye, nimhubele, nikhulume ngezimangaliso zakhe zonke. zibongeni egameni lakhe elingcwele; mazithokoze izinhliziyo zabamfunayo ujeхова-aeiou. funani ujeхова-aeiou namandla akhe, nifunisise ubuso bakhe njalo. khumbulani izimangaliso zakhe azenzileyo, nezibonakaliso zakhe, nezahlulelo zomlomo wakhe, nina nzalo ka-abrahama ineku yakhe, nina bantwana bakajakobe, abakhethiweyo bakhe. yena ungujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu; izahlulelo zakhe zisemhlabeni wonke. ukhumbulile isivumelwano sakhe kuze kube phakade, izwi ayala ngalo izizukulwane eziyinkulungwane, avumelana kuso no-abrahama, nesifungo sakhe ku-isaka; wasiqinisa kujakobe, saba ngumthetho, naku-israyeli, saba yisivumelwano esiphakade, ethi: ngizakukunika izwe lasekhanani libe yisabelo sefa lakho, lapho babe yingcosana ngomumo, yebo, lapho babe yingcosana, futhi

babe yizihambi kulo. bazulazula ezizweni ngezizwe, besuka kulo mbuso, beya kwabanye abantu. akavumelanga muntu ukubahlupha, wajezisa amakhosi ngenxa yabo, ethi: ningathinti abagcotshiweyo bami, ningoni abaprofethi bami. futhi wathuma indlala phezu kwezwe, walwaphula uzime lwesinkwa. wathuma indoda phambi kwabo: uJosefa wathengiswa abe yisigqila. balimaza izinyawo zakhe ngamaketanga, waboshwa ngensimbi. kwaze kwaba yisikhathi elagcwaliseka ngaso izwi lakhe, izwi likajehova-aeiou lamhola. inkosi yathuma yamthukulula, umbusi wabantu wamkhulula. wamenza umphathi wendlu yakhe nenduna yezinto zakhe zonke, ukuze abophe izikhulu zakhe ngokuthanda kwakhe, afundise amalunga akhe ukuhlakanipha. u-israyeli wayesefika egibithe, uJakobe wagogobala ezweni likahamu. wandisa kakhulu abantu bakhe; wabenza babe namandla kunezitha zabo. wayiguqula inhliziyi yabo ukuba bazonde abantu bakhe, baphathe izinceku zakhe ngobuqili. wathuma umose inceku yakhe, u-aroni abemkhethile. benza phakathi kwabo izibonakaliso zakhe nezimangaliso ezweni likahamu. wathuma ubumnyama, wenza kwaba mnyama, kepha baphambana namazwi akhe. waphendula amanzi abo aba yigazi; wabhubhisa izinhlanzi zabo, izwe labo lagcwala amasele nasezindlini zamakhosi abo. wakhuluma, kwavela izibawu nezinsensane eminceleni yabo yonke. wabanika isichotho saba yimvula yabo, amalangabi omililo ezweni labo. washaya nemivini yabo nemikhiwane yabo; waphula imithi yasezweni labo. wakhuluma, kwavela isikhonyane nezinkumbi ezingenakubalwa. zona zadla imifino yonke yezwe lakubo, zaqothula nezithelo zomhlabathi wabo, washaya namazibulo onke ezweni lakubo, okokuqala kwamandla abo. wayesebakhhipha benesiliva negolide, kungekho ontengezelayo emindenini yakubo. igibithe lajabula ekuphumeni kwabo, ngokuba ukwesaba kwabehlala. wendlala ifu lokubasibekela, nomililo wokukhanyisa ebusuku. bacela, waletsha izigwaca, wabasuthisa ngesinkwa sasezulwini. wavula idwala, kwampompoza amanzi, agobhoza emahlane njengomfula. ngokuba wakhumbula izwi lakhe elingwele no-abrahama inceku yakhe. wayesebakhhipha abantu bakhe ngokujabula, abakhethiweyo bakhe ngokuthokoza. wabapha amazwe abezizwe, badla isithelo somsebenzi wabantu ukuba baqaphele izimiso zakhe, bagcine imithetho yakhe. haleluya!

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haleluya! bongani uJehova-aeiou, ngokuba muhle, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade.

ngubani ongalanda izenzo zamandla zikajehova-aeiou, azwakalise lonke udumo lwakhe, na? babusisiwe abaqaphela ukwahlulela kwakhe, owenza ukulunga ngezikhathi zonke. ngikhumbule, jehova-aeiou, ngomusa onawo kubantu bakho, unghambeke ngensindiso yakho, ukuze ngibone inhlanhla yabakhethiweyo bakho, ngithokoze ngentokozi yesizwe sakho, ngizibonge kanye nefa lakho. sonile kanye nawobaba; senzile bona-ra-ukukhandleka, sonakala. obaba abaqondanga izibonakaliso zakho egibithe, abakhumbulanga ubuningi bezenzo zakho zomusa; bahlubuka ngasewandle, ulwandle olubomvu. nokho wabasindisa ngenxa yegama lakhe, ukuze abonakalise amandla akhe. wakhuya ulwandle olubomvu, lwasha; wabaholela ekujuleni njengasehlane. wabasindisa esandleni sababazondayo, wabakhulula esandleni sesitha. amanzi asibekela izitha zabo; akwasala noyedwa kubo. khona bakholwa ngamazwi akhe, bahlabelela udumo lwakhe. bashesha bakhohlwa imisebenzi yakhe, abalindelanga isiluleko sakhe. bahaha nokuhaha ehlane, bamlinga ulezi-ku kwahlongasibi. wabanika abakufisayo, kepha wathuma ukonda emiphefumulweni yabo. baba nomhawu ngomose ekamu, nango-aroni ongwele kajehova-aeiou. umhlaba wavuleka, wamgwinya udathani, wagqiba iviyo lika-abiramu. kokheleka umlilo eviyweni labo; ilangabi lasha laqeda ababi. benza ithole ehorebe; bakhuleka kuso isithombe esibunjiweyo. baguqula kanjalo inkazimulo yabo, yaba njengenkabi edla utshani. bakhohlwa ulezi-ku um-sindisi wabo owayezenzile izinto ezinkulu egibithe, izimangaliso ezweni likahamu nokwesabekayo ngasewandle olubomvu. wathi ubezakubabhubhisa, uma umose okhethiweyo wakhe ebengamanga ebusweni bakhe ukubakhulumela, ukuze amyekise intukuthelo yakhe, funa ababhubhise. badelela izwe elihle, babengakholwa yizwi lakhe. bakhonona besematendeni abo; babengalaleli izwi likajehova-aeiou. ngalokho waphakamisa isandla sakhe ngakubo ukuba abawise ehlane, awise nenzalo yabo phakathi kwabezizwe, abahlakaze emazweni. bazihlanganisa nobali peyori, badla okuhlatshele wabafileyo. bamcunula ngezenzo zabo; kwabhooboka isifo phakathi kwabo. wayesuka ufnehasi, wahlulela; saphela isifo; lokhu wakubalelwa njengokulunga ezizukulwaneni ngezizukulwane kuze kube phakade. bamcunula ngasemanzini asemeriba; kwaba kubi kumose ngenxa yabo. ngokuba baphambana nomoya wakhe; wakhuluma ngamawala ngomlomo wakhe. abababhubhisanga abantu uJehova-aeiou abayaleza ngabo, kepha bahlangana nabezizwe, bafunda imisebenzi

yabo. bakhonza izithombe zabo, zaba lugibe kubo. amadodana namadodakazi abo bawahlabela amademoni. bachitha igazi elingenacala, igazi lamadodana abo namadodakazi abo abawahlabela izithombe zasekhanani; izwe langcoliswa yigazi. bangcola kanjalo ngemisebenzi yabo, baphinga ezenzweni zabo. intukuthelo kajehova-aeiou yokheleka ngakubantu bakhe; ifa lakhe laba yisinengiso kuye. wabanikela esandleni sabezizwe; ababazondayo bababusa. izitha zabo zabacindezela, bathotshiswa phansi kwesandla sazo. kaningi wabakhulula; kepha bahlubuka ngecebo labo, bawiswa phansi ngobubi babo. nokho wanaka ukuhlupheka kwabo, esezwile ukukhala kwabo. wabakhumbulela isivumelwano sakhe; waphenduka ngokobuningi bomusa wakhe. wabatholisa ububele ebusweni babo bonke ababebathumbile. sisindise, jehova-aeiou lezi-ku wethu, sibuthe kwabezizwe ukuba sidumise igama lakho elingwele, sethabe ekukudumiseni. makabongwe uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli kusukela phakade kuze kube phakade. abantu bonke mabathi: amen. haleluya!

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bongani uje-hova-aeiou, ngokuba muhle, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade. mabasho njalo abahlengiweyo bakajehova-aeiou, abahlengiweyo esandleni sesitha; wababutha emazweni, empumalanga nasentshonalanga, enyakatho naselwandle. bazulazula ehlane ngendlela yakwahlon-gasibi, abafumananga umuzi wokuhlala. belambile, bomile, umphefumulo wabo waphela amandla phakathi kwabo. base bekhala kujehova-aeiou ekuhluphekeni kwabo; wabakhulula ezinsizini zabo. wabahola ngendlela elungileyo ukuba baye emzini wokuhlala. mababonge uje-hova-aeiou ngomusa wakhe nezimangaliso zakhe kubo abantwana babantu. ngokuba usuthisa umphefumulo olangazelayo; umphefumulo olambayo uyawugcwalisa ngokuhle. babehlezi ebumnyameni nasethunzini lokufa beboshiwe osizini nasensimbini, ngokuba babephambene namazwi kalezi-ku, babesidelele isiluleko sophezukonke. wathobisa inhliziyo yabo ngokuhlupheka; bawa kungekho osizayo. base bekhala kujehova-aeiou ekuhluphekeni kwabo, wabakhulula ezinsizini zabo. wabakhipha ebumnyameni nasethunzini lokufa, wagqabula izibopho zabo. mababonge uje-hova-aeiou ngomusa wakhe nangezimangaliso zakhe kubo abantwana babantu. ngokuba waphulile amasango ethusi, wanquma imigogo yensimbi. babe yizithutha ngenxa yeziphambeko zabo; ngenxa yobubi babo babehlushwa. umphefumulo

wabo wenyanya konke ukudla; basondela emasangweni okufa. base bekhala kujehova-aeiou ekuhluphekeni kwabo; wabakhulula ezinsizini zabo. wathuma izwi lakhe, wabaphilisa, wabakhulula emathuneni abo. mababonge uje-hova-aeiou ngomusa wakhe, nezimangaliso zakhe kubo abantwana babantu. mabanikele iminikelo yokubonga, balande imisebenzi yakhe ngokwethaba. behlela elwandle ngemikhumbi, bathengiselana emanzini amakhulu, laba babona imisebenzi kajehova-aeiou nezimangaliso zakhe ekujuleni. ngokuba wakhuluma, wavusa umoya wesiphepho owaphakamisa amadlambi olwandle. bakhuphukela ezulwini, babuye behlela kuzo izintwa; umphefumulo wancibilika ngosizi. bayendayenda, bantengezela njengodakiweyo; konke ukuhlakanipha kwabo kwagwinywa. base bekhala kujehova-aeiou ekuhluphekeni kwabo, wabakhulula ezinsizini zabo. wathulisa isiphepho, kwaze kwaba ngukuthula, kwathula namadlambi olwandle. base bethokoza, ngokuba kwaba ngukuthula; wabaholela ethekweni lokufisa kwabo. mababonge uje-hova-aeiou ngomusa wakhe nangezimangaliso zakhe kubo abantwana babantu. mabamphakamise ebandleni labantu, bamdumise emhlanganweni wamalunga. imifula wayiphendula ihlane, nemithombo yamanzi isigagadu, nomhlabathi ovundileyo waba lugwadule lukasawoti ngenxa yobubi babahlezi khona. ihlane waliphendula amachibi amanzi, nomhlabathi owomileyo imithombo yamanzi. wabahlalisa khona abalambileyo, bakha khona umuzi wokuhlala. balima amasimu, batshala isivini, kwabathelela izithelo. wababusisa, banda kakhulu, akanciphisa izinkomo zabo. babuye bancia, bathotshiswa ngokucindezelwa, nangobubi, nangosizi. wathela ukudelela phezu kwezikhulu, wabazulazulisa ehlane elingenandlela. nokho waphakamisa ompofu, wamkhipha osizini, enza imindeni njengomhlambi. olungileyo uyakukubona, ajabule; ububi bonke bumelwe ukuvala umlomo. ohlakaniphileyo makaqaphele lokhu; bayakuqonda umusa kajehova-aeiou.

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igama. ihubo likadavide. inhliziyo yami iduduzekile, lezi-ku; ngizakuhlabelela, ngihube, ngisho nomphefumulo wami. vukani, lugubhu nehabhu! ngizakuvusa ukusa. ngizakubonga phakathi kwabantu, jehova-aeiou, ngikudumise phakathi kwezizwe. ngokuba umusa wakho mkhulu phezu kwezulu, nokuthembeka kwakho kuze kube semafwini. phakama, lezi-ku, phezu kwezulu, inkazimulo yakho ibe phezu komhlaba wonke. ukuze

abathandekayo bakho bakhululwe, sindisa ngesandla sakho sokunene, ungizwele. ulezi-ku ukhulumile ebungcweleni bakhe, wathi: ngiyakwethaba; ngiyakulidabula ishekemi, ngisilinganise isigodi sasesukoti. ngowami ugileyadi, ngowami umanase; u-efrayimi uyisivikelo sekhanda lami, ujuda uyingtonga yami yokubusa. umowabi uyisitsha sami sokuhlambela; phezu kuka-edomi ngiphonsa isicathulo sami; phezu kwefilistiya ngiyethaba. ngubani oyakungiyisa emzini oyingqaba na? ngubani oyakungiholela kwa-edomi na? akusiwena lezi-ku osilahlileyo na? lezi-ku, awusaphumi nezimpi zethu. siphe ukuba sisizakale ekuhluphekeni, ngokuba ukusiza komuntu kuyize. ngolezi-ku siyakwenza izenzo zamandla; yena uyakunyathela phansi izitha zethu.

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kumholi wokuhlabelela. elikadavide. ihubo. ungathuli, lezi-ku wokubonga kwami. ngokuba umlomo womubi nomlomo wenkohliso bawuvulile ngakimi; bakhulumile ngami ngolimi lwamanga. bangizungeza ngamazwi enzondo; balwa nami, kungekho sizathu. ngenxa yothando lwami bayangizonda, mina ngisemkhulekweni njalo. bangibuyisele bona-ra-ukukhandleka ngokuhle, nenzondo ngothando lwami. beka omubi phezu kwakhe; makume omelene naye ngasesandleni sakhe sokunene. ekwahlulelweni kwakhe makalahlwe yicala; umkhuleko wakhe mawube yisono. izinsuku zakhe mazibe yingcosana, omunye athathe isikhundla sakhe. abantwana bakhe mababe yizintandane, umkakhe abe ngumfelokazi. abantwana bakhe mababe yizintandane, baphanze, bacele bekude nezin dawo zabo ezichithekileyo. umtsheleki makabambe konke anakho, abafo baphange izithelo zomsebenzi wakhe. makungabikho omenzela umusa, futhi kungabikho ohawukela izintandane zakhe. inzalo yakhe mayinqun- ywe; igama layo malesulwe esizukulwaneni esilandelayo. ububi bawoyise mabukhum- buleke kujehova-aeiou; masingesulwa isono sikanina. mabeme phambi kukajehova-aeiou njalo, kunqunywe isikhumbuzo sabo emhlabeni. ngokuba wayengakhumbuli ukwenza umusa, kepha wazingela umuntu odingayo nompofu nodabukile ngenhliziyo ukuba ababulale. wathanda ukuthuka, kweza phezu kwakhe; wayengathokozi ngesibusiso, sahlala kude naye. wagqoka ukuthuka njengesambatho, kwangena ezibilinini zakhe njengamanzi, nasemath- anjeni akhe njengamafutha. makube kuye njengesambatho asembathayo ne- hande azibopha ngalo isikhathi sonke. lokhu makube ngumvuzo wezitha, uvela

kujehova-aeiou, nowabakhuluma kabi ngomphefumulo wami. kepha wena jehova-aeiou, nkosi yami, ngiphathe ngokwegama lakho; njengokuba umusa wakho ulungile, ngisindise. ngokuba ngingodingayo nompofu; inhliziyoyami ilimele phakathi kwami. njengehunzi eselilide ngiyamuka; njengesikhonyane ngiyapheshulwa. amadolo ami abuthakathaka ngokuzila ukudla, nomzimba wami uswele ukukhuluphala. futhi ngaba yisihlamba kubona; bengibheka banikina amakhanda abo. ngisize, jehova-aeiou lezi-ku wami, ngisindise ngokomusa wakho, ukuze bazi ukuthi lokhu kuyisandla sakho; wena jehova-aeiou ukwenzile. mabathuke bona, wena ubusise; nxa bevuka, mabajabhe; kepha inceku yakho mayithokoze. abamelene nami mabembese amahloni, bagqoke ukujabha njengesambatho. ngiyakumbonga uje-hova-aeiou ngomlomo wami, ngimdumise esixukwini. ngokuba uyakuma ngakwesokunene sompofu ukumsindisa kulabo abalahl umphefumulo wakhe.

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elikadavide. ihubo. uje-hova-aeiou wathi enkosini yami: hlala ngakwesokunene sami, ngize ngenze izitha zakho zibe yisenabelo sezinyawo zakho. intonga yamandla akho uje-hova-aeiou uyakuyelula esesiyoni; busa wena phakathi kwezitha zakho. abantu bakho bayazinikela ngenjabulo ngosuku lwempi yakho; ebuhleni bobungcwele abasha bakho bavela njengaphuzo esizalweni sokusa. uje-hova-aeiou ufungile engayikuguquka, wathi: wena ungumpristi kuze kube phakade ngendlela kamelkisedeki. inkosi ingakwesokunene sakho; iyakuchoboza amakhosi ngosuku lwentukuthelo yayo. iyakwahlulela phakathi kwabezizwe, kugcwale izidumbu, ichoboze amakhanda ezizweni eziningi. iyakuphuza emfuleni ngasandleni; ngalokho iyakuphakamisa ikhanda.

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haleluya! ngiyakubonga uje-hova-aeiou ngenhliziyo yami yonke emhlanganweni nasebandleni labaqotho. mikhulu imisebenzi kajehova-aeiou, iphenywa yibo bonke abathokoza ngayo. umsebenzi wakhe ungubukhosi nodumo, nokulunga kwakhe kumi phakade. wenzele izimangaliso zakhe isikhumbuzo; uje-hova-aeiou unomusa nobubele. abamesabayo ubapha ukudla; ukhumbula njalo isivumelwano sakhe. ubonisile abantu bakhe amandla emisebenzi yakhe ngokubapha ifa labezizwe. imisebenzi yezandla zakhe iyiqiniso

nokwahlulela; imithetho yonke yakhe iqinile; imisiwe ngeqiniso nangobuqotho. wabathumela abantu bakhe ukukhululwa; uyalezile isivumelwano sakhe kuze kube phakade; lingcwele, liyesabeka igama lakhe. ukumesaba ujeхова-aeiou kungukuqala kokuhlakanipha; banengqondo enhle bonke abakwenzayo. udumo lwakhe lumi kuze kube phakade.

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haleluya! ubusisiwe umuntu omesabayo ujeхова-aeiou, othokoza kakhulu ngemithetho yakhe. inzalo yakhe iyakuba namandla emhlabeni; isizukulwane sabaqotho siyakubusiswa. ingcebo nemfuyo kusendlini yakhe; ukulunga kwakhe kumi phakade. kuyabaphumela abalungileyo ukukhanya ebumnyameni: umusa, nobubele, noku-lunga. umuntu omuhle nguye onomusa, otshelekayo, esekela izindaba zakhe ngokulunga. ngokuba akayikugudluka kuze kube phakade; olungileyo uyakukhunjulwa kuze kube phakade. akesabi imibiko emibi; inhliziyo yakhe iqinile, iyethemba ujeхова-aeiou. imisekile inhliziyo yakhe, ayesabi, aze azibuke izitha zakhe ziphansi. uyaphana, uyabanika abampofu; ukulunga kwakhe kumi kuze kube phakade; uphondo lwakhe luyakuphakama ngodumo. omubi uyakukubona, acunuke, agedle amazinyo akhe, abesephela; isifiso sababi siyakubhubha.

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haleluya! dumisani nina zinceku zikajehova-aeiou, nidumise igama likajehova-aeiou. malibongwe igama likajehova-aeiou kusukela kulesi sikhathi kuze kube phakade. kusukela ekuphumeni kwelanga kuze kube sekushoneni kwalo igama likajehova-aeiou malidunyiswe. ujeхова-aeiou uphakeme phezu kwezizwe zonke, inkazimulo yakhe iphezu kwezulu. ngubani onjengojeхова-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu, ohlezi phezulu, ozithoba ukubona ezulwini nasemhlabeni, na? uyavusa odingayo othulini, aphakamise ompofu ezaleni, ukuze amhlalise nezikhulu, yebo, izikhulu zabantu bakhe. inyumba uyayipha ukuphatha umuzi, ibe ngunina othokozayo wabantwana. haleluya!

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kwathi ukuba u-israyeli aphume egibithe, indlu kakakobe kubantu bolunye ulimi, khona ujada waba yindlu yakhe engcwele, u-israyeli waba ngumbuso wakhe, ulwandle lwakubona, lwabaleka, ijordani labuyiselwa

emuva. izintaba zatshekula njengezin-qama, amagquma njengamawundlu. unani wena lulwandle ukuba ubaleke, nawe jordani ukuba ubuyiselwe emuva, nani zintaba ukuba nitshekule njengezinqama, nani magquma eninjengamawundlu, na? thuthumela, mhlaba, ebusweni benkosi, ebusweni bukalezi-ku kakakobe, yena ophen-dula idwala libe yichibi lamanzi, insengetsha ibe ngumthombo wamanzi.

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ungasiphi thina, jehova-aeiou, ungasiphi thina, kepha uliphe igama lakho inkazimulo ngenxa yomusa wakho nangenxa yeqiniso lakho. abezizwe bayakusho ngani ukuthi: uphi manje ulezi-ku wabo na? kepha ulezi-ku wethu usezulwini; wenza konke akuthandayo. izithombe zabo ziyisiliva negolide, umsebenzi wezandla zomuntu. um-lomo zinawo, kepha azikhulumi; amehlo zinawo, kepha aziboni. izindlebe zinazo, kepha azizwa; zinamakhala, kepha azihogeli. zinezandla, kepha aziphathi; zinezinyawo, kepha azihambi; azikhulumi ngomphimbo wazo. abazenzayo bayafana nazo, bonke abazethembayo. israyeli, themba kujehova-aeiou; yena ulusizo lwabo nesihlangu sabo. o wena ndlu ka-aroni, themba kujehova-aeiou; yena ulusizo lwabo nesihlangu sabo. nina enimesabayo ujeхова-aeiou thembani kujehova-aeiou; yena ulu-sizo lwabo nesihlangu sabo. ujeхова-aeiou usikhumbulile; uyakubusisa, abusise indlu ka-israyeli, abusise indlu ka-aroni. uyakubusi abamesabayo ujeхова-aeiou, abancane nabakhulu. ujeхова-aeiou uyakunandisa, nina nabantwana benu. manibe ngababusisiweyo bakajehova-aeiou owenzile izulu nomhlaba. izulu liyizulu likajehova-aeiou, kepha umhlaba wawunika abantwana babantu. abafileyo abamdumnisi ujeхова-aeiou, qha, noyedwa kwabehlelayo ekuthu-leni. kepha thina siyakumbonga ujeхова-aeiou kusukela kulesi sikhathi kuze kube phakade. haleluya!

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ngiyamthanda ujeхова-aeiou, ngokuba uyezwa izwi lokukhuleka kwami. ngokuba ubekile indlebe kimi ngiyakukhuleka kuye zonke izinsuku zami. izintambo zokufa zangizungeza, nobuhlungu bendawo yabafileyo bangibamba; ngafumana ukuhlupheka no-sizi. kepha ngabiza igama likajehova-aeiou, ngathi: ngiyakuncenga, jehova-aeiou, khul-ula umphefumulo wami. nomusa ujeхова-aeiou, ulungile; ulezi-ku wethu unobubele. ujeхова-aeiou uyalondoloza ongenabuqili; ngithotshisiwe phansi wangisindisa. buyela



ekuphumuleni kwakho, mphefumulo wami, ngokuba ujeheva-aeiou ukuphathe ngomusa. yebo, ukhululile umphefumulo wami ekufeni, amehlo ami ezinyembezi, nezinyawo zami ekuweni. ngiyakuhamba ebusweni bukajehova-aeiou ezweni labaphilayo. ngiyakholwa, ngalokho ngiyakhuluma; ngahlushwa kakhulu. ngathi osizini lwami: bonke abantu banamanga. ngiyakubuyisela ni kujehova-aeiou ngazo zonke izenzo zakhe ezinhle kimina na? ngiyakuthatha indebe yensindiso, ngibize igama likajehova-aeiou. izithembiso zami kujehova-aeiou ngiyakuzigcwalisa, yebo, nasebusweni babantu bakhe bonke. kuyigugu emehlweni kajehova-aeiou ukufa kwabangcwele bakhe. ngiyinceku yakho impela, jehova-aeiou; ngiyinceku yakho, indodana yencekukazi yakho; uthukululile izintambo zami. ngiyakunikela kuwe umnikelo wokubonga, ngibize igama likajehova-aeiou. izithembiso zami kujehova-aeiou ngiyakuzigcwalisa yebo, nasebusweni babantu bakhe bonke, emagekeni endlu kajehova-aeiou, phakathi kwakho, jerusalema. haleluya!

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dumisani ujeheva-aeiou nina bezizwe zonke, nimbabaze nina bantu bonke. ngokuba umusa wakhe mkhulu kithina; iqiniso likajehova-aeiou limi phakade. haleluya!

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bongani ujeheva-aeiou, ngokuba muhle, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade. makathi u-israyeli: yebo, umusa wakhe umi phakade. mayithi indlu ka-aroni: yebo, umusa wakhe umi phakade. mabathi abamesabayo ujeheva-aeiou: yebo, umusa wakhe umi phakade. engcingweni yami ngakhuleka kujehova-aeiou, ujeheva-aeiou wangiphendula endaweni ebanzi. ujeheva-aeiou ungakimi, angiyikwesaba; umuntu angangenzeni na? ujeheva-aeiou ungakimi ekanye nabangisizayo; ngalokho ngiyakubabuka bephansi abangizondayo. kuhle ukuphephela kujehova-aeiou kunokwethemba umuntu. kuhle ukuphephela kujehova-aeiou kunokwethemba izikhulu. bonke abezizwe bayangizungeza; egameni likajehova-aeiou ngiyakubachitha. bayangikaka, yebo, bayangizungeza; egameni likajehova-aeiou ngiyakubachitha. bayangibunganyela njengezinyosi, bacimeka njengomlilo wameva; egameni likajehova-aeiou ngiyakubachitha. bayangihlohlolela ukuba ngiwe, kepha ujeheva-aeiou uyangisiza. ujeheva-aeiou ungamandla ami nesihlabelelo sami, waba yinsindiso yami. izwi lokwethaba

nelokusindiswa lisezindlini zabalungileyo; esokunene sikajehova-aeiou senza okwamandla. esokunene sikajehova-aeiou siphakeme, esokunene sikajehova-aeiou sisebenza ngamandla. angiyikufa, kepha ngiyakuphila, ngishumayele imisebenzi kajehova-aeiou. ujeheva-aeiou wangelaya nokungilaya, kodwa akanginikelanga ekufeni. ngivuleleni amasango okulunga, ngingene ngawo, ngimdumise ujeheva-aeiou. yileli isango likajehova-aeiou; olungileyo uyakungena ngalo. ngiyakukudumisa, ngokuba ungizwile, waba yinsindiso yami. itshe abalingqabay abakhi selaba yinhloko yegumbi. lona lavela kujehova-aeiou; llyisimangalis emehlweni ethu. yilolu usuku alwenzileyo ujeheva-aeiou; siyakwethaba, sithokoze ngalo. sindisa, jehova-aeiou! ngiyakuncenga; hlahlamelisa, jehova-aeiou! ngiyakucela. makabusiwe ozayo egameni likajehova-aeiou; siyanibusisa sisendlini kajehova-aeiou. ujeheva-aeiou ungulezi-ku, usikhanyisele; hlobisani umkhosi ngamahlamvu kuze kube sezimpondweni ze-altare. wena ungulezi-ku wami, ngiyakukubonga; lezi-ku wami, ngiyakukuphakamisa. bongani ujeheva-aeiou, ngokuba muhle, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade.

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babusiwe abaqotho endleleni, abahamba ngemithetho kajehova-aeiou. babusiwe abagcina ubufakazi bakhe, abamfuna ngenhliziyo yonke, abangenzi ukungalungi, kepha behamba ezindleleni zakhe; wena usiyalezile ukuba sizigcine ngokwempela. sengathi zingaqondiswa izindlela zami ukuba ngigcine izimiso zakho. khona angiyikujabha; ngiyakuhlonipha iziyalezo zonke zakho. ngiyakukubonga ngobuqotho benhliziyo, lapho ngifunda izahlulelo zakho ezilungileyo. izimiso zakho ngiyakuzigcina; ungangishiyi nakanci. in-sizwa iyakuyihlanza kanjani indlela yayo na? ngokuqaphela okwezwi lakho. ngikufunile ngenhliziyo yami yonke; mangingaphambuki emiyalweni yakho. enhliziyweni yami ngiyalonda izwi lakho, ukuze ngingoni kuwe. mawubongwe wena jehova-aeiou, ungifundise izimiso zakho. ngomlomo wami ngimemezele zonke izahlulelo zomlomo wakho. ngithokoza ngendlela yobufakazi bakho njengemfuyo. ngiyakuzindla ngeziyalezo zakho, ngihloniphe izindlela zakho. ngiyakuthokoza ngezimiso zakho; angiyikukhohlwa izwi lakho. yenzele okuhle inceku yakho ukuba ngiphile, ngigcine izwi lakho. vula amehlo ami ukuba ngibone izimangalis zasemthethweni wakho. ngingumfokazi emhlabeni; ungangifihleli imiyalo yakho. umphefumulo wami wa-

phukile ngokulangazelela njalo izahlulelo zakho. uyakhuza abazidlayo, abaqalekisiweyo, abaduka emiyalweni yakho. susa kimi isihlamba nokudelelwa, ngokuba ngiyaqaphela ubufakazi bakho. yebo, izikhulu zihlezi zikhuluma ngami; inceku yakho iyazindla ngezimiso zakho. ubufakazi bakho buyintokozo yami, bungumluleki wami. umphefumulo wami unamathela othulini; ngiphilise ngokwezwi lakho. ngimemezele izindlela zami, wena wanguzizwa; ngifundise izimiso zakho. ngiqondise indlela yeziyalezo zakho ukuba ngikhulume ngezimangalis zakho. umphefumulo wami uyakhala ngosizi; ngivuse ngokwezwi lakho. susa kimi indlela yamanga, ungiphe ngomusa umthetho wakho. ngikhethile indlela yeqiniso; izahlulelo zakho ngizibekile phambi kwami. ngibambelele ebufakazini bakho; ungangijabhi, jehova-aeiou. ngiyakugijima ngendlela yemiyalo yakho, ngokuba uyakwandisa inhliziyoyami. ngitshengise, jehova-aeiou, indlela yezimiso zakho; ngiyakuyigcina kuze kube sekupheleni. ngiphe ingqondo, ukuze ngiqaphele umthetho wakho, ngiwugcine ngenhliziyo yami yonke. ngihambise endleleni yemiyalo yakho, ngokuba ngiyathokoza ngayo. thobisela inhliziyoyami ebufakazini bakho, kungabi sekuhaheni. phendula amehlo ami, angaboni okuyize, ungiphilise endleleni yakho. yigcwalise encekwini yakho inkuluma yakho eyenza ukuba wesatshwe. dlulisa isihlamba engisesabayo, ngokuba izahlulelo zakho zinhle. bheka, ngiyalangazelela iziyalezo zakho; ngiphilise ngokulunga kwakho. mawuze kimi umusa wakho, jehova-aeiou, insindiso yakho ngokwezwi lakho. khona ngiyakumphendula ongithukayo, ngokuba ngiyaletumba izwi lakho. ungalisusi emlonyeni wami ngokupheleleyo izwi leqiniso, ngokuba ngiyethemba izahlulelo zakho. khona ngiyakuwugcina njalo umthetho wakho, yebo, kuze kube phakade. ngiyakuhamba endaweni ebanzi, ngokuba iziyalezo zakho ngiyazifuna. ngiyakukhuluma ngobufakazi bakho phambi kwamakhosi, ngingajabhi. ngiyakuthokoza ngemiyalo yakho engiyithandileyo. ngiyakuphakamisela izandla zami kuyo imiyalo yakho engiyithandileyo, ngizindle ngezimiso zakho. khumbula izwi encekwini yakho owangipha ithemba ngalo. lokhu kuyinduduzo ekuhluphekeni kwami, ngokuba izwi lakho lingiphilile. abazidlayo bangihleka usulu kakhulu, kepha emthethweni wakho angichezuki. ngiyakhumbula izahlulelo zakho zasendulo, jehova-aeiou; ngiyaduduzeka. ukuvutha kolaka kungibambile ngenxa yababi abashiya umthetho wakho. zaba yizihlabelelo kimina izimiso zakho endlini yokugogobala kwami. ebusuku ngikhumbula igama

lakho, jehova-aeiou, ngigcina umthetho wakho. lokhu kwaba ngokwami, ngokuba ngagcina iziyalezo zakho. ujeheva-aeiou uyisabelo sami; ngithi ngiyakugcina amazwi akho. ngincenga ubuso bakho ngenhliziyo yami yonke; yiba nomusa kimi ngokwezwi lakho. ngizindla ngezindlela zami, ngiqondisa izinyawo zami ebufakazini bakho. ngiyashesha, angilibali ukugcina imiyalo yakho. izintambo zababi ziyangizungeza, kepha angikhohlwa umthetho wakho. phakathi kobusuku ngiyakuvuka ngikubonge ngenxa yezahlulelo zakho ezilungileyo. ngingumngane wabo bonke abakwesabayo, abagcina iziyalezo zakho. umhlaba ugwele umusa wakho, jehova-aeiou; ngifundise izimiso zakho. uyenzeleni inceku yakho okuhle, jehova-aeiou, ngokwezwi lakho. ngifundise ukuqonda okuhle nokwazi, ngokuba ngikhohlwa yimiyalo yakho. ngingakahlupheki ngaduka, kepha manje sengiyaligcina izwi lakho. umuhle wena, futhi wenza okuhle; ngifundise izimiso zakho. abazidlayo baqamba amanga ngami; ngenhliziyo yonke yami ngiyakugcina iziyalezo zakho. inhliziyoyabo injengamafutha ingezwa lutho; kepha mina ngithokoza ngomthetho wakho. kwangilungela ukuba ngihlushwe, ukuze ngifunde izimiso zakho. umthetho womlomo wakho muhle kunezikulungwane zegolide nezesiliva. izandla zakho zingenzile, zangibumba; ngiphe ingqondo, ukuze ngifunde imiyalo yakho. abakwesabayo bayakujabula lapho bengibona, ngokuba ngethemba izwi lakho. ngiyazi ukuthi izahlulelo zakho zilungile nokuthi wangilaya ngokuthembeka. umusa wakho mawube yinduduzo encekwini yakho ngokwezwi lakho. ububele bakho mabuze kimi, ukuze ngiphile, ngokuba umthetho wakho uyintokozo yami. abazidlayo mabajabhe, ngokuba bangicindezele, kungekho sizathu; kepha mina ngiyakuzindla ngeziyalezo zakho. mabaphendukele kimi abakwesabayo nabaziyo ubufakazi bakho. inhliziyoyami mayiphelele ezimisweni zakho, ukuze ngingajabhi. umphefumulo wami ulangazelela insindiso yakho; ngiyaletumba izwi lakho. amehlo ami alangazelela izwi lakho, ngithi: uyakungiduduzana nini na? nginjengemvaba emsini; izimiso zakho angizikhohlwa. zingaki izinsuku zenceku yakho? uzakubahlulela nini abangizingelayo na? abazidlayo bangimbela imigodi, bona abaphambene nomthetho wakho. yonke imiyalo yakho ithembekile; bayangizingela ngamanga; ngisize. bacishe bangiqeda emhlabeni, kepha angishiyanga iziyalezo zakho. ngiphilise ngokomusa wakho, ukuze ngigcine ubufakazi bomlomo wakho. kuze kube phakade, jehova-aeiou, izwi lakho limi liqinile ezulwini. ezizukulwaneni

ngezizukulwane ukuthembeka kwakho kukhona; wamisa umhlaba; usemi. ngokwezahluhlelo zakho kusekhona nanamuhla, ngokuba konke kuyizinceku zakho. uma umthetho wakho ubungesiyo intokozo yami, ngabe ngibhubhele ekuhluphekeni kwami. angiyikukhohlwa kuze kube phakade iziyalezo zakho, ngokuba ungiphilile ngazo. ingingowakho, ngisindise, ngokuba ngiyafuna iziyalezo zakho. ababi bahlalele ukungibhubhisa, kepha ngiyaqaphela ubufakazi bakho. ngibonile ukugcina kokuphelelyo konke, kepha umthetho wakho ubanzi kakhulu. ngiyawuthanda umthetho wakho kangaka. usuku lonke ngizindla ngawo. ngemiyo yakho ngiyahlakanipha kunezitha zami, ngokuba inami kuze kube phakade. ngiyaqonda kunabo bonke abangifundisayo, ngokuba ngizindla ngobufakazi bakho. nginokuqonda kunabadala, ngokuba ngigcina iziyalezo zakho. ngiyazinqanda izinyawo zami ezindleleni zonke zbona-razukukhandleka, ukuze ngigcine izwi lakho. ezahluhleleni zakho angichezuki, ngokuba wena uyangifundisa. amnandi kangaka amazwi akho ekunambitheni kwami; adlula izinyosi emlonyeni wami. ngeziyalezo zakho ngiyathola ukuqonda; ngalokho ngiyazonda zonke izindlela zamanga. izwi lakho liyisibani ezinyaweni zami nokukhanya endleleni yami. ngifungile; ukulonda izahluhlelo zakho ezilungileyo ngakugcina. ngiyahlupheka kakhulu; jehova-aeiou, ngiphilise ngokwezwi lakho. jehova-aeiou, yamukela iminikelo yesihle yomlomo wami, ungifundise izahluhlelo zakho; umphefumulo wami usesandleni sami njalo; nokho umthetho wakho angikukhohlwa. ababi bangibekele ugibe, kepha angiduki eziyalezwani zakho. ngidlile ifa lobufakazi bakho kuze kube phakade, ngokuba kuyintokozo yenhliziyi yami. ngithobisile inhliziyi yami ukwenza izimiso zakho njalo, yebo, kuze kube sekupheleleni. ngiyabazonda abanhliziyi mbili, kepha umthetho wakho ngiyawuthanda. wena uyisiphephelo sami nesihlangu sami; ngiyethemba izwi lakho. sukani kimi nina enenza bona-razukukhandleka, ngokuba ngiyakugcina imiyalo kalezi-ku wami. ngiphase ngokwezwi lakho, ukuze ngiphile, ngingajabhi ngethemba lami. ngisekele, ngize ngisindise, ngibeke njalo izimiso zakho. uyabadelela bonke abaduka ezimisweni zakho, ngokuba ubuqili babo buyize. uyabalahlala bonke ababi bomhlaba njengendiva; ngalokho ngiyathanda ubufakazi bakho. inyama yami iyathuthumela ngovalo ngawe, ngiyesaba izahluhlelo zakho. ngiyenza ukwahlulela nokulunga; unganginikeli kubo abahluphi bami. mela inceku yakho kube kuhle; abazidlayo mabangangicindezeli. amehlo ami ayalangazelela insindiso yakho

nezwi lokulunga kwakho. yenza encekwini yakho ngokomusa wakho, ungifundise izimiso zakho. ngiyinceku yakho; ngiphe ingqondo ukuba ngazi ubufakazi bakho. kuyisikhathi sikajehova-aeiou sokusebenza, ngokuba bawenz' ize umthetho wakho. ngalokho ngiyathanda imiyalo yakho kunegolide, yebo, kunegolide elicwengekileyo. ngalokho ngiyavuma ukuthi imiyalo yakho yonke ilungile; ngiyazonda zonke izindlela zamanga. ubufakazi bakho buyisimangaliso; ngalokho umphefumulo wami uyabugcina. ukwambulwa kwamazwi akho kuyakhanyisa, yebo, kuyabaqondisa abangenalwazi. ngivula umlomo wami, ngikhefuzela, ngokuba ngiyalangazelela imiyalo yakho. bheka kimi, ube nomusa kimi njengokufanele abathanda igama lakho. qinisa izinyathelo zami ezwini lakho; makungangibusi nobubodwa ububi. ngihlenge ekuhlupheni kwabantu, ukuze ngigcine iziyalezo zakho. yikhanyisele inceku yakho ubuso bakho, ngifundise izimiso zakho. imifula yamanzi iyehlela emehlweni ami, ngokuba abagcini umthetho wakho. wena jehova-aeiou ulungile; izahluhlelo zakho ziqotho. uyalezile ubufakazi bakho ngokulunga ngokuthembeka okukhulu. ukushisekela kwami kungidlile, ngokuba izitha zami zikhohliwe amazwi akho. izwi lakho licwebile kakhulu; ngalokho inceku yakho iyalithanda. ngimncane, ngidelelekele; iziyalezo zakho angizikhohlwa. ukulunga kwakho kungukulunga okuphakade; umthetho wakho uyiqiniso. ukuhlupheka nosizi kungehele; imiyalo yakho iyintokozo yami. ukulunga kobufakazi bakho kumi phakade; ngiphe ukuqonda ukuba ngiphile, ngikhala ngenhliziyo yami yonke; ngizwe, jehova-aeiou; izimiso zakho ngiyakuzigcina. ngikhala kuwe, ngisindise; ngiyakugcina ubufakazi bakho. ngiyandulela uvivi lokusa ngikhala; ngiyethemba amazwi akho. amehlo ami ayandulela imilindo yobusuku ukuba ngizindle ngezwi lakho. yizwa izwi lami ngokomusa wakho, jehova-aeiou, ungiphilise ngokwezahluhlelo zakho. bayasondela abalandela ukonakala; bakude nomthetho wakho. wena jehova-aeiou useduze; imiyalo yakho yonke iyiqiniso. kudala ngazile ngobufakazi bakho ukuthi ubusekele kuze kube phakade. bheka ukuhlupheka kwami, ungikhulule, ngokuba angikhohlwa umthetho wakho. mela indaba yami, ngihlenge, ungiphilise ngokwezwi lakho. ukusindiswa kukude nababi, ngokuba abafuni izimiso zakho. ububele bakho, jehova-aeiou, bukhulu; ngiphilise ngokwezahluhlelo zakho. abangizingelayo nabayizitha kimi baningi; kepha ebufakazini bakho angichezuki. lapho ngibona amambuka, ngiyadikibala, ngokuba awagcini izwi lakho. bheka ukuthi ngithanda kangaka

iziyalezo zakho, jehova-aeiou; ngiphilise ngokomusa wakho. amazwi akho onke ayiqiniso; zonke izahlulelo zakho ezilungileyo zimi kuze kube phakade. izikhulu ziyangizingela, kungekho sizathu, kepha inhliziyoyami iyesaba izwi lakho. ngithokoza ngezwi lakho njengozuza impango enkulu. amanga ngiyawazonda, ngiyawenyanya; umthetho wakho ngiyawuthanda. kasikhombisa ngosuku ngiyakudumisa ngezahluhlelo zokulunga kwakho. abathanda umthetho wakho banokuthula okukhulu; akukho sikhubekiso kubo. ngiyethemba insindiso yakho, jehova-aeiou; imiyalo yakho ngiyayenza. umphefumulo wami uyagcina ubufakazi bakho; ngiyabuthanda kakhulu. ngiyagcina iziyalezo zakho nobufakazi bakho, ngokuba izindlela zami zonke ziphambi kwakho. ukukhala kwami makusondele ebusweni bakho, jehova-aeiou; ngiqondise ngokwezwi lakho. ukuncenga kwami makuze ebusweni bakho; ngihlenge ngokwezwi lakho. umlomo wami mawuchichime indumiso, ngokuba uyangifundisa izimiso zakho. ulimi lwami malukhulume izwi lakho, ngokuba imiyalo yakho yonke ilungile. isandla sakho masibe lusizo kimi, ngokuba ngikhethele iziyalezo zakho. ngiyalangazelela insindiso yakho, jehova-aeiou; umthetho wakho uyintokozyami. umphefumulo wami mawuphile, ukudumise; izahlulelo zakho mazingisize. ngiyaduka njengemu elahlekileyo; funa inceku yakho, ngokuba angikhohlwa imiyalo yakho.

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igama lokukhuphuka. ekuhluphekeni kwami ngakhala kujehova-aeiou, wangiphendula. jehova-aeiou, hlenga umphefumulo wami emlonyeni wamanga nasolimini lwenkohliso. uyakuvuzwa ngani, uyakwenezelelwani wena lulimi lwenkohliso, na? imicibisholo ebukhali yeqhawe namalahle omlilo. maye kimi! ngokuba ngigogobele kwamesheke, ngihlezi ematendeni akwakedari. umphefumulo wami sekukade wahlala naye ozonda ukuthula. ngingowokuthula; kepha uma ngikhuluma, bangabalwayo.

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igama lokukhuphuka. ngiphakamisela amehlo ami ezintabeni; usizo lwami luvelaphi na? usizo lwami luvela kujehova-aeiou owenzile izulu nomhlaba. akayikuvuma ukuba unyawo lwakho lushelele; okulondolozayo akayikozela. bheka, olonda u-israyeli akozeli, akalali. u-jehova-aeiou ungumlondi wakho; u-jehova-aeiou ungumthunzi wakho ngasesandleni sakho sokunene. ilanga aliyikukushaya emini

nenyanga ebusuku. u-jehova-aeiou uyakukulondoloza ebubini bonke; uyakulonda umphefumulo wakho. u-jehova-aeiou uyakulondoloza ukuphuma kwakho nokungena kwakho kusukela kulesi sikhathi kuze kube phakade.

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igama lokukhuphuka. elikadavide. ngajabula lapho bethi kimi: masiye endlini kajehova-aeiou. izinyawo zethu sezimi emasangweni akho, jerusalema, jerusalema, wena owakhiwe njengomuzi ohlanganiswe ngokuqinileyo, lapho imindeni ikhuphukela khona, imindeni kajehova-aeiou, ngokomthetho ka-israyeli ukuba idumise igama likajehova-aeiou. ngokuba kumisiwe khona izihlalo zokwahlulela, izihlalo zobukhosi zendlu kadavide. khulekelani ukuthula kwasejerusalema: abakuthandayo bayakuphumelela kahle. makube khona ukuthula phakathi kwezingange zakho, nenhlanhla ezindlini zakho zobukhosi. ngenxa yabafowethu nabangane bethu ngizakuthi manje: makube khona ukuthula kuwe. ngenxa yendlu kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu ngiyakufunela okuhle.

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igama lokukhuphuka. ngiyaphakamisela kuwe amehlo ami, wena ohlezi ezulwini. bheka, njengamehlo ezinceku ekuzo izandla zamakhosi azo, namehlo encekukazi ekuso isandla senkosikazi yayo, kanjalo amehlo ethu akuye u-jehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu, aze abe nomusa kithi. sihawukele, jehova-aeiou sihawukele, ngokuba sesidiniwe kakhulu ngukudelelwa. umphefumulo wethu udiniwe kakhulu ngukweyisa kwabaziqhenyayo nokudelela kwabazidlayo.

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igama lokukhuphuka. elikadavide. uma u-jehova-aeiou ebengenathi, makasho njalo manje u-israyeli, uma u-jehova-aeiou ebengenathi, lapho abantu besivukela, ngabe sebesigwinyile ekuvutheni kolaka lwabo kithina; amanzi ngabe asewele phezu kwethu, kudlule isikhukhula phezu komphfumulo wethu, kudlule phezu komphfumulo wethu amanzi akhukhumeleyo. makabongwe u-jehova-aeiou ongasinikelanga ukuba sibe yimpango yamazinyo abo. umphefumulo wethu uphunyukile njengenyoni ogibeni lwabacuphi; ugibe lwaphukile, thina saphunyuka. usizo lwethu lusegameni likajehova-aeiou owenzile izulu nomhlaba.

igama lokukhuphuka. abamethembayo uje-hova-aeiou bafana nentaba yasesiyoni en-genakunyakaziswa kepha imi phakade. njen-galokhu izintaba zihaqa ijerusalema, kanjalo uje-hova-aeiou uhaqa abantu bakhe kalokhu kuze kube phakade. ngokuba intonga yababi ayinakuhlala phezu kwesabelo sabalungileyo, funa abalungileyo belulele izandla zabo kbona-ra-ukukhandleka. jehova-aeiou, yenza okuhle kubo abalungileyo nabaqotho ezinhliziyweni zabo. kepha abaphambukela ezindleleni zabo eziyinzsongen-songe uje-hova-aeiou uzakubahambisa kanye nabenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka. ukuthula makube phezu kuka-israyeli.

igama lokukhuphuka. laphe uje-hova-aeiou abuyisa ukuthunjwa kwesiyoni, sasinjengabaphuphayo. umlomo wethu wawusugcwa ukhuleka nolimi lwethu ukuhuba; bathi phakathi kwabezizwe: uje-hova-aeiou ubenzele izinto ezinkulu. uje-hova-aeiou usenzele izinto ezinkulu, sajabula. buyisa, jehova-aeiou, ukuthun-jwa kwethu njengemifula yasenigizimu. abahlwanyela ngezinyembezi bayakuvuna ngokuthokoza. ohamba ekhala izinyembezi, ephethe imbewu yokuhlwanyela, uyakubuya ngokuthokoza, ephethe izinyanda zakhe.

igama lokukhuphuka. elikasolomoni. uma uje-hova-aeiou engayakhi indlu, basebenzela ize abayakhayo; uma uje-hova-aeiou engalondolazi umuzi, umlindi wawo ulindela ize. kuyize kini ukuba nivuke ekuseni, nephuze ukuphumula, nidle isinkwa sezinhlupeko, ngokuba uyamupha othandweyo wakhe esalele. bheka, abantwana bayifa elivela kujehova-aeiou, isithelo sesisu singumvuzo. njengemicibisholo esandleni seqhawe banjalo abantwana bobusha. ibusiwe indoda emgodla wayo ugwele bona; abayikujabha laphe bekhuluma nezitha zabo esangweni.

igama lokukhuphuka. babusisiwe bonke abamesabayo uje-hova-aeiou, abahamba ngezindlela zakhe. ngokuba uyakudla umsebenzi wezandla zakho; uyakuba nenhlanhla nempumelelo. umkakho uyakuba njengomnqumo othelayo phakathi kwendlu yakho, abantwana bakho babe njengezithombo zomnqumo, bezungeza

itafula lakho. ngokuba bheka, kanjalo iyakubusiswa indoda emesabayo uje-hova-aeiou. uje-hova-aeiou makakubusise esesiyoni; uyakubona inhlanhla yasejerusalema zonke izinsuku zokuphila kwakho. uyakubona abantwana babantwana bakho. ukuthula makube phezu kuka-israyeli.

igama lokukhuphuka. bangihluphile kaningi kwasebusheni bami, makasho njalo u-israyeli. bangihluphile kakhulu, nokho abangahlulanga. abalimi balima emhlanane wami, benza ibe mide imisele yabo. uje-hova-aeiou ulungile; unqumile izintambo zababi. mabajabhiswe, babuyiselwe emuva bonke abazona isiyoni. mababe njen-gotshani ophahleni, obubuna bungakakhuli. ovunayo akagcwalisi ngabo isandla sakhe, nobopha izinyanda izingalo zakhe. abadlulayo abasho ukuthi: isibusiso sikajehova-aeiou masibe phezu kwenu; siyanibusisa egameni likajehova-aeiou.

igama lokukhuphuka. ngikhala kuwe jehova-aeiou ngisotweni phansi. nkosi, yizwa izwi lami; izindlebe zakho mazilalele izwi lokuncenga kwami. uma wena jehova-aeiou uqaphela iziphambeko, nkosi, ngubani ongema na? kepha ukuthethelela kukuwe, ukuze wesatshwe. ngiyalindela uje-hova-aeiou, umphefumulo wami uyalinda; ngiyalethemba izwi lakhe. umphefumulo wami uyalindela inkosi kunabalindi belindela ukusa. u-israyeli makamethembe uje-hova-aeiou, ngokuba umusa ukujehova-aeiou, nokukhulula okuningi kukuye. uyakumhlenga u-israyeli eziphambekweni zakhe zonke.

igama lokukhuphuka. elikadavide. jehova-aeiou, inhliziyoyami ayikhukhumali, amehlo ami awaziphakamisi; angingeni ezindabeni ezinkulu nasezintweni ezingahlulayo. ngiduduzile, ngawuthulisa umphefumulo wami; njengomntwana olunyuliweyo kunina, njengolumulekileyo, unjalo umphefumulo wami phakathi kwami. israyeli, yethemba uje-hova-aeiou kusukela kulesi sikhathi kuze kube phakade

igama lokukhuphuka. jehova-aeiou, mkhumbulele udavide zonke izinhlupeko za-

khe ukuthi wafunga kujehova-aeiou, wenza isithembiso kuye ongumninimandla kakakobe, ethi: angiyikungena etendeni lendlu yami; angiyikwenyukela embhedeni wami; angiyikunika amehlo ami ubuthongo, nezinkophe zami ukozela ngingakatholeli ujevova-aeiou indawo, indlu yongumninimandla kakakobe. bheka, sizwile ngakho e-efratha, sakufumana ezweni lasejari. masingene endlini yakhe, sikhuleke ngasesenabelweni sezinyawo zakhe. vuka, jehova-aeiou, uye ekuphumuleni kwakho, wena nomphongolo wamandla akho. abapristi bakho mabembeswe ukulunga, abangcwele bakho bethabe. ngenxa yenceku yakho udavide mawungaphenduli ubuso bogcotshiweyo wakho. ujevova-aeiou ufungile kudavide ngeqiniso, akabuyi kukho, ethi: owenzalo yomzimba wakho ngiyakumbeka esihlalweni sakho sobukhosi. uma abantwana bakho begcina isivumelwano sami nobufakazi bami engiyakubafundisa bona, khona abantwana babo bayakuhlala esihlalweni sakho kuze kube phakade. ngokuba ujevova-aeiou ukhethile isiyoni; ulithandile libe yindawo yakhe yokuhlala; yona ingeyokuphumula kwami kuze kube phakade; lapha ngiyakuhlala khona, ngokuba ngiyifunile. ngiyakubusisa kakhulu ukudla kwalo; abampofu balo ngiyakubasuthisa ngesinkwa. abapristi balo ngiyakubembesa insindiso; abangcwele balo bayakumemeza nokumemeza ngenjabulo. ngiyakuhlumisa uphondo lukadavide, ogcotshiweyo wami ngimlungisele isibani. izitha zalo ngiyakuzembesa ihlazo, kepha kuyena uqobo umqhele wakhe uyakukhazimula.

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igama lokukhuphuka. elikadavide. bheka, kuhle, kumnandi kangaka ukuba abazalwane bahlalisane ndawonye bemunye. kufana namafutha amahle ekhanda ehlela esilevini, isilevu sika-aroni, ehlela nasemphethweni wezambatho zakhe. kufana namazolo asehermoni ehlela ezintabeni zas-esiyoni. ngokuba ujevova-aeiou wayaleza khona isibusiso, yebo, ukuphila kuze kube phakade.

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igama lokukhuphuka. bhekani, nibonge ujevova-aeiou nina nonke zinceku zikajehova-aeiou enimi endlini kajehova-aeiou ebusuku. phakamiselani izandla zenu endlini engcwele, nimbonge ujevova-aeiou. ujevova-aeiou makakubusise esesiyoni, yena owenzile izulu nomhlaba.

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haleluya! dumisani igama likajehova-aeiou; mdumiseni nina zinceku zikajehova-aeiou enimi endlini kajehova-aeiou emagcekeni endlu kalezi-ku wethu. dumisani ujevova-aeiou, ngokuba ujevova-aeiou muhle; hubelani igama lakhe, ngokuba limnandi. ngokuba ujevova-aeiou uzikhethhele ujakobe, no-israyeli ukuba abe yimfuyo yakhe. impela ngiyazi ukuthi ujevova-aeiou mkhulu nokuthi inkosi yethu iphezu kwabo bonke olezi-ku. konke ujevova-aeiou akuthandayo uyakwenza ezulwini nasemhlabeni, emanzini nasezinzulwini zonke. ukhuphula izinkungu emikhawulweni yomhlaba, wenza imibani kube yimvula; ukhipha umoya ezingotsheni zakhe. washaya amazibulo asegithe, awabantu kanye nawezilwane. wathuma izibonakaliso nezimangaliso phakathi kwakho, gibithe, phezu kukafaro nezinceku zakhe zonke. washaya izizwe ezinkulu, wabulala amakhosi anamandla: usihoni inkosi yama-amori, no-ogi inkosi yasebeshani, nemibuso yonke yasekhanani. wanika izwe labo laba yifa, laba yifa lika-israyeli, isizwe sakhe. jehova-aeiou, igama lakho limi phakade; isikhumbuzo sakho, jehova-aeiou, sisezizukulwaneni ngezizukulwane. ngokuba ujevova-aeiou uyakwahlulela abantu bakhe, ahawukele zinceku zakhe. izithombe zabezizwe ziyisiliva negolide, umsebenzi wezandla zomuntu. umlomo zinawo, kepha azikhulumi; amehlo zinawo, kodwa aziboni. izindlebe zinazo, kepha azizwa, nomoya awukho emlonyeni wazo. abazenzayo bayafana nazo, bonke abazethembayo. wena ndlu ka-israyeli, mbonge ujevova-aeiou; wena ndlu ka-aroni, mbonge ujevova-aeiou. wena ndlu kalevi, mbonge ujevova-aeiou; nina enimesabayo ujevova-aeiou, mbongeni ujevova-aeiou. ujevova-aeiou makabongwe esiyoni, yena owakhe ejerusalem. haleluya!

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bongani ujevova-aeiou, ngokuba muhle, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade. bongani ulezi-ku wawolezi-ku, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade. bongani inkosi yamakhosi, ngokuba umusa wayo umi phakade; yona engoyedwa owenza izimangaliso ezinkulu, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade; owenzile izulu ngokuhlakanipha, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade; owendlala umhlaba phezu kwamanzi, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade; owenza izinkanyiso ezinkulu, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade; ilanga ukuba libuse emini, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade; inyanga nezinkanyezi ukuba zibuse ebusuku, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade; owal-

ishaya igibithe, amazibulo alo, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade; owamkhipha u-israyeli phakathi kwabo, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade; ngesandla esinamandla nangengalo eyeluliweyo, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade; owahlukanisa kabili ulwandle olubomvu, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade; owawelisa u-israyeli phakathi kwalo, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade; owachitha ufaro nempi yakhe elwandle olubomvu, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade; owahola abantu bakhe ehlane, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade; owashaya amakhosi amakhulu, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade; owabulala amakhosi adumileyo, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade; usihoni inkosi yama-mori, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade; no-ogi inkosi yasebeshani, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade; owanika izwe labo laba yifa, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade; laba yifa lika-israyeli inceku yakhe, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade; owasikhumbula sisephansi, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade; owasikhulula ezitheni zethu, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade; onika inyama yonke ukudla, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade. bongani ulezi-ku wezulu, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade.

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ngasemifuleni yasebabele sahlala khona, sakhala, lapho sikhumbula isiyoni. amahabhu ethu sawaphanyeka eminyezaneni ephakathi kwalo. ngokuba abasithumbileyo bacela ukuba sihlabelele igama, nabahluphi bethu bafuna injabulo, bethi: sihlabeleleni elinye lamagama asesiyoni. siyakuhlabelela kanjani ihubo likajehova-aeiou kwelinye izwe na? uma ngikhoahlwa wena jerusalema, masizikhohlwe isandla sami sokunene. ulimi lwami malunamathele olwangen lwami, uma ngingakukhumbuli, uma ngingaphakamisi ijerusalema phezu kwentokozo yami enkulu. khumbula, jehova-aeiou, usuku lwejerusalema, ngenxa yabantwana bakwa-edomi abathi: dilizani, dilizani, kuze kube sesisekelweni salo. ndodakazi yasebabele, wena oyakubhujiswa, ubusisiwe oyakuphindisela kuwe izenzo zakho owazenza kithina. ubusisiwe oyakubamba abancane bakho, abaphahlaze edwaleni.

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elikadavide. ngiyakukubonga ngenhliziyo yami yonke; phambi kwawolezi-ku ngiyakukuhubela. ngiyakukhuleka phambi kwethempeli lakho elingcwele, ngibonge

igama lakho ngenxa yomusa wakho neqiniso lakho, ngokuba phezu kwakho konke uphakamisile igama lakho nezwi lakho. ngosuku engakhala ngalo wangiphendula; wangiqunga isibindi, wangipha amandla emphfumulweni wami. onke amakhosi omhlaba ayakukubonga, jehova-aeiou, lapho ezwile amazwi omlomo wakho. yebo, ayakuhlabelela ngezindlela zikajehova-aeiou, ngokuba inkulu inkazimulo kajehova-aeiou. ngokuba noma uje-hova-aeiou ephakeme, uyanakekela nokho ophansi; uyamazi ozidlayo ekude. noma ngihamba phakathi kwenhlupheko, uyakungiphilisa; uyakwelulela isandla sakho olakeni lwezitha zami, esokunene sakho singisindise. uje-hova-aeiou uyakufeza okwami; jehova-aeiou, umusa wakho umi phakade; ungashiya imisebenzi yezandla zakho.

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kumholi wokuhlabelela. elikadavide. ihubo. jehova-aeiou, uyangihlolisisa, uyangazi. uyakwazi ukuhlala kwami nokuvuka kwami, uqonda umcabango wami ukude. uyaphenya ukuhamba kwami nokulala kwami, wazana nezindlela zonke zami. ngokuba alikho izwi olimini lwami, jehova-aeiou, ongalaziyo ngokupheleleyo. ungizungezile ngasemuva nangaphambili, wabeka isandla sakho phezu kwami. ukwazi okunjalo kuyangimangalisa; kuphakeme, anginakufinyelela kukho. ngiyakuyaphi, ngisuke emoyeni wakho, na? ngiyakubalekelaphi, ngimuke ebusweni bakho, na? uma ngikhuphukela ezulwini, wena ulapho; uma ngendlala icansi lami endaweni yabafileyo, nangu wena. uma ngithabatha amaphiko okusa, ngiye ngihlale emikhawulweni yolwandle, nalapho isandla sakho siyakungihola, esokunene sakho singibambe. uma bengithi: ubumnyama mabungehlele, ukukhanya kube ngubusuku kimi, ubumnyama bebungayikuba mnyama kuwe, ngokuba ubusuku bebuyakukhanya njengemini, ubumnyama bufane nokukhanya. ngokuba wena uzenzile izinszo zami, wangeluka esiswini sika-mame. ngiyakukubonga, ngokuba ngenziwa ngokwesabekayo nangokumangalisayo; imisebenzi yakho iyamangalisa; umphefumulo wami uyakwazi kahle. amathambo ami ayengafihlekile kuwe, lapho ngenziwa ekusitheneni, ngibunjwa ezindaweni ezijulileyo zomhlaba. amehlo akho angibona ngiseyihlule; zonke izinsuku zami zalotshwa encwadini yakho, zanqunywa, lungakafiki nolulodwa kuzo. imicabango yakho, leziku, ingamaguzo kimi; bukhulu kangaka ubuningi bayo. uma bengiyakuyibala, miningi kunesihlabathi; lapho ngivuka, bengiyakuba nawe. sengathi ungabulala

ababi, lezi-ku; ngalokho sukani kimi nina bantu begazi. bakhuluma ngamacebo ngawe, baliphatha ngeze igama lakho. jehova-aeiou, angibazondi abakuzondayo na? anginengwa ngabakuvukelayo na? ngiyabazonda ngenzondo epheleleyo; bayizitha kimi. ngihole, lezi-ku, wazi inhliziyoyami; ngilinge, wazi imicabango yami, ubone, uma kukhona indlela yosizi kimi, ungiholele endleleni yaphakade.

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kumholi wokuhlabelela. ihubo likadavide. ngikhulule, jehova-aeiou, kumuntu omubi, ngilondolozel kumuntu oyisidlwangu dlwangu. baceba bona-ra-ukukhandleka enhliziyweni yabo; izinsuku zonke baviva impi. bayalola ulimi lwabo njengenyoka; isihlungu samabululu siphansi kwezindebe zabo. sela ngilondolozel ezandleni zomubi, ngilinde kumuntu oyisidlwangu dlwangu, ocebha ukukhuba izinyawo zami. abazidlayo bangifihlela ugibe; ngezintambo bendlala inetha; eceleni kwendlala bangibekela izihibe. sela ngathi kujehova-aeiou: ungulezi-ku wami wena. yizwa, jehova-aeiou, izwi lokunxusa kwami. jehova-aeiou nkosi yami, mandla ensindiso yami, uvikela ikhanda lami ngosuku lokulwa. ungazivumeli, jehova-aeiou, izifiso zababi; ungaphumelelisi amacebo abo, funa baziphakamise. sela maqondana nesihlungu sabangizungezayo mabambozwe ngububi bomlomo wabo. amalahle ashisayo mawawele phezu kwabo; mabaphonswe emlilweni nasemigodini ejulileyo, bangabe besavuka. umuntu wamanga makangamiswa emhlabeni; ububi mabuzingele umuntu oyisidlwangu dlwangu, abhujiswe. ngiyazi ukuthi uje-hova-aeiou uyakumela udaba lohluphekayo nokufanele-leyo kwabampofu. impela abalungileyo bayakubonga igama lakho; abaqotho bayakuhlala ebusweni bakho.

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ihubo likadavide. jehova-aeiou, ngiyakhala kuwe, ngiphuthume; lalela izwi lami, nxa ngikhuleka kuwe. umkhuleko wami mawube njengemphepo ebusweni bakho, nokuphakanyiswa kwezandla zami njen-gomnikelo wakusihlwa. jehova-aeiou, bekela umlomo wami umlindi, ugcine umnyango wezindebe zami. ungaphenduleli inhliziyoyami entweni embi ukuba ngenze imisebenzi yobubi kanye nabantu abenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka, ngingadli izibilebile zabo. olungileyo makangishaye, kungumusa kimi; angisole, kungamafutha ekhanda; ikhanda lami malingawenqabi, ngokuba nasebubini babo umkhuleko wami uyobe usekhona.

abahluleli babo bayakuphonswa eweni; bayakuzwa ukuthi amazwi ami amnandi. njengalokhu umuntu elima, eklaya umhlabathi, amathambo ethu ahlakazekile ngasemlonyeni wendawo yabafileyo. kepha amehlo ami akuwe jehova-aeiou nkosi yami; ngiyakwethemba wena; ungathululi umphefumulo wami. ngihlenge ogibeni abangibekela lona, nasezihibeni zabenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka. ababi mabawele emanetheni abo, mina ngidlule kuwo.

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imaskili likadavide esemhumeni. umkhuleko. ngiyakhala kujehova-aeiou ngezwi lami, ngincenga uje-hova-aeiou ngezwi lami. ngiyathulula ebusweni bakhe isikhalo sami, ngibonakalisa kuye inhlupeko yami. lapho umoya wami udangala phakathi kwami, wena uyawazi umkhondo wami; endleleni engihamba ngayo bangifihlele ugibe. bheka ngakwesokunene sami, ubone ukuthi akakho onginakekelayo; isiphethelo singiphuthele, akakho okhathalela umphefumulo wami. ngikhala kuwe jehova-aeiou, ngithi: wena uyisiphethelo sami nesabelo sami ezweni labaphilayo. lalela ukukhala kwami, ngokuba ngicindezelekile kakhulu; ngikhulule kubo abangizingelayo, ngokuba banamandla kunami. khipha umphefumulo wami etilongweni ukuba ngibonge igama lakho; abalungileyo bayakungizungeza, ngokuba uyakungiphatha kahle.

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ihubo likadavide. jehova-aeiou, yizwa umkhuleko wami, ubeke indlebe ekuncen-geni kwami; ungiphendule ngokuthembeka kwakho nokulunga kwakho. ungangeni ekwahluleleni nenceku yakho, ngokuba akukho muntu okhona olungile emehlweni akho. ngokuba isitha siyazingela umphefumulo wami, sicindezela phansi emhlabathini ukuphila kwami; singihlalisile ebumnyameni njengabakade bafa. umoya wami uphelile kimi; inhliziyoyami igongobele phakathi kwami. ngiyakhumbula izinsuku zasendulo, ngizindla ngemisebenzi yakho yonke, ngicabange ngezenzo zezandla zakho. ngiyazelulela izandla zami kuwe; umphefumulo wami womela wena njengomhlaba owomileyo. sela shesha ungiphendule, jehova-aeiou; umoya wami uyaphela; ungangifihleli ubuso bakho, funa ngifane nabashona egodini. ngizwise umusa wakho ekuseni, ngokuba ngiyethemba kuwe; ngazise indlela engifanele ukuhamba ngayo, ngokuba ngiphakamisela kuwe umphefumulo wami. ngikhulule ezitheni zami;



jehova-aeiou, ngicashe kuwe. ngifundise ukwenza intando yakho, ngokuba wena ungulezi-ku wami; umoya wakho omuhle mawungihole emhlabathini olelezekileyo. jehova-aeiou, ngiphilise ngenxa yegama lakho, ngokulunga kwakho uwukhiphe umphefumulo wami ekuhluphekeni. zinqume izitha zami ngomusa wakho, ubabhubhise bonke abahlupha umphefumulo wami, ngokuba ngiyinceku yakho.

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elikadavide. makabongwe ujeheva-aeiou, idwala lami, ofundisa izandla zami ukuhlase-la neminwe yami ukulwa, umusa wami nenqaba yami, umbhoshongo wami ophakeme nomkhulu wami, isihlangu sami, nengiphephela kuye, nothobisa abantu bami phansi kwami. jehova-aeiou, uyini umuntu ukuba umazi, nendodana yomuntu ukuba uyikhumbule, na? umuntu ufana nomoya; izinsuku zakhe zinjengethunzi elidlulayo. thobisa amazulu akho, jehova-aeiou, wehle; thinta izintaba, zithunqe. imibani mayinyazime, ubahlakaze; thuma imicibisholo yakho, ubaphithizise. yelula isandla sakho phezulu, ungikhulule, ungophule emanzini amakhulu nasasandleni sabafokazi abamlomo wabo ukhuluma inkohliso, nesandla sabo sokunene singe-sokunene samanga. ngiyakuhlabelela kuwe lezi-ku isihlabelelo esisha; ngogubhu olunezintambo eziyishumi ngiyakukhubela. nguwe onika amakhosi insindiso, okhulula inceku yakhe udavide enkembeni elimazayo. ngikhulule, ungophule esandleni sabafokazi abamlomo wabo ukhuluma inkohliso, nesandla sabo sokunene singe-sokunene samanga. lapho amadodana ethu enjengezithombo ezikhulileyo ebusheni bazo, namadodakazi ethu enjengamatshe amagumbi abaziwe ngendlela yokwakhiwa kwezindlu zamakhosi; lapho izingobo zethu zigcwele, ziveza izinhlobo ngezinhlobo, nezimvu zethu zizala ngezinkulungwane, yebo, ngezinkulungwane eziyishumi emadlelweni ethu; lapho izinkabi zethu zithweswe kakhulu, nalapho kungekho ukufohla kwesitha nokungena empini nezikhalo ezitaladini zethu, babusisiwe abantu abanjalo; babusisiwe abantu abalezi-ku wabo ungujeheva-aeiou.

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indumiso kadavide. ngiyakukuphakamisa wena lezi-ku wami, nkosi, ngilituse igama lakho phakade naphakade. imihla yonke ngiyakukubonga, ngilidumise igama lakho phakade naphakade. mkhulu ujeheva-aeiou, umelwe ukudunyiswa kakhulu;

ubukhulu bakhe abuphenyisiseki. isizukulwane siyakubabaza kwesinye imisebenzi yakho, simemezele izenzo zakho zamandla. ngiyakuzindla ngenkazimulo nodumo lobukhosi bakho nangezimangaliso zakho. abantu bayakukhuluma ngamandla ezenzo zakho ezesabekayo; ubukhulu bakho ngiyakubumemezela. bayakweneka kakhulu inkumbulo yobuhle bakho obukhulu, bahube ngokulunga kwakho. ujeheva-aeiou unesihe nobumnene; uyephuzuka ukuthukuthela, mkhulu ngomusa. ujeheva-aeiou muhle kubo bonke; uyayihawukela imisebenzi yakhe yonke. yonke imisebenzi yakho iyakukudumisa, abangcwele bakho bakubonge. ngenkazimulo yombuso wakho bayakukhuluma, bashumaye ngamandla akho ukuba babazise abantwana babantu izenzo zakho zamandla nenkazimulo yobukhosi bombuso wakho. umbuso wakho ungumbuso kuze kube phakade; ubukhosi bakho busezizukulwaneni ngezizukulwane. ujeheva-aeiou uyaphasa bonke abawayo, abavuse bonke abathotshisiweyo. amehlo abo bonke alinda wena; uyabanika ukudla ngesikhathi esiyiso. uyavula isandla sakho, usuthise ukufisa kwakho konke okuphilayo. ujeheva-aeiou ulungile ezindleleni zakhe zonke, unomusa emisebenzini yakhe yonke. ujeheva-aeiou eseduze nabo bonke abambizayo, bonke abambizayo ngeqiniso. uyasuthisa ukufisa kwabamesabayo; uyezwa ukukhala kwabo, abasindise. ujeheva-aeiou uyalondoloza bonke abamthandayo, kepha ababi bonke uyakubabhubhisa. umlomo wami uyakukhuluma udumo lukajeheva-aeiou, inyama yonke ibonge igama lakhe elingcwele kuze kube phakade.

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haleluya! dumisa ujeheva-aeiou, mphefumulo wami. ngisaphila ngiyakumdumisa ujeheva-aeiou, ngihube kulezi-ku wami ngisekhona. ningethembi ezikhulwini nasendodaneni yomuntu okungekho kuyo ukusiza. umoya wakhe uyaphuma, yena abuyele emhlabathini wakhe; ngalona lolo suku amacebo akhe ayaphela. ubusisiwe yena omsizi wakhe ungulezi-ku kajakobe, othemba lakhe likujeheva-aeiou ulezi-ku wakhe owenzile izulu nomhlaba, nolwandle, nakho konke okuphakathi kwakho, ogcina iqiniso kuze kube phakade; obenzela abacindezelweyo ukwahlulela, obapha abalambileyo ukudla; ujeheva-aeiou uyakhulula iziboshwa. ujeheva-aeiou uyenza ukuba ziphuphuphe zibone; ujeheva-aeiou uyavusa abathotshisiweyo; ujeheva-aeiou uyathanda abalungileyo. ujeheva-aeiou uyalondoloza abafokazi; uyaphasa intandane nomfelokazi; kepha indlela yababi uyayiphambanisa. ujeheva-aeiou uyabusa kuze kube phakade,

ulezi-ku wakho, siyoni, ezizukulwaneni ngez-  
izukulwane. haleluya!

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haleluya! ngokuba kuhle ukuhlabelela  
kulezi-ku wethu, yebo, kumnandi; ukudu-  
misa kufanele. ujhova-aeiou uyalakha  
ijerusalem; abaxoshiweyo bakwa-israyeli  
uyababutha. uyaphilisa abenhliziyi  
echobozekeleyo; izilonda zabo uyaz-  
ibopha. uyabala inani lezinkanyezi,  
azibize zonke ngamagama. inkosi yethu  
inkulu, makhulu amandla ayo; ukuqonda  
kwakhe akunakulinganiswa. ujhova-aeiou  
uyaphakamisa abathobekileyo; ababi  
uyabawisa phansi emhlabathini. hubelani  
ujhova-aeiou ngokubonga, nimdumise  
ulezi-ku wethu ngehabhu, osibekela izulu  
ngamafu, olungisela umhlaba imvula,  
ohlumisa utshani ezintabeni. unika  
izinkomo ukudla kwazo, namazinyane  
egwababa akhalayo. akathokozi nga-  
mandla ehhashi, akajabuleli imilenze  
yomuntu. ujhova-aeiou uyathokoza  
ngabamesabayo, abathemba umusa wakhe.  
jerusalema, mbabaze ujhova-aeiou; siy-  
oni, mdumise ulezi-ku wakho. ngokuba  
uqinisile imigoqo yamasango; ubusisile  
abantwana bakho phakathi kwakho.  
uyenza ukuthula emikhawulweni yakho;  
uyakusuthisa ngokolweni omuhle. uy-  
athumela umyalo wakhe emhlabeni; izwi  
lakhe ligijima ngejubane elikhulu. yanika  
iqhwa njengoboya; uhlakaza isithwathwa  
njengomlotha. uyaphonsa isichotho sakhe  
ngezinginhlamvu; ngubani ongema phambi  
kwamakhaza akhe na? uyathuma izwi  
lakhe, likuncibilikise; uyavusa umoya  
wakhe, amanzi agobhoze. uyatshengisa izwi  
lakhe kujakobe, izimiso zakhe nezahlulelo  
zakhe ku-israyeli. akenzanga njalo kwesinye  
isizwe nesisodwa: izahlulelo zakhe asizazi.  
haleluya!

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haleluya! dumisani ujhova-aeiou ezul-  
wini, nimdumise kweliphezulu. mdu-  
miseni nina zingelosi zakhe zonke, nim-  
dumise nina mabandla akhe onke. mdu-  
miseni nina langa nenyanga, nimdumise  
nina zinkanyezi zonke ezikhanyayo. mdu-  
miseni nina mazulu amazulu, nina manzi  
aphezu kwezulu. makuthathe kudumise  
igama likajehova-aeiou, ngokuba wayaleza,  
kwadaleka. futhi wakumisa kuze kube  
phakade; washaya umthetho ongenakwe-  
qiwa. mdumiseni ujhova-aeiou emh-  
labeni nina mikhomu nezintwa zonke, nawe  
mlilo nesichotho, liqhwa nenkwezane, nawe  
siphepho esenza okwezwi lakhe, nani zintaba

namagquma onke, nani mithi ethelayo nayo  
yonke imisedari, nani zilwane nezinkomo  
zonke, nani eninwabuzelayo nezinyoni ezin-  
dizayo, nani makhosi omhlaba nabantu  
bonke, nani zikhulu nabahluleli bonke  
bomhlaba, nani zinsizwa nezintombi, nani  
maxhegu nabafana. mabadumise igama  
likajehova-aeiou, ngokuba ngelakhe igama  
lodwa eliphakeme; inkazimulo yakhe iphezu  
komhlaba nezulu. usephakamisile up-  
hondo lwabantu bakhe; ngalokho bayamdu-  
misa abangcwele bakhe, abantwana bakwa-  
israyeli, abantu abaseduze naye. haleluya!

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haleluya! hlabelelani kujehova-aeiou igama  
elisha, indumiso yakhe emhlanganweni wa-  
bangcwele. u-israyeli makathokoze ngowa-  
menzayo, abantwana basesiyoni betha-  
bele inkosi yabo. mabadumise igama  
lakhe ngokusina, bamhubele ngesigubhu  
nehabhu. ngokuba ujhova-aeiou uy-  
athokoza ngabantu bakhe; abathobekileyo  
uyabahlobisa ngensindiso. abalungileyo ma-  
bethabe ngobukhosi, ukumphakamisa ulezi-  
ku makube semlonyeni wabo, nenkemba  
esika nhlangothi zombili esandleni sabo,  
ukuba benze impindiselo kubo abezizwe  
nezijezezo kubantu, babophe amakhosi abo  
ngamaketanga nabadumileyo babo ngez-  
ibopho zensimbi, bafeze phezu kwabo  
isahlulelo esilotshiweyo; kuludumo kubo  
bonke abangcwele bakhe. haleluya!

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haleluya! dumisani ulezi-ku endlini yakhe  
engcwele, nimdumise emkhathini wakhe wa-  
mandla. mdumiseni ngenxa yezenzo zakhe  
zamandla, nimdumise ngenxa yobukhosi  
bakhe obukhulu. mdumiseni ngezwi leci-  
longo, nimdumise ngogubhu nehabhu.  
mdumiseni ngesigubhu nokusina, nimdu-  
mise ngezingubhu ezinezingintambo eziyishumi  
nemitshingo. mdumiseni ngamasimbali  
ancencethayo, nimdumise ngezinsimbi  
ezikhencezayo. konke okuphefumulayo  
makudumise ujhova-aeiou. haleluya!

nazi izaga zika solomoni indodana kadavide, inkosi yakwa-israyeli, zokwazi ukuhlakanipha nokulaywa, nokwahlukanisa amazwi okuqonda, nokwamukela ukulaywa kube ngukuhlakanipha, nokulunga, nokwahlulela, neqiniso, nokunika abangenalwazi ukuhlakanipha, nezinsizwa ukwazi namasu, ukuze ohlakaniphileyo ezwe, aqhubeke ekufundeni, noqondileyo athole iziluleko ezinhle ukuba aqonde izaga nezimfihlakalo, namazwi abahlakaniphileyo nezimfumbi zabo. ukumesaba ujevova-aeiou kungukuqala kokuhlakanipha; iziwula ziyadelela ukuhlakanipha nokulaywa. ndodana yami, yizwa ukulaya kukayihlo, ungawushiyo umthetho kanyoko, ngokuba kuyakuba ngumqhele omuhle wekhanda lakho, nemigexo entanyeni yakho. ndodana yami, uma izoni zikuyenga, ungavumi. uma zithi: hamba nathi, siqamekele igazi, sibhacele ngeze ongenacala, sibagwinye besezwa njengendawo yabafileyo, besaphilele njengabehlela egadini; yonke impahla eyigugu siyakuyifumana, sigcwalise izindlu zethu ngempango; yenza inkatho yakho phakathi kwethu, sibe nesikhwama sinye sonke, ndodana yami, ungahambi nazo endleleni, unqande unyawo lwakho emikhondweni yazo, ngokuba izinyawo zazo zigijimela ebubini, zishesha ukuchitha igazi. ngokuba inetha lenekelwe ize emehlweni azo zonke izinyoni. kepha laba baqamekela elabo igazi, babhacela okwabo ukuphila. zinjalo izindlela zabo bonke abaphanga impango; iyasusa ukuphila komninyo. ukuhlakanipha kuyamezema emigwaqweni, kuyezwakalisa izwi lakho ezigcawini; emashashalazini emigwaqo kuyaduma; ngasezikhaleni zamasango omuzi kuyakhuluma amazwi akho okuthi: koze kube nini iziwula zithanda ubuwula, nezideleli zijabula ukudelela, neziwula zizonda ukwazi, na? buyani ngokusola kwami; bhekani, ngiyakuthulula umoya wami phezu kwenu, nginazise amazwi ami. ngokuba ngibizile, nala nina; ngelula isandla sami, akubangakho onakayo; kepha nichithile konke ukululeka kwami, anivumanga ukusola kwami; nami ngiyakuhlela ingozi yenu, ngiklodele ukufika kwenikwesabayu, lapho kufika njengesivunguvungu lokho enikwesabayu, nengozi yenu iza njengesikhwishikhwishi, lapho nehlelwa ngukuhlupheka nosizi. khona bayakungibiza, kepha angiyikuphendula; bayakungifunisisa, kepha abayikungifumana ngenxa yokuba babezonda ukwazi, kabakhethanga ukwesaba ujevova-aeiou, bengavumanga ukululeka kwami, bedelela konke ukusola kwami. ngalokho bayakudla izithelo zendlela yabo, basuthe ngamacebo abo. ngokuba ukuhlela kwabangenalwazi

kuyakubabulala, nokunganaki kweziwula kuyakubabhubhisa. kepha ongilalelayo uyakuhlala elondekile, agcineke, angabi naluvalo ngbona-ra-ukukhandleka.

## 2

ndodana yami, uma wamukela amazwi ami, uzibekelele imiyalo yami, ukuze ubeke indlebe yakho ekuhlakanipheni, uthobisele ekuqondeni inhliziyo yakho, yebo, uma ukhala ngengqondo, uzvakalisa izwi lakho ngokuqonda, uma ukufuna njengesiliva, ukuphenya njengamagugu afihliweyo, khona uyakuqonda ukumesaba ujevova-aeiou, ufumane ukumazi ulezi-ku. ngokuba ujevova-aeiou uyanika ukuhlakanipha; emlonyeni wakhe kuphuma ukwazi nokuqonda. uyabekela abaqotho isibusiso, uyihawu kwabahamba ben-genacala, egcina izindlela zokulunga, elondoloza imikhondo yabathembekileyo bakhe. khona uyakuqonda ukulunga nokwahlulela, neqiniso, yebo, nezindlela zonke ezinhle. ngokuba ukuhlakanipha kuyakungena enhliziyweni yakho, ukwazi kube mnandi emphefumulweni wakho. amasu ayakukulinda, ukuqonda kukugcine, ukuze wophulwe endleleni yobubi nakubantu abakhuluma okuphambeneyo, abashiya imikhondo yobuqotho, ukuze bahambe ngezindlela zobumnyama; abathokoza ngokwenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka, bajabulele ukuphambana kobubi; abazindlela zabo ziyisigwegwe, nemikhondo yabo iphambene, ukuba wophulwe kowesifazane ondayo nakuye owezizwe onamazwi athophayo, oshiya umngane wobusha bakhe, akhohlwe isivumelwano sikalezi-ku wakhe, ngokuba indlu yakhe ishonela ekufeni, nasezithunzini izindlela zakhe. bonke abangana kuye ababuyi, bangafinyeleli ezindleleni zokuphila. kanjalo uyakuhamba ezindleleni zabahle, ugcine imikhondo yabalungileyo. ngokuba abaqotho bayakuhlala ezweni, abapheleleyo basale kulo. kepha ababi bayakunqunywa ezweni, nabambuluzayo bayakusishulwa kulo.

## 3

ndodana yami, ungakhohlwa umthetho wami, kepha inhliziyo yakho mayigcine imiyalo yami, ngokuba iyakwenezela kuwe ubude bezinsuku, neminyaka yokuphila, nokuthula. isihhe neqiniso makungakushiya; kubophe entanyeni yakho, ukulobe esibhebheni senhliziyo yakho, ukuze uthole umusa nodumo oluhle emehlweni kalezi-ku nabantu. themba kujehova-aeiou ngayo yonke inhliziyo yakho, ungeniciki kokwakho ukuqonda. mazise yena ezindleleni za-

kho zonke, uyakuqondisa imikhondo yakho. ungabi ngohlakaniphileyo emehlweni akho; mesabe ujevova-aeiou, udede ebubini. lokho kuyakuba yimpilo emzimbeni wakho nokuhlunyelelwa kwamathambo akho. dumisa ujevova-aeiou ngempahla yakho, nangolibo lwazo zonke izithelo zakho, izinqolobane zakho zigcwale ngobuningi, nezikhamo zakho zichichime ngewayini elisha. ndodana yami, ungadeleli ukulaya kukajehova-aeiou, ungakhathazeki ngokusola kwakhe. ngokuba ujevova-aeiou uyamlaya amthandayo, njen-goyise indodana ayithandayo. ubusisiwe umuntu othola ukuhlakanipha nomuntu ozuza ingqondo, ngokuba inzuzo yakho inhle kunenzuzo yesiliva, nokutholakalayo kukho kunegolide. kuyigugu kunamarubi, nakho konke ongakufisa akunakulinganiswa nakho. ubude bezinsuku busesandleni sakho sokunene, nakwesokhohlo kukhona ingcebo nodumo. izindlela zakho ziyizindlela zokum-nandi; yonke imikhondo yakho ingukuthula. kungumuthi wokuphila kwabakubambayo, nababambeleva kukho babusisiwe. ujevova-aeiou wasekela umhlaba ngokuhlakanipha; wamisa amazulu ngokuqonda. ngok-wazi kwakhe izintwa zaqhekezwa, namafu aconsa amazolo. ndodana yami, lokho makungasuki emehlweni akho, ugcine ukuh-lakanipha namasu, kube ngukuphila em-phefumulweni wakho nomusa entanyeni yakho. khona uyakuhamba indlela yakho ngokulondeka, ungaqhuzelelwa unyawo lwakho. lapho ulala phansi, awuyikwesaba lutho; nanxa usulale phansi, ubuthongo bakho buyakuba mnandi. ungethuswa luvalo oluzumayo nokuchithwa kwababi, lapho kufika, ngokuba ujevova-aeiou uyakuba yithemba lakho, agcine unyawo lwakho ukuba lungabhajwa. ungagodleli aban-inikho okuhle, lapho kusemandleni esandla sakho ukukwenza. ungasho kumakhelwane wakho ukuthi: hamba, ubuye, ngiyakuku-nika kusasa, lapho kukhona kuwe. un-gacebi bona-ra-ukukhandleka ngomakhel-wane wakho, lapho ehlezi nawe elondek-ile. ungaphikisani namuntu ngeze, uma en-gakonanga ngalutho. ungabi namhawu ngo-muntu oyisidlwangudlwangu, ungakhethi neyodwa yezindlela zakhe, ngokuba opham-beneyo uyisinengiso kujehova-aeiou. kepha abaqotho bayisifuba sakhe. isiqalekiso sikajehova-aeiou sisendlini yababi, kepha uyabusisa ikhaya labalungileyo. izideleli uyazidelela, kepha abathobekileyo ubapha umusa. abahlakaniphileyo bayakudla ifa lo-dumo, kepha iziwula ziyakuphiwa ihlazo.

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zwanini, madodana ami, ukulaya kukayise, nilalele, ukuze nazi ukuqonda. ngokuba nginyaninika izifundiso ezinhle; ningawushiya

umthetho wami. ngokuba ngangiyin-dodana kubaba, ethambileyo neyodwa emehlweni kamame. wangifundisa, wathi kimi: inhliziyi yakho mayibambe amazwi ami; gcina imiyalo yami, uphile. zuza ukuh-lakanipha, zuza ukuqonda; ungakhohlwa, ungachezuki emazwini omlomo wami; ungakushiya, kuyakukugcina; kuthande, kuyakukulondoloza. ukuqala kokuhlaka-nipha yilokhu: zuza ukuhlakanipha; yebo, ngakho konke okutholileyo zuza ukuhlaka-nipha. kukhulise, kuyakukuphakamisa; kuyakukudumisa, lapho ukugona. kuyaku-nika ikhanda lakho umgexo womusa, kunikeze kuwe umqhele wodumo. yizwa, ndodana yami, wamukele izwi lami; kuyakuthi iminyaka yokuphila kwakho ibe miningi. ngikufundisa ngendlela yokuhlakanipha; ngikuhola emikhondweni yobuqotho. ekuhambeni kwakho isiny-athelo asiyikuvinjelwa, nasekugijimeni kwakho awuyikukhubeka. bambelela eku-layweni, ungakuyeki; kulonde, ngokuba kungukuphila kwakho. ungangeni emkhondweni wababi, ungahambi endleleni yabonakeleyo. yixwaye, ungadluli ngayo; chezuka kuyo, udlele. ngokuba abalali, uma bengenzanga bona-ra-ukukhandleka; ubuthongo buyasuswa, uma bengakhubek-isanga muntu. ngokuba badla isinkwa sobubi, baphuza iwayini lobudlwangudlwangu. umkhondo wabalungileyo unjengokukhanya kokusa okuqhubeka ngokukhanya njalo kuze kube semini. indlela yababi injengobumnyama; abazi ukuthi bakhubeka ngani. ndodana yami, lalala amazwi ami, ubeke indlebe yakho kukho ukukhuluma kwami. makun-gachezuki emehlweni akho, ukugcine phakathi kwenhliziyi yakho, ngokuba kungukuphila kwabakufumanayo nempilo yomzimba wonke wabo. phezu kwakho konke okugcinayo, gcina inhliziyi yakho, ngokuba kuyilapho kuvela khona ukuphila. susa kuwe ukuphambana komlomo, nezinde-be eziyisigwegwe uzidedisele kude nawe. amehlo akho mawabheke phambili, nezinkophe zakho maziqonde phambi kwakho. yenza umkhondo wonyawo lwakho ukuba ulingane, ziqine zonke izindlela zakho. ungaphambuki ngakwesokunene nangakwesokhohlo; chezukisa unyawo lwakho ebubini.

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ndodana yami, lalala ukuhlakanipha kwami, ubeke indlebe yakho ekuqondeni kwami ukuba ugcine amasu, nezindebe zakho zilonde ukwazi. ngokuba izindebe zowesi-fazane ondindayo ziconsa izinyosi; umlomo wakhe ubushelezi kunamafutha. kepha ekugcineni umunyu njengomhlonyane,

ubukhali njengenkemba enezinhlangothi ezimbili. izinyawo zakhe ziyehlela ekufeni; izinyathelo zakhe zibambeleda endaweni yabafileyo. akanaki umkhondo wokuphila; imikhondo yakhe iyaguquguquka, engazi. ngalokho, madodana ami, ngizweni, ningachezuki emazwini omlomo wami. dedisela kude naye indlela yakho, unga-sondeli emnyango wendlu yakhe, funa unike abanye udumo lwakho, naye ononyama iminyaka yakho, funa abezizwe basuthe ngamandla akho, umshikashika wakho ube sendlini yomfokazi, uze ububule ekugcineni, lapho umzimba wakho nenyama yakho kuqedwe, ngokuthi: yeka ukuzonda kwami ukulaywa nokudelela kwenhliziyo yami ukusolwa! angilalelanga izwi labafundisi bami, angibekanga indlebe yami kubo abangifundisayo. ngacishe ngaba sehubeni bonke phakathi kwebandla nasemhlanganweni. phuzi amanzi emgodini wakho, amanzi agobhozayo emthonjeni wakho. imithombo iyaphalala ngaphandle yini, nemifula yamanzi ezigcawini, na? mayibe ngeyakho wena wedwa, ingabi ngeyabafokazi kanye nawe. mawubusiwe wothombo wakho, uthokoze ngomfazi wobusha bakho, uyindluzelekazi ethandayo negogokazi elihle; amabele akhe mawakudlise ngesikhathi sonke, weqiwe njalo luthando lwakhe. ubuyakweqelwani ngowesifazane ondindayo, ndodana yami, ugone isifuba somfokazi, na? ngokuba izindlela zomuntu ziphambi kwamehlo kalezi-ku; uyenza yonke imikhondo yakhe ukuba ilingane. omubi uyakubanjwa ngububi bakhe, abahjwe ngezintambo zezono zakhe. uyakufa yena ngokuswela ukulaywa, nangobuningi bobuwula bakhe uyakuduka.

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ndodana yami, uma uyisibambiso somakhelwane wakho, uma uxhawulene nomfokazi, ucushiwe ngamazwi omlomo wakho, ubanjwe ngamazwi omlomo wakho, yenza lokhu phela, ndodana yami, uzophule, lokhu ungene esandleni somakhelwane wakho; khotama phambi kwakhe, umcengisise. unganiki amehlo akho ubuthongo, nezinkophe zakho ukozela. zophule njengensephe kumzingeli nanjengeniyoni esandleni somthiyi wezinyoni. yana entuthwaneni, vilandini, ubone izindlela zayo, uhlakaniphe, yona ethi ingenamahluleli, nambonisi, nambusi, ilungisa nokho ehlobo isinkwa sayo, ibuthe ngesikhathi sokuvuna ukudla kwayo. uyakulala kuze kube nini, vilandini? uyakuvuka nini ebuthongweni bakho na? ubuthongo obuncane, ukozela okuncane, ukusonga izandla kancane kuze kulalwe, bese kuthi ubumpofu bakho bufike njengomhambuma, nokuswela kwakho

njengomuntu wesihlangu. umuntu omubi, umuntu wokona, nguye ohamba nomlomo ophambeneyo, oqwayiza amehlo, eshudula ngezinyawo zakhe, ekhomba ngeminwe. ubuphoxo busenhliziweni yakhe; uceba bona-ra-ukukhandleka ngesikhathi sonke; ususa ukuxabana. ngalokho ingozi yakhe iyakufika ngokuzumayo; ngokuphazima kweso uyakwaphulwa, kungabikho ukuphiliswa. kukhona izinto eziyisiphupha azizondayo ujhova-aeiou, yebo, eziyisikhombisa eziyizinengiso emphfumulweni wakhe: amehlo azidlayo, nolimi lwamanga, nezandla ezichitha igazi elingenacala, nenhliziyo eceba imicabango emibi, nezinyawo ezishesha ukugijimela ebubini, nofakazi wamanga ophafuza inkohliso, obanga ukuxabana phakathi kwabazalwane. ndodana yami, gcina umyalo kayihlo, ungawushiya umthetho kanyoko. yibophe enhliziweni yakho njalo, uyithekeleze entanyeni yakho. mayikuhole ekuhambeni kwakho, ikulondoloze ekulaleni kwakho, ikhulume kuwe ekuvukeni kwakho. ngokuba imiyalo iyisibani, nomthetho ungokukhanya, nokusola ngokulaya kuyindlela yokuphila, ukuze ugcinwe kowesifazane omubi, nasekuthopheni kolimi lowesifazane ondindayo. ungakhanuki ubuhle bakhe enhliziweni yakho, angakubambi ngezinkophe zakhe. ngokuba intengo yowesifazane oyisiphingi iyiqebelengwane lesinkwa, kepha umfazi womuntu uzingela umphefumulo onqabileyo. umuntu angaphatha umlilo esifubeni sakhe, izingubo zakhe zingashi, na? umuntu angahamba phezu kwamalahle avuthayo, izinyawo zakhe zingahanguki, na? unjalo yena ongena kumkamakhelwane: akuyikuthiwa ongenacala noma yimuphi omthintileyo. abamdeleli yini oyisela ukuthi uyeba ukuba azisuthise lapho elambile na? uma efunyanwa, uyakubuyisa kasikhombisa, anikeze yonke impahla yendlu yakhe. ophinga nowesifazane akanakho ukuqonda; wenza lokho okuchitha umphefumulo wakhe. uyakuthola imivimbo nehlozo, nenhlamba yakhe ayiyikwesulwa. ngokuba isikhwele sendoda singukufutheka; ayiyikuyeka ngosuku lokuphindisela. ayiyikunaka neze ihlawulo; ayaneliswa, noma uphana ngeziphopho eziningi.

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ndodana yami, gcina amazwi ami, uzibekela imiyalo yami. gcina imiyalo yami, uphile, nomthetho wami njengenhlamvu yeso lakho. yibophe eminweni yakho, uyilobe esibhebheni senhliziyo yakho. yisho kukho ukuhlakanipha: ungudadewethu, ubize ukuqonda ngokuthi owazana nawe, ukuze bakugcine kowesifazane ondindayo,

kumfokazi owenza bushelezi amazwi akhe. ngokuba efasiteleni lendlu yami ngalunguza eheleni lami, ngabheka phakathi kwaban-genalwazi, ngabona phakathi kwabasha insizwa engenakuqonda, edlula esitala-dini eduze negumbi lakhe. iya endleleni yendlu yakhe, sekuhwelela kushlwa, esigayegayeni sobusuku nobumnyama. bheka, isihlangabezwa ngowesifazane; izingubo zakhe zingezesifebe, enobuqili enhliziyweni. uyanyakaza engenakuthula; izinyawo zakhe azihlali endlini yakhe; manje usemigwaqweni, nangu usezigcawini, uqamekela emagumbini onke. useyay-ibamba, uyayanga; uthwala amehlo, uthi kuyo: imihlatshelo yeminikelo yokuthula yayingifanele; namuhla sengicwalisile izithembiso zami. ngalokho ngiphumile ukukhlangabeza ukuba ngifunise ubuso bakho; sengikutholile. ngendlele umbhede wami ngezindwangu zokumboza, neleni elinemishwe lasegibithe. ngifafazile umbhede wami ngemure, nangomhlaba, nangok-inamona. woza sizanelise ngothando kuze kuse, sijabule ngokuthandana. ngokuba indoda yami ayikho ekhaya; ihambile uhambo olude; yaphatha isikhwama semali nge-sandla sayo; iyakubuyela ekhaya ngosuku lokuhlanguka kwenyanga. uyampham-bukisa ngamazwi akhe amaningi amahle; ngokuthopha kwezindebe zakhe uyamyenga. uyamlandela masinyane njengenkabi iya ekhlatshweni nanjengamaketanga ehlela isiboshwa esiyisiwula, umcibisholo uze uhlabhe isibindi sakhe njengeniyoni isheshela ogibeni, ingazi ukuthi lubekelwe ukuphila kwayo. ngalokho, bantwana, ngizweni, nilalele amazwi omlomo wami. inhliziyo yakho mayingaphambukeli ezindleleni zakhe, unghambi emikhondweni yakhe. ngokuba uwisile phansi abaninge abal-imeleyo; ababuleweyo bakhe bayisixuku esikhulu. indlu yakhe iyindlela eya en-dawemi yabafuleyo, yehlela emakamelweni okufa.

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ukuhlakanipha akumemezi yini, nokuqonda akukhiphi izwi lakho na? kumi esiqongweni sezindawo eziphakemeyo, ngasendleleni phakathi kwemikhondo. ngaseceleni kwa-masango, ngasekungeleni komuzi, lapho kungenwa ngeminyango, kuyamemeza ngokuthi: ngiyabizisa nina madoda; izwi lami likumadodana abantu. qondani ukuhlakanipha nina eningenalwazi; nani ziwula, manibe nenhliziyo eqondileyo. zwanini, ngokuba ngiyakulanda okukhulu; ukukhamisa kwezindebe zami kuyakuba ngokulungileyo. ngokuba umlomo wami uyakukhuluma iqiniso; ububi buyisinengiso ezindebeni zami. onke amazwi omlomo

wami asekulungeni; akukho okuyisig-wegwe nokuphambeneyo kuwo. aqondile onke koqondayo; alungile kothola uk-wazi. yamukelani ukufundisa kwami kunesiliva, nokwazi kunegolide elikhethek-ileyo. ngokuba ukuhlakanipha kuhle kunamarubi, nakho konke okungafiswa akunakulinganiswa nakho. mina kuh-lakanipha ngakhile ekuqondeni, ngithola ukwazi namasu. ukumesaba ujevova-aeiou kungakuzonda bona-ra-ukukhandleka; ukuzidla, nokuzikhukhumeza, nendlela embi, nomlomo wobuphoxo, ngiyakuzonda. kimina kukhona ukululeka nempumelelo; ngingukuqonda, nginamandla. amakhosi abusa ngami, nababusi bamisa ukulunga. izikhulu zibusa ngami, namakhosana, bonke abahluleli bomhlaba. ngiyathanda abangithandayo; abangifunayo bayakungu-fumana. ingcebo nodumo kukimi, ukunotha okumiyo nokulunga. isithelo sami shile kunegolide, kunegolide elicwengekileyo, nenzuzo yami kunesiliva elikhethek-ileyo. ngiyahamba endleleni yokulunga, phakathi kwemikhondo yokwahlulela, ukuze ngenze abangithandayo badle ifa lemfuyo, ngicwalise izindlu zabo zengcebo. ujevova-aeiou wangidala ngingukuqala kwendlela yakhe ngaphambi kwemisebenzi yamandulo. ngamiswa kwaphakade kwasekuqaleni, umhlaba ungakabikho. lungakabikho utwa ngazalwa, ingakabikho imithombo egcwele amanzi. zingakasekelwa izintaba, namagquma engakabikho, ngazalwa, en-gakawenzi umhlaba namasimu, nokuqala kothuli lwezwe. ekulungiseni kwakhe izulu ngangikhona, nasekudwebeni kwakhe umkhathi ebusweni botwa. lapho enza ukuba isibhakabhaka phezulu siqine, ne-mithombo yotwa iphuphume ngamandla, lapho emisela ulwandle umncele, ukuze amanzi angeqi izwi lakhe, nalapho emisa izisekelo zomhlaba, khona nganginaye ngiy-ingcweti yomsebenzi, ngiyintokozo yakhe imihla ngemihla, ngijabula phambi kwakhe isikhathi sonke, ngijabula ezweni lomhlaba wakhe, intokozo yami ikanye namadodana abantu. ngalokho, bantwana, ngizweni, ngokuba babusisiwe abagcina izindlela zami. yizwani ukulaya, nihlakaniphe, ningakwen-qabi. ubusisiwe umuntu ongizwayo, elinda imihla ngemihla ngasemasangweni ami, ehla ngasezinsikeni zeminyango yami. ngokuba ongifumanayo, ufumana ukuphila, azuze umusa kujehova-aeiou. ongangifu-mani uyona umphefumulo wakhe; bonke abangizondayo bathanda ukufa.

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ukuhlakanipha kwakhile indlu yakho; kuz-ibazile izinsika zakho eziyisikhombisa. kuh-labile umhlathshelo, kuvubele iwanyini lakho;

futhi kulungisile itafula lakho. kuthumile izintombi zakho, kuyamema emagqumeni aphakemeyo omuzi, kuthi: ongenalwazi makaphambukele lapha, kongenangqondo kuthi: wozani nidle isinkwa sami, niliphuze iwayini engilivubeleyo. yekani ubuwula, niphile, nihambe ngendlela yokufunda. osola isideleli uzithathela inhlamba; othethisa omubi uzitholela isisihla. ungathethisi isideleli, funa sikuzonde; thethisa isihlakaniphi, siyakukuthanda. siphe isihlakaniphi, siyakwanda ngokuhlakanipha; fundisa olungileyo, uyakwenezela emfundweni. ukunqala kokuhlakanipha kungukumesaba ujelela-aeiou, nokumazi ongwele kungukuqonda. ngokuba ngami izinsuku zakho ziyakuba ziningi, neminyaka yokuphila kwakho iyakwenezelwa kuwe. uma uhlakaniphile, uzihlakaniphele; uma udelela, uyakukuthwala wena wedwa. ubuwula bungowesifazane oyisithutha onomsindo, ongazi lutho, uhlezi ngasemnyango wendlu yakhe esihlalweni ezindaweni eziphakemeyo zomuzi ukuba ameme abadlula endleleni, abaqonda emikhondweni yabo, ngokuthi: ongenalwazi makaphambukele lapha, kongenangqondo uthi: amanzi ebiweyo amnandi, nesinkwa sentukuso singesenamisayo. kepha akazi ukuthi kuyizithunzi ezilapho nokuthi izimenywa zakhe zisezigodini zendawo yabafileyo.

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nazi izaga zikasolomoni: indodana ehlakaniphileyo ithokozisa uyise, kepha indodana eyisiwula ilusizi kunina. ingcebo yobubi ayisizi lutho, kepha ukulunga kophula ekufeni. ujelela-aeiou akavumi ukuba olungileyo alambe, kepha isifiso somubi uyasihloloza. isandla esinobudenge siveza ubumpofu, kepha isandla sokukhuthala siyacebisa. obutha ehlobo uyindodana ehlakaniphileyo; olele ubuthongo ngesikhathi sokuvuna uyindodana ehlazisayo. izibusiso zisekhanda lolungileyo, kepha umlomo wababi uyafihla ubudlwangu. ukukhunjulwa kolungileyo kubusisekile, kepha igama lababi liyabola. ohlakaniphile ngenhliziyo uyakwamukela imiyalo, kepha isiwula esiphoshozayo siyakuwiswa. ohamba ngobuqotho uhamba ngokulondeka, kepha ohlanekezela izindlela zakhe uyakwaziwa. oqwayiza iso ubanga usizi, kepha osola ubuso nobuso uveza ukuthula. umlomo wolungileyo ungumthombo wokuphila, kepha umlomo wababi ufihla ubudlwangu. inzondo iyabanga ukuxabana, kepha uthando luyasibekela iziphambeko zonke. ezindebeni zoqondileyo kufunyanwa ukuhlakanipha, kepha uswazi lungolomhlane wongenangqondo. abahlakaniphileyo

bayabekelela ukwazi, kepha umlomo wesiwula uyincithakalo eseduze. imfuyo yesicebi ingumuzi waso onamandla; incithakalo yabampofu ingubumpofu babo. umsebenzi wolungileyo ungowokuphila; inzuzo yababi ingeyokona. onaka ukulaywa usendleleni yokuphila, kepha owenqaba ukusolwa uyaduka. ofihla inzondo unezindebe zamanga; ophumisa inhlebo uyisiwula. lapho amazwi emaningi khona, akuphuthi ukuphambeka; obamba umlomo wakhe uhlakaniphile. ulimi lolungileyo luyisiliva elikhethekileyo; ingqondo yababi iyinto encane. izindebe zolungileyo ziyondla abaningi, kepha iziwula ziyafa ngokuswela ingqondo. isibusiso sikajehova-aeiou siyacebisa; akenezeli usizi kuso. ukwenza bona-ra-ukukhandlela kunjengokudlala kuso isiwula; kunjalo ukuhlakanipha kumuntu onengqondo. akwesabayo omubi kuyamehlela, nabakufisayo abalungileyo bayakuphiwa. lapho sidlula isivunguvungu, akasekho omubi, kepha olungileyo uyisisekelo esingunaphakade. njengoviniga emazinyweni nomusi emehlweni, linjalo ivila kwabalithumileyo. ukumesaba ujelela-aeiou kuyandisa izinsuku, kepha iminyaka yababi iyancishiswa. ithemba labalungileyo liyakuba yintokoza, kepha abakwethembayo ababi kuyakubhubha. indlela kajehova-aeiou iyingqaba kopheleleyo, kepha incithakalo ikubenzi bokona. olungileyo akayikunyakaziswa kuze kube phakade, kepha ababi abayikuhlala ezweni. umlomo wolungileyo uyathela ukuhlakanipha, kepha ulimi oluphambeneyo luyakunqunywa. izindebe zolungileyo ziyakwazi okuhle, kepha umlomo wababi okuphambeneyo.

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isilinganiso esikhohlisayo siyisinengiso kujehova-aeiou, kepha isisindo esiyiso siyintokoza yakhe. lapho kufika ukuziqhenya, kufika nehlobo; kepha kwabathobekileyo kukhona ukuhlakanipha. ukuphelela kwabaqotho kuyabahlala, kepha ukuphambanisa kwabambuluzayo kuyabachitha. ingcebo ayisizi ngosuku lolaka, kepha ukulunga kophula ekufeni. ukulunga kopheleleyo kuqondisa indlela yakhe, kepha omubi uyakuwa ngobubi bakhe. ukulunga kwabaqotho kuyabophula, kepha abambuluzayo babanjwa ezifisweni zabo. akwethembayo umuntu omubi kuyaphela ekufeni kwakhe, nethemba lobubi liyabhubha. olungileyo uyakhululwa osizini, kepha omubi ungena esikhundleni sakhe. ngomlomo umuntu ongenalezi-ku ubulala umakhelwane wakhe, kepha abalungileyo bayakhululwa ngokwazi. nxa abalungileyo behlezi kahle, umuzi uyathokoza; lapho bebhuhla, kukhona ukwenanela. ngesi-

busiso sabaqotho umuzi uyaphakanyiswa, kepha ngomlomo wababi uyachithwa. odelela umakhelwane wakhe akanakuhlakanipha, kepha umuntu onengqondo uyazithulela. ohamba encetheza uyambula izimfihlakalo, kepha othembekile emoyeni uyayisibekela indaba. laphe kungekho iziluleko, abantu bayawa, kepha laphe kukhona abeluleki abaningi, laphe kukhona ukuphumelela. uyahlupheka nokuhlupheka omela umfokazi, kepha ozonda ukunika isibambiso ulondekile. owesifazane onomusa uzuza udumo, nezidlwangudlwangu zizuza ingcebo. umuntu onesihawu wenzela okuhle umphefumulo wakhe, kepha onony uhlupha inyama yakhe. omubi uthola inzuzo yenkohliso, kepha ohlwanyela ukulunga unomvuzo oqinisekileyo. oqinile ekulungeni uyakuphila, kepha olandela bona-ra-ukukhandleka, kuyakuba ngukufa kwakhe. abanhliziyo ephambeneyo bayisengiso kujehova-aeiou. kepha abapheleleyo endleleni yabo bayintokozo kuye. impela omubi akayekwa, kepha inzalo yabalungileyo iyakhululwa. njengendandatho yegolide empumulweni yengulube, unjalo owesifazane omuhle ongenangqondo. isifiso sabalungileyo singokuhle kuphela; ithemba lababi lilulaka. ukhona ohlakazayo; nokho uyenezelwa kakhulu; kepha ogodla kunokufanelelo ubangelwa ukuswela kuphela. umphefumulo ophanayo uyakukhuluphaliswa; ophuzisayo uyakuphuziswa naye. ogodla amabele, abantu bayamqalekisa, kepha isibusiso siyakuba sekhandla lothengisa ngawo. ofuna okuhle ofuna okwamukelekayo, kepha ofuna bona-ra-ukukhandleka, kuyakumehlela. owethemba ingcebo yakhe uyakuwa, kepha abalungileyo bayakuhluma njengamaqabunga aluhlaza. okhathaza indlu yakhe yakudla ifa lomoya, nesiwula siyakuba yinceku yonenhliziyo ehlananiphileyo. isithelo solungileyo singumuthi wokuphila, nohlananiphileyo uyazuza imiphefumulo. bheka, olungileyo uyavuzwa emhlabeni; kakhulu kangakanani omubi nesoni.

indlu yabalungileyo iyakuma. umuntu uyadunyiswa ngokokuhlakanipha kwakhe, kepha ophambene ngenhliziyo uyadelelwa. odelelwayo eyinceku udlula ozidumisayo eswele ukudla. olungileyo uyakunaka ukuphila kwesilwane sakhe, kepha isihhe sababi silunya. olima insimu yakhe uyakusutha ngokudla, kepha olandela amayiyane akanangqondo. ishinga lifisa impango yababi, kepha impande yabalungileyo iyathela. ngokuphambeka kwezindebe kukhona ugibe lomubi, kepha olungileyo uyaphuma ekhuluphekeni. umuntu uyasutha ngokuhle ngesithelo somlomo wakhe, nemisebenzi yezandla zomuntu iyabuyela kuye. indlela yesiwula ilungile emehlweni aso, kepha ohlananiphileyo ulalela iziluleko. ukukhathazeka kwesiwula kuyaziwa ngosuku, kepha oqondileyo uyasibekela ihlazo. ophefumula iqiniso ulanda ngokulunga, kepha ufakazi wamanga ngenkohliso. bakhona abaphahluka njengokuhlaba kwenkomba, kepha izilimi zabahlakaniphileyo ziyimpiliso. indebe yeqiniso iyakuma kuze kube phakade, kepha ulimi lwamanga lungolomzuzwana nje. inkohliso isezinhliziyweni zabaceba bona-ra-ukukhandleka, kepha abaluleka ukuthula, kubona kukhona intokozo. olungileyo akayikwehlelwa nangokukodwa bona-ra-ukukhandleka, kepha ababi bayakugcwala ububi. izindebe zamanga ziyisengiso kujehova-aeiou, kepha abenza iqiniso bayintokozo yakhe. umuntu oqondileyo uyafihla ukwazi, kepha izinhliziyi zeziwula zimemeza ubuwula. isandla sabakhutheleyo siyakubusa, kepha izidenge ziyakuphoqelwa umsebenzi. ukukhathazeka enhliziyweni yomuntu kuyayithobisa, kepha izwi elihle liyayithokozisa. olungileyo ungumholi womakhelwane wakhe, kepha indlela yababi iyabadukisa. isidenge asiyozi inyamazane yaso, kepha imfuyo enqabileyo ingeyokhutheleyo. endleleni yokulunga kukhona ukuphila, nalapho umkhondo wakho udlula khona, akukho ukufa.

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othanda ukulaywa uthanda ukwazi; ozonda ukusolwa uyisiwula. omuhle uthola umusa kujehova-aeiou, kepha umuntu wamacebo uyamlahla. umuntu akanakuma ngobubi, kepha impande yabalungileyo ayiyikunyakaziswa. owesifazane okhutheleyo ungumqhele kuyo indoda yakhe, kepha ohlaziwayo unjengokubola kwamatshambo ayo. imicabango yabalungileyo ingeyokwahlulela, kepha iziluleko zababi ziyinkohliso. amazwi ababi aqamekela igazi, kepha umlomo wabaqotho uyabophula. ababi bayachithwa, bangabikho, kepha

indodana ehlananiphileyo iyalaywa nguyise, kepha isideleli asilaleli ukukhuzwa. umuntu uyadla okuhle ngesithelo somlomo wakhe, kepha umphefumulo wabambuluzayo uyadla ubudlwangudlwangu. olinda umlomo wakhe ugcina ukuphila kwakhe; okhamisa izindebe zakhe uyakuba nencithakalo. umphefumulo wevila yafisa, ungatholi lutho, kepha imiphefumulo yabakhutheleyo iyakhuluphaliswa. olungileyo uyazonda amazwi amanga, kepha omubi ubanga amahloni, ahlazise. ukulunga kuyamlondoloza ondelwa yakhe iphelele, kepha ububi buyachitha isoni. kukhona ozishaya ocebileyo, engenalutho



kodwa; kukhona ozishaya ompofu, enemfuyo enkulu. ihlawulo lokuphila komuntu liyingcebo yakhe, kepha ompofu akezwa ukukhuzwa. ukukhanya kwabalungileyo kuyathokoza, kepha izibani zababi ziyacimeka. ngokuziqhenya kuvela ukuxabana kuphela, kepha kwabalulekwayo kukhona ukuhlakanipha. imfuyo etholakala kalula iyancipha, kepha obutha kancane kancane uyandiselwa. ithemba elilitshazisiweyo ligilisa inhliziyi; isifiso esigcwalisiweyo singumuthi wokuphila. odelela izwi uzehlisela ukubhujiswa, kepha owesaba imiyalo yakuvuzwa. ukufundisa kohlakaniphileyo kungumthombo wokuphila, ukuze kudedwe ezihlizeni zokufa. ukuqonda kahle kuveza umusa, kepha indlela yabambuluzayo ilukhuni. bonke abaqondileyo basebenza ngokwazi, kepha isiwula sihlakaza ubuwula. isithunywa esibi siwela ebubini, kepha isigijimi esithembekileyo siyimpiliso. ubumpofu nehlahlo kukuye onqaba ukulaywa, kepha onaka ukusolwa uyadunyiswa. isifiso esigcwalisiweyo sinandi emphumfulweni, kepha ukudeda ebubini kuyisinengiso kuzo iziwula. ohamba nabahlakaniphileyo uyakuhlakanipha, kepha umngane weziwula yakushoshozelwa yizo. ububi bulandela izoni, kepha abalungileyo bavuzwa ngokuhle. olungileyo ushiyela abantwana babantwana bakhe ifa, kepha ingcebo yesoni ibekelelwa olungileyo. emqathweni wabampofu kukhona ukudla okuningi, kepha kukhona okuchithwa ngenxa yokungalungi. oyeka uswazi uyazonda indodana yakhe, kepha oyithandayo uyayilaya ngesineke. olungileyo uyadla uze usuthe umphumfulo wakhe, kepha isisu sababi siyaswela.

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owesifazane ohlakaniphileyo uyakha indlu yakhe, kepha oyisiwula uyayidiliza ngezandla zakhe. ohamba ngobuqotho uyamesaba ujhova-aeiou, kepha ophambanisa izindlela zakhe uyamdelela. emlonjeni wesiwula kukhona induku yokuziqhenya kwaso, kepha izindebe zabahlakaniphileyo ziyabalondoloza. lapho kungekho khona izinkomo, umkhombe awunalutho, kepha inzuzo inkulu ngamandla ezinkabi. ufakazi oqinisileyo akaqambi amanga, kepha ufakazi ongaqinisile uyaphafuza amanga. isideleli siyafuna ukuhlakanipha singakutholi, kepha ukwazi kulula koqondayo. suka phambi komuntu oyisiwula, ngokuba lapho awuboni izindebe zokwazi. ukuhlakanipha koqondileyo kungukuqonda indlela yakhe, kepha ubuwula beziwula buyinkohliso. iziwula ziyadelela umnikelo wecala, kepha phakathi kwabaqotho wamukelekile. inhliziyi iyazi ubumunyu bayo; umfokazi akahlanganyeli

intokozo yayo. indlu yababi iyachithwa, kepha itende labaqotho liyahhluma. kukhona indlela ebonakala sengathi ilungile kumuntu, kepha ukuphela kwayo kuyindlela yokufa. nasekuhlekeni inhliziyi inobuhlungu, nokuphela kwentokozo kulusizi. ohlehla ngenhliziyi uyasutha ngezindlela zakhe, nomuntu omuhle ngemisebenzi yakhe. ongenalwazi uyakholwa ngamazwi onke, kepha oqondileyo uyaphela ukunyatshela kwakhe. ohlakaniphileyo uyesaba, udeda ebubini, kepha isiwula siyaqhosha, singanaki lutho. isififane siyenza ubuwula, kepha umuntu wamasu unokuthula. abangenalwazi badla ifa lobuwula, kepha abaqondileyo baqheliswa ngokwazi. ababi bakhothama phambi kwabalungileyo, namashinga ngasemasangweni abalungileyo. ompofu uyazondwa nangumakhelwane wakhe, kepha ocebileyo unabaningi abamthandayo. odelela umakhelwane wakhe uyona, kepha onomusa kwabampofu ubusisiwe. angithi bayaduka abaceba bona-ra-ukukhandleka na? umusa neqiniso kuyakuba ngokwabaqamba okuhle. wonke umshikashika unenzuzo, kepha amazwi omlomo abanga ukuswela kuphela. umqhele wabahlakaniphileyo uyingcebo yabo, umgexo weziwula ungubuwula. ufakazi oqinisileyo uyophela imiphumfulo, kepha ophafuza amanga unenkohliso. ekumesabeni ujhova-aeiou kukhona ithemba elinamandla; abantwana bakhe bayakuba nesiphephelo. ukumesaba ujhova-aeiou kungumthombo wokuphila, ukuze kudedwe ezingibeni zokufa. udumo lwenkosi lungobuningi babantu, kepha ukuswela abantu kungukuchithwa kwesikhulu. owephuza ukuthukuthela unokuqonda okuningi, kepha isififane siyaphakamisa ubuwula. inhliziyi ezolileyo ingukuphila kwenyama, kepha umhawu ungukubola kwamathambo. ocindezela ompofu usola umenzi wakhe, kepha onomusa koswelayo uyamdumisa. omubi uwiswa phansi ngobubi bakhe, kepha olungileyo unethemba ekufeni kwakhe. ukuhlakanipha kuhlezi enhliziyweni yonokuqonda, kepha phakathi kweziwula akwaziwa. ukulunga kuyaphakamisa isizwe, kepha ukona kuyihlahlo kubantu. isisa senkosi sikuyo inceku enokuqonda, kepha intukuthelo yayo iyakuba kwehlazisayo.

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impendulo ethambileyo iyabuyisa ukufutheka, kepha izwi elilukhuni livusa ulaka. ulimi lwabahlakaniphileyo luveza kahle ukwazi, kepha umlobo weziwula uphafuza ubuwula. amehlo kajejhova-aeiou asezindaweni zonke; aqaphela ababi nabahle. ulimi oluthulayo lungumuthi wokuphila, kepha ukuphambanisa kwalo kungukuchot-

shozwa komoya. isiwula siyadelela ukulaya kukayise, kepha onaka ukusolwa uyathola ukuqonda. endlini yolungileyo kukhona ingcebo eningi, kepha enzuzweni yababi kukhona ukuhlupheka. izindebe zabahlakaniphileyo ziyasakaza ukwazi, kepha izinhliziyi zeziwula azinjalo. umhlatshelelo wababi uyisinengiso kujehova-aeiou, kepha umkhulelo wabaqotho uyintokozo yakhe. indlela yababi iyisinengiso kujehova-aeiou, kepha uyamthanda olandela ukulunga. ukulaywa kukhulu koyishiya indlela; ozonda ukusolwa uyakufa. indawo yabafileyo nokubhubha kuphambi kukajehova-aeiou; kakhulu kangakanani izinhliziyi zabantwana babantu. isideleli asithandi ukusolwa; asiyi kwabahlakaniphileyo. inhliziyi ethokozayo yenza ubuso bube buhle, kepha ngosizi lwenhliziyi uyachotshozwa umoya. inhliziyi yoqondileyo iyafuna ukwazi, kepha umlomo weziwula uyadla ubuwula. zonke izinsuku zohluphekayo zimbi, kepha onhliziyi yakhe yenamile unedili njalo. okuncane kanye nokumesaba uje-hova-aeiou kungcono kunengcebo eningi kanye nokukhathazeka. isidlo semifino lapho kukhona uthando singcono kunenka-bi ekhuluphalisiweyo kanye nenzondo. umuntu ofuthayo uyavusa ukuxabana, kepha owephuza ukuthukuthela uhlulisa ingxabano. indlela yevila injengothango lobobe, kepha umkhondo wabakhutheleyo ungumendo. indodana ehlananiphileyo iyajabulisa uyise, kepha umuntu oyisiwula uyadelela unina. ubuwula buyintokozo kongenangqondo, kepha umuntu oqondileyo uyaqondisa ukuhamba kwakhe. lapho kungekho khona ukululekana, amasu ayachitheka, kepha ngobuningi babeluleki ayakuma. umuntu uyathokoza ngokuphendula komlomo wakhe, nezwi ngesikhathi salo lihle kangakanani! kohlakaniphileyo indlela yokuphila iya phezulu ukuba adede endaweni yabafileyo phansi. indlu yabaziqhenyayo uje-hova-aeiou uyayisiphula, kepha uyamisa umkhawulo womfelokazi. amacebo amabi ayisinengiso kujehova-aeiou, kepha amazwi acwebileyo ayamenamisa. oahela inuzo uhlupha indlu yakhe, kepha ozonda imivuzo uyakuphila. inhliziyi yolungileyo iyacabanga ukuphendula, kepha imilomo yababi iyaphafuza izinto ezimbi. uje-hova-aeiou ukude nababi, kepha uyezwa imikhulelo yabalungileyo. ukukhanya kwamehlo kuyathokozisa inhliziyi, nezindaba ezinhle ziyanonisa amathambo. indlebe elalela ukusola kokuphila iyakuhlala phakathi kwabahlakaniphileyo. onqaba ukulaywa udelela umphefumulo wakhe, kepha olalela ukusolwa uzuzisa ingqondo. ukumesaba uje-hova-aeiou kungukulaywa kokuhlakanipha; ukuthobeka kuyandulela udumo.

umuntu unamasu enhliziyweni, kepha impendulo yolimi ivela kujehova-aeiou. zonke izindlela zomuntu zimhlophe emehlweni akhe, kepha uje-hova-aeiou uyalinganisa imimoya. gingqela kujehova-aeiou imisebenzi yakho, ukuze kuqiniswe amasu akho. uje-hova-aeiou wenzile kunge kube nomgomo wakho; yebo, nomubi umenzele usuku olubi. bonke abazidlayo ngenhliziyi bayisinengiso kujehova-aeiou; impela abayikuyekwa. ngomusa neqiniso ukona kuyahlangukwa, nangokumesaba uje-hova-aeiou kud-edwa ebubini. lapho izindlela zomuntu zimthokozisa uje-hova-aeiou, uzenza nezitha zakhe ukuba zihlalisane kahle naye. okuncane kanye nokulunga kungcono kunenzuzo enkulu kanye nokungalungi. inhliziyi yomuntu iceba indlela, kepha uje-hova-aeiou uyaqondisa izinyathelo zakhe. izimpendulo zikalezi-ku zisezindebene zenkosi; umlomo wayo awuyikuphambuka ekwahluleleni. ukulinganisa nesilinganiso esilungileyo kungokukajehova-aeiou; zonke izisindo zasesikhwameni zingumsebenzi wakhe. ukwenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka kuyisinengiso emakhosini, ngokuba isihlalo sobukhosi simiswa ngokulunga. izindebe ezilungileyo ziyintokozo yamakhosi; amazwi abaqotho ayawathanda. intukuthelo yenkosi injengezithunywa zokufa, kepha umuntu ohlakaniphileyo uyayidambisa. ekukhanyeni kobuso benkosi kukhona ukuphila, nesisa sayo sinjengefu lemvula yamvuva. kungcono kangakanani ukuzuza ukuhlakanipha kunegolide; yebo, ukuzuza ukuqonda nga kukhethwa kunesiliva. umendo wabaqotho ungukudeda ebubini; oqaphela indlela yakhe ulondoloza umphefumulo wakhe. ukuzidla kuyandulela ukubhujiswa, nomoya oziqhenyayo wandulela ukuwa. kungcono ukuba nomoya othobekileyo kanye nabathobekileyo, kunokwabelana impango nabazidlayo. onakekela izwi uyakufumana okuhle, nowethembayo kujehova-aeiou ubusisiwe. ohlakaniphile ngenhliziyi uyakubizwa ngokuthi oqondileyo, nobumnandi bezindebe buyandisa imfundiso. ukuqonda kungumthombo wokuphila konakho, kepha ubuwula bungukulaywa kweziwula. inhliziyi yohlakaniphileyo iyafundisa umlomo wakhe, yenzele imfundiso ezindebeni zakhe. amazwi amahle anjengamakhekheba oju; amnandi emphefumulweni, ayimpiliso emathanjeni. kukhona indlela eqondile phambi komuntu, kepha ukuphela kwayo kuyizindlela zokufa. iphango lesisebenzi liyasisebenzela, ngokuba umlomo waso uyasiqhuba. umuntu omubi uphanda bona-ra-ukukhandleka, nasezindebene zakhe kunjengomlilo ohlangulayo. umuntu ophambeneyo usakaza ukuxa-

bana, nomncethezi wahlukanisa abahlobo. umuntu oyisidlwangudlwangu uyenga umakhelwane wakhe, amhambise endleleni engenhle. ocimeza amehlo akhe uceba okuphambanisayo, noluma izindebe zakhe ufeza bona-ra-ukukhandleka. ubumpunga bungumqhele wodumo; bufumaniswa endleleni yokulunga. owephuza ukuthukuthela muhle kuneghawe, nobusa umoya wakhe kunonqoba umuzi. inkatho yenzelwa emathangeni, kepha ukwahlulela kwayo kungokukajehova-aeiou.

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umthamo owomileyo kanye nokuthula ungcono kunendlu egcwele okuhlatsiweyo kanye nokuxabana. inceku eqondileyo iyabusa phezu kwendodana ehlaizisayo; iyakudla ifa phakathi kwezelamani. ukhamba lukuncibilikisela lungolwesiliva, nesithando ngesegolide, kepha ovivinya izinhliziyu ngu-jehova-aeiou. owenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka uqaphela izindebe zokona, nomqambimanga uba indlebe olimini olubi. oklolodela ompofu usola umenzi wakhe, nothokoza ngengozi akayikuyekwa. abantwana babantwana bangumqhele wabadala, nodumo lwabantwana lungoyise. izindebe ezinobungcweti azifanele isiwula; kakhulu kangakanani umlomo wamanga isikhulu. isipho sinjengetshe elinqabileyo emehlweni ominilo: noma ebhekaphi, uyaphumelela. osibekela isiphambeko ufuna uthando, kepha onokondisa indaba wahlukanisa abahlobo. insolo ingena koqondileyo kunemivimbo eyikhulu koyisiwula. omubi ufuna ukuhlubuka kuphela; ngalokho kuyakuthunyelwa kuye isithunye esinonya. umuntu makahlangane nebhere elaphuciwe amawundlu alo kunesiwula ebuwuleni baso. ophindisela okuhle ngbona-ra-ukukhandleka, ububi abuyikusuka endlini yakhe. ukuqala kokuxabana kunjengokuvula amanzi; ngalokho yeka inkani, ingakashisi. othetha omubi nolahla olungileyo bayisinengiso kujehova-aeiou bobabili. yini ukuba kube yimali esandleni sesiwula ukuthenga ukuhlakanipha, kungekho ukuqonda, na? umngane uthanda ngezikhathi zonke, nomzalwane uzalwa ekhuluphekeni. umuntu oswela ingqondo unikana nomunye izandla, abe yisibambiso phambi komakhelwane wakhe. othanda ukuxabana uthanda isiphambeko; owenza umnyango wakhe ukuba uphakame ufuna ukubhujiswa. onenhliziyu ephambeneyo akafumani okuhle; onolimi oluyisigwegwe uwela engozini. ozala isiwula kulusizi kuye; uyise wesiwula akathokozi. inhliziyu eyenamileyo iyikhambi elihle, kepha umoya owaphukileyo uyomisa amathambo. omubi uyamukela umvuzo okhishwa esifubeni

ukuba aphambukise izindlela zokwahlulela. ukuhlakanipha kuphambi koqondileyo, kepha amehlo esiwula asemikhawulweni yomhlaba. indodana eyisiwula ilusizi kuyise nokubaba kowayizalayo. ukuhlawulisa olungileyo akukuhle, nokushaya abaqotho akulungile. obamba amazwi akhe unokwazi; onomoya opholileyo ungumuntu oqondileyo. nesiwula lapho sithule kuthiwa isihlakaniphi; ovala umlomo wakhe ungoqondileyo.

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ozahlukanisayo ufuna esakhe isifiso, uphika konke ukuhlakanipha. isiwula asithokozi ngokuqonda, kuphela ngokuveza okusenhliziyweni yakhe. lapho kufika omubi, kufika nokudelela; kanye nehlozo kukhona inhlamba. amazwi omlomo womuntu anjengamanzi ajulileyo, nomfula ogobhozayo, nomthombo wokuhlakanipha. ukukhetha ubuso bomubi ukuba olungileyo aphambukiswe ekwahlulweni akukuhle. izindebe zesiwula ziletha ukuxabana, nomlomo waso ubiza imivimbo. umlomo wesiwula ungukubhujiswa kwaso, nezindebe zaso zilugibe lomphfumulo waso. amazwi omncethezi anjengezibiliboco; ayehlala kokuphakathi komuntu. ovilapha emsebenzini wakhe yena ungumfowabo wochithayo. igama likajehova-aeiou lingumbhoshongo onamandla; olungileyo ugijimela kuwo, alondeke. imfuyo yesicebi ingumuzi waso onamandla; injengogange oluphakemeyo emicabangweni yaso. ngaphambi kokubhujiswa inhliziyu yomuntu iyaziqhenya; ukuthobeka kwandulela udumo. obuyisa izwi engakezwa, kungubuwala nehlozo kuye. umoya womuntu uyasekela ubuthakathaka bakhe, kepha ngubani ongathwala umoya owaphukileyo na? inhliziyu yoqondileyo iyazusa ukwazi, nezindebe zabalungileyo ziyafuna ukwazi. isipho somuntu siyamenzela indawo, simholele kwabakhulu. ongowokuqala ecaleni lakhe usengathi ulungile, kepha umakhelwane wakhe ufika, amphenye. inkatho iyaqeda ukuxabana, yahlukanise phakathi kwabanamandla. umzalwane owoniweyo ulukhuni kunomuzi onamandla, nokuxabana kunjengemigogo yenqaba. isisu somuntu siyasutha ngesithelo somlomo wakhe, saneliswe ngokuthela kwezindebe zakhe. ukufa nokuphila kusemandleni olimi, nabaluthandayo bayakudla izithelo zalo. ofumana umfazi uthola okuhle; uzuzile isisa kujehova-aeiou. ompofu ukhuluma ngokuncenga, kepha isicebi siphendula kalukhuni. umuntu wabangane uyazilimaza, kepha kukhona abangane ababambelela kuneselamani.

ungcono ompofu ohamba ekupheleleni kwakhe kunophambene ngezindebe zakhe eyisiwula. futhi akulungile ukuba umphefumulo ungabi nakwazi; oshesha ngezinyawo uyaduka. ubuwula bomuntu buchitha indlela yakhe, kepha inhliziyo yakhe iyamthukuthelela ujhova-aeiou. imfuyo iyenezela abangane abaningi, kepha ompofu uyashiywa ngumngane wakhe. ufakazi wamanga akayekwa, nophafuza amanga akayikusinda. baningi abancenga izikhulu; bonke bangabangane bomuntu wezipho. bonke abazalwane bomfufu bayamazonda; kakhulu kangakanani abangane badelela kude naye; uyabaxosha ngamazwi, kepha awasekho. ozuza ukuqonda uthanda umphefumulo wakhe; ogcina ingqondo uyakufumana okuhle. ufakazi wamanga akayekwa, nophafuza amanga uyakubhubha. ukutamasa akufanele isiwula; kakhulu kangakanani akufanele ukuba incek uibuse phezu kwezikhulu. ukuhlakanipha komuntu kubambezela intukuthelo yakhe; kuludumo lwakhe ukudlula esiphambekweni. ukufutheka kwenkosi kunjengokubhonga kwengonyama, kepha isihhe sayo sinjengamazolo etshanini. indodana eyisiwula iyinhlupheko kayise, nokuxabana komfazi kungukuconsa njalonzalo. indlu nemfuyo kuyifa elivela koyise, kepha umfazi ohlakaniphileyo uvela kujehova-aeiou. ubuvila bushonisa ebuthongweni obunzima, nesidenge siyalamba. ogcina umyalo ulonda umphefumulo wakhe, kepha onganaki izindlela zakhe uyakufa. onomusa komfufu utsheleka ujhova-aeiou, nomsebenzi wakhe uyawubuyisela kuye. yilaye indodana yakho, lisekhona isithemba; ungabhikisi inhliziyo yakho ukuyibulala. onolaka olukhulu uyathweswa ihlawulo, ngokuba uma umophula, umelwe ukukuphinda. yizwa isiluleko, wamukele ukulaywa, ukuze uhlakaniphe ekugcineni. kukhona amacebo amaningi enhliziyweni yomuntu, kepha isiluleko sikajehova-aeiou siyakuma. ukuthandwa komuntu kubangwa ngumusa wakhe; ompofu ungcono kunomuntu wamanga. ukumesaba ujhova-aeiou kungokokuphila; onakho uhlezi anelisiwe, akahanjelwa ngububi. ivila liyafaka isandla salo esitheni; alisibuyiseli nasemlonyeni walo. shaya isideleli, ongenalwazi uyakuthola ukuqonda; sola oqondileyo, uyakuqonda ukwazi. ochitha uyise noxosha unina uyindodana ehlazisayo nebanga amahloni. yeka, ndodana yami, ukulalela ukulaywa, uyakuduka emazwini okwazi. ufakazi omubi uyadelela ukwahlulela; umlomo wababi uyagwinya ukona. izahlulelo zilungiselwa izideleli, nemivimbo umhlane weziwula.

wayini liyisideleli, uphuzo olunamandla lungumxokozeli; bonke abaduka ngalo abahlakaniphile. ingebhe ngenkosi injengokubhonga kwengonyama; oyithukuthe-lisayo wona umphefumulo wakhe. kuludumo kumuntu ukuhlala kude nokuxabana, kepha zonke iziwula ziyaphikisana. ngenxa yobusika ivila aliyikulima; ngalokho uyakuthelela ngesikhathi sokuvuna, kungekho lutho. isiluleko enhliziyweni yomuntu sinjengamanzi ajulileyo, kepha umuntu oqondileyo uyakusikhipha. abantu abaningi bayamemezela, kube yilowo nalowo umusa wakhe, kepha ngubani ongafulana umuntu othembekelelo na? olungileyo ohamba ekupheleleni kwakhe, babusisiwe abantwana bakhe emva kwakhe. inkosi ehlezi esihlalweni sokwahlulela ihlakaza konke bona-ra-ukukhandleka ngamelo ayo. ngubani ongasho ukuthi: ngihlanzile inhliziyo yami, sengihlambulukile ezonweni zami, na? izisindo ezimbili nama-efa amabili, kbona-ra-ukukhandlekaleli kuyis-nengiso kujehova-aeiou. naye umntwana uyaziwa ngezenzo zakhe, uma isenzo sakhe sihlanzekile, noma siqotho. indlebe ezwayo neso elibonayo, ujhova-aeiou wenzile kbona-ra-ukukhandlekaleli. ungathandi ubuthongo, funa ufikelwe ngubumfufu; vula amehlo akho, uyakusutha ngesinkwa. kubi, kubi, kusho umthengi; kepha esehambile uyazigabisa. kukhona igolide namarubi amaningi, kepha ukwazi kwezindebe kuyigugu elinqabileyo. thatha ingubo yoyisibambiso somfokazi, umbambe abe yisibambiso omela abezizwe. isinkwa samanga simnandi kumuntu, kepha ngasemva umlomo wakhe uyakugcwaliswa ngohlalwane. amacebo onke ayaqiniswa ngokululekana; yilwa impi ngamasu. ohamba encetheza uyambula izimfihlakalo; ngalokho ungahlangani naye ovula kakhulu umlomo wakhe. oqalekisa uyise nonina, isibani sakhe siyakucimeka esigayegayeni. imfuyo ingatholwa ngokushesha ekuqaleni, kepha ukuphela kwayo akuyikubusiswa. ungasho ukuthi: ngiyakuphindisela bona-ra-ukukhandleka, yethemba kujehova-aeiou, uyakukusindisa. izisindo ezimbili ziyisinengiso kujehova-aeiou, nesilinganisiso senkohliso asilungile. izinyathelo zomuntu zingezikajehova-aeiou; pho, umuntu angaqonda kanjani indlela yakhe na? kulugibe ukusho ngamawala ukuthi: kungcwele, abesebuya acabange emva kwezithembiso zakhe. inkosi ehlakaniphileyo iyahlakaza ababi, iphindisele phezu kwabo ukushinga kwabo. umoya womuntu uyisibani sikajehova-aeiou, siphenya konke okuphakathi komuntu. umusa neqiniso kuyalonda inkosi; isihlalo sayo sobukhosi

sisekelwa ngomusa. udumo lwabasha lungamandla abo, nesivunulo sabadala singubumpunga. imivimbo elimazayo ihlanza ububi, nezishayo okuphakathi komuntu.

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inhliziyu yenkosi isesandleni sikajehova-aeiou njengemifula yamanzi; uyayiphendulela lapho ethanda khona. zonke izindlela zomuntu zilungile emehlweni akhe, kepha ujahova-aeiou ulinganisa izinhliziyu. ukwenza ukulunga nokwahlulela kukhethekile kujehova-aeiou kunemihlatshelo. ukuzidla kwamehlo nokuziqhenya kwenhliziyu, isibani sababi, kuyisono. imicabango yokuthuleyo isenzuzweni, ngokuba benqaba ukwenza ukulunga. indlela yothweswe icala iyinsongensongse, kepha ohlanzekileyo, isenzo sakhe silungile. kungcono ukuhlala egumbini lophahla kunokuhlala nowesifazane oxabanayo endlini ehlanganyelweyo. umphefumulo womubi ufisa bona-rukukhandleka; umakhelwane wakhe kafumani isisa emehlweni akhe. lapho isideleli sihlawuliswa, ongenalwazi uyahlakanipha, nalapho ohlakaniphileyo efundiswa, uyathola ukwazi. olungileyo uyaqaphela indlu yomubi; ababi bayachithelwa ebubini. ovala indlebe yakhe ngokukhala kompofu naye uyakukhala angaphendulwa. isipho ekusitheneni siyadambisa ulaka, nomvuzo esifubeni ukufutheka okunamandla. kuyintokozo kolungileyo ukwenza ukwahlulela, kepha kwabenza ukona kuyincithakalo. umuntu oduka endleni yokuhlakanipha uyakuphumula ebandleni lezithunzi. othanda injabulo uyakuba mpofu, nothanda iwayini namafutha kayikuceba. omubi uyihlawulo lolungileyo, nombuluzayo usesikhundleni sabaqotho. kungcono ukuhlala ezweni lasehlane kunokuhlala nowesifazane oxabanayo nothethayo. kukhona ingcebo enxanelekayo namafutha endlini yohlakaniphileyo, kepha umuntu oyisiwula uyakugwinya. olandela ukulunga nomusa uyafumana ukuphila, nokulunga, nodumo. ohlakaniphileyo angenyukela emzini wamaqhawe, awise phansi inqaba ayethembayo wona. ogcina umlomo wakhe nolimi lwakhe londa umphefumulo wakhe ezinsizini. ozidlayo nozigabisayo, yisideleli igama lakhe, yena osebenza ngokuziphakamisa okukhulu. isifiso sevila siyalibulala, ngokuba izandla zalo ziyenqaba ukusebenza. kuyafiswa nokufiswa usuku lonke, kepha olungileyo uyaphana engancishi. umhlatshelelo wababi uyisinengiso; kakhulu kangakanani uma ulethwa ngomgomo omubi. ufakazi

wamanga uyabhujiswa, kepha umuntu ozwileyo angakhuluma njalo. umuntu omubi uyenza lukhuni ubuso bakhe, kepha oqotho uyanaka indlela yakhe. akukho ukhulakanipha, akukho ukuqonda, nesiluleko, okungamelana nojahova-aeiou. ihhashi lilungiselwa usuku lokulwa, kepha ukusindiswa kungokukajehova-aeiou.

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igama elihle likhethekile kunengebo enkulu, nomusa kunesiliva negolide. abacebileyo nabampofu bahlangene; ujahova-aeiou ungumenzi wabo bonke. qqondileyo uyabona ububi, acashe, kepha abangelalwazi badlula nje, bahlupheke ngakho. umvuzo wokuthobeka kokumesaba ujahova-aeiou uyingcebo, nodumo, nokuphila. ameva nezingibe kusendleni yabaphambeneyo, kepha ogcina umphefumulo wakhe uyakudedela kude nakho. khulisa umntwana ngendlela eyakuba ngeyakhe; kuyakuthi lapho esekhulile, angasuki kuyo. isicebi sibusa phezu kwabampofu, nobolekayo uyisigqila somtshalekileyo. ohlwanyela ububi uyakuvuna usizi, nenduku yolaka lwakhe iyakuphela. oneso elimnene uyakubusiswa, ngokuba uyapha ompofu okwesinkwa sakhe. xosha isideleli, besekuphuma ukuxabana, kuphele ukuphikisana nehlozo. othanda inhlanzeko ngenhliziyu nomomusa emlonyeni wakhe ungumngane wenkosi. amehlo kajehova-aeiou anaka onokwazi, kepha uyachitha amazwi ombuluzayo. ivila lithi: kukhona ingonyama ngaphandle; ngiyakubulawa phandle esigcawini. umlomo wowsifazane ondindayo ungumgodi ojulileyo; othukuthelelwayo ngujehova-aeiou uyakuwela kuwo. ubuwula buboshelwe enhliziyweni yomntwana, kepha induku yokulaya iyabudedisela kude naye. ocindezela ompofu ukuba azandisele nophayo isicebi bayakuba ngabokuswela kuphela. beka indlebe yakho, uzwe amazwi ezihlakaniphi, ubeke ukufundisa kwami enhliziyweni yakho. ngokuba kumandi, uma ukugcina phakathi kwakho, kubekwe kanyekanye ezindebeni zakho. ukuba ithemba lakho libe kujehova-aeiou, ngikwazisile khona namuhla, yebo, wena. angithi ngilobile kuwe nangaphambili ngeziluleko nangokwazi, ukuze ngikwazise ukuthembeka kwamazwi eqiniso ukuba ubuyisele kwabakuthumileyo amazwi eqiniso, na? ungamphangi ompofu ngokuba empofu, ungamchobazi oswelayo esangweni, ngokuba ujahova-aeiou uyakumela indaba yabo, aphuce ababaphucayo umphefumulo wabo. ungabi ngumngane womuntu onolaka, ungahambi nomuntu onokufutheka, funa ufunde izindlela zakhe, uthole ugibe lomphefumulo wakho. ungabi

ngowabaxhawulanayo, nowabayizibambiso zezikwenetu; uma kungekho ongakhokha ngakho, ubuyakususelwani umbhede wakho phansi kwakho na? ungasusi isikhonkwane esidala oyihlo abasimisileyo. uyambona umuntu ehlananiphile emsebenzini wakhe na? uyakuma phambi kwamakhosi, akayikuma phambi kwabantukazana nje.

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lapho uhlezi ekudleni nombusi, qonda nokuqonda ophambi kwakho, ubeke umese emphinjeni wakho, uma ungumuntu wephango. unganxaneli izilovela zakhe, lokhu zingukudla okukhohlisayo. ungakhandlekeli ukuceba; kuyeke ngokuqonda kwakho. amehlo akho ayandizela kulokho, kepha akusekho, ngokuba kuyazenzela impela amaphiko njengokhozi olundizela ezulwini. ungadli ukudla koneso elibi, ungafisi izilovela zakhe, ngokuba unjengozicabangelayo; uthi kuwe: yidla uphuze, kepha inhliziyo yakhe ayikho kuwe. umthamo owudlileyo uyakuwuhlanza, uchithe amazwi akho amnandi. ungakhulumi ezindlebeni zesiwula, ngokuba siyakudelela ukuhlakanipha kwamazwi akho. ungasusi isikhonkwane esidala, ungangeni emasimini ezintandane, ngokuba umhlengi wazo unamandla; uyakumela indaba yazo kuwe. beka inhliziyo yakho ekulayweni, nezindlebe zakho emazwini okwazi. ungayeki ukumlaya umntwana, ngokuba uma umshaya ngoswazi akayikufa. uyakumshaya ngoswazi, wophule umphefumulo wakhe endaweni yabafileyo. ndodana yami, uma inhliziyo yakho ihlakanipha, inhliziyo yami iyakuthokoza, yebo, eyami. izinso zami ziyakujabula, lapho izindebe zakho zikhuluma okulungileyo. inhliziyo yakho mayingabi namhawu ngezoni, kepha mawube sekumesabeni ujejova-aeiou usuku lonke. ngokuba impela umvuzo ukhona, nethemba lakho aliyikunqunywa. yizwa wena ndodana yami, uhlakaniphe, uhole inhliziyo yakho ngendlela. ungabi phakathi kwezinseli zewayini nabayiziminzi zenyama. ngokuba inseli noyisiminzi bayakuba mpofu; ukoze kuyakwembathisa umuntu amanikini. lalela uyihlo owakuzalayo, ungamdeleli unyoko lapho esemdala. thenga iqiniso, ungathengisi ngalo, nokuhlakanipha, nokulaywa, nokuqonda. uyise wolungileyo uyakwethaba nokwethaba, nozala ohlakaniphileyo uyathokoza ngaye. mabathokoze uyihlo nonyoko, ethabe owakubelethayo. ndodana yami, ngiphe inhliziyo yakho, amehlo akho enamele izindlela zami. ngokuba isifebe singumgodi ojulileyo, nowesifazane ondindayo ungumhlo onyinyeneyo. uqamekela njengomphangi; uyandisa abambuluzayo phakathi kwa-

bantu. ngubani othi: maye! ngubani othi: wo! ngubani oxabanayo? ngubani okhalayo, ngubani onezilonda ngeze, na? ngubani onamehlo aklwelayo na? yibo abalibala ngasewayinini, abaya ukunambitha iwayini elixutshanisweyo. ungilibuki iwayini ukuthi libomvu, nokuthi liyacwebezela endebeni, ukuba lehle kalula. ngasekugcineni liyaluma njengenyoka, lihlabe njengebululu. amehlo akho ayakubona imihlola, inhliziyo yakho ikhulume okuphambeneyo. uyakuba njengolele ekujuleni kolwandle nohlezi esihlokweni sensika yomkhumbi. uyakuthi: bangishayile, angilimalanga; bangigalele, angikwazanga. lapho ngivuka, ngiyakubuye ngilifune.

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ungabi namhawu ngabantu ababi, ungafisi ukuba nabo. ngokuba izinhliziyi zabo ziceba ukuchitha, nezindebe zabo zikhuluma ngengozi. indlu iyakhiwa ngokuhlakanipha, iqiniswe ngokuqonda. amakamelo agcwaliswa ngokwazi, ngayo yonke ingcebo enqabileyo nemnandi. umuntu ohlakaniphileyo udlula onamandla, nomuntu onokwazi onezikhwepha. ngokuba ngokucabanga ungaphaka impi yakho, nokusinda kumi ngobuningi babeluleki. ukuhlakanipha kuphakeme kunesiwula; esangweni asivuli umlomo waso. ocabanga ukwenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka uyakubizwa ngokuthi owenza amacebo. ukuceba ubuwula kuyisono, nesideleli siyisinengiso kubantu. uma udangala ngosuku lokuhlupheka, amandla akho mancane. bophule abayiswa ekufeni; abakhubekiselwa ekubulaweni ubagodle. uma uthi: bheka, besingakwazi, akakuqondi yini olinganisa izinhliziyi, nolonda umphefumulo wakho akakwazi, na? futhi akayikuphindisela bonke abantu ngokwemisebenzi yabo na? ndodana yami, yidla izinyosi, ngokuba zimnandi, noju oluhle emlonyeni wakho. yazi ukuthi kunjalo ukuhlakanipha emphefumulweni wakho; uma ukutholile, kuyakuba khona isikhathi esizayo, nethemba lakho aliyikunqunywa. wena omubi ungagamekeli indlu yolungileyo, ungachithi indawo yakhe yokuphumula. ngokuba olungileyo angawa kasikhombisa, abesebuye avuke, kepha ababi bayakukhubeka ngobubi. ungathokozi ngokuwa kwesitha sakho, nenziziyo yakho mayingajabuli ngokukhubeka kwaso, funa ujejova-aeiou akubone, kube kubi emehlweni akhe, asuse intukuthelo yakhe kuso. ungazikhathazi ngabenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka, ungabi namhawu ngamashinga. ngokuba omubi ayakikuba namvuzo, nesibani samashinga siyakucima. ndodana yami, yesaba ujejova-aeiou nenkosi, ungahlangani nabahlubukayo.

ngokuba ingozi yabo iyakuvuka masinyane; ngubani owazi ukuchithwa kweminyaka yabo na? nalawa angamazwi ahlakaniphileyo: ukukhetha ubuso ekwahluleleni akukuhle. oshoyo komubi ukuthi: ulungile, lowo abantu bayakumqalekisa, nezizwe ziyakumthukethelela. kwabamthethisayo kuyakuba mnandi, kufike phezu kwabo isibusiso esihle. njengokwanga kwezindebe, injalo impendulo eqinisileyo. qeda umsebenzi wakho ngaphandle, uzilungiselele wona ensimini, wakhe ngasemuva indlu yakho. ungabi ngufakazi ngomakhelwane wakho kungekho sizathu; wothi ukhohlise ngezindebe zakho na? ungasho ukuthi: njengalokho ekwenzile kimi, kanjalo ngiyakwenza kuye, ngimphindisele umuntu njengesenzo sakhe. ngadlula ensimini yomuntu oyivila, nasesivini somuntu ongenangqondo; bheka, kuso sonke kwakukhona izimbathi, sisibekelwe phezu ngezimbabazane, nogange lwaso lwamatshe lwaludilizelwe phansi. ngabuka-ke mina, ngacabanga; ngabona, ngathola ukulaywa: ubuthongo obuncane, ukozela okuncane, ukusonga izandla kancane kuze kulalwe, besekuthi ubumpofu bakho bufike njengomhambuma, nokuswela kwakho njengomuntu wesihlangu.

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nalezi ziyizaga zikasolomoni ezaphindwa ngamadoda kahezekiya inkosi yakwajuda. kuludumo lukalezi-ku ukusitha into, kepha udumo lwamakhosi lungukuphenya indaba. njengezulu ngokuphakama nomhlaba ngokujula, injalo inhlizyo yomuntu ngokuphenywa. susa amanyela esiliveni, bese kuthi kuphumele umkhandi isitsha. susa omubi phambi kwenkosi, bese kuthi isihlalo sayo sobukhosi siqinise ngokulunga. ungaziphakamisi phambi kwenkosi, ungemi endaweni yabakhulu. ngokuba kungcono ukuba kuthiwe kuwe: yenyuka lapha, kunokuba wehliswe phambi kwesikhulu asesibonile amehlo akho. ungasheshi ukuphuma ukuyophikisana ukuba ungazi ukuthi uyakwenze njani ekgucineni, lapho umakhelwane wakho ekuhlazisile. mela indaba yakho nomakhelwane wakho, ungambuli imihlalakalo yomunye, funa okuzwayo akuhlazise, nodumo lwakho lungabuyi. izwi elikhulunywayo ngesikhathi esiyiso linjengama-apula aseziitsheni zesiliva. njengecici legolide nesivunulo segolide elicwengekileyo, unjalo umsoli ohlakaniphileyo endlebeni elalelayo. njengokubanda kweqhwa ngosuku lokuvuna, sinjalo isithunye esithembekileyo kosithumileyo, ngokuba siyahlumelela inkosi yaso. njengamafu nomoya ngaphandle kwemvula kodwa, unjalo umuntu ozidumisa

ngesipho angasiphiyo. ngokubekezela kade isikhulu singavunywisa, nolimi oluthambileyo luyaphula amathambo. uma uhole izinyosi, yidla okwanele wena, funa udinwe, ubuye uhlanze. unyawo lwakho malungavami endlini yomakhelwane wakho, funa adinwe nguwe, abuye akuzonde. umuntu ofakazela amanga ngomakhelwane wakhe uyisando, nenkemba, nomcibisholo obukhali. ukwethemba ombuluzayo ngosuku lokuhlupheka kunjengezinyo elaphukileyo nonyawo olwenyelelo. oyihlabelelela inhlizyo edabukileyo izihlabelelo njen-gokhumula ibhantshi ngosuku lwamakhaza, nanjengoviniga esilondeni. uma okuzon-dayo elambile, mnike ukudla, adle; uma omile, muphe amanzi, aphuze. ngokuba uyakubuthela amalale omlilo ekhanda lakhe, besekuthi ujevova-aeiou akuvuze. umoya wasenyakatho uyaletsa imvula, nolimi olunyenayo ubuso obuthukutheleyo. kungcono ukuhlala egumbini lophahla kunokuhlala nowesifazane oxabanayo endlini ehlanganyelweyo. njengamanzi aqandayo emphefumulweni owomileyo, unjalo umbiko omuhle ovela ezweni elikude. njengomthombo odugekileyo nesiphethu esonakaleyo, unjalo olungileyo ozanyazanyiswa phambi komubi. ukudla izinyosi eziningi akukuhle, nokuzifunela udumo kakusilo udumo. njengomuzi odiliziweyo ungenalugange, unjalo umuntu omoya wakhe ungenakubanjwa.

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njengeqhwa ehlobo nemvula ngesikhathi sokuvuna, kanjalo udumo alufanele isiwula. njengomzwilili ekuhambeni kwawo nanjengenkonjane ekundizeni kwayo, kanjalo isiqalekiso esingenasizathu asizi. isiswebhu singesehashi, netomu lingelembongolo, noswazi lungolomhlane weziwula. ungasiphenduli isiwula njengobuwula baso, funa ufane naso. phendula isiwula njen-gobuwula baso, funa sibe ngohlakaniphileyo emehlweni aso. othuma izwi ngesandla sesiwula unquma izinyawo zakhe, uphuza ingozi. imilenze yonyonga iyalengalenga; zinjalo izaga emilonyeni yeziwula. njen-gobopha itshe endwayimani, unjalo onika isiwula udumo. njengeva elingena esandleni sesidakwa, sinjalo isaga emlonyweni weziwula. ingqongqo yenza konke yodwa; oqasha isiwula uqasha abadlulayo nje. njengena ebuyela ebuhlanzweni bayo, kanjalo isiwula siphinda ubuwula baso. uyabona umuntu ohlakaniphile emehlweni akhe na? kukhona ithemba ngesiwula kunaye. ivila lithi: kukhona ingonyama endleleni nebhushi esigawini. isicabha siphenduka ngezingibe zaso, nevila ecansini lalo. ivila liyafaka isandla salo esitsheni;

kuyamkhathaza ukusibuyisela emlonyeni walo. ivila lihlakaniphile emehlweni alo kunabayisikhombisa abaphendula ngokuhlakanipha. odlula nje ehlanganyela ukuxabana okungesikho okwakhe unjengobamba inja ngezindlebe zayo. njengohlanya oluphonsa izikhuni nemicibisholo ebulalayo, unjalo umuntu okhohlisa umakhelwane wakhe, ethi: angithi ngintelile nje na? ngokuphela kwezinkuni umlilo uyacimeka, nalapho kungekho abancethezi, kuyabodla ukuxabana. njengamaladle othuthwini nezinkuni emlilweni, unjalo umuntu ophikisa ukuyusa inkani. amazwi omncethezi anjengesibiliboco: ayehelela kokuphakathi komuntu. izindebe ezishisayo nenhliziyo embi kunjengesitsha sebumba esinamekwe ngamanyela esiliva. ozondayo uyazenzisa ngezindebe zakhe, ubekelela inkohliso enhliziyweni yakhe. lapho enza izwi lakhe libe mnanini, ungakholwa nguye, ngokuba kukhona izinengiso eziyisikhombisa enhliziyweni yakhe. noma inzondo yakhe isibekelwa ngenzondo, ububi bakhe buyakwambulwa ebandleni. omba umgodi uyakuwela kuwo, nongingqa itshe, liyakubuyela phezu kwakhe. ulimi lwamanga luyazonda olubachobozileyo, nomlomo othophayo usebenza incithakalo.

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ungazigabisi ngolwakusasa, ngokuba awukwazi okungavela ngosuku. makakudumise omunye, kungabi ngumlomo wakho, kube ngumfokazi, kungabi yizindebe zakho. itshe liyasinda nesihlabathi sinzima, kepha ukukhathaza kwesiwula kuyasinda kunakho kbona-ra-ukukhandlekani. ulaka lulunya nentukuthelo iyisikhukhula, kepha ngubani ongama phambi komhawu na? ukusola okusobala kungcono kunothando olufihliweyo. amanxeba othandayo athembekile, kepha ukwanga kwesitha kuyachichima. umphefumulo osuthiyo uyanengwa yizinyosi, kepha emphefumulweni olambileyo konke okubabayo kumnandi. njengenyoni esuka ibaleka esidlekeni sayo, unjalo umuntu obalekele indawo yakhe. amafutha nempepho kuyathokozisa inhliziyi; bunjalo ubumnandi bomuntu ngokululeka ngenhliziyo. ungashiya umngane wakho nomngane kayihlo, ungangeni endlini yomfowenu ngosuku lwengozi yakho; ungcono umakhelwane oseduze kunomfowenu okude. ndodana yami, hlakanipha, uthokozise inhliziyi yami ukuba ngiphendule ongisolayo. oqondileyo uyabona ububi, acashe, kepha abange-nalwazi badlula nje, bahlupheke ngakho. thatha ingubo yoyisibambiso somfokazi, umbambe abe yisibambiso omela abezizwe. obusisa umngane wakhe ngezwi elikhulu,

evuka ekuseni, kuyakubalelwa kuye ukuthi kuyisiqalekiso. ukuconsa okunganqamukiyo ngosuku lwemvula nowesifazane oxabanayo kuyafana. omvimbela yena uvimbela umoya; isandla sakhe sokunene sihlalanga namafutha nje. insimbi ilola insimbi, nomuntu ubuso bomunye. olonda umkhwane uyakudla izithelo zawo, nolinda inkosi yakhe uyakudunyiswa. njengasemanzini ubuso bubhekana nobuso, injalo inhliziyi yomuntu kumuntu. indawo yabafileyo nokubhubha akusuthi, namehlo omuntu awasuthi. ukhamba lokuncibilikisela lungolwesiliva, nesithando ngesegolide, nomuntu unjengodumo lwakhe. noma ugqula isiwula ngembokodwe etsheni lokusila phakathi komqhazulo, ubuwula baso abuyikusuka kuso. yazi nokwazi ukuma kwezimvu zakho, ubeke inhliziyi yakho emihlambini yakho. ngokuba ingcebo ayiyikuhlala kuze kube phakade; umqhele uyahlala izizukulwane ngezizukulwane na? lapho utshani bumaka, nohlaza lubonakala, nemifino yezintaba ibuthwa, kukhona izimvu zokuba wembathe, nezimpongo ukuba zibe yintengo yomhlaba. kuyakuba khona ubisi lwezimbuzi olwanele ukudla kwakho nokudla kwendlu yakho, nokuphila kwamantombazana akho.

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ababi bayabaleka, noma kungekho obaxoshayo, kepha abalungileyo banesibindi njengengonyama. ngesiphambeko salo izwe linezikhulu eziningi, kepha ngabantu abaqondileyo abanokwazi liyakuma. umuntu oswelayo ocindezela abampofu unjengemvula ekhukhulayo engashiya ukudla. abashiya umthetho badumisa ababi, kepha abagcina umthetho balwa nabo. abantu ababi abaqondi ukwahlulela, kepha abafuna ujevova-aeiou baqonda konke. ungcono ompofu ohamba ekupheleleni kwakhe kunocebileyo ophambene ngezindlela zakhe. ogcina umthetho uyindodana eqondileyo, kepha ongumngane weziminzi uhlazisa uyise. owandisa imfuyo yakhe ngenzalo nangenzenzo uyibuthela onomusa kwabampofu. ophendula indlebe yakhe ekuzweni umthetho, nomkhuleko wakhe uyisinengiso. odukisela abaqotho endleleni embi uyakuwela emgodini wakhe, kepha abapheleleyo bayakudla ifa lokuhle. isicebi sihlakaniphile emehlweni aso, kepha ompofu oqondileyo uyakusifika. lapho abalungileyo bethokoza, udumo lukhulu, kepha ekuvukeni kwababi abantu bamelwe ukufunwa. ofihla iziphambeko zakhe akayikuphumelela, kepha ozivumayo azishiye uyakuthola umusa. ubusisiwe umuntu owesaba njalo, kepha oyenza lukhuni inhliziyi yakhe uyakuwela ebubini.



njengengoyama ebhongayo nebhere elihayo, unjalo umbusi omubi phezu kwabantu abampofu. wena sikhulu esingenakuqonda nesicindezelayo, ozonda inzuzo engalungile uyakwandiza izinsuku zakhe. umuntu osindwa yigazi lomunye uyakubalekela egodini; makangasizwa muntu. ohamba ekupheleleni uyakusinda, kepha ophambene ngezindlela zakhe uyakuwa kwenye yazo. olima insimu yakhe uyakusutha ngokudla, kepha olandela amayiyaneyo uyakusutha ngobumpofu. umuntu othembekileyo uyakuvama izibusiso, kepha oshesha ukuceba akayikuyekwa. ukukhetha ubuso akukuhle; ngomthamo wesinkwa umuntu angenza isiphambeko. umuntu oneso elibi ushesha ukuba athole imfuyo; akazi ukuthi uyakwela kuyakumehlala. osola umuntu uyakuthola ngasemva isisa kunothopha ngolimi lwakhe. ophanga uyise nonina, ethi: akusiso isiphambeko, yena ungumngane wochithayo. onomoya ohahayo uyavusa ukuxabana, kepha owethemba kujehova-aeiou uyakukhuluphaliswa. owethemba ehhliziyweni yakhe uyisiwula; kepha ohamba ngokuhlakanipha uyakhlulwa. opha ompofu akayikuswela, kepha ositheza amehlo akhe uyakuba neziqalekiso eziningi. lapho ababi bevuka, umuntu uyacasha, kepha ngokubhubha kwabo abalungileyo bayanda.

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umuntu osolwayo, onentamo elukhuni kodwa, uyakwaphulwa ngokuphazima kweso, engenakuphulukiswa. abantu bayathokoza ngokwanda kwabalungileyo, kepha ngokubusa kwababi abantu bayabubula. umuntu othanda ukuhlakanipha uthokozisa uyise, kepha umngane wezifebe uchitha imfuyo yakhe. inkosi iqinisa izwe ngokwahlulela, kepha umuntu olithelisayo uyalichitha. umuntu othopha umakhelwane wakhe wenekela izinyawo zakhe inetha. esiphambekweni somuntu omubi kukhona ugibe, kepha olungileyo uyenanela, athokoze. olungileyo uyazi indaba yabampofu, kepha omubi akayiqondi. abantu abayizideleli bavusa umuzi, kepha abahlakaniphileyo babuyisa ulaka. uma ohlakaniphileyo ephekisene nesiwula, siyadlova sihleke, nokuthula akukho. abantu begazi bayazonda ophelileyo, kepha abaqotho banaka umphefumulo wakhe. isiwula sikhupha lonke ulaka lwaso, kepha ohlakaniphileyo uyalugodla ekugcineni. uma umbusi elalela indaba yamanga, zonke izinceku zakhe zimbi. ompofu ncindezelayo bandawonye; ujeihova-aeiou ukhanyisa amehlo abo bobabili. inkosi eyahlulela abampofu ngeqiniso, isihlalo sayo sobukhosi siyakuma phakade. uswazi nokusola

kuyanika ukuhlakanipha, kepha umntwana oyekwayo uyahlazisa unina. ngokwanda kwababi kuyanda iziphambeko, kepha abalungileyo bayakubuka ukuwa kwabo. yilaye indodana yakho, iyakukuphumeza, yebo, iyakuthokozisa umphefumulo wakho. lapho kungekho mbono khona, abantu bayadlubulunda, kepha ogcina umthetho ubusisiwe. inceku ayisolwa ngamazwi, ngokuba noma iqonda ayilaleli. ukhona umuntu oshesha ngamazwi na? kukhona ithemba ngesiwula kunangaye. inceku ekhuliswa kahle kwasebuntwaneni iyakuba yindodana ekugcineni. umuntu onolaka uvusa ukuxabana, nomuntu ofuthekayo uvama ukuphambeka. ukuzidla komuntu kuyamthobisa, kepha onomoya othobekileyo uyazoda udumo. ohlanganyela nesela uzoda umphefumulo wakhe; uyezwa isifungo, kepha akasidaluli. ukwesaba abantu kubeka ugibe, kepha owethemba ujeihova-aeiou uyalandeka. abanengi bafuna ubuso bombusi, kepha ukwahlulelwa komuntu kuvela kujehova-aeiou. umuntu owonakeleyo uyisinengiso kwabalungileyo, noqotho endleleni uyisinengiso komubi.

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amazwi ka-aguri, indodana kakakhe wase-masa. yathi indoda ku-ithiyeli, ko-ithiyeli no-ukhali: impela ngiyisiwula kunabanye abantu, anginakuqonda komuntu. angifundanga ukuhlakanipha, ukuze ngazi ongcewele. ngubani owenyukele ezulwini, wabuye wehla na? ngubani oqoqele umoya ezandleni zakhe na? ngubani obophile amanzi engutsheni yakhe na? ngubani omisile yonke imikhawulo yomhlaba na? ngubani igama lakhe, ngubani igama lendodana yakhe, uma ulazi, na? onke amazwi kalezi-ku acwebile; uyisihlangu kwabaphephela kuye. ungenezeli emazwini akhe, funa akusole, ufunyanwe ungumqambimanga. yizinto ezimbili engizicela kuwe: ungangingqabeli nazo, ngingakafi. dedisela kude nami okuyize namanga, ungangingqabeli ngecebo, kepha ngiphe isinkwa engisimiseweyo, funa ngisuthe, ngikuphike ngithi: ujeihova-aeiou ungubani na? funa ngibe mpofu, ngebe, ngilone igama likalezi-ku wami. ungahlebi inceku enkosini yayo, funa ikuthuke, ube necala. kukhona isizukulwane esithuka uyise, esingabusisi unina. kukhona isizukulwane esimhlophe emehlweni aso, esingahlanzwanga ensileni yaso. kukhona isizukulwane yeka ukuzidla kwaso! nezinkophe zaso ziphakanyisiwe. kukhona isizukulwane esimazinyo aso ayizinkemba namazinyo emihlati angomese bokuqeda abampofu emhlabeni, nabasweelayo phakathi kwabantu. umnyundu unamadodakazi amabili athi: siphe, siphe.

kukhona izinto ezintathu ezingasuthi, nezine ezingasho ukuthi: kwanele! indawo yabaflelayo, nesizalo esiyinyumba, nomhlaba ongasuthi ngamanzi, nomlilo ongasho ukuthi: kwanele! iso eliklolodela uyise nelidelela ukulalela unina liyakukhishwa ngamagwababa angasemfuleni, lidliwe ngamazinyane okhozi. kukhona izinto ezintathu ezingahlula ngokumangalisa, yebo, ezine engingazaziyo: indlela yokhozi emoyeni, nendlela yenyoka edwaleni, nendlela yomkhumbi phakathi kolwandle, nendlela yendoda entombini. inje indlela yowesifazane ophingayo: uyadla, abesesula umlomo wakhe, athi: angenzanga isono. phansi kwezinto ezintathu umhlaba uyazamazama, yebo, phansi kwezine ongezithwale: phansi kwenceku ekubekweni kwayo inkosi, nesiwula uma sisuthile ngokudla, naphansi kwesaliwakazi ekuganeni kwaso, nencekukazi ekulidleni ifa lenkosikazi yayo. kukhona izinto ezine ezincane emhlabeni, kepha zihlakaniphile kakhulu: izintuthwane ziyisizwe esingenamandla, kanti ziyalungisa ukudla kwazo ehlobo; izimbila ziyisizwe esibuthakathaka, kanti ziyakha izindlu zazo edwaleni; izinkumbi azinankosi, kanti ziyaphuma zonke ngamaviyo; isibankwa ungasibamba ngezandla zombili, kanti sisendlini yenkosi. kukhona izinto ezintathu ezinyathela ngesizotha, yebo, ezine ezihamba ngesithunzi: ingonyama, iqhawe ezilwaneni; ayihlehli nakusiphi; nehhashi lempi kanye nempongo, nenkosi phambi kwempi yayo. uma wenzile ubuwula ngokuziphakamisa. wacabanga bona-ra-ukukhandleka, beka isandla emlonyeni wakho. ngokuba ukuphehla ubisi kuveza iphehlwa, nokucindezelwa kwempumulo kuveza igazi; kanjalo ukucindezela ulaka kuveza ukuxabana.

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amazwi kalemuweli, inkosi yasemasa, awafundiswa ngunina. yini, ndodana yami, yini, ndodana yesizalo sami, yini, ndodana yezithembiso zami, na? unganiki abesifazane amandla akho, nezindlela zakho kwababhuhisa amakhosi. akusikho okwamakhosi, lemuweli, akusikho okwamakhosi ukuphuza iwayini, nokwababusi ukufisa uphuzo olunamandla, funa baphuze, bakhohlwe izimiso, baguqule ukwahlulelwa kwabantwana bokuhlupheka. mnike obhubhayo uphuzo olunamandla nomnyu enhliziyweni iwayini. makaphuze akhohlwe ubumpofu bakhe, angabe esakhumbula usizi lwakhe. sivulele isimungulu umlomo wakho, umele bonke abantwana abayizintandane. vula umlomo wakho, wahlulele ngokulunga, umele abahluphekayo nabampofu. ngubani ongathola umfazi okhuthelayo na? ngokuba

inani lakhe lidlula kakhulu amarubi. inhliziyo yendoda yakhe iyethemba kuye; ayiyikuswela inzuzo. uyayenzela okuhle, kungabi ngbona-ra-ukukhandleka, zonke izinsuku zokuphila kwakhe. ufuna uboya bezimvu nefilakisi; usebenza ngezandla ezivumayo. unjengemikhumbi yabathengi; ulanda kude ukudla kwakhe. uyavuka kuse sebusuku, aphe abendlu yakhe ukudla namantombazana akhe imisebenzi yawo. ucabanga ngensimu, ayithenge; ngesithelo sezandla zakhe utshala isivini, uyabhinca okhalweni amandla; uyaqinisa izingalo zakhe. uyabona ukuthi ukuphatha kwakhe kunenzuzo; isibani sakhe asicimeki nasebusuku. uyabeka izandla zakhe othini lokuphotha izintambo, neminwe yakhe ibamba insimbi. ohluphekayo uyamvulela isandla sakhe, yebo, uzululela abampofu izandla zakhe. akesatshiswa ngabendlu yakhe ngungqoqwane; ngokuba bonke abendlu yakhe bembathiswa okubomvu. uyazenzela izindwangu ezimbozayo; izambatho zakhe ziyilineni elicolekileyo nokububende. indoda yakhe iyaziwa emasangweni, lapho ihlezi namalunga ezwe. wenza izingubo zelineni, athengise ngazo, anikele kubathengi amabhande. amandla nesithunzi kungukwembatha kwakhe; uhleka usuku oluzayo. uyawuvula umlomo wakhe ngokuhlakanipha, nomthetho womusa usolimini lwakhe. uyaqaphela okwenziwayo endlini yakhe, akadli isinkwa sobuvila. abantwana bakhe bayasukuma, bambusise; nendoda yakhe iyamdumisa ngokuthi: baningi abafazi abakhuthelayo, kepha wena ubadlula bonke. ubuhle buyinkohliso, nokubukeka kuyize, kepha owesifazane owesaba ujhova-aeiou uyakudunyiswa. muphe ezithelweni zezandla zakhe, izenzo zakhe zimdumise emasangweni.

kwakukhona umuntu ezweni lase-uzi ogama lakhe lalingujobe; lowo muntu wayengenasici elungile, wayemesaba ulezi-ku, wabalekela bona-ra-ukukhandleka. wazala amadodana ayisikhombisa namadodakazi amathathu. impahla yakhe yayiyizimvu eziyizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa, namakamela ayizinkulungwane ezintathu, namabhangqa angamakhulu ayisihlanu ezinkabi, nezimbongolo zezinsikazi ezingamakhulu ayisihlanu, nezinceku eziningi kakhulu; wayemkhulu lowo muntu kunabo bonke abantu basempumalanga. amadodana akhe ayeqhamba enza idili endlini yaleyo naleyo ngosuku lwayo; ayesethuma ebiza odadewabo abathathu ukuba badle, baphuze nawo. kwathi lapho seziphelile izinsuku zedili lawo, ujobe wathuma wawangcwelisa, wavuka ekuseni, wanikela ngeminikelo yokushiswa njengomumo wawo onke; ngokuba ujobe wathi: mhlawumbe amadodana ami onile, amthukile ulezi-ku ezinhliziyweni zawo. wenze njalo ujobe imihla yonke. kwathi ngelinye ilanga kwafika amadodana kaleziku ema phambi kukajehova-aeiou, kwafika nosathane phakathi kwawo. uje-hova-aeiou wayesethi kusathane: uvelaphi na? usathane wamphendula uje-hova-aeiou, wathi: ekuzuleni emhlabeni nasekuhambahambeni kuwo. wayesethi uje-hova-aeiou kusathane: inhliziyo yakho iyiqaphele inceku yami ujobe na? ngokuba akakho onjengaye emhlabeni, umuntu ongenasici nolungileyo, omesaba ulezi-ku, obalekela bona-ra-ukukhandleka. usathane wamphendula uje-hova-aeiou, wathi: ujobe uyamesaba ulezi-ku ngeze na? wena awumbiyelanga yini yena nendlu yakhe nakho konke okwakhe nxazonke, wabusisa umsebenzi wezandla zakhe na? impahla yakhe yandile emhlabeni. kepha ake welule isandla sakho, uthinte konke anakho, impela uyakukuthuka ebusweni bakho. wathi uje-hova-aeiou kusathane: bheka, konke anakho kusesandleni sakho; kuphela kuyena uqobo ungabeki isandla sakho. wayesephuma usathane ebusweni bukajehova-aeiou. kwathi ngolunye usuku lapho amadodana akhe namadodakazi akhe edla, ephuza iwayini endlini yomfowabo oyizibulo, kwafika isithunywa kujobe, sathi: izinkabi bezilima, izimbongolo ziklabile eceleni kwazo, lapho amasheba etheleka, azithatha; izinceku azibulele ngosiko lwenkempa; mina ngedwa kuphela ngisindile, ukuze ngikubikele. esakhuluma lowo, kwafika nomunye, wathi: umlilo kaleziku uwile ezulwini, washisa izimvu nezinceku, waziqeda; mina ngedwa kuphela ngisindile, ukuze ngikubikele. esakhuluma lowo, kwafika nomunye, wathi:

amakaledi enza amaviyo amathathu, ahlasele amakamela, awathatha, azibulala izinceku ngosiko lwenkempa; mina ngedwa kuphela ngisindile, ukuze ngikubikele. esakhuluma lowo, kwafika nomunye, wathi: amadodana akho namadodakazi akho ayedla, ephuza iwayini endlini yomfowabo oyizibulo; bheka, kwafika, kwadabula ihlane umoya omkhulu, washaya amagumbi omane endlu, yawa phezu kwezinsizwa, zafa; mina ngedwa kuphela ngisindile, ukuze ngikubikele. wayesesukuma ujobe, waklebhlula ingubo yakhe, waphucula ikhanda lakhe, wawela emhlabathini, wakhuleka, wathi: ngaphuma ngize esizalweni sikamame; ngiyakubuyela khona ngize; uje-hova-aeiou wapha, uje-hova-aeiou uthathile; mali-bongwe igama likajehova-aeiou. kukho konke lokho ujobe akonanga, akamthelanga ulezi-ku bona-ra-ukukhandleka.

## 2

kwathi futhi ngelinye ilanga afika amadodana kaleziku, ema phambi kukajehova-aeiou; nosathane wafika phakathi kwawo ukuba eme phambi kukajehova-aeiou. uje-hova-aeiou wathi kusathane: uvelaphi na? usathane wamphendula uje-hova-aeiou, wathi: ekuzuleni emhlabeni nasekuhambahambeni kuwo. wayesethi uje-hova-aeiou kusathane: inhliziyo yakho iyiqaphele inceku yami ujobe na? ngokuba akakho onjengaye emhlabeni, umuntu ongenasici nolungileyo, omesaba ulezi-ku, obalekela bona-ra-ukukhandleka; usabambelela ekupheleleni kwakhe, noma ungivusele ukumchitha engenacala. usathane wamphendula uje-hova-aeiou, wathi: isikhumba ngesikhumba, yebo, konke umuntu anakho uyakunika ngokuphila kwakhe. kepha ake welule isandla sakho, uthinte amathambo akhe nenyama yakhe, impela uyakukuthuka ebusweni bakho. uje-hova-aeiou wayesethi kusathane: bheka, usesandleni sakho; gcina ukuphila kwakhe kodwa. wayesephuma usathane ebusweni bukajehova-aeiou, wamshaya ujobe ngamathumba amabi, kusukela ematheni onyawo kuze kufike okhakhayini. wathatha udengezi ukuzozenwaya ngalo; wayehlezi phakathi komlotha. wayesethi umkakhe kuye: usabambelela ekupheleleni kwakho na? thuka ulezi-ku, ufe. kepha wathi kuye: ukhuluma njengalokhu owesifazane oyisiwula ekhuluma. siyakwamukela okuhle kuphela kulezi-ku, singamukeli nbona-ra-ukukhandleka, na? kukho konke lokho ujobe akonanga ngomlomo wakhe. lapho abangane abathathu bakajobe sebezwe ngakho konke lokho bona-ra-ukukhandleka okumehleleyo, bafika kuye bevela, kwaba yilowo nalowo endaweni

yakhe: ngu-elifazi umthemani, nobilidadi umshuhi, nosofari umnahama; bavumelana ukuba baye bamkhalele, bamduduze. lapho bephakamisa amehlo abo besekude, abamazanga; badazuluka bakhala, baklebhula, kwaba yilowo nalowo ingubo yakhe, bafafaza amakhanda abo ngothuli beluphonsa phezulu. bahlala phansi naye emhlabathini izinsuku eziyisikhombisa nobusuku obuyisikhombisa, akukhulomanga muntu kuye, ngokuba babona ukuthi usizi lwakhe lwalulukhulu kakhulu.

### 3

emva kwalokho ujobe wavula umlomo wakhe, waqalekisa usuku lwakhe. ujobe wathatha wathi: makubhubhe usuku engazalwa ngalo, nobusuku obathi: ukhulelwe umntwana wesilisa. lolo suku malube ngubumnyama; ulezi-ku makangalunaki ephezulu, ukukhanya makungakhanyiswa kulo. ubumnyama nethunzi lokufa maluphiwe khona, kuhlale ifu phezu kwalo; okwenza mnyama usuku makulwesabise. ubusuku lobo isigayegaye masibubambe; mabungajabuli phakathi kwezinsuku zomnyaka, bungangeni phakathi komumo wezinyanga. bheka, lobo busuku mabungabi nalutho, kungangeni ukujabula kubo. mababuqalekise abathuka amalanga, abalungele ukuvusa uleviyathani. izinkanyezi zokuhwelela kwabo maziphenduke ubumnyama; mabulinde ukukhanya kungabikho, bungaboni izinkophe zokusa, ngokuba abuvalanga izivalo zesizalo sika-mame, abufihlanga ukhulupheka emehlweni ami. angifanga ngani esizalweni na? angibhubhanga ngani ekuphumeni kwami esiswini na? amadololo angamukeleleni, namabele ukuba ngincele, na? ngokuba kalokhu ngakube ngilele, ngithule; khona ngakube ngilele ubuthongo nginokuphumula kanye namakhosi nabeluleki bomhlaba abazakhela izinqaba zamathuna, noma kanye nezikhulu ezinegolide ezazigcwalisa izindlu zazo ngesiliva, noma ngangengekho njengokuphuphumileyo okuthukusiweyo, njengezingane ezingazange zibone ukukhanya. lapho amashinga ayekile ukudlova; lapho baphumule abaphelile amandla. lapho iziboshwa ziyatabhaya kanyekanye; azizwa izwi labazicindezelayo. lapho nabancane nabakhulu bayafanana; isigqila sikhululekile enkosini yaso. odiniweyo unikelwani ukukhanya nabanomunyu emphefumulweni ukuphila; abalinda ukufa kungafiki, abakumba kunengebo; abathokoza baze bethabe, bajabule, uma belithola ithuna, nomuntu ondlela yakhe isithekile, ulezi-ku ambiyeleyo nxazonke zakhe, na? ukugquma kwami kufika phambi kwesinkwa sami, nokububula

kwami kuthululwa njengamanzi, ngokuba engikwesabayo sekuyangifikela, nenginovalo ngakho sekuyangehlela. anginakuthula, angizolile, anginakuphumula; kepha ukuyaluzo kuyafika.

### 4

wayesethatha u-elifazi, umthemani, wathi: uma kulingwa ukukhulunywa kuwe, uyakukhathazeka na? kepha ngubani ongazibamba, angakhulumi, na? bheka, uqondisile abaningi; uqin-isile izandla ezibuthakathaka. amazwi akho amisile okhubekayo; usimamisile amadololo athuthumelayo. kepha sekufikile kuwe, uyakhathazeka; kuyakuthinta wena, uyashaywa luvalo. ukumesaba kwakho ulezi-ku akusilo ithemba lakho yini, nokuphelela kwezindlela zakho akusiso isisekelo sakho na? ake ukhumbule ukuthi ngubani owake wachithwa engenacala na? babhujiswaphi abalungileyo na? njengokubona kwami abalima bonara-ukukhandleka bahlwanyele ukona, bayakuvuna. babhubha ngokuphephetha kukalezi-ku; ngomoya wentukuthelo yakhe bayaphela. ukubhonga kwengonyama nezwi lebhubesi kuyaphela, namazinyo amabhongo ayaphuka. ibhubesi elinamandla liyabhubha ngokuswela impango; amawundlu ebhubesikazi ayahlakazeka. kwanyenyiselwa kimi izwi, indlebe yami yabamba ukunyenyezwa kwalo. ngokudlala kwemica bango ivuswe yimibono yasebusuku, lapho abantu sebehlelwe ngubuthongo obunzima, ngafikelwa yingebhe nokuthuthumela okwaqhaqhazelisa onke amathambo ami. kwadlula umoya ebusweni bami; uboya bomzimba wami bavuka. kwema okuthile, kepha angaqonda ukubonakala kwakho; isimo sasiphambi kwamehlo ami; kwathula; ngase ngizwa izwi, lathi: umuntu ulungile kunolezi-ku na? umuntukazana uhlambulule kumoneni na? bheka, nasezincekweni zakhe akethembi, nezingelosi zakhe uyazibeka icala; kakhulu kangakanani abahlezi ezindlini zodaka, abazisekelo zabo zisothulini, abachotshozwa njengenundu. bagxotshwa kusukela ekuseni kuze kube kusihlwa; babhubha kuze kube phakade benganakwa muntu. intambo yetende labo ayisishulwa yini phakathi kwabo, bafe bengazelele, na?

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ake umemeze; ukhona okuphendulayo na? uyakuphendukela kumuphi kwabangcwele na? ngokuba isiwula siyabulawa ngukukhathazeka, nomhawu uyachitha oyisiphukuphuku. mina ngibonile isiwula

sigxilile, kepha ngaqalekisa indlu yaso ngokuzumayo. abantwana baso bakude nokusindiswa, bachotshozwa esangweni; akakho obophulayo, abakuvuna kwabo kudliwa ngabalambileyo, bakukhipha naseveni; abanxanelayo basezela impahla yabo. ngokuba usizi aluveli othulini, nokuhlupheka akuphumi emhlabathini, ngokuba umuntu uzalelwa ukhulupheka, njengokuba izinhlansi ziqhashela phezulu. kodwa mina bengiyakumfuna ulezi-ku; kulezi-ku bengiyakubeka indaba yami, yena owenza izinto ezinkulu ezingaphenyekiyo, izimangaliso ezingenakubalwa, yena onisa imvula emhlabeni, athume amanzi ebusweni bamasimu, ukuze aphakamise abayizimpofana nabadabukileyo baphakanyiselwe ukusindiswa. uyachitha amacebo abanobuqili, ukuze izandla zabo zingabi nakufeza umgomo wabo. uyabamba abahlaniphelelyo ebunilini babo; isiluleko soyisigwegwe siyachithwa ngokuphuthuma. emini bahlangana nobumnyama, baphumputha emini njengasebusuku. uyasindisa enkembeni yemilomo yabo, yebo, abampofu esandleni sonamandla. ompofu usenethemba; ububi buvala umlomo wabo. bheka, ubusisiwe lowo muntu ulezi-ku amlayayo; ngalokho ungadeleli ukukhuzwa ngusomandla. ngokuba uma ezwisa ubuhlungu, ubuye abophe; uyalimaza, kepha izandla zakhe zibuye zelaphe. uyakophula ezinhlupekweni eziyisithupha; yebo, nakwezizisikhombisa awuyikuthintwa ngbona-ra-ukukhandleka. endlaleni uyakukuhlenga ekufeni nasempini emandleni enkemba. uyakufihlwa enkalinvasini yolimi; awuyikwesaba lapho kufika ukuchitha. uyakuhleka incithakalo nendlala, nezilo zomhlaba awuyikuzesaba. ngokuba unesivumelwano namatshe asendle; izilo zasendle zihlalisa kahle nawe. uyakwazi ukuthi itende lakho linokuthula; uyakuhambela indlu yakho, awuyikusilalelwa lutho. uyakwazi ukuthi inzalo yakho iyakuba nkulu, abantwana bakho babe njengotshani bomhlaba. uyakufika ethuneni usuthi ngobudala njengeqhinqa lamabele ngesikhathi salo. bheka, lokho sikuphenyile; kunjalo; kuzwe, uzazele khona.

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wayeseophendula ujobe ethi: sengathi ukuncokolozwa kwami ngabe kulinganiswa nokulinganiswa, inhlupeko yami ibekwe esilinganisweni kanyekanye. ngokuba manje iyasinda kunesihlabathi solwandle; ngalokho amazwi ami ayengukubheda. ngokuba imicibisholo kasomandla ikimi; isihlungu sayo siphuzwa ngumoya wami; izesabiso zikalezi-ku ziyangehlela. imbongolo yasendle iyakhala yini inotshani na? inkabi

iyakhonya isekudleni kwayo na? okudumayo kungadliwa ngaphandle kukasawoti na? kukhona ukuklwabusa kokumhlophe kweqanda na? umphefumulo wami uyala ukukuthinta, kungukudla okunengekayo kimi. sengathi isicelo sami singenziwayo, ulezi-ku angiphe lokhu engikubhekayo. yebo, sengathi ulezi-ku angangichoboza, athukulule isandla sakhe, anginqume. lokho ngakube kuhlale kube yinduduzo yami, yebo, ngabe ngijabule ebuhlungwini obungahawukeliyo ukuthi angigodlanga amazwi ongwele. ayini amandla ami ukuba ngingaze ngethembe na? ukuphela kwami kuyini ukuba ngingaze ngibekezele na? pho, amandla ami angamandla amatsheni yini? inyama yami iyithusi na? akusikho yini ukuthi alukho usizo kimi; ukusindiswa kususwa kimi. odangeleyo nga ehawukelwa ngumngane wakhe; kepha ukumesaba usomandla kuyayekwa. abafowethu bambuluzile njengomfula, njengemithonjano yemifula eshayo, emnyama ngeqha, lapho ungqoqwane ezisitheza khona, kepha ngesikhathi sokufudumala inyamalale, ishe endaweni yayo, lapho libalele. abahamba ngezindlela zayo bayaphambuka, benyukela oqathuleni, babhubhe. izihambi zakwathema zabheka; izindwendwe zakwasheba zazihlalela. zanjaba, ngokuba zazibhekile; sezifike khona zadana. ngokuba kalokhu seniyize nje; nibona okwesabisayo niyesaba. ngasho yini ukuthi: ngipheni, ninginike isipho empahleni yenu, na? noma: ngikhululeni esandleni sesitha, ningihlengi esandleni sezidlova, na? ngifundiseni, khona ngiyakuthula mina, ningiqondise lapho ngiduke khona. ukukhuluma okuqotho kunamandla, kepha ukusolwa nokusolwa yinina kusizani na? nicabanga yini ukusola amazwi, lokhu ukukhuluma kophelelwa ithemba kungumoya nje na? yebo, nenza inkatho ngentandane, nithengisa ngomngane wenu. manje, qalani ukungibuka; kuyakuba sobala, uma ngiqamba amanga. ake niphenduke, kungabikho ukungalungi, nibuye niphenduke; indaba yami ilungile. kukhona ukungalungi olimini lwami yini, ulwanga lwami alunakuqonda bona-ra-ukukhandleka na?

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umuntu akasempini yini emhlabeni, imihla yakhe ayinjengemihla yomqashwa na? njengenceku ekhefuzelela ithunzi, nanjengomqashwa obheka umvuzo wakhe, kanjalo ngithole ifa lezinyanga zbona-ra-ukukhandleka; ngimiselle ubusuku bezinhlupeko. lapho ngilala phansi, ngisho ngithi: ngingavuka nini, ngokuba ubusuku bude; ngigcwele ukubinyabinyeka kuze kuse. inyama yami yembesiwe izimpethu

namagade othuli; isikhumba sami siyaphola, sibuye sibhike. imihla yami iyashesha kunesaluko, iphela ingenathemba. khumbula ukuthi ukuphila kwami kungumoya; iso lami aliyikubuye libone okuhle. iso longibonayo alisayikungibuka; amehlo akho esekimi, angisekho. ifu liphela lihamba; kanjalo owehlele endaweni yabafileyo akasayikukhuphuka. kasayikubuyela endlini yakhe; indawo yakhe ayisayikumazi. ngalokho nami angiyikubamba umlomo wami; ngiyakukhuluma osizini lomoya wami, ngikhale ngomunyu womphefumulo wami. ngilulwandle yini, ngingumkhomo yini, ukuze ungibekeke abalindi? lapho ngithi umbhede wami uyakungiduduzwa, ukhukho lwami lungithwalise ukukhala kwami, uyangesabisa ngamaphupho, ungethusa ngemibono, ukuze umphefumulo wami ukhethe ukuklinywa nokufa kunalawa mathambo ami. ngiyanengwa yiwo; mangingahlali njalo; ngiyeke, ngokuba imihla yami iyize. uyini umuntu ukuba umkhulise, nokuba ubeke inhliziyi yakho kuye, nokuba umhambele ekuseni njalo, umhlole njalonjalo, na? koze kube nini uyeka ukungibheka na? ngiyeke, ngize ngiminze amathe ami. noma ngonile, ngenzeni kuwe mlindi wabantu na? ungimiseleni ngibe yisigcibisholo sakho, ngize ngibe ngumthwalo nakimi, na? awuthetheleli ngani isiphambeko sami, ususe isono sami, na? ngokuba manje ngiyakulala phansi othulini; uyakungifunisisa, kepha angiyikubakho.

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wayesethatha ubilidadi umshuhi, wathi: koze kube nini ukhuluma lezi zinto, amazwi akho abe ngumoya onamandla, na? ulezi-ku uhlanekezela ukwahlulela yini? usomandla uphendukezela ukulunga na? uma abantwana bakho bonile kuye, yena wabanikela emandleni ezono zabo, khona, uma wena ufunisisa ulezi-ku, unxuse kuye usomandla, uma uhlambulukile, futhi ulungile, khona yena uyakuvuka ngenxa yakho, aphumelelise ikhaya lokulunga kwakho. ukuqala kwakho sekuyakuba ngokuncane, nokugcina kwakho kube ngokukhulu kakhulu. ake ubuze ezizukulwaneni zakuqala, uzibhekise lokho abakuphenyileyo oyise bazo, ngokuba thina singabezolo nje, asinalwazi, lokhu imihla yethu emhlabeni iyithunzi; bona abayikukufundisa yini, bakutshele, bakhiphe amazwi ezinhliziyweni zabo, na? umhlanga ungahluma lapho kungekho xhaphozi na? incema ingamila kungekho manzi na? uma iseluhlaza, ingakakhiwa, iyabuna phambi kwabo bonke utshani. zinjalo izindlela zabo bonke abakhohlwa ulezi-ku: ithemba longenalazi-ku liyakuchitheka; ithemba

lakhe liyakunqunywa, nesisekelo sakhe siyindlu yolwembu. uyakwencia endlini yakhe, kepha ayiyikuma; uyakubambelela kuyo, kepha ayiyikuqina. yena uluhlaza phambi kwelanga; imixhantela yakhe iyaxhantela ensimini yakhe. izimpande zakhe ziyathandela enqwabeni yamatshe, aqhekeze indawo yamatshe. uma echithwa endaweni yakhe, iyakumala ngokuthi: angizange ngikubone. bheka, injalo indlela yokuthokoza kwakhe; kuyakuvela abanye othulini. ulezi-ku akamlahli opheleleyo, kabambi isandla sababi, aze agcwalise umlomo wakho ngokuhleka, nezindebe zakho ngokumemeza. abakuzondayo bayakwembeswa amahloni; itende lababi aliyobe lisabakho.

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wayesephendula ujobe ethi: ngeqiniso ngiyazi ukuthi kunjalo, kepha umuntu angaba elungile phambi kukalezi-ku na? uma efuna ukuthetha amacala naye, angempheandle nakwelilodwa kwayinkulungwane. ehla kaniphile enhliziyweni, eqinile emandleni, ngubani oziqinisele kuye, waphumelela, yena ogudluza izintaba ngokungazeleli, ezigumbuqela ngentukuthelo yakhe; ozamazamisa umhlaba usuke endaweni yawo, kut hut humele izinsika zawo; oyala ilanga lingaphumi, avalele izinkanyezi; oweneka izulu yedwa, ahambe emazeni olwandle; owenza ibhere, nempambano, nesilimela, namakamelo aseningizimu; owenza izinto ezinkulu ezingenakuhlolwa, yebo, izimangaliso ezingenakubalwa. bheka, uyangidlula, ngingaboni; uyagudla, ngingezwa. bheka, uyabamba; ngubani ongamkhalima na? ngubani ongasho kuye ukuthi: wenzani na? ulezi-ku akayikubuyisa intukuthelo yakhe; phansi kwakhe bayakhothama abasizi bakarahabi. pho, mina ngingamphendula ngithini, ngikhethe amazwi ami aqondene naye, na? noma bengilungile, bengenakumphendula, kepha nginxuse umahluleli wami. uma bengimbizile abesengiphendula, bengin gayikukholwa nokho ukuthi ubekile indlebe ezwini lami. uyangilimaza ngesiphepho; uyandisa amanxeba ami ngeze. kavumi ukuba ngiphefumule, kepha uyangicwalisanga ngomunyu. uma kuyindaba yamandla, nangu onawo; uma yindaba yokwahlulela, ngubani ongimemayo na? noma ngilungile, umlomo wami uyakungilahla; noma ngingenacala, uyakuthi ngonakele. anginasici; anginakekeli umphefumulo wami; anginanzi ukuphila kwami. ukuphela kunye nje; ngalokho ngithi: uyaqeda ongenasici kanye nomubi. uma isiswebhu sibulala ngokuzumayo, uyahleka ingozi yabangenacala. umhlaba unikezwe esandleni sababi; uyasibekela

ubuso babahluleli bawo; uma kungesiye, pho, ngubani na? imihla yami iyashesha kunesigijimi; iyabaleka ingabonanga okuhle. itshuza njengomkhunjana womhlanga, njengokhozi oluthleka empangweni. noma ngithi ngiyakukhohlwa ukukhala kwami, ngiyeke ukunyukubala kwami, ngincibilike, ngiyesaba nokho bonke ubuhlungu bami, ngiyazi ukuthi awuyikungibheka nginjengongenacala. ngiyakulahlwa mina; ngikhandlekelani ize na? noma ngizigeza ngamanzi eqhwa, ngihlambe izandla zami ngensipho, uyakungicwilisa nokho emgodini, izingubo zami zinengwe yimi. ngokuba akasiye umuntu onjengami ukuba ngingase ngimphendule, siye kanyekanye ekwahluleleni. akukho mnyamula juqu phakathi kwethu ongabeka izandla sakhe phezu kwethu sobabili. makayisuse induku yakhe kimi; ingebhe ngaye mayingangesabisi. khona ngiyakukhuluma, ngingamesabi, ngokuba anginjalo ngokwami.

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umphefumulo wami ukhathele ukuhamba kwami; ngiyazinikela ekukhaleni, ngikhulume ngomunyu womphefumulo wami. ngiyakusho kulezi-ku ukuthi: ungangilahli; ngazise ukuthi uphikisanelani nami na? kuhle yini kuwe ukuba ucindezele, ulahle umsebenzi wezandla zakho, ukhanye phezu kwamasu ababi, na? amehlo enyama unawo na? uyabona njengabantu na? imihla yakho injengemihla yomuntu na? neminyaka yakho injengezinsuku zabantu na? lokhu ufuna ukona kimi, ufunisisa isono sami, noma ukwazi ukuthi angimubi nokuthi akakho ongophula esandleni sakho. izandla zakho zingibumbile, zangenza ngokupheleleyo nxazonke; nokho uyangichitha. ake ukhumbule ukuthi ungenzile njengebumba; pho, uyakungibuyisela othulini na? awungithululanga njengobisi, wangijiyisa ngushizi, na? awungembathisanga isikhumba nenyama, wangiphica ngamathambo nangemisipha, na? ungenzeke ukuphila nomusa; ukungihambela kwakho kulondile umoya wami. kepha ufihlile enhliziyweni yakho lokhu; ngiyazi ukuthi lokhu kukuwe kokuthi: uma ngona, uyangiqaphela; awuyikuthehelela ukona kwami. uma nginecala, maye kimi! noma bengilungile, bengingayikuphakamisa ikhanda lami, lokhu ngisithi ngehlazo, ngibona ukuhlupheka kwami. nokuba bengiziphakamisa, ubuyakungizingela njengengonyama, ubuye uzenze omangalisayo kimi. ubuyakuletha kimi ofakazi abasha, wandise intukuthelo yakho kimi, amabandla ngamabandla angisukele. ungikhipheleni esizalweni na? ngangiyakugqibuka lingakaniboni iso, ngibe njengokungathi ngingekho,

ngiyiswe ethuneni ngisaphuma esiswini. imihla yami ayiyingcosana na? makapheze, angiyeke ukuba ngithokoze kancane, ngingakayi lapho ngingasayikubuya khona, izwe lobumnyama nelomthunzi wokufa, izwe lobumnyama obunjengesigayegaye nelomthunzi wokufa nelesiphithiphithi, lapho ukukhanya kunjengobumnyama.

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wayesethatha usofari wasenahama, wathi: awayikuphendulwa amazwi amaningi kangaka na? umuntu oliphoshophosho angathethelelwa na? ukugavuza kwakho kuthulisa abantu na? nalapho ukoloda, akakho ongakuhlaza na? ngokuba uthi: ukufundisa kwami kulungile; ngimhlophe emehlweni akho. sengathi ulezi-ku angakhuluma, akuvulele izindebe zakhe, akwazise izimfihlakalo zokuhlakanipha, ngokuba ukuqonda kwakhe kuninginingi, uze wazi ukuthi ulezi-ku, ukuba kube kuhle kuwe, wenza ukuba ikhohlakale inxenye yecala lakho. ungathola imfihlakalo kalezi-ku na? ungamfumana usomandla kuze kube sekupheleleni kwakhe na? kuphakeme njengezulu ungenzani na? kujulile kunendawo yabafileyo ungazini na? isilinganiso sakho side kunomhlaba, sibanzi kunolwandle. uma edlula, avalele, abizele ekwahluleleni, ngubani ongamkhalima na? ngokuba uyabazi abantu ababi; lapho ebona ukona, akayikukunaka na? umuntu oyize uyakuba nengqondo, nxa ithole lembongolo yasendle lizalwa libe ngumuntu. uma ulungisa inhliziyo yakho, welulele izandla zakho kuye; uma udedisele kude ukona okusesandleni sakho, ungahlalisi ububi ematendeni akho, khona uyakuphakamisa ubuso bakho ungenamahloni, uqine, ungesabi. ngokuba uyakukhohlwa ukuhlupheka kwakho, ukukhumbule kunjengamanzi adlulileyo. ukuphila kwakho kuyakusa kunemini; noma kuhlwa, kuyakuba njengokusa nje. uyakuba nokwethemba, ngokuba ithemba likhona; uyakuphendla, ulale ngokulondeka. uyakulala, ungethuswa muntu; abaningi bayakuzincengela kuwe. kepha amehlo ababi ayakufiphala; abayikuba nandawo yokuphephela; ithemba labo liyakuba ngukuphuma komphefumulo.

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wayesephendula ujobe, wathi: impela yinina eningabantu; ukuhlakanipha kuyakufa nani. kodwa nami nginengqondo njengani, angahlulwa yinina; ngubani ongazazi izinto ezinje na? ngiyisigcono somngane wami, ngowambiza ulezi-ku, waphendula; olungileyo nongenasisi uy-

isigcono. emcabangweni wohlezi kahle ingozi iyadeleleka; kulungiselwe abazinyawo zabo zishelela. amatende abacindezelayo anokuthula; abathukuthelisayo ulezi-ku bayalondeka, abaletha ulezi-ku wabo ngezandla zabo. kepha mawubuze izinkomo, ziyakukufundisa, nezinyoni zezulu, ziyakukutshela. khuluma kuwo umhlaba, uyakukufundisa, nezinhlanzi zolwandle ziyakukulandisa. ngubani ongaziyo ngakho konke lokho ukuthi isandla sikajehova-aeiou sikwenzile lokho na? esandleni sakhe ukhona omphefumulo wakho konke okuphilayo, nomoya wenyama yabantu bonke. indlebe ayivivinyi yini amazwi, njengolwanga lunambitha ukudla, na? ezimpungeni kukhona ukuhlakanipha, nasebudeni bezinsuku ukuqonda. kuyena kukhona ukuhlakanipha namandla; unesu nokuqonda. bheka, uyadiliza, kungabe kusakhiwa; uyavalela umuntu, kungabe kusavulwa. bheka, uyavimba amanzi, ashe; uyawathumela agumbuqele umhlaba. kuye kukhona amandla nokusizwa; odukisiweyo nodukileyo bakuye. umukisa abaluleki bephangiwe; uyenza abahluleli babe yiziwula. uthukulula izibopho zamakhosi, awabophe ezinkalweni ngamaketanga. umukisa abapristi bephangiwe, aphelele abemiyo njalo. uyasusa ulimi lwabathembekileyo, aphuce amalunga ukuqonda. uthela izikhulu ngehlazo, akhumule imbonya yonamandla. uyambula izinto ezijulileyo ebumnyameni, akhiphele ekukhanyeni ithunzi lokufa. uyandisa izizwe, abesezibhubhisa; ukhulisa izizwe, abesezisusa. uyamuka izinhloko zezizwe ezweni ingqondo yazo, azidukise ehlane elingenandlela. ziyaphumputha ebumnyameni zingenakukhanya, uyazintengantengisa njengesidakwa.

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bheka, iso lami libone konke; indlebe yami ikuzwile, yakuqonda. enikwaziyo ngiyakwazi nami; angahlulwa yinina. kepha ngiyakukhuluma kusomandla; ngifuna ukuphikisana nolezi-ku. kepha ningabaqambimanga; niyizinyanga ezin-gelutho nonke. sengathi ningathula nokuthula, lokho kube ngukuhlakanipha kini. ake nizwe ukuthetha kwami, niqaphele ukuzivikela kwezindebe zami. niyakumkhulumele ulezi-ku ngbona-ra-ukukhandleka, nimkhulumele ngenkohliso, na? niyakubuvuma ubuso bakhe, nimmele ulezi-ku, na? kuhle yini, lapho eniphendla? njengalokhu umuntu ekhohlisa niyakumkhohlisa na? uyakunisola nokunisola, uma nivuna ubuso ngasese. ubukhulu bakhe abuyikunethusa, nengebhe ngaye inehlele, na? izikhumbuzo zenu ziyizaga zomlotha; izivikelo

zenu ziyizivikelo zebumba. thulani, ningiyeke ukuba ngikhulume, kungehlele noma yini. bengiyakuyithathelani inyama yami ngamazinyo ami, ngibeke ukuphila kwami esandleni sami, na? bheka, uyakungibulala, anginathemba; nokho ngiyakuvikela izindlela zami ebusweni bakhe. lokhu kuyakuba yinsindiso yami ukuthi ongenalezi-ku akezi phambi kwakhe. zwisani amazwi ami, ukusho kwami kube sezindlebeni zenu. bhekani-ke, sengilungisile ukwahlulelwa kwami; ngiyazi ukuthi ngiyakuthethwa mina. ngubani oyakuphikisana nami na? ngokuba lapho bengiyakuthula, ngigqabuke. izinto ezimbili kuphela ungazenzi kimi, ngize ngingacasheli ubuso bakho: masingasondeli kimi isandla sakho, ngingethuswa yingebhe ngawe. khona mawubize, mina ngiyakuphendula, noma kukhulume mina, wena ungiphendule. iziphambeko zami nezono zami zingakanani na? ngazise izego zami nezono zami. usithelani ubuso bakho, ungishaye isitha, na? uyakwethusa iqabunga eliphephethwayo, uxoshe amabibi awomileyo, na? ngokuba uloba okumnyu ngami, ungidisa ifa lobubi bobusha bami; ufaka izinyawo zami ezin-gongolweni, uqaphela zonke izindlela zami, uzidwebela umudwa ngasematheni ezinyawo zami, noma nginyamalala njengokubolayo, njengengubo edliwe yizinundu.

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umuntu ozelwe ngowesifazane imihla yakhe mifushane, igcwele ukuyaluzwa. uyavela njengembali, abune; ubaleka njengethunzi, angemi. konje uvulela onjalo amehlo akho, ungingenise ekwahluleweni nawe, na? ngubani ongaveza okuhlambulukileyo kukho okungcolileyo na? kakho noyedwa. uma imihla yakhe inqunyiwe, umumo wezin-suku zakhe ukuwe, ubekile umkhawulo wakhe, aze angadluli, ungambheki, aphumule, ukuze athokoze ngosuku lwakhe njen-gomqashwa. ngokuba kukhona ithemba emthini: uma unqunywa, ungabuye uh-lume, nehlumela lawo aliyikuphela. noma impande yawo iguga emhlabathini, ne-siphunzi sawo sifela othulini, ngephunga lamanzi uyakuhluma, uveze izingatsha njen-gesithombo. kepha umuntu ofileyo uphelele; umuntu oqgakubileyo uphi na? njengamanzi anyamalele elwandle, nomfula oshileyo ome, kanjalo umuntu ulala phansi, angabe esavuka; lize lingabikho izulu abayiku-vuka, bangaphaphanyiswa ebuthongweni babo. sengathi ungangifihla endaweni yabafileyo, ungisithe kuze kudlele intukuthelo yakho, ungingumele isikhathi, ungikhumbule. uma umuntu efa, uyakubuye aphile na? bengiyakulinda zonke izinsuku zomshikashika wami, kuze kufike ukumuka



kwami. ubuyakubiza, mina ngiphendule; ubuyakulangazelela umsebenzi wezandla zakho, yebo, khona ubuyakubala izinyathelo zami, ungaqapheli isono sami. isiphambeko besiyakuvalelwa esikhwameni, besewusibekela ukona kwami. impela intaba iyawa, idilike; idwala liyasuswa endaweni yalo; amanzi ayagubha amatshe; ukuphuphuma kwawo kuyakhukhula uthuli lomhlaba; kanjalo uyachitha nethemba lomuntu. uyamsukela kuze kube phakade, amuke; uyaguqula ubuso bakhe, ummukise. amadodana akhe ayadunyiswa, engazi yena; ayeyiswa, engakuqondi. inyama yakhe iyezwa ubuhlungu bayo kuphela; umphefumulo wakhe uzidabukela wona kuphela.

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wayesethatha u-elifazi umthemani, wathi: ohlakaniphileyo uyakuphendula ngokwazi okungumoya nje, agcwalise isisu ngomoya wasempumalanga, na? aphikisane ngamazwi angasizi lutho nangezinkulumo ezingenalusizo na? yebo, uyachitha ukwesaba, unciphisa ukuzindla phambi kukalezi-ku. ngokuba ububi bakho buyafundisa umlomo wakho; ukhetha ulimi lwabanobuqili. ngumlomo wakho okulahlayo, akusimi; izindebe zakho ziyafakaza ngawe. ungumuntu wokuqala owazalwayo na? wavela ngaphambi kwezintaba na? uzwile imfihlakalo kalezi-ku, wazigodlela wedwa ukuhlakanipha na? wazini esingayazi thina na? uqonda ntoni engekho kithina na? kithina kukhona izimpunga namakhehla amadala kunoyihlo. zincane yini kuwe izinduduzo zikalezi-ku, nezwi elikhulunywa kahle kuwe na? umukiselwani yinhliziyi yakho na? kungani ukuba amehlo akho aphyazele, uphendulele kulezi-ku ukufutheka kwakho, ukhiphe amazwi emlonyeni wakho na? uyini umuntu ukuba abe ngohlambulukileyo, nozelwe ngowesifazane ukuba alungisiswe, na? bheka, nabangcwele bakhe akabethembi, nezulu alihlambulukile emehlweni akhe; kakhulu kangakanani onengekayo nowonakeleyo, umuntu ophuza ukona njengamanzi, na? ngiyakukwazisa, ungilalele; ngiyakukulandisa engikubonileyo lokho izihlakaniphi ezikubonakalisile, zikuthathe koyise, zin-gakufihlanga, zona ezaphiwa zodwa izwe, kungadabulanga kuzo umfokazi ngokuthi: umuntu omubi uyazibinya imihla yonke, umumo weminyaka othukuselwe isidwangu-dlwangu. izwi lengebhe lisezindlebeni zakhe; laphe ehlezi kahle, uyakufikelwa ngumphangi. akethembi ukuthi uyakubuya ebumnyameni; uyalandelwa yinkemba. uyazulazulela ukudla: kuphi na? uyazi ukuthi usuku lobumnyama selungas-esandleni sakhe. ukuhlupheka nosizi

kuyamethusa; kuyamahlula njengenkosi ezilungiselele impi, ngokuba waselulela isandla sakhe kulezi-ku, wazigabisa kusomandla. wamdumela ngentamo elukhuni, nangamaqhubu adumbileyo amahawu akhe, ngokuba wasibekela ubuso bakhe ngamafutha akhe, wenza umvingqi okhalweni lwakhe. wahlala emizini ebiyakuchithwa, nasezindlini ebezingahlalwa, ezaziyakuba ngamanxiwa nje. akayikuceba, nemfuyo yakhe ayiyikuma, nokudla kwakhe akuyikukhothamela phansi. akayikusuka ebumnyameni; ilangabi liyakushisa amagatsha akhe, amuke ngokuphefumula komlomo kalezi-ku. makangethembi ezeni, ezikhohlisa, ngokuba ize liyakuba ngumvuzo wakhe. kuyakufezwa kungakabi yisikhathi, negatsha lakhe alisayikuba luhlaza. uyakuvuthulula igwana lakhe njengomvini, alahle imbali yakhe njengomnqomo. ngokuba ibandla labangenalezi-ku liyakuba yinyumba, umlilo uqede amatende abathengwa ngemivuzo. bakhulelwe ingozi, bazala ukona; isisu sabo silungisela inkohliso.

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wayesephendula ujobe, wathi: ngizwile izinto eziningi ezinjalo; nina nonke ningabaduduzi ababi. amazwi angumoya nje awayikuphela yini? ucu-nulwa yintoni ukuba uphendule na? nami ngingakhuluma njengani; uma imiphefumulo yenu ibisesikhundleni somphefumulo wami, bengiyakuhlanguka amazwi ngani, ngininikinele ikhanda lami. benginganiqinisa ngomlomo, induduzo yezindebe zami indambise. noma ngikhuluma, ubuhlungu bami abudanjiswanga; noma ngiyeka, kuyini okumuka kimi na? kepha manje ungikhathazile, uyichithile yonke indlu yami. ungicindezele, kungubufakazi; ukonda kwami kuyangivukela, kufakaze ebusweni bami. ulaka lwakhe luyangidwengula, lungizingele; uyangigedlela amazinyo; isitha sami singicijisela amehlo aso. bangikhamisela imilomo yabo, bangimukela esihlathini ngenhlamba, bangihlanganyela. ulezi-ku uyanginikela kubantu abonakeleyo, angiphonse esandleni sababi. ngangihlezi kahle, wanguchoza; wangibamba ngentamo, wangiphahlaza; wangimisa ngibe yisigcibisholo. abacibishe-layo bakhe bangihlaka; uyaqhekeza izinsizwa zami engenasihawu; uchithela inyongo yami emhlabathini. uyangidiliza nokudiliza futhi-futhi, angidumele njengeqhawe. ngithungile indwangu yamasaka phezu kwesikhumba sami. ngingcolisile uphondo lwami othulini. ubuso bami bubomvu ngokukhala; ezinkosheni zami kukhona ithunzi lokufa, noma kungekho ubudlova ezandleni zami

nokukhuleka kwami kulungile. mhlaba, ungathukusi igazi lami; ukukhala kwami makungabi nandawo. namanje bheka, ufakazi wami usezulwini; ummeli wami usezindaweni eziphakemeyo. abangane bami bayangiklolodela; iso lami liphophoza izinyembezi kulezi-ku ukuba amphikele umuntu kulezi-ku nendodana yomuntu kumakhelwane wayo. ngokuba iyingcosana iminyaka eyakubalwa, ngingakahambi indlela engingayikubuya kuyo.

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umoya wami usuchithekile, imihla yami iyacimeka; okwami sekuyithuna nje. impela kukhona abangiklolodelayo, iso lami lisekucunuleni kwabo. ake unginike isibambiso, ungimele; ngubani oyakuxhawulana nami na? ngokuba uvalile izinhliziyi zabo zingaqondi; ngalokho awuyikubaphakamisa. ochaka abangane bakhe ngenxa yesabelo, amehlo abantwana bakhe ayakufiphala. ungibeke isaga sabantu, ngibe ngokhafulelwa ebusweni. iso lami lifiphele ngosizi; onke amalungu ami anjengethunzi. abaqotho bayethuswa yilokho; ongenacala uyavukela ongenalezi-ku. kepha olungileyo ubambebele endleleni yakhe; onezandla ezihlanzekileyo ude eqina njalo. nokho buyani nonke phela, nize; kodwa angiyikuthola phakathi kwenu ohlakaniphileyo. imihla yami isidlulile, amasu ami anqunyiwe kanye nemicabango yami yenhliziyi. ubusuku babenza imini, bathi: ukukhanya kuseduze nobumnyama. uma ngithemba ukuthi indawo yabafileyo iyindlu yami, ngendlalele ukhukho lwami ebumnyameni, ngibize ukubola ngokuthi ubaba nezimpethu ngokuthi umame nodadewethu, liphi, pho, ithemba lami na? yebo, ithemba lami, ngubani oyakulibona na? liyakwehlela emigoqweni yendawo yabafileyo, lapho kuyakuba khona ukuphumula othulini kanyekanye.

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wayesethatha ubilidadi umshuhi, wathi: koze kube nini nibekela amazwi ami izingibe na? qondani, andukuba sikhulume. kunгани ukuba sithive siyizilwane, singcolile emehlweni enu, na? wena ozidwengula olakeni lwakho, umhlaba uyakushiya ngenxa yakho, nedwala lisuswe endaweni yalo, na? yebo, nokukhanya komubi kuyakucimeka, nelangabi lomlilo wakhe aliyikukhanya. ukukhanya kuyakufiphala etendeni lakhe, nesibani sakhe phezu kwakhe siyakucimeka. izinyathelo zakhe ezinamandla ziyakufinyezwa; amasu akhe ayamlahla phansi. ngokuba uyaphonswa

izinyawo zakhe enetheni, uhamba phezu kweveku. isicupho siyakumbamba ngesithende; ifolo liyakumbamba. uthukuselwe inkintshela emhlabathini, nesihibe emgwaqweni. ingebhe iyakumethusa nxazonke; iyamzingela ezinyathelweni zakhe. ububi buyakumlambela, ulungiselwe ingozi eceleni kwakhe. amalungu omzimba wakhe ayakudliwa, yebo, ukufa okwesabekayo kuyakudla amalungu akhe. uyakuhlwithwa etendeni lakhe alethebayo, ayiswe enkosini yengebhe. etendeni lakhe bayakuhlala abangesibo abakhe, kuvumvuzelwe isibabule ekhaya lakhe. izimpande zakhe ziyakoma ngaphansi; phezulu kuyabuna amatatsha akhe. ukukhunjulwa kwakhe kuyakuphela emhlabeni, angabi negama ezweni. uyakukhishwa ekukhanyeni, aqhutshelwe ebumnyameni, axoshwe ezweni. akayikuba nandodana namzukulwana phakathi kwabantu bakhe; akuyikuba khona lapho egogobala khona. abasentshonalanga bayethuswa lusuku lwakhe, nabasempumalanga babanjwa ngukwesaba. impela zinjalo izindlu zaboni; injalo indawo engamazi ulezi-ku.

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wayesephendula ujobe, wathi: koze kube nini nihlupha umphefumulo wami, ningiphohloze ngamazwi, na? seningihlaziisile kayishumi; aninamahloni okuthi ningiphathe kabi na? uma impela ngidukile, ukuduka kwami kukimi ngedwa. uma impela niyazikhukhumezela kimi, niphikisane nami ngehlazo lami, yazini-ke ukuthi ulezi-ku ungihlanekezele, ungihaqe ngenetha. bheka, ngikhala ngithi: ngubudlova! kepha angiphendulwa; ngicela ukusizwa, kodwa akukho ukwahlulelwa. uvalile indlela yami ukuze ngingabi nakudlula; ubeka ubumnyama emikhondweni yami. ungikhumulile udumo lwami; ususile umqhele ekhanda lami. ungidilizile nxazonke, sengimukile; usiphulile ithemba lami njengomuthi. ungivuthisele intukuthelo yakhe, wangishaya njengezitha kuye. amabutho akhe afika kanyekanye, alungise indlela ukuba angisukele; amisa nxazonke zetende lami. udedisile kimi abafowethu, nabazana nami sebahlukeni impela nami. izihlobo zami zingishiyile, nengazana nabo bangikhohliwe. abagogobele endlini yami nezincekukazi zami bangishaya umfokazi; ngingowezizwe emehlweni abo. ngibiza inceku yami, kayingiphenduli; ngiyayinxusa ngomlomo wami. umoya wami mubi kumkami, ngyanuka kubantwana besisu sikamame. yebo, nezingane ziyangidelela; uma ngivuka, zikhuluma ngami. ababeyizifuba zami bayanengwa yimi; labo ababengithanda sebengifulathele. amath-

ambo ami anamathela esikhumbeni sami nasenyameni yami; ngisinde ngokulambisa kuphela. ngihawukeleni, ngihawukeleni, nina bangane bami, ngokuba isandla sikalezi-ku singithintile. ningizingelelani njengolezi-ku, ningasuthi ngenyama yami na? sengathi amazwi ami angalotshwa! sengathi angabhalwa encwadini, aqoshwe edwaleni ngepeni lensimbi nangomthofu, kuze kube phakade! kepha mina ngiyazi ukuthi umhlengi wami ukhona; ekupheleni uyakuma othulini. nalapho sesishabalele isikhumba sami, ngiyakumbuka ulezi-ku ngikhululekile enyameni yami, engiyakumbona uqobo lwami; amehlo ami ayakumbona, kungabi njengomfokazi; okuphakathi kwami kuyaphela esifubeni sami. uma nithi: siyakumxosha yini pho! njengokuba impande yendaba ifumaniseka kimi, yesabani inkemba, ngokuba ulaka lungolwezono ezifanele inkemba, ukuze nazi ukuthi ukwahlulelwa kukhona.

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wayesethatha usofari umnahama, wathi: ngalokho imicabango yami iyangiphendula ngexxa yokushesha okuphakathi kwami. ngiyezwa insolo engihlaziayo, kepha umoya wasengqondweni yami uyangiphendula. awukwazi yini ukuba lokhu kungokwasendulo, selokhu abantu babekwa emhlabeni, ukuthi ukujabula kwababi kufushane, nokuthokoza kwabangenalezi-ku kungokokuphazima kweso nje, na? noma ubukhulu bakhe bukhuphukela ezulwini, nekhandla lakhe lifinyelela emafwini, uyakubhubha kuze kube phakade njengamasimba akhe; abambonayo bayakuthi: uphi na? uyakundiza njengephupho, angabe esafunyanwa; uyakuxosha njengombono wasebusuku. iso elalimgqolozela alisamboni, nendawo yakhe ayisamboni. abantwana bakhe bayakuzincengela kwabampofu, izandla zakhe zibuyise impahla yakhe. amathambo akhe agcwele ubusha, kepha buyakulala phansi kanye naye othulini. noma ububi bumnandi emlonjeni wakhe, noma ebufihla phansi kolimi lwakhe, noma ebugodla engabushiyi, kepha ebugcina emlonjeni wakhe, kuyaguquka nokho ukudla kwakhe phakathi kwakhe, kube yinyongo yamabululu ezibilinini zakhe. ugwinyile ingcebo; uyakubuye ayihlanze; ulezi-ku uyakuyikhipha esiswini sakhe. uyakumunca isihlungu samabululu; ulimi lwenyoka luyakumbulala. akayikubuka imifula, iminonjana nemifudlana yezinyosi namangqanga. lokho owakukhandlekelayo uyakububuya, angakugwinyi; ngempahla ayitholileyo akayikujabula. ngokuba ucindezele, washiya abampofu; uhlwihile indlu, angabuye ayakhe. ngokuba wayengazi

ukuthula esiswini sakhe; kayikuphepha nalutho kulokho akufisayo. akusalanga lutho angaludlanga; ngalokho inhlanhla yakhe ayiyikuma. ekusutheni kokuvama kwakhe uyaminywa; izandla zakho konke ukuhlupheka ziyakumfikela. kuyakuthi lapho eyakugcwalisa isisu sakhe, ulezi-ku aphonse kuye ukuvutha kwentukuthelo yakhe, akunise phezu kwakhe esekudleni. uyabalekela isikhali sensimbi, kepha ubhotshoza ngumnsalo wethusi. uyawukhipha uphume emzimbeni wakhe; nxa uphuma unyampuza enyongweni, abesehlelwa yingebhe. ubumnyama bonke bubekelelwe ingcebo yakhe; umlilo ongavuthelwanga uyakuyidla, uchithe okusele etendeni lakhe. izulu liyakwambula ububi bakhe, umhlaba umukele. imfuyo yendlu yakhe iyakumuka, inyamalale ngomuhla wentukuthelo. lesi siyisabelo somuntu omubi esivela kulezi-ku, nefa alinqunyelweyo ngulezi-ku.

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wayesephendula ujobe, wathi: yizwani nokuzwa amazwi ami; lokhu makube yinduduzo evela kini. ngivumeleni ukuba nami ngikhulume; nalapho sengikhulumele, kloodani. mina-ke, ukukhala kwami kungomuntu na? ngingekhat hazeke na? ngibukeni, nimangale, nibeke izandla emilonjeni yenu. lapho ngikhumbula nje, ngishaywa luvalo; ukwesaba kubamba inyama yami. ababi baphilelani, baze babe badala, yebo, bakhule emandleni, na? inzalo yabo iyema phambi kwabo kanye nabo, nabantwana babo phambi kwamehlo abo. izindlu zabo zinokuthula, azinangebhe; uswazi lukalezi-ku aluphezu kwabo. inkunzi yabo iyakhwela, kayiphuthi; inkomo yabo iyazala, kayiphunzi. bakhupha izingane zabo njengomhlambi; abantwana babo bayagida. bahlabelela ngesigubhu nangehabhu, bathokoza ngezwi lomtshingo. baqeda imihla yabo ngokuhle, behlela endaweni yabafileyo ngokuthula. nokho bathi kulezi-ku: suka kithi, asifuni ukwazi izindlela zakho. usomandla uyini ukuba simkhonze na? siyakuzuzani, uma sikhuleka kuye, na? bhekani, inhlanhla yabo ayisesandleni sabo; icebo lababi malibe kude nami. kukangaki isibani sababi sicimeka, nengozi ibehlela, babelwe izabelo ngentukuthelo, na? babeyakuba njengezibi phambi komoya, nanjengamakhoba aphephethwa yisiphepho. ulezi-ku ubekela abantwana babo ububi babo; yebo, kodwa makabuphindisele kubo uqobo ukuba babazi. awabo amehlo mawabone ukuchithwa kwabo, bona baphuze ukufutheka kukasomandla. banokujabula kuni endlini yabo emva kwabo, lapho umumo wezinyanga zabo usunqunywe, na? ulezi-ku

uyakufundiswa ukwazi, yena owahlulela abaphakemeyo, na? omunye ufa esemi kahle kukho konke, ezinzile, enokuthula. izinhlangothi zakhe zigcwele amafutha; umnkantsha wamathambo akhe umanzi. omunye ufa enomphefumulo onomunyu, engazange adle okuhle. balala phansi othulini kanyekanye; izimpethu ziyabasi-bekela. bhekani, ngiyazi imicabango yenu, namacebo enu eniyakungona ngawo. nithi: iphi indlu yezikhulu, liphi itende lokuhlala kwababi, na? anibuzanga abadlula endleleni, nibazi ubufakazi babo bokuthi omubi ugodlelwa usuku lokubhujiswa nokuthi bayamukiswa ngosuku lwentukuthelo, na? ngubani oyakumtshela indlela yakhe ebusweni bakhe? ngubani oyakumphindisela ngalokho akwenzileyo na? uyayiswa ethuneni, kulindwe elibeni. amagabade asesigodini ayakuba mnandi kuye; bonke abantu bayakudonswa emva kwakhe, njen-gokuba bengenakubalwa nababe phambi kwakhe. pho, ningiduduzelani ngeze, lokhu ezimpendulweni zenu kusele inkohliso nje, na?

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wayesethatha u-elifazi umthemani, wathi: umuntu angaba yinsizakalo kulezi-ku ukuba ohlakaniphileyo abe nosizo kuye na? kuy-intokozo yini kusomandla, uma ulungile, kuyinzuzo kuye, uma wenza izindlela zakho ziphelele, na? kungokumesaba kwakho akusolayo, angene nawe ekwahlulelweni, na? ububi bakho abubukhulu yini? izono zakho azinakuphela. ngokuba uthathe ngeze izibambiso kumfowenu, wahlubula abampofu izingubo zabo. awumphuzisanga owomileyo amanzi, wamgodlela olambileyo ukudla. umuntu onamandla, izwe lingelakhe; onodumo uyahlala kulo. umukisile abafelokazi bengenalutho; izingalo zezintandane zaphuliwe. ngalokho izingibe ziyakuhaqa; uvalo oluzumayo luyakwethusa. ukukhanya kwakho kuphenduke ubumnyama, ukuze ungaboni, nesikhukhula samanzi siyakusibekela. ulezi-ku akakho ekuphakameni kwazulu na? bheka inhloko yezinkanyezi ukuthi iphakeme kangaka. uthi wena: ulezi-ku wazini na? angahlulela engale kwesigayegaye na? amafu ayamsibekela ukuze angaboni; uyahamba esiyingelezini sezulu. uyakugcina indlela yamandulo eyahanjwa yizoni na? yizo ezahlwitha kungakabi yisikhathi, ezisisekelo sazo sathulwa njengomfula, nezathi kulezi-ku: suka kithina, ngokuba usomandla ubeyakwenzani kubo na? kepha nguyey owayegcwalisa izindlu zabo ngokuhle. amasu ababi akude nami. abalungileyo bayakukubona, bathokoze; abangenasici bayabaklododela ngokuthi: impela ababesivukela sebe-

chithiwe, nabakushiyeleyo umlilo ukuqedile. mawujwayelane naye, ube nokuthula; ngalokho okuhle kuyakufika kuwe. mawamukele umthetho emlonyeni wakhe, ubeke amazwi akhe enhliziyweni yakho. uma ubuyela kusomandla, uyakwakhiwa, uma udedisa bona-ra-ukukhanda kude etendeni lakho, ubeke igolide lakho othulini, nelase-ofiri phakathi kwamatshe emimonjana. usomandla ayakuba yigugu lakho, nesiliva elikhazimulayo kuwe, ngokuba lapho uyakuthokoza ngosomandla, uphakamisele kulezi-ku ubuso bakho. uyakukhuleka kuye, akuzwe, wena ugcwalise izithembiso zakho. uma unquma indaba, uyakuyenzelwa, ukukhanya kukhanye ezindleleni zakho. uma zehla, uyakuthi: phezulu! abesebhakanyiswa ozithobileyo. abantu abangemsulwa uyakubakhulula nabo, bakhululwe ngobumhlophe bezandla zakho.

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wayesephendula ujobe, wathi: nanamuhla ukukhala kwami kumunyu; isandla sami siyasinda ngokububula kwami. sengathi ngingazi ukuthi ngiyakumtholaphi, ngize ngifike endlini yakhe, ngilungise ukwahlulelwa kwami phambi kwakhe, ngigcwalise umlomo wami ngezimpendulo. bengiyakuwazi amazwi abeyakungiphendula ngawo, ngiqonde ukuthi ubeyakuthini kimi. ubeyakuphikisana nami ngamandla akhe amakhulu na? cha, ubeyakubhekisa kimi. lapho olungileyo ubeyakuphikisana naye, mina ngikhululwe kumahluleli wami kuze kube phakade. kodwa bheka, ngiya empumalanga, kepha akakho, nasentshonalanga, kepha angimboni, ngasenyakatho ekusebenzeni kwakhe, kepha akabonwa; ujikela ngaseningizimu, kepha akabonakali. ngokuba uyayazi indlela yami; esengivivinyile, ngiyakuphuma njengegolide. unyawo lwami lunamathela ezinyathelweni zakhe; ngigcinile indlela yakhe, angiphambukanga. angichezuka emyalweni wezindebe zakhe; ngizibekela amazwi akhe kunezimiso zami. kodwa uyinto inye, ngubani ongambuyisa na? okufisayo umphefumulo wakhe, lokho uyakwenza. uyakufeza engikumiselweyo; izinto eziningi ezinjalo zikuye. ngalokho ngishaywa luvalo ebusweni bakhe; lapho ngikuqaphela, ngiyamesaba. ngulezi-ku odangalisileyo inhliziyoyami, usomandla ungethusile, ngokuba anginqunyawanga, bungakafiki ubumnyama; wangifihlela ukuhlwa.

kungani ukuba usomandla angazibekeleri izikhathi zokwahlulela, abamazayo babone imihla yakhe, na? imincele iyasuswa; bahlwtha imihlambi, bayiklabise. bamukisa imbongolo yezintandane, nenkomo yomfelokazi bayayithatha ibe yisibambiso. bafuzula abaswelayo endleni; abampofu bomhlaba bacasha ndawonye. bheka, njengezimbongolo ehlane bayaphumela emisebenzini yabo befunisisa ukudla; ihlane lingukudla kwabo abakunika abantwana babo. emasimini bavuna ifoliji; bakhotoza esivini somubi. ebusuku balala nqunu bengenangubo, bengenanto yokuzisibekela emakhazeni. bamanzi ngezihlambi zasezintabeni; basingatha idwala bengenasiphephelo. intandane ihlwithwa ebeleni, nengane yompofu ithathwa ibe yisibambiso, bahambe nqunu bengenangubo, bethwele izithungu, belambile. benza amafutha phakathi kwezingange zabahluphi; banyathela izikhamo zewayini, kepha bayoma. bexoshwe emzini abafayo bayabubula; imiphefumulo yabalimeleyo iyakhala, kepha ulezi-ku akanaki lokho bona-ra-ukukhandleka. bakhona abakuhlubukile ukukhanya; abazi indlela yakho, abanamatheli emikhondweni yakho. umbulali uvuka ekuseni, abulale ompofu noswelayo; ebusuku unjengesela. iso lesiphingi libheka ukuhlwa ngokuthi: malingangiboni iso, sisithe ubuso baso. bafihla izindlu sekumnyama; emini bayazivalela; ukukhanya abakwazi. ngokuba ithunzi lokufa kubo bonke labo linjengokusa, lokhu beyazi ingebhe yethunzi lokufa. banjubane ebusweni bamanzi; izabelo zabo ziqalekisiwe emhlabeni; abasayikuphendukela endleni yezivini. ukoma nokushisa kuyaqeda amanzi eqhwa; kanjalo indawo yabafileyo labo abonileyo. isizalo siyamkohlwa; izimpethu ziyamsobozela; akasayikukhunjulwa; ukungalungi kuyaphulwa njen-gomuthi. uyayidla inyumba engazaliyo; akenzeli umfelokazi okuhle. uyadonsa namaqhawe ngamandla akhe; uyavuka; akakho osenethemba lokuphila. ulezi-ku uyamnika ukuba alondeke, asekelwe; kepha amehlo akhe aphezu kwezindlela zabo. bayaphakanyiswa; emva kwesikhashana abasekho; bayaphela njengabanye, bafe; babuna njengezihloko zezikhwebu. uma kungenjalo, ngubani onganga onamanga, awenze ize amazwi ami, na?

wayesethatha ubilidadi umshuhi, wathi: ukubusa nokwesabeka kukuye owenza ukuthula ezindaweni zakhe eziphakemeyo. ukhona yini ongabala izimpi zakhe,

nokukhanya kwakhe akuphumeli bani na? pho, umuntu angalunga kanjani kulezi-ku, nozelwe ngowesifazane angahlambuluka kanjani, na? bheka, nenyanga ayinankazimulo, nezinkanyezi azihlambulukile emehlweni akhe. pho, kakhulu kangakanani umuntu oyimpethu, nendodana yomuntu eyisibungu, na?

wayesephendula ujobe, wathi: usizile kanjani ongenamandla! usindisile kanjani ingalo engenamandla? umlulekile kanjani ongenakuhlakanipha! umemezile kangakanani ukuqonda! utshelwe ngubani lawo mazwi, nomoya kabani waphuma kuwe, na? izithunzi ziyathuthumela phansi kwamanzi kanye nabakhelwane bawo. indawo yabafileyo ize phambi kwakhe, nendawo yokubhubha ayinasisibekelo. welula inyakatho phezu kwendawo engenalutho; uphanyeka umhlaba phezu kweze. ubopha amanzi emafwini akhe; ifu alidabuki phansi kwawo. uyasibekela ubuso besihlalo sakhe sobukhosi; uyeneka ifu lakhe phezu kwaso. uyingiliza ngomudwa phezu kobuso bamanzi, kuze kuphele ukukhanya ebumnyameni. izinsika zezulu ziyathuthumela; ziyethuswa ngokukhuza kwakhe. ngamandla akhe uyanyakazisa amanzi; ngokuqonda kwakhe uyachitha urahabi. ngokuphefumula kwakhe izulu liyakhazimula; isandla sakhe sigwazile inyoka esheshayo. bheka, lokhu kungamaphethelo nje ezindlela zakhe, izwi lokunyenyeza nje elizwakalayo ngaye; indumo yamandla akhe, ngubani obeyakuyiqonda na?

ujobe wabuye waphakamisa izwi lakhe, wathi: kuphila kukalezi-ku osusile ukwahlulelwa kwami, nosomandla owenze munyu umphefumulo wami, kusekhona ukuphefumula kimi, nomoya kalezi-ku usemakhaleni ami, izindebe zami aziyikukhuluma bona-ra-ukukhandleka, nolimi lwami aluyikukhipha inkohliso. makube kude nami ukuba nginivumele; angiyikuzaphuca ukuphelela kwami ngize ngife. ngibambelela ekulungeni kwami, angikuyeki; inhliziyo yami ayisoli nowodwa wemihla yami. isitha sami masibe njengomubi, nongisukelayo njengowonileyo. liyini ithemba longenalazi-ku, nxa enqunywa, laphe ulezi-ku esusa umphefumulo wakhe, na? ulezi-ku uyakuzwa ukukhala kwakhe, laphe ehlelwa lusizi, na? uyakuthokoza ngosomandla, ambize ulezi-ku ngezikhathi zonke, na? ngiyakunifundisa ngesandla sikalezi-ku; okukusomandla angiyikukufihla. bhekani,

nina nonke nikubonile; kungani ukuba nizenze ize na? lokhu kuyisabelo somuntu omubi kulezi-ku, nefa lezidlwangudlwangu ezilamukela kusomandla. uma abantwana bakhe banda, bandela inkemba; inzalo yakhe ayiyikusutha ngokudla. abasele kuye bayakumbelwa ekufeni, abafelokazi babo bangalili. noma enqwabela isiliva njengothuli, alungise izambatho njengodaka, makakulungise, kepha kuyakwembat-hwa ngolungileyo, ongenacala abele isiliva. uyakha indlu yakhe njengenundu, ibe njengedlangala elakhiwa ngumlinde. uyalala enothile, angakuphindi kodwa; uyavula amehlo akhe, abe engasekho. ingebhe iyamehlela njengamanzi; isivunguvungu siyamphephula ebusuku. umoya wasempumalanga uyamthatha, amuke; uyambhen-gala endaweni yakhe. uyacibishelwa engahawukelwa; uyabaleka nokubaleka esandleni sakhe. abantu bayakumshayela ihlombe, bamncimfele ukuba asuke endaweni yakhe.

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impela ukhona umthapho wesiliva, nendawo yegolide abalicwengayo. insimbi iyakhishwa emhlabathini; amatshe ayan-cibilikiwa abe yithusi. ubumnyama bubekelwa umkhawulo; kuyacingwa kuze kube sekupheleni konke amatshesigayegaye nethunzi lokufa. baqhekeza umgodi kude nalapho behlala khona abantu, lapho bekhohlakele khona lunyawo; bayalenga, bajikajika kude nabantu. umhlaba-ke, kuwona kuvela ukudla, kepha ngaphansi kwawo uyaphendukezelwa njengangomlilo. amatshesawo ayindawo yamasafire; inothuli lwegolide. lowo mgudu awaziwa yinqe, neso loheshe aliwubonanga. izilwane ezinkulu azihambanga ngawo, nengonyama ayidulanga ngawo. uyelulela isandla sakhe etsheni lensengetsha, agumbuqele izintaba kwasezimpandeni zazo. uqhekeza imihohoba emadwaleni; iso lakhe liyabona konke okuyigugu. uyavimba imifula ukuba ingaconsi; imfihlakalo uyayikhiphela ekukhanyeni. kepha ukuhlakanipha kufumanisekaphi? iphi indawo yokuqonda na? umuntu kalazi inani lakho; akutholakali ezweni labaphilayo. utwa luthi: akukho kimi; ulwandle luthi: akukho kimi. akunakuzuzwa ngegolide; intengo yakho ayinakulinganiswa nesiliva. kungelingane negolide lase-ofiri, neshohamu eliyigugu, nesafire. igolide nengilazi kungelingane nakho; akunakwenaniswa ngezinto zegolide elicwengekileyo. akunakukhulunywa ngekorali nangekristalu; intengo yakho iphezu kwamarubi. itopazi lasekushe alinakulinganiswa nakho, kungelingane negolide elicwengekileyo. ukuhlakanipha kuvelaphi na? indawo yokuqonda iphi na? kusithekile emehlweni abo bonke abaphi-

layo, kufihliwe ezinyonini zezulu. ukub-hujiswa nokufa kuthi: ngezindlebe zethu sizwile amahemuhemu akho. ulezi-ku uyaqonda indlela yakho; yena uyazi indawo yakho. ngokuba uyabeka imikhawulo yomhlaba, abone konke okuphansi kwezulu. lapho emisela umoya ukusinda kwawo, elinganisa amanzi ngezilinganiso, lapho enzela imvula isimiso, nonyazi lokuduma indlela, khona wakubona, walanda ngakho, wakuhlela, wakuphenya. wathi kubantu: bhekani, ukwesaba inkosi lokhu kungukuhlakanipha; ukusuka ebubini kungukuqonda.

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ujobe wabuye waphakamisa izwi lakhe, wathi: sengathi nga nginjengasezinyan-geni zakuqala, njengasemihleni ulezi-ku angigcina ngayo, lapho isibani sakhe sasikhanya phezu kwekhanda lami, ngihamba ebumnyameni ngokukhanya kwakhe, yebo, njengasezinsukwini zokuvuthwa kwami, lapho ubuhlobo bukalezi-ku babuphezu kwetende lami; lapho usomandla wabe esenami, nabantwana bami babe besangizungeza; lapho izinyathelo zami zagezwa ngamangqanga, nedwala elalingakimi langithelela imifula yamafutha. lapho ngaphuma ngaya esangweni ngasemzini, ngalungisa isihlalo sami esigcawini, izinsizwa zangibona, zacasha, nezimpunga zasuka zema, izikhulu zayeka ukukhuluma, zabeka izandla emilonyeni yazo; izwi labakhulu lathuliswa; izilimi zabo zanamatshela olwangenini lwabo. lapho indlebe yangizwa, yangibusisa, nalapho iso langibona, langifakazela. ngokuba ngakhulula abampofu abakhalayo kanye nentandane engenamsizi. isibusiso sobezakubhubha safika phezu kwami; ngenza inhliziyi yomfelokazi ukuba ihube ngokujabula. ngembatha ukulunga, kwaba yisambatho kimi; ukwahlulelwa kwami kwakunjengengubo nomqhele kimi. ngaba ngamehlo ezimpumputhe nezinyawo zezinyonga. nganginguyise wabampofu; indaba yengingamaziyo ngayiphenya. ngaphula imihlati yowonayo, ngahlwitha impango emazinyweni akhe. ngase ngithi: ngiyakufa esidlekeni sami, ngandise izinsuku zami zibe ngangesihlabathi. impande yami iyazivulela amanzi; amazolo alala ubusuku bonke egatsheni lami; udumo lwami lusha njalo kimi, umnsalo wami wenziwa musha esandleni sami. abantu bangilalela belinda; bathula ngesiluleko sami. emva kwamazwi ami ababe besakhuluma; amazwi ami aconsela phezu kwabo. bangilindela njengemvula; bangikhamisela imilomo yabo njengokukhamisela imvula yamuva. ngabahleka bengenakukholwa; ukukhanya kobuso bami kabakufiphazanga. uma

ngangikhetihile izindlela zabo, ngangiyakuhlala emqoka, ngahlalisa okwenkosi empini, njengoduduza abalilayo.

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kepha manje abancane ngeminyaka kunami bayangihleka, oyise babo engangibadelela ukuba ngingababeki naphakathi kwezinja zezimvu zami. yebo, namandla ezandla zabo angangisiza kanjani, abantu abaphelile iziphika, na? bondile ngokuswela nangendlala; baquqda ugwadule oluyize, olwaluyilohle nakuqala. bayakha imifino kasawoti ezihlahleni; izimpande zezinwele zingukudla kwabo. bayaxosha phakathi kwabantu; bamemeza emva kwabo njengasemva kwamasele. bahlala ezigidini ezesabekayo, nesemihumeni yomhlaba, naseziweni. bayakhonya phakathi kwezihlahla; phansi kwezimbabazane bayabuthana, bengabantwana beziwula, abantwana babangenamagama, beshaywa, bexosha ezweni. manje sengihaywa yibo, yebo, sengiyisaga sabo. bayanemwa yimi, bemi kude nami; abayeki ukungikhafulela ngamathe. bakhululile imichilo yabo, bangithobisa; balahlile itomu phambi kwami. ngakwesokunene kuvuka amachwensa; agudlumeza izinyawo zami, anginqwabelela izindlela zokubhubhisa. achitha umkhondo wami; asebenzela ukubhujiswa kwami engazibambi. angena kungathi ngesikhala esibanzi; phakathi kwencithakalo atheleka phezu kwami. ingebhe ithululwa phezu kwami; njengomoya luyaxosha udumo lwami; inhlalakahle yami iyadlula njengefu. manje umphefumulo wami uthululiwe phakathi kwami; izinsuku zosizi zingibambile. ebusuku amathambo ami ayabhotshozwa, asuke kimi; ubuhlungu obungigedlayo abuphumuli. ngamandla amakhulu umzimba wami wonakele; unamathela kimi njengentamo yesambatho sami. ungiphonsile odakeni; sengifana nothuli nomlotha. ngikhala kuwe, kepha awungiphenduli; ngimi lapha, uyangibuka nje. uyaguquka ukuze ungiphathe ngonya; ngamandla esandla sakho uyangizingela. uyangiphakamisela emoyeni, ungikhwelisa kuwo, wenze ukuba ngincibilike ngokuhlokoma kwesivunguvungu. ngokuba ngiyazi ukuthi ungiyisa ekufeni nasendlini yokubuthana kwabaphilayo bonke. kepha umuntu angelule isandla sakhe encithakalweni, akhale uma esengozini, na? angimkhalelanga yini ozinsuku zakhe zazilukhuni na? umphefumulo wami awuhawukelanga abampofu na? lapho ngabheka okuhle, kwafika bonara-ukukhandleka; ngalindela ukukhanya, kwafika ubumnyama. izibilini zami ziyaxhuxhuzela, aziphumuli; izinsuku zosizi

zingehlele. ngihamba ngimnyama, kungenziwanga yilanga; ngisukuma ebandleni ngikhala. ngingumfowabo wamakhanka, nomngane wezintshe. isikhumba sami simnyama, siyebuza kimi; amathambo ami ashile ngokushisa. ihabhu lami seliphen-duke isililo, nomtshingo wami uyizwi labakhalayo.

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ngenza isivumelwano namehlo ami: ngingabuka kanjani intombi na? ngokuba siyini isabelo ebesiyakuvela kulezi-ku phezulu, nefa likasomandla ebeliyakuvela ekuphakameni, na? akusikho ukubhubha kwabangalungile nengozi kwabenza bonara-ukukhandleka na? yena akaboni izindlela zami, abale izinyathelo zami zonke, na? uma ngihambile ngamanga, nonyawa lwami luphuthume enkohlsweni, mangilinganise ngesilinganiso esilungileyo, ukuze ulezi-ku azi ukuphelela kwami. uma izinyathelo zami zichezukele endleleni, inhliziyo yami yalandela amehlo ami, uma kunamathela isisihla ezandleni zami, mangihlwanyele, kudle omunye, yebo, zisishulwe izithelo zami. uma inhliziyo yami iyengwe ngowesifazane, ngaqamekela ngasemnyango womakhelwane wami, umkami makasilele omunye, kuguqe abanye phezu kwakhe. ngokuba lokho ngabe kuyicala, ngabe kungububi bokujeziswa. ngokuba kungumlilo odlayo kuze kube sekubhujisweni, kusishulwe yonke inzuzo yami. uma ngidelele ukwahlulelwa kwenceku yami noma okwencekuzi yami, lapho bephikisana nami, ngiyakwenze njani, lapho ulezi-ku evuka, nalapho engiphenya, ngingaphendula ngokuthini na? owangenza mina esiswini, wabenza nabo; owasibumba esizalweni munye. uma ngingabele abampofu abakufisayo, ngenza amehlo omfelokazi ukuba afiphale, ngadla ucezu lwami lwesinkwa ngingedwa, ingaludlanga nentandane hhayi, ikhulele kimi kwasebusheni bami njengakuyise; kwasesizalweni sikamame ngangungumholi wabafelokazi uma ngibone obhubhile ngokuswela isakbatho, kungekho okokuzimboza kompofu; uma ukhalo lwakhe lungangibusisanga, uma engafudunyezswanga nguboya bezimvu zami; uma ngiphakamisele intandane isandla sami, ngokuba ngabona usizo lwami esangweni, maliwe ihlombe lami esiphangeni, nengalo yami yaphulwe enkothweni yayo. ngokuba ngesaba ukubhujiswa ngulezi-ku; ngenxa yokuphakama kwakhe bengingekwenza lutho. uma ngibeke igolide libe yithemba lami, ngathi egolideni elihle: ngithemba wena; uma ngithokozile, ngokuba imfuyo yami inkulu nangokuba isandla sami sithole okuningi; uma ngibone ukukhanya ukuthi kuyakhazimula,

nenyanga ukuthi ihamba ngencwazimulo, kwayengwa inhliziyi yami esitha, nomlomo wanga isandla sami, nalokho kwakungububi bokujeziswa, ngokuba ngangimphikile ulezi-ku phezulu. uma ngithokozile ngengozi yongizondayo, ngaxhuma lapho eficwa ngbona-ra-ukukhandleka kepha angivume-  
 langa ulimi lwami ukuba lone ngokucela ukuphila kwakhe ngesifungo uma abantu betende lami bengashongo ukuthi: ngubani ongathola umuntu ongasuthanga ngenyama yakhe na? abafokazi kabalalanga phandle, ngavulela izihambi iminyango yami uma ngisibekele iziphambeko zami njengo-  
 adamu ngokufihla ububi bami esifubeni sami, ngokuba ngesaba isixuku esikhulu, ngaba novalo lokudelelwa ngabomndeni, ngaze ngathula, angaphuma emnyango sengathi angaba khona ongizwayo nantu uphawu lwami, makangiphendule usomandla ngibe nencwadi ayilobileyo omelana nami!  
 ngangiyakuyithwala emahlombe ami, ngiyibophe ibe ngumqhele kimi, ngimlandise ngomumo wezinyathelo zami, ngisondele kuye njengesikhulu. uma umhlaba wami ukhalile ngami, nemisele yawo ililile kanyekanye; uma ngidlile izithelo zawo ngingenamali, ngenza ukuba bafe abaniniwo, makuhlume ikhakhasi esikhundleni sikakolweni, kuvele ukhula endaweni yebhali. amazwi kajobe asephelile.

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lawo madoda amathathu ayeseyeka ukumphendula ujobe, ngokuba wayelungile emehlweni akhe. lwase lwutha ulaka luka-elihu, indodana kabarakeli, umbuzi womndeni karamu; ulaka lwakhe lwavuthela ujobe, ngokuba wazithetha yena kunolezi-ku. ulaka lwakhe lwavuthela nabangane bakhe abathathu, ngokuba noma bengafumananga impendulo, bamhlala nokho ujobe. u-elihu wayelindele ukukhuluma kujobe, ngokuba bona babebadala kunaye. lapho u-elihu esebona ukuthi ayikho impendulo emilonyeni yalawo madoda amathathu, lwavutha ulaka lwakhe. u-elihu, indodana kabarakeli, umbuzi, wayesethatha-ke, wathi: mina ngisemusha ngeminyaka, nina nibadala; ngalokho nganginamahloni, ngesaba ukunitshela umqondo wami. ngathi: makukhulume izinsuku, ubuningi beminyaka bazise ukuhlakanipha. nokho kukhona umoya kumuntu; ukuphefumula kukasomandla kuyabaqondisa. abakhulu abahlakaniphile, nabadala abaqondi ukwahlulela. ngalokho ngithi: ngizweni; nami ngiyakusho umqondo wami. bhekani, ngilindele amazwi enu, ngabeka indlebe emiqondweni yenu, nisapheya eniyakukusho. nganilalela nina; bhekani, kwakungekho noyedwa owamahlula ujobe

nowaphendula amazwi akhe phakathi kwenu. maningasho ukuthi: sifumene ukuhlakanipha; ulezi-ku angamphengulula, hhayi umuntu. akahlelelanga mina amazwi akhe; angiyikumphendula ngezinkulumo zenu. bayakhungatheka, abasaphenduli; baphelelwa ngamazwi. ngibalindele yini, uma bengakhulumi, na? ngokuba bemi bengasaphenduli. nami ngiyakuphendula okwami, ngitshengise nami umqondo wami. ngokuba ngigcwele amazwi; umoya phakathi kwami uyangiqhubezela. bhekani, okuphakathi kwami kunjengewayini elingenambobo; kucishe ukuqhuma njengezimvaba ezintsha. ngiyakukhuluma ukuba ngikhululeke; ngiyakuvula izindebe zami ukuba ngiphendule. mangingakhethi ubuso bamuntu, ngingathophi nobani. ngokuba angikwazi ukuthopha; uma kunjalo, umenzi wami angangisusa masinyane.

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kepha manje, jobe mawuzwe amazwi ami, bheka-ke, sengivula umlomo wami; ulimi lwami lukhuluma emlonyeni wami. amazwi ami avela enhliziyweni yami eqotho; okwaziwa yizindebe zami ziyakukhuluma ngesiminy. umoya kalezi-ku ungenzile, nokuphefumula kukasomandla kunginika ukuphila. uma ukwazi, ngiphendule; zihlele phambi kwami, ume. bheka, nginjengawe maqondana nolezi-ku: ngibunjiwe nami ngebumba. bheka, ingebhe ngami ayiyikukugebhezisa, nesandla sami esiphezu kwakho asiyikukusinda. impela wakhuluma ezindlebeni zami, ngezwa izwi lokukhuluma kwakho ukuthi: ngimsulwa, anginasiphambeko; ngimhlophe, akukho bona-ra-ukukhandleka kimi. bheka, uthola amathuba ngami, ungishaya isitha sakhe. ufaka izinyawo zami ezingongolweni, aqaphele zonke izindlela zami. bheka, ngiyakuphendula ukuthi awuthethanga kahle lokho, ngokuba ulezi-ku mkhulu kunomuntu. umphikiselani ngokuthi: akaphenduli nelilodwa lamazwi ami. ngokuba ulezi-ku ukhuluma kanye, yebo, nakabili, umuntu engakunaki. ephusheni nasembonweni wasebusuku, lapho abantu behlelwe ngubuthongo obunzima, bozela emacansini, khona uyavula izindlebe zabantu, abeke uphawu ekufundisweni kwabo, ukuze aphambukise umuntu ekwenzeni kwakhe, anqume ukuzidla kumuntu; ungqanda umphefumulo wakhe ekubhujisweni, nokuphila kwakhe ukuba kungachithwa ngomkhonto. uyajeziswa ngobuhlungu nasekansini lakhe, nangokulwa okungaphe-  
 liyo emathanjeni akhe. inhliziyi iyanengwa ngukudla, nomphefumulo wakhe uzonda ukudla okade ukufisa. inyama yakhe iyadliwa, ingabe isabonwa; amathambo



akhe akade engabonakali aseqhamukile. umphefumulo wakhe uyasondela egodini, nokuphila kwakhe kubabulali. uma kukhona ingelosi kuye, nehumusha noma yiliphi enkulungwaneni lokuba litsele umuntu okumlungeleyo, ulezi-ku abeseba nomusa kuye, athi: mkhulule ukuba angehleli egodini, sengitholile ihlawulo, inyama yakhe ibe ntsha kuneyomntwana, abuyele emihleni yobusha bakhe, khona uyakunxusa ulezi-ku ukuba abe nomusa kuye, abone ubuso bakhe ngokujabula, abesebuyisela kumuntu ukulunga kwakhe. usehlabelela phambi kwabantu, uthi: ngonile, ngahlanekezele ukulunga, kepha akwenziwanga kimi njengokufaneleyo: uhlengile umphefumulo wami ukuba ungadluleli egodini; ngiyakubona ukukhanya ngiphila. bhekani, konke lokhu ulezi-ku uyakwenza kabili, yebo, kathathu kumuntu ukuba abuyise umphefumulo wakhe egodini, akhanyiselwe ngokukhanya kwabaphilayo. yizwa, jobe, ungilalele; thula, mina ngizakukhuluma. uma unamazwi, ngiphendule; khuluma, ngokuba ngifisa ukukuthethelela. uma ungenawo, ngilalele wena; thula, ngiyakukufundisa ukuhlakanipha.

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u-elihu wathatha wathi: yizwani amazwi ami, nina zihlakaniphi, nibeke indlebe kimi nina zazi. ngokuba indlebe iyavivinya amazwi, njengokuba ulwanga luzwa ukudla. masizikhethele okulungileyo, sazi phakathi kwethu okuhle. ngokuba ujobe uthi: ngilungile; ulezi-ku ususile ukwahlulelwa kwami. phezu kokwahlulelwa kwami ngishaywa onamanga; inxeba lami alinakupholiswa, noma ngingenasiphambeko. ngumuphi umuntu onjengojobe ophuza usulu njengamanzi, ohamba ngokwazana nabenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka, ahambisane nabantu ababi, na? ngokuba uthi: akunalusizo kumuntu ukuba azane nolezi-ku. ngalokho ngizweni nina bantu abanokuqonda; makube kude nolezi-ku ukuba enze bona-ra-ukukhandleka, naku-somandla ukuba enze ukona. ngokuba uyabuyisela kumuntu njengokwenza kwakhe, atholise kube yilowo nalowo njengezindlela zakhe. impela ulezi-ku akenzi bona-ra-ukukhandleka; usomandla kahlanekezele ukwahlulela. ngubani owambeka phezu komhlaba na? ngubani owamisa izwe lonke na? uma ebeyakuzibheka yena, azibuyisele umoya wakhe nomphefumulo wakhe, inyama yonke ibiyakufa kanyekanye, umuntu abuyele othulini. uma unengqondo, yizwa lokhu, ulalele izwi lokukhuluma kwami. imbala ozonda ukwahlulela uyakubusa na? uyakumlahla olungileyo nonamandla oshoyo enkosini

ukuthi: muntu omubi, nasezikhulwini: mashinga, ongakhethi ubuso bezikhulu, onganaki ocebileyo kunompopu, na? ngokuba bonke bangumsebenzi wezandla zakhe. bayafa ngokuphazima kweso; phakathi kwamabili abantu bayathuthumela, banyamalale; amaqhawe ayasuswa, kepha kungengasandla. ngokuba amehlo akhe akuzo izindlela zomuntu; ubona zonke izinyathelo zakhe. abukho ubumnyama, nethunzi lokufa alikho, lapho abenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka bengacasha khona. ngokuba akadingi ukuba abelokhu ebheka umuntu ukuba aye kulezi-ku ukwahlulelwa. uyaphahlaza abanamandla, kungahlolwanga, amise abanye ezikhundleni zabo. ngalokho uyazi imisebenzi yabo; uyabagumbuqela ebusuku, bachotshozwe. uyabashaya njengababi endaweni lapho bebonwa khona, ngokuba bachezuka ekumlandeleni, abanakanga neyodwa yezindlela zakhe, baze benza ukuba ukukhala kwabampofu kufike kuye, wezwa ukukhala kwabahluphekayo. lapho yena ethula, ngubani ongalahla, nalapho ethukusa ubuso bakhe, ngubani ongambona na? ubusa ngokufananyayo, noma kuyisizwe noma kungumuntu, ukuba kungabusi muntu ongenalezi-ku, abantu bacushwe. ngokuba ukhona oke wathi kulezi-ku: ngithweswe icala noma ngingonanga, na? lokhu engingakuboni, ngifundise khona; uma ngenzile bona-ra-ukukhandleka, angisayikukuphinda. uyakuphindisela njengokuthanda kwakho, lokhu ukwenqaba, na? ngokuba nguwe ozakukhetha, akusimina; khuluma okwaziyo. abantu abanokuqonda bayakusho kimi, yebo, nezihlakaniphi, lapho zingizwa, ziyakuthi: ujobe ukhuluma engenalwazi; amazwi akhe awanangqondo. sengathi ujobe angavivinywa kuze kube sekupheleni, ngokuba uphendula njengabantu ababi. ngokuba uyenezela ukuhlubuka esonweni sakhe; ushaya ihlombe phakathi kwethu, andise amazwi akhe kulezi-ku.

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u-elihu wathatha wathi: usho uthi lokhu kulungile na? uthi: yilungelo lami kulezi-ku yini, njengokuba uthi: kungisiza ngani? nokuthi: ngizuzeni kunalokho ebengiyakukuzusa, uma ngonile, na? ngizakukuphendula mina ngamazwi, wena nabangane bakho. bheka ngasezulwini, ubone, uqaphele amafu aphakeme kunawe. uma wona, wenzani kuye na? uma iziphambeko zakho ziziningi, wenzani kuyena na? uma ulungile, umnikani yena, noma umekelani esandleni sakho na? ububi bakho buqondene nomuntu onjengawe, nokulunga kwakho kuthintana nendodana yomuntu. abantu bakhala ngobuningi

bezinkahlo; bakhala ngokusizwa ngenxa yen-galo yabanamandla. kepha akakho othi: uphi ulezi-ku, umenzi wami, ozwakalisa amahubo ebusuku, osifundisa phezu kwezilwane zomhlaba, asenze sihlakaniphe phezu kwezinyoni zezulu. lapho bayakhala ngokuzidla kwababi, kepha akaphenduli. impela ulezi-ku akezwa okuyize, usomandla akayikukunakekela; kakhulu kangakanani, lapho uthi awumboni nokuthi, noma icala liphambi kwakhe, usamhlalela, na? kepha manje, ngokuba intukuthelo yakhe ingajezisi, anganaki kakhulu iziphambeko, ujobe uvulela ize umlomo wakhe; uyandisa amazwi engenalwazi.

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u-eliu waqhubeka wathi: ngihlalele kan-cane, ngiyakukubonisa, ngokuba ngise-namazwi okummela ulezi-ku. ngiyaku-landa kude ulwazi lwami, nginike umenzi wami ukulunga. impela amazwi ami awasiwo amanga; unawe ophelele ek-wazini. bheka, ulezi-ku unamandla, kepha kadeleli muntu; mkhulu emandleni okuqonda. akenzi ukuba omubi aphile, kepha abampofu uyabanika ukwahlulelwa. akabuyisi amehlo akhe kwabalungileyo, kepha ubahlalisa namakhosi ezihlalweni zobukhosi, baphakame kuze kube phakade. uma beboshwa ngamaketanga, babanjwe ngezintambo zokuhlupheka, uyababonisa izenzo zabo neziphambeko zabo zokuthi baziphakamisile. uyavulela izindlebe zabo ukulaywa, asho ukuba babuye eubuni. uma belalela, bamkhonze, bayakuqeda imihla yabo ebuhleni neminyaka yabo kukho okumnandi. kepha uma bengalaleli, bayakuphela ngenkemba, bafe bengenal-wazi. abangesabi ngenhliziyo baqongelela ulaka; abakhali lapho ebabopha. bafa be-sebasha, ukuphila kwabo kube njengok-wezifube zethempeli. ukhulula ompofu ngobumpofu bakhe, avule indlebe yabo ngokuhlupheka. yebo, nga ekuvusa ukuba uphume emlonyeni wosizi, uye endaweni ebanzi, lapho kungekho kuninyeka khona, kunone okubekwa etafuleni lakho. kepha ugwele ukwahlulelwa kwababi; ukwahlulela nokulunga kuyakubamba. xwaya ukuba ulaka lungakuvusi usashaywa, ungachez-ukiswa ngobuningi bamahlawulo. ukukhala kwakho kungakusiza ukuba ungahlali os-izini, nazo zonke izikhwepha zamandla akho, na? ungafisi ubusuku, lapho abantu beyakususa ezindaweni zabo. xwaya ukuba ungabhekisi ubuso bakho eubuni, ngokuba ukhethile lokho kunokuhlupheka. bheka, ulezi-ku uphakeme ngamandla akhe; ngubani ofundisa njengaye na? ngubani om-misele indlela yakhe na? ngubani ongasho ukuthi: bezile bona-ra-ukukhandleka, na?

khumbula ukukhulisa izenzo zakhe abahla-belela ngazo abantu. bonke abantu bayazibona; abokufa bayazibuka besekude. bheka, ulezi-ku uphakeme, asimqondi; umumo weminyaka yakhe ayinakuphenywa. wenyusa amathonsi amanzi, abuye awathu-lule njengemvula enkungwini yakhe; amafu awenza ukuba aconse, awathele phezu kwa-bantu abaningi. ukhona ongaqonda uk-wenekeka kwamafu nokuduma kwedokodo lakhe na? bheka, uyasakaza ukukhanya kwakhe ngakuye; uyasibekela ubuphansi bolwandle. ngokuba ngalokho uyabahlulela abantu, aphane kakhulu ngokudla. uyasi-bekela izandla zakhe ngokukhanya, akuyale ukuba kushaye isigcibisholo. umsindo wakhe ulanda ngaye oshisekela ububi ngen-tukuthelo.

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yebo, ngenxa yalokho iyathuthumela inhliziyo yami, isuke endaweni yayo. yizwani, nizwe indumo yezwi lakhe, nemvunge ephuma emlonyeni wakhe. uyakukhipha phansi kwalo lonke izulu, nonyazi lwakhe luya emagumbini omhlaba. emva kwalo kuduma izwi; uduma ngezwi lobukhosi bakhe; kalumisi unyazi, lapho lizwakala izwi lakhe. ulezi-ku uyaduma ngezwi lakhe ngokumangalisayo; wenza izinto ezinkulu esingaziqondi. ngokuba uthi eqhweni: khithika emhlabeni; kanjalo nasesihlambini semvula, yebo, ezihlambini zemvula zakhe ezinamandla. uyana-mathelisa izandla zabantu bonke ukuba bonke abantu bazi imisebenzi yakhe. seziya izilwane ezikhundleni zazo, zih-lale emihumeni yazo. isikhwishikhwishi siphuma ekamelweni laso, namakhaza emimoyeni ehlakazayo. ngokuphefumula kukalezi-ku kuvela ungqoqwane, ububanzi bamanzi buqine. yebo, uyathwesa amafu ngokuswakama; uyeneka amafu onyazi lwakhe. ayajika, aphenduke njengokun-quma kwakhe ukuba enze konke awayalayo ebusweni bomhlaba owakhiweyo, awafikise abe luswazi, afike ngenxa yomhlaba noma ngenxa yomusa. beka indlebe kulokhu, jobe; yima, uqonde izimangaliso zikalezi-ku. uyazi yini ukuthi ulezi-ku uwayala kanjani, enze ukuba unyazi lwamafu akhe lukhanye na? uyaqonda yini ukulinganiswa kwamafu, izimangaliso zophelele olwazini, wena ozingubo zakho zifudumala, lapho ethulisa umhlaba ngeshisandlu, na? ungeneka isibhakabhaka njengaye, esiqinile njenge-sibuko esibunjiweyo, na? sifundise ukuthi siyakuthini kuye; asinakuhlela indaba yethu ngenxa yobumnyama. uyakutshelwa ukuthi ngiyakhuluma na? ukhona yini oshoyo ukuthi makabhubhe na? manje, abantu abanakukubona ukukhanya okuk-

hazimula esibhakabhakeni, ngasenyakatho kuvela inkazimulo yegolide; ulezi-ku wembethe ubukhosi obesabekayo. usomandla singemqonde; mkhulu ngamandla nangokwahlulela; ngokulunga kwakhe okukhulu akoni lutho. ngalokho abantu bayamesaba; kepha akanaki abazishaya izihlakaniphi ngenhliziyo.

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ujehova-aeiou wayesemphendula ujobe esesikhwishikhwishini, ethi: ngubani lo owenza mnyama isiluleko ngamazwi angenalwazi na? bopha izinkalo zakho njen-gendoda; ngizakukubuza, wena ungazise. wawukuphi, lapho ngasekela umhlaba, na? ngitshele, uma ukwazi ukuqonda. ngubani owanquma izilinganiso zawo, ngokuba uyakwazi phela! ngubani owelula umucu wokulinganisa phezu kwawo na? izisekelo zawo zabekwa phezu kwani na? ngubani owabeka itshe lawo legumbi, lapho izinkanyezi zokusa zahlabelela kanyekanye, nawo onke amadodana kalezi-ku ajabula, na? ngubani owavalela ulwandle ngezicabha, lapha lwabhoboka kungathi lwaphuma esiswini, lapho ngabeka amafu aba yisambatho salo, nesigayegaye saba yimbeleko yalo, nalapho ngalumisela umncele wami, ngamisa imigoqo nezicabha, ngathi: uyakufika lapha, kepha ungadluli; lapha amaza akho aziqhenyayo ayakumiswa, na? emihleni yakho uyalile ukusa, wazisa umthende wokusa indawo yawo ukuba ubambe amagumbi omhlaba, ababi bathintithwe kuwo, na? uguquka njengebumba lophawu lokunamathelisa; konke kuqhamuka kungathi kwembesiwe. ababi sebenqatshelwe ukukhanya kwabo, nengalo ephakemeyo yaphuliwe. wake wangena emithonjeni yolwandle, wahamba phansi otweni, na? amasango okufa uwavulelwe, wabona amasango ethunzi lokufa, na? uqondile ububanzi bomhlaba na? yisho, uma ukwazi konke. iphi indlela eya lapho kuhlala khona ukukhanya, nobumnyama-ke, iphi indawo yabo, ukuze ukuyise emkhawulweni wakho, uqonde imikhondo yendlu yakho, na? angithi uyakwazi, ngokuba wawusuzelwe, nomumo wemihla yakho mkhulu, na? wake wangena ezinqolobaneni zeqhwa, wabona izinqwaba zesichotho, engiziqongelele isikhathi sokuhlupheka nosuku lokulwa nolwempi, na? iphi indlela eya lapho ukukhanya kwahlukaniselwa khona, nalapho umoya wasempumalanga uhlakazekela khona emhlabeni, na? ngubani ovulele ukuchichima kwamanzi umsele nonyazi lokuduma indlela, ukunisa imvula emhlabeni lapho kungekho muntu khona, nasehlane elingenamuntu, ukusuthisa ihlane kwahlongasibi,

nokuhlumisa uhlaza, na? kukhona uyise wemvula na? ngubani owazala amathonsi amazolo na? iqhwa lavela esiswini sikabani, nesithwathwa sazalwa ngubani, na? amanzi ayacasha kungathi ayitshé; ubuso botwa buhlangene. ungabopha amaketanga esilimela, uthukulule izintambo zempambano, na? ungakhipha izinkanyezi ngesikhathi sazo, uhole ibhere nabantwana balo, na? uyazazi izimiso zasezulwini, umise ukumisa kwazo emhlabeni, na? ungaphakamisela izwi lakho emafwini, ukuze amanzi amaningi akusibekele, na? ungathuma imibani ukuba ihambe, isho kuwe, ithi: bheka, silapha? ngubani obeke ukuhlakanipha phakathi komuntu, ngubani onika ukuqonda enhliziyweni na? ngubani ongabala amafu ngokuhlakanipha, ngubani ongathulula izimvaba zasezulwini, lapho uthuli luphenduka isigaxa, namagabade anamathelane, na? uyazingelela ibhubesikazi impango, usuthise iphango lamabhongo, lapho elala emihumeni yawo, ehlezi esikhundleni eqamekele, na? ngubani olungisela igwababa ukudla kwalo, lapho amaphuphu alo ekhala kulezi-ku, ezulazula ngokuswela ukudla, na?

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uyazi yini isikhathi sokuzala kwamagogo, uqaphela ukuzala kwezindluzelekazi, na? ungazibala izinyanga eziziqedayo, uyazazi isikhathi ezizala ngaso, na? ziyakhonkoba, zizala amazinyane azo, zikhiphe okwemihlelo yazo. amazinyane azo aqua, akhulela endle; ayahamba, angabe esabuyela kuzo futhi. ngubani ovumele imbongolo yasendle ukuba ihambe; ngubani owathukulula izintambo zayo, engenza ihlane libe yindlu yayo, nezwe likasawoti libe yindawo yayo yokuhlala, na? ihleka umsindo wedolobha, ingezwa ukumemeza komshayeli. oku-funyanwa ezintabeni kuyidlelo layo: ifuna zonke izinto eziluhlaza. inyathi iyakuthanda ukukhonza, ihlale ebusuku emkhombeni wakho, na? ungayibophela inyathi ngen-tambo emseleni, ibhuke izigodi emva kwakho, na? ungayethemba, ngokuba amandla ayo makhulu, ushiye umshikashika wakho kuyo, na? ungakholwa yiyo ukuba ibuyise imbewu yakho, iyibuthele esibuyeni sakho, na? amaphiko entshe ayaphap-haza, kepha angamakhombe nezimpaphe zothando na? ngokuba iyashiya amaqanda ayo emhlabathini, iwafudumeze othulini. iyakhohlwa ukuthi unyawo lungawachoboza nokuthi isilwane sasendle singawany-athela. iphatha kalukhuni amazinyane ayo, kungathi awasiwo awayo; ayinangebhe yokuthi umshikashika wayo ungaba yize. ngokuba ulezi-ku wayenza ukuba ikhohlwe ukhulakanipha, akayabelanga ukuqonda.

lapho indizela phezulu, ihleka amahhashi nabagibeli bawo. nguwe onika ihhashi amandla bawo, wembathisile intamo yalo umhlwenga oyephuzelayo, na? ulenze ukuba lixhume njengenkumbi na? indumo yokuthimula kwalo iyesabeka. liyaphanda ezigidini, liyesasa ngamandla alo, liyaphuma ukuhlanguzana nezimpi. liyahleka ingebhe, alesabi, alibuyi phambi kwenkamba. isambo siyalikhehlelela nomkhonto okhazimulayo, nengcula. ngolaka lwalo nangokufutheka kwalo liyagwinya umhlabathi; alimi ngokukhala kwecilongo. ekuzwakaleni kwecilongo lithi: nakho-ke; lihogela ukulwa kusekude, nendumo yezinduna nokumemeza kwazo. uklebe uyandiza ngokuqonda kwakho, awelulele ngaseningizimu amaphiko akhe, na? ukhozi lwenyukela phezulu ngezwi lakho, lwakhe isidleke salo phezulu, na? luhlala esiweni, lwakha khona, eweni ledwala eliyinqaba yalo. lulapho luhlola ukudla lakho; amehlo alo akubona kusekude. amazinyane alo amuneka igazi; lapho kukhona abagwaziweyo, lukhona nalo.

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ujehova-aeiou wayesemphendula ujobe, wathi: osolayo uyakuphikisana nosomandla na? omkhuza ulezi-ku makaphendule. ujobe wamphendula ujeheva-aeiou, wathi: bheka, angiyinto yalutho; ngingakuphendula ngokuthini na? ngibeka isandla sami emlonyeni wami. ngikhulumile kanye, angisayikuphendula, yebo, kabili, kepha angiqhubeki. ujeheva-aeiou wayesemphendula ujobe esesikhwishikhwishini, wathi: bopha izinkalo zakho njengendoda; ngizakukubiza, wena ungazise. imbala uyachitha ukwahlulela kwami, ungilahle ukuba ube ngolungileyo, na? unengalo njengolezi-ku, ungaduma ngezwi elinjengelakhe, na? zihlobise ngobukhosi nangokuphakama, wembathe udumo nenkazimulo. thulula ukuphuphuma kwentukuthelo yakho, ubheke bonke abazidlayo, ubathobise. bheka bonke abaziphakamisayo, ubehlise phansi, unyathele ababi ezindaweni zabo. bafihle othulini kanyekanye, ubophe ubuso babo endaweni ethukusiweyo. khona ngiyakukudumisa nami ngokuthi isandla sakho sokunene singakusindisa. ake ubheke ubehemoti engamenza kanye nawe; uyadla utshani njengenkabi. bheka-ke, amandla akhe asezikalweni zakhe, nezikhwepha zakhe zisemisipheni yesisu sakhe. uqinisa umsila wakhe njengomsedari; imisipha yamathanga akhe yalukene. amathambo akhe anjengemibhobo yethusi; izimbambo zakhe zinjengemigqala yensimbi. ungowokuqala wezidalwa zikalazi-ku; ekwenziweni waphiwa inkemba yakhe. izintaba ziyamvezela

ukudla, lapho kudlala khona izilwane zonke zasendle. ulala phansi kwezihlahla ezinomthunzi ekusitheni kwemihlanga nasemaxhaphozini. izihlahla ezinomthunzi ziyamsibekela ngomthunzi wazo; iminyezane yasemfuleni iyamphahla. bheka, noma kuphuphuma umfula, akethuki; uyaqalaba, noma ijordani ligijigijimela emlonyeni wakhe. ngabanjwa ebhekile, liqhunjuzelwe ikhala lakhe umkhala, na?

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ungakhipha uleviyathani ngodobo, ucindezele phansi ulimi lwakhe ngentambo, na? ungafaka igoda lomhlangu ekhaleni lakhe, ubhoboze umhlathi wakhe ngodobo, na? uyakwenza imikhuleko eminingi kuwe, akhulume kuwe amazwi athambileyo, na? uyakwenza isivumelwano nawe ukuba umthathe abe yinceku kuze kube phakade na? ungadlala naye njengenyoni, umbophele amantombazana akho, na? abathengi bangathengiselana ngaye, bamahlukanise phakathi kwabahwebi, na? ungagcalisa isikhumba sakhe ngezinhlela, nekhandla lakhe ngamathatha ezinhlanzi, na? beka isandla sakho kuye; khumbula ukulwa; awusayikukuphinda. bheka, ithemba lakho liyakhohlisa; nangokumbona nje uyawiswa phansi. akakho onesibindi sokumvusa. ngubani, pho, ongema phambi kwami na? ngubani ongandulele ukuba ngimbuyisele na? konke okuphansi kwezulu kungokwami. angiyikuthula ngezitho zakhe, nangendaba yamandla akhe, nangesimo sakhe esihle. ngubani ongakhumula isambatho sakhe esingaphandle; ngubani ongangena phakathi kwemihlathi yakhe emibili na? iza-icabha zobuso bakhe ngubani ongazivula na? amazinyo akhe ayesabeka naxozonke. umhlane wakhe uyizinhla zezihlangu; zinamathelisiwe njengangophawu. zisondelele esinye kwesinye, kungangeni moya phakathi kwazo. zinamathelene; zibambelene, azinakwahlukaniswa. ukuthimula kwakhe kubengezela ngokukhanya; amehlo akhe anjengezinkophe zokusa. emlonyeni wakhe kuphuma izihlanti, nezinhlanzi zomlilo zizaqhasha. emakhaleni akhe kuphuma umusi njengasesocweni esibilayo nasemihlangeni eshayo. ukuphefumula kwakhe kokhela amalahl, nelangabi liphuma emlonyeni wakhe. entanyeni yakhe kuhlala amandla, nengebhe iyaxhuma phambi kwakhe. amanya enyama yakhe anamathelene; abunjwe kuye, awanakusiswa. inhliziyo yakhe iqinile njengetshe, yebo, iqinile njengetshe lokusila elingaphansi. ekuvukeni kwakhe abanamandla bayesaba; ngenxa yevuso baphela amandla. noma inkemba ifinyelela kuye, ayinakusiza, noma umkhonto nomcibisholo nengcula. insimbi

uyishaya utshani, nethusi ibunga. umcibisholo awunakumxosha; amatshe endwayimana aphenduka amabibi kuye. izagila uzishaya amabibi; uyahleka ukugunquza kwengcula. ingaphansi lakhe linjengezindegezi ezibukhali; uyenaba njengesibhuqo odakeni. wenza inzulu ibile njengekhanzi; wenza ulwandle lufane nomfuma wamafutha. wenza umgudu ukhazimule emva kwakhe; kungathi utwa lungwevu. emhlabeni akukho okufana naye owenziwa abe ngongesabiyo. ubona konke okuphakemeyo; uyinkosi phezu kwabo bonke abantwana bokuzikhukhumeza.

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ujobe wayesemphendula ujevova-aeiou, wathi: ngiyazi ukuthi ungenza konke; alinakuvinjwa icebo lakho. ngubani ositheza iziluleko engenakwazi na? ngikhulumile lokho ngingakuqondanga, izimangaliso ezinkulu kunami ebengingazazi. ake ungizwe, kukhulume mina; ngiyakukubuza, wena ungazise. ngangizwile ngawe ngokuzwa kwezindlebe, kepha manje iso lami liyakubona. ngalokho ngiyazinenga, ngizisole othulini nasemlotheni. kwathi lapho ujevova-aeiou esekhulumile lawo mazwi kujobe, ujevova-aeiou wathi ku-elifazi umthemani: intukuthelo yami iyavuthela wena nabangane bakho ababili, ngokuba anikhulumanga okulungileyo ngami njengenceku yami ujobe. ngalokho zithatheleni izinkunzi eziyisikhombisa nezinqama eziyisikhombisa, niye encek-wini yami ujobe, nizinikelele ngazo zibe ngumnikelo wokushiswa; ujobe inceku yami uyakunikhulekela, ngokuba uma ngivuma ubuso bakhe, angiyikwenza kini njen-gobuwula benu, lokhu ningakhulumanga okulungileyo ngami njengenceku yami ujobe. base behamba u-elifazi umthemani, nobilidadi umshuhi, nosofari umnahama, benza njengokukhuluma kukajevova-aeiou kubo; ujevova-aeiou wavuma-ke ubuso bukajobe. ujevova-aeiou wambuyisa ujobe ekuhluphekeni, lapho ekhulekela abangane bakhe; wenezela kukho konke ujobe ayenakho ngokukuphinda kabili. kwase kufika kuye bonke abafowabo, nabo bonke odadewabo, nabo bonke ababazana naye ngaphambili, badla endlini yakhe; bamkhalela, bamduduza ngakho konke bona-ra-ukukhandleka ujevova-aeiou amehlisele khona, yilowo nalowo wamnika uhlamvu lwemali necici legolide. kanjalo ujevova-aeiou wabusisa ukugcina kukajobe kunokuqala kwakhe; waba nezimvu eziyizinkulungwane eziyishumi nane, namakamela ayizinkulungwane eziyisit hupha, namabhangqa ayinkulungwane ezinkabi, nezimbongolo zezinsikazi eziyinkulung-

wane. wayenamadodana ayisikhombisa namadodakazi amathathu. wabiza igama leyokuqala ngokuthi ujemima, negama leyesibili ngokuthi ukesiya, negama leyesithathu ngokuthi ukereni haphuki. ezweni lonke akufunyanwanga abesifazane abahle njengamadodakazi kajobe; uyise wabanika ifa phakathi kwabanewabo. emva kwalokho ujobe wayeseekhona iminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amane, wabona amadodana akhe namadodana amadodana akhe kwaze kwaba yizizukulwane ezine. wafa-ke ujobe esemdala, esanelisiwe yizinsuku.

isihlabelelo sezihlabelelo esingesikasolomoni. makangange ngokwanga komlomo wakhe! ngokuba uthando lwakho lumnandi kunewayini. amafutha akho anephunga elimnandi; igama lakho linjengamafutha athululiweyo; ngalokho izintombi ziyakuthanda. ngidonse emva kwakho, sigijime; inkosi isingingenisile emakamelweni ayo. siyakujabula, sithokoze ngawe, sikhulume ngothando lwakho kunewayini. kufanele ukuba bakuthande. ngimnyama, kepha ngimuhle, madodakazi asejerusalema, njengamatende akwakedari, njengezilenge zikasolomoni. ningangibuki ukuthi ngimnyamana, ngokuba ilanga lingifusile. amadodana kamame angifutha, angenza umlindizivini, kepha isivini esingesami angisilindanga. ngitshale wena othandwa ngumphefumulo wami ukuthi waluselaphi, uphumuzaphi umhlambi emini, ngokuba yini ukuba ngibe njengowesifazane oduki-leyo ngasemihlambini yabangane bakho na? uma ungakwazi wena muhlekezi phakathi kwabesifazane, phuma uhambe ezinyathelweni zomhlambi, waluse amazinyane akho ngasematendeni abelusi. ngikufanisa nehashi lensikazi lezinqola zikafaro, sithandwa sami. izihlahi zakho zinhle kangakanani zinezintambo zobuhlalu, nentamo yakho ineminaka. siyakukwenzela izintambo zobuhlalu begolide, namaqhosha esiliva. inkosi isahlezi ngasetafuleni layo inadi lami lathaphuka iphunga lalo. othandiweyo wami ungumshuqulu wemure kimi, olele phakathi kwamabele ami. othandiweyo wami uyihlukuzo lezimballi zehena ezivini zase-eni gedi. bheka, umuhle, sithandwa sami! bheka, umuhle! unamehlo amajuba. bheka, umuhle, othandiweyo wami! yebo, umnandi, nesilili sethu siluhlaza. imishayo yendlu yethu iyimisedari, nemiqhadi iyimisayipuresi.

ngiyintebe yasesharoni, nomnduze wezigodi. njengomnduze phakathi kwameva, sinjalo isithandwa sami phakathi kwezintombi. njengomapula phakathi kwemithi yasehlathini, unjalo othandiweyo wami phakathi kwamadodana. ngahlala phansi emthunzini wakhe ngokwenama okukhulu, nesithelo sakhe sasimnandi emlonjeni wami. ungingenisile endlini yewayini, nebandela lakhe phezu kwami liluthando. ngiphaseni ngezigaxa zezithelo zomvini ezomileyo, ngihlumelele ngama-apula, ngokuba ngiyafa uthando. isandla sakhe sokhohlo siphansi kwekhanda lami, nesokunene siyangigona. ngiyanifungisa, madodakazi asejerusalema, ngezinsephe nangezindluzelekazi

zasendle ukuba ningalunyakazisi, ningaluvusi uthando, lungakavumi. nanto izwi lothandiweyo wami! bheka, uyeza eqa ezintabeni, etshekula emagqumeni. othandiweyo wami unjengensephe noma njengesixhumu sendluzele; bheka, umi emva kodonga lwakwethu; uyalunguza emafasiteleni, ubonakala ngaseheleni. othandiweyo wami wakhuluma, wathi kimi: vuka, sithandwa sami, muhlekezi wami; woza sihambe, ngokuba bheka, ubusika budlulile; imvula isiphelile, yamuka; izimbali ziyabonakala emhlabeni, nesikhatshi sokuthena imivini sesisondele, nezwi lehobhe liyezwakala ezweni lakithi. umkhiwane uthela amakhiwane awo aluhlaza, imivini inezimbali, ithaphuka iphunga layo; vuka, sithandwa sami, muhlekezi wami; woza sihambe. juba lami elisemifantwini yamadwala nasekusithekeni kweziwa, mangibone ubuso bakho, ngizwe izwi lakho, ngokuba izwi lakho limnandi, nobuso bakho buhle. sibambeleni izimpungushe, izimpungushe ezincane ezichitha izivini, ngokuba izivini zethu zinezimbali. othandiweyo wami ungowami, mina ngingowakhe; uyalusa phakathi kweminduze. kuze kuphole ilanga, namathunzi abaleke, mawube njengensephe, wena othandiweyo wami, nanjengesixhumu sendluzele ezintabeni eziqhekezekileyo.

ebusuku embhedeni wami ngamfuna othandwa ngumphefumulo wami; ngamfuna, kepha angimtholanga. ngiyakuvuka, ngihambahambe emzini, ezitaladini nasezigcawini; ngiyakufuna othandwa ngumphefumulo wami; ngamfuna, kepha angimtholanga. abalindi bangifumana behambahamba emzini: nimbobile othandwa ngumphefumulo wami na? ngangidlule kancane nje kubo; ngase ngimthola othandwa ngumphefumulo wami; ngambamba, angivumanga ukuba ahambe, ngaze ngamngenisa endlini kamame nasekameleni lowangikhulisayo. ngiyanifungisa, madodakazi asejerusalema, ngezinsephe nangezindluzelekazi zasendle ukuba ningalunyakazisi, ningaluvusi uthando, lungakavumi. ngubani owenyuka ehlane njengezinsika zomusi, eqhole ngemure nangenhlaka, nangawo onke amakha omthengi, na? bheka, luhlaka lukasolomoni! amaqhawe angamashumi ayisithupha aluzungezile emaqhaweni akwa-israyeli. onke apethe izinkemba, afundile ukulwa; yilowo nalowo muntu unenkemba yakhe okhalweni lwakhe ngokwesaba ebusuku. inkosi usolomoni izenzele uhla ngemithi yaselebanoni. yenza izinsika zalo ngesiliva, nephansi lalo ngegolide, nesihlalo salo ngokububende, ubuphakathi balo

bugandaywe ngothando lwamadodakazi asejerusalema. phumani nina madodakazi asejerusalema, nibone inkosi usolomoni, inomqhele eyawuqheliswa ngunina ngosuku lokugcagca kwayo nangomhla wokuthokoza kwenhliziyo yayo.

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bheka, umuhle, sithandwa sami! bheka, umuhle! unamehlo amajuba emva kwemvakazi yakho; izinwele zakho zinjengomhlambi wezimvuzi owehla entabeni yakwagileyadi. amazinyo akho anjengomhlambi wezimvukazi ezisand' ukugundwa, ezikhuphuka zigeziwe, zinamawele zonke, kungekho neyodwa phakathi kwazo efelweyo. izindebe zakho zinjengomucu obomvu, umlomo wakho muhle; izihlati zakho zinjengenxenye yepomegranati emva kwemvakazi yakho. intamo yakho injengombhoshongo kadavide owakhiwe ngemihlobiso, okuphanyekwa kuwo amahawu ayinkulungwane, onke eyizihlangu zamaqhawe. amabele akho amabili anjengezixhumu ezimbili ezingamawele ensephe, ezidla phakathi kweminduze. lize liphole ilanga namathunzi abaleke, ngiyakuya entabeni yemure nasegqumeni lenhlaka. umuhle wonke, sithandwa sami, akukho sisihla kuwe. woza umuke nami elebanoni, makoti wami, umuke nami elebanoni, wehle esiqongweni sase-amana, nasesiqongweni saseseniri nasehermoni, simuke emihumeni yezingonyama, nasezintabeni zezingwe. ungaphucile inhliziyi yami, dadewethu, makoti wami; ungaphucile inhliziyi yami ngelinye lamehlo akho, ngomgexo munye wentamo yakho. lumnandi kangakanani uthando lwakho, dadewethu, makoti wami! luhle kangakanani uthando lwakho, kunewayini, nephunga lamafutha akho kunamakha onke! izindebe zakho, makoti wami, ziyaconsa izinyosi; uju nobisi kukhona phansi kolimi lwakho, nephunga lezambatho zakho linjengephunga laselebanoni. uyinsimu ehluthulelweyo, dadewethu, makoti wami, umthombo ohluthulelweyo nesiphethu esibekwe uphawu. amahlumela akho ayihlati lamapomegranati anezithelo ezingqobileyo, ihena kanye nenadi, inadi nesafroni, nomhlango nokinamona, kanye nemithi yonke yenhlaka, nemure nomhlaba, nawo onke amakha amahle. siphethu sensimu, mthombo wamanzi aphilayo, sifulula saselebanoni! vuka, moya wasenyakatho, uze wena ningizimu, uphephethe ensimini yami, ukuze amakha ayo athaphuke; othandiweyo wami makangene ensimini yakhe, adle izithelo zayo ezingqobileyo.

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sengingenile ensimini yami, dadewethu, makoti wami; ngiyabutha imure lami namakha ami, ngiyadla amakhekheba ami kanye nezinyosi zami, ngiyaphuza iwayini lami kanye nobisi lwami. yidlani, bangane, niphuze, nisuthe ngothando. bengilele, kepha inhliziyi yami ibiphapheme; kuyizwi lothandiweyo wami elingqongqotha lithi: ngivulele, dadewethu, sithandwa sami, juba lami, opheleleyo wami, ngokuba ikhanda lami ligcwele amazolo, nesihluthu sami amaconsi asebusuku. ngikhumulile isambatho sami, ngingasifaka kanjani? ngigezile izinyawo zami, ngingazingcoliselani na? othandiweyo wayesengenisa isandla sakhe embotsheni, izibilini zami zamhawukela. ngavuka ukumvulela othandiweyo wami; izandla zami zaconsa imure, neminwe yami imure elimanzi phezu kwezibambo zeshluthulelo. ngamvulela-ke othandiweyo wami, kepha othandiweyo wami ubephendukile, wamuka; umphefumulo wami wawuphela ngokukhuluma kwakhe, ngamfuna, kepha angamthola; ngambiza, kodwa akaphendula. abalindi bangifumana behambahamba emzini, bangishaya, bangilimaza; abalindi bezingange bangaphuca imvakazi yami. ngyanifungisa, madodakazi asejerusalema, uma nimfumana othandiweyo wami, ukuba nimtshele ukuthi ngiyafa uthando. othandiweyo wakho udlula ngani omunye, wena muhlekazi phakathi kwabesifazane, na? othandiweyo wakho udlula kuphi omunye ukuba usifungise kanjalo na? othandiweyo wami uyakhazimula ngobumhlophe, ubomvu, uyabonakala phakathi kwezigidi. ikhanda lakhe liyigolide elihle elicwengekileyo; isihluthu sakhe sinententezo, sinnyama njengegwababa. amehlo akhe anjengamajuba ngasemifuleni yamanzi, ageziwe ngobisi ehlezi ngasemifudlaneni egcwelelo. izihlati zakhe ziyizindima zamakha ezithaphuka iphunga, nezindebe zakhe ziyiminduze econsa imure elimanzi. izingalo zakhe ziyizindilinga zegolide, okufakwe kuzo amakrisolithe; isidumbu sakhe sinjengokwenziwe ngophondo lwendlavu, sembesiwe ngamasafire. imilenze yakhe iyizinsika zetshe elimhlophe ezisekelwe ezinyaweni zegolide elihle; ukubukeka kwakhe kunjengelebanoni, kukhethekile njengemisedari. umlomo wakhe umnandi, uyanxaneleka wonke; yilowo ongothandiweyo wami, yilowo ongumngane wami, nina madodakazi asejerusalema.

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othandiweyo wakho uyephi, wena muhlekazi phakathi kwabesifazane; ushonesthi othandi-

weyo wakho ukuba simfune kanye nawe na? othandiweyo wami wehlele ensimini yakhe, ezindimeni zamakha, ukuba aluse ensimini, akhe iminduze. mina ngingowothandiweyo wami, nothandiweyo wami ungowami, lapho alusa phakathi kweminduze. umuhle, sithandwa sami, njengetirisa, umnandi njengejerusalema, kepha wesabeka njengezimpi. susa amehlo akho kimi, ngokuba ayangiphathhekisa; izinwele zakho zinjengomhlambi wezimbuzi owehla entabeni yakwagileyadi. amazinyo akho anjengomhlambi wezimvukazi ezikhuphuka zigeziwe, zinamawele zonke, kungekho neyodwa phakathi kwazo efelweyo. izihlati zakho zinjengenxenye yepomegranati emva kwemvakazi yakho. amakhosikazi angamashumi ayisithupha, nezancinza zingamashumi ayisishiyagalombili, nezintombi azinakubalwa. kepha ijuba lami, opheleleyo wami munye nje; ongoyedwa kunina, ungokhethiweyo wakhe owamzalayo. amantombazana ayambona, athi ubusisiwe; amakhosikazi nezancinza bayamdumisa. ngubani lo olunguza njengokusa, emuhle njengenyanza, ecwebile njengelanga, kepha esabeka njengezimpi, na? ngehlela ensimini yamantongomane ukuyobona uhlaza lwesigodi, nokubona uma imivini iqhakazile, namapomegranati uma ekhahlele, ngingakakwazi ukulangazela kwami kwangibeka enqoleni yabantu benkosana yami. phenduka, phenduka, mshulamiti! phenduka, phenduka ukuba sikubuke! nibonani kumshulamiti? kunjengokusina kwasemahanayimi.

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zinhle kangakanani izinyawo zakho ezicathulweni zazo, wena ndodakazi yesikhulu! amathanga akho ayizindilinga anjengemihlobiso, umsebenzi wezandla zengcweti. inkaba yakho ingumkhele oncweliweyo, ongasweli iwayini elixutshanisiweyo; isisu sakho siyinqwaba kakolweni, ibiyelwe ngeminduze. amabele akho amabili anjengezixhumu ezimbili ezingamawele ensephe. intamo yakho injengombhoshongo wophondo lwendlu; amehlo akho angamachibi aseheshiboni ngasesangweni lasebati rabimi; impumulo yakho injengombhoshongo waselebanoni obhekene nedamaseku. ikhanda lakho kuwe linjengekarmeli, nomyeko wekhanda lakho unjengokububende; kuboshiwe inkosi ngesiyendane. umuhle, umnandi kangakanani wena othandwa ngenjabulo! isimo sakho siyisundu, namabele akho omabili anjengamahlukuzo. ngathi: ngiyakukhwela esundwini, ngibambe amagatsha alo. amabele akho mawabe ngamahlukuzo omvini, nephunga lokuphefumula kwakho njengama-apula, nomlomo wakho njenge-

wayini elihle elihamba lehle kamnandi, lewuka ngezindebe nangamazinyo. mina ngingowothandiweyo wami, uyanginxanela. woza wena othandiweyo wami, siye endle, silale emizaneni. masivuke ekuseni, siye ezivinini, sibone uma umvini uqhakazile, nezimbali zabo uma zivulekile, namapomegranati uma ekhahlele. lapho ngiyakukunika uthando lwami, amamandragora athaphuka iphunga, nangaseminyango yethu kukhona izinhlobo zonke zezithelo ezinqabileyo, ezintsha nezindala, engizibekele wena othandiweyo wami.

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sengathi nga njengomfowethu owancela amabele kamame! uma bengikufumana phandle, bengiyakukwanga ngingadelelwa muntu. bengiyakukuhola, ngikuyise endlini kamame; ubuyakungifundisa; bengiyakukuphuzisa iwayini eliyolisiweyo, amanzi ompomegranati wami. isandla sakhe sokhohlo besiyakubaphansi kwekhanda lami, nesokunene sakhe besiyakungigona. ngiyanifungisa, madodakazi asejerusalema, ukuba ningalunyakazisi, ningaluvusi uthando, lungakavumi. ngubani owenyuka ehlane encike kothandiweyo wakhe na? phansi komapula ngakuvusa; lapho unyoko wayenemihelo ngawe, khona lapho wayenemihelo owakuzalayo. ngifake njengophawu enhliziyweni yakho, njengophawu engalweni yakho, ngokuba uthando lunamandla njengokufa; isikhwele silukhuni njengendawo yabafileyo; amalangabi alo angamalangabi omhlalo, ilangabi likajehova-aeiou. amanzi amaningi awanakulucima uthando, nemifula ayinakuluminzisa; uma umuntu ebeyakunika yonke impahla yendlu yakhe ngothando, nokho ubeyakwaliwa nokwaliwa. sinodadewethu omncane, kanawo amabele; siyakunza njani ngodadewethu ecelwa na? uma elugange, siyakwakha phezu kwakhe umbhoshongwana wesiliva; uma eyisicabha, siyakumvalela ngamapulangwe omsedari. ngilugange, namabele ami anjengemibhoshongo; khona ngaba semehlweni akhe njengofumene ukuthula. usolomoni wayenesivini ebalu hamoni; wasinika isivini kubaphathi; baletha, kwaba yilowo nalowo, izinhlamvu eziyinkulungwane zesiliva ngezithelo zaso. isivini esingesami siphambi kwami; inkulungwane mayibe ngeyakho, solomoni, namakhulu amabili abe ngawabaphathi bezithelo zaso. wena ohlala emasimini, abangane balalela izwi lakho; ake ungizwise lona. shesha, othandiweyo wami, ufane nensephe nesixhumo sendluzele ezintabeni zamakha.



kwathi emihleni abahlulela ngayo abahluleli kwaba khona indlala ezweni. umuntu othile wasebetlehema juda waya ukuyohlala ezweni lakwamowabi, yena nomkakhe, namadodana akhe amabili. igama lalowo muntu lalingu-elimeleki, igama lomkakhe lalingunawomi, amagama amadodana akhe amabili ayengomahloni nokiliyoni; babe ngama-efratha asebetlehema juda. bafika ezweni lakwamowabi, bahlala khona. u-elimeleki umyeni kanawomi wafa; kepha yena wasala namadodana akhe amabili. azithathela abafazi kwabesifazane bakwamowabi; igama lomunye lalingu-orka, igama lomunye lalinguruthi; bahlala khona kwangathi iminyaka eyishumi. omahloni nokiliyoni bafa bobabili; owesifazane washiywa-ke ngabantwana bakhe ababili nangumyeni wakhe. wayesesuka nawomalokazana bakhe ukuba abuye ezweni lakwamowabi, ngokuba wayezwile ezweni lakwamowabi ukuthi ujejhova-aeiou uhambele abantu bakhe ukuba abaphe ukudla. waphuma endaweni lapho wayekhona, omalokazana bakhe benaye; bahamba ngendlela yokubuyela ezweni lakwajuda. unawomi wathi komalokazana bakhe ababili: hambani nibuyele, kube yilowo nalowo endlini kanina; ujejhova-aeiou makanenzele umusa, njengalokho nanenza kwabafileyo nakimi. ujejhova-aeiou makaninike ukuba nifumane ukuphumula, kube yilowo nalowo endlini yomyeni wakhe. wayesebanga, badazuluka, bakhala. bathi kuye: hhayi! kepha sobuyela nawe kubantu bakini! wayesethi unawomi: buyani, madodakazi ami; nohambelani nami na? ngisenamadodana ezibilinini zami ukuba abe ngabayeni benu na? buyani, madodakazi ami, nihambe, ngokuba sengimdala ukuba ngibe nomyeni. noma ngangithi nginethemba, noma ngingaba nendoda kulobo busuku, ngizale amadodana, beningawahlalela aze abe ngakhulileyo na? beniyakuzivimbela ningabi namadoda na? hhayi, madodakazi ami, kumunye kimi ngenxa yenu, ngokuba isandla sikajehova-aeiou siphumele kimi. badazuluka, baphinda bakhala; uorka wamanga uninazala, kepha uruthe wanamathela kuye. wathi: bheka, umnakwenu usebuyele kwabakubo nakuleziku wakhe; buya nawe, umlandele umnakwenu. kepha uruthe wathi: ungangincengi ukuba ngikushiye, ngibuye, ngingakulandeli, ngokuba lapho uya khona, ngiyakuya khona nami, nalapho uhlala khona, ngiyakuhlala khona nami; abantu bakho bayakuba ngabantu bami, ulezi-kuwakho abe ngulezi-ku wami. lapho ufela khona, ngiyakufela khona nami, ngimbelwe khona; ujejhova-aeiou akenze njalo kimi,

enezele futhi, ngokuba ngokufa kuphela okuyakusahlukanisa. esebonile ukuthi uzimisele ukuhamba naye, wayeka ukukhuluma kuye. base behamba bobabili baze bafika ebetlehema. kwathi sebefikile ebetlehema, wonke umuzi wanyakaziswa, bathi: lo ungunawomi na? wathi kubo: nanganigibizi ngokuthi unawomi; ngibizeni ngokuthi umara, ngokuba usomandla ungiphathe ngomunye omkhulu. ngahamba ngigcwele, ujejhova-aeiou ungibuyise ngize; ningibizelani ngokuthi unawomi, lokhu ujejhova-aeiou efakazile ngami, usomandla engenzele bonara-ukukhandleka, na? wabuya-ke unawomi kanye noruthe wakwamowabi umalokazana wakhe owabuya ezweni lakwamowabi, bafika ebetlehema ekuqaleni kokuvunwa kwebhali.

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unawomi wayenesihlobo somyeni wakhe, umuntu ocebileyo, owomndeni ka-elimeleki, igama lakhe lingubowazi. uruthe wakwamowabi wathi kunawomi: mangihambe, ngiye esimini, ngikhothoze ezikhwetshini emva kwalowo engiyakufumana umusa emehlweni akhe. wathi kuye: hamba, ndodakazi yami. wahamba, waya wakhotoza esimini emva kwabavuni; kwase kwenzeka ukuba afike esiqeshini sensimu sikabowazi womndeni ka-elimeleki. bheka, ubowazi wafika evela ebetlehema, wathi kwabavunayo: ujejhova-aeiou makabe nani. bathi kuye: ujejhova-aeiou makakubusise. wayesethi ubowazi encekweni yakhe eyayibekwe phezu kwabavuni: ngekabani le ntombazana na? ineku eyayibekwe phezu kwabavuni yaphendula yathi: kuyintombazana yakwamowabi ebuye nonawomi ezweni lakwamowabi; ithe: ake ngikhothoze, ngibuthe ezithungwini emva kwabavuni. selokhu ifikile, iqhubekile kusukela ekuseni kuze kube manje, ihlale kancane endlini kuphela. ubowazi wayesethi kuruthe: angithi uyeywa, ndodakazi yami? ungayi ukukhothoza kwenye insimu, futhi ungasuki lapha, kepha namathela kuwo amantombazana ami lapha. amehlo akho mawabe sensimini ayivunayo, uwalandele; angithi ngiyalile abafana ukuba bangakuthinti na? nxa womile, yana ezitsheni, uphuze lokho abakukhileyo abafana. wayesewa ngobuso bakhe, wakhothamela emhlabathini, wathi kuye: ngifumaneleni umusa emehlweni akho ukuba unginake, lokhu ngingoweziwe, na? ubowazi waphendula, wathi kuye: kubikiwe kimi konke omenzele khona unyokoza selokhu afa umyeni wakho nokuthi ushiyile uyihlo nonyoko nezwe lokuzalwa kwakho, weza kubantu ongabazanga ngaphambili. ujejhova-aeiou makakuvuze ngomsebenzi wakho, uphiwe umvuzo ophelileyo

ngujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli oze ukuba uphephele phansi kwamaphiko akhe. wathi: mangifumane umusa emehlweni akho, nkosi, ngokuba ungiduduzile nangokuba ukhulume kahle kuyo incekekazi yakho, noma ngingenjenganye yezincekekazi zakho. ngesikhathi sokudla ubowazi wathi kuye: woza lapha, udle isinkwa, ugcohoze ucezu lwakho kuviniga. wahlala eceleni kwabavuni, wamnika utshwele, wadla wasutha, washiya phansi. esesukile ekukhothozeni ubowazi wayala abafana bakhe, wathi: makakhothoze nasezithungwini, ningamkhathazi. anoke nimkhiphele nokuthile ezithungwini, nikushiye ukuba akukhothoze, ningamsoli. wakhotozoa-ke esimini kwaze kwahlwa; wakubhula lokho abekukhothozile, kwakungathi i-efa lebhali. wakuthatha, wangena emzini; uninazala wabona lokho abekukhothozile; wakhupha, wamnika lokho akushiyele esesuthile. uninazala wathi kuye: ukhothozephi namuhla na? usebenzephi? makabusiswe lowo okunakileyo. wamtshela uninazala ukuthi ubesebenza kubani, wathi: igama lomuntu engisebenzile kuye namuhla lingubowazi. unawomi wathi kumalokazana wakhe: makabusiswe ngujehova-aeiou ongayekanga umusa wakhe kwabaphilileyo nakwabafileyo. unawomi wathi kuye: lowo muntu uyisihlobo sethu, ngowabahlengi bethu. uruthe wakwamowabi wathi: yebo, wathi kimi: wonamathela kubafana bami, baze baqede konke ukuvuna kwami. unawomi wayesethi kuruthe umalokazana wakhe: kuhle, ndodakazi yami, ukuba uphume namantombazana akhe, ungafikelwa kwenye insimu. wayesenamathela-ke kuwo amantombazana kabowazi ukukhothoza kwaze kwaba sekugcineni kokuvunwa kwebhali nokukakolweni; wahlala-ke noninazala.

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unawomi uninazala wathi kuye: ndodakazi yami, angiyikukufunela ukuphumula ukuba kube kuhle kuwe na? angithi ubowazi owawunamantombazana akhe uyisihlobo sethu na? bheka, uyela ibhali kusihlwa esibuyeni. ngakho-ke geza, ugcoke, ugqoke isambatho sakho, wehlele esibuyeni, kepha ngazazisi kulowo muntu, aze aqede ukudla nokuphuza. kuyakuthi nxa eselala, uqaphele indawo ayakulala kuyo, ungene, wambule izinyawo zakhe, ulale; uyakukutshela lokhu oyakukwenza. wathi kuye: konke okushoyo ngiyakukwenza. wehlela esibuyeni, wenza njengakho konke amyale ngakho uninazala. ubowazi wadla waphuza, inhliziyo yakhe yathokoza, waya ukulala ngasekugcineni kwenqwaba yamabele; wafika kahle, wambula izinyawo zakhe, walala. kwathi phakathi kwamabili yethuka

leyo ndoda, yaphenduka; bheka, kwakulele owesifazane ngasezinyaweni zayo. yathi: ungubani? wathi: nginguruthe incekekazi yakho; yembesa incekekazi yakho umphetho wengubo yakho, ngokuba ungumhlengi. yathi: mawubusiswe ngujehova-aeiou, ndodakazi yami; ubonakalisile umusa ekugcineni kakhulu kunasekuqaleni, ngokuba awulandela izinsizwa, noma zimpofu noma zicebele. manje, ndodakazi yami, ungesabi; ngiyakukwenza konke okushoyo, ngokuba wonke umuzi wabantu bakithi uyazi ukuthi ungowesifazane olungileyo. yebo, kuqinisele ukuthi ngingumhlengi, kepha kukhona umhlengi omkhulu kunami. hlala lobu busuku; kuyakuthi ekuseni, uma ekuhlenga, kulungile, makakuhlenge; kepha uma engathandi ukukuhlenga, mina ngiyakukuhlenga, kuphila kukajehova-aeiou; lala kuze kuse. walala ngasezinyaweni zakhe kwaze kwasa, wavuka bengakazani. ngokuba yathi: makungaziwa ukuthi owesifazane wafika esibuyeni. yayisithi: letha ingubo ephezu kwakho, uyibambe. wayibamba, yalinganisa kasithupha ibhali, yamthwesa lona, wangena emzini. wafika kuninazala; wathi yena: ungubani, ndodakazi yami? wamtshela konke leyo ndoda ebimenzele khona. wathi: ingiphile lezi zilinganiso eziyisithupha zebhali, ngokuba yathi kimi: ungayi kunyokoza langaphethe lutho. wathi: hlala, ndodakazi yami, uze wazi ukuba le ndaba iyakuphethe-laphi, ngokuba leyo ndoda ayiyikuphumula ingakaqedi indaba namuhla.

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ubowazi wenyukela esangweni, wahlala phansi khona; bheka, umhlengi akhuluma ngaye ubowazi, wadlula; wathi kuye: we wena sibani, phambuka, uhlale lapha. waphambuka, wahlala phansi. wathatha amadoda ayishumi kuwo amalunga omuzi, wathi: hlalani phansi lapha. hlala. wayesethi kuye umhlengi: unawomi obuyile ezweni lakwamowabi uyathengisa ngesiqephu sezwe esasingesikaelimeleki; bengithi ngiyakukwambulela kuwe, ngithi: lithenge phambi kwabahleziyo lapha naphambi kwamalunga abantu bakithi; uma ulithenga, lihlenge; kepha uma ungalithengi, ngitshale ukuba ngazi, ngokuba akakho ongalihlenga ngaphandle kwakho, mina ngisemva kwakho. wayesethi: ngiyakulihlenga. wathi ubowazi: musukwana ulithenga izwe esandleni sikanawomi, ulithenga nakuruthe wakwamowabi umkamufi ukuba ulivuse igama lofileyo efeni lakhe. umhlengi wathi: anginakuzihlengela lona, funa ngone ifa lami; zihlengela wena, ngokuba anginakukuhlenga. lokhu kwakunje ngokuhlenga nokwenana endulo kwa-israyeli ukuba kuqiniseke izindaba

zonke: umuntu wakhumula isicathulo sakhe, wasinika umakhelwane wakhe; lokho kwakungubufakazi kwa-israyeli. umhlengi wayesethi kubowazi: zithengele. wakhumula isicathulo sakhe. ubowazi wayesethi kumalunga nakubantu bonke: ningofakazi namuhla ukuthi ngithengile konke okwakungokuka-elimeleki, nakho konke okwakungokukakiliyoni nokukamahaloni esandleni sikanawomi. noruthe wakwamowabi umkamahaloni ngimthengile abe ngumkami ukuvusa igama lofileyo efeni lakhe ukuba igama lofileyo linganqunywa phakathi kwabafowabo nasesangweni lendawo yakhe; nina ningofakazi namuhla. bonke abantu ababesangweni namalunga bathi: singofakazi; ujevova-aeiou makenze lowo wesifazane ongene endlini yakho abe njengoraheli noleya abakha bobabili indlu yakwa-israyeli, ucebe e-efratha, ube nodumo ebethelhem; indlu yakho mayibe njengendlu kapheresi utamari amzalela ujuda ngenzalo ujevova-aeiou ayakunikela yona ngale ntombazana. ubowazi wayesemthatha uruthe, waba ngumkakhe; wangena kuye; ujevova-aeiou wamnika ukuba akhulelwe; wazala indodana. abesifazane bathi kunawomi: makabusiswe ujevova-aeiou ongakushiyanga namuhla ungenamhlengi; igama lakhe malidume kwa-israyeli. uyakuba ngumbuyisi wokuphila kuwe, nomondli ebudaleni bakho, ngokuba umalokazana wakho okuthandayo, omuhle kuwe kunamadodana ayisikhombisa umzele. unawomi wamthatha umntwana, wamgona esifubeni sakhe, waba ngumzanyana wakhe. abesifazane abakhelene naye bametha igama, bathi: kuzelwe indodana kunawomi. baqamba igama lakhe ngokuthi u-obede; yena unguyise kajese, uyise kadavide. nazi izizukulwane zikapheresi: upheresi wazala uhesironi; uhesironi wazala uramu; uramu wazala u-aminadaba; u-aminadaba wazala unaheshoni; unaheshoni wazala usalimoni; usalimoni wazala ubowazi; ubowazi wazala u-obede; u-obede wazala ujese; ujese wazala udavide.

yeka ukuhlala kodwa komuzi owawunabantu abaningi! usungumfelokazi owawunezizwe eziningi. owawuyinkosikazi phakathi kwezifunda usungobuswayo. uyakhala nokukhala ebusuku, izinyembezi zawo zisezihlathini zawo; kawunamduduzi phakathi kwazo zonke izithandwa zawo; bonke abangane bawo bawuphathe ngenkohliso, sebe yizitha zawo. ujuda uthunjiwe ngenxa yokuhlupheka nobugqila obuningi; uhlala phakathi kwabezizwe, katholi ukuphumula; bonke abamzingelayo bamfica ephakathi kobuhlungu. izindlela zasesiyozi ziyalala ngokuba kungeziwa emikhosini emisiweyo; onke amasango achithekile, abapristi balo bayabubula; izintombi zalo ziyahlupheka, nalo linomunyu. abamelene nalo sebe yinhloko, izitha zalo zinokuthula, ngokuba ujhova-aeiou ulihluphile ngenxa yobuningi beziphambeko zalo; izingane zalo ziye ekuthunjweni ebusweni bezitha. bonke ubukhosi bumukile endodakazini yasesiyozi; izikhulu zalo sezingengezindluzele ezingafumani idlelo, zihambile zingemandla ebusweni babaxoshayo. ijerusalema liyakhumbula ezinsukwini zokuhlupheka kwalo nezinsizi zalo konke okuhle okwakukhona ezinsukwini zasendulo; laphe abantu balo bewela esandleni sezitha, kalibona, bahleka ukuchithwa kwalo. ijerusalema lalonile kakhulu; ngalokho seliyisinengiso; bonke ababelidumisa sebelidelela ngokuba bebone ubunqunu balo; seliyabubula nalo, libuyela emuva. ukungcola kwalo kwakusemaphet helweni alo, alikhumbulanga ukuphela kwalo; lehlile ngokumangalisayo, alinamduduzi. bheka, jehova-aeiou, ukuhlupheka kwami, ngokuba isitha sizikhulisile. isitha selulile isandla saso phezu kwakho konke okumnandi kwalo, ngokuba sibonile ukuthi abezizwe bangene endlini zalo engcwele, owabayala ukuthi abayikungena ebandleni lakho. bonke abantu balo bayabubula, befuna isinkwa sabo; banika okumnandi kwabo ngokudla ukuba babuyise umphefumulo. bheka, jehova-aeiou, ubhekisise, ngokuba ngiyadelelwa. akulutho kinina nonke enidlula ngendlela na? bhekani, nibone ukuba kukhona yini ubuhlungu obunjengobuhlungu bami engehlelwe yibo, ujhova-aeiou angihluphe ngabo ngosuku lokufutheka kwentukuthelo yakhe. ephezulu uthumele umlilo emathanjeni ami, wawahlula; wenekele izinyawo zami inetha, wangibuyisela emuva. ungenze incithakalo, ngiphele amandla usuku lonke. iziphambeko zami zaboshwa ngesandla sakhe, zaba yijoka; zalukwa, sezisentanyeni yami; wakhubekisa amandla ami. inkosi inginikele

esandleni sabo engingenakumelana nabo. inkosi ilahlile onke amaqhawe ami phakathi kwami; ingibizele umhlangano ukuphahlaza izinsizwa zami; inkosi inyathele njengasesikhamweni sewayini intombi eyindodakazi yakwajuda. ngiyakhala ngalokho; iso lami, iso lami liyamululeka izinyembezi, ngokuba umduduzi wami obeyakubuyisa umphefumulo wami ukude nami. abantwana bami bachithekile, ngokuba isitha sahlulile. isiyoni liyelula izandla zalo, akakho oliduduzayo. ujhova-aeiou uyalile ngojakobe ukuba abamzungezayo babe yizitha zakhe. ijerusalema linjengesinengiso phakathi kwabo. ujhova-aeiou ulungile, ngokuba ngihlubukile izwi lakhe. ake nizwe, bantu bonke, nibone ubuhlungu bami. izintombi zami nezinsizwa zami ziye ekuthunjweni. ngazibiza izithandwa zami, zangikhohlisa. abapristi bami namalunga ami bafela emzini, besafuna ukudla ukuba babuyise umphefumulo wabo. bheka, jehova-aeiou, ngokuba nginosizi; izibilini zami ziyaxhaphazela. inhliziyoyami iphendukile phakathi kwami, ngokuba ngihlubukile nokuhlubuka. endle yinkemba eyaphucayo, ekhaya ngukufa. bezwile ukuthi ngiyabubula, kepha anginamduduzi. zonke izitha zami zizwile ukuhlupheka kwami; ziyathokoza ukuthi nguwe okwenzileyo. ululethile usuku olumemezileyo, kepha ziyakuba njengami. mabufike bonke ububi bazo ebusweni bakho, wenze kuzo njengokwenza kwakho kimi ngenxa yazo zonke iziphambeko zami, ngokuba ukububula kwami kukhulu, nenhliziyoyi idangele.

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yeka ukwembesa kwenkosi indodakazi yasesiyozi amafu ngentukuthelo yayo. uphonsile ubuhle buka-israyeli emhlabeni busuke ezulwini, angasikhumbulanga isenabelo sezinyawo zayo ngosuku lwentukuthelo yayo. inkosi igwinyile onke amakhaya kakakobe ingahawukelanga. ngentukuthelo yayo, ibhidlizele izinqaba zendodakazi yakwajuda, yazidilizela emhlabathini, yangcolisa umbuso nezikhulu zawo. yanquma ngokufutheka kolaka lwayo zonke izimpondo zakwa-israyeli, yabuyisela emuva isandla sayo sokunene ebusweni bezitha, yashisa ujakobe ngomlilo wamalangabi odla nxazonke. yansala umnsalo wayo njengesitha, yema njengomelene nathi ngesokunene sayo, yabulala konke okwakumnandi emehlweni ethu. etendeni lendodakazi yasesiyozi yathulula ukufutheka kwayo njengomlilo. inkosi isinjengesitha, imgwinyile u-israyeli; yagwinya zonke izindlu zakhe zobukhosi, yachitha izinqaba zakhe; yandisile endodakazini yakwajuda ukukhala nokulila. yachitha

idokodo layo njengelensimu, yaqeda indawo yayo yokuhlangana. ujevova-aeiou wenza ukuba kukhohlakale imikhosi emisiweyo namasabatha esiyoni, wadelela ngokufutheka kolaka lwakhe inkosi nompristi. inkosi yalilahla i-altare layo, yanengwa yindlu yayo engcewele, yanikela izingange zezindlu zayo zamakhosi esandleni sesitha. ziphakamise izwi endlini kajehova-aeiou njengasosukwini lomkhosi omisiweyo. ujevova-aeiou wayecebile ukuchitha ugange lwendodakazi yasesiyoni; wawelula umucu wokulinganisa, akabuyisanga isandla sakhe ekuchitheni; wenza ukuba kukhale ugange nodonga, kudangale kanyekanye. amasango alo ashona emhlabathini; wachitha, wayaphula imigoqo yalo. inkosi nezikhulu zalo baphakathi kwelizwe, lapho kungekho khona umthetho. nabaprofethi balo abatholi mbono kujehova-aeiou. amalunga endodakazi yasesiyoni ahlezi emhlabathini, athule; athele uthuli emakhanda awo, abhince indwangu yamasaka. izintombi zasejerusalema zithobisela phansi amakhanda azo. amehlo ami ayaphela izinyembezi, izibilini zami ziyaxhaphazela; isibindi sami sithululelwe emhlabathini ngenxa yokuchitheka kwendodakazi yabantu bami, ngokuba izingane nabancelayo bayadandanya ezigcawini zomuzi. bathi konina: aphi amabele newayini? lapho bedangala njengababulawayo ezigcawini zomuzi, imiphefumulo yabo ithululelwe ezifubeni zawonina. ngingafakaza ngokuthini ngawe, ngikufanise nani, ndodakazi yasesiyoni, na? ngingakulinganisa nani ukuba ngikududuze, ntombi eyindodakazi yasesiyoni na? ngokuba ukuchitheka kwakho kukhulu njengolwandle. ngubani ongakuphuluka na? abaprofethi bakho bakubonele imibono eyize nobuwula; abambulanga ukona kwakho ukuba babuyise ukuthunjwa kwakho. kepha bakubonele iziprofetho eziyize nezikhohlisayo. bonke abadlula ngendlela bakushayela ihlombe, bancimfe, banikine amakhanda abo ngenxa yendodakazi yasejerusalema ngokuthi: yiwo lo muzi owawubizwa ngokuthi ubuhle obupheleleyo nentokozi yomhlaba wonke na? zonke izitha zikukhamisela umlomo wazo, zincimfa, zigedla amazinyo, zithi: siwugwinyile. impela yilo usuku esilulindele; sesilufumene, silubonile. ujevova-aeiou wenzile lokhu abekucebile; uligwalisile izwi lakhe, ayeyale ngalo ezinsukwini zasendulo; ubhidlize engenasihawu, wenza ukuba isitha sithokoze phezu kwakho, waphakamisa uphondo lwabamelene nawe. izinhliziyi zabo zikhala enkosini; wena lugange lwendodakazi yasesiyoni, izinyembezi mazehle njengemifula imini nobusuku. mawungazivumeli ukuphumula, inhlamvu yeso lakho ingayeki. vuka ukhale ebusuku

ekuqaleni kwemilindo, uthulule inhliziyo yakho njengamanzi phambi kobuso benkosi; phakamisa izandla zakho kuyo ngenxa yokuphila kwezingane ezidangala ngendlala ezingosini zezitaladi zonke. bheka, jehova-aeiou, ubone ukuthi wenzile kanjalo kubani. abesifazane bayakudla yini izithelo zabo, izingane eziphathiweyo kahle, na? abaprofethi nabapristi bayakubulawa endlini engcewele yenkosi, na? balele phansi ezitaladini, abasha nabadala. izintombi zami nezinsizwa zami ziwile ngenkomba. wababulala ngosuku lwentukuthelo yakho, wabulala unghawukelanga. wabiza njengasosukwini lomhlangano izesabiso zami nxazonke; akubangakho ngosuku lwentukuthelo kajehova-aeiou owasindayo nowasalayo. labo engangibaphathile, ngabondla, izitha zami zibaqedile.

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ngingumuntu obone ukuhlupheka ngen-tonga yentukuthelo yakhe. ungiholile, wangihambisa ebumnyameni, kungesikho ekukhanyeni. impela uyangiphendulela isandla sakhe ephinda njalo zonke izinsuku. ugugisile inyama yami nesikhumba sami, waphula amathambo ami. ungakhele, wangihaka ngenyongo nangokushikashikeka. ungihlalisile ebumnyameni njengabakade bafa. ungibiyele ukuze ngingaphumi, wenza amaketanga ami ukuba asinde. nalapho ngikhala ngicela ukusindiswa, uyavalela umkhuleko wami. ubiyele izindlela zami ngamatshe abaziweyo, wagwegwisa imikhondo yami. ukimi njengebhere eliqamekelayo nengonyama ezindaweni ezisithekileyo. wachezuka izindlela zami, wangidwengula, wangenza incithakalo. wansala umnsalo wakhe, wangimisa ngibe yisigcibisholo somcibisholo. wahlaba izinsoko zami ngemicibisholo yesambo sakhe. sengingohlekwayo kubantu bonke, ngihaywa usuku lonke. wangisuthisa ngokubabayo, wangigcwalisa ngomhlonyane. waphula amazinyo ami ngohlalwane, wangembesa umlotha. walahla kude nokuthula umphefumulo wami, ngakhohlwa inhlankhla. ngathi: amandla ami nethemba lami kujehova-aeiou kuphelile. khumbula ukuhlupheka kwami nosizi lwami, umhlonyane nenyongo. umphefumulo wami uyakukhumbula nokukukhumbula, uthobile phakathi kwami. kepha yilokhu engiyakukubuyisela enhliziyweni yami, ngalokho ngingethemba: ngumusa kajehova-aeiou ukuthi asiqediwe, ngokuba ububele bakhe abupheli. busha ekuseni njalo; ukuthembeka kwakho kukhulu. ujevova-aeiou uyisabelo sami, usho umphefumulo wami; ngakho ngiyakwethemba kuye. ujevova-aeiou mule kwabamethembayo, kumphefumulo om-

funayo. kuhle ukumethemba nokulindela ngokuthula ukusindisa kukajehova-aeiou. kuhle kumuntu ukuba athwale ijoka ebusheni bakhe. makahlale yedwa, athule, lapho emthwesa lona. makabeke umlomo wakhe othulini; mhlawumbe kungaba khona ithemba. makanike isihlathi sakhe komshayayo, asuthe ngenhlamba. ngokuba ujhova-aeiou akayikulahlala kuze kube phakade. ngokuba noma edabukisile, uyakuhawukela nokho ngokobukhulu bomusa wakhe. ngokuba akahluphi, angadabukisi abantwana babantu ngenxa yokuba ekuthanda. ukuphahlaza phansi kwezinyawo zonke iziboshwa zasemhlabeni, nokuchezukisa imfanelo yomuntu phambi kobuso bophezikonke, nokona umuntu ecaleni lakhe, inkosi ayikuboni lokhu na? kwasho ubani, kwenzakala, inkosi ingakuyalelanga, na? akuphumi okuhle nbona-ra-ukukhandleka emlonjeni wophezikonke na? ukhononelanani umuntu ophilayo, umuntu ojeziswa ngezono zakhe, na? masiphenye, sicinge izindlela zethu, sibuyele kujehova-aeiou. masiphakamise izinhlizyo zethu kanye nezandla zethu kulezi-ku ezulwini. siphambukile, sahlubuka; wena awukuyekelanga. wazembesa ulaka, wasixosha, wabulala, ungahawukelanga. wazembesa ifu, ukuze imikhuleko yethu ingafinyeleli. usenze umphucuzo nemfucumfucu phakathi kwabantu. zonke izitha zethu zisikhamisele imilomo yazo. uvalo nomgodi kusehlele, ukubhujiswa nokuchithwa. iso lami liyamululeka imifula yamanzi ngenxa yokuchithwa kwendodakazi yabantu bami. iso lami liyamululeka, alinqamuki; akukho ukukhawuka, aze abheke ujhova-aeiou, abone esezulwini. iso lami lenza umphefumulo wami ube buhlungu ngenxa yawo onke amadodakazi omuzi wakithi. abayizitha zami ngeze bangizingele nokungizingela njengenyoni. banqume ukuphila kwami emgodini, bangiphonsa ngetshe. amanzi aminzisa ikhanda lami. ngathi: nginqun-  
 yiwe. ngalibiza igama lakho, jehova-aeiou, ngisemgodini phansi. wezwa izwi lami; ungasithezi indlebe yakho lapho ngikhalela ukusizwa. wasondela ngosuku lbona-ra-ukukhandlekaza kwami, wathi: ungesabi. nkosi, umela indaba yomphefumulo wami, uyahlenga ukuphila kwami. jehova-aeiou, uyabona ukoniwa kwami; thetha indaba yami. uyabona konke ukuphindisa kwabo nawo onke amacebo abo ngami. uyezwa inhlamba yabo, jehova-aeiou, nawo onke amacebo abo ngami, izindebe zabangivukele-  
 ley o nemicabango yabo ngami izinsuku zonke. bheka ukuhlala kwabo nokuvuka kwabo; ngihaywa yibo. uyakubaphindisela, jehova-aeiou, ngokwemisebenzi yezandla zabo. uyakubanika isimbozo senhliziyo, isiqalekiso sakho sibe phezu kwabo.

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uyakubaxosha ngentukuthelo, ubabhubhise, bangabe besaba khona phansi kwezulu likajehova-aeiou.

yeka ukufiphala kwegolide nokuguquka kwegolide elihle! amatshe endlu engcwele ahlakazekile ezingosini zazo zonke izitaladi. amadodana anqabileyo asesiyoni, elingene negolide elihle, yeka ukuthiwa kwawo ayizitsha zebumba, imisebenzi yezandla zombumbi! namakhanka ehlasa, ancelise amazinyane awo. indodakazi yabantu bami isinonya, njengezintshe zasehlane. ulimi loncelayo lunamathela olwangeni lwakhe ngokoma. izingane zicela isinkwa, kepha akakho ozihlephulelayo. abakade bedla okumnandi sebechithakele ezitaladini. ababekhuliswa ngokububende sebesingatha izala. ukona kwendodakazi yabantu bami kukhulu kunesono sasesodoma elachithwa ngokuphazima kweso, kungasondelanga zandla kulo. abakhulu balo babehlambulukile kunogqoqwane, babe mhlophe kunobisi; imizimba yabo yayibomvana kunekorali, isimo sabo sasinjengesafire. ubuso babo sebumnyama kunelahlle, abaziwa ezitaladini. isikhumba sabo sinamathela emathanjeni abo, sishwabene, saba njengomuthi. babe ngcono ababebulawa ngenkamba kunababebulawa ngendlala, ababuna behlatshiwe ngokuswela ukudla kwensimu. izandla zabesifazane abahawukelayo zapheka izingane zabo; zazingukudla kwabo ngokuchithwa kwendodakazi yabantu bami. ujhova-aeiou ufezile ukufutheka kwakhe, uthululile ukufutheka kwentukuthelo yakhe; uphembile umlilo esiyoni oqedile izisekelo zalo. amakhosi omhlaba ayengakholwa kanye nabo bonke abakhileyo ezweni ukuthi abamelene nabo nezitha zabo babeyakun-  
 gena emasangweni asejerusalem. kungenxa yezono zabaprofethi balo nobubi babapristi balo ababechitha igazi labalungileyo phakathi kwalo. bazulazula njengezim-  
 pumputhe ezitaladini, bengcolile ngegazi ngangokuba zazingenakuthintwa izingubo zabo. chezukani, ningcolile! bamemeza kubo: chezukani, chezukani, ningathinti! lapho bebaleka bezulazula, bathi phakathi kwabezizwe: abasayikugogobala lapha. ubuso bukajehova-aeiou buyabahlakaza, akasayikubanakekela. abahloniphi ubuso babapristi, kababanga namusa kumalunga. amehlo ethu ayaphela ukubheka usizo lwethu oluyize; ekulindeni kwethu silindela isizwe esingenakusindisa. bazingela iziny-  
 athelo zethu ukuba singahambi ezigcawini zethu. ukugcina kwethu kuseduze, izinsuku zethu zigcwele, yebo, ukugcina kwethu kufikile. abasixoshayo babenejubane kunezinkozi zezulu; basizingela ezintabeni,

basiqamekela ehlane. umoya wamakhala ethu, ogcotshiweyo kajehova-aeiou, wabanjwa emigodini yabo, esathi ngaye: phansi kwethunzi lakhe siyakuphila phakathi kwezizwe. jabula, uthokoze, ndodakazi yakwa-edomi, ohlala ezweni lase-uzi. indebe iyakudlulela nakuwena; uyakudakwa, uzenze nqunu. ububi bakho sebuphelile, ndodakazi yasesiyoni, kasayikukuthumba. ububi bakho, ndodakazi yakwa-edomi, uyakubuhambela, azambule izono zakho.

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khumbula, jehova-aeiou, esehlelwe yikho; bheka, ubone ihlazo lethu. ifa lethu seliphendulelwe abafokazi, nezindlu zethu kwabezizwe. siyizintandane, asinababa; omame banjengabafelokazi. amanzi ethu siyawaphuza ngemali, izinkuni zethu ziza ngentengo. abasixoshayo basezintayeni zethu; sikhathele, asinakuphumula. sinike isandla sethu kulo igibithe nakulo i-asiriya ukuba sisuthe isinkwa. obaba bona abasekho; thina sithwala ububi babo. izigqila ziyasibusa; akakho osikhulula esandleni sabo. sithola ukudla kwethu ngokuzidela amathambo ngenxa yenkemba yasehlane. isikhumba sethu siyasha njengeziko ngokushisa kwendlala. balala nabesifazane esiyoni, izintombi zasemizini yakwajuda. izikhulu zaphanyekwa ngezandla zabo; ubuso babadala ababuhloniphanga. izinsizwa zathwala amatshe okugaya, abantwana bakhubeka phansi kwezinkuni. abadala baphelile esangweni, nezinsizwa ekuhlabeleleni kwazo. intokozo yenhliziyo yethu iphelile; ukusina kwethu kuphenduke ukulila. umqhele uwile ekhanda lethu. maye kithina, ngokuba sonile! ngalokho inhliziyo yethu idangele; ngalezi zinto amehlo ethu afiphele, ngenxa yentaba yasesiyoni echithekile, zize zihambe kuyo izimpungushe. wena jehova-aeiou umi phakade; isihlalo sakho sobukhosi sikhona ezizukulwaneni ngezizukulwane. usikhohlelwani kuze kube phakade, usishiye izinsuku eziningi, na? sibuyisele kuwe jehova-aeiou, siyakubuya; yenza izinsuku zethu zibe zintsha njengasendulo, ngokuba usilahlele nokusilahla, wasithukuthelela kakhulu.

amazwi omshumayeli indodana kadavide, inkosi yasejerusalema. ize leze, usho umshumayeli, ize leze, konke kuyize. kuyinzuzoni kumuntu ngawo wonke umshikashika wakhe awushikashikayo phansi kwelanga na? isizukulwane siyamuka, isizukulwane siyeza, kepha umhlaba umi phakade. ilanga liyaphuma, ilanga liyashona, lishesha ukuya endaweni yalo lapho liphuma khona. umoya uya ngaseningizimu, uzungeze, uye ngasenyakatho; uzungazungeza njalo ekuhambeni kwawo, nasekuzungezeni kwawo umoya uyabuyela. yonke imifula iyangena elwandle, kepha ulwandle alugcwali; endaweni eya kuyo imifula, ibuye iye khona njalo. zonke izinto ziyakhandleka, akakho ongakuphimisa; iso alisuthi ngokubona, nendlebe ayigcwali ngokuzwa. okwake kwaba khona yikho okuyakuba khona, okwake kwenziwa yikho okuyakwenziwa; akukho okusha phansi kwelanga. kukhona yini into okuthiwa ngayo: bheka, intsha le. yayikhona nasemandulo ayengaphambi kwethu. akukho ukukhunjulwa kwase bephelile, nabalandelayo abayakufika abayikukhunjulwa nabo phakathi kwabalandela bona. mina mshumayeli ngangiyinkosi phezu kuka-israyeli ejerusalema. nganikela inhliziyo yami ukufuna nokuvivinya ngokuhlakanipha konke okwenziwa phansi kwezulu; kungumshikashika omubi ulezi-ku awunikile amadodana abantu ukuba awushikashike. ngiyibonile yonke imisebenzi eyenziwayo phansi kwelanga; bheka, konke kuyize nokufuna umoya. okuyisigwegwe akunakuqondiswa, nokungekho akunakubalwa. ngakhuluma mina nenhliziyo yami, ngathi: bheka, ngenzile ukuhlakanipha kube kukhulu, ngikwandisile kunabo bonke phambi kwami ejerusalema, yebo, inhliziyo yami ibonile kakhulu ukuhlakanipha nokwazi. nganikela inhliziyo yami ukwazi ukuhlakanipha nokwazi ubuhlanya nobuwula. ngase ngibona ukuthi nalokho kwakungukufuna umoya. ngokuba ekuhlakanipheni okuningi kukhona ukukhathazeka okuningi; owandisa ukwazi wandisa usizi.

ngase ngithi mina enhliziyweni yami: woza, ngizakukulinga ngentokozi; mawubone okuhle nje. kepha nalokho kwakuyize. ngathi ngokuhleka: ngubuhlanya, nangentokozi: yenzani na? ngaphenya enhliziyweni yami ukuba ngiyakuthokozisa kanjani umzimba wami ngewayini, inhliziyo ingihole nokho ngokuhlakanipha, nokuba ngibambe ubuwula, ngize ngibone ukuthi kuyini okuhle kumadodana abantu ukuba akwenze phansi kwezulu ezinsukwini

zonke zokuphila kwawo. ngazenzela imisebenzi emikhulu, ngazakhela izindlu, ngazitshalela izivini, ngazenzela izivande namahlathi, ngatshala khona imithi enezithelo zezinhlobo zonke, ngazenzela amachibi amanzi ukuba kuniselwe ngawo ihlati lemithi emilayo. ngathenga izinceku nezincekukazi, nganginazo ezazalwa endlini; yebo, nganginemfuyo enkulu yezinkomo neyezimvu phezu kwakho konke okwakuphambi kwami ejerusalema. ngazibuthela futhi isiliva negolide, nemfuyo yamakhosi, nezifunda; ngathola abahlabeleli, abesilisa nabesifazane, nalokho athokoza ngakho amadodana abantu: isancinza, yebo, izancinza eziningi. ngase ngikhula ngaba mkhulu kunabo bonke ababe phambi kwami ejerusalema. nokuhlakanipha kwami kwakumi ngakimi. konke amehlo ami akufisayo angikugodlanga kuwo; angenqabelanga inhliziyo yami neyodwa intokozi, ngokuba inhliziyo yami yathokoza ngawo wonke umshikashika wami; lokho kwakuyisabelo sami kuwo wonke umshikashika wami. ngase ngibhekana nemisebenzi yonke ezaziyeziwe izandla zami, nomshikashika engangishikashikile ukuwenza; bheka, konke kwakuyize nokufuna umoya, akukho nzuzo phansi kwelanga. ngase ngiphenduka ukuba ngibone ukuhlakanipha, nokuhlanya, nobuwula, ngokuba angenzani umuntu olandela inkosi ngaphandle kwalokho okwenziweyo ngaphambili na? ngase ngibona ukuthi ukuhlakanipha kudlula ubuwula njengalokhu ukukhanya kudlula ubumnyama. ohlakaniphileyo unamehlo ekhanda lakhe, kepha isiwula sihamba ebumnyameni; nokho ngabona ukuthi umehlo munye wehlela bonke. ngase ngithi enhliziyweni yami: njengokwehlela kwe-siwula ngiyakwehlela nami; ngisidluleleni ngokuhlakanipha na? ngathi-ke enhliziyweni yami ukuba nalokho kwakuyize. ngokuba akukho ukukhunjulwa kohlakaniphileyo nokwesiwula kuze kube phakade, lokhu ezinsukwini ezizayo konke kuyakube sekukhohlakele. nohlakaniphileyo akafi njengesiwula na? ngase ngizonda ukuphila, ngokuba umsebenzi owenziwa phansi kwelanga mubi kimi, lokhu konke kuyize nokufuna umoya nje. yebo, ngazonda wonke umshikashika wami engangiwushikashika phansi kwelanga, lokhu ngabona ukuthi ngizakuwushiya kumuntu ofika emva kwami. ngubani owaziyo, uma eyakuba ngumuntu ohlakaniphileyo noma isiwula na? nokho uyakubusa phezu kwawo wonke umshikashika wami engiwushikashikile nengihlakaniphele kuwo phansi kwelanga. nalokho kuyize. ngase ngibuye ngaphela ithemba ngawo wonke umshikashika engangiwushikashikile phansi kwelanga. ngokuba kukhona umuntu omshikashika



wakhe wenziwe ngokuhlakanipha, nangokwazi, nangekhono, kepha nokho uyakuwnikeza kumuntu ongawushikashikanga kube yisabelo sakhe. nalokho kuyize nobubi obukhulu. ngokuba umuntu unanzuzoni yawo wonke umshikashika wakhe nokukhandleka kwenhliziyo yakhe akushikashikile phansi kwelanga na? ngokuba zonke izinsuku zakhe zinobuhlungu, nomsebenzi wakhe ulusizi; yebo, nasebusuku inhliziyo yakhe ayiphumuli; nalokho kuyize. akukho okuhle kumuntu kunalokho kokuba adle, aphuze, abonise umphefumulo wakhe okuhle emshikashikeni wakhe, kepha nalokho ngakubona ukuthi kuvela esandleni sikalezi-ku. ngokuba ngubani ongadla, ngubani ongajabula ngaphandle kwakhe na? ngokuba umuntu omuhle kulezi-ku uyamnika ukuhlakanipha, nokwazi, nentokozo, kepha isoni usinika usizi lokuba sibuthe, siqongelele, ukuze simnike yena omuhle kulezi-ku. nalokho kuyize nokufuna umoya.

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konke kunesikhathi sakho, yonke indaba inomzuzu wayo phansi kwezulu. kukhona isikhathi sokuzalwa nesikhathi sokufa, isikhathi sokutshala nesikhathi sokusiphula okutshaliweyo; isikhathi sokubulala nesikhathi sokuphilisa, isikhathi sokudliza nesikhathi sokwakha; isikhathi sokukhala nesikhathi sokuhleka, isikhathi sokulila nesikhathi sokusina; isikhathi sokuphonsa amatshe nesikhathi sokuqoqa amatshe, isikhathi sokugona nesikhathi sokungagani; isikhathi sokufuna nesikhathi sokulahlekelwa, isikhathi sokugcina nesikhathi sokuhlala; isikhathi sokuklebhula nesikhathi sokuthunga, isikhathi sokuthula nesikhathi sokukhuluma; isikhathi sokuthanda nesikhathi sokuzonda, isikhathi sokulwa nesikhathi sokuzola. unanzuzoni osebenzayo ngalokho akushikashikayo na? ngibonile umshikashika ulezi-ku awunikile amadodana abantu ukuba awushikashike. wenzile konke kuba kuhle esikhathini sakho, ubekile nokuphakade ezinhliziyweni zabo; nokho umuntu angefumane umsebenzi awenzile ulezi-ku kwasekuqaleni kuze kube sekupheleli. ngiyazi ukuthi akukho okuhle kubo kunokuba bathokoze, bazenzele okumnandi besekhona. kepha futhi ukuba abantu bonke badle, baphuze, babone okuhle kuwo wonke umshikashika wabo kuyisipho sikalezi-ku nalokho. ngiyazi ukuthi konke akwenzayo ulezi-ku kuyakuba khona kuze kube phakade; akukho okungenezelwa kukho, futhi akukho okungasuswa kukho. ulezi-ku ukwenzile ukuba abantu besabe phambi kwakhe. lokhu okukhona yikho okwakukhona, nalokho okuyakuba khona

kade kwakukhona; ulezi-ku ufuna okudluleleyo. futhi ngabona phansi kwelanga ukuthi kukhona bona-ra-ukukhandleka endaweni yokwahlulela nokuthi kukhona ukushinga endaweni yokulunga. ngase ngithi enhliziyweni yami: ulezi-ku uyakwahlulela nolungileyo nomubi, ngokuba kukhona lapha isikhathi sezindaba zonke nesemisebenzi yonke. ngathi enhliziyweni yami: kungenxa yamadodana abantu ukuze ulezi-ku awavivinye, wona azibonele ukuthi anjengezilwane nje. ngokuba okwehlela amadodana abantu kwehlela nezilwane, into inye ikwehlela kbona-ra-ukukhandlekaleli; njengalokhu kufa lokho, kuyafa nalokhu; kunomphefumulo munye, umuntu akazidluli ngalutho izilwane, ngokuba konke kuyize. konke kuya endaweni inye; konke kuvela othulini, konke kubuyela othulini. ngubani owaziyo ukuthi umoya wamadodana abantu ukhuphukela phezu, nomoya wezilwane ukuthi wehlela phansi emhlabathini, na? ngase ngibona-ke ukuthi akukho okungcono kunokuba umuntu athokoze ngemisebenzi yakhe, lokhu kuyisabelo sakhe, ngokuba ngubani ongambuyisa ukuba abone okuyakuba semva kwakhe na?

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ngase ngibuye ngabona konke ukucindezela okwenziwa phansi kwelanga; bheka izinyembezi zabacindezelwayo; babengenamduzi. ohlangothini lwababacindezelayo kwakukhona amandla, kepha bona babengenamduzi. ngase ngibusisa abafuleyo asebafa kunabaphilayo abasekhona, kepha badlulwa bobabili nguye ongakabikho, ongabonanga umsebenzi omubi owenziwa phansi kwelanga. futhi ngabona wonke umshikashika nakho konke okwenziwe ngekhono ukuthi kungumhawu womuntu ngomakhelwane wakhe. nalokho kuyize nokufuna umoya. isiwula siyasonga izandla zaso, sidle umzimba waso. kungcono ukhweshe lokuthula kunezandla zombili zigcwele umshikashika kanye nokufuna umoya. ngase ngibuye ngabona okunye okuyize phansi kwelanga: kukhona oyedwa, kanaye owesibili, yebo, akanamntwana, kanamfowabo, nokho ukuphela komshikashika wakhe akukho, nameho akhe awasuthi ngengebo. uthi: ngishikashikela-bani, ngiswezisela umphefumulo wami ngokuhle, na? nalokho kuyize nenhlupheko embi. kungcono ababili kunoyedwa, ngokuba banomvuzo omkhulu ngomshikashika wabo. ngokuba uma bewa, omunye uyavusa umngane wakhe; kepha maye kuye oyedwa lapho ewa, engenawesibili wokumvusa! futhi uma ababili belele ndawonye, banokufudumala, kepha oyedwa angafudumala kanjani na? nakuba

umuntu ahlula oyedwa, ababili bayakuma phambi kwakhe, nentambo emicu mithathu ayisheshi ukugqashuka. kungcono umfana ompofu ohlakaniphileyo kunenkosi egugileyo eyisiwula, engasakwazi ukuxwayiswa, ngokuba waphuma etilongweni ukuba abe yinkosi, yebo, wazalwa embusweni wayo empofu. ngabona bonke abaphilayo ababehamba phansi kwelanga bekanye nalowo mfana obeyakuma esikhundleni sakhe; kwakungekho ukuphela kwabantu bonke, bonke ayephambi kwabo; nokho abafika emuva abayikuthokoza ngaye. impela nalokho kuyize nokufuna umoya.

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gcina unyawo lwakho, lapho uya endlini kalezi-ku, ngokuba ukusondela ukuyokuzwa kungcono kunokunikela ngomhlatshele weziwula, ngokuba azazi ukuthi zenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka. ungabi namawala ngomlomo wakho, nenhliziyo yakho mayingasheshi ukukhipha izwi phambi kukalezi-ku, ngokuba ulezi-ku usezulwini, wena usemhlabeni; ngalokho amazwi akho mawabe yingcosana. ngokuba iphupho livela ngemisebenzi eminingi nephimbo lesiwula ngobuningi bamazwi. lapho wenza isithembiso phambi kukalezi-ku, ungalibali ukusifeza, ngokuba akathokozi ngeziwula: feza lokhu okwethembisayo. kungcono ukuba ungenzi isithembiso kunokuba uthembisa ungafezi. ungavumeli umlomo wakho ukuba wonise inyama yakho, futhi ungasho phambi kwesithunywa sikalezi-ku ukuthi kuyiphutha; yini ukuba ulezi-ku athukuthelele izwi lakho, achithe umsebenzi wezandla zakho, na? ngokuba lapho kukhona amaphupho amaningi, kukhona nokuyize namazwi amaningi, kepha wena yesaba ulezi-ku. uma ubona ukudlovelwa kwabampofu nokuphangwa kokwahlulela nokokulunga ezweni, ungamangali ngakho, ngokuba omkhulu uqaphela omkhulu kunaye, futhi kukhona nabakhulu kunabo. inkosi esebenzela amasimu iyinsizakalo yezwe kukho konke. othanda imali akayikusutha ngemali, nothanda okuningi akaneliswa yizithelo; nalokho kuyize. lapho okuhle kwanda, nabakudlayo bayanda; kulusizo luni kumninikho ngaphandle kokuba akubone ngamehlo akhe na? ubuthongo besisebenzi bumnandi, noma sidla okuyingcosana noma okuningi, kepha ukusutha kocebileyo akumvumeli ukuba alale. kukhona ububi obudabukisayo engibubonile phansi kwelanga: ingcebo egcinelwe umniniyo ukuba imlimaze; futhi uma ingcebo ichithwa ngengozu embi, indodana ayizalileyo ayinalutho esandleni sayo. njengalokho aphuma esizalweni sikanina, uyakubuye amuke, ahambe

ze njengasekufikeni kwakhe, engatholi lutho ngomshikashika wakhe, ahambe nalo esandleni sakhe. nalokho kungububi obudabukisayo ukuthi uyamuka kukho konke njengokufika kwakhe; unanzuzoni ukuthi ushikashikele umoya na? yebo, zonke izinsuku zakhe zisebumnyameni nasosizini, nasekukhathazekeni okuningi, nasekuguleni, nasekutlukutheleni. bheka, engikubonile mina ukuthi kuhle nokumnandi kumuntu kungokudla, nokuphuza, nokubona okuhle kuwo wonke umshikashika wakhe awushikashikayo phansi kwelanga zonke izinsuku zokuphila kwakhe ulezi-ku amnika zona; ngokuba lokhu kuyisabelo sakhe. futhi bonke abantu ulezi-ku abaphe ingcebo nemfuyo, abanike futhi namandla okudla kukho ukuba bathathe izabelo zabo, bathokoze ngomshikashika wabo lokho kuyisipho sikalezi-ku. ngokuba akakhumbuli kakhulu izinsuku zokuphila kwakhe, lokhu ulezi-ku emnika intokozo enhliziyweni yakhe.

## 6

kukhona ububi engibubonile phansi kwelanga ukuthi bunzima phezu kwabantu: umuntu ulezi-ku amnika ingcebo, nemfuyo, nodumo, aze angasweli lutho lomphfumulo wakhe kukho konke akufisayo, ulezi-ku angamniki nokho amandla okudla kukho, kepha kudliwa ngumfokazi; lokho kuyize, kuyisifo esibi. uma umuntu ezala abantwana abayikhulu, ehamba iminyaka eminingi, zibe ziningi izinsuku zeminyaka yakhe, kodwa umphefumulo wakhe ungasuthi ngokuhle, futhi angabi nakumbelwa, ngithi okuphuphumileyo kungcono kunaye, ngokuba kufika ngeze, kumuke ebumnyameni, igama lakho lisitshekelwa ngubumnyama. nelanga akulibonanga, akwazi lutho; khona kunokuphumula kunaye. yebo, noma ephila iminyaka eyinkulungwane ephindwa kabili, engaboni okuhle, abayi bonke endaweni inye na? wonke umshikashika womuntu wenzelwa umlomo wakhe, nokho iphangalo alaneliswa. ngokuba ohlakaniphileyo udluleleni isiwula, nompofu okwazi ukuhamba phambi kwabaphilileyo unantoni na? kungcono ukubona kwamehlo kunokuzulazula kwesifiso; nalokhu kuyize nokufuna umoya. okukhona kwake kwabizwa ngegama; kwaziwa ukuthi umuntu uyakuba yini; akanakwahlulelana nonamandla kunaye. lokhu kukhona amazwi amaningi akwandisa okuyize, umuntu unanzuzoni na? ngokuba ngubani okwaziyo okuhle okuyakuba ngokomuntu ekuhambeni kwakhe zonke izinsuku zokuhamba kwakhe okuyize aziqedayo njengesithunzi na? ngubani ongatshela umuntu okuyakuba semva kwakhe phansi kwelanga na?

igama elihle lingcono kunamafutha amahle, nosuku lokufa lungcono kunosuku lokuzalwa. kungcono ukuya endlini yokulila kunokuya endlini yedili, ngokuba lokho kungukuphela kwabantu bonke; nophilayo makakubeke enhliziyweni yakhe. usizi lungcono kunokuhleka, ngokuba ngokudabuka kobuso inhliziyiyo yenzelwa okuhle. inhliziyiyo yabahlakaniphileyo isendlini yokulila, kepha inhliziyiyo yeziwula isendlini yentokozo. kungcono ukuzwa ukukhuza kohlakaniphileyo kunokuba umuntu ezwe ukuhlabelela kweziwula. njengokuca-camba kwezintathwe eziphansi kwekhanzi, kunjalo ukuhleka kweziwula. nalokho kuyize, impela ukucindezela kuyamhlanyisa ohlakaniphileyo, nokuthengwa ngomvuzo kuchitha ingqondo. kungcono ukuphela kwendaba kunokuqala kwayo; onomoya obekezelayo ungcono kunoziphakamisayo. ungasheshi ukuthukuthela emoyeni wakho, ngokuba ulaka luhlala ezifubeni zeziwula. ungasho ukuthi: kwenziwa kanjani ukuba izinsuku zokuqala zazizinhle kunalezi na? ngokuba awubuzi kanjalo ngokuhlakanipha. ukuhlakanipha kuhle njengefa, yebo, kunenzuzo kwabalibonayo ilanga, ngokuba kusemthunzini wokuhlakanipha njengasemthunzini wemali, kepha inzuzo yokwazi ingeyokuba ukuhlakanipha kulondoloza ukuphila kwalowo onakho. bona umsebenzi kalezi-ku, ngokuba ngubani ongelula lokho akugobileyo na? yenama ngosuku lwenhlanhla, kepha ngosuku olubi qonda ukuthi nalolu ulezi-ku ulwenzile njengalolo, ukuze umuntu angafumani lutho oluyakuba khona emva kwakhe. konke ngikubonile emihleni yami eyize: kukhona olungileyo obhubhile ekulungeni kwakhe, kukhona nomubi owelula ukuphila kwakhe ebubini bakhe. ungabi ngolungileyo ngokudluleleyo, ungazeni ohlakaniphileyo kakhulu; uzichithelani na? ungabi mubi ngokudluleleyo, ungabi yisiwula; uyakufelani kungakabi yisikhathi na? kuhle ukuba ubambelele kulokhu, yebo, ungabuyisi isandla sakho nakulokho, ngokuba owesaba ulezi-ku uyakuphumelela kukho konke. ukuhlakanipha kumenza ohlakaniphileyo ukuba abe namandla kunababusi abayishumi abasemzini. ngokuba akukho muntu emhlabeni olungileyo kangaka ukuba enze okuhle, angoni. ungabeki inhliziyiyo yakho emazwini onke akhulunywayo, funa uzwe inceku yakho ikuthuka, ngokuba kaninginingi inhliziyiyo yakho iyazi ukuba nawe ubathukile abanye. konke lokho ngikuvivinyile ngokuhlakanipha, ngathi: ngiyakuhlakanipha, kepha kwakusala kude nami. okude nokujulile kakhulu, ngubani ongakufumana na? ngase ngiphenduka

ukuba inhliziyiyo yami yazi, ihlole, ifune ukuhlakanipha nendikimba yezindaba ukuyokwazi ububi ukuthi bungubuwula, nobuwula ukuthi bungubuhlanya. ngase ngifumana okubaba kunokufa: owesifazane onhliziyo yakhe iyizingibe namanetha, nezandla zakhe ziyizibopho; omuhle phambi kukalezi-ku uyakuphunyuka kuye, kepha isoni siyakubanjwa nguye. bheka, nakhu engikufumene, uthi umshumayeli: ngibeka okunye kokunye ukuba ngithole indikimba yezindaba, nokusafunwa ngumphefumulo wami, ngingakakufumani kodwa: indoda inye phakathi kwenkulungwane ngiyifumene, kepha owesifazane phakathi kwabo bonke labo angimfumananga. bheka, lokhu kuphela ngikufumene ukuthi ulezi-ku wamenza umuntu waba qotho, kepha bona bafunile amacebo amaningi.

## 8

ngubani onjengohlakaniphileyo na? ngubani owazi ukuchasisela indaba na? ukuhlakanipha komuntu kuyakhanyisa ubuso bakhe, nobulukhuni bobuso bakhe buyaguqulwa. ngithi: gcina izwi lenkosi ngenxa yesifungo ngolezi-ku. ungasheshi ukusuka ebusweni bayo, ungemi endabeni embi, ngokuba yenza konke ekuthandayo. ngokuba izwi lenkosi liyabusa; ngubani ongasho kuyo ukuthi: wenzani na? ogcina umyalo akayikwazi bona-ra-ukukhandleka: nenhliziyiyo yohlakaniphileyo iyakwazi isikhathi nokwahlulela, ngokuba kukhona isikhathi nokwahlulela ezindabeni zonke; nokho ububi bomuntu bukhulu phezu kwakhe, lokhu engazi okuyakuba khona, ngokuba ngubani ongamshela ukuthi kuyakuba kanjani na? akukho muntu onamandla phezu komoya ukuba awuthiye, futhi akakho obusa phezu kosuku lokufa; ukukhululwa akukho empini, nobubi abunakukhulula umninibo. ngabona konke lokho, ngabeka inhliziyiyo yami kuyo yonke imisebenzi eyenziwa phansi kwelanga ngesikhathi lapho umuntu ebusa omunye kube ngukulimala kwakhe. kanjalo ngabona ukuthi ababi bembelwa, ababengenile bephuma endaweni engcwele, bababazeka emzini lapho kade benza okunjalo; nalokho kuyize. ngenxa yokuba ububi obenziwayo bungahlulelwa masinyane, ngalokho izinhliziyiyo zamadodana abantu phakathi kwawo zigcwele ukwenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka, ngangokuba isoni, noma senza bona-ra-ukukhandleka kayikhulu, kuyandiswa nokho izinsuku zaso. kanti nokho ngiyazi ukuthi kuzakuba kuhle kwabamesabayo ulezi-ku, lokhu besaba phambi kobuso bakhe; kodwa akuyikuba kuhle kwababi, nemihla yabo ayiyikwandiswa njengesithunzi, lokhu abesabi phambi kukalezi-ku. kukhona okuyize okwenziwa

emhlabeni kokuthi kukhona abalungileyo abehlelwa ngokomsebenzi wababi, nokuthi kukhona ababi abehlelwa ngokomsebenzi wabalungileyo; ngathi: nalokho kuyize. ngase ngibabaza intokozo, ngokuba umuntu akanakho okuhle phansi kwelanga kunokudla, nokuphuza, nokujabula; lokhu kuyakuhlala kuye emshikashikeni wakhe ezinsukwini zokuphila kwakhe aziphiweyo ngulezi-ku phansi kwelanga. lapho ngibeka inhliziyi yami ukukwazi ukuhlakanipha nokubona umshikashika owenziwa emhlabeni, ngokuba akakho obona ubuthongo ngamehlo akhe imini nobusuku, ngase ngiqonda wonke umsebenzi kalezi-ku ukuthi umuntu akanakuwubamba umsebenzi owenziwa phansi kwelanga, ngokuba noma umuntu eshikashikeka kangakanani ukuwuhlola, angewuthole, yebo, nakuba ohlakaniphileyo ecabanga ukuthi uyawazi, akanakuwuthola.

## 9

ngokuba konke lokho ngakubeka enhliziyweni yami ukuhlola konke lokho ukuthi abalungileyo nabahlakaniphileyo nemisebenzi yabo kusesandleni sikalezi-ku; noma kuluthando noma kuyinzondo, akukho muntu okwaziyo; konke kusebusweni babo. konke kungabehelela bonke, olungileyo nomubi, omuhle nohlambulukileyo nongcolileyo, onikela ngomhlatshelelo nongenawo umhlatshelelo, omuhle abe njengesoni, ofungayo njengowesaba isifungo. kubi lokhu kukho konke okwenziwa phansi kwelanga ukuthi bonke behlelwa yinto inye; ngalokho izinhliziyi zamadodana abantu zigcwele ububi, nobuhlanya busezinhliziyweni zabo besekhona, andukuba baye kwabafileyo. ohlangene nabo bonke abaphilayo kukhona ithemba kuye, ngokubainja ephilayo ingcono kunengonyama efileyo. ngokuba abaphilayo bayazi ukuthi bayakufa, kepha abafileyo abazi lutho, futhi abasenawo umvuzo, ngokuba ukukhunjulwa kwabo sekukhohlakele. uthando lwabo, nokuzonda kwabo, nomhawu wabo sekuphelile, futhi abasenaso isabelo nanini kukho konke okwenziwa phansi kwelanga. hamba udle isinkwa sakho ngentokozo, uphuze iwayini ngenhliziyo enhle, ngokuba ulezi-ku usevumile imisebenzi yakho. izingubo zakho mazibe mhlophe ngezikhathi zonke, nekhandla lakho malingasweli amafutha. thokoza ngokuphila nomkakho omthandayo zonke izinsuku zokuphila kwakho okuyize, oziphiwayo phansi kwelanga zonke izinsuku zakho eziyize, ngokuba lokhu kuyisabelo sakho kulokho kuphila ngomshikashika wakho owushikashikayo phansi kwelanga. konke isandla sakho esikufumanayo ukukwenza, konenze ngamandla akho, ngokuba

akukho msebenzi, namcabango, nakwazi, nakuhlakanipha endaweni yabafileyo, lapho uya khona. ngabuye ngabona phansi kwelanga ukuthi ukujaha akuyi ngabanejubane, nokulwa ngamaqhawe, nesinkwa ngabahlakaniphileyo, nengebo ngabaqondileyo, nomusa ngabanokwazi, ngokuba bonke bahlangabezana nesikhathi nethuba. ngokuba umuntu akasazi isikhathi sakhe; njengezinhlanzi ezibanjwa enetheni elibi nezinyoni ezibanjwa ogibeni, kanjalo amadodana abantu abekelwa isihibe ngesikhathi esibi, lapho siwehlela ngokuzumayo. ngabona futhi ukuhlakanipha ngale ndlela phansi kwelanga, kwaba kukhulu kimi: kwakukhona umuzi omncane, unabantu abayingcosana phakathi kwawo; kwafika inkosi enkulu kuwo, yawuvimbezela, yakha izinqaba ezinkulu ngakuwo; kepha kwafunyanwa kuwo indoda empofu ehlakaniphileyo; yawukhulula umuzi ngokuhlakanipha kwayo, kodwa nokho akakho okhumbula leyo ndoda empofu. ngase ngithi: ukuhlakanipha kuhle kunamandla, kepha ukuhlakanipha kompofu kuyadelelwa, namazwi akhe awezwakali. amazwi abahlakaniphileyo ezwakalayo ekuthuleni mahle kunokumemeza kobusa phakathi kweziwula. ukuhlakanipha kungcono kunezikhizi zokulwa, ngokuba oyedwa owonayo angachitha okuhle okuningi.

## 10

izimpukane ezifileyo zenza amafutha omthaki ukuba anuke, abile; kanjalo ubuwula obuncane bulingana nokuhlakanipha nodumo. izinhliziyi yohlakaniphileyo ingakwesokunene sakhe, kepha izinhliziyi yesiwula ingakwesokhohlo. yebo, nasendleleni esihamba ngayo isiwula, siyaphela ingqondo, sisho kubo bonke ukuthi siyisiwula. uma umoya wombusi ukuvukela, ungashiya indawo yakho, ngokuba ukubekezelwa kuvimba izono ezinkulu. kukhona ububi engibubonile phansi kwelanga, bunjengephutha elivela kumbusi: ubuwula bubekwa ezindaweni eziningi eziphakemeyo, kepha abacebileyo bahlala kweziphansi. ngibonile izinceku zikhwele amahhashi, nezikhulu zihamba phansi njengezinceku. omba umgodi uyakuwela kuwo, nodiliza ugange uyakulunywa yinyoka. okhipha amatshe uyakulinyazwa yiwo, nobanda izinkuni uyakuba sengozini ngazo. uma insimbi ibuthuntu, umuntu engaloli usiko, uyakhamelela ngamandla; kepha okusizayo ukuphumelelisa kungukuhlakanipha. uma inyoka iluma ingakalunjwa, umlumbi akasizi lutho. amazwi omlomo wohlakaniphileyo anomusa, kepha izindebe zesiwula ziyasigwinya sona. ukuqala kwamazwi omlomo waso angubuwula, nokugcina kokukhuluma

kwaso kungubhlanya obubi. isiwula siyandisa amazwi, nokho umuntu akazi okuyakuba khona; nalokho okuyakuba ngasemva kwakhe, ngubani ongamtshela lokho na? umshikashika weziwula uyaziqoba, ukuze zingazi nokuya emzini. maye kuwe lizwe onkosi yakho ingumntwana, nezikhulu zakho zinedili ekuseni! ubusisiwe wena lizwe onkosi yakho iyindodana yabakhulu, nezikhulu zakho zinedili ngesikhathi, ziziqinise, zingadakwa. ngobuvula obukhulu indlu iyabola, nangokwenqena kwezandla iyavuzwa. idili lenzelwa ukuhleka, newayini liyenamisa ukuphila, kepha imali iyimpindulo yakho konke. ungayiqalekisi inkosi nasemicabangweni yakho, ungabathuki abacebileyo nasekamelweni lakho lokulala, ngokuba inyani yezulu iyakulihambisa izwi, nokunamaphiko kuyakuyilanda indaba.

## 11

thuma isinkwa sakho ebusweni bamanzi, ngokuba uyakusifumana emva kwezinsuku eziningi. yabela abayisikhombisa nabayisishiyagalombili, ngokuba awukwazi bonara-ukukhandleka okuyakuba semhlabeni. uma amafu egcwele imvula, ayayithulula emhlabeni; futhi uma kuwa umuthi ngaseningizimu noma ngasenyakatho, endaweni lapho uwa khona umuthi, uyakuba lapho. oqaphela umoya akayikuhlwanjela; obheka amafu kayikuvuna. njengalokhu ungazi indlela yomoya ukuthi iphi, nokubunjwa kwamathambo esizalweni sokhulelweyo, kanjalo awuyazi nemisebenzi kalezi-ku owenza konke. hlwanyela imbewu yakho kusasa, ungaphumuzi isandla sakho nakusihlwa, ngokuba awazi ukuthi yiyiphi eyakuphumelela, yilena noma yileyo, noma ziyakuba zinhle zombili ngokufanayo. ukukhanya kumnandi, yebo, kuhle emehlweni ukubona ilanga. noma umuntu ekhona iminyaka eminingi, makathokoze ngayo yonke, akhumbule nokho nezinsuku zobumnyama ukuthi njengokuba ziziningi, konke okufikayo kuyize. thokoza, nsizwa, ebusheni bakho, inhliziyi yakho ikuphe ukwenama emihleni yobunsizwa bakho, uhambe ngezindlela zenhliziyi yakho njengokubona kwamehlo akho, kepha yazi ukuthi ngakho konke lokho ulezi-ku uyakukungenisa ekwahlulelweni. khipha usizi enhliziyweni yakho, udlulise bona-rala-ukukhandleka emzimbeni wakho, ngokuba ubusha nobunsizwa buyize.

## 12

futhi khumbula umdali wakho emihleni yobusha bakho, zingakafiki izinsuku ez-

imbi, ingakasondeli iminyaka osho ngayo ukuthi: angithokozi ngayo, yebo, lingakabi mnyama ilanga, nokukhanya, nenyanga, nezinkanyezi, namafu engakabuyi emva kwemvula, ngalolo suku lapho abalindi bendlu beyakuthuthumela, amadoda anamandla agobe, abasilikazi bayeke ngokuba beyingcosana, abalunguza emafasiteleni bafiphazelwe, iminyaka osho ivalwe esitaladini, lapho umsindo wokusila uncipha, umuntu avuke ngezwi lenyoni, izintombi zonke zokuhlabelela zithuliswe; nalapho abantu besaba imimango izesabiso zibe sendleleni, umalimondi ukhahlele, intethe itotobe, izithelo zesihlahla sekaphari zingabe zisaba namandla, ngokuba umuntu useya endlini yakhe ephakade, nabalilayo bazulazula esitaladini; yebo, lingakagqabuki igoda lesiliva, nokhamba lwegolide lungakaphahlazwa, nembiza ingakafi ngasemthonjeni, nesondo lingakaphuki ngasemgodini wamanzi, uthuli lubuyele emhlabathini, njengokuba lwalunjalo, umoya ubuyele kulezi-ku owawunikayo. ize leze, usho umshumayeli, konke kuyize. futhi ngokuba umshumayeli wayehlakaniphile, wayefundisa abantu ukwazi, wazindla, waphenya walungisa izaga eziningi. umshumayeli wafuna ukuthola amazwi anamisayo afanele ukulotshwa, amazwi eqiniso. amazwi abahlakaniphileyo anjengezincijo, nezigaba zawo zinjengezipikili ezinamathelelo, ephiwe ngumalusi munye. kepha phezu kwalana, ndodana yami, mawuxwaye; ukwenza izincwadi eziningi akunakuphela, nokufunda okuningi kukhathaza umzimba. nakhu ukuphela kwendaba, lapho sekuzwakele konke: mesabe ulezi-ku, ugcine imiyalo yakhe, ngokuba lokho kungokwabantu bonke. ngokuba ulezi-ku uyakuyisa uyakuyisa yonke imisebenzi ekwahlulelweni kanye nakhonke okufihliweyo, noma kuhle noma kubi.

kwathi emihleni ka-ahashiveroshi yena u-ahashiveroshi lowo owabusa kusukela e-indiya kuze kube sekushe phezu kwezifunda eziyikhulu namashumi amabili nesikhombisa yebo, ngaleyo mihla lapho inkosi u-ahashiveroshi ihlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi sombuso wayo, esasieshushani endlini yenkosi, ngomnyaka wesithathu wokubusa kwayo, yenzela izikhulu zayo zonke nezinceku zayo idili, amaqhawe asepheresiya nasemediya, nabakhulu nezikhulu zezifunda bephambi kwayo, lapho iyibonakalisa ingcebo yombuso wayo odumileyo, nobukhosi nobuhle bobukhulu bayo izinsuku eziningi, izinsuku eziyikhulu namashumi ayisishiyagalombili. seziphelile lezo zinsuku, inkosi yenzela abantu bonke ababe khona eshushani endlini yenkosi, abakhulu nabancane, idili izinsuku eziyisikhombisa egcekeni lensimu yendlu yenkosi. kwakukhona izilenge ezimhlophe neziluhlaza, ziboshelwe ngezintambo zelineni elicolekileyo nezibubende emasongweni esiliva nasezinsikeni zamatshe amhlophe; imibhede yayiyigolide nesiliva phezu kwendawo egandawye ngamatshe abomvu, nangamaparele, nangamatshe amnyama. baphuziswa ngezitsha zegolide, izitsha zahlukene, ezinye nezinye, iwayini lamakhosi eliningi njengokwesandla senkosi. ukuphuza kwaya ngomthetho wokuba kungacindezelwa muntu, ngokuba inkosi yayiyalile zonke izinduna zendlu yayo ukuba zenze njengokuthanda kwabantu abanye ngabanye. naye uvashiti, inkosikazi, wenzela abesifazane idili endlini yenkosi u-ahashiveroshi. ngosuku lwesikhombisa, lapho inhlizyo yenkosi isithokoza ngewayini, yayala omehumani, nobizitha, noharibona, nobigitha, noabagitha, nozethari, nokarikasi, izinduna eziyisikhombisa ezazikhonza ebusweni buka-ahashiveroshi inkosi ukuba zimlethe uvashiti inkosikazi phambi kwenkosi, abe nomqhele wobukhosi ukuba abonise abantu nezikhulu ubuhle bakhe, ngokuba wayebukeka kahle. kepha inkosikazi uvashiti yeqaba ukuba ngesiyalezo senkosi ngesandla sezinduna; ngalokho inkosi yathukuthela kakhulu, ukala lwayo lwashisa phakathi kwayo. yayisisho inkosi kwabahlakaniphileyo abazazi izikhathi ngokuba yayinendlela enjalo inkosi phambi kwabo bonke ababewazi umthetho nokwahlulela; ababe seduze naye kwakungokarishena, noshethari, no-adimatha, notharishishi, nomeresi, nomarisena, nomemukhani, izikhulu eziyisikhombisa zasepheresiya nasemediya ezaziphambi kobuso benkosi, zihlala emqoka embusweni yathi: siyakwenze njani kuyo inkosikazi uvashiti njengomthetho, ngokuba ayenzanga izwi

lenkosi u-ahashiveroshi ngesandla sezinduna, na? umemukhani wathi phambi kwenkosi nezikhulu: uvashiti, inkosikazi, akonanga enkosini kuphela, kepha nakuzo zonke izikhulu nakubantu bonke abasezifundeni zenkosi u-ahashiveroshi. ngokuba le ndaba yenkosikazi iyakuphumela kubo bonke abesifazane ukuba amadoda abo adeleleke emehlweni abo, lapho kuthiwa inkosi u-ahashiveroshi yamyala uvashiti, inkosikazi, ukuba alethwe phambi kwayo, kepha akafikanga. namuhla amakhosikazi asepheresiya nasemediya ayizwile le ndaba yenkosikazi ayakukusho ezikhulwini zenkosi, kube ngukudelela nentukuthelo enkulu. uma kukuhle enkosini, makuphume izwi lobukhosi, lilotshwe phakathi kwemithetho yamapheresiya namamede, lingalahlwa, lokuba uvashiti angabe esangena phambi kwenkosi u-ahashiveroshi, inkosi inike omunye omuhle kunaye ubukhosikazi bakhe. lapho isimemelelo senkosi eyakusenza sesiyakuzwakala embusweni wayo wonke, ngokuba mkhulu bonke abafazi bayakuwahlonipha amadoda abo, amakhulu namancane. laba lihle lelo zwi emehlweni enkosi nasezikhulwini; yenza-ke inkosi njengezwi likamemukhani; yathuma izincwadi ezifundeni zonke zenkosi, ezifundeni ngezifunda njengokubhala kwazo nasezizweni ngezizwe njengezilimi zazo ukuba yilowo nalowo muntu abuse endlini yakhe, akhulume ngolimi lwesizwe sakubo.

## 2

emva kwalokho lapho ulaka lwenkosi u-ahashiveroshi selubohlile, yamkhumbula uvashiti nalokho akwenzileyo, nalokho okumenyezelwe ngaye. zase zithi izinceku zenkosi ezaziyikhonza: inkosi mayifunelwe izintombi ezibukekayo, inkosi imise ababonisi ezifundeni zonke zombuso wakho ukuba babuthele ndawonye zonke izintombi ezibukekayo eshushani endlini yenkosi endlini yabesifazane phansi kwesandla sikahegayi induna yenkosi, umgcini wabesifazane, zinikwe izinto zazo zokuqhola. intombi enhle emehlweni enkosi mayibe yinkosikazi esikhundleni sikavashiti. yaba nhle leyo nto emehlweni enkosi, yenze njalo. kwakukhona umuntu womjuda eshushani endlini yenkosi ogama lakhe lalingumotidekayi kajayire kashimeyi kakishi wakwabenjamini, owayethunjwe ejerusalem kanye nabathunjwa ababethunjwe nojekoniya, inkosi yakwajuda, owathunjwa ngunebukadinesari, inkosi yasebabele. wayelokhu emondla uhadasa ongu-esteri, indodakazi kayisekazi, ngokuba wayengenayise, engenanina; intombi yayiyinhle, yayibukeka; sebefile uyise nonina, umotidekayi wayithatha yaba yindo-

dakazi yakhe. kwathi lapho izwi lenkosi nesimemezelo sayo sekuzwakele, nalapho izintombi eziningi zibuthene eshushani endlini yenkosi phansi kwesandla sikahegayi, u-esteri wangeniswa endlini yenkosi phansi kwesandla sikahegayi, umgcini wabesifazane. intombi yayiyinhle emehlweni akhe, yafumana umusa kuye; washesha wayinika izinto zokuqhola, nezabelo zayo, nezintombi eziyisikhombisa ezazikhethele yona zivela endlini yenkosi, wayiyisa yona nezintombi zayo endaweni enhle yendlu yabesifazane. kepha u-esteri wayengakhulumanga ngabantu bakubo nangezihlobo zakhe, ngokuba umoridekayi wayeyiyalile ukuba ingakusho. umoridekayi wayehamba zonke izinsuku phambi kwegceke lendlu yabesifazane ukuba azi impilo ka-esteri nokuthi kwenziwe njani kuye. lapho kufika isikhathi sezintombi ngezintombi sokuba zingene enkosini u-ahashiveroshi emva kokuba kwenziwe kuzo njengomthetho wabesifazane izinyanga eziyishumi nambili ngokuba zagcwaliswa kanjalo izinsuku zokuqholwa kwazo, izinyanga eziyisithupha ngamafutha emure nezinyanga eziyisithupha ngamakha nangezinto zokuqhola abesifazane intombi yangena ngaleyo ndlela enkosini, nakho konke eyakushoyo yakunikwa ukuba iphume nakho endlini yabesifazane, iye endlini yenkosi. yangena khona kusihlwa; ekuseni yabuyela endlini yesibili yabesifazane phansi kwesandla sikashashigazi, induna yenkosi, umgcini wezancinza, ingaphindi ingene enkosini, uma inkosi ingathokozanga ngayo, ibizwe ngegama. lapho sesifikile isikhathi sika-esteri, indodakazi ka-abihayili, uyisekazi kamoridekayi omthathe ukuba abe yindodakazi yakhe sokuba angene enkosini, akafunanga lutho, kuphela lokho akushoyo uhagayi induna yenkosi, umgcini wabesifazane. u-esteri wafumana umusa emehlweni abo bonke abambonayo. u-esteri wayeseyiswa enkosini u-ahashiveroshi endlini yakhe yobukhosi ngenyanga yeshumi, eyinyanga kathebeti, ngomnyaka wesikhombisa wokubusa kwayo. inkosi yamthanda u-esteri phezu kwabo bonke abesifazane, wafumana umusa nesihe emehlweni ayo kunazo zonke izintombi, wamfaka umqhele wobukhosi, wamenza inkosikazi esikhundleni sikavashiti. inkosi yayisizenza zonke izikhulu zayo nezinceku zayo idili elikhulu, idili lika-esteri, wanika izifunda ukuphumula, waphana ngeziphondo njengokupha kwenkosi. lapho izintombi sezibuthwa ngokwesibili, umoridekayi wahlala esangweni lenkosi. u-esteri wayengakalandi lutho ngezihlobo zakhe nangabantu bakhe, njengalokho umoridekayi amayala ngakho, ngokuba u-esteri wenza okushiwo ngumoridekayi njengalapho esondliwa nguye. ngalezo zinsuku umoridekayi

esahlezi esangweni lenkosi, izinduna ezimbili zenkosi obigithani nothereshi kubalindisango zazithukuthele, zafuna ukubeka izandla enkosini u-ahashiveroshi. leyo ndaba yaziwa ngumoridekayi, wayitshela u-esteri inkosikazi; u-esteri wayisho enkosini egameni likamoridekayi. lapho indaba iphenywa, kufunyanwa ukuthi injalo, zaphanyekwa zombili emthini; kwalotshwa encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla phambi kwenkosi.

### 3

emva kwalezo zinto inkosi, u-ahashiveroshi, yamenza mkhulu uhamani indodana kahamedatha umagagi, yamphakamisa, yamisa isihlalo sakhe phezu kwazo zonke izikhulu ezazinayo. zonke izinceku zenkosi ezazisesangweni lenkosi zakhothama, zakhuleka kuhamani, ngokuba inkosi iyale kanjalo ngaye. kepha umoridekayi akakhothamanga, kakhulekanga kuye. zase zithi izinceku zenkosi ezazisesangweni lenkosi kumoridekayi: weqelani isiyalezo senkosi na? kwathi zikhuluma kuye imihla ngemihla, engazilaleli, zamtshelela uhamani ukuba zibone ukuthi amazwi kamoridekayi ayakuma yini, ngokuba wayezitshelile ukuthi ungumjuda. lapho uhamani ebona ukuthi umoridekayi akakhothamanga, kakhulekanga kuye, uhamani wagcwala ulaka. kwakudelelekile emehlweni akhe ukubeka izandla kumoridekayi yedwa, ngokuba zase zimtshelele abantu bakamoridekayi; ngalokho uhamani wafuna ukubulala bonke abajuda ababe sembusweni wonke ka-ahashiveroshi, isizwe sikamoridekayi. ngenyanga yokuqala eyinyanga kanisani ngomnyaka weshumi nambili wenkosi u-ahashiveroshi benza iphure eliyinkatho phambi kukahamani imihla ngemihla izinyanga ngezinyanga, kwaze kwaba ngeyeshumi nambili eyinyanga ka-adari. uhamani wathi enkosini u-ahashiveroshi: kukhona isizwe esithile esihlakazekile, sisakazekile phakathi kwabantu bezifunda zonke zombuso wakho; nemithetho yaso yahlukene neyezizwe zonke; futhi asigcini imithetho yenkosi; ngalokho akufanele ukuba inkosi isiyeke. uma kukuhle enkosini, makulotshwe ukuba sichithwe; ngiyakukhokhela amatalenta ayizinkulungwane eziyishumi esiliva ezandleni zabenza umsebenzi wenkosi, ayiswe esikhwameni senkosi. inkosi yakhumula indandatho yayo esandleni sayo, yayinika uhamani indodana kahamedatha umagagi isitha sabajuda. inkosi yathi kuhamani: isiliva liyanikwa wena, nesizwe futhi, ukuba wenze kuso okuhle emehlweni akho. kwase kubizwa abalobi benkosi ngenyanga yokuqala ngosuku lweshumi nantathu lwayo,

kwalotshwa njengakho konke uhamani ayala angakho othulasizwe benkosi, nababusi ababephethe izifunda ngezifunda, nezikhulu zezizwe ngezizwe, izifunda ngezifunda njengokubhala kwazo, nezizwe ngezizwe njengolimi lwazo; kwalotshwa egameni lenkosi u-ahashiveroshi, kwanamathiselwa ngendandatho yenkosi. izincwadi zathunywya ngesandla sezigijimi ezifundeni zonke zenkosi ukuba kuchithwe, kubulawe, kubhujiswe abajuda bonke, abasha nabadala, izingane nabesifazane, ngalusuku lunye, ngolweshumi nantathu lwenyanga yeshumi namibili eyinyanga ka-adari, impahla yabo ibe yimpango. impinda yokulotshiweyo yanikwa ukuba ibe yisimemezelolo ezifundeni zonke, kumenyezelwe kubantu bonke ukuba bazilungiselele lolu suku. izigijimi zashe-sha zahamba ngezwi lenkosi. umthetho washaywa eshushani endlini yenkosi; inkosi nohamani bahlala phansi, baphuza, kepha umuzi waseshushani wakhungatheka.

#### 4

umoridekayi esekwazi konke okwenziweyo, umoridekayi waziklebhula izingubo zakhe, wembatha indwangu yamasaka nomlotha, waphumela phakathi komuzi, wakhala ngokukhala okukhulu okumunyu; waya naphambi kwesango lenkosi, ngokuba kwakungekho ongangena esangweni lenkosi embethe indwangu yamasaka. kuzo zonke izifunda lapho kwafika khona izwi lenkosi nomthetho wayo, kwaba khona ukulila okukhulu phakathi kwabajuda, nokuzila ukudla nokukhala ngezinyembezi, nokulila; abaningi balala phansi bembethe izindwangu zamasaka nomlotha. izintombi zika-esteri nezinduna zakhe zafika zamtshela lokho; inkosikazi yazwiswa kakhulu ubuhlungu; yathuma izingubo zokumembathisa umoridekayi, yasasa kuye ingubo yakhe yamasaka; kepha akazamukelanga. u-esteri wayesebiza uhathaki wezinduna zenkosi eyayimmissile ukuba amkhonze, wamyala ukuba aye kumoridekayi, ukuze akwazi ukuthi kuyini nokuthi kungani na? uhathaki wayesehamba, waya kumoridekayi esigcawini somuzi esasiphambi kwesango lenkosi. umoridekayi wamtshela konke okumehleleyo nenani lemali uhamani ayethembisile ukulikhokhela esikhwameni senkosi ngabajuda ukuba babhujiswe. wamnika futhi impinda yomthetho olotshiweyo owashaywa eshushani wokuba babhujiswe, ukuze amtshengise yona u-esteri, amtshale ngayo, amyale ukuba angene enkosini ukunxusa kuyo, acelele abantu bakhe phambi kwayo. wafika uhathaki, wamtshela u-esteri amazwi kamoridekayi. wayesethi u-esteri kuhathaki, wayala ukuba kuthiwe kumoridekayi: zonke

izinceku zenkosi nabantu bezifunda zenkosi bayazi ukuthi bonke abesilisa nabesifazane abeza enkosini egcekeni elingaphakathi bengabizwanga, kukhona umthetho munye ngabo wokuba babulawe, ngaphandle kwalowo inkosi eyakwelulela kuye intonga yegolide ukuba aphile; kodwa mina angibizwanga ukuba ngingene enkosini ngalezi zinsuku ezingamashumi amathathu. bamtshela umoridekayi amazwi ka-esteri. wayesesho umoridekayi ukuba babuyisele impendulo ku-esteri ngokuthi: ungacabangi enhliziyweni yakho ukuthi wena uyakusinda endlini yenkosi kunabajuda bonke. ngokuba uma uthula nokuthula ngalesi sikhathi, ukukhululwa nokophulwa kwabajuda kuyakuvela kwenye indawo, wena nendlu kayihlo nibhubhe. ngubani okwaziyo, uma ungafikanga embusweni ngenxa yesikhathi esinjengalesi na? u-esteri wayesesho ukuba kubuyiselwe impendulo kumoridekayi yokuthi: hambani nibuthe bonke abajuda abakhona eshushani, ningizilele ukudla, ningadli, ningaphuzi izinsuku ezintathu ubusuku nemini; nami nezintombi zami siyakuzila kanjalo, ngingene enkosini noma kungengamthetho; uma ngibhubha, mangibhubhe. wayesehamba umoridekayi, wenza njengakho konke u-esteri amyale ngakho.

#### 5

kwathi ngosuku lwesithathu u-esteri wembatha ingubo yobukhosi, wema egcekeni elingaphakathi lendlu yenkosi malungana nendlu yenkosi; inkosi yayihlezi esihlalweni sayo sobukhosi endlini yobukhosi malungana nomnyango wendlu. kwathi lapho inkosi ibona u-esteri inkosikazi emi egcekeni, wafumana umusa emehlweni ayo; inkosi yamelulela u-esteri intonga yegolide esesandleni sayo. wayesesondela u-esteri, wasithinta isihloko sentonga. yayisithi inkosi kuye: ukhala ngani, nkosikazi esteri, na? yini oyifunayo na? uyakunikwa kuze kube nenxenye yombuso. wathi u-esteri: uma kukuhle enkosini, inkosi nohamani mabeze namuhla edilini engiyilungisele lona. yathi inkosi: msheshiseni uhamani ukuba kwenziwe njengezwi lika-esteri. base beya inkosi nohamani edilini alilungisileyo u-esteri. inkosi yathi ku-esteri ngasedilini lewayini: isicelo sakho siyini na? uyakusenzelwa. yini oyifunayo na? kuyakwenziwa kuze kube nenxenye yombuso. wayesephendula u-esteri, ethi: isicelo sami nengikufunayo nakhu: uma ngifumene umusa emehlweni enkosi noma kukuhle enkosini ukunginika lokho engikucelayo nokwenza lokho engikufunayo, makuze inkosi nohamani edilini engiyakubalungisele lona; ngiyakwenza kusasa njengezwi lenkosi. uhamani wa-



phuma khona ngalolo suku, ethokoza enenhliziyi enhle; kepha lapho uhamani embona umoridekayi esangweni lenkosi ukuthi akasukumanga, kanyakazanga ngaye, uhamani wagcwalala ulaka ngomoridekayi. kepha uhamani wazibamba, waya ekhaya; wayesethuma, walanda abangane bakhe nozereshi umkakhe. uhamani wabalandisa udumo lwengcebo yakhe, nobuningi babantwana bakhe, nakho konke inkosi emkhulisile kukho, nalokho emphakamisile kukho phezu kwezikhulu nezinceku zenkosi. uhamani wathi futhi: u-esteri, inkosikazi, akangenisanga muntu kanye nenkosi edlini alilungisileyo ngaphandle kwami; nakusasa mina ngimenyiwe nguye kanye nenkosi. kepha konke lokho akunganelisi ngalutho kuso sonke isikhathi engilokhu ngibona ngaso umoridekayi, umjuda, ehlezi esangweni lenkosi. wayesethi uzereshi umkakhe nabo bonke abangane bakhe kuye: yenza umuthi, ukuphakama kwawo kube yizingalo ezingamashumi ayisihlanu, ukhulume ekuseni enkosini ukuba umoridekayi aphyanyekwe kuwo, besewungena ngokuthokoza kanye nenkosi edlini. laba lihle lelo zwi kuhamani, wenza umuthi.

## 6

ngalobo busuku ubuthongo babaleka enkosini, yayala ukuba kulethwe incwadi yezikhumbuzo zezindaba zemihla ngemihla, zafundwa phambi kwenkosi. kwafumaniseka kulotshiwe ukuthi umoridekayi wayelandile ngobigithani nothereshi izinduna ezimbili zenkosi, abalindisango, ukuthi babefunile ukubeka isandla enkosini u-ahashiveroshi. inkosi yathi: ludumo luni nobukhulu buni okwenzelwe umoridekayi ngalokho na? zase zithi izinceku zenkosi ezaziikhonza: akenzelwanga lutho. yayisithi inkosi: ngubani osegcekeni na? uhamani wayesand'ukungena nje egcekeni elingaphandle lendlu yenkosi ukuba akhulume enkosini ngokuphanyekwa kukamoridekayi emthini abemlungisele wona. zathi-ke izinceku zenkosi kuyo: bheka, uhamani ume egcekeni. yathi inkosi: makangene. yayisithi inkosi kuye: umuntu inkosi ethanda ukumdumisa wenzelwani na? uhamani wathi enhliziyweni yakhe: ngubani inkosi ebiyakuthanda ukumenzela udumo ngaphandle kwami na? wayesethi enkosini: umuntu inkosi ethanda ukumenzela udumo makalethelewe isambatho sobukhosi ekade isembethe inkosi, kanye nehhashi inkosi ekade ikhwela kulo nelifakwe enhloko yalo umqhele wobukhosi; isambatho nehhashi makunikezwe esandleni sesinye sezikhulu ezidumileyo ukuba zimembathise lowo muntu inkosi ethanda ukumdumisa, zimkhwelise ehhashini esigcawini somuzi,

zimemeze phambi kwakhe ngokuthi: uyakwenzelwa kanjalo umuntu inkosi ethanda ukumdumisa. yayisithi inkosi kuhamani: shesha, uthathe isambatho nehhashi njenkokusho kwakho, wenze njalo kumoridekayi, umjuda, ohlezi esangweni lenkosi. makungaphuthi lutho lwakho konke okukhulumeleyo. uhamani wathatha-ke isambatho nehhashi, wamembathisa umoridekayi, wamkhwelisa esigcawini somuzi, wamemeza phambi kwakhe ngokuthi: uyakwenzelwa kanjalo umuntu inkosi ethanda ukumdumisa. umoridekayi wabuyela esangweni, kepha uhamani waphuthuma ekhaya ekhala, embobile ikhanda. uhamani walandisa uzereshi umkakhe nabo bonke abangane bakhe konke okumehleleyo. zase zithi kuye izihlakaniphi zakhe nozereshi umkakhe: uma umoridekayi oqale ukuwa phambi kwakhe engowenzalo yabajuda, awuyikumahlula, kepha uyakuwa nokuwa phambi kwakhe. besakhuluma naye, zafika izinduna zenkosi, zashesha ukumyisa uhamani edlini u-esteri alilungisileyo.

## 7

yafika-ke inkosi nohamani edlini lika-esteri inkosikazi. inkosi yabuye yathi ku-esteri ngosuku lwesibili lwedili lewayini: isicelo sakho siyini, nkosikazi esteri, na? uyakusenzelwa. yini oyifunayo na? kuyakwenziwa kuze kube nenxenye yombuso. wayesephendula u-esteri inkosikazi, ethi: uma ngifumene umusa emehlweni akho, nkosi, noma kukuhle enkosini, mangiphiwe ukuphila kwami ngesicelo sami nokwesizwe sakithi ngokufuna kwami, ngokuba kuthengisiwe ngathi, mina nesizwe sakithi, ukuba sichithwe, sibulawe, sibhubhe. uma bekuthengisiwe ngathi sibe yizigqila nezigqilakazi kuphela, ngabe ngithulile, ngokuba usizi lwethu alwanele ukuba sisinde inkosi. yayisisho inkosi u-ahashiveroshi, ithi ku-esteri inkosikazi: ngubani lo, uphi yena onesibindi sokwenza lokho na? u-esteri wathi: ngumuntu omelene nathi, oyisitha, uhamani lo omubi. uhamani wayeseshaywa luvalo phambi kwenkosi nenkosikazi. yayisikusuma inkosi ngolaka lwayo edlini lewayini, yaya ensimini yendlu yenkosi; uhamani wasukuma ukunxusa u-esteri inkosikazi ngokuphila kwakhe, ngokuba wabona ukuthi usenqunyelwe bona-ra-ukukhandleka yinkosi. inkosi isibuya ensimini yendlu yenkosi, ingene endlini yedili lewayini, uhamani wayesewele embhedeni u-esteri ayekuwo. yayisithi inkosi: uyakuyiphoqa inkosikazi phambi kwami lapha endlini na? lapho liphuma leli zwi emlonyeni wenkosi, bamboza ubuso bukahamani. wayesethi uharibona, enye yezinduna ezaziphambi kwenkosi: bheka, umuthi okuphakama

kwawo kuyizingalo ezingamashumi ayisihlanu, uhamani ayewenzele umoridekayi owakhuluma kahle ngenkosi, umi endlini kahamani. inkosi yathi: mphanyekeni kuwo. base bemphanyeka-ke uhamani emthini ayewulungisele umoridekayi. yayisibohla intukut helo yenkosi.

## 8

ngalolo suku inkosi u-ahashiveroshi yanika u-esteri, inkosikazi, indlu kahamani isitha sabajuda. umoridekayi weza phambi kwenkosi, ngokuba u-esteri wayeselandile ukuthi uyini naye. inkosi yakhumula indandatho yayo ebiyisusile kuhamani, yayinika umoridekayi. u-esteri wambeka umoridekayi phezu kwendlu kahamani. u-esteri waqhubeka wakhuluma phambi kwenkosi, wawa ngasezinyaweni zayo, wakhala, wayinxusa ukuba ibususe ububi bukahamani umagagi necebo lakhe ayelicebe ngabajuda. inkosi yamelulela u-esteri intonga yegolide. wayesesukuma u-esteri, wema phambi kwenkosi. wathi: uma kukuhle enkosini, noma ngifumene umusa phambi kwayo, noma le nto ilungile phambi kwenkosi, uma ngithandeka emehlweni ayo, makulotshwe ukuba zibuyiswe izincwadi zamacebo kahamani indodana kahamedatha umagagi azilobayo ukuba bachithwe abajuda abasezifundeni zenkosi; ngokuba ngingakubuka kanjani bona-rukukhandleka okuyakufica isizwe sakithi, noma ngingakubuka kanjani ukuchithwa kwezihlobo zami na? inkosi u-ahashiveroshi yathi ku-esteri, inkosikazi, nakumoridekayi, umjuda: bhekani, nginike u-esteri indlu kahamani; yena bamphanyekile emthini, ngokuba wabeka isandla sakhe kuba-juda. kepha lobani nani ngabajuda njengokuhle emehlweni enu egameni lenkosi, nikunamathelise ngendandatho yenkosi, ngokuba umbhalo obhalwe egameni lenkosi wanamatheliswa ngendandatho yenkosi awunakubuyiswa muntu. abalobi benkosi babizwa ngaleso sikhathi ngenyanga yesithathu, eyinyanga kasivani, ngolwamashumi amabili nantathu lwayo; kwalotshwa njengakho konke umoridekayi ayala ngakho abajuda, nawothulasizwe, nababusi, nezikhulu zezifunda, kusukela e-ndiya kuze kufike ekushe, izifunda eziyikhulu namashumi amabili nesikhombisa, izifunda ngezifunda njengokubhala kwazo, nezizwe ngezizwe njengolimi lwazo, nabajuda njengokubhala kwabo nanjengolimi lwabo. waloba egameni lenkosi u-ahashiveroshi, wakunamathelisa ngendandatho yenkosi, wazithuma izincwadi ngesandla sezigijimi zamahhashi, zigibela amahhashi anejubane, amahhashi enkosi akhethekileyo, inkosi eyavumela

ngakho abajuda ababesemizini ngemizi ukuba babuthane, bamele ukuphila kwabo, bachithe, babulale, babhubhise onke amabutho abantu nawesifunda abahlaselayo, izingane nabesifazane, impahla yabo ibe yimpango, ngosuku oluthile ezifundeni zonke zenkosi u-ahashiveroshi, ngolweshumi nantathu lwenyanga yeshumi nambili eyinyanga ka-adari. impinda yokulotshiweyo yanikwa ukuba ibe yisimemezele ezifundeni zonke, kumenyezwe kubantu bonke ukuba abajuda bazilungiselele lolo suku, baziphindisele ezitheni zabo. zase ziphuma izigijimi zigibele amahhashi anejubane, amahhashi enkosi, zisheshiswa ziqhutshwa yizwi lenkosi; umthetho washaywa eshushani endlini yenkosi. wayesephuma umoridekayi ebusweni benkosi embethe isambatho sobukhosi esiluhlaza nesimhlophe, enomqhele omkhulu wegolide nengubo yelineni elicolekileyo nehubende; umuzi waseshushani wajabula, wathokoza. abajuda base benakho ukukhanya, nokuthokoza, nokujabula, nodumo. ezifundeni zonke nasemizini yonke lapho kufika khona izwi lenkosi nomthetho wayo, abajuda babe nokuthokoza nokujabula, nedili, nosuku oluhle. abezizwe abaningi baphenduka abajuda, ngokuba babehlelwe yingebhe ngabajuda.

## 9

ngenyanga yeshumi nambili eyinyanga ka-adari ngosuku lweshumi nantathu lwayo, lapho kusondela izwi lenkosi nomthetho wayo ukuba kwenziwe, ngosuku izitha zabajuda ezazethembile ngalo ukubusa phezu kwabo nokho kwaguqulwa ukuze abajuda babuse phezu kwababazondayo. abajuda babuthana emizini yabo ezifundeni zonke zenkosi u-ahashiveroshi ukuba babeke izandla kulabo ababefuna ukubalimaza; akubangakho ongamelana nabo, ngokuba abantu bonke babehlelwe yingebhe ngabo. zonke izikhulu zezifunda, nawothulasizwe, nababusi, nabenza umsebenzi wenkosi, babasiza abajuda, ngokuba babehlelwe yingebhe ngomoridekayi. ngokuba umoridekayi wayemkhulu endlini yenkosi, nodumo lwakhe lwahamba ezifundeni zonke, ngokuba lowo muntu umoridekayi wayelokhu ekhula njalo. abajuda baceka zonke izitha zabo ngokuceka kwenkomba, nangokubulala, nangokuchitha, benza kwababazondayo njengokuthanda kwabo. eshushani endlini yenkosi abajuda babulala, bachitha abantu abangamakhulu ayisihlanu. babulala nopharimashita, nodalifoni, no-asiphatha, nophoratha, no-adalifoni, no-aridatha, nopharimashita, no-arisayi, no-aridayi, novayizatha, amadodana ayishumi kahamani indodana kahamedatha,

isitha sabajuda, kepha ababekanga izandla zabo empangweni. ngalolo suku inani lababuleweyo eshushani endlini yenkosi lalethwa phambi kwenkosi. inkosi yayisithi ku-esteri inkosikazi: abajuda babulele bachitha abantu abangamakhulu ayisihlanu eshushani endlini yenkosi namadodana ayishumi kahamani; pho, benzeni kwezinye izifunda zenkosi? isicelo sakho siyini? uyakusenzelwa. yini oyifunayo na? kuyakwenziwa. u-esteri wathi: uma kukuhle enkosini, abajuda abaseshushani mabavunyelwe nakusasa ukwenza njengomthetho wanamuhla, aphyanyekwe amadodana ayishumi kahamani emthini. inkosi yasho ukuba kwenziwe kanjalo; umthetho washaywa eshushani; bawaphanyeka amadodana ayishumi kahamani. abajuda ababe seshushani babuthana nangosuku lweshumi nane lwenyanga ka-adari, babulala abantu abangamakhulu amathathu eshushani, kepha ababekanga izandla zabo empangweni. abanye abajuda ababe sezifundeni zenkosi babuthana, bamela ukuphila kwabo, baphumula ezitheni zabo, babulala abayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisikhombisa nanhlano ababazondayo, kepha ababekanga izandla zabo empangweni. lokho kwakungosuku lweshumi nantathu lwenyanga ka-adari; ngosuku lweshumi nane lwayo baphumula, balwenza lwaba lusuku lwedili nolakuthokoza. kepha abajuda ababe seshushani babuthana ngolweshumi nantathu lwayo nangolweshumi nane lwayo; ngolweshumi nanhlano lwayo baphumula, balwenza lwaba lusuku lwedili nolakuthokoza. ngalokho abajuda basemaphandleni ababehlezi emizaneni engabiyelwe benza usuku lweshumi nane lwenyanga ka-adari lube ngolokuthokoza nolwedili nosuku oluhle nolakuthumelana izipho omunye komunye. umoridekayi waziloba lezo zindaba, wathuma izincwadi kubo bonke abajuda ababe sezifundeni zonke zenkosi u-ahashiveroshi, abaseduze nabakude, ukumisa ukuba bagcine usuku lweshumi nane lwenyanga ka-adari nosuku lweshumi nanhlano lwayo iminyaka yonke njengezinsuku abajuda abathola ngazo ukuphumula ezitheni zabo nenyanga eyaguqulwa kubo osizini yaba ngeyokuthokoza nasekulileni kwaba lusuku oluhle, bazenze zibe yizinsuku zedili nezokuthokoza nezokuthumelana izipho omunye komunye, kanye nezipho kwabampofu. abajuda bakwamukela ukwenza lokho abakuqalileyo, nalokho ayekulobe kubo umoridekayi, ngokuba uhamani indodana kahamedatha umagagi, isitha sabo bonke abajuda, wayecebile ngabajuda ukuba abachithe, waphonsa iphure elinyinkatho ukuba abanqobe, abachithe; kepha lapho lokho kwafika phambi kwenkosi, yasho

ngencwadi ukuba lelo cebo elibi ayelicebe ngabajuda libuyele ekhanda lakhe, yena namadodana akhe baphanyekwe emthini. ngalokho babiza lezo zinsuku ngokuthi iphurimi ngegama lephure. ngalokho ngenxa yawo onke amazwi aleyo ncwadi, nangenxa yalokho abebekubonile ngale ndaba, nalokho okubehleleyo, abajuda banquma bamukela, bona nenzalo yabo, nabo bonke ababezihlanganisa nabo, ukuthi bayakugcina lezo zinsuku zombili njen-gokubhalwa kwazo nanjengesikhathi sazo esinqunyiweyo iminyaka yonke, banga-phuthi, zikhunjulwe lezo zinsuku, zigcinwe ezizukulwaneni ngezizukulwane, emindenini ngemindenini, ezifundeni ngezifunda, emizini ngemizini, lezo zinsuku zephurimi, zingaphuthi phakathi kwabajuda, nesikhumbuzo sazo singapheli enzalweni yabo. u-esteri inkosikazi, indodakazi ka-abihayili, nomoridekayi umjuda base beloba ngamandla onke ukuba baqinise le ncwadi yesibili yephurimi. wathuma izincwadi kubo bonke abajuda ezifundeni eziyikhulu namashumi amabili nesikhombisa zombuso ka-ahashiveroshi, zinamazwi okuthula neqiniso, ukuba aqinise lezo zinsuku zephurimi ngezikhathi zazo ezinqunyiweyo njengokuzimisa kukamoridekayi umjuda no-esteri inkosikazi, nanjengalokho bezimisele bona nenzalo yabo ngendaba yokuzila ukudla nokukhala kwabo. izwi lika-esteri laqinisa lezo zindaba zephurimi, kwalotshwa encwadini.

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inkosi u-ahashiveroshi yathelisa izwe neziqhingi zolwandle. zonke izenzo zegunya lakhe namandla akhe, nayo yonke indaba yobukhulu bukamoridekayi inkosi eyayimkhulisela kubo angithi kulotshiwe encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yamakhozi asemediya nasepheresiya na? ngokuba umoridekayi, umjuda, wayelama inkosi u-ahashiveroshi ngobukhulu, emkhulu phakathi kwabajuda, ethokozelwa ngabafowabo abaningi, efuna okuhle kwesizwe sakubo, ekhuluma ukuthula kuyo yonke inzalo yabo.

ngomnyaka wesithathu wokubusa kuka-jehoyakimi, inkosi yakwajuda, kwafika unebukadinesari, inkosi yasebabele, ejerusalem, walivimbezela. inkosi yanikela esandleni sakhe ujeahoyakimi, inkosi yakwajuda, nenxenye yezitsha zendlu kalezi-ku, waziyisa ezweni laseshinyari endlini kalezi-ku wakhe, waziyisa izitsha endlini yengcebo kalezi-ku wakhe. inkosi yakhuluma ku-ashipenazi, induna yabathenwa bayo, ukuba athathe kubantwana bakwa-israyeli abozalo lwenkosi nezikhulu, abalethe, abafana abangenasici, ababukeka kahle, abanengqondo ekuhlakanipheni konke, abanolwazi ekwazini, abanokuqonda ekwazini, abanamandla ukukhonza endlini yenkosi, abafundise izincwadi nolimi lwamakaledi. inkosi yabamisela isabelo semihla ngemihla sokudla kwenkosi nesewayini eliphuzayo, bondliwe iminyaka emithathu; kuyakuthi ngasekugcineni kwayo beme phambi kwenkosi. kulabo kwakukhona kubantwana bakwajuda odaniyeli, nohananiya, nomishayeli, no-azariya. induna yabathenwa yabetha amagama; udaniyeli yametha ngokuthi ubeliteshasari, nohananiya ushadiraki, nomishayeli umeshaki, no-azariya u-abedi nego. kepha udaniyeli wazimisela enhliziyweni yakhe ukuba angazingcolisi ngesabelo sokudla kwenkosi nangewayini eliphuzayo; wayesecela enduneni yabathenwa ukuba angazingcolisi. ulezi-ku wamnika udaniyeli ukuba athole umusa nobumnene emehlweni enduna yabathenwa. induna yabathenwa yathi kudaniyeli: mina ngiyesaba ukuthi inkosi yami, inkosi, emisile ukudla kwenu noku-phuza kwenu, iyakubona ubuso benu ukuba buxhozekile kunabafana abayintanga yenu, nilifake engozini ikhanda lami enkosini. wayesethi udaniyeli encekwini, induna yabathenwa ebizibeke phezu kodaniyeli, nohananiya, nomishayeli, no-azariya: ake ulinge izinceku zakho izinsuku eziyishumi, basiphe imifino yokudla namanzi okuphuza. bese bube kwa ubuso bethu phambi kwakho kanye nobuso babafana abadla isabelo sokudla kwenkosi, wenze ezincekwini zakho njengokubona kwakho. yabalalela kule nto, yabalinga izinsuku eziyishumi. ngasekugcineni kwezinsuku eziyishumi ubuso babo babonakala bubuhle, babekhuluphele emzimbeni kunabo bonke abafana ababedla isabelo sokudla kwenkosi. inceku yayisisusa isabelo sokudla newayini lokuphuza, yabapha imifino. laba bafana abane ulezi-ku wabanika ukwazi nokuqonda encwadini nasekhlakanipheni; udaniyeli wayenengqondo kuyo yonke imibono namaphupho. ngasekugcineni kwezinsuku inkosi eyayishilo ukuthi bazakungeniswa

ngazo, induna yabathenwa yabangenisa phambi kukanebukadinesari. inkosi yakhuluma nabo; phakathi kwabo bonke akufunyaniswanga muntu onjengodaniyeli, nohananiya, nomishayeli, no-azariya; base bemi ngaphambi kwenkosi. ezintweni zonke zokuhlakanipha nezokuqonda inkosi eyayibabuza ngazo yabafumanisa bedlula kayishumi zonke izanusi nabathwebulayo ababesembusweni wayo wonke. udaniyeli wayekhona kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka wokuqala kakoresi inkosi.

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ngomnyaka wesibili wokubusa kukanebukadinesari unebukadinesari waphupha amaphupho; umoya wakhe wakhathazeka, nobuthongo bakhe bam-balekela. yayisiyaleza inkosi ukuba kubizwe izanusi, nabathwebulayo, nabalumbi, namakaledi ukuba bachazele inkosi amaphupho ayo. bangena, bema phambi kwenkosi. inkosi yayisithi kubo: ngiphuphe iphupho, umoya wami ukhathazekile ukulazi iphupho. ayese khuluma amakaledi enkosini ngesi-aramu, athi: mana njalo, nkosi; yisho ezincekwini zakho iphupho, thina sibonise incazelo. inkosi yaphendula, yathi kumakaledi: izwi liphumile kimi lokuthi uma ningazisi iphupho nencazo yalo, niyakuhlalelwa, izindlu zenu zibe yiquba. kepha uma nibonisa iphupho nencazo yalo, niyakwamukela kimi izipho nemivuzo nodumo olukhulu; ngalokho ngiboniseni iphupho nencazo yalo. abuye aphendula, athi: inkosi mayisho iphupho ezincekwini zayo, thina sibonise incazelo. inkosi-ke yaphendula yathi: ngiyazi impela ukuthi niyazenzela isikhathi, ngokuba nibona ukuthi izwi liphumile kimi lokuthi uma ningangazisi iphupho, umthetho munye nje ngani, ngokuba nilungisile amazwi amanga nawonakeleyo okukhuluma phambi kwami, kuze kuguquke isikhathi: ngalokho ngitsheleni iphupho, ngize ngazi ukuthi ningangibonisa incazelo yalo. amakaledi aphendula phambi kwenkosi, athi: akukho muntu emhlabeni ongabonisa indaba yenkosi, ngokuba akukho nkosi, nanduna, nambusi owake wabuza indaba enjalo nakwesisodwa isanusi, nothwebulayo, nakaledi. futhi kuyinto elukhuni eyifunayo inkosi, kakho omunye ongayibonisa phambi kwenkosi ngaphandle kwawolezi-ku aban-gahlali nabaseniyamani. ngalokho inkosi yathukuthela, yafutheka kakhulu, yayaleza ukuba kubhujiswe bonke abahlakaniphileyo basebabele. isimemezelo saphuma sokuthi abahlakaniphileyo babeyakubulawa; bam-funa udaniyeli nabangane bakhe ukuba babulawe. khona udaniyeli wabuyisela impendulo ngokuhlakanipha nangokuqonda

ku-ariyoki induna yemilindankosi owayephumile ukubulala abahlakaniphileyo basebabele; wathatha wathi ku-ariyoki induna yenkosi: siphumeleni enkosini lesi simemezerolesicindezelayo na? u-ariyoki wayesemazisa udaniyeli indaba. udaniyeli wayesengena, wacela enkosini ukuba imnike isikhathi ukuze abonise inkosi incazelo. udaniyeli wayeseya endlini yakhe, wazisa ohananiya, nomishayeli, no-azariya, abangane bakhe, le ndaba ukuba bacele umusa kulezi-ku wasezulwini ngale mfihlakalo, ukuze udaniyeli nabangane bakhe bangabhubhi kanje nabanye abahlakaniphileyo basebabele. khona yabonakaliswa imfihlakalo kudaniyeli ngombono ebusuku. udaniyeli wambonga ulezi-ku wasezulwini. udaniyeli wathatha wathi: malibongwe igama likalezi-ku kusukela kwaphakade kuze kube phakade, ngokuba ukuhlakanipha namandla kungokwakhe; uyaguqula izikhathi nezinkathi; uyasusa amakhosi, abeke amakhosi; unika abahlakaniphileyo ukuhlakanipha, nokwazi kwabaqonda ukwazi; uyambula okujulileyo nokufihlakeleyo; uyazi okusebumnyameni, nokukhanya kuhlezi kuye. ngiyakubonga, ngikudumise wena lezi-ku wawobaba ongiphile ukuhlakanipha namandla, wangazisa esasikucela kuwe, ngokuba usazisile indaba yenkosi. ngalokho udaniyeli wangena ku-ariyoki obemiswe yinkosi ukuba abhuhise abahlakaniphileyo basebabele. wahamba, washo kanje kuye, wathi: ungababhuhisi abahlakaniphileyo basebabele; ngingenise phambi kwenkosi, ngibonise inkosi incazelo. u-ariyoki wayeseshesha ukumngenisela udaniyeli phambi kwenkosi, washo kanje kuye, wathi: ngifumene umuntu wabathunjwa bakwajuda oyakwazisa inkosi incazelo. inkosi yaphendula, yathi kudaniyeli, ogama lakhe lalingubeliteshasari: ungangazisa iphupho engilibonileyo nencazo yalo na? udaniyeli waphendula phambi kwenkosi, wathi: imfihlakalo eyibuzayo inkosi, abahlakaniphileyo, nabathwebulayo, nezanusi, nabahlola imihlola, bangeyibonise yona inkosi. kepha kukhona ulezi-ku ezulwini owambula izimfihlakalo; wazisile inkosi unebukadinesari okuyakuba khona ngezinsuku ezizayo. iphupho lakho nemibono yekhanda lakho embhedeni wakho nakhu: wena-ke, nkosi, imicabango yakho yokuyakuba khona emva kwalokhu yafika kuwe usembhedeni wakho; owambula izimfihlakalo ukwazisile okuyakuba khona. mina-ke, akungokuhlakanipha enginakho kunabanye abakhona ukuthi le mfihlakalo yambuliwe kimi, kepha kungukuba inkosi yaziswe incazelo nokuba wazi imicabango yenhliziyo yakho. wena nkosi wabona, bheka, isithombe esikhulu. lesi sithombe esasikhulu nesikucwebezela kwaso kwakukuhle sema phambi kwakho,

nesimo saso sasesabeka. lesi sithombeke, ikhanda laso liyigolide elihle, isifuba saso nezingalo zaso kuyisiliva, isisu saso namathanga aso kuyithusi, imilenze yaso iyinsimbi, izinyawo zaso inxenye yinsimbi, inxenye yibumba. wawusubona ukuthi kwaqeshulwa itshe kungengazandla, lashaya isithombe ezinyaweni zaso eziyinsimbi nebumba, lazichoboza. 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. yilelo iphupho; nencazo siyakuyisho phambi kwenkosi. wena nkosi uyinkosi yamakhosi onikwe umbuso, namandla, nodumo ngulezi-ku wasezulwini. ezindaweni zonke lapho abantwana babantu behlezi khona, izilwane zasendle nezinyoni zezulu uzinikele esandleni sakho, wenze ukuba ubuse phezu kwazo zonke. wena uyikhanda legolide. emva kwakho kuyakuvuka omunye umbuso omncane kunawe, nomunye umbuso wesithathu wethusi oyakubusa emhlabeni wonke. umbuso wesine uyakuqina njengensimbi, ngokuba insimbi ichoboza, igxobe konke; nanjengensimbi ekwaphula konke lokhu, uyakugxoba, waphule. njengalokho wabona izinyawo nezinzwani, inxenye iyibumba lombumbi, inxenye insimbi, uyakuba ngumbuso owahlukeneyo; kepha kuyakuba kuwo amandla ensimbi, njengokuba wabona insimbi ixubene nebumba lodaka. njengalokho izinzwani zezinyawo zaziyinsimbi inxenye, nenxenye ibumba, umbuso uyakuba namandla nganxanye, ngakwenye inxenye ube buthakathaka. njengalokho wabona insimbi ixubene nebumba lodaka, bayakuzixubanisa nenzalo yabantu, kepha abayikunamathelelana omunye nomunye, njengokuba insimbi ingahlangani nebumba. ezinsukwini zalawo makhosi ulezi-ku wasezulwini uyakumisa umbuso ongasoze wachithwa nobukhosi bawo bungayikushiyelelwa kwabanye abantu, kepha uyakuchoboza, uqede yonke le mibuso, wona uqobo ume phakade. njengalokho wabona itshe ukuthi laqeshulwa entabeni kungengazandla, nokuthi lachoboza insimbi, nethusi, nebumba, nesiliva, negolide, ulezi-ku omkhulu uyazisile inkosi okuyakuba khona emva kwalokhu; iphupho linqinile, nencazo yalo iyiqiniso. inkosi unebukadinesari yayisiwa ngobuso, yakhuleka kudaniyeli, yayaleza ukuba banikele ngomnikelo nangemphepo kuye. inkosi yaphendula udaniyeli, yathi: ngempela ulezi-ku wakho ungulezi-ku wawolezi-ku, nenkosi yamakhosi, umambuli wezimfihlakalo, lokhu ubunamandla okubonakalisa le mfihlakalo. inkosi yamkhulisa udaniyeli,

yamupha izipho eziningi ezinkulu, yamenza ukuba abuse sonke isifunda sasebabele, abe ngumholi wababusi babahlakaniphileyo basebabele. udaniyeli wacela enkosini, yabeka oshadiraki, nomeshaki, no-abedi nego phezu kwezindaba zesifunda sasebabele, kepha udaniyeli wayesesangweni lenkosi.

### 3

unebukadinesari, inkosi, wenza isithombe segolide, ubude baso buyizingalo ezingamashumi ayisithupha, ububanzi baso buyizingalo eziyisithupha, wasibeka ethafeni lasedura esifundeni sasebabele. unebukadinesari inkosi wayesethumela ukubutha izikhulu, nababusi, nezinduna, nabahluleli, nabaphathizikhwama, nabomkhandlu, nabameli, nabo bonke abaphathizifunda ukuba beze ekwahlukaniselweni kwesithombe unebukadinesari inkosi asimisileyo. khona izikhulu, nababusi, nezinduna, nabahluleli, nabaphathizikhwama, nabomkhandlu, nabameli, nabo bonke abaphathizifunda babuthelwa ukwahlukaniselwa kwesithombe unebukadinesari inkosi abesimisile, bema phambi kwesithombe unebukadinesari asimisileyo. kwase kumemeza ummemezeli ngamandla, wathi: we nina bantu nezizwe, nezilimi, niyayalwa ukuba ngesikhathi enizwa ngaso ukukhala kwecilongo, negenkle, nehabhu, nomqangala, nogubhu, negemfe, nazo zonke izinhlobo zokubethwa, niwe phansi, nikhuleke esithombeni segolide unebukadinesari inkosi asimisileyo. ongawi phansi, akhuleke, uyakuphonswa ngasona lesi sikhathi phakathi kwesithando somlilo ovuthayo. ngalokho lapho abantu bezwa ukukhala kwecilongo, negenkle, nehabhu, nomqangala, nogubhu, nazo zonke izinhlobo zokubethwa, bonke abantu, nezizwe, nezilimi bawaphansi, bakhuleka esithombeni segolide asimisileyo unebukadinesari inkosi. ngalokho kwasondela ngalesi sikhathi amadoda amakaledi, ahleba abajuda. athatha athi kunebukadinesari inkosi: mana njalo, nkosi. wena nkosi ukhiphe isimemezelo sokuba bonke abantu abezwa ukukhala kwecilongo, negenkle, nehabhu, nomqangala, nogubhu, negemfe, nazo zonke izinhlobo zokubethwa bawaphansi, bakhuleke esithombeni segolide, nokuba ongawi phansi, akhuleke, aphonswa phakathi kwesithando somlilo ovuthayo. kukhona amadoda abajuda owabeke phezu kwezindaba zesifunda sasebabele, oshadiraki, nomeshaki, no-abedi nego; lawa madoda, nkosi, awakunakanga; awakhonzi olezi-ku bakho, awakhuleki esithombeni segolide osimisileyo. khona unebukadinesari wayaleza ngolaka nangokufutheka ukuba

kulethwe oshadiraki, nomeshaki, no-abedi nego. base beletha lawo madoda phambi kwenkosi. unebukadinesari wathatha wathi kuwo: kungamabomu yini, shadiraki, meshaki, no-abedi nego ningakhonzi ulezi-ku wami, ningakhuleki esithombeni segolide engimisileyo, na? 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 lezi-ku oyakunikhulula ezandleni zami na? oshadiraki, nomeshaki, no-abedi nego baphendula, bathi enkosini: nebukadinesari, thina asidingi ukukuphendula kule ndaba. uma kunjalo, ulezi-ku wethu esimkhonzayo unamandla okusikhulula esithandweni somlilo ovuthayo; yebo, uyakusikhulula esandleni sakho, nkosi. kepha noma kungenjalo, makwazeke kuwe nkosi ukuthi asiyikukhonza olezi-ku bakho, ngeke sakhuleka esithombeni segolide osimisileyo. 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. wayeseyaleza amadoda anamandla asempini yakhe ukuba abophe oshadiraki, nomeshaki, no-abedi nego, abaphonse esithandweni somlilo ovuthayo. aboshwa-ke lawa madoda egqoke amayembe, namabhulukwe, nezigqoko, nezinye izingubo, aphonswa phakathi kwesithando somlilo ovuthayo. ngalokho ngokuba isiyalezelo senkosi sasicindezele, nesithando somlilo sasishisa kakhulu, ilangabi lomlilo lawabulala lawo madoda abakhuphula oshadiraki, nomeshaki, no-abedi nego. kepha lawa madoda amathathu, oshadiraki, nomeshaki, no-abedi nego, awela phansi eboshiwe phakathi nesithando somlilo ovuthayo. khona unebukadinesari inkosi wethuka, wasuka wakhuluma, wathi kwabomkhandlu wakhe: angithi siphonse amadoda amathathu eboshiwe phakathi komlilo na? baphendula, bathi enkosini: uqinisile, nkosi. yaphendula yathi: bhekani, ngibona amadoda amane akhulelekileyo ehamba phakathi komlilo, awachithwanga; ukubonakala kweyesine kunjengendodana yawolezi-ku. wayesesondela unebukadinesari emnyango wesithando somlilo ovuthayo; wakhuluma wathi: shadiraki, meshaki, no-abedi nego, nina zinceku zikalezi-ku ophezukonke, phumani nize lapha. base bephuma oshadiraki, nomeshaki, no-abedi nego phakathi komlilo. 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. nebukadinesari wakhuluma wathi: makabongwe ulezi-ku wawoshadiraki, nomeshaki, no-abedi nego, othumile ingelosi yakhe, wakhulula izinceku zakhe ebezimethemba, zaze zaguqula izwi lenkosi, zanikela imizimba yazo ukuba zingakhonzi, zingakhuleki kulezi-ku noyedwa, ulezi-ku wabo kuphela. ngalokho ngikhipha isimemezelo sokuba bonke abantu, nezizwe, nezilimi ezikhuluma okungafanele ngolezi-ku wawoshadiraki, nomeshaki, no-abedi nego ziyakuhlalelwa, izindlu zazo zenziwe iquba, ngokuba akakho omunye ulezi-ku ongophula ngale ndlela. inkosi yabaphakamisa oshadiraki, nomeshaki, no-abedi nego esifundeni sasebabele.

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nebukadinesari inkosi kubo bonke abantu, nezizwe, nezilimi ezakhe emhlabeni wonke: ukuthula makuvame kinina. bekukuhle kimi ukwazisa izibonakaliso nezimangaliso ulezi-ku ophezukonke azenzile kimi. yeka ubuningi bezibonakaliso zakhe, namandla ezimangaliso zakhe! umbuso wakhe ungumbuso ongunaphakade, nokubusa kwakhe kungokwezizukulwane. mina nebukadinesari ngangihlezi ngokuthula, ngatamasa endlini yami yobukhosi. ngase ngibona iphupho, langethusa; imicabango embhedeni wami nemibono yekhanda lami yangesabisa. ngalokho ngakhipha isimemezelo sokuba kulethwe bonke abahlakaniphileyo basebabele phambi kwami, ukuze bangazise incazelo yephupho. zase zifika izanusi, nabathwebulayo, namakaledi, nabahlola imihlola, ngabathela iphupho, kepha abangazisanga incazelo yalo. kodwa ngasekugcineni kwangena udaniyeli phambi kwami ogama lakhe lingubeliteshasari njengegama likalezi-ku wami, okuye umoya wawolezi-ku abangcwele; ngamtshela iphupho, ngathi: beliteshasari, wena nduna yezanusi, ngokuba ngiyazi ukuthi umoya wawolezi-ku abangcwele ukuwe nokuthi awukhathazwa mfhilakalo, ngitshela imibono yephupho lami engilibonileyo nencazo yalo. yayinje imibono yekhanda lami ngisembhedeni wami: ngabona, bheka, nanko umuthi phakathi nomhlaba, nokuphakama kwawo kwakukhulu. umuthi wakhula, waqina, ubude bawo bafinyelela ezulwini nokubonakala kwawo kwaze kwaba sekugcineni komhlaba. amaqabunga awo ayemahle, nezithelo zawo zaziziningi, kukhona kuwo ukudla kubo bonke; izilwane zasendle zazinomtunzi

phansi kwawo, izinyoni zezulu zazihlala emagatsheeni awo, nyenama yonke yondliwa kuwo. ngabona emibonweni yekhanda lami ngisembhedeni wami, bheka, nango umlindi ongcwele ehla ezulwini. wamemeza ngamandla, washo kanje, wathi: gawula umuthi, unqume amagatshe awo, uvuthulule amaqabunga awo, uhlakaze izithelo zawo; izilwane mazisuke phansi kwawo, nezinyoni emagatsheeni awo. nokho shiya isiqu sezimpande zawo emhlabathini, sinesibopho sensimbi nesethusi, ohlazi lwase ndle, simanziswe ngamazolo ezulu, isabelo saso sibe nezilwane zasetsheeni bomhlaba; inhliziyo yakhe iyakuguqulwa ingabi ngeyomuntu, aphiwe inhliziyo yesilwane, kudlule izikhathi eziyisikhombisa phezu kwakhe. kunqunywe ngesimemezelo sabalindi nangesiyalezo sezwi labangcwele ukuba abaphilayo bazi ukuthi ophezukonke ubusa imibuso yabantu, ayinike amthandayo, amise phezu kwawo ophansi phakathi kwabantu. leli phupho ngalibona mina nebukadinesari; wena beliteshasari, yisho incazelo, njengokuba bonke abahlakaniphileyo bombuso wami bengazi ukungazisa incazelo; kepha wena ungakwenza, ngokuba umoya wawolezi-ku abangcwele ukuwe. 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. umuthi owawubonayo, owakhula, waqina, obude bawo bafinyelela ezulwini nokubonakala kwawo kwaze kwaba sekugcineni komhlaba; amaqabunga awo ayemahle, nezithelo zawo zaziziningi, kukhona ukudla kuwo kubo bonke; ozilwane zasendle zahlala phansi kwawo, nezinyoni zezulu zakha emagatsheeni awo: nguwe nkosi okhulile waqina, ngokuba ubukhulu bakho bukhulile bafinyelele ezulwini nokubusa kwakho kuze kube sekugcineni komhlaba. njengalokho inkosi yabona umlindi ongcwele ehla ezulwini, ethi: gawula umuthi, uwuchithe, kepha shiya isiqu sezimpande zawo emhlabathini, sinesibopho sensimbi nesethusi, ohlazi lwase ndle, simanziswe ngamazolo ezulu, isabelo saso sibe nezilwane zasendle, kuze kudlule izikhathi eziyisikhombisa phezu kwaso, nansi incazelo, nkosi: kuyisimemezelo sophezukonke esiyehlele inkosi yami, inkosi, sokuthi uyakuxosha 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. njengalokho bayaleza ukuba kushiywe isiqu sezimpande zomuthi,

umbuso wakho uyakuqina kuwe, lapho usufundile ukuthi izulu liyabusa. ngalokho, inkosi, masamukeleke kuwe isiluleko sami, unqamule izono zakho ngokulunga, nobubi bakho ngokuba nomusa kwabampofu; mhlawumbe kungelulwa ukuthula kwakho. konke lokho kwamehlela unebukadinesari. ngasekugcineni kwezinyanga eziyishumi nambili wayehamba endlini yamakhosi ebabele. inkosi yathatha yathi: angithi yileli babele elikhulu engilakhile libe yindlu yobukhosi ngezikhwepha zamandla ami, libe ludumo lobukhosi bami, na? izwi lisesemlonyeni wenkosi, kwehla ezulwini izwi, lithi: we nkosi nebukadinesari, kukhuluniwe kuwe ukuthi: umbuso usukile kuwe; uyakuxoshwa kubantu, inhlobo yakho ibe nezilwane zasendle, udliswe utshani njengezinkabi, kudlule phezu kwakho izikhathi eziyisikhombisa, uze wazi ukuthi ophezukonke ubusa imibuso yabantu, ayinike amthandayo. ngasona lesi sikhathi le nto yagcwaliseka phezu kukanebukadinesari: waxoshwa kubantu, wadliswa utshani njengezinkabi, umzimba wakhe wamanziwisa ngamazozo ezulu, zaze zakhula izinwele zakhe njengezimpaphe zezinkosi nezinzipho zakhe njengamazipho ezinyoni. 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 ungowezizukulwane ngezizukulwane; bonke abakhe emhlabeni bashaywa ize; uyenza njengentando yakhe empini yasezulwini naphakathi kwabakhileyo emhlabeni; akakho ongavimbela isandla sakhe, noma athi kuye: wenzani na? 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. kalokhu-ke mina nebukadinesari ngiyatusa, ngiyaphakamisa, ngiyidumisa inkosi yezulu, ngokuba yonke imisebenzi yayo iyiqiniso, nezindlela zayo zingukwahlulela; abahamba ngokuzidla inamandla okubathobisa.

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ubelishasari inkosi wenzela izinduna zakhe eziyinkulungwane idili, waphuza iwayini ngaphambi kwaleyo nkulungwane. ubelishasari esalinambitha iwayini wayaleza ukuba kulethwe izitsha zegolide neze-siliva, unebukadinesari uyise ayezikiphe ethempelini lasejerusalema, ukuba inkosi nezikhulu zayo, nawomkayo, nezancinza zayo baphuze ngazo. base beletha izitsha

zeglode ezazikhishwe ethempelini lendlu kalezi-ku yasejerusalema, inkosi, nezikhulu zayo, nawomkayo, nezancinza zayo baphuza ngazo. baphuza iwayini, batasa olezi-ku begolide, nabesiliva, nabethusi, nabensimbi, nabomuthi, nabetshe. ngasona lesi sikhathi kwavela iminwe yesandla somuntu, yaloba maqondana nothi lwezibani kokunamekiweyo kodonga lwendlu yenkosi; inkosi yabona ixenye yesandla esalobayo. kwase kuguquka ukucwebezela kwayo, nemicabango yayo yayesabisa, zaxhega izinyonga zokhalo lwayo, namadolo ayo ashayana. inkosi yamemeza ngamandla ukuba kulethwe abathwebulayo, namakaledi, nabahlola imihlola. yayisikhuluma inkosi, yathi kwabahlakaniphileyo basebabele: ongefunda lo mbhalo, angitshele incazelo yawo uyakwembathiswa okububende, abe nomgexo wegolide entanyeni yakhe, abuse engowesithathu embusweni. base bengena bonke abahlakaniphileyo benkosi, kepha behluleka ukufunda umbhalo nokwazisa inkosi incazelo. khona inkosi ubelishasari yesaba kakhulu, nokucwebezela kwayo kwaguquka kuyo, nezinduna zayo zaman-gala. ngenxa yamazwi enkosi nawezinduna zayo kwase kungenza inkosikazi endlini yedili; inkosikazi yakhuluma yathi: mana njalo, nkosi; imicabango yakho mayingakwesabisi, kungaguquki ukucwebezela kwakho. kukhona embusweni wakho umuntu okukuye umoya wawolezi-ku abangcwele; ezinsukwini zikayihlo kwafunyanwa kuye ukukhanya nokuqonda nokuhlakanipha njengokuhlakanipha kwawolezi-ku; inkosi unebukadinesari, uyihlo yambeka induna yezanusi, neyabathwebulayo, neyamakaledi, neyabahlola imihlola, yebo, nkosi, uyihlo, ngokuba kwafunyanwa umoya odluleleyo, nokwazi, nokuqonda ukuchaza amaphupho, nokubonakalisa izimfume, nokuthukula amafindo kuye udaniyeli lowo inkosi eyambiza ngokuthi ubeliteshasari; kalokhu makabizwe udaniyeli, uyakubonakalisa incazelo. khona udaniyeli wangeniswa phambi kwenkosi. inkosi yakhuluma, yathi kudaniyeli: wena ungudaniyeli lowo ongowabathunjwa bakwajuda, abalethwa yinkosi ubaba, bevela kwajuda na? ngizwile ngawe ukuthi umoya wawolezi-ku ukuwe nokuthi kufunyenwe kuwe ukukhanya nokuqonda nokuhlakanipha okudluleleyo. manje-ke kungeniswe phambi kwami abahlakaniphileyo nabathwebulayo ukuba bafunde lo mbhalo, bangazise incazelo yawo, kepha behluleka ukubonakalisa incazelo yale ndaba. kepha ngizwe ngawe ukuthi ungaveza izincazelo, uthukulele amafindo; manje-ke uma ungafunda lo mbhalo, ungazise incazelo yawo, uyakwembathiswa okububende, ube nomgexo wegolide entanyeni yakho, ubuse ube ngowesithathu embusweni.



wayesephendula udaniyeli, wathi phambi kwenkosi: izipho zakho mazibe kuwe, umupnye omunye imivuzo yakho; nokho ngiyakufundela inkosi umbhalo, ngiyazise incazelo. e nkosi, ulezi-ku ophezukonke wanika unebukadinesari uyihlo umbuso, nobukhulu, nodumo, nobukhosi; ngenxa yobukhulu owamnika bona, bonke abantu, nezizwe, nezilimi bathuthumela, besaba phambi kwakhe; athanda ukumbulala wambulala, athanda ukumyeka wamyeka; athanda ukumphakamisa wamphakamisa, athanda ukumthobisa wamthobisa. kepha lapho inhliziyoy yakhe yaziphakamisa, nomoya wakhe waba lukhuni waze wazidla, wehliswa esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi, balususa udumo lwakhe kuye; waxoshwa kubantwana babantu; inhliziyoy yakhe yaba njengezeyilwane, nenhlalo yakhe yayinezimbongolo zasendle; wadliswa utshani njengezinkabi, nomzimba wakhe wamanizwa ngamazolo ezulu, waze wazi ukuthi ulezi-ku ophezukonke ubusa imibuso yabantu, ubeka phezu kwayo amthandayo. nawe ndodana yakhe, belishasari, awuthobanga inhliziyoy yakho, noma wazi konke lokho, kepha uziphakamisile enkosini yasezulwini; balethe izitsha zendlu yakhe phambi kwakho; wena nezinduna zakho, nawomkakho, nezancinza zakho niphuzile iwayini ngazo, utusile wena olezi-ku besiliva, nabegolide, nabethusi, nabensimbi, nabomuthi, nabetshe abangaboni, abangezwa, abangazi; kodwa ulezi-ku omphefumulo wakho usesandleni sakhe, nokungezakhe zonke izindlela zakho awumdumisanga. yayisithunywa le nxenye yesandla ivela kuye, walotshwa lo mbhalo. yilo umbhalo owalotshwa: mene, mene tekeli, ufarsin. nansi incazelo yale nto: mene: ulezi-ku ubalile umbuso wakho, uwuqedile. tekeli: ulinganisiwe esilinganisweni, ufunyenwe ulula. peres: umbuso wakho wahlukene, unikelwe kumamede namapheresiya. khona ubelishasari wayaleza, bamembathisa udaniyeli okububende, bafaka umxego wegolide entanyeni yakhe, benza isimemezele ngaye ukuthi ubeyakubusa engowesithathu embusweni. ngalobo busuko ubelishasari inkosi yamakaledi wabulawa. udariyu ummede wamukela umbuso eneminyaka engamashumi ayisithupha nambili.

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kwaba kuhle kudariyu ukubeka phezu kombuso izikhulu eziyikhulu namashumi amabili ebeziyakuba sembusweni wonke. phezu kwazo wamisa abongameli abathathu, udaniyeli engomunye wabo, ukuba izikhulu zibike kubo, ukuze inkosi ingalimali ngalutho. khona udaniyeli lo wabadlula abongameli nezikhulu, ngokuba umoya

ophakemeyo wawukuye; inkosi yayicabanga ukummisa phezu kombuso wonke. khona abongameli nezikhulu base befuna ukuthola utho ngodaniyeli oluqondene nombuso, kepha abatholanga lutho nacala kuye, ngokuba wayethembekile; akutholwanga siphosiso nacala kuye. ayesethi lawa madoda: asiya kuthola lutho ngodaniyeli, uma singalutholi kokuqondene nomthetho kalezi-ku wakhe. base bebuthana labo bongameli nezikhulu enkosini, basho kanje kuyo, bathi: mana njalo, nkosi dariyu. bonke abongameli bombuso, nababusi, nezikhulu, nabomkhandlu, nezinduna balulekene kanyekanye ukuba kumiswe isimiso senkosi, kumenyezelwe isiyalezo esiqinileyo sokuthi yilowo nalowo ocela isicelo nakumuphi ulezi-ku noma kumuntu ngezinsuku ezingamashumi amathathu, kuphela kuwe nkosi, uyakuphonswa emphandwini wezingonyama. kalokhu, nkosi, simemezele isiyalezo, ulobe umbhalo ukuba ungaguqulwa ngokomthetho wamamede namapheresiya ongenakuguquka. ngokunjalo inkosi udariyu yayisiloba umbhalo nesiyalezo. udaniyeli esekwazi ukuthi umbhalo ulotshiwe, wangena endlini yakhe amafasitele ekamelo lakhe ayevulekile ebhekisa ejerusalemwa waguqa ngamadolo kathathu ngosuku, wakhuleka, wabonga ulezi-ku wakhe, njengalokho enzile kuqala. ayesebuthana lawo madoda, amfumana udaniyeli ekhuleka, enxusa kulezi-ku wakhe. asondela, akhuluma phambi kwenkosi ngesiyalezo senkosi, athi: asithi ulobile isiyalezo sokuthi yilowo nalowo ocela nakumuphi ulezi-ku noma kumuntu ngezinsuku ezingamashumi amathathu, kuphela kuwe nkosi, uyakuphonswa emphandwini wezingonyama na? inkosi yaphendula yathi: iqinisile leyo nto ngokomthetho wamamede namapheresiya ongenakuguquka. ayesephendula ethi phambi kwenkosi: udaniyeli lowo ongowabathunja bakwajuda akakunaki wena nkosi, nesiyalezo osilobileyo, kepha uyacela isicelo sakhe kathathu ngosuku. lapho inkosi isizwile lawa mazwi, yadabuka kakhulu, yayibeka inhliziyoy yayo kudaniyeli ukuba imkhulule, yazama ukumophula kwaze kwaba sekushoneni kwelanga. ayesebuthana lawo madoda enkosini, athi enkosini: yazi, nkosi, ukuthi kungumthetho wamamede namapheresiya ukuba kungaguqulwa isiyalezo nesimiso esimiswa yinkosi. yayisiyaleza inkosi, waletswa udaniyeli, waphonswa emphandwini wezingonyama. inkosi yakhuluma, yathi kudaniyeli: ulezi-ku wakho omkhonza njalo uyakukhulula. kwase kulethwa itshe, labekwa emlonyeni womphandu, inkosi yalinamathelisa ngen-dandatho yayo nangendandatho yizikhulu zayo, ukuze kungaguqulwa lutho maqondana nodaniyeli. inkosi yase iya endlini

yayo yobukhosi, yadlulisa ubusuku izila; izinkenezo zokubethwa azilethwanga kuyo, nobuthongo bayibalekela. inkosi yavuka ekuseni kakhulu, yashesha yaya emphandwini wezingtonyama. kwathi isisondele emphandwini kudaniyeli, yamezema ngezwi elikhalayo; inkosi yakhuluma, yathi kudaniyeli: daniyeli, wena nceku kalezi-ku ophilayo, ulezi-ku wakho omkhonza njalo angakukhulula kuzo izingonyama na? udaniyeli wathi enkosini: mana njalo, nkosi. ulezi-ku uthumile ingelosi yakhe, wavimba imilomo yezingtonyama, azingilimazanga, ngokuba kwafunyanwa kimi ukungabi nacala phambi kwakhe; naphambi kwakho, nkosi, angenzanga bona-ra-ukukhandleka. yayisijabula kakhulu inkosi, yayaleza ukuba udaniyeli akhushulwe emphandwini. udaniyeli wayesekhushulwa emphandwini, akufunyanwanga mcothu kuye, ngokuba wayemethembile ulezi-ku wakhe. inkosi yayaleza, alethwa lawo madoda ayemangalele udaniyeli, aphonswa emphandwini wezingtonyama, wona nabantwana bawo, nawomkawo; izingonyama zatheleka phezu kwabo, zachoboza amathambo abo, bengakafinyeleli phansi emphandwini. udariyu inkosi wayeselobela bonke abantu, nezizwe, nezilimi ezikhona emhlabeni wonke ukuthi: ukuthula makwande kinina. ngenza isiyalezo ukuba ekubuseni konke kombuso wami abantu bathuthumele, besabe phambi kukalezi-ku kadaniyeli, ngokuba ungulezi-ku ophilayo, umi kuze kube phakade, nombuso wakhe yiwo ongayikuchithwa, nokubusa kwakhe kuyakuma kuze kube sekupheleni. uyakhulula, ophule; uyenza izibonakaliso nezimangaliso ezulwini nasemhlabeni, yena omkhululile udaniyeli emandleni ezingonyama. udaniyeli wayeseqhubeka ngesineke ekubuseni kukadariyu, nasekubuseni kukakoresi umpheresiya.

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ngomnyaka wokuqala kabelishasari, inkosi yasebabele, udaniyeli wabona iphupho nemibono yekhanda lakhe embhedeni wakhe, waliloba iphupho, walanda inhloko yezindaba. udaniyeli wathatha wathi: ngabona embonweni wami ebusuku; bheka, imimoya yomine yezulu yavumbuluka elwandle olukhulu. izilo ezine ezinkulu zakhuphuka elwandle, zahlukile esinye kwesinye. esokuqala sasinjengengonyama, sinamaphiko okhozi; ngabheka aze ahluthwa amaphiko aso, saphakanyiswa emhlabeni, samiswa ngezinyawo ezimbili njengomuntu, sanikwa inhliziyi yomuntu. bheka, esinye isilo, esesibili, sinjengebhene, samiswa ngolunye uhlangothi, izimbambo ezintathu zisemlonyeni waso phakathi kwamazinyo aso; kwathiwa kuso: vuka, udle inyama

eningi. emva kwalokho ngabona; bheka, esinye, sinjengengwe, sinamaphiko amane enyoni emhlanje; isilo sasinamakhanda amane, sanikwa ukubusa. emva kwalokho ngabona emibonweni ebusuku; bheka, isilo sesine, esesabekayo, sinamandla, siqinile kakhulu; sasinamazinyo amakhulu enzimbi, sadla, saphula, sanyathela okuseleyo ngezinyawo zaso; sahlukile kuzo zonke izilo ezazingaphambi kwaso; sasinezimpondo eziyishumi. 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. ngisabheka, kwabekwa izihlalo zobukhosi, kwahlala omdala wezinsuku; izambatho zakhe zazimhlophe njengeqhwa, izinwele zekhanda lakhe zinjengoboya bezimvu obuhlanzekileyo; isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi sasingamalangabi omlilo, amasondo aso engumilo ovuthayo. umnonjana womlilo wavela, waphuma phambi kwakhe; izinkulungwane zenkulungwane zazimkhonza, nezinkulungwane eziyishumi zezinkulungwane eziyishumi zazimi ngaphambi kwakhe; kwahlala abahluleli, izincwadi zavulwa. ngabheka ngaleso sikhathi ngenxa yenhloko yamazwi amakhulu akhulunywa luphondo; ngabheka saze sahlathswa isilo, wachithwa umzimba waso, sanikelwa ukuba sishiswe ngomlilo. kepha ezinye izilo, ukubusa kwazo kwasuswa, kodwa ukuphila kwazo kwelulwa isikhathi nenkathi. ngabona emibonweni ebusuku; bheka, kwafika namafulu ezulu onjengendodana yomuntu; yafika komdala wezinsuku, yasondezwa phambi kwakhe. yanikwa ukubusa, nobukhosi, nombuso, ukuze bonke abantu, nezizwe, nezilimi bayikhonze; ukubusa kwayo kungukubusa okuphakade okungayikudlula, nombuso wayo yiwo ongayikuchithwa. mina daniyeli, umoya wami wakhathazeka edokodweni lawo, nemibono yekhanda lami yangihlupha. ngasondela komunye wababemi khona, ngabuza kuye iqiniso lakho konke lokhu. wangitshela, wangazisa incazelo yezindaba. lezo zilo ezinkulu ezine zingamakhosi amane ayakubela emhlabeni. kepha abangwele bophezikonke bayakwamukeliswa umbuso, umbuso ube ngowabo kuze kube phakade, yebo, kuze kube phakade naphakade. ngase ngifuna ukwazi iqiniso ngesilo sesine esahlukile kuzo zonke zazo, esesabekayo kakhulu, esimazinyo aso ayeyinsimbi, nezinzipho zaso ziyithusi, esasidla, saphula, sanyathela okuseleyo ngezinyawo; nangezimpondo eziyishumi ezazisekhanda laso, nolunye olwavelayo, ezawa phambi kwalo ezintathu, lolu phondo olwalunamehlo nomlomo owawukhuluma

izinto ezinkulu, olukubonakala kwalo kwakukhulu kunezinye. ngisabheka, lolophondo lwalwa nabangcwele, lwabahlala, waze wafika omdala wezinsuku, abangcwele bophezunkonke banikwa ukwahlulelwa, kwafika isikhathi sokuba umbuso ube ngowabangcwele. wayesethi: ubiso sesine siyakuba ngumbuso wesine emhlabeni, oyakwahluka kuyo yonke imibuso, udlawonke umhlaba, uwnyathele, uwaphule. izimpondo eziyishumi-ke, kulowo mbuso kuyakuvela amakhosi ayishumi, kuvele enye emva kwawo; iyakwahluka kwawokuqala, ithobise amakhosi amathathu. iyakukhuluma amazwi ngophezunkonke, ikhathaze abangcwele bophezunkonke; iyakuhlosa ukuguqala izikhathi nomthetho; iyakukhashelwa esandleni sayo kuze kube yisikhathi nezikhathi nenxenye yesikhathi.

kepha abahluleli bayakuhlala, basuse ukubusa kwayo kudliwe, kuchithwe kuze kube sekupheleni. umbuso nokubusa nobukhulu bemibuso phansi kwalo lonke izulu kuyakunikwa isizwe sabangcwele bophezunkonke; umbuso wakhe ungumbuso ongunaphakade; yonke imibuso iyakumkhonza, imlalele. nakhu ukuphela kwendaba. mina daniyeli, imicabango yami yangikhatheza kakhulu, nokucwebezela kwami kwaguquka kimi, ngaya ngayigcina indaba enhliziyweni yami.

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ngomnyaka wesithathu wokubusa kwenkosi ubelishasari kwabonakala kimi mina daniyeli umbono emva kwalokho okwabonakala kimi kuqala. ngabona embonweni; kwase kuthi ekuboneni kwami ngangiseshushani endlini yenkosi esifundeni sase-elamu; ngabona-ke embonweni, ngangisemfuleni i-ulayi. ngase ngiphakamisa amehlo ami, ngabona; bheka, kwakumi phambi komfula inqama inezimpondo ezimbili; lezo zimpondo ezimbili zazithaphile, kepha olunye lwaluthaphe kunolunye, oluthaphileyo lwavela muva. ngabona inqama iqhubukusha ngasentshonalanga, nangasenyakat ho, nangaseningizimu; kwakungekho silo ebesinokuma phambi kwayo, kwakungekho ongophula esandleni sayo, kepha yenza njenjengendo yayo, yazikhulisa. ngisacabanga, bheka, kwavela impongo ngasentshonalanga ebusweni bawo wonke umhlaba, ingawuthinti umhlaba kodwa; impongo yayinophondo oluqhamileyo emkhathini wamehlo ayo. yafika enqameni eyayinezimpondo ezimbili, engayibona imi phambi komfula, yatheleka kuyo ngokufutheka kwayo okunamandla. 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. impongo yayisizikhulisa kakhulu; kwathi lapho isinamandla, uphondo olukhulu lwaphuka; esikhundleni salo kwamila ezine ziqhamela ngasemimoyeni yomine yezulu. kolunye lwazo kwamila uphondo oluncane olwakhula kakhulu ngaseningizimu, nangasempumalanga, nangasezweni elihle. lwakhula kwaze kwaba nasebandleni lasezulwini, lwaphonsa phansi okunye kwebandla, okwezinkanyezi, lwakunyathela. yebo, lwazikhulisa kwaze kwaba nasesikhulwini sebandla, lwasaphuca umnikelo oshiswa imihla yonke, nendawo yendlu yaso engcwele yaphonswa phansi. kwabekwa impi yokulwa kanye nomnikelo oshiswa imihla yonke ngesiphambeko: lwaphonsa phansi iqiniso, lwenza njengendo yalo, lwaba nempumelelo. 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? wathi kimi: koze kube yizikhathi zokuhlwa nezokusa eziyizinkulungwane ezimbili namakhulu amathathu; bese yihlanjululwa indlu engcwele. kwathi sengiwubonile umbono mina daniyeli, ngafuna ukuwuqonda; bheka, kwase kumi phambi kwami kungathi isimo somuntu. ngezwa izwi lomuntu phakathi kwe-ulayi elalimemeza lathi: gabriyeli, menze lo ukuba aqonde umbono. wayesondela lapho ngimi khona; lapho esefika, ngashaywa luvalo, ngawa ngobuso bami; kepha wathi kimi: qonda, ndodana yomuntu, ngokuba umbono ungowesikhathi sokuphela. esakhuluma nami, ngalala ubuthongo obukhulu, ubuso bami bubheke phansi; kepha wangithinta, wangimisa lapho kade ngimi khona. wathi: bheka, ngiyakukwazisa okuyakwenzeka ngasekupheleni kwentukuthelo, ngokuba kungokwesikhathi sokuphela. inqama oyibonileyo inezimpondo ezimbili, zingamakhosi asemediya nasephesya. impongo iyinkosi yasejavini; uphondo olukhulu olusemkhathini wamehlo ayo luyinkosi yokuqala. kepha olwaphukileyo, esikhundleni salo okwavela ezine, kuyakuvela imibuso emine esizweni salo, ingenamandla alo kodwa. ekugcineni kokubusa kwayo, lapho izihlubi sezipehele, inkosi elukhuni ngobuso, eqonda izimfume, iyakuvela. iyakuba namandla amakhulu, ingenamandla eyokuqala kodwa; iyakuchitha ngokumangalisayo, iphumelele ukukwenza; iyakuchitha abanamandla nabantu abangcwele. ngokuhlakanipha kwayo iyakuphumelelisa inkohliso esan-

dleni sayo, izikhulise enhliziyweni yayo, ichithe abaningi ekuthuleni; iyakumelana nesikhulu sezikhulu, ichotshozwe kungen-gasandla. imibono yakusihlwa neyasekuseni esilandiwe iqinisile, kepha gcina wena umbono, ngokuba ungowezinsuku eziningi. mina daniyeli ngase ngiphela amandla, ngagula izinsuku ezithile; ngavuka, ngenza umsebenzi wenkosi; ngamangala ngombono, kwakungekho owuqondayo.

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ngomnyaka wokuqala kadariyu indodana ka-ahashiveroshi, wozalo lwamamede, owabekwa inkosi phezu kombuso wamakaleli, ngomnyaka wokuqala wokubusa kwakhe mina daniyeli ngaqonda ngez-incwadi umumo weminyaka elakhuluma ngawo izwi likajehova-aeiou kujeremiya umprofethi ukuba kupheleliswe uku-chithwa kwejerusalema, iminyaka engamashumi ayisikhombisa. ngase ngibhekisa ubuso bami kuyo inkosi ulezi-ku ukuba ngikhuleke, nginxuse ngokuzila ukudla, nangendwangu yamasaka, nangomlotha. ngakhuleka kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wami, ngavuma ngathi: o nkosi, lezi-ku omkhulu nowesabekayo, ogcina isivumelwano nomusa kwabamthandayo nabagcina imiyalo yakhe, sonile, siziphathe kabi, senzile bonara-ukukhandleka, sihlubukile, sachezuka emiyalweni yakho nasezihlulweni zakho; asilalelanga izinceku zakho abaprofethi ezazikhuluma egameni lakho emakhosini ethu, nasezikhulwini zethu, nakobaba, nakubo bonke abantu bezwe. kuwena nkosi kukhona ukulunga, kepha kithina amahloni obuso njenganamuhla: kubantu bakwajuda, nakwabakhileyo ejerusalema, nakuye wonke u-israyeli, abaseduze nabakude, kuwo onke amazwe obahlakazele kuwo ngenxa yezezo zabo abeqe ngazo kuwe. jehova-aeiou, kithina kukhona amahloni obuso: kuwo amakhosi ethu, nakuzo izikhulu zethu, nakobaba, ngokuba sonile kuwe. kepha kuyo inkosi, ulezi-ku wethu, kukhona umusa nokuthethelela; ngokuba simhlubukile, asililalelanga izwi likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu ukuba sihambe ngemithetho yakhe ayibeka phambi kwethu ngezinceku zakhe abaprofethi. wonke u-israyeli weqile umthetho wakho, echezuka ukuze bangalilaleli izwi lakho; ngalokho isiqalekiso sithululwe phezu kwethu kanye nesifungo esilotshiwe emthethweni kamose inceku kalezi-ku, ngokuba sonile kuye. uqinisile amazwi akhe awakhuluma ngathi nangabahluleli bethu abasahlulelayo ngokusehlisela bonara-ukukhandleka okukhulu, ngokuba phansi kwezulu lonke akwenziwanga njengokwenziwe kulo ijerusalema. njengokulotshiweyo emthethweni kamose konke lokhu

bona-ra-ukukhandleka kusehlele, nokho asincenganga ebusweni bukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu ukuba siphenduke ebubini bethu, siqonde iqiniso lakho. uje-hova-aeiou wayesebulinda ububi, wasehlisela bona, ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu ulungile emisebenzini yakhe yonke ayen-zayo, kepha asililalelanga izwi lakhe. manje, nkosi, lezi-ku wethu, wena owakhhipha abantu bakho ezweni lasegibithe nge-sandla esinamandla, wazenzela igama njenganamuhla, sonile, senzile bona-ra-ukukhandleka. nkosi, ngakho konke ukulunga kwakho mawubuyise intukuthelo yakho nokufutheka kwakho emzini wase-jerusalema, intaba yakho engcwele, ngokuba ngenxa yezono zethu nangobubi babwababa ijerusalema nabantu bakho sebe yihlazo kubo bonke abasizungezayo. kalokhu, lezi-ku wethu, yizwa umkhuleko wenceku yakho nokunxusa kwayo, ukhanyise ubuso bakho phezu kwendlu yakho engcwele, echithakele ngenxa yenkosi. lezi-ku 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. nkosi, yizwa; nkosi, thethelela; nkosi, lalalela, wenze; ungabalali ngenxa yakho, lezi-ku wami, ngokuba umuzi nabantu bakho babizwe ngegama lakho. ngisakhuluma ngikhuleka, ngivuma izono zami nezono zabantu bakithi u-israyeli, ngiletha ukunxusa kwami phambi kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wami ngentaba engcwele kalezi-ku wami, yebo, ngisakhuluma ngomkhuleko, lowo muntu ugabiyileli engambona embonweni kuqala, endiziswa ngokushesha, wangithinta ngesikhathi somnikelo wakusihlwa. wangiqondisa, wakhuluma nami, wathi: daniyeli, sengiphumile ukukuhlakaniphisa nokukuqondisa. ekuqaleni kokunxusa kwakho izwi lavela; sengifikile ukukutshela, ngokuba uthandekile; ngalokho qonda leli zwi, uqonde nombono. 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. 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. 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 inqunywe. uyakuqinisa isivumelwano nabaningi isonto libe linye, imihlatshelo neminkelo ikhawuke phakathi kwesonto, kufike incithakalo ngephiko lesinengiso, kuze kuphele okunqunyweyo, kuthululelwe phezu komchithi.

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ngomnyaka wesithathu kakoresi, inkosi yasepheresiya, udaniyeli ogama lakhe labizwa ngokuthi ubeliteshasari wambulelwa izwi; izwi lalinqinisele, lalingukulwa okukhulu; waliqonda izwi, waqonda nombono. ngalezo zinsuku mina, daniyeli, ngangilila amasonto amathathu apheleleyo. ngangingadli isinkwa esithandiweyo, nenyama newayini akungenanga emlonyeni wami, futhi angizigcobanga nakanye kwaze kwaphelela amasonto amathathu. ngosuku lwamashumi amabili nane lwenyanga yokuqala, ngiseceleni komfula omkhulu ihidekeli, ngaphakamisa amehlo ami, ngabona; bheka, nango umuntu embethe ilineni, ebhince okhalweni igolide elicwengekileyo lase-ufazi. umzimba wakhe wawunjengekrisolithe, nobuso bakhe bunjengokubonakala konyazi, namehlo akhe enjengezibani zomlilo, izingalo zakhe nezinyawo zakhe zinjengokubengezela kwethusi eliphucuziweyo, nezwi lamazwi akhe linjengezwi lesixuku. mina, daniyeli, kuphela ngawubona umbono, ngokuba abantu ababe nami abawubonanga umbono, kepha behlelwa ngukuthuthumela okukhulu, babaleka ukuba bacashe. ngashiywa ngedwa; ngawubona lombono omkhulu, akusalanga mandla kimi, ngokuba ubuhle bami baphenduka ukonakala kimi, angaba namandla. ngase ngizwa izwi lamazwi akhe; lapho ngezwa izwi lamazwi akhe, ngase ngilele ubuthongo obukhulu, ubuso bami bubheke phansi. bheka-ke, kwangithinta isandla, sangimisa ukuba ngitotobe ngamadolo ami nangezintende zezandla zami. wathi kimi: daniyeli, wena muntu othandekayo, qonda amazwi engiwakhuluma kuwe, ume nokuma, ngokuba ngithunye kuwe; lapho esekhulumile leli zwi kimi, ngama ngithuthumela. wayesethi kimi: ungesabi, daniyeli, ngokuba kusukela osukwini lokuqala owabeka ngalo inhlizyo yakho ukuqonda nokuzithoba phambi kukalezi-ku wakho amazwi akho ezwiwa; mina ngifikile ngenxa yamazwi akho. kepha isikhulu sasembusweni wasepheresiya samelana nami izinsuku ezingamashumi amabili nanye, kepha bheka, umikayeli, omunye wezikhulu zokuqala, weza ukungisiza, noma kade ngishiywe ngedwa khona namakhosi asepheresiya. sengifikile ukuba

ngikuqondise okuyakwehlela abantu bakho ngezinsuku ezizayo, ngokuba umbono usenezinsuku. esekhulumile kimi lawo mazwi, ngabhekisa ubuso bami phansi, ngathula. bheka, onesimo samadodana abantu wathinta izindebe zami; ngase ngiwuvula umlomo wami, ngakhuluma, ngathi komi phambi kwami: nkosi yami, ngenxa yombono imihelo ingehlele, angisenamandla. incek enje yenkosi yami ingakhuluma kanjani nenkosi yami enje na? ngokuba mina, khona lapho akusalanga mandla kimi, nokuphefumula bekungasekho kimi. wabuye wangithinta obonakala njen-gomuntu, wangiqlnisa. wathi: ungesabi, muntu othandekayo; ukuthula makube kuwe; qina, yebo, mawuqine. lapho ekhuluma kimi, ngaqiniswa, ngathi: mayikhulume inkosi yami, ngokuba ungiqlnisele. wayesethi kimi: uyazi ukuthi ngifikeleni kuwe na? kepha manje ngiyakubuya ukuba ngilwe nesikhulu sasepheresiya; lapho ngiphumile kuso, siyakufika isikhulu sasejavani. kepha ngiyakutshela okulotshwe embhalweni weqiniso. akakho noyedwa ozihlanganisa nami ukulwa nalaba ngaphandle kukamikayeli, isikhulu senu.

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mina-ke, ngomnyaka wokuqala kadariyu ummede, ngema ukumqinisa ukuba abe namandla. kalokhu ngiyakukutshela iqlniso. bheka, kusezakuvela amakhosi amathathu epheresiya; eyesine iyakunotha kunawo onke; isiqinile ngengecebo yayo iyakuvusa bonke ukulwa nobuso wasejavani. kuyakuvela inkosi enamandla eyakubusa ngokubusa okukhulu, yenze njengentando yayo. iyakwanele ukulwela nje, umbuso wayo uyakufohlozwa, wahlukaniselwe emimoyeni yomine yezulu, ungabi ngowenzalo yayo, ungabi njen-gasekubuseni kwayo eyabusa ngakho, ngokuba umbuso wayo uyakusishulwa, ube ngowabanye ngaphandle kwalaba. inkosi yaseningizimu iyakuba namandla, kanjalo esinye sezikhulu zayo, yebo, sibe namandla kunayo, sibuse, nokubusa kwaso kuyakuba ngokubusa okukhulu. 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. kepha ehlumeleni lezimpende zayo kuyakuvela omunye esikhundleni sayo oyakuya empini, angene enqabeni yenkosi yasenyakatho, amelane nabo, ahlule. nawolezi-ku babo kanye nezithombe zabo ezibunjiweyo nezitsha zabo ezinxanelekayo zesiliva nezegolide

uyakukuthumba, akuyise egibithe, ayiyeke inkosi yasenyakatho iminyaka ethile. kepha yona iyakungena embusweni wenkosi yaseningizimu, kodwa iyakubuyela ezweni lakubo. amadodana ayo ayakuhloma, abuthe isixuku sezimpi eziningi; ziyakufika nokufika, zikhukhule, zidlule; ziyakubuya, zilwe kuze kube senqabeni yayo. inkosi yaseningizimu iyakubaba, iphume, ilwe nenkosi yasenyakatho; iyakuveza isixuku esikhulu, isixuku sinikelwe esandleni sayo. kepha isixuku sesisusiwe, inhliziyayo yayo iyakuziphakamisa, iwise phansi izinkulungwane ezingamashumi amaningi, kepha ayiyikuba namandla. inkosi yasenyakatho iyakubuya, iveze isixuku esikhulu kunesokuqala, ifike nokufika ngasekupheleni kwezikhathi eziyiminyaka nempi enkulu nempahla eningi. ngalazo zikhathi abanengi bayakuyisukela inkosi yaseningizimu, nabaphangi babantu bakho bayakuziphakamisa ukuwuqinisa umbono, kepha bayakuwa. iyakufika inkosi yasenyakatho, inqwabele iduli, ithathe umuzi obiyelweyo; izingalo zaseningizimu aziyikuma, nabantu bayo abakhethiweyo abayikuba namandla okuma. kepha omsukelayo uyakwenza njengentando yakhe, akakho oyakuma phambi kwakhe; uyakuma ezweni elihle, abhubhise ngesandla sakhe. uyakubhekisa ubuso bakhe ukufika namandla ombuso wakhe wonke kanye nezivumelwano, azenze; uyakumnika indodakazi yabesifazane, ayonakalise, kepha ayiyikuma, ingabi ngowakhe. useyakubuphendulela ubuso bakhe eziqhingini, athathe eziningi, kepha isikhulu siyakugada ihlazo elenziwa nguye, futhi sibuyisele ihlazo lakhe kuye. useyakubuphendulela ubuso bakhe ezinqabeni zezwe lakubo, kepha uyakukhubeka, awe, angabe esafunyanwa. bese kuvela esikhundleni sakhe oyakudlulisa umthelisi emhlobisweni wombuso, kepha ngezinsuku eziyingcosana uyakubhujiswa, kungabi ngolaka nangokulwa kodwa. esikhundleni sakhe kuyakuvela odelelekileyo abangamnika udumo lobukhosi; uyakufika ngesikhathi sokuthula, athathe umbuso ngobushelezi. ngengalo yesifula bayakukhukhulwa ebusweni bakhe, babhujiswe, yebo, nesikhulu sesivumelwano. emva kokuvumelana naye uyakusebenza ngenkohliso, ngokuba uyakukhuphuka, abe namandla enesizwe esincane nje. ngesikhathi sokuthula uyakusukela izindawo ezinonileyo zesifunda, akwenze okungeziwanga ngoyise nangoyisemkhulu: uyakuhlakaza phakathi kwabo impango, nengcugo, nempahla, acebe amacebo ngezinqaba kube yisikhathi. uyakuvusela inkosi yaseningizimu amandla akhe nesibindi sakhe ngempi enkulu, inempi enkulu ena-

mandla impela; kepha ayiyikuma, ngokuba bayakuceba amacebo ngayo. abadla ukudla kwayo okumandli bayakuyibhuhisa, impi yayo ikhukhulwe; abanengi bayakuwa phansi begwaziwe. amakhosi-ke omabili, izinhliziyayo zawo ziyakuba ngezokwenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka; ayakukhuluma amanga esetafuleni linye, kepha akuyikuphumelela, ngokuba ukuphela kusezakuba sesikhathini esimisiweyo. bese ibuyela ezweni lakubo inempahla enkulu, inhliziyayo yayo imelane nesivumelwano esingcwele; isikwenzile iyakubuyela ezweni lakubo. ngesikhathi esinquniweyo iyakubuya, iye eningizimu; kepha akuyikuba sekugcineni njengasekuqaleni. imikhumbi yasekitimi iyakuyisukela; bese idabuka, ibuye ithukuthelele isivumelwano esingcwele, ifeze; iyakubuya, inake abasishiyile isivumelwano esingcwele. izimpi ziyakuvela nayo, zingcolise indlu engcwele, inqaba, zisuse umnikelo oshiswa imihla yonke, zimise isinengiso esichithayo. iyakonakalisa ngokuthopha abaphatha kabi isivumelwano, kepha abantu abamaziyo ulezi-ku wabo bayakuba namandla, baphikelele. abahlakaniphileyo babantu bayakuqondisa abanengi; kepha bayakuwa ngenkamba, nangelangabi, nangokuthunjwa, nangokuphangwa izinsuku eziningi. ekuveni kwabo bayakusizwa ngokusizwa okuncane, bese bambelela kubo abanengi ngokuthopha. abanye kwabahlakaniphileyo bayakuwa ukuba bacwengisawe, bahlanzwe, benziwe mhlophe kuze kube sesikhathini sokuphela, ngokuba kusezakuba sesikhathini esimisiweyo. inkosi iyakwenza njengentando yayo, iziphakamise, izikhulise phezu kwabo bonke olezi-ku, ikhulume okumangalisayo ngolezi-ku wawolezi-ku, ibe nenhlanhla luze luphelele ulaka, ngokuba okumisiweyo kuyakwenziwa. ayiyikunakela olezi-ku bawoyise nofiswa yisifazane, inganaki nolezi-ku oyedwa, ngokuba iyakuzikhulisa phezu kwabo bonke. kepha ulezi-ku wezinqaba uyakumdumisa esikhundleni sabo, nolezi-ku ababengamazi oyise uyakumdumisa ngegolide, nangesiliva, nangamatshane anqabileyo nangokunye okuthandiweyo. iyakwenze njalo ezinqabeni ezinamandla inolezi-ku ongowabazizwe; omvumayo iyakumandisela udumo, imenze ukuba abuse abanengi, imahlukanisele izwe libe ngumvuzo wakhe. ngesikhathi sokuphela inkosi yaseningizimu iyakuqhubukushana nayo; inkosi yasenyakatho isiyakuvunguzela yona ngezinqola, nangabamahhashi, nangemikhumbi eminingi, ingene emazweni amaningi, ikhukhule, idlule. iyakungena nasezweni elihle, namanye amaningi ayakukhubeka, kepha lana ayakophulwa esandleni sayo: o-edomi, nomowabi, nemvama yabantwana bakwa-amoni. :41 dan.

8:9; 11:16. iyakwelulela isandla emazweni, nezwe lasegibithe aliyikubaleka. iyakubusa phezu kwengcebo yegolide nesiliva, naphezu kwakho konke okuthandiweyo kwasegibithe; amalubi namakushe ayakuba sezinyathelweni zayo. iyakwethuswa yimibiko evela empumalanga nasenyakatho; iyakuphuma ngokufutheka okukhulu ukuchitha nokubhubhisa abaningi. iyakumisa itende lendlu yayo yobukhosi phakathi kolwandle nentaba enhle engcwele; kepha iya nokho ekupheleni kwayo, akakho ongayisiza.

namakhulu amathathu namashumi amathathu nanhlanu. kepha hamba wena kuze kube sekupheleni; usuphumulile uyakuma esabelweni sakho ngasekupheleni kwezinsuku.

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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 yileso sikhathi; ngaleso sikhathi abantu bakho bayakukhululwa, bonke abafunyanwa belotshiwe encwadini. abaningi abalele emhlabathini wothuli bayakuvuka, abanye bavukele ukuphila okuphakade, abanye ihlazo nokunengwa okuphakade. abahlakaniphileyo bayakukhanya njengokukhazimula kwesibhakabhaka, nabaphendulela abaningi ekulungeni njengezinkanyezi kuze kube phakade naphakade. kepha wena daniyeli, gcina amazwi, unamathelise incwadi kuze kube sesikhathini sokugcina; abaningi bayakwehla benyuka, ukwazi kube kuningi. ngase ngibona mina daniyeli; bheka, kwakumi abanye ababili, omunye ogwini lomfula nganeno, omunye ogwini lomfula ngaphesheya. omunye wathi kumuntu owembethe ilineni, owayephezu kwamanzi omfula: kuyakuba nini ukuphela kwalezi zimangaliso na? 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. ngakuzwa, kepha angiqondanga; bese ngithi: nkosi yami, ukuphela kwalokho kuyakuba yini na? wathi: hamba, daniyeli, ngokuba amazwi avalelwe, anamathelisiwe kuze kube sesikhathini sokugcina. abaningi bayakuzihlanza, bazenze mhlophe, bacwengisiswe, kepha ababi bayakwenza kabi, kodwa akayikuqonda noyedwa omubi; nokho abahlakaniphileyo bayakuqonda. kusukela esikhathini sokususwa komnikelo oshiswa imihla yonke nokumiswa kwesinengiso esichithayo kuyakuba yizinsuku eziyinkulungwane namakhulu amabili namashumi ayisishiyagalolunye. ubusisiwe olindayo afinyelele ezinsukwini eziyinkulungwane

ngomnyaka wokuqala kakoresi, inkosi yasepheresiya, ukuba kufenzeke izwi likajehova-aeiou, ngomlomo kajeremiya ujhova-aeiou wavusa umoya kakoresi, inkosi yasepheresiya, ukuba amemezele embusweni wakhe wonke, alobe futhi ngokuthi: usho kanje ukoresi inkosi yasepheresiya, uthi: ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wezulu unginikile yonke imibuso yomhlaba; ungiyalile ukumakhela indlu ejerusalem lakwajuda. noma ngumuphi phakathi kwenu kubo bonke abantu bakhe, ulezi-ku wakhe makabe naye, akhuphukele ejerusalem lakwajuda, akhe indlu kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, yena ongulezi-ku wasejerusalem. bonke abaseleyo, nakuziphi izindawo lapho begogobele khona, mabasizwe ngabantu bendawo yabo ngesiliva, nangegolide, nangempahla, nangezinkomo kanye nomnikelo wesihle wendlu kalezi-ku esejerusalem. kwase kusuka izinhloko zawoyise bakwajuda nobenjamini, nabapristi, namalevi, bonke abamoya wabo ulezi-ku ayewuvusile ukuba bakhuphuke bakhe indlu kajehova-aeiou esejerusalem. bonke ababazungezayo basekela izandla zabo ngezitsha zesiliva, nangegolide, nangempahla, nangezinkomo, nangamagugu, kanye nakho konke okwanikelwa ngakho ngenhliziyo. ukoresi inkosi wakhupha izinto zendlu kajehova-aeiou, unebukadinesari ayezikhuphile ejerusalem wazibeka endlini yawolezi-ku bakhe, yebo, zona ukoresi inkosi yasepheresiya wazikhupha ngesandla sikamithiredati umphathisikhwama, wazibalela kusheshebasari isikhulu sakwajuda. nanku umumo wazo: izingqembe ezingamashumi amathathu zegolide, nezingqembe eziyinkulungwane zesiliva, nawomese abangamashumi amabili nesishiyagalolunye, nezindebe ezingamashumi amathathu zegolide, nezindebe zesiliva zohlobo lwesibili ezingamakhulu amane neshumi, nezinye izitsha eziyinkulungwane.1 zonke izitsha zegolide nezesiliva zaziyizinkulungwane eziyisihlanu namakhulu amane. zonke lezo usheshebasari wazikhuphula ekukhushulweni kwabathunjwa ebabele ukuya ejerusalem.

nampa abantwana bezwe abakhuphuka ekuthunjweni kwababethunjiwe bayiswa ebabele ngunebukadinesari, inkosi yasebabele, babuyela ejerusalem nakwajuda, kwaba yilowo nalowo emzini wakubo, bafika nozerubabele, nojeshuwa, nonehemiya, noseraya, norehelaya, nomoridekayi, nobilishani, nomisipari, nobigivayi, norehumi, nobahana. umumo wamadoda

abantu bakwa-israyeli nanku: abantwana bakwapharoshi: yizinkulungwane ezimbili nekhulu namashumi ayisikhombisa nambili; abantwana bakwashefathiya: ngamakhulu amathathu namashumi ayisikhombisa nambili; abantwana bakwa-ara: ngamakhulu ayisikhombisa namashumi ayisikhombisa nanhlanu; abantwana bakwaphakati mowabi babantwana bakwajeshuwa nojowabe: yizinkulungwane ezimbili namakhulu ayisishiyagalombili neshumi nambili; abantwana bakwa-elamu: yinkulungwane namakhulu amabili namashumi ayisihlanu nane; abantwana bakwazathu: ngamakhulu ayisishiyagalolunye namashumi amane nanhlanu; abantwana bakwazakayi: ngamakhulu ayisikhombisa namashumi ayisithupha; abantwana bakwabani: ngamakhulu ayisithupha namashumi amane nambili; abantwana bakwabebayi: ngamakhulu ayisithupha namashumi amabili nantathu; abantwana bakwa-azigadi: yinkulungwane namakhulu amabili namashumi amabili nambili; abantwana bakwa-adonikamu ngamakhulu ayisithupha namashumi ayisithupha nesithupha; abantwana bakwabigivayi: yizinkulungwane ezimbili namashumi ayisihlanu nesithupha; abantwana bakwa-adini: ngamakhulu amane namashumi ayisihlanu nane; abantwana bakwa-atheri kahezekiya: ngamashumi ayisishiyagalolunye nesishiyagalombili; abantwana bakwabesayi: ngamakhulu amathathu namashumi amabili nantathu; abantwana bakwajora: yikhulu neshumi nambili; abantwana bakwahashumi: ngamakhulu amabili namashumi amabili nantathu; abantwana bakwagibari: ngamashumi ayisishiyagalolunye nanhlanu; abantwana basebetlehema: yikhulu namashumi amabili nantathu; amadoda asenethofa: ngamashumi ayisihlanu nesithupha; amadoda ase-anathoti: yikhulu namashumi amabili nesishiyagalombili; abantwana base-azimaveti: ngamashumi amane nambili; abantwana basekiriyati arimi, nasekhelifra, nasebeyeroti: ngamakhulu ayisikhombisa namashumi amane nantathu; abantwana baserama nasegeba: ngamakhulu ayisithupha namashumi amabili nanye; amadoda asemikimasi: yikhulu namashumi amabili nambili; amadoda asebethele nase-ayi: ngamakhulu amabili namashumi amabili nantathu; abantwana basenebo: ngamashumi ayisihlanu nambili; abantwana basemagibishi: yikhulu namashumi ayisihlanu nesithupha; abantwana bakwa-elamu omunye: yinkulungwane namakhulu amabili namashumi ayisihlanu nane; abantwana bakwaharimi: ngamakhulu amathathu namashumi amabili; abantwana baselodi nasehadidi nase-ono:



ngamakhulu ayisikhombisa namashumi amabili nanhlanu; abantwana basejeriko: ngamakhulu amathathu namashumi amane nanhlanu; abantwana basesenawa; yizinkulungwane ezintathu namakhulu ayisithupha namashumi amathathu. abapristi: abantwana bakwajedaya bendlu kajeshuwa: ngamakhulu ayisishiyagalolunye namashumi ayisikhombisa nantathu; abantwana bakwa-imeri: yinkulungwane namashumi ayisihlanu nambili; abantwana bakwaphashuri: yinkulungwane namakhulu amabili namashumi amane nesikhombisa; abantwana bakwaharimi: yinkulungwane neshumi nesikhombisa. amalevi: abantwana bakwajeshuwa nokadimiyeli babantwana bakwahodaviya: ngamashumi ayisikhombisa nane; abahlabeleli: abantwana bakwa asafa: yikhulu namashumi amabili nesishiyagalombili; abantwana babalindisango: abantwana bakwasalumini, nabantwana bakwa-atheri, nabantwana bakwathalimoni, nabantwana bakwa-akubi, nabantwana bakwahathita, nabantwana bakwashobayi, bonke beyikhulu namashumi amathathu nesishiyagalolunye. amanethini: ngabantwana bakwasiha, nabantwana bakwahasufa, nabantwana bakwathabawoti, nabantwana bakwakerosi, nabantwana bakwasiyaha, nabantwana bakwaphadoni, nabantwana bakwalebana, nabantwana bakwahagaba, nabantwana bakwa-akubi, nabantwana bakwahagabi, nabantwana bakwashamulayi, nabantwana bakwahanani, nabantwana bakwagideli, nabantwana bakwagahari, nabantwana bakwarewaya, nabantwana bakwaresini, nabantwana bakwanekhoda, nabantwana bakwagazamu, nabantwana bakwa-uza, nabantwana bakwaphaseya, nabantwana bakwabesayi, nabantwana bakwa-asina, nabantwana bakwamehuni, nabantwana bakwanefisimi, nabantwana bakwabakibuki, nabantwana bakwahakufa, nabantwana bakwaharihuri, nabantwana bakwabasiluthi, nabantwana bakwamehida, nabantwana bakwaharisha, nabantwana bakwabarikhosi, nabantwana bakwasisera, nabantwana bakwathema, nabantwana bakwanesiya, nabantwana bakwahathifa. abantwana bezinceku zika-solomoni: ngabantwana bakwasothayi, nabantwana bakwahasofereti, nabantwana bakwapheruda, nabantwana bakwajahala, nabantwana bakwadarikoni, nabantwana bakwagideli, nabantwana bakwashefathiya, nabantwana bakwahathili, nabantwana bakwaphokereti hasebayimi, nabantwana bakwa-ami. onke amanethini nabantwana bezinceku zikasolomoni babe ngamakhulu amathathu namashumi ayisishiyagalolunye nambili. nampa abakhuphuka etheli mela, naseheli harisha, nasekherubi, nase-adani, nase-imeri, kepha babengenakusho

izindlu zawoyise nozalo lwabo ukuba babengabakwa-israyeli yini: ngabantwana bakwadelaya, nabantwana bakwahobiya, nabantwana bakwanekhoda, bengamakhulu ayisithupha namashumi ayisihlanu nambili. abantwana abapristi: ngabantwana bakwahabaya, nabantwana bakwahakhosi, nabantwana bakwabarizilayi, owathatha umfazi emadodakazini kabarizilayi kwagileyadi, wabizwa ngegama lawo. labo bafuna ukubhalwa kwabo phakathi kwababhaliweyo ngezizukulwane, kepha kabafunyanwanga; ngalokho bakhishwa ebupristini, kwathiwa bangcolile. umbusi washo kubo ukuba bangadli okungcwe-lengcwele, kuze kuvele umpristi one-urimi nethumini. lonke ibandla selihlangene laliyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amane nambili namakhulu amathathu namashumi ayisithupha, ngaphandle kwezinceku zabo nezincekukazi zabo ezaziyizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa namakhulu amathathu namashumi amathathu nesikhombisa; babe nabahlabeleli besilisa nabesifazane abangamakhulu amabili. amahhashi abo ayengamakhulu ayisikhombisa namashumi amathathu nesithupha; iminyuzi yabo yayingamakhulu amabili namashumi amane nanhlanu; amakamela abo ayengamakhulu amane namashumi amathathu nanhlanu; izimbongolo zaziyizinkulungwane eziyisithupha namakhulu ayisikhombisa namashumi amabili. ezinye izinhloko zawoyise ekufikeni kwazo endlini kajehova-aeiou esejerusalem za nikelela ngenhliziyo indlu kalezi-ku ukuba imiswe endaweni yayo; zanikelela isikhwama somsebenzi njengokwamandla aza amadrike ayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisithupha nanye egolide, namamane ayizinkulungwane eziyisihlanu esiliva, nezambatho zabapristi eziyikhulu. base behlala abapristi, namalevi, nabanye abantu abathile, nabahlabeleli, nabalindisango, namanethini emizini yabo, bonke abakwa-israyeli emizini yabo.

### 3

lapho isisondela inyanga yesikhombisa, abantwana bakwa-israyeli besemizini, abantu babuthana ejerusalem njengomuntu munye. kwase kusuka ujeshuwa indodana kajosadaki, nabafowabo abapristi, nozerubabele indodana kasheyalitiyeli, nabafowabo, bakha i-altare likalezi-ku ka-israyeli ukuba banikele ngeminikelo yokushiswa phezu kwalo njengokulotshiweyo emthethweni kamose umuntu kalezi-ku. balimisa i-altare endaweni yalo, ngokuba babe novalo ngenxa yabantu balowo mazwe, banikela ngeminikelo yokushiswa kujehova-aeiou phezu kwalo, yebo, iminikelo yokushiswa ekuseni

nakusihlwa. bagcina umkhosi wamadokodo njengokulotshiweyo, banikela ngeminikelo yokushiswa imihla ngemihla ngomumo njengokomthetho nanjengokwesiyalezo sezinsuku ngezinsuku, nangasemuva umnikelo oshiswa imihla yonke, neyokwethwasa kwenyanga, neyemikhosi yonke emisiweyo kajehova-aeiou eyayingcwelisiwe, neyabo bonke abanikela ngenhliziyo ngeminikelo yesihle kujehova-aeiou. ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga yesikhombisa baqala ukunikela ngeminikelo yokushiswa kujehova-aeiou; kepha isisekelo sethempeli sasingakabekwa. banika nababazi bamatshe imali kanye nababazi bemithi; banika amasidoni nabasetire ukudla nokuphuza namafutha ukuba balande imisedari elebanoni, bayiyise elwandle ejopha ngemvume kakoresi inkosi yasepheresiya kubo. ngomnyaka wesibili wokufika kwabo endlini kalezi-ku ejerusalem ngenyanga yesibili uzerubabele, indodana kasheyalitiyeli, nojeshuwa indodana kajosadaki, nensali yabafowabo abapristi, namalevi, nabo bonke abafike ejerusalem bevela ekuthunjweni baqala ukumisa amalevi, kusukela kwabaneminyaka engamashumi amabili kuya phezulu ukuba babonise umsebenzi wendlu kajehova-aeiou. base bema ujeshuwa namadodana akhe nabafowabo, nokadimiyeli namadodana akhe, amadodana akwajuda, njengomuntu munye ukuba babonise izisebenzi endlini kajehova-aeiou, kanye namadodana kahlenadadi namadodana awo nabafowabo amalevi. lapho abakhi sebebeka isisekelo sethempeli likajehova-aeiou, bamisa abapristi begqokile benamacilongo kanye namalevi, amadodana ka-asafa, enamasimbali ukuba badumise uje-hova-aeiou njengehlelo likadavide inkosi yakwa-israyeli. baphendulana ngokum-dumisa nangokumbonga uje-hova-aeiou, bathi: ngokuba muhle, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade phezulu kuka-israyeli. bonke abantu bakhamuluka ngokukhamuluka okukhulu ekumdumiseni kwabo uje-hova-aeiou, ngokuba isisekelo sendlu kajehova-aeiou sase sibekiwe. abaningi babapristi namalevi, nezinhloko zawoyise, abadala ababeyibonile indlu yokuqala, bakhala ngezwi elikhulu ekubekweni kwe-sisekelo saleyo ndlu phambi kwamehlo abo; abaningi bakhamuluka ngentokozo, ngan-gokuba abantu babengenakwahlukanisa izwi lokukhamuluka kwentokozo nezwi lokukhala kwabantu, ngokuba abantu bakhamuluka ngokukhamuluka okukhulu, umsindo wezwakala kude.

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kwathi lapho izitha zakwajuda nezakwabenjaminisezizwile ukuthi abathunjwa

bakhela uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli ithempeli, zasondela kuzerubabele nakuzo izinhloko zawoyise, zathi kubo: masakhe nani, ngokuba sifuna ulezi-ku wenu njen-gani, sinikela kuye kwasemihleni ka-esari hadoni inkosi yase-asirya owasikhuphulela lapha. kepha ozerubabele nojeshuwa nensali yezinhloko zawoyise bakwa-israyeli bathi kuzo: aninandaba nathi yokwakhela ulezi-ku wethu indlu, kepha thina sodwa siyakumakhela uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli njengokusiyala kwenkosi ukoresi, inkosi yasepheresiya. abantu balelo zwe base bedangalisa izandla za-bantu bakwajuda, babesabisa ekwakheni, babaqashela abeluleki, bashafisa amasu abo zonke izinsuku zikakoresi, inkosi yasepheresiya, kwaze kwaba sekubuseni kukadariyu inkosi yasepheresiya. ekubuseni kuka-ahashiveroshi, ekuqaleni kokubusa kwakhe, baloba bamangalela abakhileyo kwajuda nasejerusalem. emihleni ka-aritahishashita obishilamu, nomithiredati, nothabeyeli, nabanye abangane bakhe baloba ku-aritahishashita inkosi yasephere-siya; okulotshiweyo kwakunjengokulotshwa kwesi-aramu, kwachazwa ngesi-aramu. urehumi unqamulajuqu noshimshayi, umbhali, babhala incwadi enje ku-aritahishashita inkosi ngejerusalem ngokuthi: urehumi unqamulajuqu noshimshayi, umbhali, nabanye abangane babo, amadinayi, nama-afarisathi, namatharipheli, nama-afarisi, nama-arikhevi, nabasebabele, namashushaniki, namadehavi, nama-elamu, nezinye izizwe ezathunjwa ngu-osinaphari omkhulu nodumileyo, zahlaliswa emzini wasesamariya nakwelinye phesheya komfula, nokuthi nokuthi. nansi impinda yencwadi abayithuma ku-aritahishashita inkosi yokuthi: izinceku zakho, abantu abaphesheya komfula, nokuthi nokuthi. makwazeke enkosini ukuthi abajuda abakhuphuka kuwe sebefikile kithi ejerusalem; bayawakha umuzi ohlubukileyo nonengekayo; sebeyakuqeda izingange, bahlanganise izisekelo. makwazeke enkosini, kalokhu, ukuthi uma lo muzi wakhiwa, ziqedwe izingange, abayikuthela intela, nenkokhiso, nemali yendlela, okuyakulima amakhosi ekugcineni. njengokuba manje sidla usawoti wendlu yenkosi, kungasifanele ukuba sibone ihlazo lenkosi, ngalokho sithumele sayazisa inkosi ukuba kucingwe encwadini yezindaba yawoyihlo; uyakufumana encwadini yezindaba, wazi ukuthi lo muzi ungumuzi ohlubukayo, olimaza amakhosi namazwe, nokuthi benzile ukwambuka phakathi kwawo kwasendulo; ngalokho lo muzi wachithwa. siyazisa inkosi ukuthi uma lo muzi wakhiwa, ziqedwe izingange zawo, ngalokho awusayikuba nasiqephu phesheya komfula. inkosi yay-

isithuma incwadi kurehumi nqamulajuqu noshimshayi umbhali nabanye abangane babo ababehlala esamariya nakwelinye phesheya komfula yokuthi: ukuthula, nokuthi nokuthi. incwadi enayithuma kithina ifundwe kahle phambi kwami. ngayaleza, kwacingwa, kufumanisekile ukuthi lowo muzi uziphakamisele amakhosi kwasendulo nokuthi ukuhlubuka nokwambuka kwenziwe phakathi kwawo. kade kwakukhona amakhosi anamandla naphezu kwejerusalema, ayebusa lonke elingaphesheya komfula; aphiwa intela, nenkokhiso, nemali yendlela. makuyalezwe ukuba labo bantu bathiwe, ungakhiwa lowo muzi, ngize ngiyaleze mina. xwayani ukuba ningayekethisi kulokho; kungase kwande ukonakala, kulimaze amakhosi, na? lapho impinda yencwadi yenkosi u-aritahishashita isifundiwe phambi kwaworehumi noshimshayi umbhali nabangane babo, bashesha baya ejerusalema kubajuda, babathiya ngezikhwepha nangamandla. wawusuthiywa umsebenzi wendlu kalezi-ku esejerusalema. wathiywa kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka wesibili wokubusa kukadariyu inkosi yasepheresiya.

## 5

abaprofethi, uhagayi umprofethi nozakariya indodana ka-ido, baprofetha kubajuda ababekwajuda nasejerusalema ngegama likalezi-ku ka-israyeli owayephezu kwabo. kwase kusuka uzerubabele indodana kasheyalitiyeli nojeshuwa, indodana ka-josadaki, baqala ukwakha indlu kalezi-ku esejerusalema; abaprofethi bakalezi-ku babenabo bebasiza. ngasona lesi sikhathi kwafika kubo uthathenayi, umbusi phesheya komfula, noshethathi bozenayi, nabangane babo, basho kanje kubo, bathi: ngubani owaniyaleza ukwakha le ndlu nokuqeda lolu gane na? khona sabatshela ukuthi angobani amagama abantu abakha le ndlu. kepha iso likalezi-ku wabo laliphezu kwamalunga abajuda, ababathiyanga, ize iye leyo ndaba kudariyu, kubuyiselwe impendulo ngayo ngencwadi. nansi impinda yencwadi uthathenayi, umbusi waphesheya komfula, noshethathi bozenayi, nabangane bakhe ama-afarisaki ayengaphesheya komfula abayithuma kudariyu inkosi; bathuma incwadi kuye okulotshwe kuyo ukuthi: kudariyu inkosi; makube ngukuthula konke. makwazeke enkosini ukuthi saya ezweni lakwajuda endlini kalezi-ku omkhulu eyakhiwe ngamatshe amakhulu, imithi ifakwe ezindongeni; lo msebenzi uqhubeke ngesineke, unempumelelo ezandleni zabo. sase sibuzwa kulawo malunga, sasho kuwo kanje, sathi: ngubani owaniyaleza ukwakha le ndlu nokuqeda lolu gane na? sabuza namagama

abo ukuba sikwazise, sibhale amagama abantu ababe yizinhloko zabo. babuyisela impendulo kithi, bathi: thina siyizinceku zikalezi-ku wezulu nomhlaba, sakha indlu ekade yakhiwa sekudlule iminyaka eminingi, eyakhiwa yinkosi enkulu yakwa-israyeli, yaqedwa. kepha ngokuba obaba bese bemthukuthelisile ulezi-ku wezulu, wabanikela esandleni sikanebukadinesari inkosi yasebabele, umkaledi, owachitha le ndlu, wabamukisa, wabayisa ebabele.

kepha ngomnyaka wokuqala kakoresi inkosi yasebabele, ukoresi inkosi wakhhipha isimemezelo sokuba kwakhiwe le ndlu kalezi-ku. futhi izitsha zegolide nezesiliva zendlu kalezi-ku azikhipha unebukadinesari ethempelini elalisejerusalema wazingenisa ethempelini lasebabele, zona lezo ukoresi inkosi wazikhipha ethempelini lasebabele, zanikwa omunye ogama lakhe lalingusheshebasari, owayemenze umbusi; wathi kuye: thatha lezi zitsha, uye uzibekwe ethempelini elisejerusalema, indlu kalezi-ku yakhiwe endaweni yayo. wayesefika lowo sheshebasari, wabeka izisekelo zendlu kalezi-ku esejerusalema; kusukela kuleso sikhathi kuze kube manje isakhiwa njalo, kayikapheli. ngalokho uma kukuhle enkosini, makucingwe endlini yengcebo yenkosi elapho ebabele ukuba kunjalo yini ukuthi ukoresi inkosi wakhhipha isimemezelo sokuba kwakhiwe le ndlu kalezi-ku ejerusalema; inkosi mayithume kithi inhloso yayo ngalokho.

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khona udariyu wakhhipha isimemezelo, kwacingwa endlini yezincwadi, lapho ingcebo yayibekelwa khona ebabele. kwafunyanwa e-akimetha endlini yamakhosi esezweni lasemedia umqulu okwakulotshwe kuwo isikhumbuzo sokuthi: ngomnyaka wokuqala kakoresi inkosi, ukoresi inkosi wakhhipha isimemezelo sokuthi: ngendlu kalezi-ku esejerusalema, indlu mayakhiwe endaweni lapho benikelela khona ngemihlatshelo, zibekwe izisekelo zayo, ziqine, ukuphakama kwayo kube yizingalo ezingamashumi ayisithupha, ububanzi bayo bube yizingalo ezingamashumi ayisithupha; ayibe nezinhla ezintathu zamatshe amakhulu, nohla lwemithi emisha, izindleko zikhishwe endlini yenkosi; futhi izitsha zegolide nezesiliva zendlu kalezi-ku, unebukadinesari azikhipha ethempelini elisejerusalema waziya ebabele, mazi buyiswe, ziyiswe ethempelini elisejerusalema, kube yileso naleso endaweni yaso, zibekwe endlini kalezi-ku. ngalokho, thathenayi, mbusi phesheya komfula, nawe shethari bozenayi nabangane benu ama-afarisaki abangaphesheya komfula, manibe kude nalapho; wuyekeni umsebenzi

waleyo ndlu kalezi-ku; umbusi wabajuda namalunga abajuda mabakhe le ndlu kalezi-ku endaweni yayo. futhi ngikhipha isimemezero ngeniyakukwenza kulawo malunga abajuda ukuba kwakhiwe leyo ndlu kalezi-ku: labo bantu mabanikwe kakhulu izindleko empahleni yenkosi, intela yaphesheya komfula, ukuba bangathiywa. abakudingayo, amaduna, nezinqama, namawundlu okuyakuba yiminikelo yokushiswa kulezi-ku wezulu, kanye nokolweni, nosawoti, newayini, namafutha, njengezwi labapristi abasejerusalema, mabanikwe khona imihla ngemihla kungaphuthi ukuba banikele ngemihlatshelo yephunga elimnandi kulezi-ku wezulu, bakhulekele ukuphila kwenkosi namadodana ayo. futhi ngikhiphe isimemezero sokuthi yilowo nalowo oququla leli zwi, makukhishwe umuthi endlini yakhe, aphakanyiswe, abethelwe kuwo, indlu yakhe yenziwe ibe yiquba ngenxa yalokho, ulezi-ku ohlalise khona igama lakhe awise phansi onke amakhosi nabantu abayakwelula izandla zabo ukuba baguqule lokho, bachithe le ndlu kalezi-ku esejerusalema. mina dariyu ngikhiphe isimemezero; masenziwe ngaso sonke isineke. khona uthathenayi umbusi waphesheya komfula, noshethari bozenayi, abangane babo benza kanjalo ngesineke sonke, ngokuba udariyu inkosi wayethumele. amalunga abajuda ayesakha, aba nempumelelo ngokuprofetha kukahagayi umprofethi nozakariya indodana ka-ido. akha, aqeda njengokwesiyalezo sikalezi-ku ka-israyeli, nanjengokwesiyalezo sikakoresi, nodariyu, no-aritahishashita, inkosi yasepheresiya. yaqedwa leyo ndlu ngosuku lwesithathu lwenyanga ka-adari ngomnyaka wesithupha wokubusa kukadariyu inkosi. abantwana bakwa-israyeli, abapristi namalevi nabanye abathunjwa, bagcina ukuhlunjulula kwaleyo ndlu kalezi-ku ngokuthokoza. banikela ekuhlunjulweni kwaleyo ndlu kalezi-ku ngezinkunzi eziyikhulu, nangezinqama ezingamakhulu amabili, nangamawundlu angamakhulu amane, kanye nezimpongo eziyishumi namibili zibe ngumnikelo wokona ngo-israyeli wonke njengokomumo wezizwe zakwa-israyeli. bamisa abapristi ngamaqembu abo namalevi ngezigaba zawo ukuba baphathe inkonzo kalezi-ku esejerusalema njengokulotshiweyo encwadini kamose. abathunjwa bagcina iphasika ngolweshumi nane lwenyanga yokuqala. ngokuba abapristi namalevi babezihlambululile kanyekanye; bonke babehlambulukile; bahlabela bonke abathunjwa iphasika, nabafawabo abapristi, bazihlabela nabo uqobo lwabo. abantwana bakwa-israyeli ababebuyile ekuthunjweni, nabo bonke ababezahlukanisele kubo nokungcola kwabezizwe balezo zwe ukuba bafune ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli

badla; bagubha umkhosi wesinkwa esingenamvubelo izinsuku eziyisikhombisa ngokuthokoza, ngokuba ujhova-aeiou wayebathokozisile, waguqulela inhliziyoyenkosi yase-asiriya kubo ukuba kuqiniswe izandla zabo emsebenzini wendlu kalezi-ku, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli.

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emva kwalokho esabusa u-aritahishashita, inkosi yasepheresiya, u-ezra kaseraya ka-azariya kahilikiya, kashalumi kasadoki ka-ahithubi ka-amariya ka-azariya kamerayoti kaseraya ka-uzi kabuki ka-abishuwa kafinehasi ka-eleyazare ka-aroni umpristi omkhulu, u-ezra lo wakhuphuka ebabele; wayengumbhali echwepheshile emthethweni kamose awunikiweyo ngu-jehova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli; inkosi yamnika konke akucelayo ngokwesandla sikajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakhe esasiphezu kwakhe. kwakhuphuka nabanye abantwana bakwa-israyeli, nabapristi, namalevi, nabahlabeleli, nabalindisango, amanethini, baya ejerusalema ngomnyaka wesikhombisa ka-aritahishashita inkosi. wafika ejerusalema ngenyanga yesihlanu ngomnyaka wesikhombisa wenkosi. ngokuba ngolokuqala lwenyanga yokuqala waqala ukukhuphuka ebabele; ngolokuqala lwenyanga yesihlanu wafika ejerusalema ngokwesandla esihle sikalezi-ku wakhe esasiphezu kwakhe, ngokuba u-ezra wayebhekise inhliziyoyakhe ukufuna umthetho kajehova-aeiou, nokwenza nokufundisa izimiso nezahlelo kwa-israyeli. lokhu kuyimpinda yencwadi inkosi u-aritahishashita eyamnika yona u-ezra umpristi nombhali, umbhali wamazwi emiyalo kajehova-aeiou nawezimiso zakhe ku-israyeli, yokuthi: u-aritahishashita, inkosi yamakhosi ku-ezra, umpristi nombhali womthetho kalezi-ku wezulu; ukuthula, nokuthi nokuthi. ngikhipha isimemezero sokuthi bonke abantu bakwa-israyeli, nabapristi babo, namalevi embusweni wami, abafuna ukuya ejerusalema, bangahamba nawe, njengokuba uthunywe yinkosi nabeluleki bayo abayisikhombisa ukubuzana ngelakwajuda nejerusalema njengokomthetho kalezi-ku wakho osesandleni sakho, nokuyisa isiliva negolide inkosi nabeluleki bayo abalinikele ngesihle kulezi-ku ka-israyeli ondlu yakhe esejerusalema, kanye nalo lonke isiliva negolide oyakukufumana ezweni lonke lasebabele, neminikelo yesihle yabantu neyabapristi, benikelela ngesihle indlu kalezi-ku wabo esejerusalema. ngalokho uyakuthenga ngesineke sonke ngale mali izinkunzi, nezinqama, namawundlu kanye neminikelo yakho yempuphu neminikelo yakho yokuphuzwa, unikele ngakho e-altare lendlu kalezi-ku wenu

esejerusalema. okuhle kuwe nakubafowenu ukuba nikwenze ngesiliva negolide eliseleyo, kwenzeni ngokwentando kalezi-ku wenu. izitsha onikwe zona ukuba zibe ngezenkonzo yendlu kalezi-ku wakho, zibuyisele phambi kukalezi-ku wasejerusalema. okunye okudingekayo endlini kalezi-ku wakho, ofanele ukukunika, kukhiphe endlini yengecebo yenkosi. kimina, yebo, mina arithashashita inkosi, kukhishwa isimemezelo kubo bonke abaphathizikhwama abangaphesheya komfula ukuthi konke u-ezra umpristi nombhali womthetho kalezi-ku wezulu ayakukubiza kini, makwenziwe ngesineke sonke, kuze kube ngamatalenta ayikhulu esiliva, namakhora ayikhulu kakolweni, namabhathi ayikhulu ewayini, namabhathi ayikhulu amafutha, nosawoti ongabaliwe. konke okusesimemezelweni sikalezi-ku wezulu makwenzelwe ngesineke indlu kalezi-ku wezulu, ngokuba kungase kube khona intukuthelo phezu kombuso wenkosi namadodana ayo na? futhi siyanazisa ukuthi akakho onegunya lokuthelisa abapristi namalevi, nabahlalebeli, nabalandisango, namanethini, nezineku zale ndlu kalezi-ku intela, nenkokhiso, nemali yendlela. wena-ke, ezra, ngokuhlakanipha kukalezi-ku wakho okusesandleni sakho, misa abahluleli nabaholi abayakwahlulela bonke abantu abangaphesheya komfula, bonke abazi imithetho kalezi-ku wakho; nongayaziyo nimfundise. bonke abangayikwenza umthetho kalezi-ku wakho nomthetho wenkosi mabahlulelwe ngaso sonke isineke, noma kube ngokokufa noma okokuxoshwa, noma impahla yabo ibe yisizi, noma kube ngukuboshwa. makabongwe uJehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wawobaba obeke enhliziyweni yenkosi ukuhlobisa indlu kaJehova-aeiou esejerusalema, wehlisela phezu kwami umusa phambi wenkosi, nabeluleki bayo, naphambi kwezikhulu zonke zenkosi ezingamaqhawe. mina ngaqiniswa ngokwesandla senkosi ulezi-ku wami esasiphezu kwami, ngabutha ku-israyeli abayizinhloko ukuba bakhuphuke nami.

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nazi izinhloko zawoyise, nazi izizukulwane zabakhuphuka nami ebabele ekubuseni kuka-aritahishashita inkosi: kumadodana kafnehasi: ngugereshomu; kumadodana ka-itamari: ngudaniyeli; kumadodana kadavide: nguhathushi. kumadodana kashekaniya, kumadodana kapharoshi: nguzakariya; kanye naye kwabhalwa ngezizukulwane abesilisa abayikhulu namashumi ayisihlanu. kumadodana kaphahati mowabi: ngu-eliyohenayi indodana kazeraya; kanye naye ngabesilisa abangamakhulu amabili.

kumadodana kashekaniya: yindodana kajahaziyele; kanye nayo ngabesilisa abangamakhulu amathathu. kumadodana ka-adini: ngu-ebedi indodana kajonathani; kanye naye ngabesilisa abangamashumi ayisihlanu. kumadodana ka-elamu: ngu-jeshaya indodana ka-athaliya; kanye naye ngabesilisa abangamashumi ayisikhombisa. kumadodana kashefathiya: nguzebadiya indodana kamikayeli; kanye naye ngabesilisa abangamashumi ayisihiyagalombili. kumadodana kajowabe: ngu-obadiya indodana kaJehiyeli; kanye naye ngabesilisa abangamakhulu amabili neshumi nesishiyagalombili. kumadodana kashelomiti: yindodana kajosifiya; kanye nayo ngabesilisa abayikhulu namashumi ayisithupha. kumadodana kabebayi: nguzakariya indodana kabebayi; kanye naye ngabesilisa abangamashumi amabili nesishiyagalombili. kumadodana ka-azigadi: nguJohanani indodana kahakathani; kanye naye ngabesilisa abayikhulu neshumi. kumadodana ka-adonikamu, awokugcina: nanka amagama awo: ngo-elifeleti, noJehiyeli, noshemaya, nabesilisa abangamashumi ayisithupha kanye nabo. kumadodana kabigivayi: ngo-uthayi nozabudi; kanye nabo ngabesilisa abangamashumi ayisikhombisa. ngababutha emfuleni oya e-ahava; samisa khona izinsuku ezintathu; ngabheka abantu nabapristi, angifumananga khona noyedwa wamadodana kalevi. ngase ngithuma ngibiza o-eliyezeri, no-ariyeli, noshemaya, no-elinathani, nojaribi, no-elinathani, nonathani, nozakariya, nomeshulamu abayizinhloko, kanye nojoyaribi no-elinathani abafundisayo. ngabathuma ku-ido, inhloko yasendaweni yasekhasifiya, ngabeka emlonjeni wabo amazwi abayakuwakhuluma ku-ido nakubafowabo amanethini endaweni yasekhasifiya ukuba basilethele izinceku zendlu kalezi-ku wethu. ngesandla esihle sikalezi-ku wethu esasiphezu kwethu basilethela umuntu onengqondo wamadodana kamaheli indodana kalevi ka-israyeli, kanye nosherebiya namadodana akhe nabafowabo, beyishumi nesishiyagalombili, nohashabiya enojeshaya wamadodana kamerari, nabafowabo namadodana abo, bengamashumi amabili, nakuwo amanethini udavide nezikhulu ababewanikele enkonzwini yamalevi amanethini angamakhulu amabili namashumi amabili, abizwa onke ngamagama. ngase ngimemezela khona ukuzila ukudla ngasemfuleni i-ahava ukuba sizithobe phambi kukalezi-ku, sizifunele kuye indlela emhlophe, thina nabantwana bethu, nemfuyo yethu yonke. ngokuba nganginamahloni ukucela enkosini impi nabamahhashi ukuba basisize ezitheni zasendleleni, ngokuba sasikhulumile enkosini, sathi: isandla sikalezi-ku wethu siphezu

kwabo bonke abamfunayo ukuba kube kuhle, kepha amandla akhe nentukuthelo yakhe kuphezu kwabo bonke abamshiyayo. sase sizila-ke, sanxusa ulezi-ku wethu ngalokho, wasizwa. ngase ngahlukanisa ezikhulwini zabapristi abayishumi nambili: osherebiya, nohashabiya, nabafowabo abayishumi kanye nabo, ngabalinganiselisa isiliva negolide nezitsha, umnikelo wendlu kalezi-ku wethu, okwakunikelwe ngawo yinkosi nabeluleki bayo, nezikhulu zayo, naye wonke u-israyeli owayelapho; ngalinganiselisa ezandleni zabo amatalenta angamakhulu ayisithupha namashumi ayisihlanu esiliva, namatalenta ayikhulu ayizitsha zesiliva, namatalenta ayikhulu egolide, nezindebe ezingamashumi amabili zegolide ezingamadarike ayinkulungwane, nezitsha ezimbili zethusi elikhazimulayo nelihle, eliyigugu njengegolide. ngathi kubo: ningcwele kujehova-aeiou, nezitsha zingcwele; isiliva negolide kungumnikelo wesihle kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wawoyihlo. lindani, nikugcine, nize nikulinganise ngaphambi kwezikhulu zabapristi nezamalevi nezikhulu zawoyise bakwa-israyeli ejerusalem emakamelweni endlu kajehova-aeiou. base bamukela abapristi namalevi okulinganisiweyo, isiliva negolide nezitsha, ukuba bakuyise ejerusalem endlini kalezi-ku wethu. sase sisuka emfuleni i-ahava ngolweshumi nambili lwenyanga yokuqala ukuba siye ejerusalem; isandla sikalezi-ku wethu sasiphezu kwethu, wasophula esandleni sesitha nakumqamekeli endleleni. safika ejerusalem, sahlala khona izinsuku ezintathu. ngosuku lwesine kwalinganiswa isiliva negolide nezitsha endlini kalezi-ku wethu, kwanikezwa esandleni sikameremoti, indodana ka-uruya, umpristi; u-eleyazare indodana kafnehasi wayenaye; ujozabadi indodana kajeshuwa nonohadiya, indodana kabinuwi, amalevi, babe nabo, konke-ke kwenziwa ngomumo nangesisindo; sonke isisindo salotshwa ngaleso sikhathi. abathunjwa abaphuma ekuthunjweni banikela ngemnikelo yokushiswa kulezi-ku ka-israyeli eyizinkunzi eziyishumi nambili ngaye wonke u-israyeli, nezinqama ezingamashumi ayisihyagalolunye nesithupha, namawundlu angamashumi ayisikhombisa nesikhombisa, nezimpongo eziyishumi nambili zibe ngumnikelo wokona; konke kwakungumnikelo wokushiswa kujehova-aeiou. banika imithetho yenkosi kothulasizwe benkosi nakubabusi phesheya komfula; basekela abantu nendlu kalezi-ku.

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kwathi sekuphelile lokho, izikhulu zasondela kimi, zathi: abantu bakwa-israyeli

nabapristi namalevi abazahlukanisanga nabantu bezizwe nezinengiso zabo, ezamakhani, namahehi, namapherizi, namajobusi, nama-amoni, nabakwamowabi, nabasegibithe, nama-amori. ngokuba bazithathele amadodakazi abo, bona namadodana abo, kuze kuthi inzalo engcwele isixubene nabantu bezizwe; izandla zezikhulu nababusi yizona ebeziphambili kuleso siphambeko. lapho ngizwa leyo ndaba, ngaklebhula ingubo yami nejazi lami, ngahluthula izinwele zekhanda lami nesilevu sami, ngahlala phansi ngimangele. kwase kubuthana kimi bonke abathuthumela ngamazwi kalezi-ku ka-israyeli ngenxa yesiphambeko sabathunjwa; ngahlala ngimangele kwaze kwaba sesikhathini somnikelo wakusihlwa. ngesikhathi somnikelo wakusihlwa ngavuka ekuzileni kwami, ingubo yami nejazi lami kuklebhukile, ngaguqa ngamadolo, ngelulela izandla zami kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wami, ngathi: lezi-ku wami, nginamahloni, ngiyakhophoza ukuba ngiphakamisele ubuso bami kuwe lezi-ku wami, ngokuba izono zethu zandle ngaphezu kwamakhanda ethu, namacala ethu akhulile kuze kube sezulwini. kusukela ezinsukwini zawobaba kuze kube namuhla sinecala elikhulu; ngenxa yezono zethu sanikelwa thina namakhosi ethu nabapristi bethu ezandleni zamakhosi abezizwe enkembeni, nasekuthunjweni, nasekuphangweni, nasemahlonini ubuso njenganamuhla. kepha manje senzelwe isikhashana umusa ovela kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu uku-sishiyela insali yabasindileyo nokusinika isikhonkwane endaweni yakhe engcwele ukuba ulezi-ku wethu akhanyise amehlo ethu, asinike ikhefu elincane ebugqileni bethu. ngokuba siyizigqila; nokho ulezi-ku wethu akasishiyanga ebugqileni bethu, kepha usenzele isihawu emehlweni amakhosi asepheresiya ukuba asinike ikhefu, simise indlu kalezi-ku wethu, sivuse incithakalo yayo, asinike urchase kwajuda nasejerusalem. manje siyakuthini, lezi-ku wethu, emva kwalokhu na? ngokuba sishiyile imiyalo yakho oyale ngayo ngezandla zezinceku zakho abaprofethi ngokuthi: izwe eniya kulo ukulidla liyizwe elingcolileyo ngenxa yokungcola kwabantu bezizwe ngezinengiso zabo ezilicwalisile ngokonakalisa kwabo, kusukela ekuqaleni kuze kufike ekugcineni. ngalokho ninganiki amadodana abo amadodakazi enu, futhi ningathatheli amadodana enu amadodakazi abo, ningafuni ukuthula kwabo nenhlalakahle yabo kuze kube phakade, ukuze nibe namandla, nidle okuhle kwezwe, nilishiye libe yifa labantwana benu kuze kube phakade. ngasemva kwakho konke okufike phezu kwethu ngenxa yezenzo zethu ezimbi, nangcala lethu elikhulu, nangokuba wena

lezi-ku wethu awusijezisanga ngokufanele izono zethu, wasinika isigaba sabasindileyo njengalesi, singabuye saphule yini imiyalo yakho, sendiselane nalabo bantu abazenza lezi zinengiso na? nga ungasithukutheleli uze usiqede, kuze kungabikho nsali nosindayo na? jehova-aeiou lezi-ku ka-israyeli, ulungile, ngokuba sishiyiwe siyinsali nje njenganamuhla; bheka, siphambi kwakho necala lethu, nokho akakho ongema phambi kwakho ngenxa yalokho.

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u-ezra esakhuleka, evuma izono ngokukhala, eziwise phansi phambi kwendlu kalezi-ku, kwabuthana kuye kuvela ku-israyeli ibandla elikhulu kakhulu labesilisa nabesifazane nabantwana, ngokuba abantu bakhala ngokukhala okukhulu. ushekaniya, indodana kajejiyeli, enye yamadodana ka-elamu, wathatha wathi ku-ezra: siphambukile kulezi-ku wethu, sithathe abesifazane babezizwe kubantu bezwe. nokho lisekhona ithemba ku-israyeli ngale nto. ngalokho masenze isivumelwano nolezi-ku wethu ukuba silahle bonke abesifazane nabazelwe yibo ngesiluleko senkosi nesabathuthumela ngomalo kalezi-ku wethu; akwenziwe ngomthetho. vuka, ngokuba iphezu kwakho le ndaba; thina sinawe; yiba nesibindi, ukwenze. wayesevuka u-ezra, wafungisa izikhulu zabapristi, namalevi, naye wonke u-israyeli ukuba benze ngokwaleli zwi. bafunga-ke. wayesevuka u-ezra phambi kwendlu kalezi-ku, wangena ekamelweni lika-jehohanani indodana ka-eliyashibi, kepha esefike khona akadlanga sinkwa, kaphuzanga manzi, ngokuba walila ngenxa yesiphambeko sabathunjwa. bathumela izwi kwajuda nasejerusalema kubo bonke abathunjwa ukuba babuthane ejerusalema ngokuthi bonke abangafiki ngezinsuku ezintathu ngokwesiluleko sezikhulu namalunga kuyakudliwa yonke impahla yabo, bona bahlukaniswe nebandla labathunjwa. bonke abantu bakwajuda nabakwabenjani babuthana ejerusalema ngezinsuku ezintathu; kwakuyinyanga yesishiyagalolunye, ngolwamashumi amabili lwenyanga; bonke abantu bahlala esigcawini ngaphambi kwendlu kalezi-ku bethuthumela ngale ndaba nangemvula enkulu. u-ezra, umpristi, wasukuma, wathi kubo: niphambukile nithathe abesifazane babezizwe ukwandisa icala lakwa-israyeli. ngalokho vumani izono kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wawoyihlo, nenze intando yakhe, nizahlukanise nabantu bezwe nabesifazane babezizwe. lase liphendula lonke ibandla, lathi ngezwi elikhulu: njengokusho kwakho kithina nga sikwenza. kepha abantu baningi, futhi kuyisikhathi semvula enkulu, asinakuma phandle, futhi

lo msebenzi awusiwo walusuku lunye nowezimbili, ngokuba siphambukile kakhulu ngale ndaba. izinduna zethu mazime phambi kwebandla lonke; bonke abasemizini yethu abathathe abesifazane babezizwe mabeze ngesikhathi esinqunyweyo, benamalunga emizi ngemizi nabahluleli bayo, ize ibuye kithi intukuthelo evuthayo kalezi-ku wethu kule ndaba. ujonathani, indodana ka-asaheli, nojahazeya indodana kathikiva kuphela bamelana nalokho; omeshulamu noshabethayi umlevi babasiza. kepha abathunjwa benze njalo. kwakhethwa u-ezra, umpristi, namadoda ayizinhloko zawoyise njengezindlu zawoyise, bonke ngamagama; bahlala ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga yeshumi ukuyiphenya le ndaba. baqeda namadoda ayethathe abesifazane babezizwe ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga yokuqala. abafunyaniswa phakathi kwamadodana abapristi ukuthi bathathe abesifazane babezizwe nampa: kumadodana kajeshuwa indodana kajosadaki nakubafowabo: ngomahaseya, no-eliyezeri, nojaribi, nokedaliya. banika izandla zabo zokuthi bayakulahl abafazi babo; lokhu benecala, banikela ngenqama yomhlambi ngecala labo. kumadodana ka-imeri: ngohanani nozebadiya. kumadodana kaharimi: ngomahaseya, no-eliya, noshemaya, nojehiyeli, no-uziya. kumadodana kaphashuri: ngo-eliyohenayi, nomahaseya, no-ishmayeli, nonethaneli, nojozabadi, no-eleyasa. kumalevi: ngojozabadi, noshimeyi, nokhelaya ongukelitha, nophethahiya, nojuda, no-eliyezeri. kubahlabeleli: ngu-eliyashibi; kubalindisango: ngoshalumi, noteleme, no-uri. ku-israyeli: kumadodana kapharoshi: ngoramiya, no-iziya, nomalikhuya, nomijamini, no-eleyazare, nomalikhuya, nobenaya. kumadodana ka-elamu: ngomathaniya, nozakariya, nojehiyeli, no-abidi, nojeremoti, no-eliya. kumadodana kazathu: ngo-eliyohenayi, no-eliyashibi, nomathaniya, nojeremoti, nozabadi, no-aziza. kumadodana kabebayi: ngojehohanani, nohananiya, nozabayi, no-atilayi. kumadodana kabani: ngomeshulamu, nomaluki, no-adaya, nojashubi, nosheyal, nojeremoti. kumadodana kaphathi mowabi: ngo-adina, nokhelali, nobenaya, nomahaseya, nomathaniya, nobesaleli, nobinuwi, nomanase. amadodana kaharimi: o-eliyezeri, nojishiya, nomalikhuya, noshemaya, noshimeyoni, nobenjani, nomaluki, noshemariya. kumadodana kahashumi: ngomathenayi, nomathatha, nozabadi, no-elifeleti, nojeremayi, nomanase, noshimeyi. kumadodana kabani: ngomahadayi, no-amramu, no-uveli, nobenaya, nobedeya, nokeluh, novaniya, nomeremoti, no-eliyashibi, nomathaniya, nomathenayi, nojahasu, nobani, nobinuwi, noshimeyi,

noshelemiya, nonathani, no-ada, nomake-  
nadebani, noshashani, nosharani, no-azareli,  
noshelemiya, noshemariya, noshalumi,  
no-amariya, nojosefa. kumadodana kanebo:  
ngojehiyeli, nomatithiya, nozabadi, nose-  
bina, no-ido, nojoweli, nobenaya. bonke  
labo babethathe abesifazane babezizwe;  
kwakukhona phakathi kwabo abesifazane  
ababezele abantwana.



amazwi kanehemiya indodana kahakaliya. kwathi ngenyanga kakhisiilevi, ngomnyaka wamashumi amabili ngisendlini yenkosi yaseshushani, kwafika uhanani omunye wabafowethu, yena nabantu bakwajuda; ngababuza ngabajuda ababesele besindile ekuthunjweni nangejerusalema. bathi kimi: insali eseleyo ekuthunjweni lapho ezweni isekuhluphekeni okukhulu nasehlazweni; ugange lwasejerusalema lubhidliziwe, namasango alo ashisiwe ngomlilo. kwathi lapho ngizwa lawo mazwi, ngahlala phansi, ngakhala izinyembezi, ngalila izinsuku ezithile, ngazila ukudla, ngakhuleka phambi kukalezi-ku wezulu, ngathi: ngiy anxusa, jehova-aeiou lezi-ku wezulu, wena lezi-ku omkhulu nowesabekayo, ogcina isivumelwano nomusa nabakuthandayo nabagcina imiyalo yakho, ukuba indlebe yakho ilalele, namehlo akho avuleke, ukuze uzwe umkhuleko wenceku yakho engiwukhuleka phambi kwakho ngalesi sikhathi imini nobusuku ngenxa yabantwana bakwa-israyeli izinceku zakho, lapho ngivuma izono zabantwana bakwa-israyeli esone ngazo kuwe; yebo, nami nendlu kababa sonile. senzile kabi kakhulu kuwe, asigcanga imiyalo, nezimiso, nezahlulelo owayala ngakho inceku yakho umose. ake ulikhumbule izwi owayala ngalo inceku yakho umose ngokuthi: uma niphambuka, mina ngiyakunihlakazela phakathi kwezizwe; kepha uma nibuyela kimi, nigcine imiyalo yami, niyenze, noma abaxoshiweyo benu bebe semajukujukwini ezulu, ngiyakubabutha lapho nokho, ngibayise endaweni engiyikhethe ukubeka igama lami kuyo. bayizinceku zakho nabantu bakho obahlengile ngamandla akho amakhulu nangesandla sakho esiqinileyo. ngicela, nkosi, ukuba indlebe yakho izwe umkhuleko wenceku yakho nomkhuleko wezinceku zakho ezithokoza ngokwesaba igama lakho, uhlahamelise inceku yakho namuhla, uyinike umusa emehlweni alo muntu. bheka, ngangingumphathisitsha wenkosi.

kwathi ngenyanga kanisani ngomnyaka wamashumi amabili ka-aritahishashita inkosi, iwayini liphambi kwakhe, ngaliphakamisa iwayini, ngalinika inkosi. ngangingazange ngibiphe phambi kwayo. inkosi yathi kimi: ubuso bakho bubipheleni, lokhu ungaguli, na? lokhu kungukudabuka kwenhliziyo kuphela. ngase ngesaba kakhulu. ngathi enkosini: mayime njalo inkosi; ubuso bami bungebiphe ngani, lapho umuzi, indawo yamathuna awobaba, uchithekile namasango awo eshiswe ngomlilo, na?

yayisithi inkosi kimi: ukhala ngani? ngase ngikhuleka kulezi-ku wezulu. ngathi enkosini: uma kukuhle enkosini, uma inceku yakho ifumene umusa emehlweni akho, ungivumele ukuba ngiye kwajuda emzini wamathuna awobaba ukuba ngiwuvuse. inkosi yathi kimi, inkosikazi ihlezi eceleni kwayo: uhambo lwakho luyakuba yisikhathi esingakanani, nokubuya kuyakuba nini na? kwaba kühle-ke enkosini ukuvuma ukuba ngihambe; ngayitshela isikhathi esithile. futhi ngathi enkosini: uma kukuhle enkosini, manginikwe izincwadi kubabusi phesheya komfula, ukuze bavume ukuba ngidlule ngize ngifike kwajuda, kanye nencwadi ku-asafa umlindihlathi lenkosi ukuba anginike imithi yemishayo yamasango enqaba ehlangene nethempeli, neyongange lomuzi, neyendlu engiyakungena kuyo. inkosi yanginika lokhu ngokwesandla esihle sikalezi-ku wami esasiphezu kwami. ngase ngifika kubabusi phesheya komfula, ngabanika izincwadi zenkosi. inkosi yayithume nami izinduna zempi nabamahhashi. kepha lapho umhoroni, usanibalati, nothobiya inceku yakwa-amoni sebezile lokho, kwaba kubi kakhulu kubo ukuthi kufike umuntu ukufuna inhlahlakahle ka-israyeli. ngase ngifika ejerusalema, ngahlala khona izinsuku ezintathu. ngavuka ebusuku, mina nabantu abathile abayingcosana; angitshelanga muntu lokho ulezi-ku akubeke enhliziyweni yami ukuba ngikwenzele ijerusalema; futhi kwakungekho silwane nami ngaphandle kwesilwane engangikhwele kuso. ngaphuma ngesango lesigodi ebusuku, ngaya emthonjeni kadrako nasesangweni lomquba, ngakuba izingange zasejerusalema ezazibhidliziwe namasango alo ayeshiswe ngomlilo. ngase ngikhuphukela esangweni lomthombo nasechibini lenkosi, kepha kwakungekho ndawo yokuba kudlule isilwane engangiphezu kwaso. ngangikhuphula umfudlana ebusuku, ngabuka ugange, ngaphenduka, ngangena ngesango lesigodi, ngaphindela emuva. ababusi babengazi lokhu ngangiyi khona nengikwenzileyo; futhi ngangingakabatshele abajuda, nabapristi, nabakhulu, nababusi, nabanye ababewenza umsebenzi. kepha ngase ngithi kubo: niyayibona inhlopheko esikuyona, lokhu ijerusalema lichithekile namasango alo eshiswe ngomlilo; wozani sivuse ugange lwasejerusalema ukuba singabe sisaba yihlazo. ngabatshela ngesandla sikalezi-ku wami esasisihle phezu kwami, nangamazwi enkosi eyayiwakhulume kimi. bathi: masisuke sakhe, beqinisele izandla zabo lowo msebenzi. kepha lapho usanebalati, umhoroni, nothobiya inceku yakwa-amoni, nogeshemi wase-arabiya bezwa lokho, basihleka usulu, basidelela, bathi: yini lokhu enikwenzayo na? niyakuyihlubuka inkosi

na? ngase ngibabuyisela amazwi, ngathi kubo: ulezi-ku wezulu uyakusiphumelelisa; ngalokho thina zincedu zakhe siyakusuka sakhe, kepha nina aninasabelo, nalungelo, nasikhumbuzo ejerusalema.

### 3

kwasukela u-elyashibi umpristi omkhulu nabafowabo abapristi, balakha isango lezimvu, balingcwelisa, bamisa izivalo zalo, yebo, kwaze kwaba nasembhoshongweni kahameya ababewungcwelisa, kwaze kwaba nasembhoshongweni kahananeli. eceleni kwakhe kwakha abantu basejeriko, naseceleni kwabo kwakha uzakuri indodana ka-imri. isango lezinhlanzi lakhiwa ngamadodana kahasenawa; abeka imishayo yalo, bamisa izivalo zalo nezihluthulelo zalo nemigoqo yalo. eceleni kwabo kwalungisa umeremoti, indodana ka-uriya kahakhosi. eceleni kwabo kwalungisa umeshulamu indodana kaberekiya kameshezebeli. eceleni kwabo kwalungisa usadoki indodana kabahana. eceleni kwabo kwalungisa abasethekhowa, kepha abakhulu babo abafakanga izintamo zalo emsebenzini wenkosi yabo. isango elidala lalungiswa ngujoyada indodana kaphaseya nangumeshulamu indodana kabesodeya, babeka imishayo yalo, bamisa izivalo zalo nezihluthulelo zalo nemigoqo yalo. eceleni kwabo kwalungisa umelathiya wasegibeyoni, nojadoni wasemeroti, amadoda asegiyeyoni nasemisa, phansi kwesihlalo sombusi phesheya komfala. eceleni kwabo kwalungisa u-uziyeli indodana kaharihaya wabakhandi begolide. eceleni kwakhe kwalungisa uhananiya wabathaki. baliyeka ijerusalema kwaze kwaba sogangeni olubanzi. eceleni kwabo kwalungisa urefaya indodana kahure, umbusi wenxenywe yesifunda sasejerusalema. eceleni kwakhe kwalungisa ujedaya indodana kaharumafi malungana nendlu yakhe. eceleni kwakhe kwalungisa uhathushi indodana kahashabineya. umalikhya, indodana kaharimi, nohashubi, indodana kaphahati mowabi, balungisa elinye ibanga nombhoshongo wamaziko. eceleni kwabo kwalungisa ushalumi indodana kahaloreshi, umbusi wenxenywe yesifunda sasejerusalema, yena namadodakazi akhe. isango lesigodi lalungiswa nguhanuni nabakhe ezanowa; balakha, bamisa izivalo zalo nezihluthulelo zalo nemigoqo yalo, nezingalo eziyinkulungwane zogange kwaze kwaba sesangweni lomquba. isango lomquba lalungiswa ngumalikhya, indodana karekabi, umbusi wesifunda sasebeti hakeremi; walakha, wamisa izivalo zalo nezihluthulelo zalo nemigoqo yalo. isango lomthombo lalungiswa ngushaluni, indodana kakholi hoze, umbusi

wesifunda sasemisa; walakha, walifulela, wamisa izivalo zalo nezihluthulelo zalo nemigoqo yalo, nogange lwasechibini laseshela ngasensimini yenkosi, kwaze kwaba sezikhwelweni ezehla emzini kadavide. emva kwakhe kwalungisa unehemiya indodana ka-azibuki, umbusi wenxenywe yesifunda sasebeti suri, kwaze kwaba sendaweni malungana namathuna kadavide, nasechibini elimbiweyo, nasendlini yamaqhawe. emva kwakhe kwalungisa amalevi, urehumi indodana kabani. eceleni kwakhe kwalungisa uhashabiya, umbusi wenxenywe yesifunda sasekeyila esifundeni sakhe. emva kwakhe kwalungisa abafowabo, ubavayi indodana kahenadadi, umbusi wenxenywe yesifunda sasekeyila. eceleni kwakhe kwalungisa u-ezeri indodana kajeshuwa, umbusi wasemisa, elinye ibanga malungana nommango oya endlini yezikhali enqutshini. emva kwakhe kwalungisa nokulungisa ubaruki indodana kazabayi elinye ibanga, kusukela enqutshini kuze kube semnyango wendlu ka-elyashibi umpristi omkhulu. emva kwakhe kwalungisa umeremoti, indodana ka-uriya kahakhosi, elinye ibanga, kusukela emnyango wendlu ka-elyashibi kuze kube sekugcineni kwendlu ka-elyashibi. emva kwakhe kwalungisa abapristi, abantu basethafeni. emva kwabo kwalungisa obenjamini nohashubi malungana nendlu yabo. emva kwabo kwalungisa u-azariya indodana kamahaseya ka-ananiya eceleni kwendlu yakhe. emva kwakhe kwalungisa ubinuwi indodana kahenadadi elinye ibanga, kusukela endlini ka-azariya kuze kube senqutshini, kuze kube nasegumbini. uphalali, indodana ka-uzayi, wayemalungana nenqubu nombhoshongo ophumeleleyo endlini yenkosi engasenhla ngasegcekeni letilongo. emva kwakhe nguphedaya indodana kapharoshi. amanethini ayehelezi e-ofeli kwaze kwaba sendaweni malungana nesango lamanzi ngasempumalanga nombhoshongo ophumeleleyo. emva kwakhe kwalungisa abasethekhowa elinye ibanga malungana nombhoshongo omkhulu ophumeleleyo kwaze kwaba sogangeni lwase-ofeli. phezu kwesango lehashi kwalungisa abapristi, kwaba yilowo nalowo malungana nendlu yakhe. emva kwabo kwalungisa usadoki indodana ka-imeri malungana nendlu yakhe. emva kwakhe kwalungisa ushemaya indodana kashekaniya, umlindi wesango langasempumalanga. emva kwakhe kwalungisa uhananiya, indodana kasehelemya, nohanuni, indodana yesithupha kasalfi, elinye ibanga. emva kwakhe kwalungisa umeshulamu indodana kaberekiya malungana nekamelo lakhe. emva kwakhe kwalungisa umalikhya, omunye wabakhandi begolide, kwaze

kwaba sendlini yamanethini neyabathengi malungana nesango lokubala, kwaze kwaba nasekamelweni eliphezulu lasegumbini. phakathi kwekamelo eliphezulu lasegumbini nesango lezimvu kwalungisa abakhandi begolide nabathengi.

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kepha kwathi lapho usanibalati esezwile ukuthi sabe siluvusa ugange, wathukuthela, wavutha ulaka, waklolodela abajuda. wakhuluma phambi kwabafowabo nempi yasesamariya, wathi: benzani laba bajuda abangenamandla na? bayekwe bebodwa na? bahlabe yini? bakuqede ngosuku na? bavuse amatshe emfuthumfuthwini yamabibi lokhu eshisiwe na? uthobiya wakwa-amonni wayengakuye, wathi: yebo, nalokho abakwakhayo, uma kukhuphuka impungushe, iyakulubhidliza ugange lwamatshe abo. ngase ngikhuleka ngathi: yizwa, lezi-ku wethu, ngokuba sidelele-ile, ubuyisele inhlamba yabo phezu kwamakanda abo, ubanikele ukuba baphangwe ezweni lokuthunjwa; ungalisibekeli icala labo, masingesulwa isono sabo phambi kwakho, ngokuba bakucunulile ngaphambi kwabakhi. sase sivusa-ke ugange; lonke ugange lwahlanganiswa kwaze kwagamanxa, ngokuba abantu babenenhliziyo yokusebenza. kepha kwathi osanibalati, nothobiya, nabase-arabiya, nabakwa-amonni, nabase-ashidodi sebezwa ukuthi ukulungiswa kwezingange zasejerusalema kuyaqhubeka, nokuthi izimfa seziqale ukuvalwa, bathukuthela kakhulu, benza ugobe ukuba baye ukulwa nejerusalema, balilimaze. kepha sakhuleka kulezi-ku wethu, sabamisela abalindi imini nobusuku ngenxa yabo. ujuda wathi: amandla abathwalayo aphelile; amabibi maningi; asisenakuluvusa ugange. abamelene nathi bathi: abayikwazi, abayikubona size sifike phakathi kwabo, sibabulale, sivimbe umsebenzi. kwathi lapho abajuda ababehlala eceleni kwabo sebefika, bathi kithi kayishumi, bevela ezindaweni zonke: buyelani kithi. ngase ngimisa ngenzansi ezindaweni ezisemva kogange nakwezisobala abantu ngemindeni yabo, benezinkemba zabo, nemikhonto yabo, neminsalo yabo. lapho sengibhekile, ngasuka ngathi kwabakhulu nakubabusi nakwabanye abantu: ningabesabi; khumbulani inkosi enkulu neyesabekayo, nilwele abafowenu, namadodana enu, namadodakazi enu, nawomkenu, nezindlu zenu. kwathi izitha zethu sezizwile ukuthi kwazeke kithi nokuthi ulezi-ku wayeshafisile icebo labo, sabuyela sonke ogangeni, kwaba yilowo nalowo emsebenzini wakhe. kusukela kulolo suku inxenywe yezinceku zami yasebenza emisebenzini, nenxenywe

yazo yaphatha imikhonto, nezihlangu, neminsalo, namabhantshi ensimbi; ababusi babe semva kwendlu yonke yakwajuda. abavusayo ugange nabathwalayo imithwalo bazithwesa benza umsebenzi ngesinye isandla, nangesinye baphatha izikhali zabo; nabakhi bonke babe nenkemba ibhincwe ezinkalweni zabo, bakha kanjalo. owabetha icilongo wayengaseceleni kwami. ngokuba ngangithe kwabakhulu nakubabusi nakwabanye abantu: umsebenzi mkhulu, ubanzi, sahlukene ogangeni, omunye ukude nomunye. noma kuyiphi indawo lapho nizwa khona ukubethwa kwecilongo, buthanani khona, nize kithi; ulezi-ku wethu uyakusilwela. sase senza nathi umsebenzi wethu, inxenywe iphethe imikhonto, kusukela ekuqaleni kokusa kuze kuphume izinkanyezi. kanjalo ngaleso sikhathi ngathi kubantu: yilowo nalowo kahlale nenceku yakhe phakathi kwejerusalema ukuba zibe ngabalindi bethu ebusuku, zisebenze emini. mina nabafowethu, nezinceku zami, nabalindi abangilandelayo, kwakungekho kithi owakhumula izingubo zakhe; yilowo nalowo wayenesikhali esandleni sakhe.

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kwaba khona ukukhala okukhulu kwabantu nawomkabo ngabafowabo abajuda. ngokuba babekhona abathi: thina namadodana ethu namadodakazi ethu sibaningi; masithole amabele ukuba sidle, siphile. babe khona nabathi: sibambisile ngamasimu ethu, nangezivini zethu, nangezindlu zethu; masithole amabele ngenxa yendlala. babe khona nabathi: sitshelekile imali yokuthela enkosini ngamasimu ethu nangezivini zethu. nokho inyama yethu injengenyama yabafowethu, abantwana bethu banjengabantwana babo; bheka, sithobisa amadodana ethu namadodakazi ethu, abe yizigqila; amanye amadodakazi ethu asethotshisiwe; futhi awakho amandla ezandleni zethu, ngokuba amasimu ethu nezivini zethu sekungokwabanye. ngathukuthela kakhulu lapho ngizwa ukukhala kwabo nalowo mazwi. inhliziyo yami isicabangile, ngathethisana nabakhulu nababusi, ngathi kubo: nina nonke nibiza inzalo omunye komunye. ngase ngibiza ibandla elikhulu ngabo. ngathi kubo: thina njengamandla esinawo sihlengile abafowethu abajuda ababethengiselwe abezizwe; seniyakuthengisa ngabafowenu, bathengiselwe kithi, na? bathula, abafumananga zwi. ngathi futhi: akukuhle enikwenzayo; beningehambe yini ngokwesaba ulezi-ku wethu ngenxa yokuthukwa kwethu ngabezizwe, izitha zethu, na? nami nabafowethu nezinceku zethu sibatsheleke imali namabele. ake siyeke ukubiza le

nzalo. ake nibuyisele namhlanje amasimu abo, nezivini zabo, neminqumo yabo, nezindlu zabo, nenxenye yekhulu yemali, neyamabele, neyewayini, neyamafutha enikubiza kubo kube yinzalo. base bethi: sizakubuyisela kubo, singabizi lutho kubo; sizakwenza njengokusho kwakho. ngase ngibiza abapristi, ngabafungisa ukuba benze njengalelo zwi. ngavuthulula ingubo yami, ngathi: ulezi-ku makavuthulule kanjalo bonke abantu abangagcini leli zwi ezindlini zabo nasemfuyweni yabo; mabavuthululwe kanjalo, babe yize. lonke ibandla lathi: amen, ladumisa ujhova-aeiou. abantu base benza njengalelo zwi. futhi kusukela osukwini engamiswa ngalo ukuba ngibe ngumbusi wabo ezweni lakwajuda, kwasemnyakeni wamashumi amabili kuze kube semnyakeni wamashumi amathathu nambili ka-aritahishashita inkosi, iminyaka eyishumi nabili, mina nabafowethu asidlanga isinkwa sombusi. kepha ababusi bokuqala ababe phambi kwami babebathwesile abantu, bathatha kubo isinkwa newayini kanye namashekeli angamashumi amane esiliva; nezinceku zachachaza phezu kwabantu; kepha mina angenzanga kanjalo ngenxa yokumesaba ulezi-ku. phezu kwalokho ngabambelela emsebenzini wogange, asithenganga zwe; zonke zinceku zami zabuthana khona emsebenzini. abajuda nababusi, abantu abayikhulu namashumi ayisihlanu, badla etafuleni lami, kanye nabafika kithi bevela kwabezizwe abasizungezayo. okwalungiselwa usuku lwaba lunye nje kwakuyinkabi nezimvu eziyisithupha ezikhethekileyo; ngalungiselwa nezinyoni newayini eliningi lezinhlolo zonke kanye ngezinsuku eziyishumi; nokho angicelanga isinkwa sombusi, ngokuba ubugqila babusinda phezu kwalaba bantu. ngikhumbulele, lezi-ku wami, ngenxa yakho konke engikwenzele laba bantu, kube kuhle kimi.

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kwathi lapho osanibalati, nothobiya, nogeshemi wase-arabiya, nezinye izitha sebezile ukuthi ngivusile ugange nokuthi akusasele sikhala, noma ngaleso sikhathi ngangingakamisi izivalo emasangweni, osanibalati nogeshemi bathumela kimi, bathi: woza sihlangane komunye wemizana yasethafeni lase-ono. babehlose ukwenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka kimi. ngathuma izithunywa kubo, ngathi: ngisebenza umsebenzi omkhulu, anginakwehla; umsebenzi ubuyakumelani, ngiwayeke, ngehlele kini, na? bathumela kane kimi ngaleyo ndlela; ngabaphendula ngokunjalo. usanibalati wayesethuma inceku yakhe kimi kanjalo ngokwesihlanu, iphethe incwadi evuleki-

leyo esandleni sayo. kwakulotshwe kuyo ukuthi: kuzwakele ezizweni, naye ugashimu uthi wena nabajuda nihlose ukuhlubuka, okungalokho uvusa ugange, ube yinkosi yabo; yebo, anjalo amazwi. futhi ubekile abaprofethi ukuba bashumayeke ngawe ejerusalem ukuthi uyinkosi kwajuda. njengokuba lawo mazwi eyakuzwakala enkosini, mawuze, silulekane. ngase ngithumela kuye, ngathi: azikho izinto ezinjengalezo ozishoyo; ziqanjwe nguwe enhliziyweni yakho. ngokuba bonke babesethusa bethi: izandla zabo ziyakudangala emsebenzini ukuba ungenziwa. ngase ngikhuleka ngathi: kepha manje, nkosi, qinisa izandla zami. ngase ngiya endlini kashemaya indodana kadelaya kamehetabeli owayezivalele. wathi: masihlangane endlini kalezi-ku phakathi kwethempeli, sivale iminyango yethempeli, ngokuba bayakufika ukukubulala, yebo, ebusuku bayakufika bakubulale. ngathi: umuntu onjengami abaleke na? ngubani onjengami onangena ethempelini, aphile, na? angingeni. ngaqonda ukuthi ulezi-ku wayengamthumile, kepha wakhuluma lesi siprofetho ngami eqashiwe ngothobiya nosanibalati. wayeqashelwe lokhu kokuba ngesabe, ngenze kanjalo, ngone, babe nombiko omubi, bangijivaze. ngakhuleka ngathi: khumbula, lezi-ku wami, othobiya nosanibalati ngalezo zenzo zabo, nomprofethikazi onohadiya, nabanye abaprofethi, ababengesabisa. ugange lwaphela ngolwamashumi amabili nahlanu lwenyanga ka-eluli ngezinsuku ezingamashumi ayisihlanu nambili. kwathi lapho zonke izitha zikuzwa lokho, abezizwe bonke abasizungezayo, besaba, bayetha, ngokuba baqonda ukuthi lowo msebenzi wawenziwe ngulezi-ku wethu. phezu kwalokho abakhulu bakwajuda bathuma ngalezo zinsuku zincwadi eziningi kuthobiya, nezikathobiya zafika kubo. ngokuba abaningi bakwajuda babefungile kubo, ngokuba wayengumkhwenyana kashekaniya indodana ka-ara; indodana ujeohanani yayithathile indodakazi kameshulamu indodana kaberekiya. bakhuluma ngezenzo zakhe ezinhle phambi kwami, bamukisa kuye amazwi ami. uthobiya wathuma izincwadi ukungesabisa.

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kwathi lapho ugange selwakhiwe, sengimisile izivalo, futhi kubekiwe abalindisango nabahlabeleli namalevi, ngayaleza uhanani umfowethu nohananiya induna yendlu yenkosi ukuba baphathe ijerusalem, ngokuba wayengumuntu othembekileyo, wamesaba ulezi-ku kunabaningi. ngathi kubo: amasango asejerusalem mawangavulwa lize lishise ilanga; be-

semi, mabavale izivalo, baziqinise; bekanibalindi kwabakhileyo ejerusalem, kube yilowo nalowo emlindweni wakhe, yilowo abe malungana nendlu yakhe. umuzi wawubanzi nxazombili; wawumkhulu, kephe abantu babe yingcosana phakathi kwawo, izindlu zingakakhiwa. ulezi-ku wami wabeka enhliziyweni yami ukuba ngibuthe abakhulu, nababusi, nabantu, ukuze babhalwe ngezizukulwane. ngafumana incwadi yezizukulwane zabakhuphuka kuqala, ngafumana kulotshiwe kuyo ukuthi: nampa abantwana bezwe abakhuphuka ekuthunjweni kubo ababethunjwe ngunebukadinesari inkosi yasebabele, babuyela ejerusalem nakwajuda, kwaba yilowo nalowo emzini wakubo, abafika nozerubabele, nojeshuwa, nonehemiya, no-azariya, norahamiya, nonahamani, nomoridekayi, nobilishani, nomisipereti, nobigivayi, nonehumi, nobahana. umumo wamadoda abantu bakwa-israyeli nanku: abantwana bakwapharoshi: yizinkulungwane ezimbili nekhulu namashumi ayisikhombisa nambili; abantwana bakwashefathiya: ngamakhulu amathathu namashumi ayisikhombisa nambili; abantwana bakwa-ara: ngamakhulu ayisithupha namashumi ayisihlanu nambili; abantwana bakwaphahati mowabi babantwana bakwajeshuwa nojowabe: yizinkulungwane ezimbili namakhulu ayisishiyagalombili neshumi nesishiyagalombili; abantwana bakwa-elamu: yinkulungwane namakhulu amabili namashumi ayisihlanu nane; abantwana bakwazathu: ngamakhulu ayisishiyagalombili namashumi amane nanhlanu; abantwana bakwazakayi: ngamakhulu ayisikhombisa namashumi ayisithupha; abantwana bakwabinuwi: ngamakhulu ayisithupha namashumi amane nesishiyagalombili; abantwana bakwabebyi: ngamakhulu ayisithupha namashumi amabili nesishiyagalombili; abantwana bakwa-azigadi: yizinkulungwane ezimbili namakhulu amathathu namashumi amabili nambili; abantwana bakwa-adonikamu: ngamakhulu ayisithupha namashumi ayisithupha nesikhombisa; abantwana bakwabigivayi: yizinkulungwane ezimbili namashumi ayisithupha nesikhombisa; abantwana bakwa-adini: ngamakhulu ayisithupha namashumi ayisihlanu nanhlanu; abantwana bakwa-atheri kahezekiya: ngamashumi ayisishiyagalolunye nesishiyagalombili; abantwana bakwahashumi: ngamakhulu amathathu namashumi amabili nesishiyagalombili; abantwana bakwabezayi: ngamakhulu amathathu namashumi amabili nane; abantwana bakwaharifi: yikhulu neshumi nambili; abantwana bakwagibeyoni: ngamashumi ayisishiyagalolunye nanhlanu. amadoda ase-

betlehem nasenethofa: yikhulu namashumi ayisishiyagalombili nesishiyagalombili; amadoda ase-anathoti: yikhulu namashumi amabili nesishiyagalombili; amadoda asebeti azimaveti: ngamashumi amane nambili; amadoda asekiriyati jeharimi, nasekhefira, nasebeyeroti: ngamakhulu ayisikhombisa namashumi amane nantathu; amadoda aserama nasegeba: ngamakhulu ayisithupha namashumi amabili nanye; amadoda asemikimasi: yikhulu namashumi amabili nambili; amadoda asebethela nase-ayi: yikhulu namashumi amabili nantathu; amadoda elinye inebo: ngamashumi ayisihlanu nambili; abantwana bakwa-elamu omunye: yinkulungwane namakhulu amabili namashumi ayisihlanu nane; abantwana bakwaharimi: ngamakhulu amathathu namashumi amabili; abantwana basejeriko: ngamakhulu amathathu namashumi amane nanhlanu; abantwana baselodi, nasehadidi, nase-ono: ngamakhulu ayisikhombisa namashumi amabili nanye; abantwana basesenawa: yizinkulungwane ezintathu namakhulu ayisishiyagalolunye namashumi amathathu. abapristi: abantwana bakwajedaya, abendlu kajeshuwa: ngamakhulu ayisishiyagalolunye namashumi ayisikhombisa nantathu; abantwana bakwa-imeri: yinkulungwane namashumi ayisihlanu nambili; abantwana bakwaphashuri: yinkulungwane namakhulu amabili namashumi amane nesikhombisa; abantwana bakwaharimi: yinkulungwane neshumi nesikhombisa. amalevi: abantwana bakwajeshuwa kakadimiyeli babantwana bakwahodeva: ngamashumi ayisikhombisa nane. abahlabeleli: abantwana bakwa-asafa: yikhulu namashumi amane nesishiyagalombili. abalindisango: abantwana bakwasalumi, nabantwana bakwa-atheri, nabantwana bakwathalimoni, nabantwana bakwa-akubi, nabantwana bakwahathita, nabantwana bakwashobayi: yikhulu namashumi amathathu nesishiyagalombili. amanethini: ngabantwana bakwasiha, nabantwana bakwasasufa, nabantwana bakwathabawoti, nabantwana bakwakerosi, nabantwana bakwasiya, nabantwana bakwaphadoni, nabantwana bakwalebana, nabantwana bakwahagaba, nabantwana bakwashalimayi, nabantwana bakwahanani, nabantwana bakwagideli, nabantwana bakwagahari, nabantwana bakwarewaya, nabantwana bakwaresini, nabantwana bakwaneekhoda, nabantwana bakwagazamu, nabantwana bakwa-uza, nabantwana bakwaphaseya, nabantwana bakwabezayi, nabantwana bakwamehuni, nabantwana bakwanefushesimi, nabantwana bakwabakibuki, nabantwana bakwahakufa, nabantwana bakwaharihuri, nabantwana bakwabiluthi, nabantwana

bakwamehida, nabantwana bakwaharisha, nabantwana bakwabarikhosi, nabantwana bakwasisera, nabantwana bakwathema, nabantwana bakwanesiya, nabantwana bakwahathifa, abantwana bezincku zika-solomoni: ngabantwana bakwasothayi, nabantwana bakwasofereti, nabantwana bakwapherida, nabantwana bakwajahala, nabantwana bakwadarikoni, nabantwana bakwagideli, nabantwana bakwashefathiya, nabantwana bakwahathili, nabantwana bakwaphokereti hasebayimi, nabantwana bakwa-amon. onke amanethini nabantwana bezincku zikasolomoni babe ngamakhulu amathathu namashumi ayisihagololunye nambili. nampa abakhuphuka ethelimela, naseheli harisha, nasekerubi, nase-adoni, nase-imeri, kepha lebengenakusho izindlu zawoyise nozalo lwabo ukuba babe ngabakwa-israyeli yini: abantwana bakwadelaya, nabantwana bakwathobiya, nabantwana bakwanekhoda: ngamakhulu ayisithupha namashumi amane nambili. kubapristi: ngabantwana bakwahobaya, nabantwana bakwahakhosi, nabantwana bakwabarizilayi owathatha umfazi kumadodakazi kabarizilayi wakwagileyadi, wabizwa ngegama lawo. labo bafuna ukubhalwa kwabo phakathi kwababhaliweyo ngezizukulwane, kepha akufunyanwanga; ngalokho kwathiwa bangcolile, bakhishwa ebupristini. umbusi washo kubo ukuba bangadli okungcwelencwele, kuze kuvele umpristi one-urimi nethumimi. lonke ibandla selihlangene laliyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amane nambili namakhulu amathathu namashumi ayisithupha, ngaphandle kwezincku zabo nezi ncekakazi zabo ezaziyizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa namakhulu amathathu namashumi amathathu nesikhombisa; babe nabahlabeleli besilisa nabesifazane abangamakhulu amabili namashumi amane nanhlano. amahhashi abo ayengamakhulu ayisikhombisa namashumi amathathu nesithupha; iminyuzi yabo yayingamakhulu amabili namashumi amane nanhlano; amakamela ayengamakhulu amane namashumi amathathu nanhlano; izimbon-golo zaziyizinkulungwane eziyisithupha namakhulu ayisikhombisa namashumi amabili. ezinye izinhloko zanikelela umsebenzi; umbusi wanikelela isikhwama amadarike ayinkulungwane egolide, nezitsha ezingamashumi ayisihlanu, nezambatho zabapristi ezingamakhulu ayisihlanu namashumi amathathu. ezinye izinhloko zawoyise zanikelela isikhwama somsebenzi amadarike ayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili egolide namamane ayizinkulungwane ezimbili namakhulu amabili esiliva. abakunikelayo abanye abantu kwakungamadarike ayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili

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egolide, namamane ayizinkulungwane ezimbili esiliva, nezambatho zabapristi ezingamashumi ayisithupha nesikhombisa. base behlala-ke abapristi, namalevi, nabalindisango, nabahlabeleli, nabanye abantu, namanethini, naye wonke u-israyeli emizini yabo. kwathi lapho inyanga yesikhombisa isifikile, abantwana bakwa-israyeli babe semizini yabo.

bonke abantu babuthana njengomuntu munye esigcawini esasiphambi kwesango lamanzi; bakhuluma ku-ezra, umbhali, ukuba alethe incwadi yomthetho kamose, u-jehova-aeiou ayeyale ngawo u-israyeli. u-ezra, umpristi, wawuletha umthetho phambi kwebandla, abesilisa nabesifazane nabo bonke ababe nengqondo yokuzwa, ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga yesikhombisa. wafunda kuwo phambi kwesigcawu esasiphambi kwesango lamanzi, kusukela ekuseni kuze kube semini, phambi kwabesilisa nabesifazane nabo nengqondo yokuzwa; izindlebe zabantu bonke zalalela incwadi yomthetho. u-ezra umbhali wayemi ebhesitulu lamapulangwe ababelenzele lo mgomo; eceleni kwakhe kwakumi omatithiya, noshema, no-anaya, no-urija, nohilikiya, nomahaseya ngakwesokunene sakhe, nangakwesokhohlo sakhe ngophe-daya, nomishayeli, nomalikhiza, nohashumi, nohashibadana, nozakariya, nomeshulamu. u-ezra wayivula incwadi emehlweni abantu bonke, ngokuba wayengaphezulu kwabantu bonke, nalapho eyivula, bonke abantu basukuma. u-ezra wambonga u-jehova-aeiou ulezi-ku omkhulu. bonke abantu baphendula bathi: amen, amen, bephakamisa izandla zabo; bakhothama, bakhuleka kujehova-aeiou, ubuso babo bubheke phansi. nojeshuwa, nobani, nosherebiya, nojamini, no-akubi, noshabethayi, nohodiya, nomahaseya, nokelitha, no-azariya, nojozabadi, nohanani, nophelaya, namalevi bafundisa abantu umthetho, abantu bezezindaweni zabo. bafunda encwadini, emthethweni kalezi-ku, bephumisa kahle; bachaza, babaqondisa okufundwayo. une-hemiya owayengumbusi, no-ezra umpristi nombhali, namalevi ayebafundisa abantu, bathi kubantu bonke: lolu suku lungwele kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu; ningalili, ningakhali. ngokuba bonke abantu bakhala, lapho bezwa amazwi omthetho. wayesethi kubo: hambani nidle okunonileyo, niphuze okumnandi, nithumele izabelo kwabangalungiselwanga lutho, ngokuba lolu suku lungwele kujehova-aeiou; ningadabuki, ngokuba injabulo kajehova-aeiou iyingqaba yenu. amalevi ayesethulisa abantu bonke, ethi: thulani, ngokuba lolu suku lungwele;

ningadabuki. abantu bonke bahamba ukuba badle, baphuze, bathumele izabelo, bajabule kakhulu, ngokuba babegondile amazwi ababewazisiwe. ngosuku lwesibili kwabuthana izinhloko zawoyise babantu bonke, nabapristi, namalevi ku-ezra umbhali ukuba baqaphele amazwi omthetho. bafumanisa kulotshiwe emthethweni ukuthi uJehova-aeiou wayeyalile ngesandla sikamose ukuba abantwana bakwa-israyeli bahlale emadokodweni ngomkhosi wenyanga yesikhombisa, bezwakalise, bathumele izwi emizini yabo yonke naseJerusalem lokuthi: phumani, niye entabeni, nilande amatatsha omnqumo, namagatsha omnqumo wasendle, namagatsha ombomvana, namagatsha esundu, namagatsha emithi edumbileyo, nenze amadokodo njengokulotshiweyo. base bephuma abantu, balanda lokho, bazenzela amadokodo, kwaba yilowo nalowo opahleni lwendlu, nasemagekeni abo, nasemagekeni endlu kalezi-ku, nasesigcawini sesango lamanzi, nasesigcawini sesango lakwa-efrayimi. ibandla lonke lababuyileyo ekuthunjweni lenza amadokodo, lahlala emadokodweni, ngokuba kusukela ezinsukwini zikajeshuwa, indodana kanuni, kuze kube yilolo suku abantwana bakwa-israyeli babengenzanga kanjalo. kwakukhona ukuthokoza okukhulu kakhulu. wafunda encwadini yomthetho kalezi-ku imihla ngemihla kusukela osukwini lokuqala kuze kube lusuku lokugcina. bagubha umkhosi izinsuku eziyisikhombisa; ngosuku lwesishiyagalombili kwakungumhlango ozothileyo njengomthetho.

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ngosuku lwamashumi amabili nane lwa-leyo nyanga abantwana bakwa-israyeli babuthana, bazila ukudla benezindwangu zamasaka nothuli phezu kwabo. inzalo ka-israyeli yayizahlukanisa nabezizwe bonke, yayimi ivuma izono zayo nokona kwawoyise. basukuma endaweni yabo, bafunda encwadini yomthetho kaJehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wabo inxenye yesine yosuku; inxenye yesine bavuma izono zabo, bakhuleka kuJehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wabo. kwase kukhwela ezikhwelweni zamalevi oJeshuwa, nobani, nokadimiyele, noshebaniya, nobuni, nosherebiya, nobani, nokhenani, bamemeza ngezwi elikhulu kuJehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wabo. amalevi oJeshuwa, nokadimiyele, nobani, nohashabineya, nosherebiya, nohodiya, noshebaniya, nophethahiya athi: sukumani nimbonge uJehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu kusukela phakade kuze kube phakade. malibongwe igama lakho elikhazimulayo, eliphakanyisiwe ngaphezu kwakho konke ukubonga nokudumisa. wena unguJehova-aeiou, wena wedwa. wenzile

izulu, izulu lamazulu nalo lonke ibandla lawo, umhlaba nakho konke okukuzo, izilwandle nakho konke okukuzo, ulonda konke, nebandla lasezulwini likhuleka kuwe. wena unguJehova-aeiou ulezi-ku owakhetha u-abrama, wamkipha e-uri lamakaledi, wametha igama lokuthi u-abrahama; wafumana inhliziy o yakhe ithembekile phambi kwakho, wenza isivumelwano naye ukunika inzalo yakhe izwe lamaphanani, nelamaheti, nelama-amori, nelamapherizi, nelamajebusi, nelamagirigashi, wawafeza amazwi akho, ngokuba ulungile. wabona ukuhlupheka kwawobaba egibithe, wezwa ukukhala kwabo ngaselwandle olubomvu; wenza izibonakaliso nezimangaliso ku-faro nasezincekweni zakhe zonke, nakubo bonke abantu bezwe lakhe, ngokuba wazi ukuthi babebaqholoshela, wazenzela igama, njengalokhu kunjalo nanamuhla. wahlukanisa ulwandle phambi kwabo, badabula phakathi kolwandle emhlabathini owomileyo; nababaxoshayo wabaphonsa otweni njengetshe emanzini anamandla. wabahla ngensika yefu emini nangensika yomlilo ebusuku ukubakhanyisela endleleni ababeyakuhamba ngayo. wehlela entabeni yasesinayi, wakhuluma nabo usezulwini, wabanika izahlulelo ezilungileyo, nemi-thetho eqinisileyo, nezimiso, nemiyalo emihle; wabazisa isabatha lakho elingcwele, wabayala ngemiyalo, nangezimiso, nangomthetho ngesandla sikamose inceku yakho; wabanika isinkwa esivela ezulwini ngokulamba kwabo, wabakhiphela amanzi edwaleni ngokoma kwabo, wabayala ukuba bangene ukulidla izwe owaphakamisa ngalo isandla sakho ukuba ubanike lona. kepha bona nawoyise baqholosha, benza lukhuni izintamo zabo, kabalalelanga imiyalo yakho, benqaba ukulalela, abakhumbulanga izimangaliso zakho owazenza phakathi kwabo, kepha benza lukhuni izintamo zabo, nangokuhlubuka kwabo bamisa induna ukuba babuyele ebugqileni babo; kodwa wena ungulezi-ku othethelayo, onomusa nesihe; wephuza ukuthukuthela, ugqwele isihawu; kawubashiyanga. yebo, laphe bezenzele ithole elibunjiweyo bethi: leli lingulezi-ku wakho owakukhuphula egibithe, benza izithuko ezinkulu, nokho wena ngomusa wakho omkhulu awubashiyanga ehlane; insika yefu ayisukanga phezu kwabo emini ukubahla endleleni, nensika yomlilo ebusuku ukubakhanyisela endleleni ababeyakuhamba ngayo. wabanika nomoya wakho omuhle ukubafundisa; awugodlanga imana lakho emilonyeni yabo, wabanika amanzi ngokoma kwabo. wabondla iminyaka engamashumi amane ehlane, kabaswelanga lutho; izingubo zabo aziguganga, nezinyawo azivuvukalanga. wabanika imibuso nezizwe owababela khona

izindawo ngezindawo; badla izwe likasi-honi, izwe lenkosi yaseheshiboni, nezwe lika-ogi inkosi yasebashani. nabantwana babo wabandisa ngangezinkanyezi zezulu, wabangenisa ezweni owasho ngalo koyise ukuthi bayakungena ukulidla. abantwana bangena-ke, balidla izwe, wahlula phambi kwabo abakhe ezweni, amakhanani, wabanikela ezandleni zabo, kanye namakhosi abo, nabantu bezwe, ukuba benze kubo njengokuthanda kwabo. bathatha imizi ebiyelweyo nezwe elivundileyo, badla izindlu ezigcwele okuhle konke: imithombo embiweyo, nezivini, neminqumo, nemithi eminingi yokudliwa; badla-ke, basutha, bakhuluphala, benama ngobuhle bakho obukhulu. kepha babengalaleli, bakhulubuka, balahla nyovane umthetho wakho, bababulala abaprofethi bakho abafakaza ngabo ukubabuyisela kuwe, benza izithuko ezinkulu. wawusubanikela esandleni sezitha zabo ezabahlupha; ngesikhathi sokuhlupheka kwabo sebekhala kuwe, wena wabezwa usezulwini, nangomusa wakho omkhulu wabanika abasindisi ababasindisa esandleni sezitha zabo. kepha sebephumile, babuye benza bona-ra-ukukhandleka ebusweni bakho; wawusubashiya esandleni sezitha zabo, zaze zabusa phezu kwabo; kodwa lapho bezube bekhala kuwe, wena wabezwa usezulwini, wabophula kaningi ngomusa wakho omkhulu, wabaxwayisa ukuba ubabuyisele emthethweni wakho, kepha baqholosha, kabayilalelanga imiyalo yakho, kodwa bona ezahlulelweni zakho, okothi uma umuntu ezenza, uyakuphila ngazo, baphendula ihlombe ngenkani, benza lukhuni intamo yabo, abaze bezwa. nokho iminyaka eminingi wababekezelela, wabaxwayisa ngomoya wakho ngesandla sabaprofethi bakho, kepha abezwanga; wawusubanikela esandleni sabantu bezizwe. nokho ngomusa wakho omkhulu awubaqothulanga, awubashiyanga, ngokuba ungulezi-ku onomusa nobumnene. ngalokho, lezi-ku wethu, lezi-ku omkhulu onamandla owesabekayo, ogcina isivumelwano nomusa, yonke le nkathazo mayingabi ncane ebusweni bakho esificile thina, namakhosi ethu, nezikhulu zethu, nabapristi bethu, nabaprofethi bethu, nawobaba, nabo bonke abantu bakho, kusakela esikhathini samakhosi ase-asiriya kuze kube namuhla. nokho wena ulungile kukho konke okusehleleyo, ngokuba wenze ngeqiniso, kepha thina sinecala; namakhosi ethu, nezikhulu zethu, nabapristi bethu, nawobaba abagcinanga umthetho wakho, kabalalelanga imiyalo yakho nezixwayiso zakho obaxwayise ngazo. abakukhonzanga embusweni wabo, nasebuhleni bakho obukhulu owabanika bona, nasezweni elibanzi nelivundileyo owabapha lona ebusweni babo, ababuyanga

emisebenzini yabo emibi. bheka, siyizinceku namuhla, nezwe owalinika obaba ukuba badle izithelo zalo nokuhle kwalo, bheka, siyizinceku kulo. lithelela kakhulu amakhosi owabeke phezu kwethu ngenxa yezono zethu; abusa phezu kwemizimba yethu naphezu kwezinkomo zethu njengokuthanda kwawo; thina sisekühluphekeni okukhulu. ngenxa yakho konke lokho senza isivumelwano esiqiniseleyo, sasiloba; kwanamatheliswa ngophawu yizikhulu zethu, namalevi ethu, nabapristi bethu.

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abanamathelisa nampa: unehemiya umbusi, indodana kahakaliya, nosedekiya, noseraya, no-azariya, nojeremiya, nophashuri, no-amariya, nomalikhya, nohathushi, noshebaniya, nomaluki, noharimi, nomeremoti, no-obadiya, nodaniyeli, noginethoni, nobaruki, nomeshulam, no-abiya, nomi-jamini, nomahaziya, nobiligayi, noshemaya; labo babe ngabapristi. amalevi: ujeshuwa indodana ka-azaniya, nobinuwi wamadodana kahenadadi, nokadimiyeli, nabafowabo oshebaniya, nohodiya, nokelitha, nophelaya, nohanani, nomika, norehobe, nohashabiya, nozakuri, nosherebiya, noshebaniya, nohodiya, nobani, nobeninu. izinhloko zabantu: opharoshi, nophahati mowabi, no-elamu, nozathu, nobani, nobuni, no-azigadi, nobebayi, no-adoniya, nobiginayi, no-adini, no-atheri, nohezekiya, no-azuri, nohodiya, nohashumi, nobesayi, noharifi, no-anathoti, nonobayi, nomagiphiyasi, nomeshulam, noheziri, nomesezabeli, nosadoki, no-jaduwa, nophelathiya, nohanani, no-anaya, nohosheya, nohananiya, nohashubi, nohaloheshi, nophiliha, noshobeki, noreshumi, nohashabina, nomahaseya, no-ahiya, nohanani, no-anani, nomaluki, noharimi, nobahana. abantu abaseleyo, abapristi, namalevi, nabalandisango, nabahlabeleli, namanehini, nabo bonke ababezahlukanisile nabantu bezwe ukuba bazihlanganise nomthetho kalezi-ku, nawomkabo, namadodana abo, namadodakazi abo, bonke ababe nolwazi nokuhlakanipha, babambelela kubafowabo, abakhulu babo, benza isithembiso nesifungo sokuba bahambe emthethweni kalezi-ku owanikwa ngesandla sikamose inceku kalezi-ku, bagcine, benze yonke imiyalo kaje-hova-aeiou inkosi yethu, nezahlulelo zakhe, nezimiso zakhe ukuba singabaniki abantu bezwe amadodakazi ethu, singathaheli amadodana ethu amadodakazi abo, nokuba lapho abantu bezwe beletha impahla, noma uhlobo oluthile lwamabele ngosuku lwesabatha ukuba bathengise ngakho, singathengi kubo ngesabatha nangosuku olungcwele, futhi siwuyeke umnyaka wesikhombisa nazo zonke



izikwenetu. futhi sazimisela umthetho wokuba sithle inxenye yesithathu yeshekeli ngomnyaka, ibe ngeyomsebenzi wendlu kalezi-ku wethu, eyesinkwa sokubukwa kanye nomnikelo wempuphu wemihla yonke nomnikelo oshiswa imihla yonke, neyamasabatha, neyokwethwasa kwenyanga, neyemikhosi emisiweyo, neyezinto ezingcwele, neyeminikelo yezono, ukuba kwenziwe ukubuyisana kuka-israyeli nomsebenzi wonke wendlu kalezi-ku wethu. senza inkatho thina bapristi namalevi nabantu ngomnikelo wezinkuni ukuba zingeniswe endlini kalezi-ku wethu njengezindlu zawobaba ngezikhathi ezinqunyiweyo, iminyaka ngeminyaka, zibaswe phezu kwe-altare likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu njengokulotshiweyo emthethweni, kulethwe endlini kajehova-aeiou ulibo lomhlabaathi wethu nolibo lwezithelo zemithi yezinhlobo zonke iminyaka ngeminyaka, kulethwe endlini kalezi-ku wethu namazibulo amadodana ethu, nawezimpahla zethu njengokulotshiweyo emthethweni, namazibulo ezinkomo zethu nawezimvu zethu, kubapristi abakhonza endlini kalezi-ku wethu; silethe ulibo lomgqakazo wethu, neminikelo yethu yokuphakanyiswa, nezithelo zemithi yezinhlobo zonke, newayini namafutha kubapristi emakamelweni endlu kalezi-ku wethu, nokweshumi komhlabaathi wethu kumalevi, ngokuba wona amalevi amukela okweshumi emizini yonke esilima kuyo. umpristi, indodana ka-aroni, ubeyakuba namalevi, lapho amalevi amukela okweshumi; amalevi ayakukhuphulela okweshumi kokweshumi endlini kalezi-ku wethu emakamelweni endlini yengcebo. ngokuba abantwana bakwa-israyeli nabantwana bakwalevi babeyakukhuphulela umnikelo wamabele, newayini, namafutha emakamelweni, lapho kukhona izitsha zendlu engcwele, nabapristi abakhonzayo, nabalindisango, nabahlabeleli; besingenakuyishiya indlu kalezi-ku wethu.

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izinduna zabantu zahlala ejerusalem; abantu abaseleyo benza inkatho ukuyisa omunye kwabayishumi njalo ukuba ahlale ejerusalem, umuzi ongcwele, nabayisishiyagalolunye kweminye imizi. abantu babusisa bonke abantu ababezinikela ngenhliziyo ukuhlala ejerusalem. nazi izinhloko zezwe ezazihlala ejerusalem; kepha emizini yakwajuda bahlala emizini yabo, kwaba yilowo nalowo efeni lakhe: abakwa-israyeli, nabapristi, namalevi, namanethini, nabantwana bezinceku zika-solomoni. ejerusalem kwahlala abantwana abathile bakwajuda nabakwabenjamini.

kubantwana bakwajuda: ngu-athaya ka-uziya, kazakariya, ka-amariya, kashefathiya, kamahalalele wabantwana bakwapheresi, nomahaseya kabaruki, kakholi hoze, kahazaya, ka-adaya, kajoyaribi, kazakariya, indodana yomshiloni. onke amadodana kapheresi ahlala ejerusalem ayengamadoda anamandla angamakhulu amane namashumi ayisithupha nesishiyagalombili. nampa abantwana bakwabenjamini: usalu kameshulamu, kajohedi, kaphe-daya, kakholaya, kamahaseya, ka-ithiyeli, kajeshaya. emva kwakhe ngogabayi nosalay, bengamakhulu ayisishiyagalolunye namashumi amabili nesishiyagalombili. ujoyeli, indodana kazikiri, wayengumbonisi; ujuda, indodana kahasenuwa, wayengowesibili emzini. kubapristi: ngujedaya, indodana kajoyaribi, nojakini, noseraya kahilikiya, kameshulamu, kasadoki, kamerayoti, ka-ahithubi, umphathi wendlu kalezi-ku; nabafowabo ababewenza umsebenzi abangamakhulu ayisishiyagalombili namashumi amabili nambili, no-ada ya kajerohamu, kapheleliya, ka-amisi, kazakariya, kaphashuri, kamalikhia; nabafowabo, izinhloko zawoyise, bengamakhulu amabili namashumi amane nambili, no-amashisayi ka-azareli, ka-ahizayi, kameshilemoti, kimeri; nabafowabo, amaqhawe anamandla, beyikhulu namashumi amabili nesishiyagalombili; umbonisi wabo wayenguzabidiyeli, indodana kahagedolimi. kumalevi: ngushe-maya kahashubi, ka-azirikamu, kahashabiya, kabuni, noshabethayi nojzabadi bezinhloko zamalevi ababephetha umsebenzi wangaphandle wendlu kalezi-ku, nomathaniya, kamika, kazabidi, ka-asafa, induna yomkhuleko wokubonga, nobakibukiya, owesibili phakathi kwabafowabo, no-abida kashamuwa kagalali kaleduthuni. onke amalevi emzini ongcwele ayengamakhulu amabili namashumi ayisishiyagalombili nane. abalindisango o-akubi nothalimoni nabafowabo ababelinda ngasemasangweni babe yikhulu namashumi ayisikhombisa nambili. abakwa-israyeli abaseleyo, abapristi namalevi, babe semizini yonke yakwajuda, kwaba yilowo nalowo efeni lakhe. amanethini ahlala e-ofeli; osiha nogishipha babe phezu kwamanethini. umbonisi wamalevi ejerusalem kwakungu-uzi kabani, kahashabiya, kamathaniya, kamika wamadodana ka-asafa, abahlabeleli, engumphathi womsebenzi wendlu kalezi-ku. ngokuba kwakukhona umyalo wenkosi ngabo, nomthetho wabahlabeleli njengokufunekayo imihla ngemihla. uphethahiya, indodana kameshezabeli, wabantwana bakwazera, indodana kajuda, wayengasesandleni senkosi ezindabeni zonke zabantu. emizaneni inamasimu ayo kwahlala abanye abantwana bakwa-

juda; ekiriyati araba nasemizaneni yalo, nasediboni nasemizaneni yalo, nasejek-abiseyeli nasemizaneni yalo, nasejeshuwa, nasemolada, nasebeti pheleti, nasehasari shuwali, naseberi sheba nasemizaneni yalo, nasesikilagi, nasemekhona nasemizaneni yalo, nase-eni rimoni, nasesora, nasejarimuthi, nasezanowa, nase-adulamu nasemizaneni yawo, naselakishi inamasimu alo, nase-azeka nasemizaneni yalo. bamisa kusukela eberi sheba ukuze kube sesigodini sikahinomu. abantwana bakwabenjimini bahlala kusukela egeba kuze kube semikimasi, nase-aja, nasebethele nasemizaneni yalo, nase-anathoti, nasenobi, nase-ananiya, nasehasori, naserama, nasegitayimi, nasehadidi, naseseboyimi, nasenebalati, naselodi, nase-ono, isigodi sababazi. kumalevi zigaba zakwajuda zahlanganiswa nobenjimini.

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nampa abapristi namalevi abakhuphuka nozerubabele indodana kasheyalitiyeli nojeshuwa; oseraya, nojeremiya, no-ezra, no-amariya, nomaluki, nohathushi, noshekaniya, norehumi, nomeremoti, no-ido, noginethoyi, no-abiya, nomijamini, nomahadiya, nobiliga, noshemaya, nojoyaribi, nojedaya, nosalu, no-amoki, nohilikiya, nojedaya. labo babe yizinhloko zabapristi nezabafowabo emihleni kajeshuwa. amalevi: ngojeshuwa, nobinuwi, nokadimiyele, nosherebiya, nojuda, nomathaniya owayephethe ukubonga, yena nabafowabo, nobakibukiya no-uno abafowabo, bema lungana nabo ngezigaba. ujesuwa wazala ujoyakimi; ujoyakimi wazala u-eliyashibi; u-eliyashibi wazala ujoyada; ujoyada wazala ujonathani; ujonathani wazala ujaduwa. emihleni kajoyakimi izinhloko zawoyise babapristi zaziyelezi: ekaseraya; ngumeraya; ekajeremiya; nguhananiya; eka-ezra; ngumeshulamu; eka-amariya; ngujoyohananani; ekamaluki; ngujonathani; ekashebaniya; ngujosefa; ekaharimi; ngu-adina; ekamerayoti; nguhelekayi; eka-ido; nguzakariya; ekaginethoni; ngumeshulamu; eka-abiya; nguzikiri; ekaminyamini, ekamohadiya; nguphilitayi; ekabiliga; ngushamuwa; ekashemaya; ngujoyohananani; ekajoyaribi; ngumathenayi; ekajedaya; ngu-uzi; ekasalayi; ngukhalayi; eka-amoki; ngu-ebere; ekahilikiya; nguhashabiya; ekajedaya; ngunethaneli. amalevi abahlwa emihleni ka-eliyashibi, nojoyada, nojohanani, nojaduwa njengezinhloko zawoyise kanye nabapristi ekubuseni kukadariyu umphersiya. izinhloko zawoyise babantwana bakwalevi zalotshwa encwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla, kwaze kwaba semihleni kajohanani indodana ka-eliyashibi. izinhloko zamalevi

nazi: ohashabiya, nosherebiya, nojeshuwa, indodana kakadimiyele, kanye nabafowabo malungana nabo, ukuba badumise, babonge njengemiyalo kadavide, umuntu kalezi-ku, isigaba malungana nesigaba. omathaniya, nobakibukiya, no-obadiya, nomeshulamu, nothahimoni, no-akubi babe ngabalindisango, belinda izindlu zokubekela ngasemasangweni. labo babe khona emihleni kajoyakimi indodana kajeshuwa kajosadaki nasemihleni kanehemiya umbusi no-ezra, umbhali. ekuhlanjululweni kogange lwasejerusalema bafuna amalevi ezindaweni zawo zonke ukuba ayiswe ejerusalema ukwenza ukuhlambulula ngokuthokoza, nangokubonga, nangokuhlabela ngamasimbali nangezingubhu nangamahabhu. abantwana babahlabeleli babuthana bevela ethafeni elalizungeza ijerusalema nasemizaneni yamalevi, nasebeti giligali, nasemasimini asegeba, nase-azimaveti, ngokuba babezakhele imizana nxazonke zejerusalema. abapristi namalevi base bezihlambulula; bahlambulula nabantu, namasango, nogange. ngase ngikhuphulela ogangeni izikhulu zakwajuda, ngabeka izigaba ezimbili ezinkulu ezabongayo, zahlaba ihele; esinye sahamba ngakwesokunene ogangeni, saya ngasesangweni lomquba; emva kwaso kwahamba uhoshaya nenxenye yezikhulu zakwajuda, no-azariya, no-ezra, nomeshulamu, nojuda, nobenjimini, noshemaya, nojeremiya, kanye namadodana athile abapristi ephethe amacilongo: uzakariya kajonathani, kashe-maya, kamathaniya, kamikhaya, kazakuri, ka-asafa, nabafowabo oshemaya, no-azareli, nomilalayi, nogilalayi, nomahayi, nonethaneli, nojuda, nohanani, bephethe izinto zokubethwa zikadavide, umuntu kalezi-ku; u-ezra, umbhali, wayengaphambi kwabo. ngasesangweni lomthombo malungana nabo bakhuphuka ngezikhwelo zomuzi kadavide ezikhwelweni zogange, ngasenhla kwendlu kadavide, kwaze kwaba sesangweni lamanzi. esinye isigaba saya ngakwesokhohlo, mina ngasilandela kanye nenxenye yabantu ogangeni, ngasenhla kombhoshongo wezithando, kwaze kwaba sogangeni olubanzi, nangenhla kwesango lakwa-efrayimi, nasesangweni elidala, nasesangweni lezinhlanzi, nasembhoshongweni kahananeli nasembhoshongweni kahameya, kwaze kwaba sesangweni lezimvu; bema esangweni letilongo. zase zima lezo zigaba zombili zababongayo endlini kalezi-ku kanye nami, nenxenye yababusi inami, nabapristi o-eliyakimi, nomahaseya, nominiyamini, nomikhaya, no-eliyohenayi, nozakariya, nohananiya, bephethe amacilongo, nomahaseya, noshemaya, no-eleyazare, no-uzi, nojoyohananani, nomalikiya, no-elamu, no-ezeri. abahlabeleli bahlabelela

ngokuzwakalisayo, benojizirahiya umbonisi wabo. banikela ngemihlatshelo emikhulu ngalolo suku, bathokoza, ngokuba ulezi-ku wayebathokozisile ngentokozo enkulu; nabesifazane nabantwana bathokoza, kwezwakala kude ukuthokoza kwejerusalema. ngalolo suku amiswa amadoda ukuba abe ngabaphathi bamakamelo engebo, nabeminikelo yokuphakanyiswa, nabolibo, nabokweshumi ukuba baqoqele kuwo njengamasimu emizi izabelo ezinqunyelwe abapristi namalevi ngomthetho, ngokuba ujuda wathokoza ngabapristi namalevi asebebekiwe. bagcina imifanelo kalezi-ku wabo nemfanelo yokuhlambulula kanye nabahlabeleli nabalindisango njengemiyalo kadavide nosolomoni indodana yakhe. ngokuba nasemihleni kadavide neka-asafa kwasendulo kwakukhona abaholi babahlabeleli kanye nezihlabelelo zokudumisa nezokubonga ulezi-ku. wonke u-israyeli wayesenika emihleni kazerubabele nasemihleni kanehemiya abahlabeleli nabalindisango izabelo njengokufunekayo imihla ngemihla; bakungcweliselwa amalevi, namalevi akungcweliselwa amadodana ka-aroni.

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ngalolo suku kwafundwa encwadini kamose ezindlebeni zabantu; kwafunyanwa kulotshiwe kuyo ukuthi okunywa-amoni nowakwamowabi abanakungena ebandleni likalezi-ku kuze kube phakade, ngokuba abahlangabezanga abakwa-israyeli ngesinkwa namanzi, kepha babaqashela ubileyamu ukuba abaqalekise; kodwa ulezi-ku wethu waphendula isiqalekiso saba yisibusiso. kwathi sebezile umthetho, bahlukanisa no-israyeli yonke ingxubevange. ngaphambi kwalokho u-eliyashibi, umpristi, owayemiselwe amakamelo endlu kalezi-ku wethu, isihlobo sikathobiya, wayemlungisele ikamelo elikhulu, lapho kade bebeku khona iminikelo yempuphu, nenhlaka, nezitsha, nokweshumi kwamabele, newayini, namafutha, okwakunqunyelwe ngomthetho amalevi, nabahlabeleli, nabalindisango, kanye neminikelo yabapristi. kepha kukho konke lokho ngangingekho ejerusalema, ngokuba ngomnyaka wamashumi amathathu nambili ka-aritahishashita inkosi yasebabele ngaya enkosini; nangesekugcineni kwezinsuku ngacela enkosini, ngaya ejerusalema, ngaqonda bona-rukukhandleka u-eliyashibi akwenzele uthobiya ngokumlungisele ikamelo emagekeni endlu kalezi-ku. kwaba kubi kakhulu kimi; ngalahla phandle zonke izinto zendlu kathobiya zikhishwe ekamelweni. ngase ngithi mabahlambulule amakamelo; ngabuyisela khona izitsha zendlu kalezi-ku kanye nem-

inikelo yempuphu nenhlaka. ngase ngazi ukuthi amalevi awanikwanga izabelo zawo; amalevi nabahlabeleli abenza umsebenzi babebalekele, kwaba yilowo nalowo ensimini yakhe. ngase ngiphikisana nababusi, ngathi: ishiyelweni indlu kalezi-ku na? ngababutha, ngababeka ezindaweni zabo. wonke ujuda wayeseletha okweshumi kwamabele, nokwe-wayini, nokwamafutha engebeni. ngabeka abaphathizikhwama phezu kwengcebo: ngusheleziya umpristi, nosadoki umbhali, nophedaya wamalevi; eceleni kwabo kwakunguhani kazakuri kamathaniya, ngokuba kwathiwa bathembekile; babeyakwabela abafowabo. ngalokho ngikhumbule, lezi-ku wami, ungesuli izenzo zami zomusa engizenzileyo endlini kalezi-ku wami nasenkonzweni yayo. ngalezo zinsuku ngabona kwajuda abanyathela izikhama zewayini ngesabatha nabaletsa izithungu zamabele, bethwesa izimbongolo, newayini, nezithelo zewayini, namakhiwane, nemithwalo yonke, bekungenisa ejerusalema ngosuku lwesabatha; ngabaxwayisa ngosuku abathengisa ngalo lokho kudla. abasetire ababehlala khona bangesina izinhlanzi nezimpahla zezinhlobo zonke, bathengisa ngakho ngesabatha kubantwana bakwajuda nasejerusalema. ngase ngiphikisana nabakhulu bakwajuda, ngathi kubo: bona-rukukhandleka kuni lokhu enikwenzayo, nilona usuku lwesabatha na? abenzanga kanjalo oyihlo, nolezi-ku wenu akehliselanga yini phezu kwenu konke lokho bona-rukukhandleka, naphezu kwalo muzi, na? nokho nina niyenezela intukuthelo phezu kuka-israyeli ngokulona isabatha. kwathi lapho amasango asejerusalema eseqala ukuba mnyama lingakafiki isabatha, ngathi mazivalwe izivalo, ngathi futhi mazingavulwa lize lidlule isabatha, ngabeka ezinye izinceku zami ngasemasangweni ukuba kungangeniswa mthwalo ngosuku lwesabatha. abathengi nabathengisi bezimpahla zezinhlobo zonke base belala ngaphandle kwejerusalema kanye nakabili. ngabaxwayisa, ngathi kubo: nilalelani malungana noganga na? uma niphinda, ngiyakubeka isandla sami kini. kusukela kuleso sikhathi abafikanga ngesabatha. ngasho kumalevi ukuba azihlambulule, eze, alinde amasango, angwelise usuku lwesabatha. ngalokho ngikhumbule, lezi-ku wami, ungihawukele ngokobuningi bomusa wakho. futhi ngalezo zinsuku ngabona abajuda ababezithathele abesifazane base-ashidodi, nabakwa-amoni, nabakwamowabi. abantwana babo bakhuluma ngokwenx-enye ngesi-ashidodi; bengenakukhuluma isijuda bakhuluma ngolimi lwezizwe ngezizwe. ngabasola ngalokho, ngabathuka, ngashaya abanye abantu, ngabahluthula izinwele, ngabafungisa ulezi-ku, ngathi:

ninganiki amadodana abo amadodakazi enu, ningathatheli amadodana enu amadodakazi abo. akonanga ngalokho usolomoni inkosi yakwa-israyeli na? phakathi kwezizwe eziningi kwakungekho nkosi enjengaye; wayethandekile kulezi-ku wakhe; ulezi-ku wambeka inkosi phezu kuka-israyeli wonke; nokho abesifazane babezizwe bamonisa naye. sekuzwakele nangani ukuthi nenzile konke lokho bona-rukukhandleka kakhulu ukuba niphambuke kulezi-ku wethu ngokuzithathela abesifazane babezizwe. enye yamadodana kajoyada indodana ka-eliyashibi umpristi omkhulu yayingumkhwenyana kasanibalati umhoroni; ngamxosha kimi. bakhumbule, lezi-ku wami, ngokuba bangcolisile ubupristi nesivumelwano sabapristi nesamalevi. ngase ngibahlambulula kukho konke okwabezizwe, nganquma izimfanelo zabapristi namalevi, kwaba yilowo nalowo emsebenzini wakhe, nomnikelo wezinkuni ngezikhathi ezinqun-  
yiweyo, nolibo. ngikhumbule, lezi-ku wami, kube kuhle kimi.

o-adamu, nozeti, no-enoshe, nokhenani, nomahalalele, nojarede, no-enoqe, nometushela, nolameka, nonowa, noshemi, nohamu, nojafete. amadodana kajafete: ngogomere, nomagoge, nomadayi, nojavani, nothubali, nomesheke, notirase. amadodana kagomere: ngo-ashikenaze, nodifate, nothogarma. amadodana kajavani: ngo-elisha, notharishishi, nokitimi, norodaniami. amadodana kahamu: ngokushe, nomisirayimi, nophuthi, nokhanani. amadodana kakushe: ngoseba, nohavila, nosabita, norama, nosabitheka. amadodana karama: ngosheba nodedani. ukushe wazala unimrode; yena waqala ukuba ngonamandla emhlabeni. umisirayimi wazala amaludi, nama-anami, namalehabi, namanafetuhi, namapatrushi, namakasuluhi, laphekwelela khona amafilisti, namakafitori. ukhanani wazala usidoni, izibulo lakhe, noheti, namajebusi, nama-amori, namagirigashi, namahivi, nama-arki, namasini, nama-arvadi, namasemari, namahamati. amadodana kashemi: ngo-elamu, no-ashuri, no-arpakishade, nolude, no-aramu, no-use, nohule, nogeteri, nomesheke. u-arpakishade wazala ushela; ushela wazala u-ebere. u-ebere wazala amadodana amabili: igama lomunye lalinguphelele, ngokuba emihleni yakhe izwe ladatshulwa. igama lomfowabo lalingujokothane. ujokothane wazala o-alimodade, noshelefe, nohasaramavete, nojera, nohadoramu, no-uzali, nodikila, no-ebali, no-abimayeke, nosheba, no-ofiri, nohavila, nojobabi; bonke labo babe ngamadodana kajokothane; oshemi, no-arpakishade, noshela, no-ebere, nophelele, norehu, noserugi, nohanori, nothera, no-abrama ongu-abrahama. amadodana ka-abrahama: ngo-isaka no-ishmayeli. lezi ziyizizukulwane zabo: izibulo lika-ishmayeli unebayoti, nokedari, no-adibeli, nomibisamu, nomishima, noduma, nomasa, nohadadi, nothema, nojeturu, nonafishi, nokhedema. labo babe ngamadodana ka-ishmayeli. amadodana kaketura, isancinza sika-abrahama: wazala ozimrani, nojokishani, nomedani, nomidiyani, no-ishibaki, noshuwa. amadodana kajokishani: ngosheba nodedani. amadodana kamidiyani: ngo-efa, no-eferi, nohanoki, no-abida, no-elidaha. bonke labo babe ngamadodana kaketura. u-abrahama wazala u-isaka. amadodana ka-isaka: ngo-esawu no-israyeli. amadodana ka-esawu: ngo-elifazi, norehuweli, nojewushe, nojalumu, nokora. amadodana ka-elifazi: ngothemani, no-omari, nosefi, nogathamu, nokenazi, nothimna, no-amaleki. amadodana karehuweli: ngonahati, nozera, noshama, nomiza. amadodana kaseyiri: ngolothani,

noshobali, nosibeyoni, no-ana, nodishoni, no-eseri, nodishani. amadodana kalothani: ngohori nohomamu; udadewabo kalothani wayenguthimna. amadodana kashobali: ngo-aliyani, nomanahati, no-ebali, noshefi, no-onamu. amadodana kasibeyoni: ngo-aya no-ana. amadodana ka-ana: ngudishoni. amadodana kadishoni: ngohamrani, no-eshibani, nojitrani, nokerani. amadodana ka-eseri: ngobilihani, nozahawana, nojahakhani. amadodana kadishani: ngo-use no-arana. lawa angamakhosi abusa ezweni lakwa-edomi, kungakabusi nkosi phezu kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli: ubela indodana kabeyori. igama lomuzi wakhe laliyidinihaba. wafa ubela; ujobabi indodana kazera wasebosira waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. wafa ujobabi; uhusamu wasezwini labakwathemani waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. wafa uhushamu; uhadadi, indodana kabedadi, owanqoba abakwamidiyani ethafeni lakwamowabi, waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe; igama lomuzi wakhe laliyi-aviti. wafa uhadadi; usama wasemasireka waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. wafa usama; ushawule wasezehoboti ngasemfuleni waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. wafa ushawule; ubali hanani indodana ka-akibori waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. wafa ubali hanani; uhadadi waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe; igama lomuzi wakhe laliyiphahi; igama lomkakhe lalingumehetabeli indodakazi kamatiredi, indodakazi kamezahabi. wafa uhadadi; abanumzane bakwa-edomi kwakuyilaba: umnumzane uthimna, nomnumzane u-aliya, nomnumzane ujeteti, nomnumzane u-oholibama, nomnumzane u-ela, nomnumzane uphinoni, nomnumzane ukenazi, nomnumzane uthemani, nomnumzane umibisari, nomnumzane umagidiyeli, nomnumzane u-iramu. yilabo abangabanumzane bakwa-edomi.

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nanka amadodana ka-israyeli: orubeni, nosimeyoni, nolevi, nojuda, no-isakare, nozebuloni, nodani, nojosefa, nobenjamini, nonafetali, nogadi, no-asher. amadodana kajuda: ngo-eri, no-onani, noshela; labo abathathu bazalwa nguye kubati shuwa, umkhananikazi. kepha u-eri, izibulo lika-juda, wayemubi emehlweni kajehova-aeiou; wambulala. utamari umalokazana wakhe wamazalela opheresi nozera. onke amadodana kajuda ayeiyisihlanu. amadodana kapheresi: ngohesironi nohamule. amadodana kazera: ngozimri, no-ethani, nohemani, nokalikoli, nodara, eyisihlanu onke. amadodana kakarmi: ngo-akari, umhluphi ka-israyeli, owenza isiphambeko ngokuqaleki siweyo. amadodana ka-ethani: ngu-azariya. amadodana kahesironi awazalelwayo: ngo-

jerameli, noramu, nokelubayi. uramu wazala u-aminadaba; u-aminadaba wazala unaheshoni, isikhulu sabantwana bakwajuda; unaheshoni wazala usalima; usalima wazala ubowazi; ubowazi wazala u-obede; u-obede wazala ujebe. ujebe wazala izibulo lakhe u-elyabi, no-abinadaba owesibili, noshimeya owesithathu, nonethaneli owesine, noradayi owesihlanu, no-osemi owesithupha, nodavide owesikhombisa; odade-wabo: ngoseruya no-abigayili. amadodana kaseruya: ngo-abishayi, nojowabe, no-asaheli, emathathu. u-abigayili wazala u-amasa; uyise ka-amaa wayengujetheri umishmayeli. ukalebi indodana kahe-sironi wazala ku-azuba umkakhe nakujeriyoti; amadodana akhe: ngojesheri, noshobabi, no-aridoni. wafa u-azuba; ukalebi wathatha u-efrati, owamzalela uhure. uhure wazala u-uri; u-uri wazala ubesaleli. ngase-muva uhesironi wangena kuyo indodakazi kamakiri uyise kagileyadi; wamthatha eseneminyaka engamashumi ayisithupha; wamzalela usegubi. usegubi wazala ujayire, owayenemizi engamashumi amabili nantathu ezweni lakwagileyadi. ogeshuri noramu babaphuca imizi kajayirem, kanye nekhenati nemizi yalo, imizi engamashumi ayisithupha. bonke labo babe ngamadodana kamakiri uyise kagileyadi. emva kokuba esefile uhesironi ekalebi efratha, u-abiya, umkahesironi, wamzalela u-ashuri uyise kathekhowa. amadodana kaJerameli, izibulo likahesironi, ayenguramu izibulo, nobuna, no-oreni, no-osemi, no-ahiya. uJerameli wayenomunye umfazi ogama lakhe lalingu-athara; wayengunina ka-onamu. amadodana karamu, izibulo likaJerameli, ayengom-ahasi, nojamini, no-ekheri. amadodana ka-onamu ayengoshamayi nojada; amadodana kashamay: ngonadabi no-abishuri. igama lomka-abishuri lalingu-abihayili; wamzalela o-ahibani nomolidi. amadodana kanadabi: ngosiledi no-aphayimi; kepha useledi wafa engenabantwana. amadodana ka-aphayimi: ngu-ishi; amadodana ka-ishi: ngusheshani; amadodana kasheshani: ngu-ahilayi. amadodana kajada umfowabo kashamay: ngojetheri nojonathani; ujeheri wafa engenabantwana. amadodana ka-jonathani: ngopheleti nozaza. labo babe ngamadodana kaJerameli. kepha usheshani wayengenamadodana, enamadodakazi odwa. usheshani wayenenceku, eyaseg-ibithe, egama layo lalingujariha. usheshani wanika ujariha inceku yakhe indodakazi yakhe ibe ngumkakhe; wamzalela u-athayi. u-athayi wazala unathani; unathani wazala uzabadi; uzabadi wazala u-efilali; u-efilali wazala u-obede; u-obede wazala ujehu; ujehu wazala u-azariya; u-azariya wazala uhelesi; uhelesi wazala u-eleyasa; u-eleyasa wazala usisamayi; usisamayi wazala usha-

lumi; ushalumi wazala ujekamiya; ujekamiya wazala u-elishama. amadodana kakalebi umfowabo kaJerameli: ngumsha izibulo lakhe, owayenguyise kazifi, namadodana ka-maresha, uyise kahebroni. amadodana kahebroni: ngokora, notaphuwa, norekemi, noshema. ushema wazala urahamu uyise kajorikeyamu; urekemi wazala ushamayi. indodana kashamay: ngumahoni; umahoni wayenguyise kabeti suri. u-efa, isancinza sikakalebi, wazala oharana, nomosa, nogazezi; uharana wazala ugazezi. amadodana kajadayi: ngoregemi, nojothamu, no-geshani, nopheleti, no-efa, noshahafi. umahakha, isancinza sikakalebi, wazala osheberi nothirihana. wazala noshahafi uyise kamadimana, nosheva uyise kamakibena, noyise kagibeya; indodakazi kakalebi yayingu-akisa. laba babe ngamadodana kakalebi: amadodana kahure izibulo lika-efratha: ngushobali uyise kakiriyati jeharimi, nosalima uyise kabetleheema, noharefi uyise kabeti gaderi. noshobali uyise kakiriyati jeharimi wayenamadodana: nguharowe nenxenye kamenuhoti. imindeneni kakiriyati jeharimi yayingamajetheri, namaphuthi, namashumati, namamishirayiti; kubona kwavela amasorati namashitawoli. amadodana kasalima: ngubetle-hema, namanethofa, no-atharoti betijowabe, nenxenye yamamanahati, amasori. imindeneni yababhali ababehlala ejabesi: ngamathirati, namashimeyati, namasukati. labo babe ngamakhene avela kuhamati uyise wendlu karekabi.

### 3

laba babe ngamadodana kadavide azalelwa wona ehebroni: izibulo ngu-amnani ku-ahinohama umhizreyelikazi; owesibili ngudaniyeli ku-abigayili umkarmelikazi; owesithathu ngu-abisalomu indodana kamahakha indodakazi katalimayi inkosi yasegshuri; owesine ngu-adoniya indodana kahagiti; owesihlanu ngushefathiya ku-abithali; owesithupha ngu-itereyamu ku-egila umkakhe. wazalelwa ayisithupha ehebroni; wabusa khona iminyaka eyisikhombisa nezinyanga eziyisithupha; ejerusalem wabusa iminyaka engamashumi amathathu nantathu. yilaba azalelwa bona ejerusalem: ngoshimeya, noshobabi, nonathani, nosolomoni, bebane, kubati shuwa indodakazi ka-amiyeli, nojibari, no-elifeleti, no-elifeleti, nononga, nonefegi, nojafiya, no-elishama, no-eliyada, no-elifeleti, beyisishiyagalolunye. bonke labo babe ngamadodana kadavide ngaphandle kwamadodana ezancinza; utamari wayengudawabo. indodana kasolomoni yayingurehobowamu; ngu-abiya indodana yakhe; ngu-asa indodana yakhe; ngu-je-

hoshafati indodana yakhe; ngu-joram  
indodana yakhe; ngu-ahaziya indodana  
yakhe; ngujowashi indodana yakhe; ngu-  
amasiya indodana yakhe; ngu-azariya indo-  
dana yakhe; ngu-jothamu indodana yakhe;  
ngu-ahazi indodana yakhe; nguhezekiya in-  
dodana yakhe; ngumanase indodana yakhe;  
ngu-amoni indodana yakhe; ngu-josiya indo-  
dana yakhe. amadodana kajosiya: izibulo  
ngujohanani; owesibili nguheyoakimi; owe-  
sithathu ngusedekiya; owesine ngushalumi.  
amadodana kajehoyakimi: ngu-jekoniya  
indodana yakhe nosedekiya indodana  
yakhe. amadodana kajekoniya umthun-  
jwa: ngosheyalitiyeli indodana yakhe,  
nomalikiramu, nophedaya, noshenasari,  
nojekamiya, nohoshama, nonedabiya.  
amadodana kaphedaya: ngozerubabele  
noshimeyi; amadodana kazerubabele:  
ngomeshulamu nohananiya ushelomiti  
wayengudadewabo nohashuba, no-oheli,  
noberekiya, nohasadiya, nojushabi hesedi,  
beyisihlanu. amadodana kahananiya:  
ngophelathiya, nojeshaya, namadodana  
karefaya, namadodana ka-arinani, namado-  
dana ka-obadiya, namadodana kashekaniya.  
amadodana kashekaniya: ngushemaya;  
amadodana kashemaya: ngohathushi,  
no-igali, nobariya, nonehariya, noshafati,  
beyisithupha. amadodana kanehariya:  
ngo-eliyohenayi, nohezekiya, no-azirikamu,  
bebothathu. amadodana ka-eliyohenayi:  
ngohodaviya, no-eliyashibi, nophelaya,  
no-akubi, nojohanani, nodelaya, no-anani,  
beyisikhombisa.

#### 4

amadodana kajuda: ngopheresi, nohesironi,  
nokarmi, nohure, noshobali. urewaya  
indodana kashobali wazala ujahati; ujahati  
wazala o-ahumayi nolahadi. leyo yayiyi-  
mindeni yamasorati. yilaba abangabakayise  
ka-etamu: ojizreyeli, no-ishima, no-idibashi,  
igama likadadewabo lalinguhaseleliponi  
nophenuweli, uyise kagedori, no-ezeri,  
uyise kahusha. yilabo ababe ngamado-  
dana kahure izibulo lika-efratha, uyise  
kabetlehema. u-ashuri uyise kathekhowa  
wayenabafazi ababili, ohela nonahara.  
unahara wamazala o-ahuzamu, noheferi,  
nothemeni, nohawhashitari. yilabo ababe  
ngamadodana kanahara. amadodana  
kahela: ngosereti, nojisihari, no-ethinani.  
ukhosi wazala o-anubi, nosobeba, ne-  
mindeni ka-ahariheli indodana kaharumu.  
ujabesi wayetuseka kunabafowabo; unina  
wamqamba igama lokuthi ujabesi, ethi:  
ngokuba ngamazala ngibuhlungu. ujabesi  
wabiza ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, wathi: sengathi  
ungangibusisa nokungibusisa, wandise  
umkhawulo wami, isandla sakho sibe nami,  
ungivikele ebubini, ngingehlelwa ngubuh-

lungu. ulezi-ku wamnika akucelayo. ukelubi  
umfowabo kashuba wazala umehiri owayen-  
guyise ka-eshitoni. u-eshitoni wazala ubeti  
rafa, nophaseya, nothhehina uyise ka-iri na-  
hashi. yilabo ababe ngamadodana karekha.  
amadodana kakenazi: ngo-otheniyele noser-  
aya; amadodana ka-otheniyele: ngu-hathati.  
umehonothayi wazala u-ofira; useraya  
wazala u-jowabe uyise wesigodi sabakhandi,  
ngokuba babe ngabakhandi. amadodana  
kakalebi indodana kafune: ngo-iru, no-ela,  
nonahamu, namadodana ka-ela, nokenazi.  
amadodana kajehaleli: ngozifi, nozifa,  
nothiriya, no-asareli. amadodana ka-ezra:  
ngojetheri, nomeredi, no-eferi, nojaloni;  
wazala omiriyamu, noshamayi, no-ishiba  
uyise ka-eshitemowa. umkakhe umjadakazi  
wazala u-jeredi uyise kagedori, nohebere  
uyise kasoko, nojekuthiyeli uyise kasanowa.  
kepha abanye babe ngamadodana kabithiya  
indodakazi kafaro eyathathwa ngumeredi.  
amadodana omkahodiya udadewabo  
kanahamu ayenguyise kakeyila umgarimi  
no-eshitemowa ummahakha. amadodana  
kashimoni: ngo-ammoni, norina, nobeni  
hanani, nothiloni. amadodana ka-ishi: ngo-  
zoheti nobeni zoheti. amadodana kashela  
indodana kajuda: ngu-eri, uyise kalekha, no-  
lahada uyise kamaresha, nemendeni yendlu  
yabaluka ilineni elicolekileyo bendu ka-  
ashibeya, nojokimi, nabantu basekhoxeba,  
nojowashi, nosarafi ababebusa kwamowabi,  
nojashubi lehemu. ngezasendulo kodwa  
lezi zindaba. labo babe ngababumbi  
nabakhileyo enethayimi nasegedera; bahlala  
khona nenkosi ngomsebenzi wayo. amado-  
dana kasimeyoni: ngonemuweli, nojamini,  
nojarihi, nozera, noshawule, noshalumi  
indodana yakhe, nomibisamu indodana  
yakhe, nomishima indodana yakhe. amado-  
dana kamishima: ngohamuweli indodana  
yakhe, nozakuri indodana yakhe, noshimeyi  
indodana yakhe. ushimeyi wayenamado-  
dana ayishumi nesithupha namadodakazi  
ayisithupha; kepha abafowabo baben-  
genabantwana abaningi, nomndeni wabo  
awandanga njengabantwana bakwajuda.  
bahlala eberi sheba, nasemolada, nasehasari  
shuwali, nasebiliba, nase-esemi, nasetholadi,  
nasebetuweli, nasehorma, nasesikilagi, nase-  
beti marikaboti, nasehasari susimi, nasebeti  
biri, nasesaharayimi. yileyo eyayiyimizi  
yabo kwaze kwabusa udavide. imizana  
yabo yayiyi-etamu, ne-ayini, nerimoni,  
nethokheni, ne-ashani, imizi eyisihlanu,  
kanye nayo yonke imizana eyayiyizungeza le  
mizi kwaze kwaba sebali. lezo zaziyizindawo  
zabo, bebhawle ngezizukulwane zabo. futhi  
omeshobabi, nojamileki, nojoshana indodana  
ka-amasiya, nojoweli, nojehu kajoshibiya  
kaseraya ka-asiyeli, no-eliyohenayi, noja-  
hakhoba, nojeshohaya, no-asaya, no-adiyeli,  
nojesimiyeli, nobenaya, noziza kashifi

ka-aloni kajedaya kashimri kashemaya. labo ababizwe ngamagama babeyizikhulu emindenini yabo; izindlu zawoyise zanda kakhulu. baya ngasekungeneni egedori ngasohlangothini lwasempumalanga kwesigodi ukufunela izimvu zabo idlelo. bafumana idlelo elivundileyo nelihe; izwe lalibanzi nxazombili, lizolile, linokuthula, ngokuba ababehlala khona kuqala babe ngabakwamahu. labo abalotshwe ngamagama bafika ezinsukwini zikahezekiya inkosi yakwajuda, bachitha amatende abo namamehuni afunyanwa khona, bawaqothula kuze kube namuhla, bahlala esikhundleni sabo, ngokuba kwakukhona idlelo lezimvu zabo lapho. abanye babo, amadodana kasimeyoni, abantu abangamakhulu ayisihlanu, baya entabeni yaseseyiri benezinduna zabo ophelathiya, nonehariya, norefaya, no-uziyeli, amadodana ka-ishi. bachitha insali yama-amaleki ephunyukileyo, bahlala khona kuze kube namuhla.

## 5

amadodana karubeni, izibulo lika-israyeli ngokuba wayeyizibulo; kepha njengokuba wangcolisa umbhede kayise, ubuzibulo bakhe banikwa amadodana kajosefa indodana ka-israyeli, futhi akabhalwa ngezizukulwane njengezibulo. noma ujuda ebenamandla kunabafowabo, kwavela kuye umbusi, ubuzibulo nokho babungobukajosefa. amadodana-ke karubeni, izibulo lika-israyeli: ngohanoki, nophalu, nohesironi, nokarmi. amadodana kajoweli: ngushemaya indodana yakhe, nogogi indodana yakhe, noshimeyi indodana yakhe, nomika indodana yakhe, norewaya indodana yakhe, nobali indodana yakhe, nobera indodana yakhe, owathunjwa nguthiligati phileneseri inkosi yase-asiriya; wayeyisikhulu sabakwarubeni. nabafowabo ngemindenini yabo, bebbhalwe ngezizukulwane zabo: ngojehiyeli inhloko nozakariya, nobela ka-azazi kashema kajoweli, owahlala e-aroweri kwaze kwaba senebo nobali mehoni. ngasempumalanga wakha kwaze kwaba sekuqaleni kwehlane elisuka emfuleni u-ewufrathe, ngokuba izinkomo zabo zanda ezweni lakwagileyadi. emihleni kasawule baphaka impi kumahagiri, awa ngesandla sabo; bahlala ematendeni abo ngasempumalanga yonke yakwagileyadi. amadodana kagadi ahlala malungana nabo ezweni lasebhashani kwaze kwaba sesaleka: ngojoweli inhloko, noshafamu owesibili, nojahanayi, noshafati ebashani; nabafowabo ngezindlu zawoyise: ngomikayeli, nomeshulamu, nosheba, nojorayi, nojakani, noziya, no-ebere, beyisikhombisa. labo babe ngamadodana ka-abihayili kahuri kajarowa kagileyadi kamikayeli kajeshishayi kajahido kabuzi;

u-ahi ka-abidiyeli kaguni wayeyinhloko yezindlu zawoyise. bahlala kwagileyadi ebashani nasemizini yalo nasemadleweni onke asesharoni kwaze kwaba semikhawulweni yawo. bonke labo babhalwa ngezizukulwane zabo emihleni kajothamu inkosi yakwajuda nasemihleni kajerobowamu inkosi yakwa-israyeli. amadodana karubeni, nabakwagadi, nenxenye yesizwe sakwamanase, amadoda anamandla, amadoda aphaia ihawu nenkempa, ansala umnsalo, ayefunde ukulwa, ayeyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amane nane namakhulu ayisikhombisa namashumi ayisithupha aphuma impi. aphaka impi kumahagiri, nojeturu, nonafishi, nonodabi. asizwa ekulweni nabo, amahagiri anikelwa ezandleni zawo nabo bonke ababe nawo, ngokuba akhala kulezi-ku empini, amncenga, ngokuba ayemet hamba. asusa izinkomo zabo, namakamela ayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisihlanu, nezimvu eziyizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili namashumi ayisihlanu, nezimbongolo eziyizinkulungwane ezimbili, nabantu abayizinkulungwane eziyikhulu. ngokuba kwawa abaningi befle, lokhu impi yayingekalezi-ku. ahlala esikhundleni sabo aze athunjwa. abantwana benxenye yesizwe sakwamanase bahlala kulelo zwe, kusukela ebashani kuze kube sebali hermoni naseseniri nasentabeni yasehermoni. nazi izinhloko zezindlu zawoyise: o-eferi, no-ishi, no-eliyeli, no-aziriyeli, nojeremiya, nohodaviya, nojahidiyeli, amaqhawe anamandla, amadoda anegama, izinhloko zezindlu zawoyise. kepha baphambuka kulezi-ku wawoyise, balandela ngokuphinga olezi-ku babantu balelo zwe, ulezi-ku abachithayo phambi kwabo. ulezi-ku ka-israyeli wavusa umoya kaphuli inkosi yase-asiriya nomoya kathiligati philineseri inkosi yase-asiriya, wabathumba: abakwarubeni, nabakwagadi, nenxenye yesizwe sakwamanase, wabayisa ehala, nasehabori, nasehara, nasemfuleni igozani kuze kube namuhla.

## 6

amadodana kalevi: ngogereshoni, nokohati, nomerari. amadodana kakohati: ngo-amramu, nojisihari, nohebroni, no-uziyeli. abantwana bakwa-amramu: ngo-aroni, nomose, nomiriyamu. amadodana ka-aroni: ngonadabi, no-abihu, no-eleyazare, no-itamari. u-eleyazare wazala ufinehasi; ufinehasi wazala u-abishuwa; u-abishuwa wazala ubuki; ubuki wazala u-uzi; u-uzi wazala uzeraya; uzeraya wazala umerayoti; umerayoti wazala u-amariya; u-amariya wazala u-ahithubi; u-ahithubi wazala usadoki; usadoki wazala u-ahimahasi; u-ahimahasi wazala u-azariya; u-azariya wazala ujo-



hanani; ujoahanani wazala u-azariya; nguye owayengumpristi ethempelini elakhiwa ngusolomoni ejerusalem; u-azariya wazala u-amariya; u-amariya wazala u-ahithubi; u-ahithubi wazala usadoki; usadoki wazala ushalumi; ushalumi wazala uhilikiya; uhilikiya wazala u-azariya; u-azariya wazala useraya; useraya wazala ujechosadaki; kepha ujechosadaki wamuka lapho ujeхова-aeiou ethumba ujuda nejerusalem ngesandla sikanebukadinesari. amadodana kalevi: ngogereshomu, nokohati, nomerari. nanka amagama amadodana kagereshomu: olibini noshimeyi. amadodana kakohati: ngo-amramu, nojisihari, nohebroni, no-uziyeli. amadodana kamerari: ngomaheli nomushi. nansi imindeni yamalevi njengezindlu zawoyise: abakwagereshomu: ngulibini indodana yakhe, nojahati indodana yakhe, nozima indodana yakhe, nojowa indodana yakhe, no-ido indodana yakhe, nozera indodana yakhe, nojewatherayi indodana yakhe. amadodana kakohati: ngu-amindaba indodana yakhe, nokora indodana yakhe, no-asiri indodana yakhe, no-elkana indodana yakhe, no-ebiyasafa indodana yakhe, no-asiri indodana yakhe, notathi indodana yakhe, no-uriyeli indodana yakhe, no-uziya indodana yakhe, noshawule indodana yakhe. amadodana ka-elkana: ngo-amasayi no-ahimoti. u-elkana-ke, amadodana ka-elkana: ngusofayi indodana yakhe, nonahati indodana yakhe, no-eliyabe indodana yakhe, nojerohamu indodana yakhe, no-elkana indodana yakhe. amadodana kasamuweli: izibulo ngu-joweli, nowesibili ngu-abiya. amadodana kamerari: ngomaheli, nolibini indodana yakhe, noshimeyi indodana yakhe, no-uzi indodana yakhe, noshimeya indodana yakhe, nohagiya indodana yakhe, no-asaya indodana yakhe. nampa udavide abamisela ukuhola ukuhlabelela endlini kajehova-aeiou, umphongolo usubekiwe khona. bakhonza ngokuhlabelela phambi kwetabernakele letende lokuhlangana, usolomoni waze wakha indlu kajehova-aeiou ejerusalem. bema emsebenzini wabo njengomthetho wabo. yilaba ababemi namadodana abo: kumadodana amakohati: ngu-ehmani, umhlabeleli, kajoweli kasamuweli ka-elkana kajerohamu ka-eliyeli kathowa kasufi ka-elkana kamahati ka-amasayi ka-elkana kajoweli ka-azariya kazefaniya kathati ka-asiri ka-ebiyasafa kakora kajisihari kakohati kalevi ka-israyeli; futhi umfowabo u-asafa owayemi ngakwesokunene sakhe, u-asafa kaberekiya kashimeya kamikayeli kabahaseya kanalikhaya ka-ethini kazera kadada ka-ethani kazima kashimeyi kajahati kagereshomu kalevi. amadodana kamerari abafowabo ayengakwesokunene: ngu-ethani kakishi ka-abidi kamaluki kahashabiya ka-

amasiya kahilikiya ka-amisi kabani kashe-meri kamaheli kamushi kamerari kalevi. abafowabo amalevi banikelelwa wazala inkonzo yetabernakele lendlu kalezi-ku. kepha u-aroni namadodana akhe bashiya iminikelo e-altare leminikelo yokushiswa nase-altare lempepho, benza nawo wonke umsebenzi wendawo engcwelengcwele, benzela u-israyeli ukubuyisana njengakho konke ayale ngakho umose inceku kalezi-ku. nanka amadodana ka-aroni: u-eleyazare indodana yakhe, nofinehasi indodana yakhe, no-abishuwa indodana yakhe, nobuki indodana yakhe, no-uzi indodana yakhe, nozeraya indodana yakhe, nomerayoti indodana yakhe, no-amariya indodana yakhe, no-ahithubi indodana yakhe, nosadoki indodana yakhe, no-ahimahasi indodana yakhe. lezi ziyizindawo zawo zokuhlala njengamakamu awo emikhawulweni yawo: amadodana ka-aroni emindeni yamakohati ngokuba yiwona adliwa yinkatho yokukala wona bawanika ihebroni ezweni lakwajuda namadlelo alizungezayo. kodwa amasimu omuzi nemizana yawo bakunika ukalebi, indodana kajefune. banika amadodana ka-aroni imizi yokuphephela, ihebroni nelibina namadlelo awo, nejatiri, ne-eshitemowa namadlelo awo, nehilani namadlelo awo, nedebiri namadlelo awo, ne-ashani namadlelo awo, nebetishemeshi namadlelo awo, nasesizweni sakwabenjimini, igeba namadlelo awo, ne-alemeti namadlelo awo, ne-anathoti namadlelo awo. yonke imizi yawo ngemindeni yawo yayiyimizi eyishumi nantathu. amadodana aseleyo kakohati anikwa ngenkatho emndenini wesizwe, enxenyeni yesizwe, inxenyi kamanase, imizi eyishumi, namadodana kagereshomu ngemindeni yawo esizweni sakwa-isakare, nasesizweni sakwa-asher, nasesizweni sakwanafetali, nasesizweni sakwamanase, ebashani, imizi eyishumi nantathu, namadodana kamerari ngenkatho ngemindeni yawo esizweni sakwarubeni, nasesizweni sakwagadi, nasesizweni sakwazebuloni imizi eyishumi nambili. abantwana bakwa-israyeli banika amalevi leyo mizi namadlelo ayo. banika ngenkatho leyo mizi ebizwe ngamagama esizweni sabantwana bakwajuda, nasesizweni sabantwana bakwasimeyoni, nasesizweni sabantwana bakwabenjimini. eminye imindeni yamadodana kakohati yayinimizi yemikhawulo yayo esizweni sakwa-efrayimi. bayinika imizi yokuphephela: ishekemi ezintabeni zakwa-efrayimi namadlelo awo, negezeri namadlelo awo, nejokimeyamu namadlelo awo, nebeti horoni namadlelo awo, ne-ajaloni namadlelo awo, negati rimoni namadlelo awo, nasenxenyeni yesizwe sakwamanase i-anere namadlelo awo, nebileyamu namadlelo awo, ibe ngeyomndeni oseleyo wamadodana kakohati. amadodana

kagereshomu anikwa emndenini wenxenyeyesizwe sakwamanase igolanu, ebashani, namadlelo alo ne-ashitaroti namadlelo alo; nasesizweni sakwa-isakare ikedeshi namadlelo alo, nedaberati namadlelo alo, neramoti namadlelo alo, ne-anemi namadlelo alo; nasesizweni sakwa-asheri imashali namadlelo alo, ne-abidoni namadlelo alo, nehekoki namadlelo alo, nerehobe namadlelo alo; nasesizweni sakwanafetali ikedeshi egalile namadlelo alo, nehamoni namadlelo alo, nekiryatayimi namadlelo alo. aseleyo, amadodana kamerari, anikwa esizweni sakwazebuloni irimono namadlelo alo neghabori namadlelo alo, naphesheya kwejordani ngasejeriko ngasempumalanga kwasejordani esizweni sakwarubeni ibeseri ehlane namadlelo alo, nejahasa namadlelo alo, nekedemoti namadlelo alo, nemefahati namadlelo alo; nasesizweni sakwagadi iramoti kwagileyadi namadlelo alo, nemahanayimi namadlelo alo, neheshiboni namadlelo alo, nejazeri namadlelo alo.

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amadodana ka-isakare: ngothola, nophuwa, nojashubi, noshimroni, bebane. amadodana kathola: ngo-uzi, norefaya, nojeriyeli, nojahemayi, no-ibisamu, noshemuweli, izinhloko zezindlu zawoyise, abakwathola, amaqhawe anamandla ngezizukulwane zawo; umumo wawo ngezinsuku zikadavide wawuyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nambili namakhulu ayisithupha. amadodana ka-uzi: ngujizirahiya; amadodana kajizirahiya: ngomikayeli, no-obadiya, nojoweli, no-jishiya, beyisihlanu, beyizinhloko bonke. kanye nawo kwakukhona ngezizukulwane zawo ngezindlu zawoyise amaviyo empi yokulwa, abayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amathathu nesithupha, ngokuba babe nabafazi abanengi namadodana amaningi. abafowabo kuwo yonke imindenini ka-isakare, amaqhawe anamandla, babe yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisishiyagalombili nesikhombisa, bebhawo bonke ngezizukulwane zabo. amadodana kaben-jamini: ngobela, nobekeri, nojedyayeli, bebhathathu. amadodana kabela: ngo-esiboni, no-uzi, no-uziyeli, nojerimoti, no-iri, beyisihlanu, izinhloko zezindlu zawoyise, amaqhawe anamandla, beyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nambili namashumi amathathu nane, bebhawo ngezizukulwane zabo. amadodana kabekeri: ngozemira, nojowashi, no-elizezeri, no-eliyohenayi, no-omri, nojeremoti, no-abiya, no-anathoti, no-alemeti. bonke labo babe ngamadodana kabekeri. babhalwa ngezizukulwane zabo, beyizinhloko zezindlu zawoyise, amaqhawe anamandla, beyizinkulungwane ezinga-

mashumi amabili namakhulu amabili. amadodana kajedyayeli: ngubilihani; amadodana kabilihani: ngojewushe, noben-jamini, no-ehudi, nokhenahana, nozethani, notharishishi, no-ahishahari. bonke labo babe ngamadodana kajedyayeli ngezinhloko zezindlu zawoyise, amaqhawe anamandla, beyizinkulungwane eziyishumi nesikhombisa namakhulu amabili abangaphuma impi ukuyokulwa. oshuphimi nohuphimi babe ngamadodana ka-iri; uhushimi wayeyindodana ka-aheri. amadodana kanafetali: ngojasiyeli, noguni, nojeseri, noshalumi, amadodana kabiliha. amadodana kamanase: ngu-asiriyeli owamazelayo umkakhe; isancinza sakhe umaramukazi sazala umakiri uyise kagileyadi. umakiri wathathela ohuphimi noshuphimi abafazi; igama likadadewabo lalingumahakha. igama lowesibili lalinguselofehadi; uselofehadi wayenamadodakazi. umahakha umkamakiri wazala indodana, waqamba igama layo ngokuthi uphereshi; igama lomfowabo lalingushereshi; amadodana akhe ayengoulamu norakemi. amadodana ka-ulamu: ngubedani. labo babe ngamadodana kagileyadi kamakiri kamanase. udadewabo uhamoleketi wazala o-isihodi, no-abiyezeri, nomahela. amadodana kashemida ayengohiyani, noshekemi, nolikhi, no-aniyamu. amadodana ka-efrayimi: ngoshuthela, noberedi indodana yakhe, notahati indodana yakhe, no-eleyada indodana yakhe, notahati indodana yakhe, nozabadi indodana yakhe, noshuthela indodana yakhe, no-ezeri no-eleyadi ababulawa ngabantu basegati ababezwele kulelo zwe, ngokuba behla ukuthatha izinkomo zabo. u-efrayimi uyise walila izinsuku eziningi; abafowabo beza ukumduduza. wangena kumkakhe; wamitha, wazala indodana, waqamba igama layo ngokuthi uberiya, ngokuba indlu yakhe yayisengozini. indodakazi yakhe yayingusheyera owakha ibeti horoni lasenzansi nelasenhla, ne-uzeni sheyera. urefa wayeyindodana yakhe, noreshefi, nothela indodana yakhe, nothahani indodana yakhe, noladani indodana yakhe, no-amihudi indodana yakhe, no-elishama indodana yakhe, nonuni indodana yakhe, nojesu indodana yakhe. ifa labo nezindawo zabo zokuhlala kwakuyibethele nemizana yalo, nangasempumalanga inaharani, nangasentshonalanga igezeri nemizana yalo, neshekemi nemizana yalo, kwaze kwaba se-aya nemizana yalo; nangasemikhawulweni yabantwana bakwamanase ibeti sheyani nemizana yalo, nethahanaki nemizana yalo, nemegido nemizana yalo, nedori nemizana yalo. kuleyo kwahlala abantwana bakajosefa indodana ka-israyeli. amadodana ka-asheri: ngojimna, no-ishiva, no-ishivi, noberiya, kanye nosera udadewabo. amadodana

kaberiya: ngohebere nomalikiyeli owayenguyise kabirizayiti. uhebere wazala ojafeleti, noshomeri, nohothamu, noshuwa udadewabo. amadodana kajafeleti: ngophasaki, nobimihali, no-ashivati. labo babe ngabantwana bakajafeleti. amadodana kashemeri: ngo-ahi, norohiga, nojehuba, no-aramu. amadodana kahelemi umfowabo: ngosofa, nojimna, nosheleshi, no-amali. amadodana kasofa: ngoshuwa, noharineferi, noshuhali, noberi, no-imra, nobeseri, nohodi, noshama, noshilisha, nojitrani, nobeyera. amadodana kajetheri: ngojefune, nophisipha, no-ara. amadodana ka-ula: ngo-ara, nohaniyeli, norisiya. bonke labo babe ngabantwana baka-asheri, izinhloko zezindlu zawoyise, amaqhawe akhethekileyo anamandla, izinhloko zezikhulu. umumo wabo ubhalwe ngezizukulwane zabo ukuba balwe empini wawungabantu abayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nesithupha.

## 8

ubenjamini wazala ubela izibulo lakhe, no-ashibeli owesibili, no-ahara owesithathu, nonoha owesine, norafa owesihlanu. ubela wayenamadodana: ngo-adari, nogera, no-abihudi, no-abishuwa, nonahamani, no-ahowa, nogera, noshefufani, nohuramu. nanka amadodana ka-ehudi, izinhloko zezindlu zawoyise zabakhe egeba, ezathunjelwa emanahati, zathunjwa ngonahamani, no-ahiya, nogera owazala o-uza no-ahihudi. ushaharayimi wazala abantwana ezweni lakwamowabi esemukisile ohushimi nobahara omkakhe. wazala kuhoshi umkakhe ojobabi, nosibiya, nomesha, nomalikamu, nojewuse, noshakiya, nomirima. labo babe ngamadodana akhe, izinhloko zezindlu zawoyise. wazala kuhushimi o-abithubi no-eliphahali. amadodana ka-eliphahali: ngo-ebere, nomishamu, noshemedi, abakha i-ono nelodi nemizana yawo, noberiya, noshema, ababe yizinhloko zezindlu zawoyise zabakhe e-ajaloni, abaxosha abakhe egati; no-ahiyo, noshashaki, nojeremoti, nozebadiya, no-aradi, no-edere, nomikayeli, nojishipha, nojoha, amadodana kaberiya, nozebadiya, nomeshulamu, no-hiziki, nohebere, no-ishmerayi, nojiziliya, nojobabi, amadodana ka-eliphahali, no-jakimi, nozikiri, nozabidi, no-eliyenayi, nosilethayi, no-eliyeli, no-adaya, noberaya, noshimrati, amadodana kashimeyi, nojishiphani, no-ebere, no-eliyeli, no-abidoni, nozikiri, nohanani, nohananiya, no-elamu, no-anithothiya, no-ifideya, nophenuweli, amadodana kashashaki, noshamusherayi, noshehariya, no-athaliya, nojahreshiya, no-eliya, nozikiri, amadodana kajerohamu. labo babe yizinhloko zezindlu zawoyise, izinhloko ezizukulwaneni zabo, bahlala

ejerusalem. egibeyoni kwahlala uyise kagibeyoni ogama lomkakhe lalingumakhakha; izibulo lakhe lalingu-abidoni, kanye nosuri, nokishi, nobali, nonadabi, nokedori, no-ahiyo, nozekeri. kepha umikiloti wazala ushimeya. nabo bahlala nabafowabo ejerusalem malungana nabafowabo. uneri wazala ukishi; ukishi wazala usawule; usawule wazala ojonathani, nomaliki shuwa, no-abinadaba, no-eshi bali. indodana kajonathani yayingumeribi bali; umeribi bali wazala umika. amadodana kamika: ngophithoni, nomeleki, nothareya, no-ahazi. u-ahazi wazala ujejhoda; ujejhoda wazala o-alemeti, no-azimaveti, nozimri; uzimri wazala umosa; umosa wazala ubineya; urafa wayeyindodana yakhe; ngu-eleyasa indodana yakhe, ngu-aseli indodana yakhe; u-aseli wayenamadodana ayisithupha; amagama awo yilawa: o-azirikamu, nobokeru, no-ishmayeli, noshehariya, no-obadiya, nohanani. bonke labo babe ngamadodana ka-aseli. amadodana ka-esheki umfowabo: ngu-ulumu izibulo lakhe, nojewushe owesibili, no-elifeleti owesithathu. amadodana ka-ulumu ayengamaqhawe anamandla, ansala umnsalo; ayenamadodana amaningi namadodana amadodana amaningi, eyikhulu namashumi ayisihlanu. labo babe ngamadodana kabenjamini.

## 9

wabhalwa-ke wonke u-israyeli ngezizukulwane; bheka, balotshiwe encwadini yamakhosi akwa-israyeli; ujuda wathunjelwa ebalele ngeziphambeko zakhe. abakhileyo kuqala emafeni abo emizini yabo babe ngu-israyeli, nabapristi, namalevi, namanethini. ejerusalem kwahlala kubantwana bakwajuda, nakubantwana bakwabenjimini, nakubantwana bakwa-efrayimi nomanase: ngu-uthayi ka-amihudi ka-omri ka-imri kabani kubantwana bakwapheresi kajuda. kumashiloni: ngu-asaya izibulo namadodana akhe. kumadodana kazera: ngujehuweli nabafowabo, bengamakhulu ayisithupha namashumi ayisishiyagalolunye. kumadodana kabenjamini: ngusalu kameshulamu kahodaviya kahasenuwa, no-ibineya indodana kajerohamu, no-ela ka-uzi kamikiri, nomeshulamu kashefathiya karehuweli kajibiniya, nabafowabo ngezizukulwane zabo, bengamakhulu ayisishiyagalolunye namashumi ayisihlanu nesithupha. bonke labo bantu babe yizinhloko zezindlu zawoyise ngokwezindlu zawoyise. kubapristi: ngojedaya, nojehoyaribi, nojakini, no-azariya kahilikiya kameshulamu kasadoki kamerayoti ka-ahithubi, umphathi wendlu kalezi-ku, no-adaya kajerohamu kaphashuri kamalikhuya nomahasayi ka-adiyeli kajahizera kameshulamu kameshilemiti ka-imeri,

nabafowabo, izinhloko zezindlu zawoyise, beyinkulungwane namakhulu ayisikhombisa namashumi ayisithupha, amadoda ahlakaniphile emsebenzini wenkonzo yasendlini kalezi-ku. kumalevi: ngushemaya kahashubi ka-azirikamu kahashabiya kumadodana kamerari, nobakibakari, nohereshi, nogalali, nomathaniya kamika kazikiri ka-asafa, no-obadiya kashemaya kagalali kaleduthuni, noberekiya ka-asa ka-elkana owahlala emizaneni yamanethofa, nabalindisango oshalumi, no-akubi, nothalimoni, no-ahimani, nabafowabo; ushalumi wayeyinhloko. kwaze kwaba kuleso sikhathi babe sesangweni lenkosi ngasempumalanga; babe ngabalindisango bekamu labantwana bakwalevi. ushalumi kakore ka-ebiyasafa kakora, nabafowabo bendlu kayise, amakorahi, babephethe umsebenzi wenkonzo, ngabalindisango etabernakele; oyise babemele ikamu likajehova-aeiou ngabalindisango. ufinyasi indodana ka-eleyazare wayengumbusi phezu kwabo ngesikhathi esidlulileyo. ukehova-aeiou wayenaye. uzakariya indodana kameshelemya wayengumlinganisango etendeni lokuhlangana. bonke labo ababekhethiwe ukuba babe ngabalindisango babe ngamakhulu amabili neshumi nambili. babahlwa ngezizukulwane emizaneni yabo, bamiswa ngodavide nosamuweli umboni ezikhundleni zabo. bona nabantwana babo babephethe amasango endlu kajehova-aeiou, indlu yetende, belinda. abalindi babekhona ezinhlangathini ezine: ngasempumalanga, nangasentshonalanga, nangasenyakatho, nangaseningizimu. abafowabo emizaneni yabo babeyakungena emva kwezinsuku eziyisikhombisa njalo izikhathi ngezikhathi ukuba babe nabo, ngokuba abalindi abane abakhulu ababe ngamalevi babe sesikhundleni njalo, bephethe amakamelo nengecebo endlini kalezi-ku. bahlala ebusuku bezungeza indlu kalezi-ku, ngokuba kwakungokwabo ukuyilinda, kwakungokwabo futhi ukuyivula ekuseni imihla ngemihla. abanye babephethe izitsha zenkonzo, ngokuba zangeniswa ngokubalwa, zakhishwa ngokubalwa. abanye kubo babemiselwe impahla, nezitsha zonke zendlu engcwele, nempuphu, newayini, namafutha, nenhlaka, namakha. abanye bamadodana abapristi bagxoba amakha aba ngamafutha. umatithiya, omunye wamalevi, owayeyizibulo likashalumi umkorahi wayenesikhundla sokubheka izinto ezenziwa amakhanzini. abanye abafowabo bamadodana amakohati babephethe izinkwa zokubukwa ukuba bazilungise onke amasabatha. kepha abanye, abahlabeleli, izinhloko zezindlu zawoyise zamalevi, babe semakamelweni bekhulelekile kokunye, ngokuba babe semsebenzini wabo imini nobusuku. labo babe yizinhloko zezindlu

zawoyise bamalevi, izinhloko ezizukulwaneni zabo, bahlala ejerusalem. egibeyoni kwahlala uyise kagibeyoni ukehoyeli ogama lomkakhe lalingumahakha, nendodana yakhe eyizibulo u-abidoni, kanye no-suri, nokishi, nobali, noneri, nonadabi, nogedori, no-ahiyo, nozakariya, nomikiloti. umikiloti wazala ushimeyamu. nabo bahlala nabafowabo ejerusalem malunga nabafowabo. uneri wazala ukishi; ukishi wazala usawule; usawule wazala ojonathani, nomaliki shuwa, no-abinadaba, no-eshi bali. indodana karonathani yayingumeribi bali; umeribi bali wazala umika. amadodana kamika: ngophithoni, nomeleki, nohareya, no-ahazi. u-ahazi wazala ujara; ujara wazala o-alemeti, no-azimaveti, nozimri; uzimri wazala umosa; umosa wazala ubineya; urefaya wayeyindodana yakhe; ngu-eleyasa indodana yakhe, ngu-aseli indodana yakhe; u-aseli wayenamadodana ayisithupha; amagama awo yilawa: o-azirikamu, nobokeru, no-ishmayeli, noshehariya, no-obadiya, nohanani; labo babe ngamadodana ka-aseli.

## 10

amafilisti alwa no-israyeli; abantu bakwa-israyeli babaleka phambi kwamafilisti, bawabegwaziwe entabeni yasegilibowa. amafilisti axosha usawule namadodana akhe; amafilisti abulala ojonathani, no-abinadaba, nomaliki shuwa, amadodana kasawule. impi yaba nzima kusawule; abacibishelayo bamfica; wakhathazeka ngenxa yabacibishelayo. usawule wayesethi odibini lwezikhali zakhe: hoshia inkemba yakho, ungigwaze ngayo, funa labo abangasokile bafike, bangone. kepha aluvumanga udibi lwezikhali zakhe, ngokuba lwesaba kakhulu. ngalokho usawule wayithatha inkemba, wawela phezu kwayo. udibi lwezikhali zakhe selubonile ukuthi usawule ufule, lwawela nalo phezu kwenkemba, lwafa. wafake usawule namadodana akhe amathathu; nendlu yakhe yonke yafa kanyekanye. lapho bonke abantu bakwa-israyeli ababe sesigodini bebona ukuthi babaleka nokuthi usawule namadodana akhe bafile, bashiya imizi yabo, babaleka; amafilisti afika, ahlala kuyo. kwathi ngangomuso, lapho amafilisti efika ukuphanga ababuleweyo, afumana usawule namadodana akhe bewile entabeni yasegilibowa. amphanga, athatha ikhanda lakhe nezikhali zakhe, akuthuma ezweni lamafilisti nxazonke ukukumemezela kuzo izithombe zawo nakubantu. azibeka izikhali zakhe endlini yawolezi-ku bawo, abethela ikhanda lakhe endlini kadagoni. selizwile ijabeshi gileyadi konke amafilisti ayekwenzile kusawule, kwasuka onke amadoda anamandla, asithatha isidumbu sikasawule nezidumbu zamadodana akhe, aziletha

ejabeshi, awembela amathambo abo phansi kwe-oki ejabeshi, azila ukudla izinsuku eziyisikhombisa. wafa kanjalo-ke usawule ngesiphambeko sakhe aphambuka ngaso kujehova-aeiou ngenxa yezwi likajehova-aeiou angaligcinanga nangokuba kade eyile ukubhula konedlozi ukuba abuze kuye, engabuzanga kujehova-aeiou; ngalokho-ke wambulala, wabuyisela umbuso kudavide indodana kajese.

## 11

wonke u-israyeli wabuthana kudavide, wathi: bheka, thina siyithambo lakho senyama yakho. nangesikhathi esidlulileyo usawule eseyinkosi, nguwe owakhapha nowangenisa u-israyeli; ujeahova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho wathi kuwe: wena uyakwalusa abantu bami u-israyeli, wena uyakuba ngumbusi wabantu bami u-israyeli. kwase kufika onke amalunga akwa-israyeli enkosini ehebroni; udavide wenza isivumelwano nawo ehebroni phambi kukajehova-aeiou; amgcoba udavide ukuba abe yinkosi kwa-israyeli njengezwi likajehova-aeiou ngesandla sikasamuweli. udavide naye wonke u-israyeli baya ejerusalem eliy-ijebusi; amajebusi ayakhe kulelo zwe ayeselapho. abakhileyo ejebusi bathi kudavide: awuyikungena lapha. udavide wathatha nokho inqaba yasesiyoni engumuzi kadavide. udavide wathi: lowo ochitha amajebusi kuqala uyakuba yinhloko nenduna. kwenyuka kuqala ujoyabe indodana kaseruya, waba yinhloko. udavide wahlala enqabeni; ngalokho bayibiza ngokuthi umuzi kadavide. wakha umuzi nxazonke kusukela emilo kuya nxazonke; ujoyabe wavusa okuseleyo komuzi. udavide waqhubeka njalo ngokukhula, ngokuba ujeahova-aeiou sebawoti wayenaye. yilaba abayizinhloko zamaqhawe udavide ayenazo, zibambelesa kuye ngamandla ebukhosini bakhe kanye naye wonke u-israyeli ukumbeka inkosi njengezwi likajehova-aeiou ngo-israyeli. nanku umumo wamaqhawe udavide ayenawo: ujoyabehamu indodana yomhakimoni, inhloko yamashumi amathathu; waphakamisela abangamakhulu amathathu umkhonto wakhe, wababulala ngasikhathi sinye. emva kwakhe ngu-eleyazare indodana kadodo umahohi owayengomunye wamaqhawe amathathu. wayenodavide ephasi damimi; amafilisti abuthana khona ukuyokulwa, lapho kwakukhona isiqephu sezwe esigcwele ibhali; abantu babaleka ebusweni bamafilisti. bema phakathi nesiqephu sezwe, basophula, bawabulala amafilisti; ujeahova-aeiou wabasindisa ngokusindisa okukhulu. kwehla abathathu kwabayizinhloko ezingamashumi amathathu, baya etsheni kudavide

emhumeni wase-adulamu; impi yamaafilisti yayimise esigodini samarefa. udavide wayesengqabeni, ikhanda lamaafilisti lalisebetlehema. udavide wanxanela, wathi: hawu, sengathi ngingaphuziswa amanzi asemthonjeni wasebetlehema owawungasesangweni. labo abathathu bafohla ikamu lamaafilisti, bakha amanzi emthonjeni wasebetlehema owawungasesangweni, bawathatha, bawaletha kudavide; kepha udavide akavumanga ukuwaphuza, kodwa wawathululela ujeahova-aeiou, wathi: ulezi-ku wami makangqabele ukuba ngenze lokhu; ngiyakuphuza igazi lalaba bantu ababe sengozini na? ngokuba bawaletha besengozini; akavumanga ukuwaphuza. lezo zinto zenziwa yilawa maqhawe amathathu. u-abishayi umfowabo kajowabe wayeyinhloko yabathathu, ngokuba waphakamisela abangamakhulu amathathu umkhonto wakhe, wababulala, waba negama phakathi kwalaba abathathu. kulaba abathathu wayetusekile kunababili, waba yisikhulu sabo, kepha akafinyelelanga kwabathathu bokuqala. nobenaya indodana kajehoyada, indodana yendoda enamandla, owayenze imisebenzi emikhulu, owasekabiseyeli, wabulala amaqhawe amabili akwamowabi; futhi wehla, wabulala ingonyama phakathi komgodi ngosuku lweqhwa. wabulala nowasegibithe, umuntu omude, eyizingalo eziyisihlanu; esandleni sowasegibithe kwakukhona umkhonto onjengogongo lomaluki; wehla kuye ephethe induku nje, wawuhlitha umkhonto esandleni sowasegibithe, wambulala ngomkhonto wakhe. lezo zinto wazenza ubenaya indodana kajehoyada, waba negama phakathi kwalawo maqhawe amathathu. bheka, wayetusekile kunabangamashumi amathathu, kepha akafinyelelanga kwabathathu bokuqala; udavide wambeka phezu kwabalindi bakhe. amaqhawe anamandla nanka: u-asaheli umfowabo kajowabe, no-elihanani indodana kadodo wasebetlehema, noshamoti waseharori, nohesi wasepheloni, no-ira indodana ka-ikheshi wasetkehhowa, no-abizezeri wase-anathoti, nosibekayi umhushati, no-ilayi nomahohi, nomaharayi wasenethofa, noheledi indodana kabahana wasenethofa, no-ithayi indodana karibayi wasegibeya labantwana bakwabenjani, nobenaya wasepirathoni, nohurayi wangasemifudlakeni yakwagahashi, no-abiyeli wase-araba, no-azimaveti wasebaharumi, no-eliyaba wasegishaliboni, namadodana kahashemi wasegizoni, nojonathani indodana kashage waseharari, no-ahiyamu indodana kasakri waseharari, no-elifali indodana ka-uri, noheferi wasemekeri, no-ahiya wasepheloni, nohesiro wasekarmeli, nonaharayi indodana ka-ezibayi, nojoyeli umfowabo kanathani,

nomibihari indodana kahagiri, noseleki wakwa-amoni, nonaharayi waseberoti, udibi lukajowabe indodana kaseruya, no-ira wasejetheri, nogarebi wasejetheri, no-uriya umheti, nozabadi indodana ka-ahilayi, no-adina indodana kashiza wakwarubeni, inhloko yakwarubeni, enabangamashumi amathathu, nohanani indodana kamahakha, nojeshoshafati ummiteni, no-uziya wase-ashitaroti, noshama nojehiyeli amadodana kahothamu wase-aroweri, nojediyayeli indodana kashimri, nojoha umfowabo umthisi, no-eliyeli ummahavi, nojeribayi nojoshaviya amadodana ka-elinahama, no-itiwa wakwamowabi, no-eliyeli, no-obede, nojahashiyeli ummesoba.

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nampa abafika kudavide esikilagi esagogobele ebusweni bukasawule indodana kakishi; babe phakathi kwamaqhawe, abasizi bakhe empini. babehlomile iminsalo, besebenzisa isandla sokunene nesokhohlo ekuphonseni amatshe nasekucibisheleni imicibisholo ngomnsalo; ababe kubafowabo bakasawule kwabenjamini kwakuyilaba: inhloko u-ahiyezeri nojowashi amadodana kashemaha wasegibeya, nojeziyeli nopheleti amadodana ka-azimaveti, noberakha, nojehu wase-anathoti, no-ishmaya wasegibeyoni, iqhawe phakathi kwabangamashumi amathathu, ebaphethe abangamashumi amathathu, nojeremiya, nojahaziyeli, nojohanani, no-jozabadi wasegedera, no-eluzayi, nojerimoti, nobehaliya, noshemariya, noshefathiya umharufi, no-elkana, nojishiya, no-azareli, nojohezari, nojashobhamu, amakora, nojowela nozebadiya, amadodana ka-jerohamu wasegedori. kwabakwagadi abanye bazahlukanisa baya kudavide enqabeni ehlane, amaqhawe anamandla, abantu abazilungiselele ukulwa, abakwazi ukuphatha isihlangu nomkhonto, ababuso babo bafana nobuso bezingonyama, abanejubane njengezinsephe ezintabeni: ngu-ezeri inhloko, no-obadiya owesibili, no-eliyabe owesithathu, nomishimana owesine, nojeremiya owesihlanu, no-athayi owesithupha, no-eliyeli owesikhombisa, no-johanani owesishiyagalombili, no-elizabadi owesishiyagalolunye, nojeremiya oweshumi, nomakibanayi oweshumi nanye. lawo madodana kagadi ayeyizinhloko zempi; encinyane kuwo yayilingana nekhulu, yalilingana nenkulungwane. yilabo ababewela ijordani ngenyanga yokuqala, ligcwele liphuphuma zonke izingu zalo; baxosha bonke abasezigodini ngasempumalanga nangasentshonalanga. kwafika nabantwana bakwabenjamini nojuda enqabeni kudavide. udavide waphuma ukubahlangabeza, wathatha, wathi kubo: uma nize nokuthula

kimi ukungisiza, inhliziyi yami iyakuba nye nani, kepha uma kungukungikihohlisa ezitheni zami, lokhu kungekho bona-ra-ukukhandleka ezandleni zami, ulezi-ku wawobaba makakubheke, akujezise. kwase kwehla umoya phezu kuka-amasayi owayeyinhloko yabangamashumi amathathu, wathi: singabakho thina, davide, sinawe, wena ndodana kajese; ukuthula, ukuthula makube nawe, ukuthula makube nabakusizayo, ngokuba ulezi-ku wakho uyakusiza. wayesebamukela udavide, wabenza izinhloko zeviyo. kwafika abanye kwabakwamanase kudavide, lapho efika namafilisti ukulwa nosawule, kepha abawasizanga, ngokuba izinduna zamafilisti sezilulekene zammukisa, zathi: uyakuhlubukela enkosini yakhe usawule, amakhanda ethu abe sengozini. ekuyeni kwakhe esikilagi kwahlubukela kuye kwabakwamanase o-adina, nojozabadi, nojediyayeli, nomikayeli, nojozabadi, no-elihu, nosilethayi, izinhloko zezinkulungwane zabakwamanase. bamsiza udavide eviyyeni, ngokuba babe ngamaqhawe anamandla bonke, beyizinduna zempi. ngokuba imihla ngemihla bafika kudavide ukumsiza, kwaze kwaba yimpi enkulu njengempi kalezi-ku. nazi izibalo zezinhloko zababehlomele ukulwa abeza kudavide ehebroni ukuba baguqulele umbuso kasawule kuye njengezwi likajehova-aeiou. abantwana bakwajuda ababephethe izihlangu nemikhonto babeyizinkulungwane eziyisithupha namakhulu ayisishiyagalombili, behlomele ukulwa. kubantwana bakwasimeyoni amaqhawe anamandla okulwa yizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa nekhulu. kubantwana bakwalevi yizinkulungwane ezine namakhulu ayisithupha. ujezhoyada wayengumholi wakwa-aroni, enezinkulungwane ezintathu namakhulu ayisikhombisa, nosadoki insizwa eyiqhawe elinamandla, nasendlini kayise izinduna ezingamashumi amabili nambili. kubantwana bakwabenjamini, abafowabo bakasawule, yizinkulungwane ezintathu, ngokuba kuze kube manje imvama yabo yayithembekile endlini kasawule. kubantwana bakwafreyayimi yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili namakhulu ayisishiyagalombili, amaqhawe anamandla, abantu abanagama ezindlini zawoyise. kuyo inxenye yesizwe sakwamanase yizinkulungwane eziyisihumi nesishiyagalombili, ezabizwa ngamagama ukuba zize zimbeke udavide inkosi. kubantwana bakwa-isakare ngabazi ukuqonda izikhathi ukuba bazi okufanele ukwenziwa ngu-israyeli; izinhloko zabo zazingamakhulu amabili; bonke abafowabo balalela izwi labo. kuzebuloni abangaphuma impi, bayihlele impi benezikhali zonke zokulwa, yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisihlanu, bezihlela nganhliziyonye. kunafetali yizini-

duna eziyinkulungwane, zinezinkulungwane ezingamashumi amathathu nesikhombisa eziphethe isihlangu nomkhonto. kwabakwadani abangahlela impi yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nesishiyagalombili namakhulu ayisithupha. ku-asheru abangaphuma impi, bayihlela impi, yizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amane. ngaphesheya kwejordani kwabakwagadi nasenxenyeni yesizwe sakwamanase, benezikhali zonke zempi zokulwa, yizinkulungwane eziyikhulu namashumi amabili. onke lawo madoda empi, angahlela impi, afika ehebroni ngezinhliziyi ezipheleleyo ukubeka udavide inkosi kwa-israyeli; nabo bonke abaseleyo bakwa-israyeli babenhliziyonye ukumbeka udavide inkosi. babe lapho nodavide izinsuku ezintathu, bedla, bephuza, ngokuba abafowabo babebalungisele. ababe seduze nabo kuze kube kwa-isakare, nakwazebuloni, nakwanafetali baletsha isinkwa ngezimbongolo, nangamakamela, nangeminyuzi, nangezinkabi, nokudla kwempuphu, nezigaxa zamakhiwane, nezigaxa zezithelo zomvini ezomileyo, newayini, namafutha, nezinkabi, nezimvu eziningi, ngokuba kwakukhona ukuthokoza kwa-israyeli.

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udavide welulekana nezinduna zezinkulungwane nezamakhulu, nabaholi bonke. udavide wathi kulo lonke ibandla lakwa-israyeli: uma kukuhle kini, uma kuvela kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu, masihlakazeke sithumele kubafowethu abasele ezweni lonke lakwa-israyeli kanye nabapristi namalevi emizini yabo enamadlelo ukuba babuthane kithi, sibuyisele kithi umphongolo kalezi-ku wethu, ngokuba asiwufunanga ezinsukwini zikasawule. lonke ibandla lathi liyakwenze njalo, ngokuba leyo nto yayilungile emehlweni abo bonke abantu. udavide wayesebutha wonke u-israyeli kusukela esihori lasegibithe kuze kube sekuyeni ehamati ukususa umphongolo kalezi-ku ekiriyati jeharimi. udavide wenyukela kanye naye wonke u-israyeli ebahala, okungukuthi ikiriyati jeharimi elalingelakwajuda, ukukhuphula khona umphongolo kalezi-ku uje-hova-aeiou ohlezi phezu kwamakherubi, owawubizwa ngegama lakhe. bawuhambisa umphongolo kalezi-ku ngengukumbane entsha, bewukhipha endlini ka-abinadaba; o-uzo no-ahyo bashayela ingqokumbane. udavide naye wonke u-israyeli bathokoza ebusweni bukalezi-ku ngamandla onke ngamahubo, nangamahabhu, nangezin-gubhu, nangezigubhu, nangamasimbali, nangamacilongo. ekufikeni kwabo esibuyeni sikakidoni u-uzo welula isandla sakhe ukubamba umphongolo, ngokuba izinkabi zashelela. intukuthelo kaje-hova-aeiou

yamvuthela u-uzo, wamshaya, ngokuba welulela isandla emphongolweni; wafela khona lapho phambi kukalezi-ku. udavide wadabuka ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou emhlasele u-uzo, wayibiza leyo ndawo ngokuthi ipheresi-uzo kuze kube namuhla. udavide wamesaba ulezi-ku ngalolo suku; wathi: ngizakuletha kanjani umphongolo kalezi-ku kimi na? udavide akawuyisanga umphongolo kuye emzini kadavide, kepha wawubuyisela eceleni endlini ka-obede edomi umgiti. umphongolo kalezi-ku wahlala nabendlu ka-obede edomi endlini yakhe izinyanga ezintathu; uje-hova-aeiou wayibusisa indlu ka-obede edomi nakho konke anakho.

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uhiramu inkosi yaset ire watuma izithunywa kudavide, nemisedari, nabakhi, nababazi ukuba bamakhele indlu. udavide waqonda ukuthi uje-hova-aeiou wayemmisile impela ukuba abe yinkosi kwa-israyeli, ngokuba umbuso wakhe waphakanyiselwa phezu ngenxa yabantu bakhe u-israyeli. udavide wathatha abanye abafazi ejerusalem, udavide wazala amanye amadodana namadodakazi. nanka amagama abantwana ayenabo ejerusalem: oshamuvwa, noshobabi, nonathani, nosolomoni, nojibari, no-elishuwa, no-elipheleti, nonoga, nonefegi, nojafiya, no-elishama, nobeyeliyada, no-elifeleti. amafilisti esezwile ukuthi udavide ugcotshiwe ukuba abe yinkosi kwa-israyeli wonke, onke amafilisti enyuka ukumfuna udavide; udavide wakuzwa, waphuma ukuwahlasela. amafilisti esefikile ukungenela isigodi samarefa, udavide wabuza kulezi-ku, wathi: ngenyukele ukuhlasele amafilisti na? uyakuwanikela esandleni sami na? uje-hova-aeiou wathi kuye: yenyuka, ngokuba ngiyakuwanikela esandleni sakho. base benyukela ebaliphasimi, udavide wawachitha; udavide wathi: ulezi-ku ufohlele izitha zami ngesandla sami njengokufohla kwamanzi. ngalokho baqamba igama laleyo ndawo ngokuthi ibali pherasimi. ashiya khona olezi-ku bawo; udavide wathi mabashiswe ngomlilo. amafilisti abuye angenela isigodi. udavide waphinda wabuza kulezi-ku; ulezi-ku wathi kuye: ungenyuki emva kwawo; wagwegwesele, uwafikele malungana nama-jikijolo. kuyakuthi lapho usuzwa umsindo wokuhamba ezihlokweni zamajikijolo, uphume impi, ngokuba ulezi-ku uphumile ngaphambi kwakho ukuchitha impi yamafilisti. udavide wenza njengokumyala kukalezi-ku, bachitha impi yamafilisti kusukela egibeyoni kuze kube segezeri. igama likadavide laphumela emazweni onke; uje-hova-aeiou wehlisela izizwe zonke

ingebhe ngaye.

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wazakhela izindlu emzini kadavide; walungisela umphongolo kalezi-ku indawo, wawumisela itende. khona udavide wathi: umphongolo kalezi-ku nga ungathwalwa muntu, ngamalevi kuphela, ngokuba yiwona akhethwe ngu-jehova-aeiou ukuthwala umphongolo kalezi-ku nokumkhonza kuze kube phakade. udavide wabuthela wonke u-israyeli ejerusalema ukukhuphulela umphongolo kajehova-aeiou endaweni yawo awulungisele yona. udavide wabutha amadodana ka-aroni namalevi; kumadodana kakohati: ngu-uriyeli inhloko nabafowabo, beyikhulu namashumi amabili; kumadodana kamerari: ngu-asaya inhloko nabafowabo, bengamakhulu amabili namashumi amabili; kumadodana kagereshomu: ngujoweli inhloko nabafowabo, beyikhulu namashumi amathathu; kumadodana ka-elisafani: ngushe-maya inhloko nabafowabo, bengamakhulu amabili; kumadodana kahebroni: ngu-eliyeli inhloko nabafowabo, bengamashumi ayisihiyagalombili; kumadodana ka-uziyeli: ngu-aminadaba inhloko nabafowabo, beyikhulu neshumi nambili. udavide wabiza osadoki no-abiyathara abapristi, namalevi o-uriyeli, no-asaya, nojoweli, noshemaya, no-eliyeli, no-aminadaba, wathi kubo: nina niyizinhloko zezindlu zawoyise bamalevi; zingcweliseni nina nabafowenu ukuba niwukhuphulele umphongolo kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli endaweni engiyilungisele wona. ngokuba ngenxa yokungawuthwali kwenu kuqala u-jehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu wafohla kithina, ngokuba singamfuna ngomthetho. base bezingcwelisa abapristi namalevi ukuba bawukhuphule umphongolo kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli. abantwana bamalevi bawuthwala umphongolo kalezi-ku emahlombe abo ngezinti zawo njengokuyala kukamose ngezwi likajehova-aeiou. udavide washo ezinduneni zamalevi ukuba zibeke abafowabo abahlabeleli, benezinto zokubetha, izingubhu, namahabhu, namasimbali, bakubethe, baphakamise izwi labo ngokuthokoza. amalevi ayesebeka uhemani indodana ka-joweli, nakubafowabo u-asafa indodana kaberekiya, nakumadodana kamerari, abafowabo, u-ethani indodana kakushaya, bekanye nabo abafowabo besigaba sesibili: ozakariya, nobeni, nojahaziyeli, noshemiramoti, nojehiyeli, no-uni, no-eliyabe, nobenaya, nomahaseya, nomatithiya, no-elifelehu, nomikineya, no-obede edomi, nojehiyeli, abalindisango, nabahlabeleli ohe-mani no-asafa no-ethani ukuba bakhalise amasimbali ethusi, nozakariya, no-aziyeli,

noshemiramoti, nojehiyeli, no-uni, no-eliyabe, nomahaseya, nobenaya ukuba babe nezingubhu ezilungiselwe i-alamoti, nomatithiya, no-elifelehu, nomikineya, no-obede edomi, nojehiyeli, no-aziyeli ukuba babe namahabhu alungiselwe isheminiti ukuba bahole. ukhenaniya induna yamalevi wayephethe umsebenzi wokuthwala; wayefundisa ukuthwala ngokuba wayekwazi. oberekiya no-elkana babe ngabalindisango bomphongolo. oshebaniya, nojehoshafati, nonethaneli, no-amasayi, nozakariya, nobenaya, no-eliyezeri, abapristi, bashaya amacilongo phambi komphongolo kalezi-ku; o-obede edomi nojehiya babe ngabalindisango bomphongolo. udavide namalunga akwa-israyeli nezinduna zezinkulungwane baya ukuwukhuphula umphongolo wesivumelwano sikajehova-aeiou endlini ka-obede edomi ngokuthokoza; kwathi lapho ulezi-ku esesizile amalevi awuthwala umphongolo wesivumelwano sikajehova-aeiou, anikela ngezinkunzi eziyisikhombisa nangezinqama eziyisikhombisa. udavide wayembethe ingubo yelineni elicolekileyo kanye nawo onke amalevi ayethwala umphongolo, nabahlabeleli, nokhenaniya induna yokuthwala kwabahlabeleli; udavide wayenengubo yamahlombe yelineni. wonke u-israyeli wawukhuphula kanjalo umphongolo wesivumelwano sikajehova-aeiou ngokukhamuluka nangezwi lomtshingo, nangamacilongo, nangamasimbali, ebetha izingubhu namahabhu. kwathi lapho umphongolo wesivumelwano sikajehova-aeiou usungena emzini kadavide, umikhali indodakazi kasawule walunguza efasiteleni, wabona inkosi udavide isina, idlala; wayidelela enhliziyweni yakhe.

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bawungenisa umphongolo kalezi-ku, bawubeka phakathi netende udavide ayelimisele wona; banikela ngeminikelo yokushiswa nangeminikelo yokuthula phambi kukalezi-ku. udavide eseqedile ukunikela ngomnikelo wokushiswa nangeminikelo yokuthula wababusisa abantu egameni likajehova-aeiou. wabela bonke abantu bakwa-israyeli, abesilisa nabesifazane, isinkwa saba sinye, nesicubu senyama, nesigaxa sezithelo zomvini ezomileyo. wabela amalevi athile ukukhonza phambi komphongolo kajehova-aeiou ukuba amkhumbule, ambonge, amdumise u-jehova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli: ngu-asafa inhloko nabesigaba sakhe sesibili, ozakariya, nojehiyeli, noshemiramoti, nojehiyeli, nomatithiya, no-eliyabe, nobenaya, no-obede edomi, nojehiyeli, benezingubhu namahabhu, kanye no-asafa ephethe amasimbali, ewabetha, nobenaya



nojahaziyeli abapristi, benamacilongo njalo phambi komphongolo wesivumelwano sikalezi-ku. ngalolo suku udavide wayeseqala ukuhlela ukuba ujeahova-aeiou abongwe ngesandla sika-asafa nabafowabo. bongani ujeahova-aeiou, nibize igama lakhe, nizazise phakathi kwabantu izenzo zakhe. hlabelelani kuye, nimhubele, nikhulume ngezimangaliso zakhe zonke. zibongeni egameni lakhe elingcwele; mazithokoze izinhliziyi zabamfuna ujeahova-aeiou. funani ujeahova-aeiou namandla akhe, nifunisise ubuso bakhe njalo. khumbulani izimangaliso zakhe azenzileyo, nezibonakaliso zakhe, nezahlulelo zomlomo wakhe, nina nzalo ka-israyeli, inceku yakhe, nina bantwana bakajakobe, abakhethiweyo bakhe. yena ungujeahova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu; izahlulelo zakhe zisemhlabeni wonke. khumbulani isivumelwano sakhe kuze kube phakade, izwi ayala ngalo izizukulwane eziyinkulungwane, avumelana kuso no-abrahama, nesifungo sakhe ku-isaka; wasiqinisa kujakobe, saba ngumthetho, naku-israyeli, saba yisivumelwano esiphakade, ethi: ngizakunikela izwe lasekhanani libe yisabelo sefa lakho, lapho naniyingcosana ngomumo, yebo, lapho naniyingcosana, futhi naniyizihambi kulo. bazulazula ezizweni ngezizwe, besuka kulo mbuso, beya kwabanye abantu. akavumelanga muntu ukubahlupha, wajezisa amakhosi ngenxa yabo, ethi: ningathinti abagcotshiweyo bami, ningoni abaprofethi bami. hlabelelani kujehova-aeiou, mhlaba wonke, nimemeze insindiso yakhe imihla ngemihla. landani inkazimulo yakhe phakathi kwabezizwe, izimangaliso zakhe phakathi kwabantu bonke. ngokuba mkhulu ujeahova-aeiou, udumisekile kakhulu; uyesabeka phezu kwabo bonke olezi-ku. ngokuba bonke olezi-ku babezizwe bayizithombe, kepha ujeahova-aeiou walenza izulu. udumo nobukhosi kusebusweni bakhe; amandla nokuthokoza kusendaweni yakhe. mnikeni ujeahova-aeiou nina mindeni yabantu, mnikeni ujeahova-aeiou inkazimulo namandla. mnikeni ujeahova-aeiou inkazimulo yegama lakhe, nilethe umnikelo, nize phambi kwakhe, nikhuleke kujehova-aeiou ngobuhle bobungcwele. thuthumelani ebusweni bakhe, mhlaba wonke; izwe lihlahla liqinile, alinakushukunyiswa. malijabule izulu, umhlaba uthokoze; makuthiwe ezizweni: ujeahova-aeiou uyinkosi. maluhlokome ulwandle nokugcwala kwalo, amasimu ename nakho konke okukuwo. khona imithi yehlathi iyakuhuba ngokujabula ebusweni bujakajehova-aeiou, ngokuba uyeza ukwahlulela umhlaba. bongani ujeahova-aeiou, ngokuba muhle, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade. thanini: sisindise, lezi-ku wokusindiswa kwethu, usibuthe,

usophule kwabezizwe ukuba sidumise igama lakho elingcwele, sethabe ekukudumiseni. makabongwe ujeahova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, kusukela phakade kuze kube phakade. bonke abantu bathi: amen, bamdumisa ujeahova-aeiou. wayeseshiya khona ngaphambi komphongolo wesivumelwano sikajehova-aeiou u-asafa nabafowabo ukuba bakhonze phambi komphongolo njalo ngokomsebenzi wemihla ngemihla, kanye no-obede edomi nabafowabo abangamashumi ayisithupha nesishiyagalombili u-obede edomi indodana kajeduthuni nohosa babe ngabalindisango nosadoki umpristi nabafowabo abapristi ngaphambi kwetabernakele likajehova-aeiou endaweni ephakemeyo eyayisegibeyoni ukuba banikele njalo ngeminikelo yokushiswa phezu kwe-altare lomnikelo wokushiswa ekuseni nakusihlwa njengakho konke okulotshiweyo emthethweni kajehova-aeiou ayala ngawo u-israyeli, bekanye nabo ohemani nojeduthuni nensali yabakhethiweyo abakhonjwa ngamagama ukuba bambonge ujeahova-aeiou, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade; kwakukhona kubo, ohemani nojeduthuni, amacilongo namasimbali alabo abayakuwakhalisa, nezinto zokubethwa kulezi-ku; amadodana kajeduthuni ayengasesangweni. base behamba baya, kwaba yilowo nalowo endlini yakhe; udavide wabuya ukubusisa indlu yakhe.

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kwathi lapho udavide eshlezi endlini yakhe, udavide wathi kunathani umprofethi: bheka, mina ngihlala endlini yemisedari, kepha umphongolo wesivumelwano sikajehova-aeiou uphansi kwezilenge. unathani wathi kudavide: yenza konke okusenhliziyweni yakho, ngokuba ulezi-ku unawe. kepha kwathi ngalobo busuku izwi likalezi-ku lafika kunathani, lathi: hamba utshela udavide inceku yami ukuthi: usho kanje ujeahova-aeiou, uthi: awuyikungakhela indlu ukuba ngihlale kuyo, ngokuba angihlalanga ndlu kusukela osukwini engakhuphula ngalo u-israyeli kuze kube namuhla, kepha ngangisematendeni, nasematabernakele ngamatabernakele. ezindaweni zonke engihambahambe kuzo naye wonke u-israyeli ngake ngakhuluma yini izwi nakoyedwa wabahluleli bakwa-israyeli engabayala ukuba baluse abantu bami, ngathi: aningakhelanga ngani indlu yemisedari na? ngalokho uyakusho kanje encekweni yami udavide, uthi: usho kanje ujeahova-aeiou seabawoti, uthi: mina ngakuthatha edlelweni ekwaluseni izimvu ukuba ube ngumbusi wabantu bami u-israyeli; nganginawe nomaphi lapho wawuya khona, nganquma zonke izitha zakho

ngaphambi kwakho; ngiyakukwenza igama njengamagama abakhulu abasemhlabeni. ngiyakumisela abantu bami u-israyeli indawo, ngibatshale ukuba bahlale endaweni yabo, bangabe besanyakaziswa; futhi abantu ababi abasayikubachitha njengakuqala, kusukela emihleni engayaleza ngayo abahluleli ukuba babe phezu kwabantu bami u-israyeli; ngiyakunqoba zonke izitha zakho. futhi ngiyakutshela ukuthi u-jehova-aeiou uyakukwakhela indlu. kuyakuthi lapho izinsuku zakho sezipehelele ukuba uye koyihlo, ngiyakumisa inzalo yakho emva kwakho, eyakuba ngeyamadodana akho; ngiyakuqinisa umbuso wayo. yiyo eyakungakhela indlu; ngiyakuqinisa isihlalo sayo sobukhosi kuze kube phakade. mina ngiyakuba nguyise, yona ibe yindodana yami; angiyikuyaphuca umusa wami, njengalokho ngamaphuca owayephambi kwakho. ngiyakuyiqinisa endlini yami nasembusweni wami kuze kube phakade, isihlalo sayo sobukhosi siqinise kuze kube phakade. njengawo onke lawo mazwi nanjengawo wonke lowo mbono unathani wakhuluma kudavide. udavide inkosi wayesengena, wahlala phambi kukajehova-aeiou, wathi: ngingubani, jehova-aeiou lezi-ku, nendlu yami iyini ukuba ungilethe kuze kube lapha na? lokho kwakuyinto encane emehlweni akho, lezi-ku; usukhulumile ngendlu yenceku yakho isekude, wangibuka kungathi ngingumuntu ophakemeyo, jehova-aeiou lezi-ku. udavide angenezela ngokuthini kuwe ngodumo incek u yakho elwenzelweyo na? wena uyayazi incek u yakho. jehova-aeiou, ngenxa yenceku yakho nanjengokwenhliziyo yakho wenzile konke lokho okukhulu ukuba kwaziswe bonke lobu bukhulu. jehova-aeiou, akakho onjengawe, akukho lezi-ku ngaphandle kwakho njen-gakho konke esikuzwileyo ngezindebe zethu. yisiphi isizwe emhlabeni esinjengabantu bakho u-israyeli, ulezi-ku aya ukuzihlengela bona babe ngabantu bakhe, ukukwenzela igama ngezinto ezinkulu nezesabekayo ngokuxosha abezizwe ebusweni babantu bakho owabahlenga egibithe, na? ngokuba abantu bakho u-israyeli wabenza babe ngabantu bakho kuze kube phakade, wena jehova-aeiou ube ngulezi-ku wabo. manje, jehova-aeiou, izwi olikhulumile ngenceku yakho nangendlu yayo kuze kube phakade maliqinise, wenze njen-gokukhuluma kwakho. maliqiniseke, libe likhulu igama lakho kuze kube phakade, ukuze kuthiwe: u-jehova-aeiou seabawoti ungulezi-ku ka-israyeli, yebo, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, nendlu kadavide incek u yakho iqinisiwe phambi kwakho. ngokuba wena lezi-ku wami wambulele endlebeni yenceku yakho ukuthi uyakuyakhela indlu; ngalokho incek u yakho ifike kulokhu ukuba ikhuleke

phambi kwakho. manje, jehova-aeiou, wena ungulezi-ku, ukhulumile lokho okuhle encekwini yakho; kalokhu mawuvume ukubusisa indlu yenceku yakho ukuba ibe sebusweni bakho kuze kube phakade, ngokuba okubusisile wena jehova-aeiou kuyahlala kubusisekile kuze kube phakade.

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kwathi emva kwalokho udavide wawashaya amafilisti, wawahlula, walithatha igati nemizana yalo esandleni samafilisti. wanqoba nomowabi; abakwamowabi baba yizinceku zikadavide, bathela intela. udavide washaya nohadarezeri, inkosi yasesoba ngasehamati, ekuhambeni kwakhe ukuqinisa isandla sakhe ngasemfuleni u-ewufrathe. udavide wamaphuca izinqola eziyinkulungwane, nabamahhashi abayizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa, nemigundatshani eyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili; udavide wanquma imisipha yawo onke amahhashi eziyinqola, washiya aweziyinqola eziyikhulu kodwa. ama-aramu asedamaseku esefika ukumsiza uhadarezeri inkosi yasesoba, udavide wabulala kuma-aramu abantu abayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nambili. udavide wamisa amakhanda e-aramu lasedamaseku; ama-aramu aba yizinceku zikadavide, athela intela. u-jehova-aeiou wamnqobisa udavide nomaphi lapho eya khona. udavide wathatha izihlangu zegolide ezazisezincekwini zikahadarezeri, waziletha ejerusalem. ethibahati nasekhuni imizi kahadarezeri, udavide wathatha ithusi eliningi kakhulu usolomoni enza ngalo ulwandle lwethusi, nezinsika nezitsha zethusi. lapho uthowu inkosi yasehamati ezwa ukuthi udavide ushayile yonke impi kahadarezeri inkosi yasesoba, wathuma uhadoramu, indodana yakhe, enkosini udavide ukuyibingelela nokuyibusisa, ngokuba yayilwile nohadarezeri, yamnqoba, ngokuba uhadarezeri wayelokhu elwa nothowu; wathuma izinhlobo zonke zezitsha zegolide nezesiliva nezethusi. nalezo inkosi udavide yayizingcweliselisa u-jehova-aeiou kanye nesiliva negolide aliswa ezizweni zonke: ku-edomi, nakumowabi, nakubantwana bakwa-amoni, nakumafilisti, nakuma-amaleki. u-abishayi, indodana kaseruya, wabulala kwabakwa-edomi esigodini sikasawoti, izinkulungwane eziyishumi nesishiyagalombili. wamisa amakhanda kwa-edomi; bonke abakwa-edomi baba yizinceku zikadavide. u-jehova-aeiou wamnqobisa udavide nomaphi lapho eya khona. udavide wabusa phezu kuka-israyeli wonke, waphatha ukwahlulela nokulunga kubo bonke abantu bakhe. ujoyabe indodana kaseruya wayephezu kwempi; u-jehoshafati, indodana ka-ahiludi, wayengumabha-

lana; usadoki, indodana ka-ahithubi, no-abimeleki indodana ka-abiyathara, babe ngabapristi; noshawusha wayengumbhali; ubenaya, indodana kajehoyada wayephezu kwamakhereti namapheleti; amadodana kadavide ayengabokuqala ngasenkosini.

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kwathi emva kwalokho unashashi inkosi yabantwana bakwa-amoni wafa, indodana yakhe yaba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. udavide wathi: ngiyakumenzela umusa uhanuni, indodana kanahashi, ngokuba uyise wangenzela umusa. udavide wayesethuma izithunywa ukumduduzela ngoyise. zafikake izinceku zikadavide ezweni labantwana bakwa-amoni kuhanuni ukumduduzela. kepha izikhulu zabantwana bakwa-amoni zathi kuhanuni: imbala ngokubona kwakho uthume abaduduzi kuwe ukuba atuse uyihlo na? azifikanga yini izinceku zakhe kuwe ukuba ziphenye umuzi, ziwuchithe, ziwuhlole, na? uhanuni wayesebamba izinceku zikadavide, waziphucula, wahina izingubo zazo phakathi, kwaze kwaba sezingeni zazo, wazimukisa. bahamba, bamtshela udavide ngalawo madoda. wathuma ukuwahlangabeza, ngokuba ayenamahloni kakhulu lawo madoda. yathi inkosi: hlalani ejeriko, zize zihlume izilevu zenu, bese nibuya. abantwana bakwa-amoni sebebone ukuthi bazenzile ukuba banengeke kudavide, uhanuni nabantwana bakwa-amoni bathuma amatalenta ayinkulungwane esiliva ukuziqashela izinqola nabamahhashi e-aramu naharajimi, nase-aramu mahakha, nasesoba. base beziqashela izinqola eziyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amathathu nambili kanye nenkosi yasemahakha nabantu bayo abeza ukumisa ngaphambi kwemedeba. abantwana bakwa-amoni babuthana ndawonye bephuma emizini yabo; baya ukulwa. udavide esezwile lokho wamthuma ujoyabe nempu yonke yamaqhawe. abantwana bakwa-amoni baphuma, bahlala impi ngasengweni lomuzi; kepha amakhosi ayefikile ayewodwa endle. ujoyabe esebona ukuthi impi ibhekene naye ngaphambili nangasemuva, wakhetha kwabakhethekileyo bonke bakwa-israyeli, wabahlala ukuba balwe nama-aramu; abantu abaseleyo wababeka esandleni sika-abishayi umfowabo, bazihlela ukulwa nabantwana bakwa-amoni. wathi: uma ama-aramu engahlula, uyakungisiza; kepha uma abantwana bakwa-amoni bekwahlula, ngiyakukusiza. qinani, masiziqinise ngenxa yabantu bakithi nangenxa yemizi kalezi-ku wethu; ujoyova-aeiou makenze okuhle emehlweni akhe. ujoywabe nabantu ababe naye base besondela kuwo ama-aramu ukuba balwe; kepha abaleka phambi kwakhe. lapho abantwana bakwa-

amoni bebona ukuthi ama-aramu abalekile, babaleka nabo phambi kuka-abishayi umfowabo, bangena emzini; kepha ujoywabe waya ejerusalem. ama-aramu esebonile ukuthi anqotshiwe phambi kuka-israyeli, athuma izithunywa, akhipha ama-aramu ayephesheya komfula noshofaki induna yempi kahadarezeri phambi kwawo. udavide watshelwa, wabutha wonke u-israyeli, wawela ijordani, wawafikela, wahlala impi ukulwa nawo. udavide esehlile impi ukulwa nama-aramu, alwa naye. ama-aramu abaleka phambi kuka-israyeli; udavide wabulala kuma-aramu izinqola eziyizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa nemigundatshani eziyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amane, wabulala noshofaki induna yempi. lapho izinceku zikahadarezeri zibonile ukuthi zinqotshiwe phambi kuka-israyeli, zenza ukuthula nodavide, zamkhonza; ama-aramu awathandanga ukusiza abantwana bakwa-amoni futhi.

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emva komnyaka ngesikhathi sokuhlasela kwamakhosi, ujoywabe wahola amaqhawe empi, wachitha izwe labantwana bakwa-amoni, weza wavimbezela iraba; kepha udavide wahlala ejerusalem. ujoywabe walinqoba iraba, walidiliza. udavide wathatha umqhele wenkosi yabo ekhanda layo, wafumana isisindo sawo ukuthi sasiyitalenta legolide, itshe eliyigugu likuwo; wabekwa ekhanda likadavide; wakhhipha emzini impango eningi kakhulu. wakhhipha nabantu ababe phakathi kwawo, wabanquma ngamasaha, nangezibhuqo zensimbi, nanga-mazembe; wenze njalo udavide kuyo yonke imizi yabantwana bakwa-amoni. udavide nabo bonke abantu babuyela ejerusalem. emva kwalokho kwavuka impi namaflisti egezeri; khona usibekayi, umhushati, wabulala usiphayi wamadodana amarefa; anqotshwa. kwabuye kwaba khona impi namaflisti; u-elihanani, indodana kajayire, wabulala ulahimi umfowabo kagoliyati, umgiti, oluthi lomkhonto wakhe lwalungenogongolo lomaluki. kwabuye kwaba khona impi egati, lapho kwakukhona umuntu omude; iminwe yakhe nezinzwani zakhe kwakungamashumi amabili nane, isithupha esandleni sisinye, nesithupha onyaweni lulunye; naye wazalwa yirefa. wameyisa u-israyeli; ngalokho ujonathani indodana kashimeya umfowabo kadavide wabulala. labo bazalwa ngamarefa egati, bawo ngesandla sikadavide nangesandla sezinceku zakhe.

usathane wema ukulwa no-israyeli, wavusa udavide ukuba abale u-israyeli. udavide wayesethi kujowabe nasezinduneni zabantu: hambani nibale u-israyeli kusukela eberi sheba kuze kube kwadani, nilethe umumo wabo kimi ukuba ngiwazi. ujawabe wathi: ujhova-aeiou makenezele kubantu bakhe, kuphindwe kayikhulu phezu kwalokhu abayikho; kepha, nkosi yami, nkosi, abasizo izinceku zenkosi yami bonke na? inkosi yami ifunelani le nto na? iyakuba yicala ngani ku-israyeli na? nokho izwi lenkosi lamahlula ujawabe. ujawabe waphuma, wadabula wonke u-israyeli, wafika ejerusalem. ujawabe wanika udavide umumo wabantu ababaliweyo; wonke u-israyeli wayeyizinkulungwane eziyinkulungwane nezinkulungwane eziyikhulu abahloma inkemba; ujad wayeyizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amane namashumi ayisikhombisa. kepha olevi nobenjimini akababalanga phakathi kwabo, ngokuba izwi lenkosi lalinengekile kujowabe. kwaba kubi emehlweni kalezi-ku; ngalokho washaya u-israyeli. udavide wayesethi kulezi-ku: ngonile kakhulu ngalokho engikwenzileyo; kepha manje, jehova-aeiou, mawuthethelele ububi benceku yakho, ngokuba ngintumazele kakhulu. ujhova-aeiou wayesekhuluma kugadi, umboni kadavide, ethi: hamba ukhulume kudavide ngokuthi: ujhova-aeiou usho kanje, uthi: ngiyakubekela izinto ezintathu; khetha enye kuzo ukuba ngikwenzele yona. ugadi wayesefika kudavide, wathi kuye: ujhova-aeiou usho kanje, uthi: zikhethale noma indlala yeminyaka emithathu, noma ukuchithwa yizitha zakho izinyanga ezintathu ufwca yinkemba yezitha zakho, noma izinsuku ezintathu zenkemba kajehova-aeiou nesifo ezweni, ingelosi kajehova-aeiou ichithe emikhawulweni yonke yakwa-israyeli. manje zibonele izwi engiyakulibuyisela kongithumileyo. udavide wathi kugadi: nginosizi kakhulu; mangiwele esandleni sikajehova-aeiou, ngokuba umusa wakhe mkhulu kakhulu; kepha esandleni somuntu mangingaweli kuso. ujhova-aeiou wayesethuma isifo phezu kuka-israyeli; kwafa kwa-israyeli abantu abayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisikhombisa. ulezi-ku wathuma ingelosi ejerusalem ukulichitha; kwathi lapho isalichitha, ujhova-aeiou wabuka, wazisola ngalobo bubi, wathi engelosini echithayo: sekwanele; buyisa isandla sakho. ingelosi kajehova-aeiou yayimi ngasesibuyeni sika-orinani umjebusi. udavide wayesephakamisa amehlo akhe, wayibona ingelosi kajehova-aeiou imi emkhathini womhlaba nezulu, inenkemba ehoshiweyo esandleni sayo, yelulelwe phezu kwe-

jerusalem. udavide namalunga bembethe izindwangu zamasaka bawa ngobuso babo. udavide wathi kulezi-ku: akusimi yini owayaleza ukuba abantu babalwe na? yimina engonileyo; ngenze kabi kakhulu, kepha lezi zimvu zenzeni na? isandla sakho, jehova-aeiou lezi-ku wami, masibe phezu kwami naphezu kwendlu kababa, singabi phezu kwabantu bakho ukubashaya ngesifo. ingelosi kajehova-aeiou yamyala ugadi ukusho kudavide ukuba udavide enyuke, amisele ujhova-aeiou i-altare esibuyeni sika-orinani umjebusi. udavide wenyuka ngezwi likagadi alikhulumayo egameni likajehova-aeiou. u-orinani waphenduka, wayibona ingelosi; amadodana akhe amane ayenaye acasha. u-orinani wayebhula ukolweni. udavide esefika ku-orinani, u-orinani wabuka, wambona udavide, waphuma esibuyeni, wakhothamela udavide, ubuso bakhe bubheke phansi. udavide wathi ku-orinani: nginike indawo yalesi sibuya ukuba ngakhele ujhova-aeiou i-altare kuyo: uyakunginika yona ngemali epheleleyo ukuba lesi sifo siqamuke kubantu. u-orinani wathi kudavide: zithathele yona; inkosi yami, inkosi, mayenze okuhle emehlweni ayo; bheka, ngiyakupha izinkabi zibe ngezeminikelo yokushiswa, nezibhulo zibe yizinkuni, nokolweni abe ngumnikelo wempuphu; ngikunika konke. inkosi udavide yathi ku-orinani: qha, ngiyakukuthenga nokukuthenga ngemali epheleleyo, ngokuba angizukumthathela ujhova-aeiou okungokwakho, nginikele ngomnikelo wokushiswa ngengikuthole ngeze. udavide wayesemnika u-orinani ngendawo amashekeli angamakhulu ayisithupha egolide ngesisindo. udavide wamakhela khona ujhova-aeiou i-altare, wanikela ngemnikelo yokushiswa nangemnikelo yokuthula, wambiza ujhova-aeiou; wamphendula esezulwini ngomlilo e-altare lomnikelo wokushiswa. ujhova-aeiou wayiyala ingelosi; yabuyisela inkemba yayo emgodleni wayo. ngaleso sikhathi lapho udavide esebonile ukuthi ujhova-aeiou umphendulile esibuyeni sika-orinani umjebusi, wahlaba khona. ngokuba itabernakele likajehova-aeiou alenza umose ehlane ne-altare lomnikelo wokushiswa kwakusendaweni ephakemeyo egibeyoni ngaleso sikhathi. kepha udavide wayengenakuya phambi kwalo ukubuza kulezi-ku, ngokuba wagebhezele inkemba yengelosi kajehova-aeiou.

udavide wathi: le iyindlu kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku, leli liyi-altare lomnikelo wokushiswa ka-israyeli. udavide wayala ukuba babuthe bonke abafokazi ababe sezweni lakwa-israyeli, wabeka abakhi

ukubaza amatshe axhoziweyo ukuba bakhe indlu kalezi-ku. udavide walungisa insimbi eningi yezipikili zezivalo zamasango nezokuhlanganisa, kanye nethusi eliningi elingenakulinganiswa, nemisedari enge-nakubalwa, ngokuba amasidoni nabasetire baletha imisedari eminingi kudavide. udavide wathi: usolomoni indodana yami usengumfana, usathambile, nendlu eyakwakhelwa ujejhova-aeiou nga iba nkulu, ibatshazwe, ibe negama nodumo emazweni onke; ngizakuyilungisela. wayeseyilungisela kakhulu udavide engakafi. wayesebiza usolomoni indodana yakhe, wamyala ukumakhela ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli indlu. udavide wathi kusolomoni indodana yakhe: mina-ke, kwakusenhliziyweni yami ukwakhela igama likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wami indlu. kepha izwi likajehova-aeiou lafika kimi, lathi: uchithile igazi eliningi, uphake izimpi ezinkulu; awuyikwakhela igama lami indlu, ngokuba uchithe igazi eliningi emhlabathini emehlweni ami; bheka, uyakuzalelwa indodana eyakuba ngumuntu wokuthula; ngiyakumnika ukuphumula ezitheni zakhe nxazonke, ngokuba igama lakhe liyakuba ngusolomoni; ukuthula nokuzola ngiyakumnika khona u-israyeli emihleni yakhe; uyakwakhela igama lami indlu; uyakuba yindodana yami, mina ngibe nguyise; ngiyakuqinisa isihlalo sobukhosi sombuso wakhe kwa-israyeli kuze kube phakade. kalokhu, ndodana yami, ujejhova-aeiou makabe nawe, ube nempumelelo, wakhe indlu kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho njengokukhuluma kwakhe kuwe. kuphela, ujejhova-aeiou makakuphe ukuhlakanipha nokuqonda, akuyale ngo-israyeli ukuba ugcine umthetho kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho. khona uyakuphumelela, uma ugcina ukwenza izimiso nezahlulelo ujejhova-aeiou ayala ngazo umose ngo-israyeli; qina, ume isibindi; ungesabi, ungabi naluvalo. bheka, ekuhluphekeni kwami ngilungisele indlu kajehova-aeiou amatalenta ayizinkulungwane eziyinkulungwane esiliva, nethusi nensimbi okungenakulinganiswa, ngokuba kuningi; ngilungisile nemithi namatshe; uyakwenezela kukho. kukhona kuwe izisebenzi eziningi, ababazi, nezisebenzi zamatshe nezemithi, nabo bonke abayizingcweti emisebenzini yonke: eyegolide, neyesiliva, neyethusi, neyensimbi, kungenakubalwa; suka usebenze; ujejhova-aeiou makabe nawe. udavide wayala zonke izikhulu zakwa-israyeli ukusiza usolomoni, wathi: ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu akanani na? akaniphanga ukuphumula nxazonke na? ngokuba unikele esandleni sami abakhileyo ezweni; izwe linyatheliwe phambi kukajehova-aeiou naphambi kwabantu bakhe. kalokhu nikelani inhliziyu yenu nom-

phfumulo wenu ekufuneni ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu; sukani nakhe indlu engcwele kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku ukuba kungeniswe umphongolo wesivumelwano sikajehova-aeiou nezinto ezingcwele zikalezi-ku endlini eyakwakhelwa igama likajehova-aeiou.

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udavide wayesemdala, esanelisiwe yizinsuku; wambeka usolomoni indodana yakhe abe yinkosi kwa-israyeli. wabutha zonke izikhulu zakwa-israyeli kanye nabapristi namalevi. amalevi abalwa kusukela kwane-minyaka engamashumi amathathu kuya phezulu; umumo wawo ngezhloko zawo, indoda ngendoda, wawuyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amathathu nesishiyagalombili. ayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nane kuwona ayengawokwengamela umsebenzi wendlu kajehova-aeiou; izinkulungwane eziyisithupha zaziyizinduna nabahluleli; izinkulungwane ezine zazingabalindisango; izinkulungwane ezine ziyakudumisa ujejhova-aeiou ngezinto zokubethwa engazenzayo, washo udavide, ukuba zidumise ngazo. udavide wabahlukanisa ngezigaba njengamadodana kalevi: ogereshoni, nokohati, nomerari. kumagereshoni: ngoladani noshimeyi. amadodana kaladani: ngujehiyeli inhloko, nozethamu, nojoweli, bebathathu. amadodana kashimeyi: ngoshelomoti, nohaziyeli, noharana, bebathathu. labo babe yizinhloko zawoyise bakaladani. amadodana kashimeyi: ngojahati, nozina, nojewushe, noberiya. labo bobane babe ngamadodana kashimeyi. ujahati wayeyinhloko, noziza ngowesibili; kepha ojewushe noberiya babengenamadodana amaningi; ngalokho baba yindlu inye kayise, bebalwa kanyekanye. amadodana kakohati: ngo-amramu, nojisihari, nohebroni, no-uziyeli, bebane. amadodana ka-amramu: ngo-aroni nomose; u-aroni wahlukaniswa ukuba angcwelise izinto ezingcwelelengcwele, yena namadodana akhe, kuze kube phakade, ukushisa impepho phambi kukajehova-aeiou, nokumkhonza, nokubusisa egameni lakhe kuze kube phakade. kepha umose, lowo muntu kalezi-ku, amadodana akhe abizwa ngesizwe sakwalevi. amadodana kamose: ngogereshomu no-elizezeri. amadodana kagereshomu: ngushebuweli owayeyinhloko. amadodana ka-elizezeri: ngurehabiya inhloko. u-elizezeri wayengenawo amanye amadodana; kepha amadodana karehabiya ayemaningi kakhulu. amadodana kajishari: ngushelomiti inhloko. amadodana kahebroni: ngujeriya inhloko, no-amariya owesibili, nojahaziyeli owesithathu, nojakameyamu owesine. amadodana ka-uziyeli: ngumika inhloko

nojishiya owesibili. amadodana kamerari: ngomaheli nomushi. amadodana kama-heli: ngo-eleyazare nokishi. u-eleyazare wafa engenamadodana, enamadodakazi odwa; abafowabo, amadodana kakishi, bawathatha. amadodana kamushi: ngomaheli, no-edere, nojeremoti, bebatathu. yilabo ababe ngamadodana kalevi ngezindlu zawoyise, izinhloko zawoyise, bebalwa ngomumo wamagama ngezinhlolo zabo, abawenza umsebenzi wenkonzo yendlu kajehova-aeiou, kusukela kwabaneminyaka engamashumi amabili kuya phezulu. ngokuba udavide wathi: uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli unike abantu bakhe ukuphumula; uhlezi ejerusalem kuze kube phakade; namalevi awasayikuthwala itabernakale nazo zonke izinto zalo zenkonzo yalo. ngokuba amadodana kalevi abalwa ngamazwi okugcina kadavide, kusukela kwaneminyaka engamashumi amabili kuya phezulu. ngokuba indawo yawo yayingasandleni samadodana ka-aroni ukukhonza endlini kajehova-aeiou, nasemagcekeni, nasemakamelweni, nokuhlambulula zonke izinto ezingcwele, nomsebenzi wenkonzo endlini kalezi-ku, eyezinkwa zokubukwa, neyempuphu eolekileyo yomnikelo wempuphu, neyemiqathane engenamvubelo, neyokuphekwe ekhazini, neyexutshanisweyo, neyazo zonke izilinganisobukhulu; nokuma njalo ekuseni ukubonga nokudumisa uje-hova-aeiou, kanjalo nakusihlwa; nokunikela njalo ngayo yonke iminikelo yokushiswa kujehova-aeiou ngamasabatha, nangokwethwasa kwenyanga, nanemikhosi emisiweyo ngomumo njengomthetho wabo, phambi kukajehova-aeiou; bayakugcina imfanelo yetende lokuhlangana, yemfanelo yendawo engcwele, nemfanelo yamadodana ka-aroni abafowabo ekukhonzeni endlini kajehova-aeiou.

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nazi izigaba zamadodana ka-aroni: amadodana ka-aroni: ngonadabi, no-abihu, no-eleyazare, no-itamari. kepha onadabi no-abihu bandulela uyise ukufa, bengenabantwana; ngalokho o-eleyazare no-itamari kuphela babe ngabapristi. odavide, nosadoki wamadodana ka-eleyazare, no-ahimeleki wamadodana ka-itamari babahlukanisa ngezigaba zabo njengenkono yabo. kwafunyaniswa emadodaneni ka-eleyazare amadoda amaningi ayizinhloko kunasemadodaneni ka-itamari; bahlukaniswa kanje: emadodaneni ka-eleyazare kwakukhona abayishumi nesithupha abayizinhloko zezindlu zawoyise, nasemadodaneni ka-itamari babe yisishiyagalombili njengezindlu zawoyise. bahlukaniswa ngenkatho, laba nalaba,

ngokuba kwakukhona izikhulu zendlu engcwele nezikhulu zikalezi-ku emadodaneni ka-eleyazare nasemadodaneni ka-itamari. ushemaya, indodana kanethaneli, umbhali ongowamalevi, wabaloba phambi kwenkosi, nezikhulu, nosadoki, nezikhulu, nosadoki umpristi, no-ahimeleki indodana ka-abiyathara, nezinhloko zawoyise babapristi namalevi; enye indlu yawoyise yakhishelwa u-eleyazare, nanye yakhishelwa u-itamari. inkatho yokuqala yadla uje-hoyaribi, neyesibili ujedaya, neyesithathu uharimi, neyesine usehorimi, neyesihlanu umalikhuya, neyesithupha umijamini, neyesikhombisa uhakhosi, neyesishiyagalombili u-abiya, neyesishiyagalolunye ujesuwa, neyeshumi ushekaniya, neyeshumi nanye u-eliyashibi, neyeshumi nambili ujakimi, neyeshumi nantathu uhupha, neyeshumi nane ujeshebeyabe, neyeshumi nanzhlanu ubiliga, neyeshumi nesithupha u-imeri, neyeshumi nesikhombisa uheziri, neyeshumi nesishiyagalombili uhaphisesi, neyeshumi nesishiyagalolunye uphetahahiya, neyamashumi amabili ujehezekeli, neyamashumi amabili nanye ujakini, neyamashumi amabili nambili ugumuli, neyamashumi amabili nantathu udelaya, neyamashumi amabili nane umahaziya. lezo zaziyizigaba zabo njengenkono yabo ukuba bangene endlini kajehova-aeiou njengomthetho ababewunikwe ngesandla sika-aroni uyise, njengalokho uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli ebemyalile. abaseleyo emadodaneni kalevi babe yilaba: emadodaneni ka-amramu ngushubayeli; emadodaneni kashubayeli ngujehe-deya. kurehahiya: emadodaneni karehahiya: ngu-jishiya inhloko. kumajishi-hari: ngushelomoti; emadodaneni kashelomoti: ngu-jahati. amadodana ka-hebron: ngu-geriya inhloko, no-amariya owesibili, nojahaziyeleli owesithathu, nojekameyamu owesine. amadodana ka-uziyeli: ngumika; emadodaneni kamika: ngushamiri. umfowabo kamika: ngu-jishiya; emadodaneni kajishiya: nguzakariya. amadodana kamerari: ngomaheli nomushi; amadodana kajahaziya: ngubeno. amadodana kamerari: ngojahaziya, nobeno, nosohamu, nozakuri, no-ibiri. kumaheli: ngu-eleyazare, owayengenabantwana. kukishi, kungamadodana kakishi: ngu-gerameli. amadodana kamushi: ngomaheli, no-edere, nojeremoti. yilabo ababe ngamadodana amalevi ngezindlu zawoyise. nalabo benza inkatho njengabafowabo, amadodana ka-aroni, ebusweni bukadavide inkosi, nosadoki, no-ahimeleki, nezinhloko zawoyise babapristi namalevi, inhloko yawoyise njengomfowabo omncane.

udavide nezinduna zempi base bahlukanisela inkonzo amanye amadodana ka-asafa, nakahemani, nakajeduthuni, ayeyakuprofetha ngamahabhu, nangezingubhu, nangamasimbali; umumo wabantu balo msebenzi wenkonzo wawunje: emadodanani ka-asafa: ngozakuri, nojosefa, nonethaniya, no-asharela, amadodana ka-asafa, phansi kwezandla zika-asafa owaprofetha ngezandla zenkosi. kujeduthuni: amadodana kaje-duthuni: ngogedaliya, noseri, nojeshaya, noshimeyi, nohashabiya, nomatithiya, bebayisithupha, phansi kwezandla zikayise ujeduthuni owaprofetha ngehabhu ngokubonga ngokudumisa ujevova-aeiou. kuhe-mani: amadodana kahemani: ngobukiya, nomathaniya, no-uziyeli, noshebuweli, nojerimoti, nohananiya, nohanani, no-eliyatha, nogidaliti, noromamiti ezeri, nojoshibekasha, nomaloti, nohothiri, nomahaziyoti; bonke labo babe ngamadodana kahemani umboni wenkosi ngamazwi kalezi-ku okuphakamisa uphondo lwakhe; ulezi-ku wamnika uhemani amadodana ayishumi nane namadodakazi amathathu. onke lawo ayephansi kwezandla zikayise ekuhlabeleleni endlini kajehova-aeiou ngamasimbali, nangezingubhu, nangamahabu enkonzweni yasendlini kalezi-ku, o-asafa nojeduthuni nohemani bephansi kwezandla zenkosi. umumo wabo kanye nabafowabo ababefundisiwe ukuhlabelela kujehova-aeiou nabayizazi wawungamakhulu amabili namashumi ayisishiyagalombili nesishiyagalombili. benza inkatho ngenkonzo, omunye ngomunye, omncane njengomkhulu, isazi nomfundi. inkatho yokuqala yadla ujosefa ka-asafa, neyesibili ugedaliya; yena nabafowabo namadodana akhe babe yishumi nambili; eyesithathu uzakuri, namadodana akhe nabafowabo, beyishumi nambili; eyesine ujisiri, namadodana akhe nabafowabo, beyishumi nambili; eyesihlanu unethaniya, namadodana akhe nabafowabo, beyishumi nambili; eyesithupha ubukiya, namadodana akhe nabafowabo, beyishumi nambili; eyesikhombisa ujesharela, namadodana akhe nabafowabo, beyishumi nambili; eyesishiyagalombili ujeshaya, namadodana akhe nabafowabo, beyishumi nambili; eyesishiyagalolunye umathaniya, namadodana akhe nabafowabo, beyishumi nambili; eyeshumi ushimeyi, namadodana akhe nabafowabo, beyishumi nambili; eyeshumi nanye u-azareli, namadodana akhe nabafowabo, beyishumi nambili; eyeshumi nambili uhashabiya, namadodana akhe nabafowabo, beyishumi nambili; eyeshumi nantathu ushubayeli, namadodana akhe nabafowabo, beyishumi nambili; eyeshumi nane umatithiya, namadodana

akhe nabafowabo, beyishumi nambili; eyeshumi nanhlano ujeremoti, namadodana akhe nabafowabo, beyishumi nambili; eyeshumi nesithupha uhananiya, namadodana akhe nabafowabo, beyishumi nambili; eyeshumi nesikhombisa ujoshibekasha, namadodana akhe nabafowabo, beyishumi nambili; eyeshumi nesishiyagalombili uhanani, namadodana akhe nabafowabo, beyishumi nambili; eyeshumi nesishiyagalolunye umaloti, namadodana akhe nabafowabo, beyishumi nambili; eyamashumi amabili u-eliyatha, namadodana akhe nabafowabo, beyishumi nambili; eyamashumi amabili nanye uhothiri, namadodana akhe nabafowabo, beyishumi nambili; eyamashumi amabili nambili ugidaliti, namadodana akhe nabafowabo, beyishumi nambili; eyamashumi amabili nantathu umahaziyoti, namadodana akhe nabafowabo, beyishumi nambili; eyamashumi amabili nane uromamiti ezeri, namadodana akhe nabafowabo, beyishumi nambili.

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izigaba zabalindisango zaziyelezi: kumakorahi: ngumeshelemya indodana kakore emadodanani ka-asafa. umeshelemya wayenamadodana: nguzakariya izibulo, nojediyayeli owesibili, nozebadiya owesithathu, nojatiniyeli owesine, no-elamu owesihlanu, nojehohanani owesithupha, no-eliyohenayi owesikhombisa. u-obede edomi wayenamadodana: ngushemaya izibulo, nojehozabadi owesibili, nojowa owesithathu, nosakari, owesine, nonethaneli owesihlanu, no-amiyeli owesithupha, no-isakare owesikhombisa, nophewuletayi owesishiyagalombili, ngokuba ulezi-ku wambusisa. naye ushemaya indodana yakhe wazalelwa amadodana ayebusa indlu kayise, ngokuba ayengamaqhawe anamandla. amadodana kashemaya: ngo-othini, no-reyayeli, no-obede, no-elizabadi, nabafowabo ababe ngamadoda anamandla, o-elihu nosemakiya. bonke labo babe ngamadodana ka-obede edomi, bona namadodana abo nabafowabo, amadoda aqinileyo anamandla enkonzweni, engamashumi ayisithupha nambili ka-obede edomi. umeshelemya wayenamadodana nabafowabo, amadoda anamandla, eyishumi nesishiyagalombili. naye uhosha wabantwana bakwamerari wayenamadodana: ngushimiri inhloko noma wayengesilo izibulo, uyise wambeka waba yinhloko nohilikiya owesibili, nothebaliya owesithathu, nozakariya owesine; onke amadodana nabafowabo bakahosa babe yishumi nantathu. lezo zigaba zabalindisango, izinhloko zabantu, zaba nemfanelo yazo njengabafowabo ukukhonza endlini kajehova-aeiou. benza

inkatho yesango ngesango, omncane njen-gomkhulu, ngezindlu zawoyise. inkatho yasempumalanga yadla ushelemiya. base benza inkatho ngozakariya indodana yakhe, umluleki ohlakaniphileyo; wadliwa yinkatho yasenyakatho. eyaseningizimu yadla u-obede edomi namadodana akhe ukulinda inqolobane, eyasentshonalanga oshuphimi nohosa ngasesangweni laseshaleketi, ngase-mendweni owenyukayo, abalindi ngabalindi. ngasempumalanga ayeikhona amalevi ay-isithupha, ngasenyakatho emane ngosuku, ngaseningizimu emane ngosuku, nasen-qolobaneni emabili ngamabili. eparibari ngasentshonalanga ayemane emendweni, naseparibari uqobo ayemabili. yilezo ezaziyizigaba zabalindisango emadodaneni amakorahi nasemadodaneni kamerari. kumalevi u-ahiya wayephethe ingcebo yendlu kalezi-ku nengcebo yezinto ez-ingcwele. amadodana kaladani, amadodana kagereshoni akwaladani, izinhloko zawoyise zakwaladani umgereshoni, amajehiyeli, amadodana amajehiyeli, ozethamu nojoweli umfowabo, ayephethe ingcebo endlini kaje-hova-aeiou. kuma-amramu, nakuma-jisihari, nakumahebroni, nakuma-uziyeli, ushebuweli indodana kagereshomu kamose wayengumphathisikhwama. abafowabo: ku-eliezeri: ngurehabiya indodana yakhe, nojeshaya indodana yakhe, nojoramu indodana yakhe, nozikiri indodana yakhe, noshelomoti indodana yakhe. yena ush-elomoti nabafowabo babephethe yonke ingcebo yezinto ezingcwele ezingcwelelswa ngudavide inkosi, nezinhloko zawoyise, nezinduna zezinkulungwane nezamakhulu, nezinduna zempi. empini nasempangweni bakungcwelelswa ukulungisa indlu kaje-hova-aeiou, kanye nakho konke usamuweli umboni, nosawule indodana kakishi, no-abineri indodana kaneri, nojowabe indodana kaseruya ababekungcwelelswa; yilowo nalowo owayengcwelelswa okuthile, kwaba phansi kwesandla sikashelomoti nabafowabo. kumajisihari ukhenaniya namadodana akhe babephethe umsebenzi ongaphandle kwa-israyeli, beyizinduna nabahluleli. kumahebroni uhashabiya nabafowabo, amaqhawe anamandla, beyinkulungwane namakhulu ayisikhombisa, babe ngababon-isi kwa-israyeli phesheya kwejordani ngasentshonalanga emsebenzini wonke kaje-hova-aeiou nasenkonzweni yenkosi. kumahebroni ujeriya wayeyinhloko, kuma-hebroni njengezizukulwane zawo ngezindlu zawoyise. ngomnyaka wamashumi amane wokubusa kukadavide kwafunwa, kwa-funyanwa phakathi kwawo amaqhawe anamandla ejazeri kwagileyadi. abafowabo, amaqhawe anamandla, babe yizinkulung-wane ezimbili namakhulu ayisikhombisa, izinhloko zawoyise, ezenziwa ababonisi

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phezu kwabakwarubeni nabakwagadi nenx-enye yesizwe sabakwamanase ezindabeni zonke zikalezi-ku nasezindabeni zenkosi.

nampa abantwana bakwa-israyeli ngo-mumo wabo, izinhloko zawoyise, nezinduna zezinkulungwane nezamakhulu, nezinduna zabo ezazikhonza inkosi kukho konke okwezigaba, eazingena, ziphuma inyanga ngenyanga ezinyangeni zonke zomnyaka; kuleso naleso sigaba zazikhona izinku-lungwane ezingamashumi amabili nane. phezu kwesigaba sokuqala ngenyanga yokuqala kwakungujashobehamu indodana kazabidiyeli; esigabeni sakhe kwakukhona izinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nane. wayengowabantwana bakwa-pheresi, inhloko yazo zonke izinduna zempi ngenyanga yokuqala. phezu kwesigaba senyanga yesibili kwakungudodayi umahohi nesigaba sakhe; kwakukhona nombusi umikiloti; esigabeni sakhe kwakukhona izinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nane. induna yesithathu yempi ngenyanga yesithathu kwakungubenaya indodana kaje-hoyada umpristi, inhloko; esigabeni sakhe kwakukhona izinkulungwane ezinga-mashumi amabili nane. nguye lowo benaya owayeyiqhawe labangamashumi amathathu nowayephezu kwamashumi amathathu; owasigaba sakhe kwakungu-amizabadi indodana yakhe. eyesine ngenyanga yesine kwakungu-asaheli umfowabo ka-jowabe nozebadiya indodana yakhe emva kwakhe; esigabeni sakhe kwakukhona izinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nane. eyesihlanu ngenyanga yesihlanu kwakungushamhuti umjizirahi; esiga-beni sakhe kwakukhona izinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nane. eyesikhombisa ngenyanga yesikhombisa kwakunguhelesi umpheloni wabantwana bakwa-efrayimi; esigabeni sakhe kwakukhona izinku-lungwane ezingamashumi amabili nane. eyesishiyagalombili ngenyanga yesishiya-galombili kwakungusibekayi umhushati kumazera; esigabeni sakhe kwakukhona izinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nane. eyesishiyagalolunye ngenyanga yesishiyagalolunye kwakungu-abiyezeri umanathoti wabakwabenjamini; esigabeni sakhe kwakukhona izinkulungwane ezinga-mashumi amabili nane. eyeshumi ngenyanga yeshumi kwakungumaharayi wasenethofa kumazera; esigabeni sakhe kwakukhona izinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nane. eyeshumi nanye ngenyanga yeshumi



nanye kwakungubenaya umpirathoni wabantwana bakwa-efrayimi; esigabeni sakhe kwakukhona izinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nane. eyeshumi nambili ngenyanga yeshumi nambili kwakunguhelidayi wasenethofa ka-othenyeli; esigabeni sakhe kwakukhona izinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nane. phezu kwezizwe zakwa-israyeli kwakuyilaba: kwabakwarubeni u-eliyazeri indodana kazikiri wayengumbusi; kwabakwasimeyoni ngushefathiya indodana kamahakha; kulevi nguhashabiya indodana kakemuweli; ku-aroni ngusadoki; kujuda ngu-elihu wabafowabo bakadavide; ku-isakare ngumri indodana kamikayeli; kuzebuloni ngu-ishmaya indodana ka-obadiya; kunafetali ngujeremoti indodana ka-aziriyeli; kubantwana bakwa-efrayimi nguoshaya indodana ka-azaziya; enxenyeni yesizwe sakwamanase ngujoweli indodana kaphe-daya; enxenyeni kamaname wakwagileyadi ngu-ido indodana kazakariya; kubenjaminini ngujahasiyeli indodana ka-abineri; kudani ngu-azareli indodana kajerohamu. yilabo ababe yizinduna zezizwe zakwa-israyeli. kepha udavide akabalanga umumo waba neminyaka engamashumi amabili naban-gaphansi, ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou wayeshilo ukuthi uyakwandisa u-israyeli ukuba abe ngangezinkanyezi zezulu. u-jowabe indodana kaseruya waqala ukubala, kepha akaqedanga; kwaba khona ulaka ngalokho phezu kuka-israyeli, nomumo awufakwanga enxwadini yezindaba zemihla ngemihla yenkosi udavide. u-azimaveti indodana ka-adiyeli wayephethe ingcebo yenkosi; ujonathani indodana ka-uzi-ya wayephethe izinto emasimini, nasemizini, nasemizaneni, nasezingabeni; u-eziri indodana kakelubi wayephethe abenza umsebenzi wasendle wokulima umhlabathi; ushimeyi waserama wayephethe izivini; uzabidi waseshefamu wayephethe iwayini elibekelelweyo lithathwe ezivini; ubali hanani umgederi wayephethe iminqumo nemikhiwane eyayisehlazeni; u-jowashi wayephethe imigodi yama-futha; imihlambi eyayiklaba esharoni yayiphethwe ngushitirayi umsharoni, nemihlambi eyayisezigodini yayiphethwe ngushafati indodana ka-adilayi; u-obili wakwa-ishmayeli wayephethe amakamela; uje-hedeya ummeronoti wayephethe izimbongolo; u-jazizi umhagiri wayephethe izimvu. bonke labo babe yizinduna zemfuyo yenkosi udavide. ujonathani, uyisekazi kadavide, wayengumluleki, wayengumuntu ohlakaniphileyo nombhali; uje-hiyeli indodana kahakimoni wayenamadodana enkosi; u-ahithofeli wayengumluleki wenkosi; uhushayi umarki wayengumngane wenkosi; emva kuka-ahithofeli kwakungujehoyada indodana kabenaya no-abiyathara; u-jowabe

wayeyinduna yempi yenkosi.

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udavide wabutha zonke izikhulu zakwa-israyeli, izikhulu zezizwe, nezinduna zezigaba ezazikhonza inkosi, nezinduna zezinkulungwane nezamakhulu, nezinduna zayo yonke imfuyo yenkosi neyamadodana ayo, nezinduna zendlunkulu, namaqhawe, nawo onke amadoda anamandla ejerusalem. udavide inkosi wayesema ngezinyawo, wathi: ngizweni, bafowethu nabantu bakwethu: mina-ke, kwakusenzilizweni yami ukwakhela umphongolo wesivumelwano sikajehova-aeiou indlu yokuphumula neyesenabelo sikalezi-ku wethu; ngangizilungiselele ukwakha. kepha wayesethi ulezi-ku kimi: awuyikwakhela igama lami indlu, ngokuba uyindoda yempi, uchithile igazi. kodwa uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli wangikhetha endlini yonke kababa ukuba ngibe yinkosi kwa-israyeli kuze kube phakade; ngokuba ukhethile ujoda ukuba abe ngumbusi, nasendlini kajada indlu kababa, naphakathi kwamadodana kababa wangenamela mina ukuba angibeke inkosi kwa-israyeli wonke, nasamadodanani ami onke, ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou ungiphe amadodana amaningi, ukhethe usolomoni indodana yami ukuba ahlale esihlalweni sobukhosi sombuso kajehova-aeiou kwa-israyeli. wathi kimi: usolomoni indodana yakho nguye oyakwakha indlu yami namagceke ami, ngokuba ngimkhethile ukuba abe yindodana yami, mina ngibe nguyise. ngiyakuqinisa umbuso wakhe kuze kube phakade, uma eqinisela ukwenza imiyalo yami nezahlulelo zami njenganamuhla. ngalokho emehlweni abo bonke abakwa-israyeli, ibandla likajehova-aeiou, nasezindlebeni zikalezi-ku wethu funani nigcine yonke imiyalo kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu ukuba nidle leli zwe elihle, nilishiye libe yifa labantwana benu emva kwenu kuze kube phakade. wena solomoni, ndodana yami, yazi ulezi-ku kayihlo, umkhonze ngenhliziyo epheleleyo nangenhliziyo ethokozayo, ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou uhloha izinhliziyi zonke, uqonda zonke izizindlo zemicabango; uma umfuna, uyakufunyanwa nguye; kepha uma umshiya, uyakukulahla kuze kube phakade. bheka manje, ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou ekukhethile ukwakha indlu ibe yindlu engcwele, qina, ukwenze. udavide wamnika usolomoni indodana yakhe isifanekiso sompheme nesezindlu zethempeli, nesengebo yalo, nesamakamelo alo aphezulu, nesamakamelo alo angaphakathi, nesendlu yesihlalo somusa; nesifanekiso sakho konke ayenakho emicabangweni yakhe ngamagceke endlu kajehova-aeiou, nangamakamelo nxazonke, nangengebo yendlu kalezi-ku, nangengebo

yezinto ezingcwele; nangezigaba zabapristi nezamalevi, nangawo wonke umsebenzi wenkonzo yendlu kajehova-aeiou, nangazo zonke izitsha zenkonzo endlini kajehova-aeiou; nangegolide isisindo segolide lezinto zonke zezinkonzo ngezinkonzo, nangezinto zonke zesiliva isisindo sazo, zonke izinto zezinkonzo ngezinkonzo; nangesisindo sezinti zezibani zegolide kanye nezibani zalo njengomsebenzi walolo nalolo luthi; nangesisindo segolide lamatafula ezinkwa zokubukwa, amatafula ngamatafula, nangesiliva lamatafula esiliva; nangezingwegwe zenyama, nangezinkamba, nangezitsha zegolide elicwengekileyo, nangezindebe zonke zegolide, isisindo saleso naleso sitsha; nange-altare lempepho legolide elicwengekileyo isisindo salo, nisifanekiso senqola, namakherubi egolide ayelula amaphiko awo, asibekela umphongolo wesivumelwano sikajehova-aeiou. konke lokho, washo udavide, ngikuqondisiwe ngokubhalwe ngesandla sikajehova-aeiou, yebo, wonke umsebenzi walesi sifanekiso. wayesethi udavide kusolomoni indodana yakhe: qina, ume isibindi, ukwenze; ungesabi, ungabi nalualo, ngokuba ukehova-aeiou ulezi-ku, yebo, ulezi-ku wami, unawe; akayikukuyeka, akayikukushiya uze uphele wonke umsebenzi wenkonzo yendlu kajehova-aeiou. nazi izigaba zabapristi nezamalevi zazo zonke izinkonzo zendlu kalezi-ku; kuyakuba nawe emsebenzini wonke abantu abazinkela ngenhliziyo naba yizingcweti ezinkonzweni zonke; nezikhulu nabantu bonke bayakulalela konke okukhulumayo.

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udavide inkosi wathi kulo lonke ibandla: usolomoni indodana yami, oyedwa ulezi-ku amkhethelelo, usengumfana, usathambile, nomsebenzi mkhulu, ngokuba ithempeli alisilo elomuntu kepha ngelikajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku. sengilungisele indlu kalezi-ku wami ngamandla ami onke igolide lokwegolide, nesiliva lokwesiliva, nethusi lokwethusi, nensimbi yokwensimbi, nemithi yokwemithi, namatshe amashohamu nawokufakwa, namatshe ahlobisayo nanemibala eyahlukeneyo, nezinhlobo zonke zamatshe ayigugu, namatshe amhlophe amaningi. futhi njengokuba ngiyenamela indlu kalezi-ku wami, nginengcebo yegolide nesiliva, ngiyanika indlu kalezi-ku wami yona phezu kwakho konke engikulungisele indlu engcwele, amatalenta ayizinkulungwane ezintathu egolide, igolide lase-ofri, namatalenta ayizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa esiliva elicwengekileyo

ukunameka ngalo izindonga zezindlu, igolide lokwegolide, isiliva lokwesiliva, yebo, kuwo wonke umsebenzi wezandla zezingcweti. ngubani, pho, othokozela namuhla ukuzahlukanisela ukehova-aeiou na? zase zinikela ngenhliziyo izikhulu zawoyise, nezikhulu zezizwe zakwa-israyeli, nezinduna zezinkulungwane nezamakhulu kanye nezinduna zomsebenzi wenkosi; zanikela enkonzweni yendlu kalezi-ku amatalenta ayizinkulungwane eziyisihlanu egolide, namadarike ayizinkulungwane eziyishumi, namatalenta ayizinkulungwane eziyishumi esiliva, namatalenta ayizinkulungwane eziyishumi nesishiyagalombili ethusi, namatalenta ayizinkulungwane eziyikhulu ensimbi. ababe namatshe bawanikela engcebeni yendlu kajehova-aeiou phansi kwesandla sikajehiyeli umgereshoni. abantu bajabula ngokunikela kwabo ngenhliziyo, ngokuba banikela ngenhliziyo epheleleyo kujehova-aeiou; naye udavide inkosi wajabula ngokujabula okukhulu. udavide wayesebonga ukehova-aeiou phambi kwebandla lonke; udavide wathi: mawubongwe wena jehova-aeiou lezi-ku ka-israyeli ubaba kuze kube phakade. ngobakho, jehova-aeiou, ubukhulu, namandla, nodumo, nenkazimulo, nobukhosi, ngokuba konke okusezulwini nasemhlabeni kungokwakho; ngowakho umbuso, jehova-aeiou; wena uphakeme, uyinhloko phezu kwakho konke. ingcebo nenkazimulo kuvela kuwe, wena ubusa phezu kwakho konke; esandleni sakho kukhona amandla nezikhwepha, esandleni sakho kukhona ukukhulisa nokunika bonke amandla. ngalokho, lezi-ku wethu, siyakubonga, siyadumisa igama lakho elitusekayo. ngokuba ngingubani mina, nabantu bami, bayini ukuba sibe namandla okunikela ngenhliziyo engakana? ngokuba konke kuvela kuwe, nokuvela esandleni sakho lokhu sikunike wena. ngokuba singabafokazi phambi kwakho nezihambi njengabo bonke obaba; izinsuku zethu emhlabeni zinjengezithunzi, nethemba alikho. jehova-aeiou lezi-ku wethu, zonke lezi zinto esizilungisele ukwakhela igama lakho elingcwele indlu zivela esandleni sakho, zonke zingezakho. ngiyazi, lezi-ku wami, ukuthi uhlola inhliziyi, uthanda ubuqotho. mina-ke ngobuqotho benhliziyo yami nginikele ngokuthokoza zonke lezi zinto, futhi sengibonile ngokujabula abantu bakho abakhona lapha ukuthi nabo banikele kuwe ngokuthokoza. jehova-aeiou, lezi-ku ka-abrahama noka-isaka noka-israyeli, obaba, gcina lokhu njalo ezizindlwini zemica bango yenhliziyo yabantu bakho, uqondisele inhliziyi yabo kuwe, unike usolomoni indodana yami inhliziyi epheleleyo ukuba agcine imiyalo yakho, nobufakazi bakho, nezimiso zakho, nokwenza konke

lokhu, nokwakha ithempeli engililungise-  
leyo. udavide wathi kulo lonke ibandla:  
ake nibonge uJehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu.  
lonke ibandla lambonga uJehova-aeiou  
ulezi-ku wawoyise, lakhothama, lakhuleka  
kuJehova-aeiou nasenkosini. bamhla-  
bela uJehova-aeiou imihlatshelo, banikela  
ngeminikelo yokushiswa kuJehova-aeiou  
ngangomuso emva kwalolo suku, izinkunzi  
eziyinkulungwane, nezinqama eziyinku-  
lungwane, namawundlu ayinkulungwane  
kanye neminikelo yakho yokuphuzwa,  
nemihlatshelo eminingi ngo-israyeli wonke;  
badla, baphuza phambi kukaJehova-aeiou  
ngalolo suku ngokuthokoza okukhulu.  
bambeka usolomoni indodana kadavide  
inkosi ngokwesibili, bamgcbela uJehova-  
aeiou ukuba abe ngumholi, usadoki  
abe ngumpristi. usolomoni wayesehlala  
esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaJehova-aeiou njen-  
genkosi esikhundleni sikadavide uyise, waba  
nenhlanhla; wonke u-israyeli wamlalela.  
zonke izikhulu, namaqhawe, nawo onke  
amadodana enkosi udavide bazithoba  
phansi kukasolomoni inkosi. uJehova-  
aeiou wamkhulisa usolomoni kakhulu  
emehlweni abo bonke abakwa-israyeli,  
wamnika udumo lobukhosi olungazange  
lube khona nakuyiphi inkosi yakwa-israyeli  
phambi kwakhe. udavide indodana kajese  
wayebusile phezu kwabo bonke abakwa-  
israyeli. isikhathi abusa ngaso phezu  
kuka-israyeli sasiyiminyaka engamashumi  
amane; iminyaka eyisikhombisa wabusa  
ehebroni, nengamashumi amathathu  
nantathu wabusa ejerusalem. wafa es-  
emdala, esanelisiwe yizinsuku nengcebo  
nodumo; usolomoni indodana yakhe waba  
yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. izenzo zika-  
davide inkosi, ezokuqala nezokugcina,  
bheka, zilotshiwe encwadini yezindaba  
zikasamuweli umboni, nasencwadini yezind-  
aba zikanathani umprofethi, nasencwadini  
yezindaba zikagadi umboni, kanye nakho  
konke ukubusa kwakhe, namandla akhe,  
nezehlo ezamehlelayo yena no-israyeli, kanye  
nayo yonke imibuso namazwe.

usolomoni indodana kadavide waqiniswa ebukhosini bakhe; ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakhe wayenaye, wamkhulisa kakhulu. usolomoni wakhuluma kuye wonke u-israyeli, nakuzo izinduna zezinkulungwane nezamakhulu, nakubahluleli, nakuzo zonke izikhulu kwa-israyeli wonke, izinhloko zawoyise. wahamba usolomoni, nebandla lonke linaye, waya endaweni ephakemeyo yasegibeyoni, ngokuba kwakukhona lapho itende lokuhlanguka likalezi-ku elalenziwe ngumose ineku kajejova-aeiou ehlane. kepha umphongolo kalezi-ku udavide wayewukhuphulile ekiriyati jeharimi, wawuyisa endaweni udavide ayewulungisele yona, ngokuba wayewumisele itende ejerusalem. futhi i-altare lethusi elalenziwe ngubesaleli indodana ka-uri kahure lalilapho phambi kwetabernakele likajejova-aeiou; usolomoni nebandla baya ukubuzakulo. usolomoni wandela khona phambi kukajejova-aeiou e-altare lethusi elalingasetendeni lokuhlanguka, wanikela ngeminikelo eyinkulungwane yokushiswa phezu kwalo. ngalobo busuku ulezi-ku wabonakala kusolomoni, wathi kuye: cela lokhu othanda ukuba ngikunike khona. wayesethi usolomoni kulezi-ku: umenzele udavide ubaba umusa omkhulu, wangibeka inkosi esikhundleni sakhe. ngalokho, jehova-aeiou lezi-ku, maliqiniswe izwi lakho kudavide ubaba, ngokuba ungibeke inkosi phezu kwabantu abangangothuli lomhlabaathi ngobuningi. ngiphe manje ukuhlakanipha nokwazi ukuba ngiphume, ngingene phambi kwalabo bantu, ngokuba ngubani ongahlulela labo bantu bakho abakhulu kangaka na? wayesethi ulezi-ku kusolomoni: ngenxa yokuba lokho kwakusenhliziyweni yakho, ungacelanga ingcebo, nemfuyo, nodumo, nokuphila kwabakuzondayo, futhi ungacelanga imihla eminingi, kepha wazicelela ukuhlakanipha nokwazi ukuba wahlulele abantu bami engikubeke inkosi phezu kwabo, uyakuphiwa ukuhlakanipha nokwazi; ngiyakukunika nengcebo, nemfuyo, nodumo, angazange abe nakho okungako amakhosi ayengaphambi kwakho, nalandelayo emva kwakho awayikuba nakho. usolomoni wayesesuka endaweni ephakemeyo yasegibeyoni etendeni lokuhlanguka, waya ejerusalem; wabusa phezu kuka-israyeli. usolomoni wabutha izinqola nabamahhashi; wayenezinqola eziyinkulungwane namakhulu amane nabamahhashi abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi namibili, owakubeka emizini yezinqola nasenkosini ejerusalem. inkosi yenza isiliva negolide kuvame ejerusalem njengamatshe, nemisedari yayenza ibe njengemithombe esigodini ngobuningi. amahhashi usolomoni

ayenawo ayekhhishwe egibithe; abathengi  
benkosi bawamukela ngamadlanzi, yilelo  
nalelo dlanzi ngentengo yalo. bakhuphula,  
bakhipha egibithe inqola ngamashekeli  
angamakhulu ayisithupha esiliva, ne-  
hhashi ngayikhulu namashumi ayisihlanu;  
bawakhiphela kanjalo onke amakhosi  
amaheti namakhosi ase-aramu ngezandla  
zabo.

usolomoni wahlosa ukwakhela igama likajehova-aeiou indlu kanye nendlu yombuso wakhe. usolomoni wabala abantu abayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisikhombisa ukuba bathwale imithwalo, nabantu abayizinkulungwane eziyishiyagalombili ukuba babe ngababazi bamatshe ezintabeni, nezinkulungwane ezintathu namakhulu ayisithupha ukubabonisa usolomoni wathumela kuhiramu inkosi yasetire, wathi: njengalokho wakwenza kudavide ubaba, wathuma kuye imisedari, azakhele ngayo indlu ukuba ahlale kuyo, yenze njalo nakimi. bheka, ngiyakhela igama likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wami indlu ukuba ngimngcwelisele yona, ngishise phambi kwakhe impepho ethaphukayo, kubekwe njalo izinkwa zokubukwa, kunikelwe ngeminikelo yokushiswa ekuseni nakushlwa ngamasabatha, nangokwethwasa kwenyanga, nangemikhosi emisiweyo kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu. lokhu kungumthetho kwa-israyeli kuze kube phakade. indlu engiyakuyakha iyakuba nkulu, ngokuba mkhulu ulezi-ku wethu phezu kwabo bonke olezi-ku. kodwa ngubani onamandla okumakhela indlu, lokhu izulu nezulu lamazulu lingemanele na? pho, mina ngingubani ukuba ngimakhele indlu, ukuze kushiswe impepho phambi kwakhe na? ngalokho mawuthume kimi umuntu oyingcweti yokusebenza ngegolide, nangesiliva, nangethusi, nangen-simbi, nangokububende, nangokubomvu, nangokuluhlaza, owazi ukuqophya yonke imiqopho kanye nezingcweti ezinami kwajuda nasejerusalema, ezamiswa ngudavide ubaba. ngithumele futhi imisedari, nemisayipuresi, nemi-alimugi evela elebanoni, ngokuba ngiyazi ukuthi izinceku zakho ziyakwazi ukugawula imithi elebanoni; bheka, izinceku zami ziyakuba nezinceku zakho ukungilungisela imithi eminingi, ngokuba indlu engiyakuyakha iyakuba nkulu ngokumangalisayo. bheka, ngiyakunika izinceku zakho, abagawula abagawula imithi, amakhora ayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili kakolweni obhuliweyo, namakhora ayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili ebhali, namabhathi ayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili

ewayini, namabhathi ayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili amafutha. uhiramu inkosi yasetire waphendula ngokuloba, wakuthuma kusolomoni, wathi: ngokuba ujhova-aeiou uyathanda abantu bakhe, ukubeke inkosi phezu kwabo. uhiramu wathi futhi: makabongwe ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli owenza izulu nomhlaba, nowanika udavide inkosi indodana ehla-niphileyo, enolwazi nengqondo, eyakwakhela ujhova-aeiou indlu nendlu yombuso wakhe. manje sengithumile umuntu ohlakaniphi-leyo nonolwazi, uhiramu abi, indodana yowesifazane wamadodakazi akwadani; uyise wayengumuntu wasetire, owayek-wazi ukusebenza ngegolide, nangesiliva, nangethusi, nangensimbi, nangamatshe, nangemithi, nangokububende, nangokuluhlaza, nangeleni elicolekileyo, nangokubomvu, nangokuqopha imiqopho yonke, nangokuqamba yonke imisebenzi yobungcweti, ukuba anikwe indawo kanye nezingcweti zakho nezingcweti zenkosi yami udavide uyihlo. ngalokho ukolweni, nebhali, namafutha, newayini, inkosi yami ekhulume ngakho, mayikuthume kuzo izinceku zayo. thina siyakugawula imithi elebanoni njengokuswela konke kwakho, siyiye kuwe ejopha elwandle ngezihlenga, wena uyikhuphulele ejerusalema. usolomoni wabala bonke abezizwe ababesezweni lakwa-israyeli ngokubalwa udavide uyise ayebabalile ngakho; kwafumaniseka ukuthi babe yizinkulungwane eziyikhulu namashumi ayisihlanu nezinkulungwane ezintathu namakhulu ayisithupha. kubona wamisa izinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisikhombisa ukuba bathwale imithwalo, nezinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisishiyagalombili ukuba babe ngababazi ezintabeni, nezinkulungwane ezintathu namakhulu ayisithupha ukuba babe ngababonisi bokusebenzisa abantu.

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usolomoni wayeseqala ukwakha indlu kajejova-aeiou ejerusalema entabeni yase-moriya, lapho ujhova-aeiou abonakala khona kudavide uyise, nalapho eselungisile khona endaweni kadavide esibuyeni sika-orinani umjebusi. waqala ukwakha ngolwesibili lwenyanga yesibili ngomnyaka wesine wokubusa kwakhe. yilesi isisekelo usolomoni asibekela ukuba kwakhiwe indlu kalezi-ku: ubude ngezinkalo zesilinganiso esidala babuyizingalo ezingamashumi ayisithupha, ububanzi babuyizingalo ezingamashumi amabili, umpheme owawuphambi kwendlu ende malungana nobubanzi bendlu wawuyizingalo ezingamashumi amabili, nokuphakama kwakuyikhulu namashumi amabili; wawunamaka phakathi

ngegolide elicwengekileyo. indlu enkulu wayembesa imisayipuresi, wayinamaka ngegolide elihle, waqopha kulo amasundu namaketanga. wayihlobisa indlu ngamatshe ayigugu ukuze ivunuliswe; igolide laliyigolide laseparivayimi. wanamaka nendlu, nemishayo, nemibundu, nezindonga zayo, neminyango yayo ngegolide, waqopha amakherubi ezindongeni. wenza indlu engcwelelencwele; yayimalungana nobubanzi bendlu; ubude bayo babuyizingalo ezingamashumi amabili, nobubanzi bayo babuyizingalo ezingamashumi amabili; wayinamaka ngegolide elihle, lingamatalenta angamakhulu ayisithupha. isisindo sezipikili sasingamashekeli angamashumi ayisihlanu egolide. amakamelo angaphezulu wawunamaka ngegolide. endlini engcwelelencwele wenza amakherubi amabili aqoshiweyo; bawunamaka ngegolide. amaphiko amakherubi ayeyizingalo ezingamashumi amabili; iphiko lelinye laliyizingalo eziyisihlanu, lathinta odongeni lwendlu; elinye iphiko nalo laliyizingalo eziyisihlanu, lathinta ephikweni lelinye ikherubi. iphiko lelinye ikherubi laliyizingalo eziyisihlanu, lathinta odongeni lwendlu; elinye iphiko laliyizingalo eziyisihlanu nalo, lafinyelela ephikweni lelinye ikherubi. amaphiko alawo makherubi azelula izingalo ezingamashumi amabili; ema ngezinyawo zawo, ubuso bawo bubheke endlini. wenza isihlenko ngokuluhlaza nangokububende nangokubomvu, nangeleni elicolekileyo, wabeka kuso amakherubi. wenza ngaphakathi kwendlu izinsika ezimbili, ukuphakama kwazo kwakuyizingalo ezingamashumi amathathu nanhlanu; isihloko esasingaphezu kwaleyo naleyo sasiyizingalo eziyisihlanu. wenza amaketanga egumbini, wawabeka ezihlokwini zezinsika; wenza amapomegranati ayikhulu, wawabeka emaketangeni. wazimisa izinsika phambi kwethempeli, enye ngakwesokunene nenye ngakwesokhohlo, wabiza igama lengakwesokunene ngokuthi ujakini negama lengakwesokhohlo ngokuthi ubowazi.

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wenza i-altare lethusi; ubude balo babuyizingalo ezingamashumi amabili, nobubanzi balo babuyizingalo ezingamashumi amabili, nokuphakama kwalo kwakuyizingalo eziyishumi. wenza nolwandle olubunjweyo; lwaluyizingalo eziyishumi kusukela kolunye udini kuze kufike kolunye, lwaluyisiyigilizi; ukuphakama kwalo kwakuyizingalo eziyisihlanu; umucu oyizingalo ezingamashumi amathathu waluzungeza nxazonke. phansi kwalo kwakukhona okufana nezintangazane nxazonke ezaluzungeza izingalo eziyishumi nxazonke; izintangazane zazisezinhleni

ezimbili nxazonke zolwandle, zibunjiwe ekubunjweni kwalo. Iwalumi phezu kwezinkabi eziyishumi nambili, ezintathu zibheke ngasenyakatho, ezintathu zibheke ngasentshonalanga, ezintathu zibheke ngaseningizimu, ezintathu zibheke ngasempumalanga; ulwandle lwalumiswe phezu kwazo, zonke zifulathelene. uhlonze lwalo lwalungangobubanzi besandla; udini lwalo lwalwenziwe njengodini lwendebe, lunjengembali yomnduze; lwamukela okulingene namabhati ayizinkulungwane ezintathu. wenza imicengezi eyishumi, wabeka eyisihlanu ngakwesokunene neyisihlanu ngakwesokhohlo ukuhlambela kuyo; okweminikelo yokushiswa babekugezela kuyo, kepha ulwandle lwalungolokuhlambela abapristi. wenza izinti zezibani zegolide njengomthetho wazo, wazibeka ethempelini, eziyisihlanu ngakwesokunene neziyisihlanu ngakwesokhohlo. wenza amatafula ayishumi, wababeka ethempelini, ayisihlanu ngakwesokunene nayisihlanu ngakwesokhohlo. wenza nezitsha eziyikhulu zegolide. wenza igceke labapristi, negceke elikhulu, neminyango yegceke, wazinameka izivalo zayo ngethusi. walubeka ulwandle ngakwesokunene ngasempumalanga yangaseningizimu. uhiramu wenza amakhanzi, namafosholo, nezitsha. uhiramu wayesegeda ukwenza umsebenzi abewenzela inkosi usolomoni endlini kalezi-ku: izinsika ezimbili, nezihloko ezimbili ezinjengezinkamba ezaziphezu kwezinsika, namanetha amabili okwembesa izihloko ezimbili ezinjengezinkamba ezaziphezu kwezinsika, namapomegranati angamakhulu amane amanetha omabili, izinhla ezimbili zamapomegranati kulelo nalelo netha, okwembesa izihloko zombili ezazinjengezinkamba phezu kwezinsika. wawenza nezinqe; nemicengezi wayenza ezinqeni, nolwandle lunye, nezinkabi eziyishumi nambili phansi kwalo. namakhanzi, namafosholo, nezingwegwe zenyama, nezinto zonke zalokho uhiramu abi wakwenzela inkosi usolomoni ngethusi elikhazimulayo kube ngokwendlu kajehova-aeiou. inkosi yakubumba ethafeni likajordani emhlabathini webumba phakathi kwesukoti nesereda. usolomoni wawenza zonke lezo zinto, zaziningi kangako ukuba isisindo sethusi sasingenakutholwa. usolomoni wenza-ke zonke izinto ezazisendlini kalezi-ku, kanye ne-altare legolide, namatafula okwakukhona kuwo izinkwa zokubukwa, nezinti zezibani kanye nezibani zazo ukuba zivuthe njengomthetho phambi kwegumbi, ngegolide elicwengekileyo, nezimbali, nezibani, nezindlawu, ngegolide, igolide elipheleleyo, nezizenze, nezitsha, nezinkezo, nemicengezi yomlilo, ngegolide elicwengekileyo; iminyango-ke yendlu, izivalo zayo

ezingaphakathi zendawo engcwelengcwele nezivalo zendlu yethempeli, zaziyingolide.

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wawusuphela-ke wonke umsebenzi usolomoni awenzela indlu kajehova-aeiou. usolomoni wangenisa izinto ezazingcweliswe ngudavide uyise, kanye nesiliva negolide, nazo zonke izitsha, wakubeka engcebeni yendlu kalezi-ku. khona usolomoni wabutha amalunga akwa-israyeli, nazo zonke izinhloko zezizwe, izikhulu zawoyise babantwana bakwa-israyeli ejerusalem ukuba bakhuphule umphongolo wesivumelwano sikajehova-aeiou emzini kadavide oyisiyoni. onke amadoda akwa-israyeli abuthana enkosini emkhosini wasenyangeni yesikhombisa. esefikile onke amalunga akwa-israyeli, amalevi aphakamisa umphongolo. akhuphula umphongolo, netende lokuhlangana, nazo zonke izinto ezingcwele ezazisetendeni, kwakhushulwa ngabapristi namalevi. inkosi usolomoni nayo yonke inhlangano yakwa-israyeli eyayihlangene kuyo babe phambi komphongolo behlaba izimvu nezinkabi ezingenakulotshwa, zingenakubalwa ngobuningi bazo. abapristi bawungenisa umphongolo wesivumelwano sikajehova-aeiou endaweni yawo egumbini lendlu, indawo engcwelengcwele, phansi kwamaphiko amakherubi. ngokuba amakherubi awelula amaphiko awo phezu kwendawo yomphongolo, amakherubi asibekela umphongolo nezinti zawo ngaphezulu. izinti zazizinde kangako ukuba izihloko zezinti zibonakale zeze umphongolweni phambi kwegumbi; kepha zazingabonakali ngaphandle; usekhona lapho kuze kube namuhla. kwakungekho lutho emphongolweni, kuphela izibhebhe ezimbili zamatshe ezabekwa khona ngumose ehorebe, lapho ujahova-aeiou enza isivumelwano nabantwana bakwa-israyeli ekuphumeni kwabo egibithe. kwathi lapho abapristi sebehumile endaweni engcwele ngokuba bonke abapristi ababe khona babezingcwelisile bengazigcinanga izigaba zabo, kusemi ngasempumalanga kwe-altare amalevi, abahlabeleli bonke, kanye no-asafa, nohemani, nojeduthuni, namadodana abo, nabafowabo, bembethe ilineni elicolekileyo, bephethe amasimbali, nezingubhu, namahabhu, kukhona kanye nabo abapristi abayikhulu namashumi amabili bekhalisa amacilongo nalapho abaphethe amacilongo nabahlabeleli bezwakalisa kanyekanye izwi linye lokudumisa nokubonga ujahova-aeiou, nanxa bekhalisa amacilongo namasimbali nezinto zokubethwa, bedumisa ujahova-aeiou ngokuba muhle nangokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade, khona indlu yagcwaliswa yifu, yona le ndlu kajehova-aeiou, baze bangama abapristi ukukhonzisa ngenxa

yefu; ngokuba inkazimulo kajehova-aeiou yagcwalisa indlu kalezi-ku.

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khona wakhuluma usolomoni, wathi: uje-hova-aeiou ushilo ukuthi uyakuhlala esigayegayeni. kepha ngikwakhele indlu yokuhlala, indawo yokuhlala kwakho kuze kube phakade. inkosi yayisiphenduka, yalibusisa lonke ibandla lakwa-israyeli, lonke ibandla lakwa-israyeli lalimi. yathi: makabongwe uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli owakhuluma ngomlomo wakhe kudavide ubaba, ukugcwalisile ngesandla sakhe, ethi: kusukela osukwini engakhipha ngalo abantu bami u-israyeli ezweni laseg-ibithe angikhethanga muzi ezizweni zonke zakwa-israyeli ukwakha indlu ukuba igama lami libe khona lapho, futhi angikhethanga muntu ukuba abe ngumbusi wabantu bami u-israyeli, kodwa ngikhethe ijerusalema ukuba igama lami libe khona lapho, ngakhetha nodavide ukuba abe phezu kwabantu bami u-israyeli. kwakusenhliziyweni kadavide ubaba ukwakhela igama likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli indlu. kepha uje-hova-aeiou wathi kudavide ubaba: njengokuba kwakusenhliziyweni yakho ukwakhela igama lami indlu, wenza kahle, ngokuba kwakusenhliziyweni yakho lokho; kepha wena awuyikwakha indlu, kodwa indodana yakho eyakuphuma okhalweni lwakho, yiyona eyakwakhela igama lami indlu. uje-hova-aeiou uliqinisele izwi alikhulumayo, ngokuba mina ngivelile esikhundleni sikadavide ubaba, ngihlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi sakwa-israyeli njen-gokusho kuka jehova-aeiou, ngakhele igama likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli indlu. ngiwmisile lapho umphongolo okukuwo isivumelwano sikajehova-aeiou asenza nabantwana bakwa-israyeli. wema phambi kwe-altare likajehova-aeiou ebusweni balo lonke ibandla lakwa-israyeli, welula izandla zakhe, ngokuba usolomoni wayenzile ibhesitulu lethusi; ubude balo babuy-izingalo eziyisihlanu, nobubanzi balo babuyizingalo eziyisihlanu, nokuphakama kwalo kwakuyizingalo ezintathu; walimisa phakathi negceke, wema kulo, wayese-guqa ngamadolo phambi kwalo lonke ibandla lakwa-israyeli, welulela izandla zakhe ngasezulwini, ethi: jehova-aeiou lezi-ku ka-israyeli, akakho ulezi-ku onjengawe ezulwini noma emhlabeni, ogcina isivumelwano nomusa nezinceku zakho ezihamba phambi kwakho ngayo yonke inhliziyoyazo, ogcine nenceku yakho udavide ubaba lokho owakusho kuyo; yebo, owakukhuluma ngomlomo wakho usukugcwalisile ngesandla sakho njengokuba kunjalo namuhla. ngalokho, jehova-aeiou lezi-ku ka-israyeli,

gcina nenceku yakho udavide ubaba lokho owakusho kuyo ukuthi: akuyikunqunywa muntu kuwe emehlweni ami ukuhlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sakwa-israyeli, uma kuphela abantwana bakho beqaphela indlela yabo ukuba bahambe emhetheweni wami, njengalokho wena uhambe phambi kwami. ngalokho, jehova-aeiou lezi-ku ka-israyeli, maliqiniseke izwi lakho owalikhuluma encekweni yakho udavide. kepha ulezi-ku uyakuhlala impela nabantu emhlabeni na? bheka, izulu nezulu lamazulu alinakukwanela; pho, kakhulu kangakanani le ndlu encane engiyakhileyo na? mawubheke umkhuleko wenceku yakho nokunxusa kwayo, jehova-aeiou lezi-ku wami, uzwe ukukhala nokukhuleka, inceku yakho ekukhukha phambi kwakho namuhla, ukuba amehlo akho avulekele le ndlu ubusuku nemini, indawo owasho ngayo ukuthi uyakubeka khona igama lakho, uze ulalele umkhuleko inceku yakho eyakuwukhuleka ibhekene nale ndawo. kulalele ukunxusa kwenceku yakho nokwabantu bakho u-israyeli abayakukhuleka bebhokene nale ndawo, ukuzwe usendaweni yakho yokuhlala ezulwini, nalapho usuzwile, uthethelele. uma umuntu ona umakhelwane wakhe, athweswe isifungo sokumfungisa, abeseza ukufunga phambi kwe-altare lakho kule ndlu, mawuzwe wena ezulwini, wenze, wahlulele izinceku zakho, kuphindiselwe konecala, ubeke indlela yakhe phezu kwekhanda lakhe, uthethelele olungileyo, umnike njengokulunga kwakhe. uma abantu bakho u-israyeli benqotshwa yisitha, ngokuba bonile kuwe, kepha bese bebuya bephindela kuwe, balivume igama lakho, bakhuleke, banxuse kuwe kule ndlu, mawuzwe wena ezulwini, uthethelele isono sabantu bakho u-israyeli, ubabuyisele ezweni owalnika bona nawoyise. lapho izulu livaliwe, imvula ingekho, ngokuba bonile kuwe, kepha bese bekhuleka bebhokene nale ndawo, balivume igama lakho, baphenduke esonweni sabo, ngokuba uyabajezisa, mawuzwe wena ezulwini, uthethelele isono sezinceku zakho nesabantu bakho u-israyeli, lapho ubafundisa indlela enhle abayakuhamba ngayo, uthume imvula ezweni lakho obanike abantu bakho libe yifa labo. uma kukhona indlela ezweni, noma kukhona isifo, noma kukhona ukuhamuka, nesikhutha, nesikhonyane, nemiswenya, noma izitha zabo zibavimbezela ezweni lemizi yabo, noma kuyiphi inhlapheko nasiphi isifo, bese kuzwakala namuphi umkhuleko nakuphi ukunxusa noma ngumuphi umuntu noma yibo bonke abantu bakho u-israyeli abayakwazi, kube yilowo nalowo inhlapheko yakhe nosizi lwakhe, elulele izandla zakhe kule ndlu, mawuzwe wena ezulwini, indawo yakho yokuhlala, uthethelele,

unike, kube yilowo nalowo njengezindlela zakhe zonke, wena owaziyo inhliziyo yakhe ngokuba wena kuphela uyazi izinhliziyo zabantwana babantu ukuba bakwesabe, bahambe ngezindlela zakho zonke izinsuku zokuhamba kwabo ezweni owalinika obaba. futhi owezizwe ongesiye owabantu bakho u-israyeli, lapho evela ezweni elikude ngenxa yegama lakho elikhulu nesandla sakho esinamandla nengalo yakho eyeluliweyo, abesefika ukukhuleka kule ndlu, mawuzwe wena ezulwini, indawo yakho yokuhlala, wenze njengakho konke lo wezizwe akhala ngakho kuwe, ukuze bonke abantu bomhlaba bazi igama lakho, bakwesabe wena njengabantu bakho u-israyeli, nokuze bazi ukuthi le ndlu engiyakhileyo ibiziwe ngegama lakho. uma abantu bakho bephuma impi ukulwa nezitha zabo ngendlela obathuma ngayo, bese bekhuleka kujehova-aeiou bebhakene nalo muzi owukhethileyo nale ndlu engiyakhele igama lakho, mawuzwe wena ezulwini umkhuleko wabo nokunxusa kwabo, ubavume. uma bona kuwe ngokuba akukho muntu ongoniyo bese wubathukuthelela wena, ubanikele esitheni, ukuze ababathumbayo babamukisele ezweni lesitha, likude noma liseduze, kepha bese becabanga ezweni lapho bethunjelwe khona, baphenduke, banxuse kuwe ezweni lababathumbayo ngokuthi: sonile, senzile ngokuphambeneyo, saziphatha kabi; uma bephendukela kuwe ngayo yonke inhliziyo yabo nangawo wonke umphefumulo wabo ezweni lokuthunjwa kwabo, lapho bebathumbele khona, bakhuleke bebhakene nezwe lakubo owalinika oyise, nomuzi owukhethileyo, nendlu engiyakhele igama lakho, mawuzwe wena ezulwini, indawo yakho yokuhlala, umkhuleko wabo nokunxusa kwabo, ubavume, uthethelele abantu bakho abonile kuwe. ngalokho, lezi-ku wami, amehlo akho mawavulekele, nezindlebe zakho maziwulalele umkhuleko owenziwa kule ndawo. ngalokho: vuka, jehova-aeiou lezi-ku, uze endaweni yakho yokuphumula, wena nomphongolo wamandla akho; abapristi bakho, jehova-aeiou lezi-ku, mabembathiswe ukusindiswa, nabathembekileyo bakho mabathokoze ngokuhle. jehova-aeiou lezi-ku, ungafu-latheli ogcotshiweyo wakho; khumbula umusa wakho kudavide inceku yakho.

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usolomoni eseqedile ukukhuleka, kwehla umlilo ezulwini, wadla umnikelo wokushiswa nemihlatshelo; inkazimulo kajehova-aeiou yagcwalisa indlu. abapristi babengenakungena endlini kajehova-aeiou, ngokuba inkazimulo kajehova-aeiou yagcwalisa indlu kajehova-aeiou. lapho abant-

wana bakwa-israyeli bebona ukwehla komlilo, nenkazimulo kajehova-aeiou iphezu kwendlu, bakhothama phansi ngobuso phezu kwendawo egandaywe ngamatsheshe, bakhuleka, babonga uje-hova-aeiou, ngokuba mhle nangokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade. inkosi nabo bonke abantu base benikela ngomhlats-helo phambi kukajehova-aeiou. inkosi usolomoni yanikela ngomhlats-helo wezinkunzi eziyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nambili nezimvu eziyizinkulungwane eziyikhulu namashumi amabili. inkosi nabo bonke abantwana bakwa-israyeli bahlambulula-ke indlu kajehova-aeiou. abapristi bema njengezikhundla zabo kanye namalevi, benezinto zokubethwa ayezenzile udavide inkosi ukuba babonge uje-hova-aeiou, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade, lapho udavide edumisa ngezandla zabo; abapristi bakhalisa amacilongo ngaphambi kwabo, esemi wonke u-israyeli. usolomoni wangcwelisa ingaphakathi legeceke elalingaphambi kwendlu kajehova-aeiou, ngokuba wanikela lapho ngeminikelo yokushiswa namanoni eminikelo yokuthula, ngokuba i-altare lethusi ayelenzile usolomoni lalingenakwanela umnikelo wokushiswa, nomnikelo wempuphu, namanoni. usolomoni wagubhake umkhosi ngaleso sikhathi izinsuku eziyisikhombisa, wonke u-israyeli enaye, ibandla elikhulu kakhulu, kusukela ekyeni ehamati kuze kube semfuleni wasegibithe. ngosuku lwesishiyagalombili benza umhlango ozothele ngokuba ukuhlanjululwa kwe-altare bakwenza izinsuku eziyisikhombisa nomkhosi izinsuku eziyisikhombisa. ngosuku lwamashumi amabili nantathu lwenyanga yesikhombisa wabamukisa abantu baya ematendeni abo, bethokoza benezinhliziyo ezenamileyo ngobuhle uje-hova-aeiou abenzele odavide nosolomoni no-israyeli abantu bakhe. usolomoni waqeda-ke indlu kajehova-aeiou nendlu yenkosi; konke okwangena enhliziyweni kasolomoni ukukwenza endlini kajehova-aeiou nasendlini yakhe, wakuphumelelisa. uje-hova-aeiou wabonakala kusolomoni, wathi kuye: ngiwuzwe umkhuleko wakho, ngizikhethele le ndawo ukuba ibe yindlu yomhlats-helo. uma ngivala izulu ukuba kungabikho mvula, noma ngiyaleza isikhonyane ukuba sidle izwe, noma ngithuma isifo phakathi kwabantu bami, bazithobe abantu bami ababizwa ngegama lami, bakhuleke, bafune ubuso bami, baphenduke ezindleni zabo ezimbi, ngiyakuzwa ezulwini, ngithethelele isono sabo, ngiphilise izwe labo. manje amehlo ami ayakuvuleka, izindlebe zami zilalele umkhuleko owenziwa kule ndawo. manje sengiyikhethile ngayingcwelisa le ndlu ukuba igama lami libe khona lapho kuze kube phakade; amehlo



ami nenhliziyo yami kuyakuba khona lapho isikhathi sonke. wena-ke, uma uyakuhamba phambi kwami njengokuhamba kukadavide uyihlo, wenze njengakho konke engikuyale ngakho, ugcine izimiso zami nezahlulelo zami, ngiyakusimisa isihlalo sobukhosi sombuso wakho njengesivumelwano sami nodavide uyihlo ngokuthi: akuyikunqunywa muntu kuwe ukuba kungabikho mbusi kwa-israyeli. kepha uma nibuya, nishiye izimiso zami nemiyalo yami engikubeke phambi kwakho, nihambe nikhonze abanye olezi-ku, nikhuleke kubo, ngiyakubasiphula ezweni lami engibanike lona, nale ndlu engingcwelisele igama lami ngiyakuyilahla ebusweni bami, ngiyenze isaga nesifengo phakathi kwabantu bonke. le ndlu ephakeme kangaka, yilowo nalowo odlula kuyo uyakumangala athi: ujhovaeiou wenzeleni kanje kuleli zwe nakule ndlu na? bayakuphendula bathi: kungokuba bamshiya ujhovaeiou olezi-ku wawoyise owabakhipha ezweni lasegibithe, babambelela kwabanye olezi-ku, bakhuleka kubo, babakhonza; ngalokho ubehlisele konke lokho bona-ra-ukukhandleka.

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kwathi ngasekugcineni kweminyaka engamashumi amabili usolomoni akhe ngayo indlu kajehovaeiou nendlu yakhe, imizi uhiramu anike yona usolomoni, usolomoni wayivusa, wahlalisa khona abantwana bakwa-israyeli. usolomoni waya ehamati soba, walahlula. wakha itadimori ehlane, nayo yonke imizi yokubekelela ayakha ehamati. wakha nebeti horoni lasenhla, nebeti horoni lasenzansi, imizi ebiyelweyo enezingange, namasango, nemigoqo, kanye nebalati nayo yonke imizi yokubekelela usolomoni ayenayo, nayo yonke imizi yezinqola zakhe, nemizi yabamahhashi bakhe, nakho konke usolomoni ayefisa ukukwakha ejerusalem, naselebanoni, nasezweni lonke lokubusa kwakhe. abantu bonke abaselejo kumaheti, nama-amori, namapherizi, namahivi, namahebasi, abangesibo abakwa-israyeli, abantwana babo abasala emva kwabo ezweni, abangaqedwanga ngabantwana bakwa-israyeli, kubona usolomoni wabiza izisebenzi kuze kube namuhla. kepha kubantwana bakwa-israyeli usolomoni akakhiphanga izigqila zomsebenzi wakhe, ngokuba babengamadoda empi, nabakhulu bezinduna zakhe, nezinduna zezinqola zakhe, nabamahashi bakhe. lezo zaziyizinduna ezinkulu zenkosi usolomoni; zazingamakhulu amabili namashumi ayisihlanu, zazibusa phezu kwabantu. usolomoni wakhuphula indodakazi kafaro emzini kadavide, wayiyisa endlini ayakhele yona, ngokuba

wathi: akuyikuhlala owesifazane endlini kadavide inkosi yakwa-israyeli, ngokuba ingcwele, lapho kufike khona umphongolo kajehovaeiou. khona usolomoni wanikela ngeminikelo yokushiswa kujehovaeiou e-altare likajehovaeiou ayelakhe phambi kompheme njengokudingekayo imihla ngemihla, enikela njengemiyalo kamose ngamasabatha, nangokwethwasa kwenyanga, nangemikhosi emisiweyo, kathathu ngomnyaka: ngomkhosi wesinkwa esingenamvubelo, nangomkhosi wamasonto, nangomkhosi wamadokodo. wamisa njengomthetho kadavide uyise izigaba zabapristi enkonzweni yabo, namalevi ezikhundleni zawo ukuba adumise, akhonze phambi kwabapristi njengokudingekayo imihla ngemihla, nabalindisango ngezigaba zabo emasangweni ngamasango, ngokuba udavide umuntu kalezi-ku wayeyale kanjalo. abaphambukanga emiyalweni yenkosi kubapristi namalevi ngalutho, nangengebo. wonke umsebenzi kasolomoni walungiswa kwaze kwaba lusuku lokubeka isisekelo sendlu kajehovaeiou, yaze yaphela. yayisiphelile indlu kajehovaeiou. khona usolomoni waya e-esiyoni geberi, nase-elito, ogwini lolwandle ezweni lakwa-edomi. uhiramu wathuma kuye ngezandla zezincedu zakhe imikhumbi nezinceku ezizilwazi ulwandle; zafika nezinceku zikasolomoni e-ofiri, zalanda khona amatalenta angamakhulu amane namashumi ayisihlanu egolide, zawayisa enkosini usolomoni.

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inkosikazi yasesheba isizwile udumo lukasolomoni yeza ukumvivinya usolomoni ejerusalem ngezimfumbe, inehele elikhulu kakhulu, namakamela ethwele amakha, negolide eliningi, namatshe ayigugu; isifikile kusolomoni yakhuluma naye ngakho konke okusenhliziweni yayo. usolomoni wayiphendula ezindabeni zayo zonke; kwakungekho nto eyayifihlelwe usolomoni angayitshelanga yona. inkosikazi yasesheba isibonile ukuhlakanipha kukasolomoni, nendlu ayakhileyo, nokudla kwasetafuleni lakhe, nokuhlala kwezinceku zakhe, nokuma kwezikhonzi zakhe, nezambatho zazo, kanye nabaphathizitsha nezambatho zabo, nesikhwelo sakhe akhuphukela ngaso endlini kajehovaeiou, akwabe kusabakho moya kuyo. yathi enkosini: yayiqinisile indaba engayizwa ezweni lami ngamazwi akho nangokuhlakanipha kwakho. kepha angikhulwanga ngamazwi abo, ngaze ngafika, kwabona amehlo ami; bheka, angitshelwanga nanxenye yobukhulu bokuhlakanipha kwakho; uyadlula udumo engaluzwayo. babusiswe abantu bakho, zibusisiwe lezi zinceku zakho ezimi njalo phambi kwakho,

zizwa ukuhlakanipha kwakho. makabongwe ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho owenamele wena ukuba akubeke esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi ukuba ube yinkosi kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho; ngokuba ulezi-ku wakho wamthanda u-israyeli waze wammisa kuze kube phakade, ngalokho wakubeka inkosi phezu kwabo ukuba wenze ukwahlulela nokulunga. yanika inkosi amatalenta ayikhulu namashumi amabili egolide, namakha amaningi kakhulu, namatshe ayigugu; awazange abe khona amakha anjengalawo inkosi usolomoni eyaphiwa wona yinkosikazi yasesheba. izinceku zikahiramu nezinceku zikasolomoni ezabuya negolide e-ofiri zaletsha imi-alimugi namatshe ayigugu. ngemi-alimugi inkosi yenzela indlu kajehova-aeiou nendlu yenkosi izikhwelo, kanye namahabhu, nezingubhu zabahlabeleli; akuzange kubonwe phambili okunjengakho ezweni lakwajuda. inkosi usolomoni yanika inkosikazi yasesheba konke ekufunayo nekuclelayo ngaphandle kwalokho ebikulethele inkosi. yayisibuya, yaya ezweni layo, yona nezinceku zayo. isisindo segolide elafika kusolomoni iminyaka yonke sasingamatalenta angamakhulu ayisithupha namashumi ayisithupha nesithupha egolide ngaphandle kokuvela kubahwebi nabathengisi; onke amakhosi ase-arabiya nababusi bezwe baletsha igolide nesiliva kusolomoni. inkosi usolomoni yenza izihlangu ezingamakhulu amabili zegolide elikhandiweyo, kwaba ngamashekelo angamakhulu ayisithupha egolide elikhandiweyo kuso isihlangu sinye, kanjalo nezihlangu ezingamakhulu amathathu egolide elikhandiweyo, amashekelo angamakhulu amathathu egolide kuso isihlangu sinye; inkosi yazibeka endlini yehlathi laselebanoni. inkosi yenza nesihlalo sobukhosi esikhulu sezimpondo zendlovu, yasinameka negolide elicwengekileyo. isihlalo sobukhosi sasinezikhwelo eziyisithupha, sinesenabelo segolide esasinamathelisiwe esihlalweni sobukhosi, nemikhono ngalapha nangalapha kwendawo yokuhlala, kumi izingonyama ezimbili ngaseceleni kwemikhono. kwakumi izingonyama eziyishumi nambili ngalapha nangalapha ezikhwelweni eziyisithupha. okunjalo akwenziwanga komunye umbuso. zonke izitsha zokuphuza zenkosi usolomoni zaziigolide, nazo zonke izitsha zendlu yehlathi laselebanoni zaziigolide elicwengekileyo, isiliva lingento yalutho emihleni kasolomoni. ngokuba inkosi yayinemikhumbi eyaya etharishishi kanye nezinceku zikahiramu; kanye ngeminyaka emithathu yafika imikhumbi yasetharishishi iletha igolide, nesiliva, nezimpondo zendlovu, nezimfene, namapikoko. inkosi usolomoni yaba nkulu kunawo onke amakhosi omhlaba ngengcebo nangokuhlakanipha. onke amakhosi omhlaba afuna

ubuso bukasolomoni ukuba ezwe ukuhlakanipha kwakhe, ulezi-ku akubekile enhliziyweni yakhe. baletsha, kwaba yilowo nalowo isipho sakhe, izitsha zesiliva, nezitsha zegolide, nezingubo, nezikhali, namakha, namahhashi, neminyuzi, okwenziwa iminyaka ngeminyaka. usolomoni wayenezipani eziyizinkulungwane ezine zamahhashi nezinqola, nabamahhashi abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi nambili, owababeka emizini yezinqola nasenkosini ejerusalem. wabusa phezu kwawo onke amakhosi kusukela emfuleni kuze kube sezweni lamafilisti nasemkhawulweni wasegibithe. inkosi yenza isiliva livame ejerusalem njengamatshe, nemisedari yayenza ibe njengemithombe ehlanzeni ngobuningi. bamlethela usolomoni amahhashi evela egibithe nasemazweni onke. ezinye izindaba zikasolomoni, ezokuqala nezokugcina, angithi zilotshiwe ezindabeni zikanathani umprofethi, nasesiprofethweni sika-ahiya waseshilo, nasemibonweni ka-ido umboni ngojerobowamu indodana kanebati na? usolomoni wabusa ejerusalem phezu kuka-israyeli wonke iminyaka engamashumi amane. usolomoni wayeselala koyise, wembelwa emzini kadavide uyise; urehobowamu indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

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urehobowamu waya eshekemi, ngokuba wonke u-israyeli wayefikile eshekemi ukumbeka inkosi. kwathi lapho ujerobowamu indodana kanebati ekuzwile ngokuba wayesegibithe, lapho ayebalakele khona, ebalekele ubuso benkosi usolomoni ujerobowamu wabuya egibithe. bathuma bambiza; ujerobowamu naye wonke u-israyeli beza, bakhuluma kurehobowamu, bathi: uyihlo wenza ijoka lethu laba lukhuni; ngalokho yenza wena ube lula umsebenzi olukhuni kayihlo nejoka lakhe elisindayo owalibeka phezu kwethu, siyakukukhonza. wathi kubo: buyelani kimi emva kwezinsuku ezintathu. basuka-ke abantu. inkosi urehobowamu yelulekana namalunga ayemile phambi kukasolomoni uyise esekhona, yathi: nina ningeluleka ukubuyisela mpenduloni kulaba bantu na? akhuluma kuye, athi: uma uzakuba mule kulaba bantu, ubathokozise, ukhulume amazwi amahle kubo, bayakuba yizinceku zakho izinsuku zonke. kepha walahla isiluleko samalunga ameluleke ngaso, welulekana nezinsizwa eziyintanga yakhe, ezazimi phambi kwakhe. wathi kuzo: nina niluleka ukuba sibuyise mpenduloni kulaba bantu abakhulume kimi ngokuthi: yenza ijoka uyihlo alibeka phezu kwethu libe lula, na? zase zikhuluma kuye izinsizwa eziyintanga yakhe, zithi: uyakusho

kanje kubantu abakhulume kuwe ngokuthi: uyihlo walenza ijoka lethu lasinda, kepha wena ulenza libe lula kithina, uyakusho kubo kanje ukuthi: ucikicane wami mkhulu kunokhalo lukababa. manje ubaba wanithwesa ijoka elisindayo, mina ngiyakwenezela ejokeni lenu; ubaba wanishaya ngeziswebhu, mina ngawofezela. ujerobowamu nabantu bonke base befika kurehobowamu ngosuku lwesithathu njengokusho kwenkosi ithi: buyelani kimi ngosuku lwesithathu. inkosi yabaphendula kalukhuni; inkosi urehobowamu yalahlala isiluleko samalunga, yakhuluma kubo njengesiluleko sezinsizwa ngokuthi: ubaba walenza ijoka lenu lasinda, mina ngiyakwenezela kulo; ubaba wanishaya ngeziswebhu, mina ngawofezela. inkosi ayibalalelanga abantu, ngokuba kwakuyisiyiba esivela kulezi-ku, ukuze ujehovaeiou amise izwi lakhe alikhulumayo ngesandla sika-ahiya waseshilo kujerobowamu indodana kanebati. wonke u-israyeli esebonile ukuthi inkosi ayibalalelanga, abantu babuyisela izwi enkosini, bathi: sinasabelo sini kudavide na? ifa asinalo endodaneni kajese. yilowo nalowo makaye etendeni lakhe, israyeli; zibhekele indlu yakho manje, davide. wayesesuka u-israyeli wonke, waya ematendeni akhe. kepha abantwana bakwa-israyeli abakhe emizini yakwajuda, urehobowamu wabusa phezu kwabo. inkosi urehobowamu yathuma u-adoramu owayephezu kwezisebenzi; abantwana bakwa-israyeli bamkhanda ngamatshesha, wafa. inkosi urehobowamu yashe-sha ukukhwela inqola yayo ukuba ibalekele ejerusalem. u-israyeli wayeseyihlubuka-ke indlu kadavide kuze kube namuhla.

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urehobowamu esefikile ejerusalem wabutha indlu yakwajuda nobenjimini, abantu abakhethiweyo abayizinkulungwane eziyikhulu namashumi ayisihyagalombili, amabutho, ukuba balwe no-israyeli, bawubuyisele umbuso kurehobowamu. lase lifika izwi likajehovaeiou kushemaya umuntu kazezi-ku, lathi: khuluma kurehobowamu indodana kasolomoni, inkosi yakwajuda, nakuye wonke u-israyeli kwajuda nobenjimini, ngokuthi: usho kanje ujehovaeiou, uthi: aniyikukhuphuka, ningalwi nabafowenu; buyelani, kube yilowo nalowo endlini yakhe, ngokuba le nto ivela kimi. balalela amazwi kajehovaeiou, babuya ekumhlaseleni ujerobowamu. urehobowamu wahlala ejerusalem, wakha imizi ukuba ibe yizingqaba kwajuda. wakha ibetlehema, ne-etamu, netekhowa, ne-beti suri, nesoko, ne-adulamu, negati, nemaresha, nezifi, ne-adorayimi, nelakishi, ne-azeka, nesora, ne-ajaloni, nehebroni, ek-

wajuda nakwabenjimini, imizi ebizweyo. waziqinisa izingqaba, wabeka izinduna kuzo, nokudla, namafutha, newayini. emizini yonke, yileyo naleyo, wabeka izihlangu nemikhonto, wayiqinisa kakhulu impela. elakwajuda nelakwabenjimini lalingelakhe. abapristi namalevi ayekwa-israyeli wonke bazihlanganisa naye bephuma emikhawulweni yonke. ngokuba amalevi ashiya amadlelo awo nefa lawo, aya kwajuda nasejerusalem, ngokuba ujerobowamu namadodana akhe bawalahlala ukuba angabe esaba ngabapristi bakajehovaeiou, wazimisela abapristi bezindawo eziphakemeyo, nabamademoni, nabamathole awenzileyo. emva kwabo kwaphuma ezizweni zonke zakwa-israyeli abanhliziyo zabo zibhekiswe ukufuna ujehovaeiou ulezi-ku wakwa-israyeli, bafika ejerusalem ukhulabela ujehovaeiou ulezi-ku wawoyise. base bewuqinisa-ke umbuso wakwajuda, benza urehobowamu indodana kasolomoni waba namandla iminyaka emithathu, ngokuba bahamba iminyaka emithathu endleleni kadavide nosolomoni. urehobowamu wazithathela umfazi, umahlati, indodakazi kajerimoti indodana kadavide neka-abihayili, indodakazi ka-eliyabe, indodana kajese. wamazalela amadodana: ngojewushe, noshemariya, nozahamu. emva kwakhe wathatha umahakha, indodakazi ka-abisalomu; wamazalela o-abiya, no-athayi, noziza, noshelomiti. urehobowamu wamthanda umahakha indodakazi ka-abisalomu phezu kwabo bonke abafazi bakhe nezancinza zakhe, ngokuba wathatha abafazi abayishumi nesishiyagalombili nezancinza ezingamashumi ayisithupha, wazala amadodana angamashumi amabili nesishiyagalombili namadodakazi angamashumi ayisithupha. urehobowamu wabeka u-abiya, indodana kamahakha, abe yinhloko, abe ngumbusi phakathi kwabafowabo, ngokuba wacabanga ukumbeka inkosi. wenza ngokuhlakanipha, wahlakaza onke amadodana akhe emazweni onke akwajuda nobenjimini, emizini yonke ebizweyo, wawanika ukudla okuningi, wawafunela abafazi abaningi.

## 12

kwathi lapho umbuso karehobowamu usuqinisiwe, yena esenamandla, washiya umthetho kajehovaeiou no-israyeli wonke kanye naye. kepha kwathi ngomnyaka wesihlanu wenkosi urehobowamu, ushishaki inkosi yasegibithe wakhuphukela ejerusalem, ngokuba babephambukile kujehovaeiou, enezinqola eziyinkulungwane namakhulu amabili, nabamahhashi abayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisithupha; abantu babengenakubalwa

abaphuma naye egibithe: ngamalubi, namasuki, namakushe. wayithatha imizi ebizileyo yakwajuda, wafika ejerusalem. wayesefika ushemaya umprofethi kurehobowamu nasezikhulwini zakwajuda ezazibuthene ejerusalem ngenxa kashishaki, wathi kubo: usho kanje ujeihova-aeiou, uthi: nina ningishiyile; ngalokho nami nginishiyile esandleni sikashishaki. zase zizithoba izikhulu zakwa-israyeli nenkosi bathi: ujeihova-aeiou ulungile. lapha ujeihova-aeiou ebona ukuthi bayazithoba, kweza izwi likajehova-aeiou kushemaya, lathi: bazithobile; angiyikubachitha, kepha ngiyakubakhulula emva kwesikhashana, nentukuthelo yami ayiyikuthululelwa phezu kwejerusalem ngesandla sikashishaki. nokho bayakuba yizinceku zakhe ukuba bazi inkonzo yami nenkonzo yemibuso yezizwe. ushishaki, inkosi yasegibithe, wakhuphuka ejerusalem, wathatha ingcebo yendlu kajehova-aeiou nengebo yendlu yenkosi, yebo, wathatha konke, wathatha izihlangu zegolide ezenziwe ngusolomoni. inkosi urehobowamu yenza izihlangu zethusi esikhulweni sazo, yazinikela ezandleni zezinduna zabalindi abagcina umnyango wendlu yenkosi. kwathi njalo uma inkosi ingena endlini kajehova-aeiou, zafika izigijimi zizithwele, zazibuyisela ekamelweni labalindi. kepha lapho esezithoba, intukuthelo kajehova-aeiou yabuya kuye ukuba angamchithi ngokupheleleyo, futhi kwakusekhona nokuhle kwajuda. inkosi urehobowamu yayisiziqinisa-ke ejerusalem yabusa, ngokuba urehobowamu wayeneminyaka engamashumi amane nanye ekulaleni kwakhe ukubusa; wabusa iminyaka eyishumi nesikhombisa ejerusalem, umuzi ujeihova-aeiou awukhethileyo ezizweni zonke zakwa-israyeli ukuba abeke khona igama lakhe; igama likanina lalingunahama umamonikazi. wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka, ngokuba akabhekisanga inhliziyi yakhe ukumfuna ujeihova-aeiou. izindaba zikarehobowamu, ezokuqala nezokugcina, angithi zilotshiwe ezindabeni zikashemaya umprofethi nezika-ido umboni, zibhalwe ngezizukulwane, na? kwakukhona njalo ukulwa phakathi kukarehobowamu nojerobowamu. urehobowamu wayeselala koyise, wembelwa emzini kadavide; u-abiya indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhulweni sakhe.

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ngomnyaka weshumi nesishiyagalombili wenkosi ujerobowamu u-abiya waba yinkosi kwajuda. wabusa iminyaka emithathu ejerusalem; igama likanina lalingumikhaya indodakazi ka-urayeli wasegibeya. kwakukhona ukulwa phakathi kuka-abiya

nojerobowamu. u-abiya waqala ukulwa enempi yamaqhawe anamandla, abantu abakhethiweyo abayizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amane, kepha ujerobowamu wahlela ukulwa naye enabantu abakhethiweyo abayizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisishiyagalombili, bengamaqhawe anamandla. u-abiya wema entabeni yase-semarayimi esezintabeni zakwa-efrayimi, wathi: ngizweni wena jerobowamu no-israyeli wonke: bekunganifanele ukwazi yini ukuthi ujeihova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli wanika udavide umbuso kwa-israyeli kuze kube phakade, yena namadodana akhe, ngesivumelwano sikasawoti, na? nokho ujerobowamu indodana kanebati, inceku kasolomoni indodana kadavide, wavuka, wahlubuka inkosi yakhe. kwabuthana kuye amayiyane, abantu ababi, aziqinisa ukulwa nojerobowamu indodana kasolomoni, urehobowamu esemusha, inhliziyi isatham-bile, engenakumelana nawo. manje nithi niyakumelana nobukhosi bukajehova-aeiou obusesandleni samadodana kadavide, lokhu niyisixuku esikhulu, futhi kukhona amathole egolide enenzelwa wona ngujerobowamu ukuba abe ngolezi-ku benu. anixoshanga yini abapristi bakajehova-aeiou, amadodana ka-aroni namalevi, nazenela abapristi ngendlela yabantu bezizwe; bonke abafika ukwahlukaniselwa, bephethe iduna nezinqama eziyisikhombisa, bangaba ngabapristi babangesibo olezi-ku. kepha thina, ujeihova-aeiou ungolezi-ku wethu; asimshiyanga; sinabapristi abamkhonzayo ujeihova-aeiou, amadodana ka-aroni namalevi emisebenzini yabo; bamshiselwa ujeihova-aeiou iminikelo yokushiswa nempepho ethaphukayo ekuseni nakusihlwa njalo, basihlela isinkwa sokubukwa etafuleni elihlanzekileyo, bokhela uthi lwezibani lwegolide nezibani zalo kusihlwa njalo, ngokuba thina sigcina imfanelo kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu, kepha nina nimshiyile. futhi bhekani, ulezi-ku unathi, uyinhloko yethu, kanye nabapristi abaphethe amacilongo okuhlaba umkhosi ukuba bawakhalise ngani; bantwana bakwa-israyeli, ningalwi nojeihova-aeiou ulezi-ku wawoyihlo, ngokuba aniyikuphumelela. kepha ujerobowamu wayegwegwesile abaqamekeli ukuba bafike emuva; babe phambi kukajuda, abaqamekeli babe semva kwabo. lapho ujuda esephenduka, bheka, impi yayingaphambili nangesemva kwabo; bakhala kujehova-aeiou, abapristi bakhalisa amacilongo. base bekhamuluka abantu bakwajuda, nalapho abantwana bakwajuda bekhamuluka, ulezi-ku washaya ojerobowamu no-israyeli wonke phambi kuka-abiya nojuda. abantwana bakwa-israyeli babaleka ebusweni bukajuda, ulezi-ku wabanikela esandleni sabo. u-abiya nabantu bakhe babaceka ngokuceka

okukhulu; kwawa amadoda akhethiweyo akwa-israyeli abuleweyo ayizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisihlanu. bathotshiswa-ke ngaleso sikhathi abantwana bakwa-israyeli; kepha abantwana bakwajuda bahlula, ngokuba babencika kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wawoyise. u-abiya wamxosha ujerobowamu, wamaphuca imizi: ibethele nemizana yalo, nejeshana nemizana yalo, ne-efroni nemizana yalo. futhi ujerobowamu akabe esaba namandla emihleni ka-abiya; uje-hova-aeiou wamshaya, wafa. kepha u-abiya waba namandla, wazithathela abafazi abayishumi nane, wazala amadodana angamashumi amabili nambili namadodakazi ayishumi nesithupha. ezinye izindaba zika-abiya, nezindlela zakhe, namazwi akhe, kulotshiwe esichasiselweni somprofethi u-ido.

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u-abiya wayeselala koyise; bamm-bela emzini kadavide; u-asa indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe: emihleni yakhe izwe lazola iminyaka eyishumi. u-asa wenza okuhle nokulungile emehlweni kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakhe. wawasusa am-altare abezizwe nezindawo eziphakemeyo, wazibhidliza izinsika, wabagawula o-ashera, wamtshela ujuda ukuba amfune uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wawoyise, awenze umthetho nemiyalo. wasusa kuyo imizi yakwajuda izindawo eziphakemeyo, nama-altare empepho; umbuso wazola phambi kwakhe. wakha imizi ebiyelweyo kwajuda, ngokuba izwe lazola, engenampi kuleyo minyaka, ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou wayemphumuzile. wathi kujuda: masakhe le mizi, siyihaqe ngogange, nangemibhoshongo, nangezivalo, nangemigogo; izwe lisephambi kwethu, ngokuba simfunile uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu; simfunile, wasiphumuza nxazonke. base bakha-ke, baphumelela. u-asa wayen-empi ephethe izihlangu nemikhonto, vela kwajuda, iyizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu, nevela kwabenjamini, ephethe amahawu nensala iminsalo, iyizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili namashumi ayisishiyagalombili; bonke labo babe ngamaqhawe anamandla. kwaphuma ukulwa nabo uzera umkushe enempi eyizinkulungwane eziyinkulungwane nezinqola ezingamakhulu amathathu, wafika emaresha. u-asa wayese-phuma ukuhlangabezana naye, bahlela impi esigodini sasese-fata ngasemaresha. u-asa wakhala kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakhe, wathi: jehova-aeiou, akakho ngaphandle kwakho ongasiza phakathi kona-mandla amakhulu nongenawo; sisize, jehova-aeiou lezi-ku wethu, ngokuba sencika kuwe, sifike ngegama lakho kulesi sixuku. jehova-aeiou, wena ungulezi-ku wethu, mawun-gahlulwa muntu. uje-hova-aeiou wawashaya

amakushe phambi kuka-asa naphambi kuka-juda; amakushe abaleka. u-asa nabantu ababe naye bawaxosha kwaze kwaba segerari, kwawa amakushe kwaze kwan-gasala muntu ophilayo, ngokuba achithwa phambi kuka-jehova-aeiou naphambi kwempi yakhe, bamuka nempango enkulu kakhulu. bachitha yonke imizi ezungeza igerari, ngokuba ingebhe ngo-jehova-aeiou yayiphezu kwabo; baphanga yonke imizi, ngokuba kwakukhona impango eningi kuyo. bachitha namatende ezinkomo, bamuka nezimvu eziningi namakamela, babuyela ejerusalem.

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umoya kalezi-ku waba phezu kuka-azariya indodana ka-odedi; waphuma ukuhlangabeza u-asa, wathi kuye: ngizweni, asa, nojuda wonke, nobenjamini, uje-hova-aeiou unani, uma ninaye; uma nimfuna, uyaku-funyanwa yinina; kepha uma nimshiya, uyakunishiya nani. kwakuyizinsuku eziningi u-israyeli engenaye ulezi-ku oqin-isileyo, namfundisi ofundisayo, namthetho; kepha ekuhluphekeni kwabo baphendukela kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, bamfuna; wafunyanwa yibo. ngaleso sikhathi kwakungekho kuthula kophumayo nakongenayo, ngokuba ukuphaphatheka okukhulu kwakukhona phezu kwabo bonke abakhe ezweni. isizwe saphahlazwa yisizwe nomuzi ngumuzi, ngokuba ulezi-ku wabesabisa ngezinkathazo zonke. kepha nina yibani namandla, zingadangali izandla zenu, ngokuba umsebenzi wenu uyakuba nomvuzo wawo. lapho u-asa esezwa lawo mazwi nesipro-fetho sika-azariya ka-odedi umprofethi, waziqinisa isibindi, wasusa izinengiso ezweni lonke lakwajuda nobenjamini, nasemizini ayeyithathile ezintabeni zakoyefrayimi, walivusa i-altare likajehova-aeiou elaliphambi kompheme kajehova-aeiou. wabutha wonke ujuda nobenjamini nabagobele kubo bevela kwa-efrayimi, nakwa-manase, nakwasimeyoni, ngokuba abaningi bahlubukela kuye bevela kwa-israyeli, lapho bebona ukuthi uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakhe unaye. babuthana ejerusalem ngenyanga yesithathu ngomnyaka weshumi nanhlanu wokubusa kuka-asa. bahlabela uje-hova-aeiou ngalolo suku empangweni ababeyilethile, izinkabi ezingamakhulu ayisikhombisa nezimvu eziyizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa. bangena esivumelwaneni sokumfuna uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wawoyise ngayo yonke inhliziyo yabo nangawo wonke umphefumulo wabo, nesokuba bonke ababengamfuni uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli babulawe, noma bebancane noma bebakhulu, owesilisa noma owesifazane. bafunga kujehova-aeiou ngezwi elikhulu, nangokukhamuluka, nangamacilongo,

nangemitshingo. wonke ujuda wathokoza ngesifungo, ngokuba babefungile ngayo yonke inhliziyi yabo, bamfuna ngakho konke ukufisa kwabo; wafunyanwa yibo; ujhova-aeiou wabaphumiza nxazonke. wamsusa umahakha unina ka-asa inkosi ebukhosikazini, ngokuba wayemenzele u-ashera isithombe esinengekayo; u-asa wagawula isithombe sakhe, wasicolisisa, wasishisa ngasemfudlaneni ikidroni. kodwa izindawo eziphakemeyo azisuswanga kwa-israyeli; nokho inhliziyi ka-asa yayiphelele zonke izinsuku zakhe. wangenisa endlini kalezi-ku izinto ezingcwele zikayise nezinto zakhe ezingcwele: isiliva, negolide, nezitsha. akwabe kusaba khona ukulwa kwaze kwaba semnyakeni wamashumi amathathu nanhlanu wokubusa kuka-asa.

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ngomnyaka wamashumi amathathu nesithupha wokubusa kuka-asa, ubahasha, inkosi yakwa-israyeli, wakhuphuka ukuhlaselela ujuda, wakha irama, ukuze angavumeli muntu ukuphuma nokungena ku-asa inkosi yakwajuda. u-asa wakhupha isiliva negolide engcebeni yendlu kahova-aeiou nasendlini yenkosi, wathumela kubeni hadadi, inkosi yase-aramu owahlala edamaseku, wathi: kukhona isivumelwano phakathi kwami nawe, njengalokho sasikhona phakathi kukababa noyihlo; bheka, ngithuma kuwe isiliva negolide; hamba waphule isivumelwano sakho nobahasha inkosi yakwa-israyeli ukuba asuke kimi. ubeni hadadi wayilalela inkosi u-asa, wathuma izinduna zempi yakhe ukuba zihlasele imizi yakwa-israyeli; zangoba i-ijoni, nedani, ne-abela mayimi, nayo yonke imizi yokubekelela yakwanafetali. kwathi laphe ubahasha esekuzwile lokho, wayeka ukwakha irama, wamisa umsebenzi wakhe. kepha u-asa inkosi wahamba naye wonke ujuda; basusa amatshe aserama nemithi yalo ubahasha ayelakhe ngakho; wakha ngakho igebe nemispa. ngaleso sikhathi kweza uhanani, umboni ka-asa, inkosi yakwajuda, wathi kuye: ngokuba wencike enkosini yase-aramu, ungencikanga kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakho, ngalokho impi yenkosi yase-aramu iphunyukile esandleni sakho. amakushe namalubi ayengesiyi impi enkulu yini, inezinqola nabamahhashi abaningi kakhulu na? kepha ngenxa yokwencika kwakho kujehova-aeiou wawanikela esandleni sakho. ngokuba amehlo kahova-aeiou aqalaza emhlabeni wonke ukuba abe namandla kwabanhliziyi yabo iphelele kuye; wenze ngobuwula kule nto, ngokuba kusukela manje uyakuba nokulwa njalo. u-asa wacunuka ngomboni, wamfaka endlini yezitokisi, ngokuba wamfutha ngenxa yale

nto. u-asa wabadlova nabathile babantu ngaleso sikhathi. bheka, izindaba zika-asa, ezokuqala nezokugcina, bheka-ke, zilotshiwe encwadini yamakhosi akwajuda nakwa-israyeli. ngomnyaka wamashumi amathathu nesishiyagalolunye wokubusa kwakhe u-asa waba nesifo ezinyaweni zakhe; isifo sakhe sasinzima kakhulu; kepha akafunanga ujhova-aeiou esifweni sakhe, izinyanga zodwa. u-asa wayeselala koyise, wafa ngomnyaka wamashumi amane nanye wokubusa kwakhe. bambela emathuneni akhe owayeziqophele wona emzini kadavide, bambeka embhedeni ogcwele iphunga elimnandi namakha ayizinhlobonhlobo, alungisiwe ngokwenza komthaki; bamenzela ukushisa kwempepho okukhulu kakhulu.

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ujehoshafati indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe, waziqinisa ukulwa no-israyeli. wabeka amabutho emizini yonke ebiyelweyo yakwajuda, wabeka amakhanda ezweni lakwajuda, nasemizini yakwa-efrayimi u-asa uyise ayithathileyo. ujhova-aeiou wayenaye ujhoshafati, ngokuba wahamba ngezindlela zokuqala zikayise udavide, akafunanga obali, kepha wafuna ulezi-ku kayise, wahamba ngemiyalo yakhe, kungengakwenza kuka-israyeli. ngalokho ujhova-aeiou wawuqinisa umbuso esandleni sakhe; wonke ujuda wathela intela kujehoshafati, wayenengcebo nodumo olukhulu. inhliziyi yakhe yaphakanyiswa ezindleleni zikajehova-aeiou; futhi wasusa izindawo eziphakemeyo nawo-ashera kwajuda. ngomnyaka wesithathu wokubusa kwakhe wathuma izikhulu zakhe obeni hayili, no-obadiya, nozakariya, nonethaneli, nomikhaya ukuba zifundise emizini yakwajuda, zinamalevi oshemaya, nonethaniya, nozebadiya, no-asaheli, noshemiramoti, nojehonathani, no-adoniya, nothobiya, nothobi adoniya, amalevi, beno-elishama nojehoramu, abapristi. base befundisa kwajuda benencwadi yomthetho kahova-aeiou; bazungeza baya emizini yonke yakwajuda, bafundisa phakathi kwabantu. kwehlela ingebhe ngojehova-aeiou phezu kwayo yonke imibuso yamazwe eyayinxazonke zakwajuda, ayilwanga nojehoshafati. amafilisti athile aletha izipho kujehoshafati, nesiliva lentela; nabase-arabiya baletha kuye imihlambi, izinqama eziyizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa namakhulu ayisikhombisa nezimpongo eziyizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa namakhulu ayisikhombisa. ujhoshafati wayelokhu ekhula njalo, waze waba mkhulu kakhulu; wakha izinqaba nemizi yokubekelela kwajuda. wayenemisebenzi eminingi emizini yakwajuda kanye namadoda empi, amaqhawe ana-

mandla, eJerusalem. nakhu ukubalwa kwabo njengezindlu zawoyise: kwajuda: izinduna zezinkulungwane: ngu-adina induna, enamaqhawe anamandla ayizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu; emva kwakhe kwakungujehohanani induna, ezezinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili namashumi ayisihiyagalombili; emva kwakhe kwakungu-amasiya indodana kazikiri, owazinikela ngenhliziyo kujehova-aeiou, enamaqhawe anamandla ayizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili; kwabenjamini: ngu-eliyada, iqhawe elinamandla, enabahlome iminsalo nezihlangu abayizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili; emva kwakhe kwakungujehozabadi, enabahlomele impi abayizinkulungwane eziyikhulu namashumi ayisihiyagalombili. yilabo ababekhonzak inkosi ngaphandle kwalabo inkosi eyababeka emizini ebiyelweyo kulo lonke lakwajuda.

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ujehoshafati wayenengcebo nodumo olukhulu, wahlangana ngobuhlobo no-ahabi. ngasekugcineni kweminyaka ethile wehlela ku-ahabi esamariya. u-ahabi wamhlaba yena nabantu ababenaye izimvu nezinkabi eziningi, wamncenga ukuba akhuphukele eramoti gileyadi. u-ahabi inkosi yakwa-israyeli wathi kujehoshafati inkosi yakwajuda: uyakuhamba nami, siye eramoti gileyadi, na? wathi kuye: mina nginjengawe, abantu bami banjengabantu bakho; siyakuba nawe empini. ujeoshafati wathi enkosini yakwa-israyeli: ake ubuze namuhla izwi likajehova-aeiou. inkosi yakwa-israyeli yayisibutha abaprofethi, amadoda angamakhulu amane, yathi kubo: sihambe siye yini eramoti gileyadi ukulwa, noma ngiliyeke na? bathi: khuphukani, ngokuba ulezi-ku uyakulinkela esandleni senkosi. kepha ujeoshafati wathi: akusekho mprofethi kajehova-aeiou lapha ukuba sibuze kuye na? inkosi yakwa-israyeli yathi kujehoshafati: kusekhona umuntu munye esingabuza ngaye kujehova-aeiou, kodwa ngiyamzonda, ngokuba akazange aprofethe okuhle ngami, kepha bona-ra-ukukhandleka njalo; ngumikhaya indodana kajimila. wathi ujeoshafati: inkosi mayingasho njalo. inkosi yakwa-israyeli yayisibiza induna, yathi: landa masinyane umikhaya indodana kajimila. inkosi yakwa-israyeli nojeoshafati inkosi yakwajuda babehlezi, kwaba yilowo nalowo esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi, bembethe izambatho zabo, behlezi esibuyeni ngasesikheleni sesango lasesamariya; bonke abaprofethi baprofetha phambi kwabo. usedekiya indodana kakhenahana wazenzela izimpondo zen-simbi, wathi: usho kanje ujeova-aeiou,

uthi: ngalezi uyakuqhubukusha ama-aramu aze aphele. bonke abaprofethi baprofetha kanje, bathi: khuphukela eramoti gileyadi, ube nempumelelo, ngokuba ujeova-aeiou uyakulinkela esandleni senkosi. isithunyuwa ebesihambile ukumbiza umikhaya sakhuluma kuye, sathi: bheka, amazwi abaprofethi mahle enkosini ngamlomo munye; ngalokho izwi lakho malibe njengeline labo, ukhulume okuhle. kepha umikhaya wathi: kuphila kukajehova-aeiou, lokhu ulezi-ku wami akushoyo, lokhu ngiyakukhuluma khona. esefikile enkosini, inkosi yathi kuye: mikhaya, sihambe silwe neramoti gileyadi, noma ngiliyeke na? wathi: khuphukani, nibe nempumelelo; bayakunikelwa esandleni senu. yayisithi kuye inkosi: ngiyakufungisa izikhathi ezingaki ukuba ungakhulumi lutho kimi ngaphandle kweqiniso egameni likajehova-aeiou na? wayesethi: ngabona wonke u-israyeli ehla kaze kile ezintabeni njengezimvu ezingenamalus; ujeova-aeiou wathi: laba abasenankosi; mababuyele, kube yilowo nalowo endlini yakhe ngokuthula.

yayisithi inkosi yakwa-israyeli kujehoshafati: angishongo yini kuwe ukuthi akayikuprofetha okuhle ngami, bona-ra-ukukhandleka kuphela, na? umikhaya wathi: ngalokho yizwani izwi likajehova-aeiou: ngamona ujeova-aeiou ehlezi esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi, nebandla lonke lasezulwini limi ngakwesokunene nangakwesokhohlo sakhe. ujeova-aeiou wathi: ngubani oyakuyenga u-ahabi inkosi yakwa-israyeli ukuba akhuphuke, afele eramoti gileyadi na? omunye washo ukuthi nomunye ukuthi. kwavela umoya, wema phambi kukajehova-aeiou, wathi: mina ngiyakumyenga. ujeova-aeiou wathi kuye: ngantoni na? wathi: ngiyakuphuma ngibe ngumoya wamanga emilonyeni yabaprofethi bakhe bonke. wathi: uyakumyenga, futhi uyakumahlula; hamba, wenze njalo. bheka, ngalokho ujeova-aeiou ubekile umoya wamanga emilonyeni yalaba baprofethi bakho; ujeova-aeiou ukhulumile bona-ra-ukukhandleka ngawe. usedekiya indodana kakhenahana wayesesondela, wamshaya umikhaya esihlalweni, wathi: umoya kajehova-aeiou wasuka kimi ngaphi ukuba akhulume kuwe na? wathi umikhaya: bheka, uyakukubona ngalolo suku oyakungena ngalo emakamelweni ngamakamelolo ukuba ucashe. inkosi yakwa-israyeli yathi: mthathe umikhaya, nimbuyisele ku-amoni umbusi womuzi nakujoyashi indodana yenkosi, nithi: isho kanje inkosi, ithi: fakani lona etilongweni, nimuphe isinkwa sokuhlupheka namanzi okuhlupheka, ngize ngibuye ngokuphila. wayesethi umikhaya: uma ubuya impela ngokuphila, uyakube engakhulumanga ngami ujeova-aeiou. wathi

futhi: yizwani nina bantu bonke. inkosi yakwa-israyeli nojehoshafati inkosi yakwajuda base bekhuphukela eramoti gileyadi. inkosi yakwa-israyeli yathi kujehoshafati: ngiyakuziguqula, ngingene ekulweni, kepha wena wembathe izambatho zakho. yayisiziguqula inkosi yakwa-israyeli, bangena ekulweni. kepha inkosi yase-aramu ibiyalile izinduna zezinqola zayo ngokuthi: ningalwi namuntu, omncane noma omkhulu, kuphela nenkosi yakwa-israyeli yodwa. kwathi lapho izinduna zezinqola sezibonile uje-hoshafati, zathi: yena uyinkosi yakwa-israyeli; zase ziphenduka ukuba zilwe nayo, kepha uje-hoshafati wamemeza, uje-hova-aeiou wamsiza; ulezi-ku wazimukisa kuye. kwathi sezibonile izinduna zezinqola ukuthi yena akasiyo inkosi yakwa-israyeli, zabuya ekumlandeleni. kepha umuntu othile wansala umnsalo wakhe ngokungazeleli nje, wayihlaba inkosi yakwa-israyeli enhlanganisweni yebhantshi lensimbi; yathi kumshayeli: phenduka, ungikhiphe empini, ngokuba ngikhutshaziwe. ukulwa kwaqina ngalolo suku; inkosi yakwa-israyeli yasekelwa enqoleni yayo malungana nama-aramu kwaze kwaba kusihlwa, yafa ngesikhathi sokushona kwelanga.

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uje-hoshafati inkosi yakwajuda wabuyela ngokuphila endlini yakhe ejerusalem. uje-hu, indodana kahanani umboni, waphuma ukumhlangebeza, wathi enkosini uje-hoshafati: usiza yini ababi, uthanda abamazondayo uje-hova-aeiou na? ngalokho intukuthelo iphezu kwakho ivela kujehova-aeiou. nokho kufunyaniswa kuwe nezinto ezinhle, ngokuba ususile o-ashera ezweni, wabhekisa inhliziyi yakho ukuba ifune ulezi-ku. uje-hoshafati wahlala ejerusalem, kepha wabuye waphuma, wahamba phakathi kwabantu, kusukela eberi sheba kuze kube sezintabeni, wababuyisela kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wawoyise. wamisa abahluleli ezweni emizini yonke ebiyelweyo yakwajuda, imizi ngemizi, wathi kubahluleli: bhekani enikwenzayo, ngokuba anahluleli umuntu kepha ulezi-ku, onani ekwahluleleni. ngalokho ingebhe ngoje-hova-aeiou mayibe phezu kwenu; qaphelani nikwenze, ngokuba ukungalungi akukho kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu, nokukhetha ubuso, nokwamukela umvuzo. futhi uje-hoshafati wamisa ejerusalem kumalevi nakubapristi nasezinhlokweni zawoyise bakwa-israyeli abokwahlulela kukajehova-aeiou nabombango. sebebuyela ejerusalem, wabayala wathi: niyakwenze njalo ngokumesaba uje-hova-aeiou, ngeqiniso nangenhliziyi epheleleyo. yonke imibango efika kini ivela kubafowenu abahlala emizini yabo phakathi

kwegazi negazi, noma phakathi komthetho nomyalo, noma phakathi kwezimiso nezahlulelo, niyakubaxwayisa ngayo ukuba bangabi nacala kujehova-aeiou, nehllelwe yintukuthelo nina nabafowenu; yenzani njalo, aniyikuba nacala. bheka, u-amariya umpristi omkhulu uphezu kwenu kuzo zonke izindaba zikajehova-aeiou, nozebadiya indodana ka-ishmayeli, umbusi wendlu yakwajuda, kuzo zonke izindaba zenkosi; namalevi ayakuba yizinduna ngaphambi kwenu. yibani namandla ekwenzeni kwenu, uje-hova-aeiou uyakuba nabalungileyo.

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kwathi emva kwalokho kwafika abantwana bakwamowabi nabantwana bakwa-amoni benabanye bamamehuni kujehoshafati, beyokulwa. kwafika abanye, bamtshela uje-hoshafati, bathi: kusondela kuwe isixuku esikhulu sivela phesheya kolwandle e-aramu; bheka, sebesehasasoni thamari eliyi-eni gedi. uje-hoshafati wayeseshaywa luvalo, wabhekisa ubuso bakhe ukumfuna uje-hova-aeiou, wamemezela ukuzila ukudla kulo lonke lwakwajuda. ujuda wabuthana ukucela ukusizwa nguje-hova-aeiou; baphuma emizini yonke yakwajuda, bafika ukumfuna uje-hova-aeiou. uje-hoshafati wema ebandleni lakwajuda nelasejerusalem endlini kajehova-aeiou phambi kwegceke elisha, wathi: je-hova-aeiou lezi-ku wawobaba, wena awusiye ulezi-ku ezulwini, awusiye umbusi wemibuso yonke yabezizwe, na? esandleni sakho kukhona amandla negunya, akakho ongamelana nawe. awuxoshanga yini, lezi-ku wethu, abakhileyo kuleli zwe phambi kwabantu bakho u-israyeli, wanika lona inzalo ka-abrahama umngane wakho kuze kube phakade, na? bahlala kulo, bakwakhela kulo indlu engcwele ibe ngeyegama lakho, bethi: uma sehlelwa ngbona-rukukhandleka, inkemba, nokwahlulelwa, nesifo, nendlala, siyakuma phambi kwale ndlu naphambi kwakho, ngokuba igama lakho likule ndlu, sikhale kuwe ekuhluphekeni kwethu, uyakuzwa, usisindise. bheka, manje abantwana bakwa-amoni nabakwamowabi nabasentabeni yaseseyiri, ongavumelanga u-israyeli ukubangela ekuphumeni kwakhe ezweni lasegibithe, kepha wabachezuka, akabachithanga, bheka, ukusivuzwa kwabo ukuba bafike ukusixosha efeni lakho osinike lona ukuba silidle. lezi-ku wethu, awuyikubahlulela na? ngokuba asinamandla ebusweni balesi sixuku esikhulu esisifikelayo; futhi asazi ukuthi siyakwenze njani, kodwa amehlo ethu akuwe. wonke ujuda wayemi phambi kukajehova-aeiou, nezingane zabo, nawomkabo, namadodana abo. kwase kufika umoya kajehova-aeiou phezu kukajahaziyeleli



kazakariya kabenaya kajeheyeli kamathaniya umlevi, emadodaneni ka-asafa phakathi kwebandla, wathi: yizwani nina nonke bakwajuda, nabakhileyo ejerusalem, nawe nkosi jehoshafati: usho kanje kini ujevova-aeiou, uthi: ningesabi, ningapheli amandla ngenxa yalesi sixuku esikhumbi, ngokuba impi ayisiyo eyenu, ngekalezi-ku. yehlelani kubo kusasa; bhekani, bayakukhuphuka ngomango wasesisi; niyakubafumana ekugcineni kwesigodi ngaphambi kwehlane lasejeruweli. akusikho okwenu ukulwa kule mpi; zihleleni, nime, nibone ukunisindisa kukajehova-aeiou, nina juda nejerusalem; ningesabi, ningapheli amandla; phumelani kubo kusasa, ngokuba ujevova-aeiou unani. wayesekhotama ujevoshafati, ubuso bakhe bubheke phansi; wonke ujuda nabakhileyo ejerusalem bawaphambi kukajehova-aeiou bekhuleka kujehova-aeiou. amalevi abantwana bamakohati nawabantwana bamakorahi asukuma ukumdumisa ujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli ngezwi elikhulu kakhulu. bavuka ekuseni, baphuma baya ehlane lasethekhowa; ekuphumeni kwabo ujevoshafati wema, wathi: ngizweni, juda nani bakhileyo ejerusalem! kholwani ngujevova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu, niyakuqiniswa; kholwani ngabaprofethi bakhe, niyakuphumelela. eselulekene nabantu wamisa abayakuhlabelela kujehova-aeiou ukuba bamdumise behlotshisiwe ngobungcwele, besaphuma ngaphambi kwempi, bathi: bongani ujevova-aeiou, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade. lapho sebeqala ukuhalalisa nokumdumisa, ujevova-aeiou wabeka abaqamekeli babantwana bakwamoni, nabakwamowabi, nabaseseyiri, ababefikelel ujud, banqotshwa. abantwana bakwamoni nabakwamowabi bamelana nabakhileyo entabeni yasesityiri ukuba babachithe, babaqothule; sebebqaqedile abakhileyo eseyiri basiza, kwaba yilowo nalowo, ngokubulalana bodwa. ujuda esefike embonisweni wasehlane, babheka isixuku; bheka, babe yizidumbu nje eziwele phansi, akusindanga noyedwa. lapho ujevoshafati nabantu bakhe befika ukuqoqa impango kubo, bafumanisa phakathi kwabo ubuningi bengcebo nezidumbu nezinto ezinxanelekayo, bazihlubulela zona, kwaze kwangabakho ongazithwala; kwaba yizinsuku ezintathu beqoqa impango, ngokuba yayiningi kangaka. ngosuku lwesine babuthana esigodini saseberakha, ngokuba bambonga ujevova-aeiou khona; ngalokho igama lalayo ndawo labizwa ngokuthi isigodi saseberakha kuze kube namuhla. base bebuya bonke abantu bakwajuda nabasejerusalem, ujevoshafati ephambi kwabo, ukuba babuyele ejerusalem ngentokozi, ngokuba ujevova-aeiou wayesebathokozisile phezu kwezitha zabo. bafika-

ke ejerusalem benezingubhu namahabhu namacilongo endlini kajehova-aeiou. ingebhe ngolezi-ku yaba phezu kwayo yonke imibuso yamazwe, lapho isizwile ukuthi ujevova-aeiou wayelwile nezitha zakwa-israyeli. umbuso kajehoshafati wawusuzola, ngokuba ulezi-ku wakhe wamnika ukuphumula nxazonke. ujevoshafati wabusa-ke phezu kukajuda; wayeneminyaka engamashumi amathathu nanhlanu ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa; wabusa iminyaka engamashumi amabili nanhlanu ejerusalem; igama likanina lalingu-azuba indodakazi kashilehi. wahamba ngendlela ka-asa uyise, kaphambukanga kuyo, ekwenza okulungile emehlweni kajehova-aeiou. kepha izindawo eziphakemayo azisuswanga; futhi abantu babengabhekisanga izinhlizyo zabo kulezi-ku wawoyise. ezinye izindaba zikajehoshafati, ezokuqala nezokugcina, bheka, zilotshiwe ezindabeni zikajehou indodana kahanani ezifakwe encwadini yamakhoi akwa-israyeli. emva kwalokho ujevoshafati, inkosi yakwajuda, wazihlanganisa no-ahaziya inkosi yakwa-israyeli; yena wayekwenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka impela; wazihlanangisa naye ukwenza imikhumbi yokuya etharishishi; bayenza imikhumbi e-esiyoni geberi. u-eliyezeri indodana kadodavahu wasemaresha waprofetha ngojevoshafati ngokuthi: ngenxa yokuba uzihlanganisile no-ahaziya, ujevova-aeiou uyakudlila imisebenzi yakho. yaphuka-ke imikhumbi, yathiyeka ukuya etharishishi.

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ujevoshafati wayeselala koyise, wembelwa koyise emzini kadavide; ujevohoramu, indodana yakhe, waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. wayenabafowabo, amadodana kajehoshafati: ngo-azariya, nojehiyeli, nozakariya, no-azariyahu, nomikayeli, noshefathiya; bonke labo babengamadodana kajehoshafati inkosi yakwa-israyeli. uyise wabanika izipho ezinkulu zesiliva nezegolide, namagugu kanye nemizi ebiyelweyo kwajuda, kepha umbuso wawunika ujevohoramu, ngokuba wayeyizibulo. ujevohoramu esemile embusweni kayise, eseziqinisele, wabulala bonke abafowabo ngenkamba kanye nabathile bezikhulu zakwa-israyeli. ujevohoramu wayeneminyaka engamashumi amathathu nambili ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka eyisishiyagalombili ejerusalem. wahamba ngendlela yamakhoi akwa-israyeli njen-gokwenza kwendlu ka-ahabi, ngokuba indodakazi ka-ahabi yayingumkakhe; wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou. kepha ujevova-aeiou akathandanga ukuchitha indlu kadavide ngenxa yesivumelwano asenzayo nodavide,

njengokusho kwakhe ukuthi uyakumnika yena nabantwana bakhe isibani izinsuku zonke. emihleni yakhe u-edomi wahlubuka phansi kwesandla sakwajuda, wazibekela inkosi. wayesewela ujehoramu nezinduna zakhe, nazo zonke izinqola zakhe zinaye; wavuka ebusuku, wabachitha abakwa-edomi abamhaqileyo kanye nezinduna zezinqola. wahlubuka-ke u-edomi phansi kwesandla sakwajuda kuze kube namuhla; khona lahlubuka nelibina ngasona lesi sikhathi phansi kwesandla sakhe, ngokuba wayemshiyile ujehovaeiou ulezi-ku wawoyise. futhi wenza izindawo eziphakemeyo ezindaweni zakwajuda, wenza ukuba abakhileyo ejerusalem baphinge, wayenga ujuda. kwafika kuye incwadi iphuma ku-elija umprofethi, ithi: usho kanje ujehovaeiou ulezi-ku kadavide uyihlo, uthi: ngokuba ungahambanga ngezindlela zikajehoshafati uyihlo nangezindlela zikasa inkosi yakwajuda, kepha uhambe ngendlela yamakhosi akwa-israyeli, wenza ujuda nabakhileyo ejerusalem ukuba baphinge njengokwenza kwendlu ka-ahabi, futhi wabulala abafowenu bendlu kayihlo abahle kunawe, bheka, ujehovaeiou uyakushaya ngokushaya okukhulu abantu bakho nabantwana bakho, nawomkakho, nayo yonke impahla yakho, wena wehlelele yisifo esikhulu, isifo sezibilini, ukuze izibilini zakho ziphume ngesifo ekuhambeni kwezinsuku. ujehovaeiou wavusa umoya wamafilisti nowabase-arabiya abaseceleni kwamakushe ngojehoramu; bakhuphukela ukulwa nojuda, bafohlela kuye, basusa yonke impahla eyayifumaniseka endlini yenkosi kanye namadodana akhe nawomkakhe; akusalanga ndodana kuyo, ujehowahazi omncane emadodaneni ayo kuphela. emva kwakho konke lokho ujehovaeiou wamshaya ezibilini zakhe ngesifo esingenakwelashwa. kwathi ekuhambeni kwezinsuku ngesikhathi sokufika ekugcineni kweminyaka emibili, izibilini zakhe zaphuma kuye ngesifo sakhe, wafa ngobuhlungu obukhulu. abantu bakhe abamshiselanga lutho njengokushiselwa kwawoyise. wayeneminyaka engamashumi amathathu nambili ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka eyisihiyagalombili ejerusalem, wamuka engakhalelwanga muntu; bammela emzini kadavide, kepha kungesemathuneni amakhosi.

bili ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa umnyaka ejerusalem; igama likanina lalingu-athaliya indodakazi ka-omri. naye wahamba ngezindlela zendlu ka-ahabi, ngokuba unina wayengomeluleka ukwenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka. wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehovaeiou njengokwenza kwendlu ka-ahabi, ngokuba bona babengabamelulekayo emva kokufa kukayise, kwaba ngukuchithwa kwakhe. futhi wahamba ngezindlela zabo, lapho ehamba nojehoramu, indodana ka-ahabi, inkosi yakwa-israyeli, ukulwa nohazayeli inkosi yase-aramu eramoti gileyadi; ama-aramu amlimaza ujehoramu. wabuyela ukwelashwa ejizreyeli ngenxa yamanxeba ayemlimaze wona erama ekulweni kwakhe nohazayeli inkosi yase-aramu. u-azariya indodana kajehoramu, inkosi yakwajuda, wehla ukumbona ujehoramu indodana ka-ahabi ejizreyeli, ngokuba wayegula. ukubhubha kuka-ahaziya kwavela kulezi-ku ekuyeni kwakhe kujoramu, ngokuba lapho esefikile khona waphuma nojehoramu ukulwa nojehu indodana kanimishi, amgobileyo ujehovaeiou ukuba anqume indlu ka-ahabi. kwathi lapho ujehu ahlulela indlu ka-ahabi, wafumanisa izikhulu zakwajuda namadodana abafowabo baka-ahaziya ababekhonza u-ahaziya; wababulala. wamfuna u-ahaziya, bambamba; wayecashile esamariya bamletha kujehu, bambulala; bammela, ngokuba bathi: uyindodana kajehoshafati owamfuna ujehovaeiou ngenhliziyo yakhe yonke. indlu ka-ahaziya yayingasenamandla okuwugcina umbuso. kepha u-athaliya, unina ka-ahaziya, esebonile ukuthi indodana yakhe ifile wasuka wachitha yonke imbewu yobukhosi yendlu kajuda. kodwa ujehoshabeyati, indodakazi yenkosi, wamthatha ujoyashi indodana ka-ahaziya, wameba phakathi kwamadodana enkosi abulawayo, wambeka nomzanyana wakhe ekamelweni lokulala. ujehoshabeyati, indodakazi yenkosi ujehoramu, umkajehoyada umpristi ngokuba wayengudadewabo ka-ahaziya wamfihla ebusweni buka-athaliya, ukuze angambulali. wayenabo ethukusiwe endlini kalezi-ku iminyaka eyisithupha; u-athaliya wabusa ezweni.

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abakhileyo ejerusalem babeka u-ahaziya indodana yakhe encane inkosi esikhundleni sakhe, ngokuba iviyo lababefike ekamu nabase-arabiya lalibulele bonke abokuqala. wayesebusa-ke u-ahaziya indodana kajehoramu inkosi yakwajuda. u-ahaziya wayeneminyaka engamashumi amane nam-

ngomnyaka wesikhombisa ujehoyada waziqinisa, wazithathela izinduna zamakhulu, u-azariya indodana kajehoramu, no-ishmayeli indodana kajehohanani, no-azariya indodana ka-obede, nomahaseya indodana ka-adaya, no-elishafati indodana kazikiri, zenza isivumelwano naye. zazungeza kwajuda, zabutha amalevi emizini yonke yakwajuda, nezinhloko zawoyise

bakwa-israyeli, bafika ejerusalem. lonke ibandla lenza isivumelwano nenkosi endlini kalezi-ku; ujeheyoda wathi: bhhekani, indodana yenkosi iyakubusa njengokukhuluma kukajehova-aeiou ngamadodana kadavide. nansi into eniyakuyenza: abesithathu kini abangena ngesabatha, ababapristi nabamalevi, bayakuba ngabalindisango, abesithathu babe sendlini yenkosi, abesithathu babe sesangweni lesisekelo, bonke abantu babe semagcekeni endlu kajehova-aeiou. makungangeni muntu endlini kajehova-aeiou ngaphandle kwabapristi namalevi akhonzayo; bona bangangena, ngokuba bangcwele; kepha bonke abantu bayakugcina izimfanelo zikajehova-aeiou. amalevi ayakuyizungeza inkosi nxazonke, yilowo nalowo abe nezikhali zakhe esandleni sakhe; ongena endlini makabulawe; yibani nenkosi ekungeneni kwayo nasekuphumeni kwayo. amalevi naye wonke ujuda benza njengakho konke ujeheyoda umpristi ayale ngakho, bathatha, kwaba yilowo nalowo abantu bakhe ababeyakungena ngesabatha kanye nababeyakuphuma ngesabatha, ngokuba ujeheyoda umpristi akamukisanga izigaba. ujeheyoda umpristi wanikela ezinduneni zamakhulu imikhonto namahawu nezihlangu okwakungokwenkosi udavide, kusendlini kalezi-ku. wamisa abantu bonke, kwaba yilowo nalowo enesikhali sakhe esandleni sakhe, kusukela ohlangothini lokunene lwendlu kuze kube sohlangothini lwesokhohlo lwendlu, ngase-altare nasendlini nxazonke zenkosi. base beyikhipha indodana yenkosi, wayifaka umqhele, wayinika ubufakazi, bayibeka inkosi; ujeheyoda namadodana akhe bayigcoba bathi: mana njalo, nkosi. u-athaliya esezwa ukumemeza kwabantu begijima beyidumisa inkosi, waya kubantu endlini kajehova-aeiou, wabuka; bheka, inkosi yayimi ngasensikeni yayo ekungeneni, izikhulu nabamacilongo bengasenkosini; bonke abantu bezwe bathokoza, bakhalisa amacilongo; abahlabeleli babetha izinto zokubethwa, bahola ukuhlabelela kwendumiso. u-athaliya wayesekelebhula izingubo zakhe, wathi: ngugobe! ngugobe! ujeheyoda wayesezikhipha izinduna zamakhulu ezazibekwe phezu kwempi, wathi kuzo: mkhipheni endlini, nimngenise phakathi kwezinhla; omlandelayo nimbulale ngenkamba; ngokuba umpristi wathi: ningambulali endlini kajehova-aeiou. base bemdedela nxazombili, waya ekungeneni kwesango lamahhashi endlini yenkosi; bambulala khona. ujeheyoda wenza isivumelwano phakathi kwakhe nabantu bonke nenkosi ukuba babe ngabantu bakajehova-aeiou. bonke abantu baya endlini kabali, bayibhidliza, baphahlaza ama-altare akhe nezithombe zakhe, bab-

ulala umathani umpristi kabali phambi kwama-altare. ujeheyoda wamisa ababonisi bendlu kajehova-aeiou ngesandla sabapristi bamalevi udavide abahlukanisile endlini kajehova-aeiou bokunikela ngeminikelo yokushiswa kujehova-aeiou njengokulotshiyeyo emhethweni kamose, ngentokoza nangokuhlabelela, njengokuhlela kukadavide. wamisa abalindisango emasangweni endlu kajehova-aeiou ukuba kungangeni ongcolile noma ngantoni. wazithatha izinduna zamakhulu, nabakhulu, nababusi babantu, nabo bonke abantu bezwe, wayehlisa inkosi endlini kajehova-aeiou, bafika ngesango lasenhla endlini yenkosi, bayibeka inkosi esihlalweni sobukhosi sombuso. bonke abantu bezwe bathokoza; umuzi wazola; bambulala u-athaliya ngenkamba.

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ujowashi wayeneminyaka eyisikhombisa ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa; wabusa iminyaka engamashumi amane ejerusalem; igama likanina lalingusibiya waseberi sheba. ujoashi wenza okulungile emehlweni kajehova-aeiou zonke izinsuku zikajehoyada umpristi. ujeheyoda wamthathela abafazi ababili; wazala amadodana namadodakazi. kwathi emva kwalokho kwakusenzelisiyweni kajowashi ukuvusa indlu kajehova-aeiou. wabutha abapristi namalevi, wathi kubo: phumani niye emizini yakwajuda, niqoke ku-israyeli wonke imali yokulungisa indlu kalezi-ku wenu iminyaka ngeminyaka, niyisheshise le ndaba. kepha amalevi awashe-shanga. inkosi yayisibiza ujeheyoda inhloko, yathi kuye: awubizanga ngani kumalevi ukuba alethe kwajuda nasejerusalem intela kamose inceku kajehova-aeiou neyebandla lika-israyeli, ibe ngeyetende lobufakazi na? ngokuba amadodana ka-athaliya, owesifazane lowo omubi, ayeyichithile indlu kalezi-ku, nezinto zonke ezingcwele zendlu kajehova-aeiou azenza ukuba zibe ngezikabali. yayisikhuluma inkosi, benza umphongolo, bawubeka ngaphandle ngasesangweni lendlu kajehova-aeiou. kwase kumenyezelwa kwajuda nasejerusalem ukuba balethe kujehova-aeiou intela umose inceku kalezi-ku ayibeke phezu kuka-israyeli ehlane. zonke izikhulu nabo bonke abantu bathokoza, bayiletha, bayiphonsa emphongolweni, baze baqeda. kwathi ngesikhathi umphongolo owayiswa ngaso ezinduneni zenkosi ngesandla samalevi, nalapho zibona ukuthi imali iningi, umbhali wenkosi nenduna yompristi omkhulu beza, bawuthulula umphongolo, bawuthatha, bawubuyisela endaweni yawo. benze njalo imihla ngemihla, baqoqa imali eningi. inkosi nojeheyoda bayinika abenza umsebenzi wenkonzo endlini kalezi-ku, baqasha abakhi nababazi

ukuvusa indlu kajehova-aeiou, nabasebenza ngensimbi nethusi ukuba baqinise indlu kajehova-aeiou. zase zisebenza-ke izisebenzi, zalungisa zaqeda ngezandla zazo, zayimisa indlu kalezi-ku ngezilinganisayo zayo, zayiqinisa. sebeqedile baletsha imali eseleyo phambi kwenkosi nojehoyada, benza ngayo izitsha zendlu kajehova-aeiou, izitsha zokukhonzela nezokunikelela, nezinkezo, nezinye izitsha zegolide nezesiliva. banikela ngeminikelo yokushiswa endlini kajehova-aeiou njalo zonke izinsuku zikajehoyada. kodwa uje-hoyada waguga, wafa esanelisiwe yizinsuku; wayeneminyaka eyikhulu namashumi amathathu ekufeni kwakhe. bambela emzini kadavide phakathi kwamakhosi, ngokuba wayenze okuhle kwa-israyeli, nakulezi-ku, nasendlini yakhe, emva kokufa kukajehoyada kwafika izikhulu zakwajuda, zakhuleka enkosini; khona inkosi yazilalela. bayishiya indlu kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wawoyise, bakhonza o-ashera nezithombe; ujuda nejerusalema kwehlelwa yintukuthelo ngaleli cala labo. kepha wathuma abaprofethi kubo ukuba bababuyisele kujehova-aeiou; babaxwayisa, kepha kababekanga ndlebe. umoya kalezi-ku wembesa uzakariya indodana kajehoyada umpristi; wema ngaphezu kwabantu, wathi kubo: usho kanje ulezi-ku, uthi: neqelani imiyalo kajehova-aeiou ukuba ningabi nampumelelo na? ngokuba nimshiyele uje-hova-aeiou, naye unishiyele nina. bamenzela ugobe, bamkhanda ngamatshe ngesiyalezo senkosi egekeni lendlu kajehova-aeiou. ujoyashi, inkosi, akakhumbulanga umusa uje-hoyada amenzele wona, wabulala indodana yakhe. ekufeni kwakhe wathi: uje-hova-aeiou makakubone lokhu, akuphindisele. kwathi ngasekupheleni komnyaka impi yase-aramu yakhuphukela kuye, yafika kwajuda nasejerusalema, yabhubhisa zonke izikhulu zabantu phakathi kwabantu, yathuma yonke impango yazo enkosini yasedamaseku. ngokuba impi yase-aramu yafika neviyo elincane labantu, nokho uje-hova-aeiou wanikela impi enkulu kakhulu esandleni sabo, ngokuba babemshiyele uje-hova-aeiou ulezi-ku wawoyise. base bamhlulela ujoyashi. lapho sebemukile kuye ngokuba bamshiya egula kakhulu izinceku zakhe zamenzela ugobe ngenxa yegazi lamadodana kajehoyada umpristi, zambulala embhedeni wakhe, wafa; bambela emzini kadavide, kodwa abambelanga emathuneni amakhosi. nampa ababemenzela ugobe: nguzabadi indodana kashimeyati umamonikazi noje-hozabadi indodana kashimriti ummowabikazi. ngamadodana akhe, nangobukhulu bemithwalo phezu kwakhe, nangokuvuswa kwendlu kalezi-ku, bheka, kulotshiwe esichasiselweni sencwadi yamakhosi. u-amasiya indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

u-amasiya wayeneminyaka engamashumi amabili nanhlanu ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka engamashumi amabili nesishiyagalolunye ejerusalema; igama likanina lalinguje-hohadani wasejerusalema. wenza okungile emehlweni kajehova-aeiou, kungengahliziyi epehleleyo kodwa. kwathi lapho umbuso usuqinisiwe kuye, wazibulala izinceku zakhe ezaziyelele inkosi uyise. kodwa akabulalanga abantwana bazo, kepha wenza njengokulotshiweyo emthethweni encwadini kamose njengokuyala kukajehova-aeiou ngokuthi: oyise abayikubulawa ngenxa yabantwana, nabantwana abayikubulawa ngenxa yawoyise, kepha yilowo nalowo uyakufa ngesakhe isono. futhi u-amasiya wabutha ujuda, wabamisa ngokwezindlu yawoyise phansi kwezinduna zezinkulungwane nezinduna zamakhulu, ojuda wonke nobenjaminini; wababala kusukela kwabaneminyaka engamashumi amabili kuya phezulu, wabafumana beyizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu abakhethekileyo abangaphuma impi nabangaphatha umkhonto nesihlangu. waqasha kwa-israyeli amaqhawe anamandla ayizinkulungwane eziyikhulu ngamatalenta ayikhulu esiliva. kepha kwafika kuye umuntu kalezi-ku, wathi: nkosi, impi yakwa-israyeli mayingahambi nawe, ngokuba uje-hova-aeiou akasenaye u-israyeli nabo bonke abantwana bakwa-efrayimi, kepha noma kuhamba wena, ukwenza, uzinqinisele impi; ulezi-ku uyakukuwisa phansi ebusweni bezitha. ngokuba ulezi-ku unamandla okuwisa phansi nokusiza. u-amasiya wayesethi kulowo muntu kalezi-ku: kepha siyakwenze njani ngamatalenta ayikhulu engiwanike impi yakwa-israyeli na? umuntu kalezi-ku wathi: uje-hova-aeiou unamandla okukunika okuningi kunalokho. u-amasiya wayeseyahlukanisa impi ebifike kuye ivela kwa-efrayimi ukuba iye ekhaya; ngalokho ulaka lwabo lwavuthela kakhulu ujuda, babuyela ekhaya bevutha ulaka. u-amasiya waziqinisa, wahola abantu bakhe, waya esigodini sikasawoti, wabulala abantwana baseseyiri abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi. abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi bathunjwa ngabantwana bakwajuda beseswza, babayisa esiqongweni sesiwa, babaphonsa phansi besesiqongweni sesiwa, baphihlizeka bonke. kepha abantu bempi ababebuyiselwe emuva ngu-amasiya ukuba bangaphumi impi naye baphundla imizi yakwajuda kusukela esamariya kuze kube sebeti horoni, babulala kuyo izinkulungwane ezintathu, bathatha impango eningi. kwathi u-amasiya esebuyile ekubulaleni abakwa-edomi, waletsha olezi-ku babantwana baseseyiri, wabamisa babe ngolezi-ku bakhe, wakhothama phambi

kwabo, wabashisela impepho. ngalokho intukuthelo kajehova-aeiou yamvuthela u-amasiya, wathuma umprofethi kuye owathi kuye: ufuneleni olezi-ku babantu abangophulanga abantu babo esandleni sakho na? kwathi esakhuluma naye, wathi kuye: sikubeke umluleki wenkosi na? yeka, ubuyakubulawelani na? wayeseyeka umprofethi, wathi: ngiyazi ukuthi ulezi-ku unqumile ukukubhubhisa, ngokuba wenzile lokho, ungallalanga isiluleko sami. u-amasiya, inkosi yakwajuda, eselulekiwe wathumela kujowashi indodana kajehowahazi kajehu, inkosi yakwa-israyeli, wathi: waza sibhekane ubuso nobuso. ujoyashi, inkosi yakwa-israyeli, wathumela ku-amasiya inkosi yakwajuda, wathi: isihlahla somkhaya saselebanoni sathumela kumsedari waselebanoni, sathi: nika indodana yami indodakazi yakho ibe ngumkayo. kwadlula isilo sasendle saselebanoni, sanyathela phansi isihlahla somkhaya. uthi: bheka, ngichithile u-edomi; inhliziyi yakho iyakuphakamisa ukuba uzidumise; hlala ekhaya manje; uzilebelani ukuba uwe wena, nojuda ekanye nawe, na? kepha u-amasiya akalalelanga, ngokuba kwavela kulezi-ku ukuba abanikele esandleni sezitha zabo, ngokuba babefunile olezi-ku bakwa-edomi. wayesekhuphuka ujoyashi inkosi yakwa-israyeli; yena no-amasiya inkosi yakwajuda babhekana ubuso nobuso ebeti shemeshi elingelakwajuda. ujoya wahlulwa phambi kuwa-israyeli; babaleka, kwaba yilowo nalowo etendeni lakhe. ujoyashi inkosi yakwa-israyeli wambamba u-amasiya inkosi yakwajuda indodana kajowashi kajehowahazi ebeti shemeshi, wamyisa ejerusalema, wadliza ugange lwasejerusalema kusukela esangweni lakwa-efrayimi kuze kube sesangweni lasegumbini, izingalo ezingamakhulu amane. wathatha lonke igolide nesiliva, nazo zonke izitsha ezafunyanwa endlini kajehova-aeiou ku-obede edomi, nengcebo yendlu yenkosi, nabayisibambiso, wabuyela esamariya. u-amasiya indodana kajowashi, inkosi yakwajuda, wayesekhona emva kokufa kukajowashi indodana kajehowahazi, inkosi yakwa-israyeli, iminyaka eyishumi nanhlanu. ezinye izindaba zika-amasiya, ezokuqala nezokugcina, bheka, angithi zilotshiwe encwadini yamakhozi akwajuda nakwa-israyeli na? kusukela esikhathini u-amasiya aphambuka ngaso ekumlandeleni ujeahova-aeiou bamenzela ugobe ejerusalema; wabalekela elakishi, kepha bathumela bamlanda elakishi, bambulala khona. bamthwala ngamahhashi, bambabela koyise emzini wakwajuda.

bonke abantu bakwajuda bathatha u-uziya owayeneminyaka eyishumi nesithupha, bambeka inkubi esikhundleni sikayise u-amasiya. yena wakha i-eloti, walibuyisela kujuda, inkosi isilele koyise. u-uziya wayeneminyaka eyishumi nesithuha ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka engamashumi ayisihlanu nambili ejerusalema; igama likanina lalingujekoliya wasejerusalema. wenza okulungile emehlweni kajehova-aeiou njengakho konke akwenzileyo uyise u-amasiya. wayelokhu emfuna ulezi-ku emihleni kazakariya owafundisa ekumesabeni ujeahova-aeiou; emihleni yokumfuna kwakhe ujeahova-aeiou, ulezi-ku wamhlahlamelisa. waphuma walwa namafilisti, wadliza ugange lwasegati, nogange lwasejabine, nogange lwase-ashidodi; wakha imizi kwelase-ashidodi naphakathi kwamafilisti. ulezi-ku wamsiza kumafilisti, nakwabase-arabiya ababehlala eguri bali, nakumamehuni. abakwa-amoni bathela intela ku-uziya; igama lakhe lahamba laze lafika nasekuyeni egibithe, ngokuba waba namandla kakhulu. u-uziya wakha nemibhoshongo ejerusalema ngesangweni lasegumbini, nangasesangweni lasesigodini, nangasenqutshini, wayiqinisa. wakha imibhoshongo ehlane, wemba imigodi eminingi yamanzi, ngokuba wayenezinkomo eziningi ehlanzeni nasehafeni, wayena balimi nabaphathi bezivini ezintabeni nasekarmeli, ngokuba wayengothanda umhlabathi. u-uziya wayenempi elwayo eyaphuma ukulwa ngamaviyo njengomumo wokubalwa kwabo ngesandla sikajehiyeli, umbhali, nomahaseya, umbusi phansi kwesandla sikananiya, enye yezinduna zenkosi. umumo wonke wezinhlalo zawoyise, amaqhawe anamandla, wawuyizinkulungwane ezimbili namakhulu ayisithupha. phansi kwezandla zabo kwakukhona impi enamandla eyizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu nezinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa namakhulu ayisihlanu, eyalwa ngamandla amakhulu ukuba isize inkosi ezitheni. u-uziya walungisela impi yonke izihlangu, nemikhonto, nezigqoko, namabhantshi, neminsalo, namatshe endwayimana. wenza ejerusalema imishini eyaqanjwa ngokuhlakanipha ukuba ibe phezu kwemibhoshongo nasezingosini, kuphonswe ngayo imicibisholo namatshe amakhulu. igama lakhe laphumela ekudeni, ngokuba wasizwa ngokumangalisayo waze waba namandla. kepha lapho eseqinisele, inhliziyi yakhe yazikhukhumeza kwaze kwaba ngokubhubha kwakhe, waphambuka kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakhe, wangena ethempelini likalezi-ku ukuba ashise impepho e-altare lempepho. u-azariya umpristi wangena

emva kwakhe, bekhona kanye naye abapristi bakajehova-aeiou abangamashumi ayisishiyagalombili, amadoda anamandla; bamelana no-uziya inkosi, bathi kuye: akusikho okwakho, uziya, ukushisela ujhova-aeiou impepho, kungokwabapristi, amadodana ka-aroni, abangcweliselwe ukushisa impepho; phuma endlini engcwele, ngokuba wenze isiphambeko; futhi awuyikuba nodumo olulwa kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku. wayesethukuthela u-uziya; wayenomcengezi womlilo esandleni sakhe ukuba ashise impepho; esabathukuthelele abapristi, kwaqhamuka uchoko ebunzini lakhe phambi kwabapristi endlini kajehova-aeiou eceleni kwe-altare lempepho. u-azariya, umpristi omkhulu, nabo bonke abapristi bambuka; bheka, wayenochoko ebunzini lakhe; bashesha bamkhipha khona; naye waphuthuma ukuphuma, ngokuba ujhova-aeiou wayemshayile. u-uziya, inkosi, wayesengonochoko kwaze kwafika usuku lokufa kwakhe, wahlala endlini eyahlukanisiweyo, lokhu engonochoko, ngokuba wanqunywa endlini kajehova-aeiou. ujothamu indodana yakhe wayephezu kwendlu yenkosi, ahlulela abantu bezwe. ezinye izindaba zika-uziya, ezokuqala nezokugcina, zalotshwa ngu-isaya umprofethi, indodana ka-amose. u-uziya wayeselala koyise; bambela koyise ngaphandle kwamathuna amakhosi, ngokuba bathi: ungonochoko. ujothamu, indodana yakhe, waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

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ujothamu wayeneminyaka engamashumi amabili nanhlanu ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka eyishumi nesithupha ejerusalem; igama likanina lalingujerusha indodakazi kasadoki. wenza okulungile emehlweni kajehova-aeiou njengakho konke akwenzileyo u-uziya, kepha akangenanga ethempelini likajehova-aeiou. abantu babesasebenza ukonakala. wakha isango lasenhla lendlu kajehova-aeiou; nasogangeni lwase-ofeli wakha okuningi. wakha imizi ezintabeni za-kwajuda; emahlathini wakha izinqaba nemibhoshongo. walwa nenkosi yabantwana bakwa-amoni, wabahlula. abantwana bakwa-amoni bamnika ngawo lowo myaka amatalenta ayikhulu esiliva, namakhora ayizinkulungwane eziyishumi kakolweni, nawebhali ayizinkulungwane eziyishumi. lokho-ke abantwana bakwa-amoni bakuyisa kuye nangomnyaka wesibili nangowesithathu. ujothamu waba namandla, ngokuba walungisa izindlela zakhe phambi kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakhe. ezinye izindaba zikajothamu, nakho konke ukulwa kwakhe, nezindlela zakhe, bheka, zilotshiwe

encwadini yamakhosi akwa-israyeli nakwajuda. wayeneminyaka engamashumi amabili nanhlanu ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka eyishumi nesithupha ejerusalem. ujothamu wayeselala koyise; bambela emzini kadavide; u-ahazi indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

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u-ahazi wayeneminyaka engamashumi amabili ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka eyishumi nesithupha ejerusalem; akenzanga okulungile emehlweni kajehova-aeiou njengodavide uyise, kepha wahamba ngezindlela zamakhosi akwa-israyeli, wenzela obali izithombe ezibunjiweyo. washisa impepho esigodini sendodana kahinomu, washisa abantwana bakhe emlilweni njengezinengiso zabezizwe ujhova-aeiou abaxosha phambi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli. wahlabab, washisa impepho ezindaweni eziphakemeyo, nasemagqumeni, naphansi kwayo yonke imithi eluhlaza. ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakhe wayesemnikela esandleni senkosi yase-aramu, bamshaya, bathumba kuye isixuku esikhulu sabathunjwa, babayisa edamaseku. naye wanikelwa esandleni senkosi yakwa-israyeli eyamshaya ngokushaya okukhulu. ngokuba upheka indodana karemalia wabulala kwajuda izinkulungwane eziyikhulu namashumi amabili ngalusuku lunye, bonke bengamadoda anamandla, ngokuba bebeshiyile ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wawoyise. uzikiri, iqhawe lakwa-efrayimi, wabulala umahaseya, indodana yenkosi, no-azirikamu umbusi wendlu, no-elkana owelama inkosi. abantwana bakwa-israyeli bathumba kubafowabo izinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili, abesifazane, namadodana, namadodakazi, besusa kubo nempango eningi, beyiyisa impango esamariya. kepha kwakukhona lapho umprofethi kajehova-aeiou ogama lakhe lalingu-odedi; waphuma ukuhlangubeza impi eyayiza esamariya, wathi kubo: bhekani, ngokuba ujhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wawoyihlo wayethukuthelele ujudab, wabanikela esandleni senu, kepha nina nibabulele ngokufutha okufinyelele nasezulwini. manje-ke nithi niyakunyathela phansi abantwana bakwajuda nabasejerusalem babe yizigqila nezigqilakazi zenu. kepha aniyikuba necala kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu ngalokho kuphela na? ngalokho ngizweni, nibuyise abathunjwa enibathumbile kubafowenu, ngokuba ulaka olushisayo lukajehova-aeiou luphezu kwenu. kwase kusukuma abezinhloko zabantwana bakwa-efrayimi, u-azariya indodana kajohanani, noberekiya indodana kameshilemoti, nojhezikiya indodana

kashalumi, no-amasia indodana kahadilayi, bamelana nabaphuma empini, bathi kubo: ningabangenisi abathunjwa lapha, ngokuba nicabanga okuyakuba yicala lethu kujehova-aeiou ukuba kwenezele ezonweni zethu nasecaleni lethu, ngokuba icala lethu selilikhulu namanje; ulaka olushisayo luphezu kuka-israyeli. abahlomileyo base bebashiya abathunjwa nempango phambi kwezikhulu nebandla lonke. namadoda abizwe ngamagama ayesesukuma, abathatha abathunjwa, abembathisa impango bonke ababehamba ze, abembathisa, abafaka izicathulo, abapha ukudla, abaphuzisa, abagcoba, abakhweza ezimbongolweni bonke ababebuthakathaka, abayisa ejeriko umuzi wamasundu kubafowabo; ayesebuyela esamariya. ngaleso sikhathi inkosi u-ahazi yathumela emakhosini ase-asiriya ukuba ayisize. ngokuba phezu kwakho konke babefikile abakwa-edomi, bashaya ujuda, bathumba abathunjwa. namafilisti ayengenele imizi yasehlanzeni neyaseningizimu yakwajuda, athatha ibeti shemeshi, ne-ajaloni, negederoti, nesoko kanye nemizana yalo, nethimna nemizana yalo, negimizo nemizana yalo; ahlala khona. ngokuba u-jehova-aeiou wathobisa ujuda ngenxa ka-ahazi inkosi yakwa-israyeli, ngokuba wayedlubulundile kwajuda, waphambuka nokuphambuka kujehova-aeiou. wayesefika kuye uthiligati philineseri inkosi yase-asiriya, wamlupha, akamqinisa. ngokuba u-ahazi waphanga indlu kajehova-aeiou nendlu yenkosi neyezikhulu, wakunika inkosi yase-asiriya, kepha akum-sizanga. ngesikhathi sokuhlupheka kwakhe waqhubeka ekuphambukeni kujehova-aeiou, yona leyo nkosi u-ahazi. wahlabela olezi-ku basedamaseku ababemshayile, wathi: ngokuba olezi-ku bamakhosi ase-aramu bawasiza, ngiyakubahlabela ukuba bangisize nami. kepha baba yisikhubekiso kuye nakuye wonke u-israyeli. u-ahazi waqoqa izinto zendlu kalezi-ku, wazihlahlela izinto zendlu kalezi-ku, wawala izivalo zendlu kajehova-aeiou, wazenzela ama-altare emagumbini onke asejerusalem. nakuyo yonke imizi yakwajuda, imizi ngemizi, wenza izindawo eziphakemeyo zokuba ashisele abanye olezi-ku impepho, wamcunula u-jehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wawoyise. ezinye izindaba zakhe nazo zonke izindlela zakhe, ezokuqala nezokugcina, bheka, zilotshiwe encwadini yamakhosi akwajuda nakwa-israyeli. u-ahazi wayeselala koyise; bammabela emzini, ijerusalem, ngokuba abamoyisanga emathuneni amakhosi akwa-israyeli; uhezekiya indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

uhezekiya waqala ukubusa eneminyaka engamashumi amabili nanhlanu, wabusa iminyaka engamashumi amabili nesishiyagalolunye ejerusalem; igama likanina lalingu-abiya indodakazi kazakariya. wenza okulungile emehlweni kajehova-aeiou njen-gakho konke akwenzileyo udavide uyise. ngomnyaka wokuqala wokubusa kwakhe ngenyanga yokuqala wavula izivalo zendlu kajehova-aeiou, wazilungisa. wangenisa abapristi namalevi, wababutha esigcawini ngasempumalanga, wathi kubo: ngizweni nina malevi; zingcweliseni, niyingcwelise nendlu kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wawoyise, nikhiphe ukungcola endaweni engcwele. ngokuba oyihlo baphambukile, benza bonara-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu, bamshiya, baphendula ubuso babo endlini kajehova-aeiou, bamfulathela. bawala nezivalo zompheme, bacima izibani, abashisanga impepho, abanikelanga ngeminikelo yokushiswa endaweni engcwele kulezi-ku ka-israyeli. intukuthelo kajehova-aeiou yayisiba phezu kukajuda nejerusalem, wabanikela baba yisibonelo esibi, nesimangaliso, nento enximfelwayo, njengalokhu nibona ngamehlo enu. bhekani, obaba bawile ngenkemba, amadodana ethu namadodakazi ethu nawomkethu basekuthunjweni ngenxa yalokho. manje sekusenhliziyweni yami ukwenza isivumelwano no-jehova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli ukuba ulaka lwakhe oluvuthayo lubuye kithina. madodana ami, ningadebeseli, ngokuba nina u-jehova-aeiou unikhethile ukuba nime phambi kwakhe, nimkhonze, nibe yizikhonzi zakhe, nishise impepho. kwase kusukuma amalevi: ngumhathi indodana ka-amasayi nojweli indodana ka-azariya emadodaneni amakohati; emadodaneni kamerari: ngukishi indodana ka-abidi no-azariya indodana kajehaleli; kumagereshoni: ngujowa indodana kazima no-edene indodana kajowa; emadodaneni ka-elisafani: ngoshimiri no-jehiyeli; emadodaneni ka-asafa: ngozakariya nomathaniya; emadodaneni kahamani: ngojehiyeli noshimeyi; emadodaneni kaje-duthuni: ngoshemaya no-uziyeli. babutha abafowabo, bazingcwelisa, bangena njengesiyalezo senkosi ngamazwi kajehova-aeiou ukuba bayihlambulule indlu kajehova-aeiou. abapristi bangena kokuphakathi kwendlu kajehova-aeiou ukuba bayihlambulule, nakho konke ukungcola abakufumanisayo ethempelini likajehova-aeiou bakukhiphela egcekeni lendlu kajehova-aeiou. amalevi akuthatha, akukhipha, akuyisa emfuldaneni ikidroni. baqala ukungcwelisa ngolokuqala lwenyanga yokuqala; ngosuku lwesishiyagalombili lwenyanga bafika emphemeni

kajehova-aeiou, bayingcwelisa indlu kajehova-aeiou ngezinsuku eziyisishiya-galombili; ngosuku lweshumi nesithupha lwenyanga yokuqala baqeda. base bengena phakathi kuhezekiya inkosi, bathi: sihlambulule yonke indlu kajehova-aeiou, ne-altare leminikelo yokushiswa, kanye nazo zonke izinto zayo, netafula lezinkwa zokubukwa. zonke izinto inkosi u-ahazi eyazilahla ekuphambukeni kwayo isabusa, sizilungisile, sazingcwelisa; bheka, seziphambi kwe-altare likajehova-aeiou. uhezekiya inkosi wayesevuka ekuseni, wabutha izinduna zomuzi, wakhuphukela endlini kajehova-aeiou. baletha izinkunzi eziyisikhombisa, nezinqama eziyisikhombisa, namawundlu ayisikhombisa, nezimpongo eziyisikhombisa, kube ngumnikelo wokona ngombuso nangendlu engcwele nangojuda. wayaleza abapristi, amadodana ka-aroni, ukuba banikele ngakho e-altare likajehova-aeiou. base bezihlaba izinkunzi; abapristi bamukela igazi, bafafaza ngalo i-altare; bazibulala izinqama, bafafaza i-altare ngegazi; bawabulala amawundlu, bafafaza i-altare ngegazi. base besondeza izimpongo ngenxa yomnikelo wesono phambi kwenkosi nebandla; babeka izandla zabo phezu kwazo; abapristi bazihlaba, benza umnikelo wesono ngegazi lazo e-altare ukuba benzele u-israyeli wonke ukubuyisana, ngokuba inkosi yayaleza ukuba umnikelo wokushiswa nomnikelo wesono ube ngoka-israyeli wonke. wawamisa amalevi endlini kajehova-aeiou ephethe amasimbali, nezingubhu, namahabu njengesiyalezo sikadavide nesikagadi umboni wenkosi nesikanathani umprofethi, ngokuba isiyalezo sasingesikajehova-aeiou ngesandla sabaprofethi bakhe. amalevi ayesema ephethe izinto zokubethwa zikadavide, ekanye nabapristi bephethe amacilongo. uhezekiya wayala ukunikela ngomnikelo wokushiswa e-altare. ngesikhathi sokuqala komnikelo wokushiswa kwaqala nesihlabelelo sikajehova-aeiou, namacilongo, kanye nezinto zokubethwa zikadavide inkosi yakwa-israyeli. lonke ibandla lakhuleka, abahlabeleli bahlabelela, abamacilongo babetha; konke kwaqhubeka waze waphela umnikelo wokushiswa. sebeqedile ukunikela, inkosi nabo bonke ababe nayo bakhothama, bakhuleka. uhezekiya inkosi nezikhulu bawayala amalevi ukumdumisa ukehova-aeiou ngamazwi kadavide nangaka-asafa umboni. badumisa ngokuthokoza, bakhothamisa amakhanda abo, bakhuleka. wayesethatha uhezekiya, wathi: senizahlukanisele ukehova-aeiou; sondelani, nilethe imihlatshelo neminikelo yokubonga endlini kajehova-aeiou. ibandla laletha imihlatshelo neminikelo yokubonga, nabo bonke abaqhutshwa yinhlizyo evumayo baletha iminikelo yokushiswa. inani

leminikelo yokushiswa elaethwa yibandla laliyizinkunzi ezingamashumi ayisikhombisa, nezinqama eziyikhulu, namawundlu angamakhulu amabili; konke lokhu kwakungokomnikelo wokushiswa kujehova-aeiou. okungcwelisiwe kwakuyizinkabi ezingamakhulu ayisithupha nezimvu eziyizinkulungwane ezintathu. abapristi babe yingcosana nje, babengenakuhliza yonke iminikelo yokushiswa; abafowabo amalevi base bebasiza, waze waphela umsebenzi, nabapristi baze bazingcwelisa, ngokuba amalevi aye lungele ngezinhliziyo kunabapristi ukuba azingcwelise. neminikelo yokushiswa yayiminingi kanye namanoni eminikelo yokuthula neminikelo yokuphuzwa yeminikelo yokushiswa. yayisihleliwe inkonzo yendlu kajehova-aeiou. uhezekiya wathokoza kanye nabantu bonke ngenxa yalokho ulezi-ku ayebalungisele khona abantu, ngokuba leyo nto yavela ingalindelwanga.

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uhezekiya wathumela kuye wonke u-israyeli nojuda, walobela o-efrayimi nomanase izincwadi ukuba beze endlini kajehova-aeiou ejerusalem, bamenzele ukehova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli iphasika. ngokuba inkosi yayelulekene nezikhulu zayo nebandla lonke lasejerusalem ukuba bagcine iphasika ngenyanga yesibili. ngokuba babengenakulenza ngaleso sikhathi, lokhu abapristi bebengazingcwelisa ngokwaneleyo nabantu bebengakabuthani ejerusalem. leyo nto yabe ilungile emehlweni enkosi nasebandleni lonke. benza isinqumo sokuhambisa izwi ku-israyeli wonke kusukela eberi sheba kuze kube kwadani ukuba bafike, bamenzele ukehova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli iphasika ejerusalem, ngokuba babengalenzanga ebandleni njengokulotshiweyo. zase zihamba izigijimi nezincwadi eziphuma esandleni senkosi nasezikhulwini zayo, zaya kuye wonke u-israyeli nojuda ngesiyalezo senkosi sokuthi: nina bantwana bakwa-israyeli, buyelani kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-abraham noka-isaka noka-israyeli ukuba abuyele kuyo insali yenu yabasindileyo esandleni samakhosi ase-asiriya. ningabi njengoyihlo nabafowenu ababephambuka kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wawoyise, waze wabanikela encithakalweni, njengalokhu nibona. ningabi ntamo elukhuni njengawoyihlo, kepha nimnike ukehova-aeiou isandla senu, ningene endlini yakhe engcwele ayingcwelisile kuze kube phakade, nimkhonze ukehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu ukuba ulaka lwakhe oluvuthayo lubuye kini. ngokuba ekubuyeleni kweni kujehova-aeiou abafowenu nabantwana benu bayakuthola umusa phambi kwababathumbayo, babuyele



kuleli zwe, ngokuba ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu unomusa nesihe, akayikunifuthela, uma nibuyela kuye. izigijimi zazilokhu zidlula emizini ngemizi ezweni lakwa-efrayimi nelakwamanase kwaze kwaba kwazebuloni; kepha baziheleka usulu, baziklodela. kepha abathile babakwa-asheru nabakwamanase nabakwazebuloni bazithoba, beza ejerusalem. nakwajuda sasikhona isandla sikalezi-ku ukubanika inhliziyonye ukuba benze isiyalezo senkosi nesezikhulu ngezwi likajehova-aeiou. kwabuthana ejerusalem abantu abanengi ukuba bagubhe umkhosi wesinkwa esingenamvubelo ngenyanga yesibili, ibandla elikhulu kakhulu. basuka, basusa ama-altare asejerusalem; nawo onke ama-altare empepho bawasusa, bawaphonsa emfuldaneni ikidroni. base belihlaba iphasika ngolweshumi nane lwenyanga yesibili; abapristi namalevi babe namahloni, bazingcwelisa, baletha iminikelo yokushiswa endlini kajehova-aeiou. bema ezindaweni zabo njengehlelo labo ngokomthetho kamose, umuntu kalezi-ku; abapristi bafafaza ngegazi elalis-esandleni samalevi. ngokuba babe baningi ebandleni ababengazingcwelisa; amalevi ayephezu kokuhlatswa kwamaphasika abo bonke ababengahlambulule ukuba abangcwelisele ujejhova-aeiou. ngokuba isixuku sabantu, abanengi bakwa-efrayimi nakwamanase nakwa-isakare nakwazebuloni, sasingazihlambululanga, salidla iphasika ngokungilotshiwe. ngokuba uhezekiya wayebakhulekele ngokuthi: ujejhova-aeiou omuhle makathethelele bonke ababebhekisa izinhliziyi zabo ukufuna ulezi-ku, ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wawoyise, noma kungenjengokuhlajululwa kwendlu engcwele. ujejhova-aeiou wamuzwa uhezekiya, wabaphilisa abantu. abantwana bakwa-israyeli ababe khona ejerusalem bawugubha umkhosi wesinkwa esingenamvubelo izinsuku eziyisikhombisa ngokuthokoza okukhulu; amalevi nabapristi bamdumisa ujejhova-aeiou imihla ngemihla ngezinto zokubethwa ezizwakalayo kujehova-aeiou. uhezekiya wakhuluma kahle kuwo onke amalevi ayebonakalisa ukuqonda inkonzo kajehova-aeiou. badla-ke iminikelo yomkhosi izinsuku eziyisikhombisa, benikela ngemihlatshelo yeminikelo yokuthula, bambonga ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wawoyise. lonke ibandla lase livumelana ukugubha ezinye izinsuku eziyisikhombisa; bagubha ezinye izinsuku eziyisikhombisa ngokuthokoza. ngokuba uhezekiya inkosi yakwajuda wayenikile ibandla izinkunzi eziyinkulungwane nezimvu eziyizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa zibe yiminikelo, nezikhulu zazinikile ibandla izinkunzi eziyinkulungwane nezimvu eziyizinkulungwane eziyishumi; abapristi abanengi

bazingcwelisa. lonke ibandla lakwajuda kanye nabapristi namalevi, nalo lonke ibandla elaphuma ku-israyeli, nabafokazi abaphuma ezweni lakwa-israyeli behlezi kwajuda, bathokoza. kwakukhona-ke ukuthokoza okukhulu ejerusalem, ngokuba kusukela esikhathini sikasolomoni indodana kadavide, inkosi yakwa-israyeli, akuzange kube khona okunjalo ejerusalem. base besukuma abapristi namalevi, bababusisa abantu; izwi labo lezwakala, nomkhuleko wabo wafika endaweni yakhe engcwele ezulwini.

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sekuhlile konke lokho, u-israyeli wonke owayekhona waphuma waya emizini yakwajuda, waphula izinsika, wagawula o-ashera, wadliza izindawo eziphakemeyo nama-altare kwajuda wonke, nakwabanjami, nakwa-efrayimi, nakwamanase, waze waqeda konke. base bebuyela bonke abantwana bakwa-israyeli, kwaba yilowo nalowo efeni lakhe, emizini yakubo. uhezekiya wamisa izigaba zabapristi nezamalevi ngezigaba zabo, kwaba yilowo nalowo njengenkono yakhe, abapristi namalevi beminikelo yokushiswa neminikelo yokuthula, ukuba bakhonze, babonge, badumise emasangweni ekamu likajehova-aeiou, nesabelo senkosi emfuyweni yayo ukuba sibe ngeseminikelo yokushiswa, eseminikelo yokushiswa yasekuseni neyakusihlwa, neseminikelo yokushiswa yamasabatha, neyokwethwa kwenyanga, neyemikhosi emisiweyo njengokulotshiweyo emthethweni kajehova-aeiou. washo kubantu abakhileyo ejerusalem ukuba banike abapristi namalevi izabelo, ukuze babambelele emthethweni kajehova-aeiou. lanele ukusakazeka nje leli zwi, abantwana bakwa-israyeli banikela kakhulu ngolibo lwamabele, nolwewayini, nolwamafutha, nolwezinyosi, nakuzo zonke izithelo zamasi, baletha kakhulu okweshumi kwakho konke. abantwana bakwa-israyeli nabakwajuda ababehlala emizini yakwajuda baletha nabo okweshumi kwezinkabi nezimvu nokweshumi kwezinto ezingcwele ezazingcweliselwe ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wabo, bakubeka izinqwaba ngezinqwaba. ngenyanga yesithathu baqala ukubeka izisekelo zezinqwaba, ngenyanga yesikhombisa baziqeda. lapho uhezekiya nezikhulu beza ukuzibona izinqwaba, bambonga ujejhova-aeiou nabantu bakhe u-israyeli. uhezekiya wababusa abapristi namalevi ngezinqwaba. u-azariya umpristi omkhulu wendlu kasadoki wathi: kusukela ekuqaleni kokulethwa kweminikelo endlini kajehova-aeiou sidlile sasutha, sashiya okuningi, ngokuba ujejhova-aeiou ubusisile abantu

bakhe; okuseleyo yile ngebo. wayeshesho uhezekiya ukuba kulungiswe amakamelo endlini kajehova-aeiou; bawalungisa-ke. base bengenisa iminikelo, nokweshumi, nezinto ezingcwele ngokuthembeka; ukhoniya, umlevi, waba ngumphathi walokho; ushimeyi umfowabo waba ngowesibili. ojehiyeli, no-azaziya, nonahati, no-asaheli, nojerimoti, nojozabadi, no-eleyeli, no-jisimakiya, nomahati, nobenaya babe ngababonisi phansi kwesandla sikakhoniya noshimeyi umfowabo ngesiyalezo sikahezekiya inkosi no-azariya umphathi wendlu kalezi-ku. ukore, indodana kajimma umlevi, umlindisango wasesangweni lasempumalanga, wayephethe iminikelo yesihle kalezi-ku ukuba abele iminikelo kwahova-aeiou nezinto ezingcwele. phansi kwakhe kwakungo-edene, nominiyamini, nojeshuwa, noshemaya, no-amariya, noshekaniya emizini yabapristi ezikhundleni zabo ukuba babele abafowabo ngezigaba zabo abakhulu njengabancane, ngaphandle kwabesilisa ababhaliweyo ngezizukulwane zabo, kusukela kwabaneminyaka emithathu kuya phezulu, bonke ababengena endlini kajehova-aeiou ngendaba yomsebenzi wabo wemihla ngemihla ngezimfanelo zabo nezigaba zabo; abapristi babhalwa ngezindlu zawoyise, namalevi abhalwa kusukela kwaneminyaka engamashumi amabili kuya phezulu ngezimfanelo zawo nezigaba zawo. babhalwa ngezizukulwane kanye nezingane zabo, nawomkabo, namadodana abo, namadodakazi abo, isixuku sonke, ngokuba bazingcwelisa ngobungcwele ezikhundleni zabo. namadodana ka-aroni, abapristi ababe semasimini amadlelo emizi yabo, imizi ngemizi, ayenamadoda abizwa ngegama ukuba anike bonke abesilisa babapristi nawo onke amalevi abhaliweyo ngezizukulwane izabelo. wenze njalo uhezekiya kwajuda wonke; wenza okuhle nokulungile nokuthembekile phambi kukajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakhe. emisebenzini yonke ayiqalayo enkonzweni yendlu kalezi-ku, nasemthethweni, nasemiyalweni, ukuba afune ulezi-ku wakhe, wakwenza ngayo yonke inhliziyi yakhe, waphumelela.

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emva kwalezo zinto naleso sibonelo sokuthembeka kwafika usaneheribi inkosi yase-asiriya, wangena kwajuda, wamisa malungana nemizi ebiyelweyo, wathi uyakuzifohlela yona. lapho uhezekiya esebona ukuthi usaneheribi ufikile nokuthi uqonda ukulwa nejerusalema, welulekana nezikhulu zakhe namaqhawe akhe ukuba bavimbe amanzi emithombo eyayingaphandle komuzi; bamsiza. kwabuthana abantu abaningi, bavimba yonke imithombo, nom-

fudlana owawugobhoza phakathi nezwe, bathi: kungangani ukuba kufike amakhosi ase-asiriya, afumane amanzi amaningi, na? waziqinisa, wakha lonke ugange olwaludilizwe, wabeka imibhoshongo phezulu kwalo, nolunye ugange ngaphandle, waqinisa imilo emzini kadavide, wenza izikhali nezihlangu eziningi. wabeka izinduna zempi phezulu kwabantu, wazibuthela bona esigcawini ngasesangweni lomuzi, wakhuluma kahle kubo, wathi: qinani, nime isibindi, ningesabi, ningapheli amandla ngenkosi yase-asiriya nangesixuku sonke esinayo, ngokuba onathi mkhulu kunonaye; okunaye yingalo yenyama; okunathi nguJehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu ukuba asisize, alwe izimpi zethu. abantu bencika emazwini kahezekiya inkosi yakwajuda. emva kwalokho usaneheribi inkosi yase-asiriya wathuma izinceku zakhe ejerusalema wayephambi kwelakishi nabo bonke ababusi benaye kuhezekiya inkosi yakwajuda nakuye wonke ujuda wasejerusalema, wathi: usho kanje usaneheribi, inkosi yase-asiriya, uthi: nethebani nina, njengokuba nihlala nivinjezelwe ejerusalema, na? uhezekiya akaniyengi yini ukuba aninikele, nife ngendlala nangokoma, ethi: uJehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wethu uyakusophula esandleni senkosi yase-asiriya, na? yena lowo hezekiya akasusanga yini izindawo eziphakemeyo nama-altare akhe, wayala ujuda nejerusalema, wathi: niyakukhuleka phambi kwe-altare linye, nishise impepho, na? anazi yini ukuthi mina nawobaba senzeni kubo bonke abezizwe na? olezi-ku babezizwe babe namandla yini nakanjani okophula izwe labo esandleni sami na? ngubani phakathi kwabo bonke olezi-ku balezizwe ezachithwa ngobaba owayenamandla okophula abantu bakhe esandleni sami, ukuze ulezi-ku wenu anophule nina esandleni sami, na? ngalokho uhezekiya makanganikhohlisi, anganiyengi ngale ndlela, ningakholwa nguye, ngokuba kwakungekho lezi-ku nakusiphi isizwe noma kumuphi umbuso owayenamandla okophula abantu bakhe esandleni sami nas-esandleni sawobaba; kakhulu kangakanani anganophula esandleni sami ulezi-ku wenu na? izinceku zakhe zazikhuluma nokunye okuphambene noJehova-aeiou ulezi-ku nenceku yakhe uhezekiya. wayelobe nencwadi yokumhlambalaza uJehova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, wakhuluma okuphambene naye, wathi: njengalokho olezi-ku babezizwe bengabophulanga abantu babo esandleni sami, kanjalo ulezi-ku kahezekiya akayikubophula abantu bakhe esandleni sami. bamemeza ngezwi elikhulu ngolimi lwabajuda kubantu basejerusalema ababe sogangeni ukuba babethuse, babesabise, ukuze bawuthathe umuzi. bakhuluma ngolezi-ku wasejerusalema njengangawolezi-

ku babantu bomhlaba abangumsebenzi wezandla zabantu. uhezekiya inkosi no-isaya umprofethi, indodana ka-amose, bakhuleka ngenxa yalokho, bakhala ngasezulwini. ujevova-aeiou wathuma ingelosi eyanquma onke amaqhawe anamandla, nabaholi, nezinduna ekamu lenkosi yase-asiriya. yayisibuyela ezweni layo ijabhile. isingenile endlini kalezi-ku wayo, ababephume ezibilini zayo bayibulala khona ngenkamba. ujevova-aeiou wasindisa-ke uhezekiya nabakhileyo ejerusalem esandleni sikasaneheribi inkosi yase-asiriya nasesandleni sabo bonke abanye, wabahola nxazonke. abaningi baletsha izipho kujehova-aeiou ejerusalem namagugu kuhezekiya inkosi yakwajuda, waze waphakanyiswa emehlweni abo bonke abezizwe ngasemuva. ngalezo zinsuku uhezekiya wagula waze waba sengozini yokufa; wakhuleka kujehova-aeiou; yena wakhuluma kuye, wamnika isibonakaliso. kepha uhezekiya akabuyiselanga okuhle okwenzelwe yena, ngokuba inhliziyoyakhe yayikhukhumele; ngalokho kwaba khona ulaka phezu wakhe, naphezu kukajuda, naphezu kwejerusalem. kepha lapho uhezekiya esezithoba ekukhukhumaleni kwenhliziyo yakhe, yena nabakhileyo ejerusalem, ulaka lukajehova-aeiou alubehlelanga emihleni kahezekiya. uhezekiya wayenengcebo nodumo oluningi kakhulu, wazenzela izindlu zesiliva, nezegolide, nezamatshe angamagugu, nezamakha, nezezihlangu, nezezinto zonke ezinxanelekayo, nezinqolobane zezithelo zamabele nezewayini nezamafutha, nezibaya zezinhlobo zonke zezilwane, nezindawo zezimvu. wazenzela nemizi, nemfuyo yezimvu, nezinkomo eziningi, ngokuba ulezi-ku wayemnike impahla eningi kakhulu. yena lowo hezekiya wavimbezela umthombo wasenhla wamanzi asegihini, wawaqondisa ngasentshonalanga komuzi kadavide. uhezekiya waphumelela emisebenzini yakhe yonke. kanjalo namaqondana nezithunywa zezikhulu zasebale ezathumela kuye ukubuza ngesibonakaliso esenziwa ezweni ulezi-ku wamshiya ukumvivinya nje ukuba azi konke okusenhliziyweni yakhe. ezinye izindaba zikahezekiya nezenzo zakhe ezinhle, bheka, zilotshiwe embonweni ka-isaya umprofethi, indodana ka-amose, encwadini yamakhosi akwajuda nakwa-israyeli. uhezekiya wayeselala koyise; bammbela emmangweni wamathuna amadodana kadavide; wonke ujuda nabakhileyo ejerusalem bamenzela udumo ekufeni kwakhe. umanase indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

umanase wayeneminyaka eyishumi nambili ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka engamashumi ayisihlanu nanhlanu ejerusalem. wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou njengezinengiso zabezizwe ujevova-aeiou abaxosha phambi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli. wabuye wakha izindawo eziphakemeyo uhezekiya uyise azidilizile; wamisela obali ama-altare, wenza o-ashera, wakhuleka kulo lonke ibandla lasezulwini, walikhonza. wakha ama-altare endlini kajehova-aeiou, ujevova-aeiou asho ngayo ukuthi: igama lami liyakuba khona ejerusalem kuze kube phakade. wakhela nalo lonke ibandla lasezulwini ama-altare emagcekeni omabili endlu kajehova-aeiou. wadabulisa abantwana bakhe emihleni esigodini sendodana kahinomu, wahlola imihlola, wenza imilingo, wenza amalumbo, wamisa abanamadlozi, nabathakathi, wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka okuningi emehlweni kajehova-aeiou, waze wamcunula. wabeka umfanekiso obaziweyo wesithombe awenzileyo endlini kalezi-ku asho ngayo ulezi-ku kudavide nakusolomoni indodana yakhe ukuthi: kule ndlu nasejerusalem engilikhethile ezizweni zonke zakwa-israyeli ngiyakubeka igama lami kuze kube phakade; futhi angisayikususa unyawo luka-israyeli ezweni engilimisele oyihlo, uma beyakugcina kuphela ukwenza konke engibayale ngakho, wonke umthetho, nezimiso, nezahluhlo, ngesandla sikamose. umanase wadukisa ujuda nabakhileyo ejerusalem, baze benza bona-ra-ukukhandleka kunabezizwe ujevova-aeiou abachitha phambi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli. ujevova-aeiou wakhuluma kumanase nakubantu bakhe, kepha kabalalelanga. ngalokho-ke ujevova-aeiou wabehlisela izinduna zempi yenkosi yase-asiriya; zambamba umanase ngamaketanga, zambopha ngawozankosi, zamuyisa ebalele. lapho esekuhluphekeni, wanxusa kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakhe, wazithoba kakhulu phambi kukalezi-ku wawoyise. wakhuleka kuye; wancengwa nguyeyezwa ukunxusa kwakhe, wambuyisela ejerusalem embusweni wakhe. wayesekwazi umanase ukuthi ujevova-aeiou nguyeyezwa ongulezi-ku. emva kwalokho wakha ugange olungaphandle komuzi kadavide ngasentshonalanga kwasegihini esigodini kuze kube sekungeneni kwesango lezinhlazi; walihaqa i-ofeli, waliphakamisa kakhulu; wabeka izinduna ezinamandla emizini yonke ebiyelweyo yakwajuda. wasusa olezi-ku babezizwe nesithombe endlini kajehova-aeiou, nawo onke ama-altare ayewakhile entabeni yendlu kajehova-aeiou nasejerusalem, wakulahla ngaphandle komuzi. wakha i-altare likajehova-aeiou, wanikela

phezu kwalo ngemihlatshelo yeminikelo yokuthula neyokubonga, washo kujuda ukuba bamkhonze ukehova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli. nokho abantu babesahlaba ezindaweni eziphakemeyo, kodwa kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wabo kuphela. ezinye izindaba zikamanase, nomkhuleko wakhe kulezi-ku wakhe, namazwi ababoni ababewakhuluma kuye egameni likajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, bheka, kulotshiwe ezindabeni zamakhosi akwa-israyeli. umkhuleko wakhe, nokunxuswa kukalezi-ku nguye, nazo zonke izono zakhe, nazo zonke iziphambeko zakhe, nezindawo akha kuzo izindawo eziphakemeyo, amisa kuzo o-ashera nezithombe ezibaziweyo, engakazithobi, bheka, lokho kulotshiwe ezindabeni zikahozayi. umanase wayeselala koyise; bambela endlini yakhe; u-amoni indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. u-amoni wayeneminyaka engamashumi amabili namibili ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka emibili ejerusalem. wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou njengalokho enzile umanase uyise; u-amoni wahlabela zonke izithombe ezibaziweyo ayezenzile umanase uyise, wazikhonza. akazithobanga phambi kukajehova-aeiou njengalokho ebezithobile umanase uyise kepha yena lowo amoni wenza amacala akhe aba maningi. izinceku zakhe zamenzela ugobe, zambulala endlini yakhe. kepha abantu bezwe bababulala bonke ababeyenzele inkosi u-amoni ugobe; abantu bezwe bambeka ujoisiya indodana yakhe inkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

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ujoisiya wayeneminyaka eyisishiyagalombili ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka engamashumi amathathu nanye ejerusalem. wenza okulungile emehlweni kajehova-aeiou, wahamba ngezindlela zikadavide uyise, kachezukulanga ngakwesokunene nangakwesokhohlo. ngomnyaka wesishiyagalombili wokubusa kwakhe esengumfana waqala ukufuna ulezi-ku kadavide uyise; ngomnyaka weshumi namibili waqala ukuhlambulula ujuda nejerusalem, wasusa izindawo eziphakemeyo, nawo-ashera, nezithombe ezibaziweyo, nezithombe ezibunjiweyo. bawadiliza phambi kwakhe ama-altare awobali; nama-altare empepho ayephezu kwawo wawanquma; waphula o-ashera, nezithombe ezibaziweyo, nezithombe ezibunjiweyo, wakucolisisa, wakuvumvuzela phezu kwamathuna ababenikele kukho. wawashisa amathambo abapristi ema-altare abo, wahlambulula ujuda nejerusalem. emizini yakwamanase, nakwa-efrayimi, nakwasimeyoni kwaze kwaba nakwanafetali wacinga ezindlini

zabo nxazonke. wawadiliza ama-altare, waphula o-ashera nezithombe ezibaziweyo kwaba luthuli, wawanquma onke ama-altare empepho ezweni lonke lakwa-israyeli, wabuyela ejerusalem. ngomnyaka weshumi nesishiyagalombili wokubusa kwakhe esehlambululile izwe nendlu, wathuma ushafani, indodana ka-asaliya, nomahaseya umbusi womuzi, nojowa indodana kajowahazi, umabhalana, ukuba bayilungise indlu kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakhe. bafika kuhilikiya umpristi omkhulu, bayinikeza imali eyayilethwe endlini kalezi-ku iqoqwe ngamalevi, abalindisango, esandleni sakwamalevi, no-efrayimi, nakuyo yonke insali yakwa-israyeli, nakuye wonke ujuda nobenjimini, nakwabakhileyo ejerusalem; bayinikeza ezandleni zababenza umsebenzi ababeyiphethe indlu kajehova-aeiou; bona bayinika ababesebenza umsebenzi wasendlini kajehova-aeiou ukuba bayilungise, bayiqinise indlu; bayinika nababazi nabakhi ukuba bathenge amatshe abaziweyo nemithi yokuhlanganisa, benze imishayo yezindlu amakhosi akwajuda abezichithile. amadoda enza umsebenzi wawo ngokuthembeka; ababonisi phezu kwabo babe ngojahati no-obadiya amalevi, emadodaneni akwamerari, nozakariya nomeshulam emadodaneni amakohati, ukuba babahole, kanye namalevi onke ayeqonda izinto zokubethwa. ayephezu kwabathwala imithwalo, ahola bonke abenza umsebenzi wezinkonzo ngezinkonzo; kumalevi kwakukhona nababhali, nezinduna, nabalindisango. lapho beyikhipha imali eyayilethwe endlini kajehova-aeiou, uhilikiya, umpristi, wafumana incwadi yomthetho kajehova-aeiou eyalotshwa ngesandla sikamose. uhilikiya wathatha wathi kushafani umbhali: ngifumene incwadi yomthetho endlini kajehova-aeiou. uhilikiya wayinika ushafani incwadi. ushafani wayiyisa incwadi enkosini, waletsa nombiko wokuthi: konke okwanikelwa ezandleni zezinceku zakho ziyakwenza. ziyithululile imali eyafunyanwa endlini kajehova-aeiou, zayinikeza ezandleni zababonisi nasezandleni zezisebenzi. ushafani umbhali wayitshela inkosi, wathi: uhilikiya umpristi unginike incwadi. ushafani wafunda kuyo phambi kwenkosi. kwathi lapho inkosi isizwile amazwi omthetho, yaziklebhula izingubo zayo. inkosi yayala ohilikiya, no-ahikamu indodana kushafani, no-abidoni indodana kamika, noshafani umbhali, no-asaya inceku yenkosi, yathi: hambani ningibuzele kujehova-aeiou, mina nabaseleyo kwa-israyeli nakwajuda ngamazwi encwadi efunyenweyo, ngokuba inkulu intukuthelo kajehova-aeiou ethululelwe phezu kwethu, ngokuba obaba abaligcinanga izwi likajehova-aeiou ukwenza njengakho konke

okulotshiweyo kule ncwadi. wayesehamba uhilikiya nabanye benkosi, baya kuhulida umprofethikazi, umkashalumi indodana kathokathi kahasira, umgcinizingubo wahlala ejerusalem enxenyeni yesibili

bakhuluma kuye ngokunjalo. wathi kubo: usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: tshelani umuntu onithume kimi ukuthi: usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou, uthi: bhekani, ngiyakwehlisela bona-rakukhandleka phezu kwale ndawo naphezu kwabakhileyo kuyo, zonke iziqalekiso ezilotshiweyo encwadini abayifundileyo phambi kwenkosi yakwajuda, ngokuba bangishiyile, bashesela abanye olezi-ku impepho baze bangicunula ngayo yonke imisebenzi yezandla zabo; intukuthelo yami isithululelwe kule ndawo, ayiyikucinywa. kepha enkosini yakwajuda eyanithuma ukubuza kujehova-aeiou niyakusho kuyo kanje, nithi: usho kanje ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, uthi: maqondana namazwi owezwileyo, ngenxa yokuba inhliziyi yakho yayithambile, wazithoba phambi kukalezi-ku ekuzweni kwakho amazwi akhe ngale ndawo nangabakhileyo kuyo, yebo, wazithoba phambi kwami, wazik-lebhula izingubo zakho, wakhala phambi kwami, mina ngikuzwile, usho ujejhova-aeiou. bheka, ngiyakukubuthela koyihlo, ubuthelwe ethuneni lakho ngokuthula, angaboni amehlo akho konke bona-rakukhandleka engiyakukwehlisela phezu kwale ndawo naphezu kwabakhileyo kuyo.

babuyisela enkosini leli zwi. inkosi yayisithumela, yabutha onke amalunga akwajuda nasejerusalem. inkosi yakhu-phukela endlini kajehova-aeiou kanye nabo bonke abantu bakwajuda nabakhileyo ejerusalem, nabapristi, namalevi, nabantu bonke, abakhulu nabancane, wafunda ezindlebeni zabo onke amazwi encwadi yesivumelwano ebifunyenwe endlini kajehova-aeiou. inkosi yema endaweni yayo, yenza isivumelwano phambi kukajehova-aeiou ukumlandela ujejhova-aeiou nokugcina imiyalo yakhe, nobufakazi bakhe, nezimiso zakhe ngayo yonke inhliziyi yayo nangawo wonke umphefumulo wayo ukuba igenze amazwi esivumelwano ayelotshwe kule ncwadi. wenza ukuba bonke abafunyanwa ejerusalem nakwabenjimini beme kuso. abakhileyo ejerusalem benza njengesivumelwano sikalezi-ku, ulezi-ku wawoyise. ujosiya wazisusa zonke izinengiso emazweni onke akwa-israyeli, wenza ukuba bonke abafunyanwa kwa-israyeli bakhonze, bamkhonze ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wabo. zonke izinsuku zakhe abasukanga ekumlandeleni ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wawoyise.

ujosiya wamenzela ujejhova-aeiou iphasika ejerusalem; balihlaba iphasika ngolweshumi nane lwenyanga yokuqala. wamisa abapristi ezikhundleni zabo, wabaqinisa emsebenzini wendlu kajehova-aeiou. washo kumalevi afundisa wonke u-israyeli, ayengcwele kujehova-aeiou, wathi: bekani umphongolo ongcwele endlini ayakhayo usolomoni indodana kadavide, inkosi yakwa-israyeli; akusayikubakho mthwalo emahlombe enu; khonzani manje ujejhova-aeiou ulezi-ku wenu nabantu bakhe u-israyeli. zilungiseni ngezindlu zawoyihlo ngezigaba zenu njengokubhala kukadavide inkosi yakwa-israyeli nanjengokubhala kukasolomoni indodana yakhe, nime endaweni engcwele njengamaqembu ezindlu zawoyise babafowenu, abantu besizwe, yilelo nalelo libe nesigaba sendlu kayise yamalevi. lihlabeni iphasika, nizingcwelise, nilungisele abafowenu ukuba benze njengezwi likajehova-aeiou ngesandla sikamose. ujosiya wabanika abantu besizwe bonke ababekhona emihlabini amawundlu namazinanye ezimbuzi, onke abengaweminikelo yephasika, umumo uyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amathathu nezinkunzi eziyizinkulungwane ezintathu; lokho kwakungokwempahla yenkosi. izikhulu zakhe zabanika abantu, nabapristi, namalevi iminikelo yesihle. ohilikiya, nozakariya, nojehiyeli, abaphathi bendlu kalezi-ku, babanika abapristi amawundlu ayizinkulungwane ezimbili namakhulu ayisithupha nezinkabi ezingamakhulu amathathu, kube ngokweminikelo yephasika. okhonaniya, noshemaya, nonethaneli, abafowabo, nohashabiya nojehiyeli, nojozabadi, izinduna zamalevi, bawanika amalevi amawundlu ayizinkulungwane eziyisihlanu nezinkabi ezingamakhulu ayisihlanu, kube ngokweminikelo yephasika. yayisilungiswa-ke inkonzo; abapristi bema ezindaweni zabo namalevi ngezigaba zawo njengesiyalezo senkosi. balihlaba iphasika, abapristi bafafaza ngezandla zabo, amalevi alihlinza. ayisusa iminikelo yokushiswa ukuba ayabele njengamaqembu ezindlu zawoyise babantu besizwe, ukuze banikele ngayo kujehova-aeiou njengokulotshiweyo encwadini kamose. enze njalo nakuzo izinkabi. alosa iphasika ngomlilo njengokomthetho, neminikelo engcwele ayosa emakhanzini, nasezweni, nasemabhodweni, ashesha akuletha kubantu besizwe. ngasemuva azilungiselela wona nabapristi, ngokuba abapristi, amadodana ka-aroni, babesekunikeleni iminikelo namanoni kwaze kwaba sebusuku; ngalokho amalevi azilungiselela wona nabapristi, amadodana ka-aroni. abahlebeleli, amadodana ka-asafa, babe

sendaweni yabo njengokwesiyalezo sika-davide, no-asafa, nohemani, nojeduthuni umboni wenkosi; abalindisango babengas-esangweni; kwakungadingeki ukuba basuke emsebenzini wabo, ngokuba abafowabo amalevi babalungisela. yayisilungiswa-ke inkonzo kajehova-aeiou ngalusuku lunye ukwenza iphasika nokunikela ngeminikelo yokushiswa e-altare likajehova-aeiou njen-gesiyalezo senkosi ujosiya. abantwana bakwa-israyeli ababekhona balenza iphasika ngaleso sikhathi nomkhosi wesinkwa esin-genamvubelo izinsuku eziyisikhombisa. alenziwanga iphasika elinjengalelo kwa-israyeli kusukela emihleni kasamuweli umprofethi, nawo onke amakhosi akwa-israyeli awezanga iphasika elinjengalelo elenziwa ngujosiya, nabapristi, namalevi, naye wonke ujuda no-israyeli owayekhona, kanye nabakhileyo ejerusalem. ngomnyaka weshumi nesishiyagalombili wokubusa kukajosiya leli phasika lenziwa. emva kwakho konke lokho ujosiya eselilungisile ithempeli, unekho inkosi yasegibithe wenyuka ukulwa nekharikemishi ngase-ewufrathe; ujosiya waphuma ukumhlangabeza. kepha wathuma izithunywa, wathi: nginamsebenzi muni nawe nkosi yakwajuda na? angiphambene nawe namuhla, kepha ngiphambene nendlu engilwa nayo; ulezi-ku ungithelile ukuba ngisheshe; mgweme ulezi-ku on-ami ukuba angakuchithi. kepha ujosiya akaphendukanga kuye, kodwa waziguqula ukuba alwe naye; akalalelanga amazwi kanekho emlonjeni kalezi-ku, weza ukulwa esigodini sasemegido. abacibishelayo bacibishela inkosi; inkosi yathi ezincekwini zayo: ngikhhipheni, ngokuba ngikhutshaziwe kakhulu. izinceku zayo zayikhipha enqoleni, zayikhwelisa enqoleni yesibili eyayinayo, zayiyisa ejerusalem; yafa, yembelewa emathuneni awoyise. wonke ujuda nejerusalem bamlilela ujosiya. naye ujeremiya wamlilela ujosiya; bonke abahlabeleli besilisa nabesifazane bakhuluma ngojosiya ekulineni kwabo kuze kube namuhla; bakwenza kwaba yisimiso kwa-israyeli; bheka, kulotshiwe ezililweni. ezinye izindaba zikajosiya, nezenzo zakhe ezinhle njengokulotshiweyo emthethweni kajehova-aeiou, nezindaba zakhe, ezokuqala nezokugcina, bheka, zilotshiwe encwadini yamakhosi akwa-israyeli nakwajuda.

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abantu bezwe bathatha ujehowahazi indodana kajosiya, bambeka inkosi esikhundleni sikayise. ujehowahazi wayeneminyaka engamashumi amabili nantathu ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa izinyanga ezintathu ejerusalem. inkosi yasegibithe yamsusa ejerusalem, yathelisa izwe am-

atalenta ayikhulu esiliva nentalenta legolide. inkosi yasegibithe yabeka u-eliyakimi umfowabo inkosi kwajuda nasejerusalem, yaguqula igama lakhe labangujehowakimi. unekho wathatha ujehowahazi umfowabo, wamvisa egibithe. ujehowakimi wayeneminyaka engamashumi amabili nanhlanu ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka eyishumi nanye ejerusalem; wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakhe. kwenyukela kuye unebukadinesari inkosi yasebabele, wambopha ngamaketanga ukuba amyise ebabele. unebukadinesari wayisa ezinye izitsha zendlu kajehova-aeiou ebabele, wazibeka ethempelini lakhe ebabele. ezinye izindaba zikajehoyakimi, nezinengiso azenzayo, nokunye okufumaniseke kuye, bheka, kulotshiwe encwadini yamakhosi akwa-israyeli nakwajuda; ujehowakini indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. ujehowakini wayeneminyaka eyisishiyagalombili ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa izinyanga ezintathu nezinsuku eziyishumi ejerusalem; wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou. ekuqaleni komnyaka inkosi unebukadinesari yathumela yamletha ebabele kanye nezitsha ezinx-anelekayo zendlu kajehova-aeiou, yabeka usedekiya, umfowabo, inkosi kwajuda nasejerusalem. usedekiya wayeneminyaka engamashumi amabili nanye ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka eyishumi nanye ejerusalem. wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emehlweni kajehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wakhe; akazithobanga phambi kukajeremiya umprofethi womlomo kajehova-aeiou. wayihlubuka inkosi unebukadinesari eyayimfungisile ujehowa-aeiou, wenza lukhuni intamo yakhe, wenza lukhuni nenhliziyo yakhe ukuba ingaphendukeli kujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku ka-israyeli. zonke izikhulu zabapristi nabantu baphambuka kakhulu ngezinengiso zabezizwe, bayingcolisa indlu kajehova-aeiou ayingcwelisileyo ejerusalem. ujehowa-aeiou ulezi-ku wawoyise wathuma kubo ngezandla zezithunywa zakhe, ethuma njalonjalo, ngokuba wahawukela abantu bakhe nendawo yakhe yokuhlala; kepha baziklolodela izithunywa zikalezi-ku, bawadelela amazwi akhe, babaphatha kabi abaprofethi bakhe, yaze yavuka intukuthelo kajehova-aeiou ngabantu bakhe, kwaze kwangabakho ukwelashwa. ngalokho wabehlisele inkosi yamakaledi eyabulala izinsizwa zabo ngenkamba endlini yabo engcwele, ayihawukelanga nansizwa, nantombi, naxhegu, nogugileyo; wabanikela bonke esandleni sayo. zonke izitsha zendlu kalezi-ku, ezinkulu nezincane, nengcebo yendlu kajehova-aeiou, nengcebo yenkosi neyezikhulu zayo, konke lokho wakuyisa ebabele. bayishisa indlu kalezi-ku, baludiliza

ugange lwasejerusalema, bazishisa zonke  
izingaba ngomlilo, bazichitha zonke izitsha  
ezinxanelekayo zakhona. abasele enkembeni  
wabathumbela ebabele; baba yizinceku  
zakhe nezamadodana akhe, kwaze kwabusa  
umbuso wasepheresiya ukuba ligcwaliseke  
izwi likajehova-aeiou ngomlomo kajeremiya,  
lize laneliswe izwe ngamasabatha alo sonke  
isikhathi liyincithakalo laligcina isabatha  
kuze kugcwaliswe iminyaka engamashumi  
ayisikhombisa. ngomnyaka wokuqala kako-  
resi inkosi yasepheresiya ukuba kufezeke  
izwi likajehova-aeiou ngomlomo kajeremiya  
ujehova-aeiou wavusa umoya kakoresi inkosi  
yasepheresiya ukuba amemezele embusweni  
wakhe wonke, alobe futhi ngokuthi: usho  
kanje ukoresi, inkosi yasepheresiya, uthi:  
ujehova-aeiou ulezi-ku wezulu unginikile  
yonke imibuso yomhlaba; ungiyalile uku-  
makhela indlu ejerusalema lakwajuda.  
noma ngumuphi phakathi kwenu kubo  
bonke abantu bakhe, ulezi-ku makabe naye,  
akhuphuke.

upawulu, inceku kakristu jesu, umphostoli obiziweyo nowahlukaniselwe ivangeli likalezi-ku, alethembisa ngaphambili ngabaprofethi bakhe emibhalweni engcwele mayelana nendodana yakhe eyavela enzalweni kadavide ngokwenyama, eyabonakaliswa ngamandla ukuthi iyindodana kalezi-ku ngokomoya wobungcwele ngokuvuka kwabafileyo, ujesu kristu inkosi yethu esamukela ngaye umusa nobuphostoli kube ngukulalela kokukholwa ezizweni zonke ngenxa yegama lakhe, enikuzo nani eningababiziweyo bakajesu kristu, kubo bonke abathandiweyo bakalezi-ku abaseroma, ababiziweyo, abangcwele: makube kini umusa nokuthula okuvela kulezi-ku ubaba wethu nasenkosini ujesu kristu. kuqala-ke ngibonga ulezi-ku wami ngojesu kristu ngani nonke, ngokuba ukukholwa kwenu kunconywa ezweni lonke. ngokuba ulezi-ku, engimkhonza emoyeni wami ngevangeli lendodana yakhe, ungufakazi wami wokuthi ngokungaphezi ngiyanikhumbula njalo emikhulekweni yami, nginxusa ukuba, uma kungenzeka ngentando kalezi-ku, ngiphumelele ukufika kini. ngokuba ngilangazelela ukunibona ukuze nginabele isipho esithile somusa sokomoya ukuba niqinise, okungukuthi siduduzane kanye nani phakathi kwenu ngokukholwa kwethu okwenu nokwami. angithandi, bazalwane, ukuba ningazi ukuthi ngazimisela kaningi ukuza kini, kepha ngathiyeke kuze kube manje ukuba nakini ngibe nezithelo njengakwezinye izizwe. nginecala kumagreki nakwabezizwe, kwabahlakaniphileyo nakwabangaqondiyi; kanjalo mina ngokwami nginesifiso sokushumayela ivangeli nakinina baseroma. ngokuba anginamahloni ngevangeli; ngokuba lingamandla kalezi-ku, kube yinsindiso kulowo nalowo okholwayo, kumjuda kuqala, nakumgreki. ngokuba ukulunga kukalezi-ku kwambulwa kulo, kuvela ekukholweni, kuyisa ekukholweni, njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: olungileyo uzakuphila ngokukholwa. ngokuba intukuthelo kalezi-ku yambulwa ivela ezulwini phezu kwakho konke ukungamesabi ulezi-ku nokungalungi kwabantu abathiya iqiniso ngokungalungi, ngokuba lokho okwazekayo ngolezi-ku kusobala phakathi kwabo; ngokuba ulezi-ku ukubonakalisile kubo. ngokuba okungabonwayo kwakhe, kuthi amandla akhe aphakade nobulezi-ku bakhe kubonakala kwasekudalweni kwezwe, ngokuba kuqondakala ngezenzo zakhe, ukuze bangabi nakuzilandulela, ngokuba kuthe bemazi ulezi-ku, kabamdumisanga, kababonganga njengolezi-ku, kodwa balutheka ekuzindleni kwabo; inhliziyi yabo

engaqondiyi yaba mnyama. bezisho ukuthi bahlakaniphile baba yiziwula, nenkazimulo kalezi-ku ongabhuhhiyo bayiguqula ifane nomfanekiso womuntu obhubhayo, owezinyoni, nowezilwane ezinezinyawo ezine nezinwabuzelayo. ngalokho ulezi-ku wabanikela ezinkanukweni zezinhliziyi zabo kukho ukungcola, bahlazisane imizimba yabo, baguqule iqiniso likalezi-ku, balenza amanga; bahlonipha, bakhonza okudaliweyo kunomdali ongobongekayo kuze kube phakade. amen. ngenxa yalokho ulezi-ku wabanikela ekuhuhekeni okuyihlazo; ngokuba abesifazane babo baguqula ukwenza okwemvelo kwaba ngokuphambene nemvelo; ngokunjalo nabesilisa bayeka ukwenza kwemvelo kowesifazane, basha ngokukhanukelana, abesilisa benza okuyichilo kwabesilisa, bezitholela umvuzo ofanele ukuduka kwabo. nanjengalokho bengakunakanga ukumazi ulezi-ku, ulezi-ku wabanikela engqondweni yokunganaki ukwenza okungafanele, begcwele konke ukungalungi, nokonakala, nesangabe, nobubi; begcwele umhawu, nokubulala, nokuphikisana, nenkohliso, nobuqili, nokuleba; beyizinyevuzi, nabazonda ulezi-ku, nezidlova, nabazidlayo, nabazigabisayo, nabaqambi bbona-ra-ukukhandleka, nabangalaleli abazali, nabangenangqondo, nabangathembekile, nabangenaluthando, nabangenasihawu, abathi besazi isimiso sokulunga sikalezi-ku sokuthi abenza okunjalo bafanele ukufa, abenzi lokho kuphela, kodwa babuye bavumelana nabakwenzayo.

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ngakho awunakuzilandulela wena muntu, noma ungubani owahlulelayo, ngokuba ngalokho owahlulela ngakho omunye uyazilahla wena, ngokuba wena owahlulelayo uyakwenza khona lokho nawe. siyazi ukuthi ukwahlulela kukalezi-ku ngokweqiniso kubehlela abenza okunjalo. ucabanga lokho yini wena muntu owahlulela abenza okunjalo, ubukwenza nawe, ukuthi uyakubalekela ukwahlulela kukalezi-ku na? kumbe uyayidelela yini ingcebo yobumnene, neyokubekezela, neyeneyewe yakhe, ungazi ukuthi ubumnene bukalezi-ku bukuyisa ekuphendukeni na? kepha ngobulukhuni bakho nangenhliziyi engaphendukiyo uzibekela ulaka ngosuku lolaka nolokwambulwa kokwahlulela okulungileyo kukalezi-ku oyakuvuza yilowo nalowo ngokwemisebenzi yakhe: labo abafuna ngokukhuthazela ekwenzeni okuhle inkazimulo nodumo nokungabhuhhi bothola ukuphila okuphakade; kepha labo abanombango bengalaleli iqiniso, belalela ukungalungi, bothola ulaka nentukuthelo. usizi nokubandezeka kuyakwehlela



imiphefumulo yabantu bonke abenza bonara-ukukhandleka, umjuda kuqala, nomgreki futhi; kepha inkazimulo nodumo nokuthula kubo bonke abenza okuhle, kumjuda kuqala, nakumgreki futhi. ngokuba akukho ukukhetha umuntu kulezi-ku. ngokuba bonke abonileyo bengenamthetho bayakubhubha bengenamthetho; kepha bonke abonileyo benomthetho bayakwahlulelwa ngomthetho; ngokuba akusibo abezwayo umthetho abangabalungile phambi kukalezi-ku, kepha abenzayo umthetho yibona abayakulungisiswa. ngokuba nxa abezizwe abangenawo umthetho ngokwemvelo benza okomthetho, laba, bengenawo umthetho, bangumthetho wabo ngokwabo, babonakalisa ukuthi umsebenzi womthetho ulotshiwe ezinhliziyweni zabo, nonembeza wabo uyafakaza naye, imicabango yabo imangalelana noma ivunana, ngosuku ulezi-ku ayakwahlulela ngalo okufihliweyo kwabantu ngokwewangeli lami ngokristu jesu. kepha uma uthiwa ungumjuda, wethemba umthetho, uziphanga ngolezi-ku, wazi intando yakhe, ukhetha okungcono, ungofundisiwe emithethweni, uzemhambile wena ukuthi ungumholi wezipumputhe, ungukukhanya kwabasebumnyameni, umyali weziwula nomfundisi wezingane, unakho ukuma kokwazi nokweqiniso emithethweni, wena-ke ofundisa omunye, awuzifundisi wena na? wena oshumayela ukuthi akungebiwa, uyeba na? wena othi akungaphingwa, uyaphinga na? wena owenyanya isithombe, uphanga ithempeli na? wena ozibonga ngomthetho, udumaza ulezi-ku ngokweqa umthetho na? ngokuba igama likalezi-ku liyahlanjalezwa phakathi kwabezizwe ngenxa yenu, njengalokhu kulotshiwe. ngokuba ukusoka kuyasiza kambe, uma ugcina umthetho; kepha uma ungumeqi womthetho, ukusoka kwakho kuphenduka ukungasoki. ngakho-ke uma ongasokile egcina izimiso zomthetho, ukungasoki kwakhe akuyikubalwa ukuthi kungokusoka na? khona ongasokile ngokwemvelo, egcina umthetho, uzakwahlulela wena othi unombhalo nokusoka, weqe umthetho. ngokuba umjuda kakusiye onguye ngokubonwayo, nokusoka akusikho okubonwa enyameni; kodwa umjuda yilowo onguye ngaphakathi, nokusoka kungokwenhliziyo, ngomoya kungengegama, okutuswa kwakhe kungaveli kubantu kepha kulezi-ku.

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ngalokho kuyini umjuda adlula abanye ngakho na? kukho, ukusoka kunokusiza kuni na? kukhulu ngezindlela zonke. kuqala ngokuba baphathisiwe amazwi kalezi-ku. kunjani pho? uma abanye bengakhohlwanga, ukungakhohlwa kwabo kuyakwenza ize

ukukholeka kukalezi-ku na? qha nakanye; kepha makube ngukuthi: ulezi-ku uqinisele, wonke umuntu ungumqambimanga, njengokuba kulotshiwe ukuthi: ukuze uthiwe ungolungileyo emazwini akho, unqobe ekwahlulelweni kwakho. kepha uma ukungalungi kwethu kubonakalisa ukulunga kukalezi-ku, siyakuthini na? imbala ulezi-ku ungongalungile yini owehlisa ulaka na? ngikhulumisa okomuntu. qha nakanye, ngokuba ulezi-ku uyakwahlulela kunjani izwe, pho, na? kepha uma iqiniso likalezi-ku lavama ngamanga ami, kube yinkazimulo yakhe, ngisahlulelwanani futhi mina njengesoni na? kungabi ngukuthi, njengalokhu sihlanjalezwayo nanjengalokhu abanye bathi siyasho ukuthi asenze bona-ra-ukukhandleka, ukuze kuvele okuhle na? ukulahlwa kwabo kubafanele. kunjani kanti? siyabadlula na? qha nakanye, ngokuba bese sibamangalele abajuda namagreki ngokuthi bonke baphansi kwesono, njengokuba kulotshiwe ukuthi: akakho olungileyo, akakho noyedwa; akakho oqondayo, akakho ofuna ulezi-ku; bonke baphambukile, baphenduke imbuka bonkana; akakho owenza okuhle, akakho noyedwa. umphimbo wabo uyiliba elivulekileyo, ngezilimi zabo bayakhohlisa, isihlungu sezinyoka siphansi kwezindebe zabo; umlomo wabo ugcwele ukuthuka nokubaba; izinyawo zabo zishesha ukuchitha igazi, incithakalo nosizi kusezindleleni zabo, indlela yokuthula abayazi. ukwesaba ulezi-ku akukho phambi kwamehlo abo. kepha siyazi ukuthi lokhu okushoyo umthetho ukukhuluma kubo abasemithethweni ukuba yonke imilomo ivinjwe, izwe lonke libe necala kulezi-ku, ngokuba ngemisebenzi yomthetho akukho nyama eyakulungisiswa phambi kwakhe; ngokuba ngomthetho kukhona ukwazi isono. kepha manje kubonakalisiwe ukulunga okuvela kulezi-ku ngaphandle komthetho, kufakazelwa ngumthetho nabaprofethi, ngisho ukulunga kukalezi-ku ngokukholwa ngujesu kristu kubo bonke abakhohlwayo; ngokuba akukho mahluko; ngokuba bonke bonile, basilalelwe inkazimulo kalezi-ku; balungisisiwe ngesihle ngomusa wakhe ngokuhlengwa okukukristu jesu, ammisileyo ulezi-ku abe yinhlawulo ngokukholwa egazini lakhe, kubonakalisiwe ukulunga kwakhe ngokuyekelwa kwezono ezenziwe ngaphambili ekubekezeleni kukalezi-ku, ukuba kubonakalisiwe ukulunga kwakhe esikhathini samanje, ukuze yena abe ngolungileyo, abe ngumlungisisi walowo okholwa ngujesu. ngakho kuphi ukuzibonga na? kuvalelwe phandle. ngamthetho muni na? ngowemisebenzi na? qhobo, kodwa ngomthetho wokukholwa. ngakho-ke sithi umuntu ulungisiswa ngokukholwa ngaphandle kwemisebenzi yomthetho. kumbe

ulezi-ku ungowabajuda kuphela na? kasiye nowabezizwe na? yebo, nowabezizwe, uma impela ulezi-ku emunye oyakulungisisa abasokileyo ngokukholwa nabangasokile ngokukholwa. ngakho-ke umthetho siwenza ize ngenxa yokukholwa na? qha nakanye, kodwa siyawuqinisa umthetho.

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ngakho-ke siyakuthi uzuzeni u-abrahama, ukhokho wethu, ngokwenyama na? ngokuba uma u-abrahama walungisiswa ngemisebenzi, unakho ukuzibonga; kodwa phambi kukalezi-ku qha. ngokuba umbhalo uthini na? uthi: kepha u-abrahama wakholwa ngulezi-ku, kwambalelwa ukuthi kungukulunga. kepha kosebenzayo umvuzo awubalelwa ngokomusa kodwa ngokwemfanelo; kepha kongasebenziyo, kodwa ekholwa nguye olungisisa ongamesabi ulezi-ku, ukukholwa kwakhe kubalelwa yena ukuthi kungukulunga, njengalokhu nodavide esho ngokubusiswa komuntu ulezi-ku ambalela ukulunga ngaphandle kwemisebenzi, ethi: babusisiwe abathethelelwe izeqo zabo, nabazono zabo zisitshekelwe; ubusisiwe umuntu inkosi engayikumbalela isono. u-abrahama wamukeliswa isithembiso ngokukholwa. ngakho-ke lokhu kubusiswa kuqondene nabasokile noma nabangasokile na? ngokuba sithi: ukukholwa kwabalelwa u-abrahama ukuthi kungukulunga. pho, kwabalelwa kanjani na? esesokile yini noma engakasoki na? akubanga esesokile, kodwa engakasoki. wasamukela isibonakalisi sokusoka, sibe luphawu lokulunga kokukholwa ayenakho engakasoki, ukuba abe nguyise wabo bonke abakhulwayo bengasokile, ukuze ukulunga kubalelwe kubona, futhi abe nguyise wabasokileyo, kungabi ngowabasokileyo kuphela, kepha nowabo abahamba emkhondweni wokukholwa ubaba u-abrahama ayenakho engakasoki. ngokuba isithembiso sokuthi uyakuba yindlalifa yezwe asinikwanga u-abrahama nenzalo yakhe ngawo umthetho kodwa ngokulunga kokukholwa. ngokuba uma izindlalifa ziyizo ngawo umthetho, ukukholwa kwenziwe ize, nesithembiso asiselutho; ngokuba umthetho ubanga intukuthelo, kepha lapho kungekho khona umthetho, akukho nakweqa. ngalokho kuya ngokukholwa ukuba kube ngokomusa, ukuze isithembiso siqiniseke enzalweni yonke, kungabi kweyomthetho yodwa kodwa nakuleyo engeyokukholwa kuka-abrahama ongubaba wethu sonke, njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: ngikumisile ube nguyise wezizwe eziningi phambi kwalowo lezi-ku akholwa nguye, yena ophilisa abafileyo nobiza okungekho ngokungathi kukhona, owathi kungekho themba wakholwa ngethemba,

ukuze abe nguyise wezizwe eziningi, njengalokho okwashiwo ukuthi: yoba njalo inzalo yakho; engabanga buthakathaka ekukholweni wabona umzimba wakhe obusufa, eneminyaka engaba ngeyikhulu, nesizalo sikasara sifile; akangabazanga ngesithembiso sikalezi-ku ngokungakholwa, kodwa waqina ekukholweni, enika ulezi-ku udumo, eqinisekile ukuthi lokho akwethembisile unamandla nokukwenza. ngalokho-ke kwabalelwa yena ukuthi kungukulunga. kepha akulotshwanga ngenxa yakhe yedwa ukuthi kwabalelwa yena, kodwa nangenxa yethu esiyakubalelwa khona, thina esikholwa nguye owavusa ujesu inkosi yethu kwabafileyo, owanikelwa ngenxa yeziphambeko zethu, wavuswa ngenxa yokulungisiswa kwethu.

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ngakho lokhu sesilungisisiwe ngokukholwa, sinokuthula kulezi-ku ngenkosi yethu ujesu kristu, okungaye sinokungena ngokukholwa kulo musa esimi kuwo, siyazibonga ekwethembeni inkazimulo kalezi-ku. kepha akusikho lokho kuphela, kodwa sizibonga nangezinhlupheko ngokwazi ukuthi ukuhlupheka kuveza ukukhuthazela, ukukhuthazela kuveza ukuqiniseka, ukuqiniseka kuveza ithemba; ithemba alijabhisi, ngokuba uthando lukalezi-ku lutheliwe ezinhliziyweni zethu ngomoya ongcwele esimuphiweyo. ngokuba sisebuthakathaka, ukristu wafela abangamesabi ulezi-ku ngesikhathi esifaneleyo; ngokuba cishe kungenzeki ukuba umuntu afele olungileyo, kodwa mhlawumbe kungase kube khona ongaba nesibindi sokufela omuhle; kepha ulezi-ku uyabonakalisa ukusithanda kwakhe ngalokhu ukuthi, siseyizoni, ukristu wasifela. ngakho kakhulu sesilungisisiwe ngegazi lakhe, siyakusindiswa ngaye olakeni. ngokuba uma sathola ukubuyisana nolezi-ku ngokufa kwendodana yakhe siseyizitha, ikakhulu siyakusindiswa ngokuphila kwayo sesitholile ukubuyisana; kepha akusikho lokho kuphela, kodwa sizibonga futhi ngolezi-ku ngenkosi yethu ujesu kristu, esesamukelisiwe ngaye ukubuyisana. ngakho-ke njengalokho isono sangena ezweni ngamuntu munye, nangesono kwangena ukufa, ngokunjalo ukufa kwafikela abantu bonke, lokhu bonke bonile; ngokuba isono sasikhona ezweni kungakabikho umthetho, kepha isono asibalelwa ungekho umthetho; nokho ukufa kwabusa kusukela ku-adamu kwaze kwaba kumose, naphezu kwabangonanga ngendlela yeseqo sika-adamu oyisifanekiso sakhe obeyakuza. kepha isipho somusa asinjengasiphambeko; ngokuba uma ngesiphambeko samuntu munye abaningi bafa, ikakhulu kwavama kwabaningi umusa

nesipho sikalezi-ku ngomusa wamuntu munye, ujesu kristu. isipho asinjengokona kwalowo emunye, ngokuba uma ukwahlulela kwaba ngoyedwa kube ngukulahlwa, isipho somusa sona-ke saba ngeziphambeko eziningi kube ngukulungisiswa. ngokuba uma ngesiphambeko samuntu munye ukufa kwabusa ngalowo emunye, ikakhulu abamukela ukuvama komusa nokuvama kwesipho sokulunga bayakubusa ekuphileni ngalowo emunye, ujesu kristu. ngalokho-ke njengokuba ngasiphambeko sinye kwaba khona ukulahlwa kubantu bonke, kanjalo ngasenzo sinye sokulunga kwaba khona ukulungisiswa kukho ukuphila kubantu bonke; ngokuba njengalokho ngokungalaleli kwamuntu munye abanengi benziwa izoni, kanjalo ngokulalela kwamuntu munye abanengi bayakwenziwa abalungileyo. kepha umthetho wangena ukuba isiphambeko sande; kodwa lapho kwavama khona isono, umusa wavama kakhulukazi, ukuze njengalokho isono sabusa ngokufa, nomusa ubuse kanjalo ngokulunga, kube ngukuphila okuphakade ngojesu kristu inkosi yethu.

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ngakho siyakuthini na? sihlale esonweni, ukuze kuvame umusa na? qha nakanye. thina esafa maqondana nesono singabuye sihambe kanjani kuso na? kumbe anazi yini ukuthi sonke esabhapathizelwa kukristu jesu, sabhapathizelwa kukho ukufa kwakhe na? ngakho sembelwa naye ngokubhaphathizelwa kukho ukufa ukuba njengalokho ukristu wavuswa kwabafileyo ngenkazimulo kayise, kanjalo nathi sihambe ekuphileni okusha. ngokuba uma sihlanganisiwe kanye naye ngokufa okufananayo, siyakuba njalo nangokuvuka, sazi lokhu ukuthi umuntu wethu omdala wabethelwa kanye naye esiphambanweni, ukuze umzimba wesono wenziwe ize, singabe sisakhonza isono, ngokuba ofileyo ukhululiwe esonweni. kepha uma safa kanye nokristu, siyakholwa ukuthi siyakuphila futhi kanye naye, sazi ukuthi ukristu esevusiwe kwabafileyo akasafi, ukufa akusabusi phezu kwakhe. ngokuba ukufa, afa ngakho, wakufa kanye nje ngenxa yesono; kepha ukuphila akuphilayo ukuphilela ulezi-ku. kanjalo nani manizisho ukuthi ngabafileyo maqondana nesono, kodwa niphilele ulezi-ku kukristu jesu. ngakho makungabusi isono emzimbeni wenu ofayo, nize nilalele izinkanuko zawo; futhi nginganikeli izitho zenu esonweni, zibe yizikhali zokungalungi, kodwa zinikeleni nina kulezi-ku njengabaphilayo bevukile kwabafileyo nezitho zenu kulezi-ku, zibe yizikhali zokulunga, ngokuba isono esiyikubusa phezu kwenu; ngokuba aniphansi komthetho, kepha niphansi ko-

musa. kunjani, pho, na? siyakona ngokuba singephansi komthetho kodwa phansi komusa na? qha nakanye. anazi yini ukuthi lowo enizinikela kuye ukuba nibe yizinceku zokumlalela, niyizinceku zakhe enimlalelayo, noma ezesono kube ngokufa noma ezokulalela kube ngokulunga, na? kepha makabongwe ulezi-ku ukuthi nina enaniyizinceku zesono senilalela ngenhliziyo indlela yesifundiso enanikelwa kuyo nokuthi, senikhululiwe esonweni, naba yizinceku zokulunga. ngikhulumisa okomuntu ngenxa yobuthakathaka benyama yenu. ngokuba njengalokho nanikela izitho zenu zibe yizinceku zamanyala nezokungalungi kwaba ngokungalungi, kanjalo nikelani manje izitho zenu zibe yizinceku zokulunga kube ngukungcweliswa. ngokuba lapho nise yizinceku zesono, nanikhululekile maqondana nokulunga. ngaleso sikhathi naninezithelo zini na? eseninezinhloni ngakho manje; ngokuba ukugcina kwalokho kungokufa. kepha manje, senikhululiwe esonweni naba ngabakhonza ulezi-ku, ninazo izithelo zenu kube ngukungcweliswa nasekugcineni ukuphila okuphakade. ngokuba inkokhelo yesono ingokufa, kepha isipho somusa sikalezi-ku singukuphila okuphakade kukristu jesu inkosi yethu.

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kanti anazi yini, bazalwane, ngokuba ngikhuluma kwabawazi umthetho, ukuthi umthetho uyabusa phezu komuntu ngesikhathi sonke esekhona na? ngokuba owesifazane oganileyo uboshelwe ngomthetho endodeni isekhona; kepha nxa indoda isifile, ukhululiwe emthethweni wendoda. ngalokho-ke lapho indoda isekhona, uyakuthiwa isiphingi, uma eba ngowenye indoda; kepha nxa indoda isifile, ukhululekile emthethweni, angebe yisiphingi, uma eba ngowenye indoda. kanjalo nani bazalwane bami, nani naba ngabafileyo maqondana nomthetho ngomzimba kakristu ukuba nibe ngabomunye, lowo owavuswa kwabafileyo, ukuze sihelele ulezi-ku izithelo. ngokuba kwathi sisenyameni, ukuhheka kwezono okwavela ngomthetho kwasebenza ezithweni zethu ukuthela ukufa izithelo; kepha kalokhu sikhululiwe emthethweni, sifle maqondana nalokho esasibanjwa yikho ukuba sikhonze emoyeni omusha, kungesegameni elidala. ngakho siyakuthini na? umthetho uyisono na? qha nakanye; kepha bengingasazanga isono, uma bekungengomthetho; ngokuba ukufisa bengingakwazanga, uma umthetho ubungashongo ukuthi: ungafisi; kepha isono sathola ithuba ngomyalo, sasebenza kimi ukufisa konke; ngokuba ngaphandle komthetho isono sifle. mina-ke ngake ngahamba

ngaphandle komthetho; kepha kwathi ukuba kufike umyalo, savuka isono, ngafa mina; umyalo obungowokuphila wona wafunyanwa ungowokufa kimi, ngokuba isono, sithola ithuba ngomyalo, sangikhothlisa, sangibulala ngawo. ngakho-ke umthetho ungcewele, nomyalo ungcewele, ulungile, muhle. pho, okuhle kwaba ngukufa kimi na? qha nakanye; kepha isono, ukuba sibonakale ukuthi siyisono, sangibangela ukufa ngakho okuhle, ukuze isono ngawo umyalo sibe ngesonayo kakhulu. ngokuba siyazi ukuthi umthetho ungowomoya; kepha mina ngingowenyama, othengisiwe phansi kwesono. ngokuba engikwenzayo angikuqondi; ngokuba engikwenzayo akusikho lokho engikuthandayo; kodwa lokho engikuzondayo, yikho engikwenzayo. kepha uma ngenza lokho engingakuthandiyo, ngiyawuvumela umthetho ukuthi muhle. kodwa kalokhu akuseyimi engikwenzayo, kodwa yisono esihlala kimi. ngokuba ngiyazi ukuthi kimi, kungukuthi enyameni yami, akuhlali okuhle; ngokuba intando ikhona kimi, kodwa ukwenza okuhle akukho, ngokuba okuhle engikuthandayo angikwenzi, kodwa bona-ra-ukukhandleka engingakuthandiyo lokho ngiyakwenza. uma-ke ngenza lokho engingakuthandiyo akuseyimi engenza lokho, kodwa yisono esihlala kimi. ngalokho ngifumana kimina engithanda ukwenza okuhle umthetho wokuthi kukhona bona-ra-ukukhandleka kimi, ngokuba ngiwenamela umthetho kalezi-ku ngokomuntu ongaphakathi, kepha ngibona omunye umthetho ezithweni zami olwayo nomthetho wengqondo yami, ungithumbela emthethweni wesono osezithweni zami. wo! mina muntu wosizi, ngubani oyakungikhulula kulo mzimba wokufa na? makabongwe ulezi-ku ngojesu kristu inkosi yethu. ngalokho-ke mina ngokwami ngikhonza umthetho kalezi-ku ngengqondo kepha umthetho wesono ngenyama.

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kanjalo akusekho ukulahlwa kwabakukristu jesu. ngokuba umthetho kamoya wokuphila okukristu jesu ungikhululile emthethweni wesono nowokufa. ngokuba lokho okwehlula umthetho, ngokuba ungenamandla ngenxa yenyama, wakwenza ulezi-ku ngokuthuma indodana yakhe ifana nenyama yesono, nangenxa yesono walahla isono enyameni, ukuze umyalo womthetho ugcwaliseke kithina esingahambi ngokwenyama kepha ngokukamoya. ngokuba abokwenyama banaka okwenyama, kepha abakamoya banaka okukamoya. ngokuba ukunaka kwenyama kungukufa, kepha ukunaka kukamoya kungukuphila nokuthula. ngokuba ukunaka kwenyama kungubutha kulezi-ku;

ngokuba akuwuthobeli umthetho kalezi-ku, yebo, futhi kungekwenze; abaseniyameni abanakumthokozisa ulezi-ku. kepha nina aniseniyameni, kodwa nikuye umoya, uma umoya kalezi-ku ehlala kini. kepha uma umuntu engenaye umoya kakristu, lowo kasiye owakhe. uma ukristu ekini, umzimba ufile ngenxa yesono, kepha umoya ungukuphila ngenxa yokulunga. uma-ke umoya walowo owavusa ujesu kwabafileyo ehlala kini, yena owavusa ukristu jesu kwabafileyo uyakuphilisa nemizimba yenu efayo ngaye umoya wakhe ohlala kini. ngalokho-ke, bazalwane, asinacala kuyo inyama lokuba sihambe ngokwenyama. ngokuba uma nihamba ngokwenyama, nizakufa; kepha uma nibulala imisebenzi yomzimba ngomoya, nizakuphila. ngokuba bonke abaholwa ngumoya kalezi-ku, labo bangabantwana bakalezi-ku. ngokuba anamukeliswa umoya wobugqila ukuba nibuye nesabe, kepha namukeliswa umoya wobuntwana esimemeza ngaye sithi: aba, baba! yena lowo moya ufakaza kanye nomoya wethu ukuthi singabantwana bakalezi-ku. uma-ke singabantwana, siyizindlalifa futhi, izindlalifa zikalezi-ku, izindlalifa kanye nokristu, uma phela sihlupheka kanye naye, ukuze siphive inkazimulo futhi kanye naye. ngokuba ngithi izinhlupeko zesikhathi samanje azinakulinganiswa nenkazimulo eyakwambulwa kithina. ngokuba ukulangazela kokudaliweyo kulindele ukwambulwa kwabantwana bakalezi-ku. ngokuba okudaliweyo kwabekwa phansi kobuze, kungengentando yakho kodwa ngaye owakubekayo, ethembeni lokuthi nakho okudaliweyo kuyakukhululeka kwenkazimulo yabantwana bakalezi-ku. ngokuba siyazi ukuthi konke okudaliweyo kuyabubula kanyekanye kunezinseka kuze kube manje; akusikho lokho kuphela, kepha nathi uqobo lwethu esinolibo lukamoya siyabubula phakathi kwethu, silindele isimo sobuntwana, ukukhululeka komzimba wethu. ngokuba ethembeni sisindisiwe; kepha ithemba elibonwayo alisiko ithemba; ngokuba lokhu umuntu akubonayo usakwethembelani na? kodwa uma sithemba lokho esingakuboniyo, siyakulindela ngokubekezela. ngokunjalo nomoya uyasisiza ebuthakathakeni bethu; ngokuba asikwazi esingakubula ngokufaneleyo, kodwa umoya uqobo usikhulumela ngokububula okungenakuphinyiselwa; kepha yena ohlola izinhliziyi uyakwazi okuqondwa ngumoya, ngokuba ukhulumela abangcewele ngokwentando kalezi-ku. siyazi ukuthi kwabamthandayo ulezi-ku konke kusebenzelana kube ngokuhle, kulabo ababiziweyo ngecebo lakhe. ngokuba labo ayebazi ngaphambili wabamisa ngapham-

bili, bafane nesimo sendodana yakhe, ukuze yona ibe yizibulo phakathi kwabazalwane abaningi; labo abamisile ngaphambili ubabizile futhi; labo ababizile ubalungisisile futhi; labo abalungisisileyo ubaphile nenkazimulo futhi. sesiyakuthini ngalokho na? uma ulezi-ku emi ngakithi, ngubani ongamelana nathi na? yena ongayigodlanga eyakhe indodana, kepha wayinikela ngenxa yethu sonke, kungaba kanjani ukuba angasiphi konke kanye nayo na? ngubani ozakumangalela abakhethiweyo bakalezi-ku na? ulezi-ku ungolungisisayo; ngubani olahlayo na? ukristu jesu owafayo, yebo impela, owavuswa kwabafileyo, ongakwesokunene sikalezi-ku, nguyena osinxuselayo. ngubani ozakusahlukanisa nothando lukakristu na? noma ukuhlupheka, noma ukubandezeka, noma ukuzingelwa, noma indlala, noma ukuhamba ze, noma ingozi, noma inkemba, na? kulotshiwe ukuthi: ngenxa yakho sibulawa usuku lonke, sithiwa izimvu zokuhlathswa. kepha kukho konke lokho siyanqoba nokunqoba ngowasithandayo. ngiyakholwa ukuthi nakufa, nakuphila, nazingelosi, nababusi, nakho okukhona, nakho okuzayo, namandla, nakuphakama, nakujula, nanto enye edaliweyo akuyikuba namandla okusahlukanisa nothando lukalezi-ku olukukristu jesu inkosi yethu.

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ngikhuluma iqiniso ngikukristu, angiqambi amanga, unembeza wami ufakazelana nami emoyeni ongcewele ukuthi nginokudabuka okukhulu nobuhlungu obungapheliyo enhliziyweni yami. ngokuba ngingafisa ukuba mina uqobo ngibe ngoqalekisiweyo kukristu ngenxa yabazalwane bami abangabakithi ngokwenyama; bona bangabakwa-israyeli, okungesabo isimo sobuntwana nenkazimulo, nezivumelwano, nokumiswa komthetho, nenkonzo, nezithembiso, abangababo okhokho avela kubo ukristu ngokwenyama, yena ongulezi-ku ophezu kwakho konke, obongekayo kuze kube phakade. amen. akusikho okungathi izwi likalezi-ku liphuthile. ngokuba asibo bonke abavela ku-israyeli abangabakwa-israyeli; nakuba beyinzalo ka-abrahama, bonke abasibo abantwana, kodwa kuthiwa: ngo-isaka iyakubizwa inzalo yakho. lokhu kungukuthi akusibo abantwana benyama abangabantwana bakalezi-ku labo, kodwa abantwana besithembiso bathiwa inzalo. ngokuba lingesithembiso leli zwi lokuthi: ngalesi sikhathi ngizakufika; khona usara uzakuba nendodana. akuyilokhu kuphela, kodwa kwaba njalo nakurebeka ekhulelisiwe ngoyedwa, u-isaka, ukhokho wethu; ngokuba bengakazalwa, bengakenzi

okuhle nbona-ra-ukukhandleka, ukuze icebo likalezi-ku eliya ngokukhetha lime, kungabi ngemisebenzi, kodwa kube ngaye obizayo, kwashiwo kuye ukuthi: omkhulu uyakukhonza omncane, njengalokho kulotshiwe ukuthi: ujakobe ngamthanda, kepha u-esawu ngamzonda. ngakho siyakuthini na? kukhona yini ukungalungi kulezi-ku na? qha nakanye. ngokuba kumose uthi: ngizakumhawukela engimhawukelayo, ngimzwele engimzwelayo. ngakho-ke akuyi ngentando nangokuzikhathaza komuntu, kodwa kuya ngokuhawukela kukalezi-ku. ngokuba umbhalo uthi kufaro: ngakuphakhamisela khona lokhu ukuba ngibonakalise amandla ami kuwe nokuba igama lami lishunyayelwe emhlabeni wonke. ngakho uhawukela lowo athanda ukumhawukela, umenza lukhuni lowo athanda ukumenza lukhuni. usuzakuthi kimi: usasolelani yena na? ngokuba ngubani ongamelana nentando yakhe na? o, wena muntu! ungubani-ke wena ophikisana nolezi-ku na? okubunjweyo kungasho yini kowakubumbayo ukuthi: wangenzelani ngaba njena na? nokuba akanamandla yini umbumbi ebumbeni ukwenza ngesigaxa sisinye isitsha esinye esihloniphekayo nesinye esingahloniphekiyo na? uma, pho, ulezi-ku, ethanda ukubonakalisa ulaka nokuveza amandla akhe, wathwala ngokubekezela okukhulu izitsha zolaka ezilungiselwe ukubhujiswa ukuba abonakalise ingcebo yenkazimulo yakhe ezitsheni zomusa ayezilungisele inkazimulo ngaphambili, thina asibizayo nathi, kungesikho kubajuda kuphela kodwa nakwabezizwe? njengalokhu esho nakuhoseya ukuthi: ngiyakubiza abangesiso isizwe sami ngokuthi usizwe sami, nongathandiwe ngokuthi uthandiwe; nasendaweni lapha kwathiwa kubo: anisibo abantu bami, lapho bayakubizwa ngokuthi: abantwana bakalezi-ku ophilayo. u-isaya umemeza ngo-israyeli, uthi: nokuba umumo wabantwana bakwa-israyeli ungangesihlabathi solwandle, yinsali eyakusindiswa, ngokuba inkosi iyakufeza izwi layo emhlabeni, iliphelelise, ikhawuleze, njengalokho washo u-isaya ngaphambili ukuthi: uma inkosi seabawoti ibingasishiyelanga inzalo besiyakuba njengesodoma, sifane negomora. ngakho siyakuthini na? ukuthi abezizwe abangafunisisanga ukulunga batholile ukulunga, ukulunga kambe okungokukholwa; kepha u-israyeli, elandela umthetho wokulunga, kafinyelelanga emthethweni. ngani na? ngokuba akubanga ngokukholwa kodwa kungathi ngemisebenzi; baqhuzuka etsheni lokuqhuzula, njengalokho kulotshiwe ukuthi: bheka, ngibeka esiyoni itshe lokukhubekisa, nedwala lokuwisa, nokholwa yilo akayikujabha.

bazalwane, ukulangazela kwenhliziyo yami nokunxusa kwami kulezi-ku ngabo kungukuba basindiswe. ngokuba ngiyabafakazela ukuthi bashisekela ulezi-ku kodwa kungengokuqonda; ngokuba bengakwazi ukulunga kukalezi-ku, befuna ukumisa okwabo, abakuthobelanga ukulunga kukalezi-ku. ngokuba isiphetho somthetho ngukristu, kube ngukulunga kubo bonke abakhulwayo. ngokuba umose uloba ukuthi umuntu owenza ukulunga okuvela emthethweni uyakuphila ngakho. kepha ukulunga okuvela ngokukholwa kusho kuthi: ungasho enhliziyweni yakho ukuthi: ngubani ozakwenyukela ezulwini na? okungukuthi ukwehlisa ukristu, nokuba: ngubani ozakwehlela kwalasha na? okungukuthi kukhuphula ukristu kwabafileyo. kepha kuthini na? izwi liseduze nawe, emlonjeni wakho nasenhliziyweni yakho, okungukuthi izwi lokukholwa esilishumayelayo. ngokuba uma uvuma ngomlomo wakho ukuthi uyesu uyinkosi, ukholwa enhliziyweni yakho ukuthi ulezi-ku wamvusa kwabafileyo, uyakusindiswa; ngokuba umuntu ukholwa ngenhliziyo kube ngukulunga, ngomlomo uyavuma kube ngokusindiswa. ngokuba umbhalo uthi: lowo okholwayo akayikujabhiswa. ngokuba akukho mahluko phakathi komjuda nomgreki, lokhu yena uyinkosi yabo bonke, ubacebele bonke abakhuleka kuye, ngokuba bonke abayakukhuleka egameni lenkosi bayakusindiswa. kepha bayakukhuleka kanjani kuye abangakhulwanga nguye na? bayakukholwa kanjani abangezanga ngaye na? bayakuzwa kanjani, kungekho oshumayelayo na? bayakushumayela kanjani, uma bengathunywana na? njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: yeka, zinhle izinyawo zabashumayela izindaba ezinhle. kodwa abalilalelanga bonke ivan-geli. ngokuba u-isaya uthi: nkosi, ngubani owakhulwa ngesikuzwileyo na? ngalokho-ke ukukholwa kuvela ngokuzwa, ukuzwa kuvela ngezwi likakristu. kepha ngithi: abezwanga yini na? yebo, impela: izwi labo liphumele emhlabeni wonke, nokusho kwabo kuye nasemikhawulweni yelakhiweyo. kepha ngithi: u-israyeli wayengaqondi na? kuqala, umose uthi: mina ngiyakunivusela umhawu ngabangesiso isizwe, nginithukuthelise ngesizwe esingenangqondo. kepha u-isaya unesibindi sokuthi: ngafunyanwa yilabo abangangifunanga, ngabonakala kulabo abangangibuzanga. kodwa ngo-israyeli uthi: usuku lonke ngelulela izandla zami kuso isizwe esingalaleliyo nesiphikayo.

ngalokho ngithi: ulezi-ku usilahlile isizwe sakhe na? qha nakanye, ngokuba nami ngingumisrayeli, wenzalo ka-abrahama, wesizwe sakwabenjimini. ulezi-ku akasilahlanga isizwe sakhe ayesazi ngaphambili. kumbe anazi yini ukuthi umbhalo uthini ngo-eliya ukuba umangalela u-israyeli kulezi-ku ngokuthi: nkosi, bababulele abaprofethi bakho, badilizile ama-altare akho, mina ngisele ngedwa, sebefuna ukungibulala nami, na? kepha impendulo kalezi-ku ithini kuye na? ithi: ngizishiyele amadoda ayizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa anganguqanga ngamadolo kubali. kanjalo kukhona nangelesi sikhathi samanje insali ngokokukhetha komusa; kepha uma kuya ngomusa, akusayi ngemisebenzi; uma kungenjalo, umusa awuseyiwo umusa. kunjani, pho? lokho u-israyeli akufunayo akakufumananga, kepha abakhethiweyo bakufumana, abanye benziwa baba lukhuni, njengalokho kulotshiwe ukuthi: ulezi-ku wabanika umoya wobuthongo, amehlo okungaboni, nezindlebe zokungezwa, kuze kube lusuku lwanamuhla. noda-vid uthi: itafula labo malibe yisihibe nogibe, nesikhubekiso nempindiselo kubo, kufiphazwe amehlo abo ukuba angaboni, ugobe umhlane wabo njalo. ngakho ngithi: bakhubeka ukuba bawe na? qha nakanye; kepha ngesiphambeko sabo insindiso ifikile kwabezizwe ukubavusela umhawu. kepha uma isiphambeko sabo siyingcebo yezwe, nokuncipha kwabo kuyingcebo yabezizwe, pho, kakhulu kangakanani ukuphelela kwabo. ngikhuluma kini nina bezizwe. njengokuba mina ngingumphostoli wabezizwe, ngidumisa ukukhonza kwami ukuba mhlawumbe ngingabavusela umhawu abenyama yami, ngisindise abanye kubo. ngokuba uma ukulahlwa kwabo kungukubuyiswa kwezwe, ukwamukelwa kwabo kungaba yini, uma kungesikho ukuphila kwabafileyo na? uma ulibo lungcwele, nenhlama injalo; uma impande ingcwele, namagatsha anjalo. kepha uma kwaphulwa amanye amatatsha, wena-ke ongumunqomo wasendle wafakelwa phakathi kwawo, wahlanganyela nawo impande yamafutha yomunqomo, ungazigabisi phezu kwamatatsha; kepha uma uzigabisa, akuswe othwele impande, kepha yimpande ethwele wena. uzakuthi-ke wena: amatatsha aphulwa ukuba mina ngifakelwe. kulungile; aphulwa ngokungakhulwa, wena-ke umi ngokukholwa. ungazikhukhumezi, kepha yesaba; ngokuba uma ulezi-ku engayekanga amatatsha emvelo, nawe angeze akuyeka. bheka-ke ububele nobukhali bukalezi-ku; ubukhali kulabo abawayo kepha kuwe ububele bukalezi-ku, uma uhlala ebube-

leni; uma kungenjalo, uzakunqunywa nawe. nalabo uma bengahlali ekungakholweni, bayakufakelwa, ngokuba ulezi-ku unamandla okubafakela futhi. ngokuba uma wena wanqunywa emnqumweni ongowasendle ngemvelo, wafakelwa emnqumweni omuhle ngokuphambene nemvelo, ikakhulu labo abangabemvelo bayakufakela emnqumweni wakubo. ngokuba angithandi, bazalwane, ukuba ningayazi le mfhilakalo, funa nizishaye abahlakaniphileyo, ukuthi inxenye ka-israyeli yehlelwe ngubulukhuni, kuze kungene abezizwe ngokupheleleyo; kanjalo u-israyeli wonke uyakusindiswa, njengalokho kulotshiwe ukuthi: kuyakuvela esiyoni umhlangulisi, asuse ukungalingi kujakobe. yilesi isivumelwano sami nabo, lapho ngisusa izono zabo. ngokwewangeli bayizitha ngenxa yenu, kepha ngokukhethwa bangabathandweyo ngenxa yawokhokho, ngokuba iziphizo zomusa nbona-ra-ukukhandlekaza kukalezi-ku akaguquki kukho. ngokuba njengalokho nina kade ningamlaleli ulezi-ku, kepha manje nihawukelwe ngenxa yokungalaleli kwabo, kanjalo nalaba kalokhu abalalelanga, ukuze ngomusa enenzelwe wona nabo bahawukelwe manje. ngokuba ulezi-ku ubavalele bonke ekungalalelini ukuze abahawukele bonke. yeka ukujula kwengcebo, nokuhlakanipha, nokwazi kukalezi-ku! yeka izahlulelo zakhe ezingaphenyekiyo, nezindlela zakhe ezingaqondakaliyo! ngokuba ngubani owawazi umqondo wenkosi na? nokuba ngubani owaba ngumeluleki wayo na? noma ngubani owaqala ukuyipha ukuba kubuyiselwe kuye na? ngokuba konke kuvela kuye, kukhona ngaye, kuya kuye; makube kuye inkazimulo kuze kube phakade. amen.

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ngakho ngiyanincenga, bazalwane, ngobubele bukalezi-ku ukuba ninikele imizimba yenu ibe ngumnikelo ophilileyo, ongcewele, othandeka kulezi-ku, kube ngukukhonza kwenu kokuqonda; ningalingisi leli zwe, kodwa niguqule isimo ngokwenziwa ibe ntsha ingqondo yenu, ukuze nibe nokuhlolisisa okuyintando kalezi-ku, okuhle, nokuthandekayo, nokupheleleyo.3 ngokuba ngomusa engiwuphiweyo ngisho kulowo nalowo phakathi kwenu ukuthi angacabangi athi mkhulu kunalokho afanele ukukuca-banga, kodwa acabange kube ngokuqonda, njengalokho ulezi-ku abele lowo nalowo isilinganiso sokukholwa.4 ngokuba njengalokhu sinezitho eziningi emzimbeni munye, kepha izitho zonke azinamsebenzi munye;5 kanjalo thina esibaningi simzimba munye kukristu, kepha ngabanye siyizitho, omunye esomunye.66 sinezipho zomusa

ezahlukileyo ngokomusa esiwuphiweyo; uma singsesokuprofetha, asiprofethe ngesilinganiso sokukholwa;7 uma singsesokukhonza, kube senkonzweni; ofundisayo, kube sekufundiseni;8 oyalayo, ekuyaleni; owabayo, enze ngobuqotho; oholayo, ngenkuthalo; ohawukelayo, ngentokozo.9 uthando malungabi nakuzenzisa; nenyanye bona-ra-ukukhandleka, nibambelele kokuhle;10 than-danani ngenhliziyo ngothando lobuzalwane; ekwazisaneni nandulelane; ekukhuthaleni ningenqeni, nivuthe emoyeni, nikhonze inkosi; ethembeni nithokoze; osizini nibekezele; ekukhulekeni nqinisele njalo;3 hlanganyelani nabangcewele ekusweleni kwabo, nikhuthalele ukungenisa izihambi.4 babusiseni abanizingelayo; busisani, ningaqalekisi.5 thokozani nabathokozayo, nikhale nabakhalayo.6 manibe nhliziyonye; ningazindli okuphakemeyo, kodwa yaneliswani ngokuphansi. ningazishayi abahlakaniphileyo. ningaphindiseli muntu bona-ra-ukukhandleka nbona-ra-ukukhandleka; nakani okuhle phambi kwabantu bonke;8 uma kungenzeka, ngokwenu hlalisanani ngokuthula nabantu bonke; ningaziphindiseli nina bathandwa, kodwa dedelani ulaka, ngokuba kulotshiwe ukuthi: ngokwami ukuphindisela, ngiyakubuyisela mina, isho inkosi. kepha: uma isitha sakho silambile, siphe sidle; uma somile, siphuzise, ngokuba ngokwenza lokho uyakube ufumbela amalahle avuthayo ekhanda laso.21 unganqotshwa nbona-ra-ukukhandleka, kodwa nqoba bona-ra-ukukhandleka ngokuhle.

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akube yilowo nalowo azithobe phansi kwamandla ombuso, ngokuba akukho mandla ombuso angaveli kulezi-ku; lawa akhona amiswe ngulezi-ku. ngakho-ke omelana namandla ombuso umelana nesimiso sikalezi-ku; kepha abamelana nakho bayakwamukeliswa ukulahlwa. ngokuba ababusi abesabeki kwabenza okuhle, kodwa kwabenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka. kepha uyathanda yini ukungesabi amandla ombuso na? yenza okuhle, uyakubongwa yiwo; ngokuba uyisikhonzi sikalezi-ku, kube kuhle kuwe. kepha uma wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka, yesaba; ngokuba awuyiphatheli ize inkemba; ngokuba uyisikhonzi sikalezi-ku, umphindiseli wokwehlisela ulaka kowenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka. ngalokho kuswelekile ukuwuthobela, kungabi kuphela ngenxa yolaka kodwa nangenxa kanembeza. ngokuba ngenxa yalokho nikhipha intela; ngokuba bayizikhonzi zikalezi-ku ezikhuthalela khona lokho. nikani bonke okubafaneleyo: intela kofanele intela,

inkokhiso kofanele inkokhiso, ukwesaba kofanele ukwesatshwa, udumo kofanele udumo. ningabi nacala lani nakubani, kuphela elokuthandana; ngokuba othanda omunye uwugcwalisile umthetho. ngokuba lokhu ukuthi: ungaphingi, ungabulali, ungebi, ungafisi, noma ukhona omunye umyalelo, kuyahlanganiswa kuleli zwi elithi: wothanda umakhelwane wakho njengalokhu uzithanda wena. uthando alwenzi bona-ra-ukukhandleka kumakhelwane; ngakho-ke uthando lungukugcwaliseka komthetho. yenzani lokhu, njengokuba nazi isikhathi ukuthi sekuyihora lokuba nivuke ebuthongweni; ngokuba manje insindiso isisondele kithi kunalessi sikhathi esaqala ukukholwa ngaso. ubusuku sebuyaphela, imini isisondele. ngakho-ke asilahle imisebenzi yobumnyama, sihlome izikhali zokukhanya. asihambe ngokufaneleyo njen-gasemini, kungabi ngokuminza nokudakwa, kungabi ngobufebe namanyala, kungabi ngokuxabana nomhawu; kodwa yemabthani inkosi ujesu kristu, ninganakekeli inyama kuvuswe izinkanuko.

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kepha obuthakathaka ekukholweni mamukeleni, kungabi ngokwahlulela ngezizindlo. omunye ukholwa ukuthi angadla konke, kepha obuthakathaka udla imifino. odlayo angamdeleli ongadliyo, ongadliyo angamahluleli odlayo, ngokuba ulezi-ku umamukele. ungubani wena owahlulela inceku yomunye na? kusenkosini yayo ukuma noma ukuwa kwayo; kepha iyakumiswa, ngokuba inkosi inamandla okuyimisa. omunye wazisa olunye usuku kunolunye, omunye wazisa izinsuku zonke; yilowo nalowo aqaniniseke enhliziyweni yakhe. ohlonipha usuku uluhloniphele inkosi; nodlayo udlale inkosi, ngokuba ubonga ulezi-ku; nongadliyo, akadli ngenxa yenkosi, ubonga ulezi-ku. ngokuba akakho phakathi kwethu oziphilele yena, akakho nozifela yena; ngokuba uma siphila, siphilele inkosi; uma sifa, sifela inkosi. ngakho-ke noma siphila noma sifa, singabenkosi. ngokuba ngenxa yalokho ukristu wafa, wabuye waphila ukuba abe yinkosi yabaflelo nenyabaphilayo. kepha wena umahlulelani umzalwane wakho na? futhi umdelelani umzalwane wakho na? ngokuba sonke siyakumiswa phambi kwesihlalo sokwahlulela sikalezi-ku. ngokuba kulotshiwe ukuthi: kuphila kwami, isho inkosi, kimina ayakuguqa amadolo onke, nezilimi zonke ziyakudumisa ulezi-ku. ngalokho-ke yilowo nalowo phakathi kwethu uyakuziphendulela kulezi-ku. ngakho masingabe sisahlulelana; kepha okungcono yahlulelani lokho kokuthi makungabekelwa umzalwane into yokumqhuba nokuba

isikhubekiso. ngiyazi, nganelisiwe enkosini ujesu, ukuthi akukho lutho oluyichilo ngokwalo; kepha kuye othi lubi, kuyena lubi. ngokuba uma umzalwane wakho edabukiswa ngenxa yokudla, awusahambi ngothando. ungambhubhisi ngokudla kwakho lowo amfelayo ukristu. ngalokho okuhle kwenu makungahlanjalazwa. ngokuba umbuso kalezi-ku awusikho ukudla nokuphuza kepha ungukulunga, nokuthula, nokuthokoza emoyeni ongwele, ngokuba okhonza ukristu kulokhu uthandekile kulezi-ku, ukholekile kubantu. ngalokho-ke asijonge okokuthula nokokwakhona. ungawuchithi umsebenzi kalezi-ku ngenxa yokudla. konke kuhlanzekile, kepha kubi kulowo muntu okudla ekhubeka. kuhle ukungayidli inyama nokungaliphuzi iwayini noma okunye umzalwane wakho aqhuzuka ngakho. ukukholwa onakho, yiba nakho ngokwakho phambi kukalezi-ku. ubusisiwe ongazahluleli ngalokho akukhethayo; kepha ongabazayo, nxa edla, ulahliwe, ngokuba kungen-gokukholwa; konke okungaveli ekukholweni kuyisono.

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kepha thina esinamandla sifanele ukuthwala ubuthakathaka babangenamandla singazithokozisi thina. yilowo nalowo kithi makathokozise umakhelwane, kube kuhle, aze akheke, ngokuba nokristu akazithokozisanga yena, kepha kunjengokuba kulotshiwe ukuthi: ukuthuka kwabakuthukayo kwehlela phezu kwami. ngokuba konke okwalotshwa ngaphambili kwalotshelwa ukufundiswa kwethu, ukuze ngokubekezele nangenduduzo yemibhalo sibe nethemba. kepha ulezi-ku wokubekezele nowenduduzo makaniphe nibe nokuqonda kunye phakathi kwenu ngokukakristu jesu, ukuze nganhliziyonye nidumise ngamlomo munye ulezi-ku uyise wenkosi yethu ujesu kristu. ngalokho yamukelanani, njengalokho nokristu wasamukela, ukuze kudunyiswe ulezi-ku. .8 ngokuba ngithi ukristu waba yisikhonzi sabasokileyo ngenxa yeqiniso likalezi-ku, ukuze aqinise izithembiso ezaphiwa okhokho, abezizwe bamdumise ulezi-ku ngenxa yesihawu sakhe, njengalokho kulotshiwe ukuthi: ngalokho ngiyakudumisa phakathi kwabezizwe, ngihubele igama lakho; abuye athi: jabulani nina bezizwe kanye nesizwe sakhe, nokuthi: dumisani inkosi nina nonke bezizwe, niyibabaze, nina bantu bonke. futhi u-isaya uthi: kuyakuba khona impande kajesayi, yena oyakuvuka abuse abezizwe; abezizwe bayakwethembela kuye. ulezi-ku wethemba makanigcwalise ngenjabulo yonke nangokuthula konke ekukholweni, ukuze nivame ethembeni



ngamandla kamoya ongcwele. kepha nami ngokwami nganelisiwe ngani bazalwane bami ukuthi nanigcwele ukuva, nigcwalisiwe ngokwazi konke, ninamandla futhi okuyalana. kepha nginilobele kokunye ngesibindi njengonikhumbuzayo futhi ngenxa yomusa engiwuphiwe ngulezi-ku wokuba ngibe yisikhonzi sikakristu jesu kwabezizwe, ngikhonze ivangeli likalezi-ku njengompristi, ukuze abezizwe babe ngumnikelo owamukeleka kahle, ungcweliwe ngomoya ongcwele. ngalokho nginokuzibonga kukristu jesu maqondana nokukalezi-ku, ngokuba angiyikuba nasibindi sokukhuluma lutho ngaphandle kwezinto ukristu azisebenza ngami, kube ngukulalela kwabezizwe, ngezwi nangesenzo, ngamandla ezibonakaliso nezimangaliso, ngamandla kamoya ongcwele, njengokuba ngasuka ejerusalem, ngazungeza ngaze ngafika e-iliriku, ngishumayela ivangeli likakristu ngokupheleleyo. kanjalo ngangihlose ukushumayela ivangeli kungabi laphe ukristu waziwa khona, ukuze ngingakhi phezu kwesisekelo somunye, kodwa njen-galokho kulotshiwe ukuthi: abangabikela-wanga ngaye bayakubona, nabangezwanga bayakuqonda. ngenxa yalokho ngathiyeka kaningi ukuza kini; kepha manje, lokhu ngingasendawo kulawa mazwe, futhi sekuyiminyaka eminingi ngilangazelela ukuza kini, ngiyakuza nxa ngiya espaniya; ngokuba ngiyethemba ukuthi ekudluleni kwami ngizakunibona, ngikhashwe yinina, nxa ngiya khona, uma sengike nganeliswa yinina; kepha manje ngisaya ejerusalem ngiyokhonza abangcwele. ngokuba kwaba kuhle kwabasemakodoniya nabase-akhaya ukwenzela abampofu kwabangcwele base-jerusalem umnikelo othile. kwaba kuhle, ngokuba nembala banecala kubo; ngokuba uma abezizwe behlanganyela nabo ez-intweni zabo zokomoya, banecala futhi lokubakhonza ngezokwenyama. ngakho nxa sengikufezile lokho, ngabeka lesi sithelo esandleni sabo, ngizakuhamba, ngidlule ngakini, ngiye espaniya; kepha ngiyazi ukuthi nxa ngifika kini, ngizakuza nokugcwalisa kwesibusiso sikakristu. ngiyan-incenga, bazalwane, ngenxa yenkosi yethu ujesu kristu nangenxa yothando lukamoya ukuba nilwe kanye nami ekungikhulekeleni kulezi-ku, ukuze ngihlanguliswe kwabangakhohwayo basejudiya nokuba lokho engikhonza ngakho ejerusalem kwamukeleke kahle kwabangcwele, ukuba ngize kini ngokuthokoza, ngentando kalezi-ku, ngiphumule kanye nani. ulezi-ku wokuthula makabe nani nonke. amen.

ngiyamncoma kini ufebe, udadewethu oyisikhonzi sebandla lasekenikreya, ukuze nimamukele enkosini njengokufanele abangcwele, nimsiza noma kuyiphi into angase ayidinge kini, ngokuba yena ube ngumsizi wabaningi, nowami uqobo. khonzani koprisa no-akwila, izisebenzi ezikanye nami kukristu jesu, abadela ukuphila kwabo ngenxa yokuphila kwami, engibabongayo, kungeyimi ngedwa, kodwa namabandla onke abezizwe. khonzani nasebandleni elisendlini yabo. khonzani ku-ephenetu, isithandwa sami, ongulibo lwase-asiya kukristu. khonzani kumariya owanisebenzela kakhulu. khonzani ko-anidroniku nojuniya abay-izihlobo zami, ababe yiziboshwa kanye nami, abaqhamileyo kubaphostoli nababe kukristu ngaphambi kwami. khonzani ku-ampilyatu, isithandwa sami enkosini. khonzani ku-urbanu, isisebenzi kanye nathi kukristu nakustaku, isithandwa sami. khonzani ku-aphele, othembekileyo kukristu. khonzani kwabakwa-arisitobulu. khonzani kuherodiyone, isihlobo sami. khonzani kwabakwanarkisu abasenosini. khonzani kotrifina notrifosa abakhandleka enkosini. khonzani kupersi othandekayo, owakhandleka kakhulu enkosini. khonzani kurufu okhethiweyo enkosini nakunina ongumame. khonzani ko-asinkiritu, nofigu, noherme, nophatoba, noherma nabazalwane abanabo. khonzani kofilologu nojuliya, kunerewu nodadewabo, naku-olimp nakwabangcwele bonke abanabo. bingelelanani ngokwanga okungcwele. ayakhonza kini onke amabandla kakristu. ngiyanincenga, bazalwane, ukuba niqaphele ababanga ukwahlukana nokukhubekisa, bephambene nesifundo enafundiswa sona nina, nahlukane nabo; ngokuba abanjalo abayikhonzi inkosi yethu ukristu, bakhonza isisu sabo; nangamazwi amahle namnandi bakhohlisa izinhliziyu zabangenacala. ngokuba ukulalela kwenu kuzwakele kubo bonke; ngakho-ke ngiyathokoza ngani, kepha ngithanda ukuba nihlanganiphe kokuhle, nibe ngabangahlakaniphele kbona-ra-ukukhandleka. kepha ulezi-ku wokuthula uzakumchoza masinyane usathane phansi kwezinyawo zenu. umusa wenkosi yethu ukristu mawube nani. uyakhonza kini uthimothewu, isisebenzi kanye nami, nolukiyu, nojasoni, nososiphatru, izihlobo zami. mina tertiyu engilobe le ncwadi ngiyakhonza kini enkosini. uyakhonza kini ugayungingenisise kwakhe, mina nebandla lonke. uyakhonza kini u-erastu, umphathisikhwama womuzi, nokwartu umzalwane. umusa wenkosi yethu ujesu kristu mawube nani nonke. amen. kuye onamandla okuniqinisa ngokwevan-geli lami nentshumayelo kajesu kristu,

ngokwambulwa kwemfihlakalo eyayifih-  
liwe ngezikhathi zaphakade kepha manje  
isibonakalisiwe ngemibhalo yabaprofethi,  
ngokomyalo kalezi-ku ongunaphakade,  
yazisiwe ezizweni zonke, kube ngukulalela  
kokukholwa, kuye ulezi-ku onokwazi yedwa  
akube kuye inkazimulo ngojesu kristu kuze  
kuba phakade. amen.

upawulu, obizelwe ngentando kalezi-ku ukuba abe ngumphostoli kajesu kristu, nosostene umzawlwane, kulo ibandla likalezi-ku elisekorinte, kubo abangcwelisiwe kukristu jesu, ababiziweyo abangcwele, kanye nabo bonke abakhuleka egameni lenkosi yethu ujesu kristu ezindaweni zonke, eyabo neyethu: makube kini umusa nokuthula okuvela kulezi-ku ubaba wethu nasenkosini ujesu kristu. ngibonga ulezi-ku wami ngesikhathi sonke ngani ngenxa yomusa kalezi-ku eniwuphiweyo kukristu jesu ukuthi ezintweni zonke nicetshisiwe kuye, ekukhulumeni konke nasekwazini konke, njengalokho ubufakazi ngokristu baqiniswa kini, ukuze ningasilalelwa nasinye isiphiwo somusa, nisahlelele ukwambulwa kwenkosi yethu ujesu kristu, yena oyakuninisa nani kuze kube sekupheleni, ngabi nacala ngosuku lwenkosi yethu ujesu kristu. uthembekile ulezi-ku, okungaye nabizelwa ekuhlanganyeleni nendodana yakhe ujesu kristu inkosi yethu. kepha ngiyancenga, bazalwane, ngegama lenkosi yethu ujesu kristu ukuba nikhulume zwilinye nonke, kungabikho ukwahlukana phakathi kwenu, kodwa nipehelelise emqondweni munye nasekuboneni kunye. ngokuba ngitsheliwe ngani bazalwane bami ngabendlu kaklowe ukuthi kukhona ukuphikisana phakathi kwenu. ngisho lokhu ukuthi yilowo nalowo kini uthi: mina ngingokapawulu; mina ngingoka-apholo; mina ngingokakhefase; mina ngingokakristu. ukristu wahlukanisiwe yini? upawulu wabethelwa esiphambanweni ngenxa yenu na? nabhathizwa egameni likapawulu na? ngibonga ulezi-ku ngokuba ngingabathizanga muntu kini, kuphela okrispu nogayu, funa kube khona othi nabhathizwa egameni lami. kodwa ngabathizwa nabendlu kastefana; ngaphandle kwalokho angazi ukuba ngabathizwa omunye. ngokuba ukristu kangithumanga ukuba ngibhathize, kepha ukuba ngishumayeke ivangeli, kungabi ngokuhlakanipha kwamazwi, funa isiphambano sikkristu senziwe ize. ngokuba izwi lesiphambano kwababhuhayo lingubuwula, kepha kithina esisindiswayo lingamandla kalezi-ku. ngokuba kulotshiwe ukuthi: ngiyakuchitha ukuhlakanipha kwabahlakaniphileyo, nokuqonda kwabaqondileyo ngikwenze ize. sphi isazi na? uphi umbhali na? uphi umphikisi walesi sikhathi na? ulezi-ku kakwenzanga kube yize ukuhlakanipha kwaleli zwe na? ngokuba njengalokho ekuhlakanipheni kukalezi-ku izwe alimazanga ulezi-ku ngokuhlakanipha kwalo, kwaba kühle kulezi-ku ukusindisa abakhulwayo ngobuwula bentshumayelo. ngokuba abajuda babiza izibonakaliso, na-

magreki afuna ukuhlakanipha, kepha thina sishumayela ukristu obethelwe esiphambanweni, isikhubekiso kubajuda, ubuwula kubo abezizwe, kepha kubo ababiziweyo, abajuda namagreki, sishumayela ukristu, amandla kalezi-ku nokuhlakanipha kukalezi-ku. ngokuba ubuwula bukalezi-ku buhlakaniphile kunabantu; nobuthakathaka bukalezi-ku bunamandla kunabantu. ngokuba bhekani ukubizwa kwenu bazalwane: kababani abahlakaniphileyo ngokwenyama, kababani abanamandla, kababani abayizikhulu, kodwa izinto zobuwula zezwe ulezi-ku uzikhethile ukuba ajabhise abahlakaniphileyo; nezinto ezibuthakathaka zezwe ulezi-ku uzikhethile ukuba ajabhise izinto ezinamandla; nezinto eziphansi zezwe nezinto ezidelelwayo ulezi-ku wazikhetha, nezinto ezingekho, ukuba achithe ezikhona, ukuze kungabikho nyama ezibongayo phambi kukalezi-ku. kepha ngaye nikujesu kristu owenzelwe thina ukuhlakanipha okuvela kulezi-ku nokulunga kanye nokungcweliswa nokuhlangwa, ukuze kuthi njengokulotshiweyo: ozibongayo akazibonge enkosini.

## 2

nami, bazalwane, ekufikeni kwami kini angifikanga ngobungcweti bokukhuluma nobokuhlakanipha, ngimemezele kini ubufakazi bukalezi-ku. ngokuba nganquma ukuthi angiyikwazi okunye phakathi kwenu, kuphela ujesu kristu, lowo obethelwe esiphambanweni. mina ngangikini ngobuthakathaka, nangokwesaba, nangokuthuthumela okukhulu; nokukhuluma kwami nokushumayela kwami akubanga ngamazwi okuhlakanipha ahungayo, kepha kwaba ngesibonakaliso sikamoya nesamandla, ukuze ukukholwa kwenu kungemi ngokuhlakanipha kwabantu, kume ngamandla kalezi-ku. kepha ukuhlakanipha sikukhuluma phakathi kwabapheleleyo, ukuhlakanipha kambe okungesikho okwalesi sikhathi nokwababusi balesi sikhathi, ababhuhayo. kodwa sikhuluma ukuhlakanipha kukalezi-ku emfihlakalweni effihliweyo ulezi-ku akumisela ngaphambili kube yinkazimulo yethu, kusukela kwaphakade, okungaziwa namunye wababusi balesi sikhathi; ngokuba uma bebekwazi, babengayikuyibethela esiphambanweni inkosi yenkazimulo; kepha kunjengokuba kulotshiwe ukuthi: lokho iso elingakubonanga, nendlebe engakuzwanga, okungavelanga enhliziyweni yamuntu, ulezi-ku akulungisela abamthandayo. ngokuba kithina ulezi-ku ukwambulile ngomoya; ngokuba umoya uhlohlisa konke, yebo, nokujulileyo kukalezi-ku. ngokuba ngumuphi kubantu owazi okomuntu, uma kungesiye umoya womuntu okuye na?

ngokunjalo nokukalezi-ku akwaziwa muntu, kuphela ngumoya kalezi-ku. kepha thina asamukelanga umoya wezwe kodwa umoya ovela kulezi-ku, ukuze sikwazi esikuphiwe ngulezi-ku ngomusa, esikhuluma ngakho futhi, kungengamazwi afundiswa ngukuhlakanipha kwabantu kodwa afundiswa ngumoya, sichaza okomoya ngokomoya. umuntu wemvelo kakwamukeli okukamoya kalezi-ku, ngokuba kungubuwula kuye; angekuqonde, ngokuba kubonisiwa ngokomoya. kepha ongowomoya ubonisisa konke, kodwa yena kabonisiwa muntu. ngokuba ngubani owake wazi umqondo wenkosi ukuba angaze ayifundise na? kepha thina sinomqondo kakristu.

### 3

nami-ke, bazalwane, bengenakukhuluma kini njengakwabomoya kepha njengakwabenyama, njengakwabayizingane kukristu.2 nganiphuzisa ubisi, anganipha ukudla okuqinileyo, ngokuba beningakaqini. yebo, nakalokhu anikaqini, ngokuba niseyibo abenyama. ngokuba uma kusekhona phakathi kwenu umhawu nokuphikisana, anisibo abenyama, anihambisi okwabantu na? ngokuba nxa omunye ethi: mina ngingokapawulu, omunye: mina ngingokapholo, anisibo abenyama na? pho, uyini u-apholo? uyini upawulu na? bayizikhonzi enakholwa ngazo, kwaba yilowo nalowo njengokupha kwenkosi. mina ngatshala, u-apholo wanisela, kepha ulezi-ku wakhulisa. njalo-ke notshalayo kalutho, noniselayo kalutho, kodwa ulezi-ku okhulisayo. othshalayo noniselayo bakunye, kepha yilowo nalowo uyakwamukeliswa owakhe umvuzo ngokomsebenzi wakhe. ngokuba thina siyizisebenzi kanye nolezi-ku, nina niyinsimu kalezi-ku, niyisakhiwo sikalezi-ku. ngokomusa kalezi-ku engiwuphiweyo, njengenyanza yokwakha ehlananiphileyo ngabeka isisekelo, omunye wakha phezu kwaso. kepha akube yilowo nalowo aqaphele ukuthi wakha kanjani phezu kwaso. ngokuba akakho ongabeka esinye isisekelo, kuphela leso esibekiweyo, esingujesu kristu. kepha uma umuntu akha phezu kwaleso sisekelo ngegolide, nesiliva, namatshe anenani, nemithi, notshani, nenhlanga, umsebenzi walowo nalowo uyakuvula obala; ngokuba usuku luyakuwudalula, lokhu kwambulwa ngomlilo, nokuthi umsebenzi walowo nalowo unjani, umlilo uqobo uyakukuvivinyi lokho. uma umsebenzi womuntu awakhileyo kuso umi, uyakwamukela umvuzo; uma umsebenzi womuntu usha, uyakulahlekelwa yiwo; kepha yena uqobo uyakusindiswa, nokho kube kungathi uphuma emlilweni. anazi yini ukuthi niyithempeli likalezi-ku nokuthi umoya kalezi-ku uhlala kini na? uma

umuntu echitha ithempeli likalezi-ku, ulezi-ku uyakumchitha yena, ngokuba ithempeli likalezi-ku lingcwele; niyilo-ke nina. makungabikho ozikhohlisayo; uma umuntu phakathi kwenu ethi uhlakaniphile kulesi sikhathi, akabe yisiwula, ukuze ahlakaniphe. ngokuba ukuhlakanipha kwaleli zwe kungubuwula kulezi-ku. ngokuba kulotshiwe ukuthi: ubamba abahlakaniphileyo ebuqilini babo, nokuthi: inkosi iyazazi izizindlo zabahlakaniphileyo ukuthi ziyize. ngakho-ke akungabikho ozibongayo ngabantu, ngokuba konke kungokwenu, noma upawulu, noma u-apholo, noma ukhufase, noma izwe, noma ukuphila, noma ukufa, noma okukhona, noma okuzakuba khona; konke kungokwenu; nina-ke ningabakristu, ukristu ungokalezi-ku.

### 4

umuntu makasazi ukuthi siyizikhonzi zikakristu nabaphathi bezimfihlakalo zikalezi-ku. futhi-ke kufuneka kubaphathi ukuba umuntu afunyanwe ekhalekile. kepha kimina kuyinto encane impela ukuba ngahlulelwe yinina noma ngokwahlulela kwabantu; yebo, nami angizahluleli. ngokuba angizinyezi ngalutho ngokwami, nokho angilungisisiwe ngalokho; kepha ongahlulelayo yinkosi. ngakho-ke ningahluleli lutho singakafiki isikhathi, ingakafiki inkosi eyakukuveza ekukhanyeni okufihlakeleyo kobumnyama, iveze obala izizindlo zezinhliziyi; lapho-ke yilowo nalowo uyakuthola ukubongwa kulezi-ku. lokhu-ke, bazalwane, ngikuguqelele kimina naku-apholo ngokulinganisa ngenxa yenu, ukuze nifunde kithi ukungeqisi kokulotshiweyo ukuba ningakhukhunyezwa, kungabi yilowo akhethe omunye kunomunye. ngokuba ngubani okhetha wena na? unantoni ongayamukelisiwanga na? kepha uma uyamukelisiwe, uzibongelani kungathi awuyamukelisiwanga na? senize nasutha, senize naceba, senabusa ngaphandle kwethu; yebo-ke sengathi ngabe niyabusa, ukuze nathi sibuse kanye nani. ngokuba ngithi kungathi ulezi-ku usimisile thina baphostoli sibe ngabokugcina, sibe njengabanqunyelwe ukufa; ngokuba senziwe umbukwane wezwe nowezingelosi nowabantu. thina siyiziwula ngenxa kakristu, kepha nina nihlakaniphile kukristu; thina sibuthakathaka, kepha nina ninamandla; nina niyadunyiswa, kepha thina siyadunyazwa. kuze kube yisona lesi sikhathi silambile, somile, sihamba ze, siyamuhluza, siyimiambima, siyakhandleka, sisebenza ngezandla zethu; sithi sithukwa, sibe sibusisa; sithi sizingelwa, sibe sibekezela; sithi sihletshwa, sibe siphendula kahle; senziwe kungathi siyinsila yezwe, umphucuzo wezinto zonke kuze kube

manje. angikulobi lokho ukuba nginithale amahloni, kodwa ukuba nginiluleke njengabantwana bami abathandekayo. ngokuba noma ninabafundisi abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi kukristu, nokho oyihlo kababani, ngokuba mina nganizala kukristu jesu ngevangel. ngakho-ke ngiyanin-cenga ukuthi: yibani abalingisi bami. ngalokho-ke ngithumele kini uthimothewu ongumntanami othandekayo nothembekayo enkosini, oyakunikhumbuzo ngokuhamba kwami okukukristu, njengokuba ngifundisa ezindaweni zonke emabandleni onke. kepha abanye bakhukhumele ngokungathi angiyikuza kini; kodwa ngizakuza kini masinyane, uma inkosi ivuma, ukuze ngazi, angisho amazwi alaba abakhukhumeleyo kepha amandla abo. ngokuba umbuso kalezi-ku awuyi ngezwi kepha ngamandla. pho, nifunani? ngize kini ngiphethe induku, noma ngize nginothando nomoya omnene na?

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kuyezwakala ngempela ukuthi kukhona ubufebe phakathi kwenu, futhi ubufebe bohlobo olungekho ngisho nakwabezizwe, okungukuthi omunye kini uya kumkayise. kepha nina nikhukhumele kunokuba nga nilila, ukuze akhishwe phakathi kwenu owenze leso senzo. ngokuba mina ngokwami, noma ngingekho ngomzimba, nokho ngikhona ngomoya, senginqumile ngokungathi ngikhona ngalowo muntu owenze okunjalo ukuba egameni lenkosi ujesu nihlangane nina nomoya wami kanye namandla enkosi yethu ujesu, onjalo anikelwe kusathane kukho ukubhubha kwenyama, ukuze umoya usindiswe ngosuku lwenkosi ujesu. akukuhle ukuzibonga kwenu. anazi yini ukuthi imvubelo encane ibilisa inhlama yonke na? khiphani imvubelo endala ukuze nibe yinhlama entsha, njengalokhu ningabangenamvubelo. ngokuba nelethu iphasika lihlatshiwe, elingukristu. njalo-ke masigubhe umkhosi, kungabi ngemvubelo endala, kungabi ngemvubelo yokushinga neyobubi, kodwa kube ngesinkwa esingamvubelo sobuqotho neseqiniso. nganilobela encwadini yami ukuba ningahlangani nezifube; angisho izifube zalo mhlaba, nokuba abahahayo nabaphangi, nokuba abakhonza izithombe, ngokuba phela ngabe nimelwe ukuphuma ezweni; kepha manje nganilobela ukuba ningahlangani nomuntu obizwa ngokuthi ungumzalwane, uma eyisifebe, noma engohahayo, noma engokhonza izithombe, noma eyisithuki, noma eyisidakwa, noma engumphangi; ningaze nadla nokudla nonjalo. ngokuba nginandabani nokwahlulela abangaphandle na? nani anahluleli abangaphakathi na? kepha

ulezi-ku uyakwahlulela abangaphandle. xoshani omubi phakathi kwenu.

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ukhona yini umuntu kini, uma enendaba nomunye, onesibindi sokumangala kwabangalungile, kungabi kwabangcwele, na? anazi yini ukuthi abangcwele bayakwahlulela izwe na? kepha uma izwe lahlulelwa yinina, anifanele ukunquma namacala amancane na? anazi yini ukuthi siyakwahlulela izingelosi na? kakhulu-ke okwalokhu kuphila. ngakho-ke uma ninamacala alokhu kuphila, niyababeka yini abangenasithunzi ebandleni babe ngabahluleli na? ngisho lokhu ukuba nibe namahloni. kunjalo kanti: akukho namunye phakathi kwenu ohlakaniphileyo onganquma phakathi kwabazalwane bakhe na? kodwa umzalwane umangalela umzalwane, nalokhu akwenze phambi kwabangakholwayo na? nempela nakalokhu sekuyisici esikini ukuba nimangalelane. yini ukuba ningavumi nakanye ukoniwa? yini ukuba ningavumi nakanye ukuphangwa na? kepha nina uqobo niyona, niyaphanga; nikwenza lokhu nakubazalwane benu. kepha kanazi yini ukuthi abangalungile abayikulidla ifa lombuso kalezi-ku na? ningadukiswa. nazifebe, nabakhonza isithombe, naziphingi, nazihlobongi, nabesilisa abalalanayo, namasela, nabahahayo, nazidakwa, nazithuki, nabaphangi abayikulidla ifa lombuso kalezi-ku. babenjalo abanye kini, kepha senahlanzwa, senangcweliswa, senalungisiswa ngegama lenkosi ujesu kristu nangomoya kalezi-ku wethu. konke kuvunyelwe kimi, kepha akusizi konke. konke kuvunyelwe kimi, kepha mina anginakubuswa lutho. ukudla kungokwesisu, nesisu singesokudla; kepha ulezi-ku uyakuqeda kbona-ra-ukukhandlekali. kepha umzimba asiwo owobufebe, ungowenkosi, nenkosi ingeyomzimba; kepha ulezi-ku wayivusa inkosi, nathi uyakusivusa ngamandla akhe. anazi yini ukuthi imizimba yenu iyizitho zikakristu na? pho, ngithathe izitho zikakristu, ngizenze izitho zesifebe na? qha nakanye. kepha anazi yini ukuthi ohlangana nesifebe ungumzimba munye naso na? ngokuba uthi yena: labo ababili bayakuba nyamanye. kepha ohlangene nenkosi ungumoya munye nayo. balekelani ubufebe. zonke izono azenzayo umuntu zingaphandle komzimba; kepha owenza ubufebe wona owakhe umzimba. kepha anazi yini ukuthi umzimba wenu uyithempeli likamoya ongcwele okinina, enimamukele kalezi-ku, nokuthi anisibo abenu na? ngokuba nathengwa ngenani elikhulu. ngakho-ke mbongeni ulezi-ku emzimbeni wenu.

maqondana nalokho enaloba ngakho, kuhle kumuntu ukuba angamthinti owesifazane.2 kepha ngenxa yobufebe akube yilowo nalowo abe nowakhe umfazi, nalowo wesifazane abe neyakhe indoda. indoda ayinike umfazi okumfaneleyo; nomfazi enze njalo endodeni. umfazi kanamandla phezu kowakhe umzimba, kodwa yindoda enawo; kanjalo nayo indoda ayinamandla phezu kowayo umzimba, kodwa ngumfazi onawo. ningagodlalani, kuphela kube ngokwesikhathi ngokuvumelana ukuba nithole ithuba lokukhuleka, nibuye nibe ndawonye, ukuze usathane anganiyengi ngokungazibambi kwenu. lokho ngikusho ngemvume, angikusho ngomyalo. nokho ngingathanda ukuba abantu bonke babe njengami; kepha yilowo nalowo unesakhe isiphiwo somusa esivela kulezi-ku, omunye kanje, omunye kanje. kepha ngithi kwaban-gaganiwe nakubafelokazi: kuhle kubona, uma behlala benjengami. kepha uma bengenakuzibamba, mabaganane, ngokuba kuhle ukuganana kunokusha. kepha abaganeneyo ngiyabayala, kungemina kodwa yinkosi, ukuthi umfazi kangahlukani nendoda; kepha uma eke wahlukana nayo, kahlale engaganile, kumbe abuyisane nendoda yakhe nendoda ingamlahli umkayo. kepha kwabanye kusho mina, akusho inkosi, ukuthi uma umzalwane enomfazi ongakholwayo, yena-ke evuma ukuhlala naye, angamlahli; nomfazi, uma enendoda engakholwayo, yona-ke ivuma ukuhlala naye, angayishiyi indoda. ngokuba indoda engakholwayo ingcwelisiwe ngomfazi, nomfazi ongakholwayo ungcwelisiwe ngomzalwane. uma kungenjalo, abantwana benu ngabe bangcolile; kepha kalokhu bangcwele. kepha uma ongakholwayo ehluhana nomkakhe, makahlukane naye; umzalwane noma umzalwanekazi kaboshiwe kokunjalo. kepha ulezi-ku unibizile nibe nokuthula. ngokuba wena mfazi, wazi ngani ukuthi ungeyisindise indoda yakho? nawe ndoda, wazi ngani ukuthi ungem-sindise umkakho na? kuphela nje ukuba yilowo nalowo ahambe njengokuba inkosi imabele, kube yilowo njengokuba ulezi-ku embizile. ngiyala kanjalo emabandleni onke. ukhona obizwe esokile na? kangabi njengongasokile. ukhona obizwe engasokile na? kangasoki. ukusoka akulutho, nokun-gasoki akulutho, kuphela ukugcina imiyalo kalezi-ku. akube yilowo nalowo ahlale kulokho kubizwa abizwe ekukho. ubizwe uyisigqila na? ungakhathazeki ngalokho. kepha uma kwenzeka ukuba ukhululwe, kukhethe lokho. ngokuba owabizelwa enkosini eyisigqila ungokhululekile wenkosi; ngokunjalo nowabizwa ekhululekile uy-

isigqila sikakristu. nithengiwe ngenani elikhulu; ningabi yizigqila zabantu. bazalwane, akube yilowo nalowo ahlale nolezi-ku kulokho abizwe ekukho. kepha maqondana nezintombi anginamyalo wenkosi, kepha nginitshele ukubona kwami njengothembekileyo ngokuhawukelwa yinkosi. ngakho-ke ngithi kuhle lokhu ngenxa yokubandezeka okukhona ukuba umuntu abe njengalokhu enjalo. uboshelwe kumfazi na? ungafuni ukukhululeka. ukhululekile kumfazi na? ungamfuni umfazi. kepha-ke uma uganwa, kawoni; nentombi uma ingana, kayoni; kepha abanjalo bayakuba nozini enyameni; kepha mina benginiphephisa. ngisho lokhu kodwa, bazalwane, ukuthi isikhathi sesinciphile; ngakho emva kwalokhu abanabafazi mababe njengabangenabo, nabakhalayo babe njengabangakhaliyo, nabathokozayo babe njengabangathokoziyo, nabathengayo babe njengabangenanto, nabasebenzisa leli zwe babe njengaban-galisebenzisi, ngokuba isimo saleli zwe siyadlula. kepha ngifuna ukuba ningabi nakukhathazeka. ongaganile ukhathalela okwenkosi ukuba angayithokozisa kanjani inkosi. kepha oganiweyo ukhathalela okwezwe ukuba angathokozisa kanjani umkakhe, wahlukene phakathi. nongaganile oyintombi ukhathalela okwenkosi, ukuze abe ngcwele emzimbeni nasemoyeni; kepha oganileyo ukhathalela okwezwe ukuba angayithokozisa kanjani indoda yakhe. ngisho lokhu ukuba kube lusizo kinina; akusikho ukuba nginigaxe ngentambo kepha ukuba nihambe ngokufaneleyo, nibambelele enkosini ngokungaphazameki. kepha uma umuntu ethi wenza okun-gafanele ngakuyo indodakazi yakhe, uma isikhulile ngeminyaka, akenze akubonayo, uma kumelwe ukuba kwenziwe kanjalo; akoni; mabaganane. kepha omiyo eqinile enhliziyweni yakhe, engacindezelwa lutho, angenza akubonayo; uma esenqumile enhliziyweni yakhe ukuthi uzakugcina indodakazi yakhe iyintombi, wenza kahle. kanjalo nowendisela indodakazi yakhe, wenza kahle; kepha ongayendisayo wenza kahle kakhulu. umfazi uboshiwe ngesikhathi indoda yakhe isekhona; kepha uma indoda isifile, ukhululekile, angendela nakubani ngokubona kwakhe, kuphela ukuba kube senkosini. kepha unenhlalhla ngokubona kwami, uma ehlanga njengalokhu enjalo; ngithi nami nginomoya kalezi-ku.

maqondana nokuhlatshelele izithombe siyazi ukuthi sonke sinokwazi. ukwazi kuyakhukhumeza, kepha uthando luyakha. uma umuntu ethi wazi utho, kakazi njengokuba kufanele ukuba azi; kepha

uma umuntu ethanda ulezi-ku, yena uyaziwa nguye. ngakho-ke maqondana nokudla okuhlatshelewe izithombe siyazi ukuthi asikho isithombe ezweni nokuthi akakho omunye ulezi-ku, munye kuphela. ngokuba noma kukhona okuthiwa olezi-ku, nokuba kusezulwini nokuba kusemhlabeni, njengokuba bakhona olezi-ku abaningi namakhosi amaningi, nokho kithina kukhona ulezi-ku munye, uyise, okuvela kuye konke, nathi sikhonela yena, nenkosi inye, ujesu kristu, okungaye konke, nathi sikhona ngaye. kepha lokho kwazi akukho kubo bonke. kodwa abanye, lokhu bejwayelene nezithombe kuze kube manje, bakudla njengokuhlatshelewe isithombe, nonembeza wabo obuthakathaka uyangcola. kepha ukudla akusisondezi kulezi-ku; ngokuba noma singadli, asilahlekelwa lutho; noma sidla, asizuzi lutho. qaphelani kodwa, funa leli lungelo lenu libe yisikhubekiso kwababuthakathaka. ngokuba uma umuntu ekubona wena onokwazi uhlezi ekudleni ethempelini lesithombe, unembeza walowo osebuthakathaka akayikudeka yini, aze adle okuhlatshelewe isithombe, na? khona obuthakathaka useyabhubha ngenxa yokwazi kwakho, engumzalwane amfelayo ukristu. kanjalo uma nona kubazalwane, nilimaza unembeza wabo obuthakathaka, niyona kukristu. ngalokhu uma ukudla kumkhubekisa umzalwane wami, angisoze ngadla nyama kuze kube phakade, ukuze ngingamkhubekisi umzalwane wami.

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angikhululekile na? angisiye umphostoli na? angimbonanga ujesu inkosi yethu na? nina anisiwo umsebenzi wami enkosini na? noma ngingesiye umphostoli kwabanye, nokho kinina nginguye, ngokuba uphawu lobuphostoli bami enkosini yinina. lokhu kungukuziphendulela kwami kwabangiselayo. asinalungelo yini lokudla nokuphuza na? asinalungelo yini lokuhamba nomzalwanekazi ongumkethu njengabanye abaphostoli, nabafowabo benkosi, nokhefane, na? kanti yimi kuphela nobarnaba esingenalungelo lokuyeka ukusebenza na? ngubani oke aye empini ngezakhe izindleko na? ngubani otshala isivini, angazidli izithelo zaso, na? ngubani owalusa umhlambi, angadli ubisi lomhlambi, na? lokho ngikusho ngokwabantu nje na? nomthetho kambe kawusho khona lokho na? ngokuba kulotshiwe emthethweni kamose ukuthi: ungayifaki inkabi isifonyo, nxa ibhula amabele. konje ulezi-ku ukhathalela izinkabi na? noma ukusho ngenxa yethu impela na? yebo, kwalotshwa ngenxa yethu, ngokuba olimayo kufanele alime enethemba, nobhulayo abhule enethemba lokwabelwa

naye. uma thina sihlwanyele kini okomoya, kuyinto enkulu yini, uma sizovuna okwenu kwenyama na? uma abanye behlanganyela lawo mandla phezu kwenu, kungebe yithi kakhulu na? nokho asilisebenzisanga lelo gunya, kepha sibekezela ngakho konke, ukuze singalithiyi ivangeli likakristu. anazi yini ukuthi abaphethe imisebenzi yethempeli badla okwethempeli nokuthi abakhonza e-altare bahlanganyela ne-altare na? ngokunjalo inkosi imisile ukuba abamemezela ivangeli baphile ngevangeli. kepha mina angisebenzisanga lutho lwalezo zinto; futhi lokho angikulobanga ukuba kwenziwe kanjalo kimi; ngokuba kungaba ngcono kimi ukuba ngife kunokuba umuntu alwenz' ize udumo lwami. ngokuba noma ngishumayela ivangeli, anginaludumo ngalokho, ngokuba ngimelwe ukwenze njalo; ngokuba maye kimina uma ngingalishumayeli ivangeli! ngokuba uma ngikwenza lokho ngokuzithandela kwami, ngimvuzo; kepha uma kungengakho ukuzithandela kwami, khona-ke kungumsebenzi engiwuphathisiweyo. pho, uyini umvuzo wami na? uyilokhu ukuba nxa ngishumayela ivangeli, ngikwenze ukuba ivangeli lingabizi lutho, ukuze ngingasebenzisi ilungelo lami enginalo evangelini. ngokuba noma ngikhululekile kubo bonke, ngenzenza isigqila sabo bonke, ukuze ngizuze abaningi. kubajuda ngaba njengomjuda, ukuze ngizuze abajuda; kwabaphansi komthetho ngaba njengophansi komthetho, noma ngingephansi komthetho mina, ukuze ngizuze abaphansi komthetho; kwabangenamthetho ngaba njengongenamthetho, ngingesiye ongenamthetho kulezi-ku kepha ngiphansi komthetho kakristu, ukuze ngizuze abangenamthetho; kwababuthakathaka ngaba buthakathaka, ukuze ngizuze ababuthakathaka; sengaba yikho konke kubo bonke, ukuze ngakho konke ngisindise abanye. ngikwenza konke ngenxa yevangeli, ukuze nami ngibe ngumhlanganyeli kulona. anazi yini ukuthi abagijima ngokuncintisana bagijima bonke, kepha munye owamukela umklomelo? gijimani kanjalo, ukuze niwuthole. bonke abancintisanaayo bayazithiba ezintweni zonke; labo benza ukuze bathole umqhele ophelayo, kepha thina ukuze sithole ongapheleliyo. ngakho-ke mina ngiyagijima kungengokungathi kangiqondi; ngiyagadla kungengokungathi ngishaya umoya. kodwa ngiyawutuba umzimba wami, ngiwenza isigqila, ukuba mina engishumayeza abanye ngingaliwa mina uqobo.

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ngokuba angithandi, bazalwane, ukuba ningazi ukuthi okhokho bethu bonke babephansi kwefu, bonke badabula ulwan-

dle; bonke baphaphathizwa kumose efwini naselwandle; bonke badla kudla kunye komoya; bonke baphuza kuphuza kunye komoya; ngokuba baphuza edwaleni lomoya elabalandelayo. idwala lelo lalingukristu. kepha iningi labo ulezi-ku wayengathokozi ngabo; ngokuba bashaywa phansi ehlane. kepha lokho kwaba yizibonelo kithi, size singafisi bona-ra-ukukhandleka, njengalokho bona babekufisa. futhi ningabi ngabakhonza izithombe njengabanye kubo, njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: abantu bahlala phansi ukuba badle, baphuze, basukuma ukuba badlale. futhi asingenzi ubufebe njengokuba abanye kubo benza ubufebe, bafa ngalusuku lunye abayizinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili nantathu. futhi asingayilingi inkosi njengabanye kubo bayilinga, babhujiswa yizinyoka. futhi ningakhononi njengabanye kubo bakhonona, babhujiswa ngumbulali. kepha lezo zinto zabelehla bona kube yisibonelo; kulotshelwe ukusiyala thina, osekufikile kithi ukugcina kwezikhathi. ngakho-ke osuka ethi umi, akaqaphele ukuba angawi. anifikelwanga ukulingwa okungenjengokwabantu; kepha ulezi-ku uthembekile, ongayikuvuma ukuba nilingwe ngokungaphezu kwamandla enu, kepha oyakuthi kanye nokulingwa anenzele indlela yokuphepha, nize nibe namandla okukuthwala. ngalokho-ke, bathandwa bami, kubalekeleni ukukhonza izithombe. ngikhuluma njengakwabahlakaniphileyo; qondani engikushoyo. isitsha sesibusiso esisibusisayo asiyo inhlanganyelo yegazi likakristu na? isinkwa esisihlephulayo asiyo inhlanganyelo yomzimba kakristu na? ngokuba isinkwa sisinye, thina esibaningi singumzimba munye, lokhu thina sonke sihlanganyela leso sinkwa sisinye. bhekani u-israyeli ngokwenyama. abadla imihlatshelo abasibo abahlanganyela ne-altare na? ngakho ngithini pho? ngithi okuhlathelwe isithombe kuyinto na? nokuthi isithombe siyinto na? kodwa ngithi: lokho okuhlathiswa ngabezizwe bakuhlabela amademoni, kabakuhlabei ulezi-ku. kepha angithandi ukuba nibe nenhlanganyelo namademoni. ningesiphuze isitsha senkosi kanye nesitsha samademoni; ningelihlanganyele itafula lenkosi kanye netafula lamademoni. kumbe siyayivusela inkosi ulaka na? kanti sinamandla kunayo na? kuvunyelwe konke, kodwa akusizi konke; kuvunyelwe konke, kodwa akwakhi konke. akungabikho ozifunela okwakhe, kodwa akube yilowo nalowo afunele omunye. konke okuthengiswa esilaheni kudleni, ningahloli lutho ngenxa kanembeza, ngokuba umhlaba ungowenkosi, nakho konke okukuwo. uma omunye kwabangakholwayo enemema, nithanda ukuya, kudleni konke okubekwa phambi kwenu, ningabuzi lutho ngenxa

kanembeza. kepha uma umuntu ethi kini: lokhu kuhlathelwe izithombe, ningakudli ngenxa yalowo okushiloyo nangenxa kanembeza, kangisho owakho unembeza, ngisho owalowo omunye. ngokuba yini ukuba inkululeko yami yahlulwe ngunembeza womunye na? uma ngidla ngokubonga, ngihlanjalazelwani ngalokho engikubongayo na? ngakho-ke noma nidla, noma niphuza, noma nenzani, konke kwenzeleni udumo lukalezi-ku. ningakhubekisi nabajuda, namagreki, nabandla likalezi-ku, njengokuba nami ngithokozisa bonke ngakho konke, ngingafuni okungisiza mina kodwa okusiza abaningi, ukuze basindiswe.

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yibani ngabalingisi bami, njengokuba nami ngilingisa ukristu. ngiyanibonga ngokuba ningikhumbula ezintweni zonke, nibambelela ezifundisweni, njengokuba nganinika zona. kepha-ke ngithanda ukuba nazi ukuthi inhloko yawo onke amadoda ingukristu, nenhloko yowesifazane iyindoda, nenhloko kakristu ingulezi-ku. yileyo naleyo ndoda esuke ikhuleka noma iprofetha, ikhanda layo limboziwe, ihlazisa ikhanda layo. kepha yilowo nalowo owesifazane osuke ekhuleka nokuba eprofetha, ikhanda lakhe lingagutshuzelwe, uhlazisa ikhanda lakhe, ngokuba lokho kukunye nokuthi uphucile. ngokuba uma owesifazane engagubuzele, akagundwe. uma kuyihlazo kowesifazane ukuba agundwe noma aphuce, akagubuzele. ngokuba nempela indoda ayifanele ukumboza ikhanda, lokhu ingumfanekiso nodumo lukalezi-ku; kepha owesifazane uludumo lwendoda. ngokuba indoda ayivelanga kowesifazane, kodwa ngowesifazane owavela endodeni. ngokuba indoda ayidalelwanga owesifazane, kodwa owesifazane wadalelwa indoda. ngalokho-ke owesifazane ufanele ukuba abe nophawu lwesithunzi ekhanda ngenxa yezingelosi. nokho enkosini owesifazane kalutho ngaphandle kwendoda, nendoda ayilutho ngaphandle kowesifazane, ngokuba njengalokhu owesifazane evela endodeni, kanjalo nendoda ivela ngowesifazane; kepha konke kuvela kulezi-ku. ziboneleni nina ngokwenu; kufanele yini ukuba owesifazane akhuleke kulezi-ku engagubuzele na? imvelo uqobo lwayo ayinifundisi yini ukuthi uma indoda inezinwele ezinde, kuyihlazo kuyo, nokuthi uma owesifazane enezinwele ezinde, kuludumo kuye na? ngokuba uphiwe izinwele zibe yisimbozo. kepha uma umuntu efuna ukuphika inkani, asinawo umkhuba onjalo thina, namabandla kalezi-ku kawanawo. kepha nxa ngiyala ngalokho, anginibongi ukuthi nibuthana kungekukho okuhle kepha kukho bona-ra-ukukhandleka. ngokuba okokuqala,



nxa nibuthana ebandleni, ngizwa ukuthi kukhona ukwahlukana phakathi kwenu; nganxanye ngiyakholwa yikho. ngokuba kumelwe kube khona amaqembu phakathi kwenu ukuba abaqinisileyo phakathi kwenu babonakale. ngakho-ke nxa nibuthana ndawonye, akusikho ukudla isidlo senkosi lokho; ngokuba ekudleni kwenu yilowo nalowo uthatha okwakhe ukudla ngaphambili, omunye alambe, omunye adakwe. kanti aninazindlu yini zokudlela nokuphuzela na? kumbe niyalidelela yini ibandla likalezi-ku, nijabhise abangenanto na? ngizakuthini kini na? nginibonge na? anginibongi ngalokho. ngokuba mina ngakwamukela enkosini lokho, nenganinika khona, ukuthi: inkosi ujesu, ngalobo busuku akhashelwa ngabo wathabatha isinkwa, wabonga, wasihlephula, wathi: lokhu kungumzimba wami ohleshulelwe nina; lokhu kwenzeni ukuba ningikhumbule. kanjalo wathabatha nesitsha emva kokudla kwakusihlwa, wathi: lesi sitsha siyisivumelwano esisha egazini lami; lokhu kwenzeni ngezikhathi zonke enisiphuza ngazo ukuba ningikhumbule. ngokuba njalo, nxa nidla lesi sinkwa niphuza lesi sitsha, nimemezela ukufa kwenkosi ize ifike. ngakho-ke lowo odla lesi sinkwa, aphuze lesi sitsha senkosi ngokungafanele, unecala lomzimba negazi lenkosi. kodwa umuntu akazihlolisise, khona-ke akadle lesi sinkwa, aphuze lesi sitsha. ngokuba odlayo aphuze uzidlela aziphuzele icala, uma engawahlukanisi umzimba wenkosi. ngenxa yalokho baningi phakathi kwenu ababuthakathaka nabagulayo, nabaningana balele. kepha uma besizahlulela thina, besingayikwahlulela. kepha nxa sahlulelwa, siyalaywa yinkosi, ukuze singalahlwa kanye nezwe. ngakho-ke, bazalwane bami, nxa nibuthana ukuba nidle, anolindana. uma omunye elambile, akadle ekhaya ukuba ningabuthaneli ukulahlwa. kepha okuseleyo ngokulungisa mhla ngifikayo.

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kepha maqondana neziphwi zokomoya angithandi, bazalwane, ukuba ningabi nakwazi. niyazi ukuthi nisengabezizwe naholekela kuzo izithombe eziyizimungulu, nakuba naholwa kanjalo. ngakho ngiyanazisa ukuthi: akukho muntu okhuluma ngomoya kalezi-ku ongathi: kathukwe ujesu; futhi akukho muntu ongathi: ujesu uyinkosi, kuphela ngaye umoya ongcwele. kepha kukhona iziphwi zomusa ezahlukeneyo, kepha nguye lowo moya. kukhona izinkonzo ezahlukeneyo, kepha yiyo leyo nkosi. kukhona imisebenzi yamandla eyahlukeneyo, kepha nguye lowo lezi-ku osebenza konke kubo bonke.

kepha yilowo nalowo uphiwa okubonakalisa umoya kube ngokokusiza. ngokuba omunye uphiwa ngomoya izwi lokuhlakanipha, kepha omunye izwi lokwazi ngaye lowo moya, omunye ukukholwa kuye lowo moya, omunye iziphiwo zokuphulukisa kuye umoya munye, omunye ukwenza imisebenzi yamandla, omunye ukuprofetha, omunye ukwahlukanisa omoya, omunye ukukhuluma izilimi ngezilimi, omunye ukuhumusha izilimi. kepha konke lokho kusetshenzwa nguyena lowo moya munye, ebabela yilowo nalowo ngokwakhe njengokuthanda kwakhe. ngokuba njengomzimba omunye, kepha unezitho eziningi, nezitho zonke zomzimba, nokuba ziziningi, zingumzimba munye, unjalo-ke nokristu. ngokuba ngamoya munye thina sonke sabhaphathizwa sibe mzimba munye, noma singabajuda noma singamagreki, noma siyizigqila noma singabakhululekileyo; thina sonke sapheziswa moya munye. ngokuba umzimba awusiso isitho sinye kodwa eziningi. uma unyawo luthi: lokhu ngingesiso isandla, angisikho okomzimba, nokho luyikho okomzimba. noma indebe ithi: lokhu ngingesilo iso, angisikho okomzimba, nokho iyikho okomzimba. uma umzimba wonke ubuyiso, ukuzwa ngabe kuphi na? uma wonke ubungukuzwa, ukunuka ngabe kuphi na? kepha kalokhu ulezi-ku umisile izitho zonke, yilesa naleso emzimbeni ngokuthanda kwakhe. uma kambe zonke ziyisitho sinye, umzimba ngabe uphi na? kepha kalokhu izitho ziningi, kodwa umzimba munye. iso alinakusho esandleni ukuthi: angikudingi; nekhandla futhi alinakusho ezinyaweni ukuthi: anginidingi. kanti ngempela lezo zitho zomzimba ezingathi zibuthakathaka kunezinye ziyadingeka; nalezo zitho zomzimba ezingathi zidelekile kunezinye, yizona esizalisa kakhulu; nalezo esinamahloni ngazo zihlonipheka kakhulu. kanti lezo ezinesimo esihle azikudingi lokho. kepha ulezi-ku wawuhlanganisa umzimba, enika esidelekileyo udumo olukhulu kakhulu, ukuze kungabikho ukwahlukana emzimbeni, kepha izitho zonke zinakekelane ngokufanayo. uma kuhlupheka isitho sinye, kuhlupheka izitho zonke kanye naso; uma kudunyiswa isitho sinye, kujabula izitho zonke kanye naso. kepha nina ningumzimba kakristu nezitho ngabanye. ulezi-ku umisile abathile ebandleni, kuqala abaphostoli, okwesibili abaprofethi, okwesithathu abafundisi, bese kuba yimisebenzi yamandla, bese kuba yiziphwi zomusa zokuphulukisa, nokusiza, nokubusa, nezilimi ngezilimi. bonke bangabaphostoli na? bonke bangabaprofethi na? bonke bangabafundisi na? bonke bangabenza imisebenzi yamandla na? bonke baneziphiwo zomusa zokuphulukisa na? bonke bakhuluma

ngezilimi na? bonke bayahumusha na? kepha zondelelani iziphiwo ezinkulu. kanti senginikhombisa indlela eyona iyinhle kakhulu.

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noma ngikhuluma ngezilimi zabantu nezezingelosi, kepha ngingenalo uthando, ngiyit husi elikhencezayo nensimbi encencethayo.2 noma nginokuprofetha, ngiqonda izimfihlako zonke nokwazi konke, noma nginokukholwa konke ngan-gokuba ngingagudluzi izintaba, kepha ngingenalo uthando, angiyinto yalutho. noma ngabela abampofu konke engi-nakho, noma nginikela umzimba wami ukuba ushiswe, kepha ngingenalo uthando, akungisizi ngalutho. uthando luyabekezela, uthando lumnene, alunamhawu, uthando aluzigabisi, aluzikhukhumezi; aluziphathi ngokungafanele, aluzifuneli okwalo, alu-cunuki, alunagqubu; aluthokozi ngokun-galungile, kepha luthokozela iqiniso; lubekezelela izinto zonke, lukholwa yizinto zonke, luthemba izinto zonke, lukhut-hazelela izinto zonke. uthando alusoze lwaphela; kepha nokuba kukhona ukupro-fetha, kuyakukhawuka; nokuba kuyizilimi, ziyakunqamuka; nokuba kungukwazi, kuyakukhawuka. ngokuba sazi inxenye, siprofetha inxenye. kepha nxa seku-fikile okupheleleyo, lokho okuyinxenye kuyakukhawuka. lapho ngisengumntwana, ngakhulumisa okomntwana, ngaqondisa okomntwana, ngazindlisa okomntwana; kuthe sengiyindoda, ngayeka okobuntwana. ngokuba manje sibona esibukweni kalufifi; kepha lapho sobukana ubuso nobuso; manje ngazi inxenye, kepha lapho, ngiyakwazi ngokuphelele, njengokuba kade ngaziwa ngokuphelele. manje-ke kumi ukukholwa, nokwethemba, nothando, lokho kokuthathu; kepha okukhulu kulokho luthando.

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jongani uthando, futhi nizondelele iziphiwo zomoya, ikakhulu ukuba niprofethe.2 ngokuba okhuluma ngezilimi kakhulumi kubantu, kepha ukhuluma kulezi-ku; ngokuba kakho ozwayo, ukhuluma izim-fihlako ngomoya. kepha oprofethayo ukhuluma kubantu kube ngukwakha, nokududuza, nokuqunga isibindi. okhu-luma ngezilimi uyazakha yena, kepha oprofethayo wakha ibandla. nokho ben-githanda ukuba nikhulume ngezilimi nonke, kepha kakhulu ukuba niprofethe; mkhulu kodwa oprofethayo kunokhuluma ngezil-imi, uma engahumushi, ukuze ibandla lakheke. manje-ke, bazalwane, uma ngiza

kini ngikhuluma ngezilimi, ngiyakunisiza ngani, uma ngingakhulumi kini noma ngokwambula, noma ngokwazi, noma ngokuprofetha, noma ngokufundisa na? nezinto ezingenamphefumulo ezikhalayo, noma igenkle noma ihabhu, uma zingakhali ngokwahlukeneyo, kuzakwaziwa kanjani okubethwa ngegenkle nangehabhu na? ngokuba uma icilongo likhala ngezwi elin-gaqondakaliyo, ngubani oyakuzilungiselela ukulwa na? kanjalo nani, uma ningakhiphi izwi elichachileyo ngolimi, kuzakwaziwa kanjani okukhulunywayo na? ngokuba niyakube nikhuluma emoyeni. kukhona izinhlobo noma zingahle zibe zingaki zokukhuluma ezweni, kepha alukho olun-gasho okuthile. ngakho-ke uma ngingakwazi okuqondile ngokukhulunywayo ngiyakuba ngowezizwe nje kokhulumayo, nokhulumayo abe ngowezizwe kimi. ngokunjalo nani, lokhu nishisekele iziphiwo zomoya, funani ukuba nibe nazo kakhulu, ukuze kwakheke ibandla. ngakho-ke okhulumayo ngezilimi akhulekele ukuba akuhumushe. ngokuba uma ngikhuleka ngezilimi, kukhuleka umoya wami, kepha ingqondo yami ayinasithelo. kunjani pho? ngizakukhuleka ngomoya, ngikhuleke nangengqondo futhi; ngiza-kuhuba ngomoya, ngihube nangengqondo futhi. uma kungenjalo, nxa ubonga ngo-moya, lowo osesikhundleni sabangafundile angasho kanjani ukuthi amen ekubongeni kwakho na, lokhu engakwazi okushoyi? ngokuba nempela ubonga kahle wena, kepha lowo omunye akakhiwa. ngibonga ulezi-ku ngokuba ngikhuluma ngezilimi kakhulu kunani nonke; kodwa ebandleni ngingathanda ukukhuluma amazwi ayisih-lanu ngengqondo yami, ukuze ngifundise abanye, kunamazwi ayizinkulungwane eziyishumi ngezilimi. bazalwane, ningabi ngabantwana ngengqondo, kanti ebu-bini nibe yizingane, kepha engqondweni nibe ngabakhulileyo. emthethweni kulot-shiwe ukuthi: ngabantu bezinye izilimi, nangezindebe zabezinye izizwe ngiyakukhu-luma kulesi sizwe; kepha noma kunjalo abayikungizwa, kusho inkosi. njalo-ke izilimi ziyisibonakaliso kwabangakholwayo, kungesikho kwabakholwayo; kepha ukupro-fetha kuyisibonakaliso kwabakholwayo, kungesikho kwabangakholwayo. ngakho-ke uma ibandla lonke libuthene ndawonye, bonke bakhulume ngezilimi, bese kungena abangafundile noma abangakholwayo, abazukuthi niyahlangana na? kepha uma bonke baprofetha, kungene ongakholwayo noma ongafundile, uzakuhlathwa yibo bonke, ahlulelwe yibo bonke; okufihliweyo kwenhliziyo yakhe kuyadalulwa; njalo uyakuwa ngobuso, akhuleke kulezi-ku, aqinise athi: impela ulezi-ku ukhona phakathi kwenu. kunjani, pho, bazalwane?

uma nibuthana, yilowo nalowo uba nehubo, noma isifundiso, noma ukwambula, noma izilimi, noma ukuhumusha. konke akwenzelwe ukwakhiwa kwebandla. uma-ke umuntu ekhuluma ngezilimi, akube ngababili, bangadluli kwabathathu, badedelane, omunye ahumusha; kepha uma kungekho ohumushayo, kathule ebandleni, azikhulumele yena yedwa nakulezi-ku. abaprofethi-ke, kukhulume ababili noma babe bathathu, abanye bakhohle. kepha uma kwambulwa utho komunye ohlezi khona, kathule owokuqala. ngokuba ningaprofetha nonke abanye ngabanye, ukuze bafunde bonke, balulekwe bonke; imimoya yabaprofethi ithobela abaprofethi; ngokuba ulezi-ku kasiye owesiyaluyalu kepha ngowokuthula. njengokuba kunjalo emabandleni onke abangcwele, abesifazane mabathule emabandleni; ngokuba kabavunyelwe ukuba bakhulume, kepha mabazithobe, njengokuba usho njalo nomthetho. uma-ke bethanda ukufunda utho, mababuze emadodeni abo emakhaya; ngokuba kuyihlazo ukuba owesifazane akhulume ebandleni. konje izwi likalezi-ku laphuma kinina na? nokuba lafika kinina nodwa na? uma umuntu ethi ungumprofethi, noma ethi ungowomoya, makaqonde ukuthi lokhu enginilobela khona kungumyalo wenkosi. kepha uma umuntu engazi, makahlale engazi. ngakho-ke, bazalwane bami, zondelelani ukuprofetha, ningakuvimbeli ukukhuluma ngezilimi. kepha konke makwenziwe ngemfanelo nangenhlelo.

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kepha, bazalwane, ngiyanikhumbuza ivangeli enganishumayeza lona nenalamukelayo nenimi kulo, nenisindiswa ngalo, nxa nibambebele ezwini enganishumayeza lona, uma kambe ukukholwa kwenu kungabanga yize. ngokuba okokuqala nganinika lokho engakwamukela nami ukuthi ukristu wafa ngenxa yezono zethu njengokwemibhalo, nokuthi wembelwa, nokuthi wavuswa kwabafileyo ngosuku lwesithathu njengokwemibhalo, nokuthi wabonwa ngukhefase; wayesebonwa ngabayishumi nambili; emva kwalokho wabonwa ngasikhathi sinye ngabazalwane abadlula amakhulu ayisihlanu, iningi labo lisekhona nakalokhu, kepha abanye sebelele; emva kwalokho wabonwa nguJakobe; ngasemuva wabonwa ngabaphostoli bonke; ekugcineni kwabo bonke wabonwa nayimina enginjengozelwe kungakabi yisikhathi. ngokuba mina ngingomncinyane kubaphostoli, engingafanele ukuthiwa umphostoli, ngokuba ngazingela ibandla likalezi-ku. kepha ngomusa kalezi-ku ngiyikho engiyikho,

nomusa wakhe kimi awubanga yize, kodwa ngasebenza kakhulu kunabo bonke; kepha akusimina kodwa ngumusa kalezi-ku okimi. ngakho-ke noma kuyimina noma kuyibona, sishumayela kanjalo, nakholwa kanjalo. kepha-ke uma ukristu eshunayelwa ukuthi uvusiwe kwabafileyo, basho kanjani abanye phakathi kwenu ukuthi akukho ukuvuka kwabafileyo na? kepha uma kungekho ukuvuka kwabafileyo, akavuswanga naye ukristu. kepha uma ukristu engavuswanga kwabafileyo, ukushumayela kwethu kuyize, nokukholwa kwenu kuyize. yebo, sifunyanwa singofakazi bamanga ngolezi-ku, ngokuba safakaza ngolezi-ku ukuthi wamvusa ukristu, angamvusanga kambe, uma kanti abafileyo bengavuswa. ngokuba uma abafileyo bengavuswa, akavuswanga naye ukristu. kepha uma ukristu engavuswanga, ukukholwa kwenu akusizi lutho, nisesezonweni zenu. khona-ke nalabo asebalala bekukristu babhubhile. uma singabathembela kukristu kulokhu kuphila kuphela, singabokukhalelwa kunabantu bonke. kepha kalokhu ukristu uvusiwe kwabafileyo, engulibo lwabaleleyo. ngokuba lokhu ukufa kweza ngomuntu, ukuvuka kwabafileyo nakho kweza ngomuntu. ngokuba njengalokhu ku-adamu bonke bayafa, ngokunjalo futhi kukristu bonke bayakuphiliwa. kepha yilowo nalowo ngesigaba sakhe: ukristu kuqala, bese kuba ngabangabakakristu ekufikeni kwakhe, andukuba kufike ukuphela, nxa enikela ukusuka kulezi-ku uyise, lapho esechithile ukubusa konke, nobukhosi bonke, namandla. ngokuba umelwe ukubusa, aze abeke izitha zonke phansi kwezinyawo zakhe. isitha sokugcina esiyakuchithwa singukufa. ngokuba izinto zonke uzithobisele phansi kwezinyawo zakhe. kepha nxa ethi: izinto zonke zithotshisiwe, kusobala ukuthi ungaphandle kwazo yena ozithobisele phansi kwakhe. kodwa nxa izinto zonke sezithotshiselwe phansi kwakhe, lapho-ke nayo indodana iyakuzithoba phansi kwalowo owathobisa zonke izinto phansi kwayo, ukuze ulezi-ku abe yikho konke kukho konke. pho, bayakwenze njani ababaphathizelwa abafileyo na? uma abafileyo bengavuki nempela, babhaphathizelwani ngenxa yabo na? futhi sizifakelani thina engozini imizuzu yonke na? bazalwane, ngiyaqinisa ngokubongwa enginakho ngenxa yenu kukristu jesu inkosi yethu, ngiyafa mihla yonke. uma ngalwa nezilo e-efesu ngokwabantu, nginanzuzoni? uma abafileyo bengavuki, masidle, siphuze, ngokuba ngomuso sizakufa. ningakhohliswa; uku-jwayelana nababi konakalisa ukuziphatha okuhle. phaphamani ngokufaneleyo, ningonini; ngokuba abanye kabamazazi ulezi-ku; ngisho lokhu ukuba nibe namahloni. kepha

omunye uyakuthi: abafileyo bavuswa kanjani na? beza benamzimba muni na? wena ongaqondiyi, lokho okuhlwaneyelayo wena akutholi ukuphila kungafanga; futhi lokho okuhlwaneyelayo awuhlwaneyeli umzimba ozakuba khona kepha uhlamvu oluze, noma kungaba ngolukakolweni, noma kungaba ngolokunye; kepha ulezi-ku ulunika umzimba njengokuthanda kwakhe, yileyo naleyo mbewu owayo umzimba. inyama yonke ayinhlobonye, kepha enye ngeyabantu, enye yinyama yezilwane, enye yinyama yezinyoni, enye ngeyenzinhlanzi. ikhona nemizimba yasezulwini nemizimba yasemhlabeni; kepha inkazimulo yeyasezulwini iyodwa, neyasemhlabeni iyodwa. iyodwa inkazimulo yelanga, iyodwa inkazimulo yenyanga, iyodwa inkazimulo yezinkanyezi; yebo, enye inkanyezi yahlukile kwenye inkanyezi ngokukhazimula. kunjalo nokuvuka kwabafileyo. kuhlwaneyelwa kunokubola, kuvuswa kungenakubola; kuhlwaneyelwa kunokudelwa, kuvuswa kunenkazimulo; kuhlwaneyelwa kunobuthakathaka, kuvuswa kunamandla. kuhlwaneyelwa kungumzimba wemvelo, kuvuswa kungumzimba womoya. uma ukhona umzimba wemvelo, ukhona nowomoya. kanjalo futhi kulotshiwe ukuthi umuntu wokuqala u-adamu wabuphefumulo ophilayo; u-adamu wokugcina waba ngumoya ophilisayo. kepha okokuqala akusikho okomoya kodwa okwemvelo; bese kuba ngokomoya. umuntu wokuqala wavela emhlabeni, engowenhlabathi; umuntu wesibili uvela ezulwini. njengokuba enjalo owayengowenhlabathi, banjalo nalabo abangabenhlabathi; nanjengokuba enjalo ongowasezulwini, banjalo nabo abangabasezulwini. futhi njengokuba besinesimo songowenhlabathi, siyakuba nesimo songowasezulwini futhi. kepha ngisho lokhu, bazalwane, ukuthi inyama negazi akunakulidla ifa elingumbuso kalezi-ku; nokubola akulidli ifa elingukungaboli. bhekani, ngiyanitshela imfihlakalo; asiyikulala sonke, kepha siyakugququlwa sonke, ngesikhashanyana, ngokuphazima kweso, ngecilongo lokugcina; ngokuba icilongo liyakukhala, abafileyo bavuswe bengekakubola, thina siguqulwe. ngokuba lokhu okubolayo kumelwe ukwembatha ukungaboli, nalokhu okufayo kumelwe ukwembatha ukungafi. kepha nxa lokhu okubolayo sekwembethe ukungaboli, nalokhu okufayo sekwembethe ukungafi, kuzakugcwaliseka izwi elilotshiweyo lokuthi: ukufa kugingwiwe kwaba ngukunqoba. kufa, kuphi ukunqoba kwakho na? kufa, luphi udosi lwakho na? udosi lokufa yisono; amandla esono ngumthetho. kepha makabongwe ulezi-ku osinika ukunqoba ngenkosi yethu ujesu kristu. ngakho-ke, bazalwane bami abathandekayo, yibani ngabagxilile,

abangaxegiyi, abavame njalo emsebenzini wenkosi, nazi ukuthi ukusebenza kwenu akusilo ize enkosini.

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maqondana nomnikelo obuthelwa abangcwele, njengalokho ngayala amabandla asegalathiya, yenzani kanjalo nani. ngosuku lokuqala lweviki akube yilowo nalowo azibekелеle eqongelela njen-genhlanhla yakhe, ukuze kuthi nxa ngifika, kungabi yikhathi kwenziwa umnikelo. ekufikeni kwami labo enibakhethayo ngizakubathuma, bephetha izincwadi, ukuba bayise izipho zenu zothando ejerusalem; uma kufanele ukuba nami ngihambe, bayakuhamba kanye nami. kepha ngiyakuza kini, nxa sengidabulile imakedoniya; ngokuba ngiyakudabula imakedoniya; kepha ngingahle ngihlale isikhathi kini, noma ngidlulise nobusika, ukuze ningiqhube lapho ngisuka ngiya khona. ngokuba angizukunibona manje nxa ngidlula; ngokuba ngithemba ukuhlala kini isikhathi, uma inkosi ivuma. kepha ngizakuhlala e-efesu, kuze kufike iphentekoste; ngokuba ngivulelwe umnyango omkhulu wethuba lokusebenza; nabamelene nami baningi. kepha nxa kufika uthimothewu, anobheka ukuba ahlale kini engenalo uvalo, ngokuba usebenza umsebenzi wenkosi njengami; ngakho makungabikho omdelelayo. nize nimphelekezele endleleni ngokuthula ukuba eze kimi, ngokuba ngimbhekile kanye nabazalwane. maqondana nomzalwane u-apholo, ngamncenga kakhulu ukuba eze kini kanye nabazalwane; kepha kwakunge-siyo intando yakhe neze ukuba eze manje; kodwa uyakuza nxa enethuba. lindani nigxile ekukholweni, nibe ngamadoda, nibe namandla. konke enikwenzayo akwenziwe ngothando. ngiyanincenga, bazalwane, niyayazi indlu kastefana ukuthi ingulubo lwase-akhaya nokuthi bazimisele ukukhonza abangcwele ukuba nibathobele abanjalo nabo bonke abasebenzisana nabo bekhandleka. ngiyathokoza ngokufika kukastefana nofortunatu no-akhayiku, ngokuba bakufezile obekusilele ngakini. ngokuba bawuhlumelele umoya wami nowenu; ngakho baziseni abanjalo. amabandla ase-asiya ayakhonza kini. o-akwila nopriska bakhonza kakhulu kini enkosini, kanye nebandla elisendlini yabo. abazalwane bonke bayakhonza kini. bingelelanani ngokwanga okungcwele. nakhu ukukhonza kwami mina pawulu ngesandla sami. uma umuntu engayithandi inkosi, makabe ngqalekisiweyo. woza, nkosi! umusa wenkosi ujesu mawube nani. uthando lwami alube nani nonke kukristu jesu.

upawulu, umphostoli kakristu jesu ngen-  
tando kalezi-ku, nothimothewu umzalwane  
kulo ibandla likalezi-ku elisekorinte nakubo  
abangcwele bonke abakulo lonke lase-  
akhaya: makube kini umusa nokuthula  
okuvela kulezi-ku ubaba wethu nasenkosini  
ujesu kristu. makabongwe ulezi-ku noyise  
wenkosi yethu ujesu kristu, uyise wobubele,  
ulezi-ku wenduduzo yonke, osiduduzo  
osizini lwethu lonke, ukuze nathi sibe  
namandla okududuzo abasosizini, nol-  
unjani, ngenduduzo esiduduzwa ngayo  
nathi ngulezi-ku. ngokuba njengalokho iz-  
inhlupheko zikakristu zivamile kithi, kanjalo  
nokududuzeka kwethu kuvamile ngokristu.  
kepha noma sikhathazeka, kungenxa  
yokududuzwa nokusindiswa kwenu, noma  
siduduzeka, kungenxa yokududuzwa kwenu  
okubenza ukukhuthazela ezinhluphekweni  
zona lezi esihlupheka ngazo nathi. nethemba  
lethu ngani liqinile, sazi ukuthi njengalokhu  
ningabahlanganyeli bezinhlupheko, kanjalo  
ningabahlanganyeli nabenduduzo. ngokuba  
asithandi, bazalwane, ukuba ningazi ngosizi  
lwethu olwasehlela e-asiya ukuthi sasindwa  
kakhulu impela ngaphezu kwamandla ethu,  
saze salahlekelwa nayithemba lokuphila.  
yebo, thina ngokwethu sasizizwele ukuthi  
sinqunyelwe ukufa, ukuze singazethembi  
thina, kodwa sethembe ulezi-ku ovusa  
abafileyo, owasihlangulisa ekufeni okungaka  
noyakusihlangulisa, esethemba kuye ukuthi  
usayakusihlangulisa. nani nisizana nathi  
ngokusinxusela, ukuze umusa esiwuphi-  
weyo ngokucela kwabaningi siwubongelwe  
ngabaningi. ngokuba ukuzibonga kwethu  
yilokhu, okungubufakazi bukanembeza  
wethu, ukuthi sahamba ezweni kakhulu  
maqondana nani ngobungcwele nangob-  
uqotho bukalezi-ku, kungengokuhlakanipha  
kwenyama kodwa ngomusa kalezi-ku.  
ngokuba asinilobeli okunye, kuphela  
lokho enikufundayo nenikuqonda kahle;  
ngiyethemba futhi ukuthi niyakukuqonda  
kahle kuze kube sekugcineni, njengalokho  
nisiqondile okwenxenyi ukuthi siyiqholo  
lenu, njengalokhu nani ningelethu ngosuku  
lwenkosi yethu ujesu. nginalelo themba  
ngangifuna ukuza kini kuqala, ukuze nithole  
umusa ngokwesibili, ngidlule ngakini, ngiye  
emakedoniya, ngibuye ngize kini sengivela  
emakedoniya, ngiphelekezelwe yinina  
sengiye ejudiya. pho-ke, bengidlala nje  
ngisahlose lokho na? lokho engikuhlosayo  
ngikuhlosa ngokwenyama yini, ukuze kim-  
ina kube nguyebo yebo, kanye noqhabo  
qhabo, na? kepha njengokuba ulezi-ku  
ethembekile, nezwi lethu kini alisiye  
uyebo kanye noqhabo. ngokuba indodana  
kalezi-ku ukristu jesu owashunyayelwa kini  
yithina, mina, nosilvanu, nothimothewu,

wayengesiye uyebo kanye noqhabo, kepha  
kuyena kunguyebo. ngokuba noma izithem-  
biso zikalezi-ku ziziningi kangakanani,  
kuyena zinguyebo, ngakho-ke ngaye zingu-  
amen futhi, kudunyiswe ulezi-ku ngathi.  
kepha osiqiniso kanye nani kukristu,  
nowasigcobayo, ngulezi-ku, owasibeka  
nophawu nowasipha isibambiso esingumoya  
ezinhliziyweni zethu. kepha mina ngibiza  
ulezi-ku abe ngufakazi emphefumulweni  
wami ukuthi ngenziwa ukuniphephisa ukuba  
ngingaphindanga ngize ekorinte, kungesikho  
ukuthi siyabusa phezu kokukholwa kwenu,  
kodwa siyizisebenzi zokuthokoza kwenu  
kanye nani, ngokuba nimi ekukholweni.

## 2

kepha ngazimisela lokhu nami ngokwami  
ukuthi angisayikuza kini nginokudabuka.  
ngokuba uma mina nginidabukisa, pho,  
ngubani ongithokozisayo, uma kungesiye  
odabukiswa yimi, na? ngakuloba khona  
lokho, funa kuthi ekufeni kwami ngit-  
hole ukudabuka ngalabo ebengifanele  
ukuthokoza ngabo, nginethemba ngani  
nonke ukuthi okwami ukuthokoza kungok-  
wenu nonke. ngokuba ngosizi olukhulu  
nangobuhlungu benhliziyo nganilobela  
nginezinyembezi eziningi, kungabi ngokuba  
nidabukiswe, kodwa ukuze nazi uthando  
enginithanda kakhulu ngalo. kepha uma  
kukhona odabukisileyo, akangidabukisanga  
mina, kodwa, ukuze ngingeqisi, ngok-  
wenxenyi unidabukisile nonke. kumanele  
onjalo lokho kujeziswa ajeziswa ngakho  
ngabaningi; kepha okungcono kunalobela,  
nimthethelele, nimduduze, funa onjalo  
ahlulwe ngokudabuka okukhulu. nga-  
lokho ngiyanincenga ukuba nimphathe  
ngothando; ngokuba ngaloba futhi ngenxa  
yalokho, ukuze ngokuhlolwa kwenu ngazi  
ukuba ningabalalelayo ezintweni zonke  
yini. kepha lowo enimthethelela utho,  
nami ngiyamthethelela ngokuba lokho  
esengikuthethelele, uma kukhona into  
engiyithetheleleyo, ngikuthethelela ngenxa  
yenu phambi kobuso bukakristu, ukuze  
singehlulwa ngusathane; ngokuba asis-  
ibo abangawazi amacebo akhe. kepha  
mhla ngifika etrowa ukuba ngishumaye-  
le ivangeli likakristu, ngivulelwe umnyango  
enkosini, angibanga nakuthula emoyeni  
wami, ngokuba ngingamfumananga uthithu  
umzalwane wami, kodwa ngavalelisa kubo,  
ngaya emakedoniya. kodwa makabongwe  
ulezi-ku osihola njalo odwendweni lokun-  
qoba kukristu nobonakalisa ngathi iphunga  
lokhwazi kwakhe ezindaweni zonke; ngokuba  
siyiphunga elimnandi likakristu kulezi-ku  
kubo abasindiswayo nakubo abalahlwayo,  
kulaba siyiphunga lokufa kube ngokufa,  
kodwa kulabo siyiphunga lokuphila kube

ngukuphila. ngubani ongangalokho na? ngokuba asinjengabaningi abonakalisa izwi likalezi-ku ngenxa yenzuzo, kodwa njengabaqotho, njengabavela kulezi-ku sikhuluma phambi kukalezi-ku sikukristu.

### 3

sesiqala futhi ukuzincoma na? kumbe siyadinga yini njengabanye izincwadi zokusincoma eziza kini noma ezivela kini na? nina niyincwadi yethu elotshwe ezinhliziyweni zethu, eyaziwa ifundwa ngabantu bonke, nibonakala ukuthi niyincwadi kakristu eyenziwe ngokukhonza kwethu, ilotshiwe kungengoyinki kodwa ngomoya kalezi-ku ophilayo, kungabi sezibhebheni zamatshe kodwa ezibhebheni eziyizinhliziyu zenyama. kepha sinethemba elinjalo ngokristu kulezi-ku, kungesikho ukuthi singaba namandla ngokwethu okucabanga ngotho ukuthi luvela kithi, kodwa amandla ethu avela kulezi-ku, oyena futhi osenzela amandla okuba yizikhonzi zesivumelwano esisha, singesiso esegama kodwa esikamoya; ngokuba igama liyabulala, kodwa umoya uyaphilisa. kepha uma inkonzo yokufa, enamagama aqoshiwe ematsheni, yafika inenkazimulo, ngangokuba abantwana bakwa-israyeli babengena kubuka ubuso bukamose ngenxa yenkazimulo yobuso bakhe eyayingephelayo, pho, inkonzo kamoya ayiyikuba nenkazimulo kakhulu kunayo na? ngokuba uma inkonzo yokulahlwa ibinenkazimulo, ikakhulu inkonzo yokulunga inenkazimulo enkulu kakhulu. ngokuba nalokho okwakhazimuliswayo kwakungenankazimulo, uma kulinganiswa nenkazimulo lena edluleleyo. ngokuba uma lokho obekuzakuphela kwaba nenkazimulo, ikakhulu okumiyo njalo kunenkazimulo. ngakho-ke, lokhu sinethemba elinjalo, sinesibindi sonke, asenzi njengomose owamboza ubuso bakhe ngendwangu, ukuze abantwana bakwa-israyeli bangakubuki ukugcina kwalokho obekuzakuphela. kodwa ingqondo yabo yaba lukhuni. ngokuba kuze kube sosukwini lwanamuhla, nxa kufundwa isivumelwano esidala, leyo ndwangu isahlezi ingambuliwe, ngokuba iyapheliswa kukristu; yabo, kuze kube namuhla, nxa kufundwa umose, indwangu isayimbozile inhliziyu yabo; kepha nxa iphendukela enkosini, indwangu iyasuswa. inkosi inguye umoya; kepha lapho umoya wenkosi ekhona, kukhona inkululeko. kepha thina sonke esibuka ngobuso obambuliwe inkazimulo yenkosi njengasesibukweni siyaguqulwa, sibe njen-galowo mfanekiso ngokuya enkazimulweni, njengalokhu kumi ngenkosi engumoya.

### 4

ngakho lokhu sinale nkonzo, njengokuba sawawukelwa, asidangali,2 kodwa sizilahlele izinto ezifihliwe zehlazo, asihambi ngobuqili, asiliphambanisi izwi likalezi-ku, kepha ngokuveza obala iqiniso sizincoma kunem-beza wabantu bonke phambi kukalezi-ku. kepha uma ivangeli lethu lifihlakele, lifihlakele kwabalahlwayo, okukubona abangakholwa ulezi-ku waleli zwe uphuphuthekisile ingqondo yabo, ukuze kungasi kubo ukukhanya kwevangeli lenkazimulo kakristu ongumfanekiso kalezi-ku. ngokuba asizishumayeli thina, kodwa sishumayela ukristu jesu eyinkosi nokuthi siyizikhonzi zenu ngenxa kajesu. ngokuba ulezi-ku owathi: akuvele ukukhanya ebumnyameni, kukhanya, nguyena owakhanyisa ezinhliziyweni zethu ukuba kukhanya ukwazi inkazimulo kalezi-ku ebusweni bukakristu. kepha le ngebo sinayo ezisheni zebumba, ukuze ubukhulu bamandla obukhulu kakhulu bube ngobukalezi-ku, bungabi ngobuvela kithi. siyacindezelwa nxazonke, kodwa asinyinyekile; siyaxakeka, kodwa asidikibali; siyazingelwa, kodwa asidelda; siwiswa phansi, kodwa asibhujiswa; sithwele njalonjalo emzimbeni wethu ukufa kukajesu, ukuze nokuphila kukajesu kubonakaliswe emzimbeni wethu. ngokuba sisaphila sinikelwa njalo ekufeni ngenxa kajesu, ukuze nokuphila kukajesu kubonakaliswe enyameni yethu efayo. kanjalo kusebenza ukufa kithina, kepha kinina ukuphila. lokhu sinawo lo moya wokukholwa, njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: ngakholwa, ngakho ngakhuluma, nathi siyakholwa, ngakho-ke siyakhuluma, sazi ukuthi yena owavusa inkosi ujesu uyakusivusa nathi kanye nojesu, asethule kanye nani. ngokuba konke kwenziwa ngenxa yenu, ukuze umusa ngokwandiswa kubo abaningi uvamise ukubonga, kube ludumo kulezi-ku. ngakho asidangali, kodwa noma kubhubha umuntu wethu wangaphandle, owangaphakathi wenziwa musha imihla ngemihla. ngokuba usizi lwethu olululana olungolomzuzwana luyasisebenzela isilinganiso esikhulu kakhulu senkazimulo emiyo phakade, thina esingabheki okubonwayo kodwa okungabonwayo; ngokuba okubonwayo kungokwesikhashana, kepha okungabonwayo kungokwaphakade.

### 5

ngokuba siyazi ukuthi uma indlu yethu yasemhlabeni eyidokodo idilizwa, sine-sakhiwo esivela kulezi-ku, indlu engenziwanga ngezandla, eyaphakade, esezulwini. ngenxa yalokho siyabubula, silangazelela ukwelakanyiswa ngendlu yethu yasezul-

wini, ngokuba sembethe yona, asiyikufunyanwa sihamba ze. ngokuba thina esisekhona kuleli dokodo sibubula, sisindwa, ngokuba asithandi ukwambulwa kodwa ukwelakanyiswa, ukuze okufayo kugingwe ngukuphila. kepha owasenzela khona lokho ngulezi-ku owasipha isibambelo esingumoya. ngakho simi isibindi ngesikhathi sonke, sazi ukuthi, nxa ikhaya lethu lise semzimbeni, sahlukene nekhaya elisenkosini; ngokuba sihamba ngokukholwa, asihambi ngokubona; simi isibindi, singathanda kakhulu ukwahlukana nekhaya elisemzimbeni, sihlale ekhaya elisenkosini. ngalokho futhi, noma sisekhaya noma sahlukene nalo, sihlöse ukuba sibe ngabathandeka kuye. ngokuba thina sonke simelwe ukubonakaliwa phambi kwesihlalo sokwahlulela sikakristu, ukuze yilowo nalowo amukele njengalokho akwenzileyo esesemzimbeni, noma okuhle noma bona-ra-ukukhandleka. ngakho lokhu sikwazi ukwesaba inkosi, siyabancenga abantu; kepha sibonakalisiwe kulezi-ku; ngiyethemba ukuthi nakuye unembeza wenu sibonakalisiwe. asizincomi futhi kini, kodwa sininika ithuba lokuzibonga ngathi, ukuze nibe nakho okokuphendula abazibongayo ngokusemehlweni kungesikho okusenzhliziyweni. ngokuba noma sigcwaneke, kungenxa kalezi-ku; noma sisangulukile, kungenxa yenu. ngokuba uthando lukakristu luyasiqhubezela, sikubona lokhu ukuthi munye owafela bonke; ngakho-ke bonke sebafa; wafela bonke, ukuze abaphilayo bangabe besaziphilela bona, kodwa baphilele yena owabafelayo, wabuye wavuka. kanjalo thina asisayikwazi umuntu ngokwenyama; nokuba besimazi ukristu ngokwenyama, nokho manje asisamazi. kanjalo uma umuntu ekukristu, uyisidalwa esisha; okwakuqala kudlulile; bheka, sekuvele okusha. kepha konke kuvela kulezi-ku owenza ukuba sibuyisane naye ngokristu, wasinika inkonzo yokubuyisana, ngokuba ulezi-ku ekukristu wenza ukuba izwe libuyisane naye, engabaleli iziphambeko zabo, ebeka kithi izwi lokubuyisana. ngakho singamanxusa kakristu ngokungathi ulezi-ku unxusa ngathi; siyanincenga esikhundleni sikakristu, sithi: buyisanani nolezi-ku. ongasazanga isono wamenza isono ngenxa yethu, ukuze kuyena senziwe sibe ngukulungakulezi-ku.

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kepha thina esisebenza kanye naye siyanincenga ukuba ningawamukeleli ize umusa kalezi-ku ngokuba uthi: ngesikhathi esihle ngikuzwile, nangosuku lwensindiso ngakuhlangukisa; bheka, manje kuyisikhathi esihle kakhulu; bheka, manje kulusuku lwensindiso; asibekeli muntu

nasinye isikhubekiso nangokukodwa, funa inkonzo yethu isolwe, kepha kukho konke sizibonakalisa njengezikhonzi zikalezi-ku ekubekezeleni okukhulu, nasosizini, nasekusweleni, nasekubandezekeni, nasekushayweni, nasekuboshweni, naseziyaluyalwini, nasekukhandlekeni, nasekuqwasheni, nasekuzileni ukudla, nangenhlazeko, nangokwazi, nangokubekezela, nangobumnene, nangomoya ongcwele, nangotando olungazenzisi, nangezwi leqiniso, nangamandla kalezi-ku, nangezikhali zokulunga zesokunene nezesokhohlo, ngodumo nangehlazo, ngokuhletshwa nangokutswa, njengabakhohlisi kanti singabeqiniso, njengabangaziwayo kanti saziwa kakhulu, njengabafayo kanti bheka, siyaphila, njengabalaywayo kanti asibulawa, njengabadabukileyo kepha siyathokoza njalo, njengabampofu kepha sicebisa abanini, njengabangenalutho kanti sinakho konke. umlomo wethu uvulekele ngakini nina basekorinte, inhliziyi yethu yanulekile; aninyinyekile kithi, kodwa ninyinyekile ezinhliziyweni zenu; kepha ukuze kube khona ukwenanana, ngikhuluma njengakubantwana, yanulekani nani. maningaboshelwa ejokeni linye nabangakhulwayo, ngokuba kunakuhlanganyela kuni ukulunga nokungalungi na? kunabudlelwane buni ukukhanya nobumnyama na? unakuzwana kuni ukristu nobeliyali na? unasabelo sini okholwayo nongakhulwayo na? linakuvumelana kuni ithempeli likalezi-ku nezithombe na? ngokuba thina siyithempeli likalezi-ku ophilayo, njengokuba washo ulezi-ku ukuthi: ngiyakuhlala phakathi kwabo, ngihambe phakathi kwabo; ngiyakuba ngulezi-ku wabo, bona babe ngabantu bami. ngakho-ke phumani phakathi kwabo, nahlukane nabo, isho inkosi; ningathinti okungcolileyo; khona ngiyakunamukela, ngibe nguyihlo kini, nina nibe ngamadodana namadodakazi kimi, isho inkosi usomandla.

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lokhu sinalezo zithembiso, bathandwa, masizihlambulule ekungcoleni konke kwenyama nokomoya, siphelelise ubungcwele ngokumesaba ulezi-ku.2 sivuleleni indawo ezinhliziyweni zenu; asonanga muntu, asonakalisanga muntu, asidlanga muntu. angikusho ngokunilahla; ngokuba ngasho ngaphambili ukuthi nisezinhliziyweni zethu ukuba sife kanye nani, siphile kanye nani. nginesibindi esikhulu ngani, nginokuzibonga okukhulu ngani; ngigcwele induduzo, nginentokoze enkulu kakhulu phezu kosizi lonke esinalo. ngokuba nasekufeni kwethu emakedoniya inyama yethu ayibanga nakuphumula, kodwa sakhat hazeka nxazonke; ngaphandle kwakukhona ukulwa,

ngaphakathi ukwesaba. nokho ulezi-ku oduduzaba abadanileyo usiduduzile thina ngokufika kukathithu, kungabi ngokufika kwakhe kuphela, kodwa nangenduduzo aduduzwa ngayo ngani, esilandisa ngokungilangazela kwenu, nangokungililela kwenu, nangokungishisekela kwenu, ngaze ngathokoza kakhulu. nakuba nganidabukisa ngencwadi yami, angizisoli; nakuba ngangizisola ngiyabona ukuthi leyo ncwadi yanidabukisa noma kwaba yisikhathi nje manje ngiyathokoza, kungengokuba nadabukiswa, kodwa ngokuba nadabukiswa kwaba ngukuphenduka; ngokuba nadabukiswa ngokukalezi-ku, ukuze ningalahlekelwa lutho ngathi. ngokuba ukudabuka okuya ngokukalezi-ku kuveza ukuphenduka angezisele ngakho umuntu, kube ngokusindiswa, kepha ukudabuka okuya ngokwezwe kuveza ukufa. ngokuba bhekani, khona lokho kudabukiswa kwenu ngokukalezi-ku kwaveza kini ukukhuthala okungaka, yebo, nokuziphendulela, nokuthukuthela, nokwesaba, nokulangazela, nokushiseka, nokuphindisela. kukho konke nazibonakalisa ukuthi nimhlophe kule ndaba. ngakho nakuba nganilobela, angilobanga ngenxa yowonileyo nokuba ngenxa yowoniweyo kodwa ukuze ukukhuthala kwenu ngenxa yethu kubonakaliswe kini phambi kukalezi-ku. ngalokho siduduzekile. nasekududuzekeni kwethu sathokoza impela, ikakhulu ngokuthokoza kukathithu, ngokuba umoya wakhe uhlunyelelwe yinina nonke; ngokuba uma ngake ngazincoma ngento kuyena ngani, angijabhiswanga; kepha njengokuba konke esakukhuluma kini kwakuyiqiniso, kanjalo nokuzibonga kwethu kuthithu kwaba yiqiniso. yebo, isihe sakhe sivamile kakhulu ngakini, lapho ekhumbula ukulalela kwenu nonke ukuthi namamukela ngokwesaba nangokuthuthumela. ngiyathokoza, ngokuba ezintweni zonke nginethemba ngani.

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kepha siyanazisa, bazalwane, ngomusa kalezi-ku awuphiweyo amabandla asemakedoniya ukuthi ekuvivinyweni okukhulu kosizi ukuthokoza kwawo okuvamileyo nobumpofu bawo obukhulu kwenza ukuba avame kakhulu ekuphaneni okupheleleyo; ngokuba ngokwawo anikela njengamandla awo, yebo, ngiyafakaza ngithi, nangaphezu kwamandla awo; asinxusa kakhulu ecela umusa wokuhlanganyela ekukhonzeni abangcwele; futhi akubanga njengokwethemba kwethu kuphela, kepha bazinikela bona uqobo kuqala enkosini nakithi futhi ngentando kalezi-ku, saze samncenga uthithu ukuba, njengalokho wayeseqalile

ngaphambili, kanjalo afeze futhi kini lowo msebenzi womusa. kepha njengalokho nivamile kukho konke: ukukholwa, namazwi, nokwazi, nokukhuthala konke, nothando enisithanda ngalo, manivame nakuwo lowo msebenzi womusa. angikusho njengomyalo, kodwa ukuze ngokukhuthala kwabanye ngivivinye ubuqotho bothando lwenu; ngokuba niyawazi umusa wenkosi yethu ujesu kristu ukuthi, nakuba ecebile, waba mpofu ngenxa yenu, ukuze ngobumpofu bakhe nicebe nina. kulokhu nginitshela ukubona kwami; ngokuba lokhu kulungele nina enaqala nyakenye, kungekwenza kuphela kepha nokuthanda; kepha manje fezani nokwenza, ukuze njengalokho kwaba khona inhliziyio ethandayo, kanjalo kube khona nokufeza njengeninakho. ngokuba uma uthando lukhona, kwamukeleka njengalokho umuntu anakho, kungenjengalokho angenakho. ngokuba angikusho lokhu ukuba abanye bakhululeke, nina nikhathazeke, kodwa kube ngokulinganayo, ukuze kuthi ngalesi sikhathi inala yenu isize bona ekusweleni kwabo ukuba nenala yabo isize nina ekusweleni kwenu, kube khona ukulingana, njengalokho kulotshiwe ukuthi: kowaba nokuningi kakusalanga, nowaba nokuncane kantulanga. kepha makabongwe ulezi-ku obeka enhliziyweni kathithu le nkuthalo ngani, ngokuba wamukela umyalo wethu, kepha naye ekhuthale kakhulu waphuma eza kini ngokuzithandela. sithumele kanye naye umzalwane oludumo lwakhe ngevangelilwandile kuwo onke amabandla, kungesikho lokho kuphela, kodwa ukhethiwe futhi yiwo amabandla ukuba ahambisane nathi ngendaba yalo mnikelo osetshenzwe yithi, kube ludumo kuyo inkosi, kubonakalise ukukhuthala kwethu, sigwemele lokhu ukuthi kungaba khona osisolayo ngalesi siphos esikhulu esisetshenzwe yithi; ngokuba sinakekela okuhle, kungesemehlweni enkosi kuphela kodwa nasemehlweni abantu. kepha sithumele kanye nabo umzalwane wethu esimfumene kaningi ekhuthale ezintweni eziningi, kepha manje ukhuthale kakhulu ngenxa yokunethemba kwakhe okukhulu. uma kubuzwa ngothithu, yena ungumhlanganyeli nesisebenzi kanye nami kini; noma kubuzwa ngabazalwane bethu, bayizithunywa zamabandla, bayinkazimulo kakristu. ngakho manibonakalise kubo phambi kwamabandla ubufakazi bothando lwenu nokuzincoma kwethu ngani.

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ngokuba maqondana nokukhonza abangcwele akuswelekile ukuba nginilobele, ngokuba ngiyalwazi uthando lwenu engizincoma ngalo ngani kwabasemakedoniya, uma ngithi i-akhaya lase lizilungisele kwanyak-



enye nokuthi ukushisekela kwenu kuvusile iningi labo. kepha ngithumile abazalwane ukuba ukuzincoma kwethu ngani kungenziwa ize maqondana nalokhu, ukuze kuthi njengokusho kwami nibe senilungisele, funa uma ngabe kufika kanye nami abasemakedoniya, banifumane ningakabi nilungisele, sijabhe thina singasaniphathi nina ngaleli themba. ngalokho-ke bengithi kudingeka ukuba ngincenge abazalwane ukuba bandulele ukuza kini, balungisele ngaphambili isipho senu esathenjiswa ngaphambili, sona sihlale silungisiwe, sibe njengesesibusiso, singabi njengesokuncishana. kepha nakhu: ohlwanyela ingcosana uyakuvuna ingcosana, nohlwanyela kakhulu uyakuvuna kakhulu. yilowo nalowo anikele njengalokho azikhethele khona enhliziyweni, kungabi ngokudabuka nangokucindezelwa, ngokuba ulezi-ku uyamthanda onikelayo ethokoza. kepha ulezi-ku unamandla okunipha umusa wonke uvame, ukuze kuthi ninokwanela konke ezintweni zonke ngezikhathi zonke, nivame imisebenzi yonke emihle, njengokuba kulotshiwe ukuthi: wahlaphaza, wapha abampofu; ukulunga kwakhe kulala kuze kube phakade. kepha yena onika ohlwanyelayo inhlwanyelo nesinkwa sokudliwa uyakulungisela evise imbewu yenu, andise izithelo zokulunga kwenu, ukuze ezintweni zonke nicetshiswe kukho ukuphana konke okuzeza ngathi ukubonga ulezi-ku. ngokuba ukukhonza ngale nkonzo akuzedi kuphela ukuswela kwabangwele, kepha futhi kuvamisa kakhulu ukubonga ulezi-ku ngabaningi, lokhu ngokuvivinyeka kwale nkonzo badumisa ulezi-ku ngenxa yokulalela kokuvuma kwenu ivangeli likakristu nangenxa yobuqotho bobudlelwane benu nabo, yebo, nabo bonke, banilangazelele futhi ngokunikhulekela ngenxa yomusa omkhulu kakhulu kalezi-ku okini. makabongwe ulezi-ku ngenxa yesipho sakhe esingakhulume kiyo.

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kepha mina pawulu uqobo ngiyanincenga ngobumnene nangokuva kukakristu, mina engithobile phambi kwenu nxa ngikhona, kepha nginesibindi kini nxa ngingekho, ngiyacela ukuba, nxa ngikhona, kungasweleki ukuba ngibasukele ngesibindi engiqonde ukuba naso kwabanye abasho ngathi ukuthi sihamba ngokwenyama, ngokuba noma sihamba sisenyameni kasilwi ngokwenyama, ngokuba izikhali zethu zokulwa kasizo ezenyama, kodwa ngaye ulezi-ku zinamandla okubhidliza izingqaba, sichitha izizindlo, nakho konke okudephileyo okuziphakamisela ukuthiyana nokumazi ulezi-ku, namacebo onke siwathumbela ukumlalela ukristu; futhi

silungele ukujezisa ukungalaleli konke, nxa sekuphelele ukulalela kwenu. bhekani lokhu okuphambi kobuso. uma umuntu ezethemba yena ukuthi ungokakristu, makabuye aqonde lokhu ngokwakhe ukuthi, njengokuba yena engokakristu, sinjalo nathi. ngokuba noma ngingaze ngizibonge ngaphezulwana ngamandla ethu eyasipha wona inkosi ukuba nakhiwe kungengukuba nibhidlize, angiyikujabhiswa, ukuze ngingabi njengokungathi bengethutha nje ngezincwadi. ngokuba izincwadi-ke bathi zinzima, zibukhali, kepha nxa ekhona ngomzimba, ubuthakathaka, ukukhuluma kwakhe kudelekile. onjalo makaqonde lokhu ukuthi lokhu esiyikho ngamazwi ezincwadi nxa singekho, siyakuba yikho ngesenzo nxa sikhona. ngokuba asinasibindi sokuzilinganisa nokuzifanisa nabathile babo abazincomayo. kodwa bona, nxa bezilinganisa ngezinqobo zabo, bezifanisa nezingqobo zabo, kaba namqondo. kepha thina asiyikuzibonga ngaphezu kokulinganisa, kodwa ngesilinganiso sendawo esiyisilinganiso asilinganisele sona ulezi-ku, ukuze sifinyelele nakini. ngokuba asizeluli ngokweqisa ngokungathi asifinyeleli kini, ngokuba sifikile kwaze kwaba nakini ngevangeli likakristu, singazibongi ngemisebenzi yabanye ngaphezu kokulinganisa, kepha sinethemba lokuthi ngokukhula kokukholwa kwenu, siyakukhuliswa kakhulu impela kini endaweni yethu, size sishumaye ivangeli nasezindaweni ezingaphambi kwakini, singazibongi ngezinto esenziwe endaweni yomunye. kepha ozibongayo makazibonge enkosini. ngokuba akusiye ozincomayo ovunywa abongwe, kepha yilowo inkosi emncomayo.

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sengathi ningangibekezelela ebuwuleni obuyingcosana, yebo, ngibekezeleleni. ngokuba ngiyanishisekela ngokushisekela kukalezi-ku, ngokuba nganendisela endodeni eyodwa ukuba nginiyise kukristu niyintombi emhlophe. kepha nginovalo lokuthi njengalokho inyoka yamkhohlisa u-eva ngobuqili bayo, kanjalo izingqondo zenu mhlawumbe zingadukiswa, ziyeye ubuqotho nobumhlophe ngakukristu. ngokuba uma kufika umuntu eshumayela omunye ujesu esingamshumayelanga, noma namukela omunye umoya eningawamukelanga, noma elinye ivangeli eningalamukelanga, nikubekezelela kakhulu. ngokuba ngithi angisilele ngalutho kubaphostoli abaqhamileyo kakhulu. noma ngiyibhimbilokukhuluma, nokho angisilo ngokwazi; lokhu sikubonakalisile kinina ngezindlela zonke ezintweni zonke. kumbe ngonile yini ngokuzithoba ukuba niphakanyiswe

nina, lokhu nganishumayeza ngesihle ivangeli likalezi-ku na? ngaphanga amanye amabandla, ngithatha ihlo kuwo, ukuba ngikhonze nina; nalapho ngikhona kini ngiswele, angibanga mthwalo kumuntu, ngokuba abazalwane abavela emakedoniya bakuqeda ukuswela kwami; ezintweni zonke ngazilinda ukuba nginganisindi, futhi ngisezakuzilinda. njengalokhu iqiniso likakristu likimi, angiyikwaphucwa lolo dumo ezigodini zase-akhaya. ngani na? ngokuba nginganithandi na? ulezi-ku uyazi. kepha engikwenzayo ngizakukwenza futhi, ukuze ngibaphuce ithuba abafuna ithuba lokuba bafunyanwe benjengathi kulokho abazibonga ngakho. ngokuba abanjalo bangabaphostoli bamanga, izisebenzi ezikhohlisayo, beziguqula abaphostoli bakakristu. akumangalisi, ngokuba usathane uqobo uziguqula ingelosi yokukhanya. ngakho akuyinto enkulu, uma nezikhonzi zakhe ziziguqula izikhonzi zokulunga ezikuphela kwazo kuyakuba njengokwemisebenzi yazo. ngiyaphinda ngithi: makungasho muntu ngami ukuthi ngiyisiwula; kepha noma kungaba njalo, nokho ngamukeleni njengesiwula, ukuze nami ngizibonge kancane. lokho engikushoyo ngalesi sibindi sokuzibonga, angikusho ngokwenkosi, kodwa angikusho kungathi ngobuwula. lokhu abanengi bezibonga ngokwenyama, nami ngiyakuzibonga. ngokuba abayiziwula nibabekezelela ngenjabulo, lokhu ningabahlakaniphi-leyo, ngokuba niyabekezelela, uma umuntu enenza izigqila, uma enidla, uma enibamba, uma ezikhukhumeza, uma enishaya ebusweni. ngisho ngamahloni ukuthi kade sibuthakathaka. kepha kulokho umuntu anesibindi ngakho ngikhuluma ngobuwula nami nginesibindi ngakho. bangamaheberu na? nami. bangaba-israyeli na? nami. bayinzalo ka-abrahama na? nami. bayizikhonzi zikakristu na? ngikhuluma okohlanya ngiyiso kakhulu kunabo; ekukhandlekeni kakhulu kunabo, nasekuboshweni kaningi kunabo, nasekushayweni okukhulu impela, nasezingozini zokufa ngezikhathi eziningi. kubajuda ngathola kahlanu imivimbo, kushiya munye emashumini amane; ngashaywa kathathu ngezinduku, ngakhandwa kanye ngamatshe, kathathu ngalinyalelwa umkhumbi, ngaba semanzini olwandle ubusuku bunye nemini; ngangisekuhambeni kaningi, nasezingozini zemifula, nasezingozini zabaphangi, nasezingozini kwabakithi, nasezingozini kwabezizwe, nasezingozini emzini, nasezingozini ehlane, nasezingozini elwandle, nasezingozini kubazalwane bamanga, ngokukhandleka nangokukhathazeka, kaningi ngokuqwashe ebusuku, ngokulamba nangokoma, kaningi ngokuzila ukudla, nase-

makhazeni nangokuhambaze; ngaphandle kwezinye izinto kukhona okungicindezelayo imihla yonke: ukukhathalela onke amabandla. ngubani obuthakathaka ngingebuthakathaka nami na? ngubani okhubekiswayo kungavuthi kimi na? uma ngimelwe ukuzibonga, ngiyakuzibonga ngobuthakathaka bami. ulezi-ku noyise wenkosi ujesu, obongekayo phakade naphakade, uyazi ukuthi angiqambi amanga. edamaseku induna yenkosi u-aretha yalinda umuzi wamadamaseku ukuba ingibambe; ngehliswa efasiteleni ngesilulu ogangeni, ngaphepha ezandleni zayo.

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kumelwe ukuba ngizibonge noma kungasizi; kepha sengizakuphatha imibono nezambulo zenkosi. ngiyamazi umuntu ekukristu, sekuyiminyaka eyishumi nane nakuba wayesemzimbeni angazi, nakuba wayengaphandle komzimba angazi, ngulezi-ku owaziyo onjalo wahlwithwa wayiswa kwelesithathu izulu. yebo, ngiyamazi umuntu onjalo nakuba wayesemzimbeni, nakuba wayengekho emzimbeni, angazi, ngulezi-ku owaziyo ukuthi wahlwithwa wayiswa eparadisi, wezwa amazwi angakhulumekiyo, okungavunyelwe ukuba umuntu awakhulume. ngonjalo ngizakuzibonga, kepha ngami uqobo angizukuzibonga, kuphela ngobuthakathaka bami. ngokuba noma bengingathanda ukuzibonga, bengingezukuba yisiwula; ngokuba bengizakube ngikhuluma iqiniso, kepha ngiyayeka, funa umuntu acabange ngami okungaphezu kwalokho angibona ngiyikho nakuzwayo kimi. ngalokho ukuze ngingaziphakamisi kakhulu ngobukhulu bezambulo, nganikwa iva enyameni, ingelosi kasathane, ukuba ingimukule, ukuze ngingaziphakamisi kakhulu. ngayo-ke nganxusa inkosi kathathu ukuba isuke kimi. yathi kimi: umusa wami ukwanele; ngokuba amandla ami aphelelisiwa ebuthakathakeni. ngakho kunalokho ngijabulela ukuzibonga ngobuthakathaka bami, ukuze amandla kakristu ahlale phezu kwami. ngakho ngenamile ebuthakathakeni, nasekuphatweni kabi, nasekusweleni, nasekuzingelweni, nasekubandzekeni ngenxa kakristu, ngokuba uma ngibuthakathaka, yikhona nginamandla. sengize ngaba yisiwula; nina ningiphoqile. ngokuba mina kwakufanele ukuba nginconywe yinina. ngokuba angisilele ngalutho kubaphostoli abaqhamileyo kakhulu, noma ngingento yalutho. impela izibonakaliso zobuphostoli zenziwe kini ngokukhuthazela konke, nangezibonakaliso, nangezimangaliso, nangemisebenzi yamandla. ngokuba nancishwani kunamanye

amabandla, uma kungeyilokho ukuthi mina angibanga mthwalo kini na? ngithetheleleni lelo cala. bhekani, sekungokwesithathu ngilungele ukuza kini; angiyikuba mthwalo kini, ngokuba angifuni okwenu, kodwa ngifuna nina. ngokuba akubantwana abafanele ukuqongelela abazali, kodwa abazali baqongelela abantwana. kepha ngokujabula okukhulu ngiyakunikela konke, yebo, ngizinikele mina ngenxa yemiphefumulo yenu. uma nginithanda kakhulu, kanti kuyilapho ngithandwa kancane na? kepha makube ngukuthi anginisindanga mina, kodwa lokhu ngiyisihlakaniphi, nganibamba ngobuqili. ngake nganqilizela yini ngomunye walabo engabathumela kini na? nganxusa uthithu, ngathuma kanye naye umzalwane; uthithu wake waniqilizela na? asihambanga ngamoya munye na? nangamkhondo munye na? kade nicabanga ukuthi siyaziphendulela kini. thina sikhuluma phambi kukalezi-ku sikukristu; kepha konke, bathandwa, kwenzelwa ukwakhiwa kwenu. ngokuba nginoyalo lokuthi ekufikeni kwami mhlawumbe ngizakunifumana ningenjengalokho engikuthandayo, nami ngifunyanwe yinina nginjengalokho eningakuthandiyo, mhlawumbe kube khona ukuphikisana, nomhawu, nokuthukuthela, nemibango, nenhlebo, nokuceba, nokukhukumala, neziyaluyalu, funa kuthi ekufikeni kwami futhi ulezi-ku wami angithobise phambi kwenu, ngililele abaningi abakade bonile, bengaphendukanga kukho ukungcola nobufebe namanyala abakwenzileyo.

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lokhu kungokwesithathu ngiza kini. ngemilomo yawofakazi ababili nabathathu izindaba zonke ziyakuqiniswa. besengishilo ngaphambili kulabo abakade bonile nakubo bonke abanye, nakalokhu ngisho ngaphambili ngisho manje ngingekho, njengalokho ngasho ngikhona ngokwesibili ukuthi nxa ngifika futhi, angiyikuyekethisa. ngokuba nifuna ubufakazi bokuthi kungukristu okhulumayo kimi, yena ongebuthakathaka ngakini, kepha unamandla phakathi kwenu. ngokuba noma wabethelwa esiphambanweni ngobuthakathaka, nokho uyaphila ngamandla kalezi-ku. ngokuba nathi sibuthakathaka kuye, kodwa sizakuphila kanye naye ngamandla kalezi-ku ngakini. zihloleni nina, nibone ukuba nisekukholweni yini, nizivivinye nina. kanti anizazeli yini ukuthi ujesu kristu ukinina? uma kungenjalo, ningabokwaliwa. kepha ngiyethemba ukuthi nizakwazi ukuthi thina asisibo abokwaliwa. siyakhuleka kulezi-ku ukuba ningenzi lutho olubi, angisho ukuze sibonakale thina singabavuniweyo kepha

ukuba nina nikwenze okuhle, noma thina singaba njengabaliwayo. ngokuba asinamandla okwenza utho, uma simelana neqiniso, kuphela uma simela iqiniso. ngokuba siyjabula, nxa sibuthakathaka thina, nina-ke ninamandla; sikukhulekela nalokhu: ukupheleliswa kwenu. ngalokho ngiloba lezi zinto ngingekho, ukuze, nxa ngikhona, ngingenzi kabukhali ngokwamandla eyanginika wona inkosi, kube ngawokwakha, kungabi ngawokubhidliza. elokugcina, bazalwane, thokozani, nipeheleliswe, niduduzwe, nibe nhliziyonye, nibe nokuthula; khona ulezi-ku wothando nokuthula uyakuba nani. bingelelanani ngokwanga okungcwele. abangcwele bonke bayakhonza kini. umusa wenkosi ujesu kristu, nothando lukalezi-ku, nokuhlangana kukamoya ongcwele makube nani nonke. amen.

upawulu, umphostoli ongaveli kubantu noma ngomuntu, kodwa ngojesu kristu nolezi-ku uyise owamvusa kwabafilyo, nabazalwane bonke abanami kuwo amabandla asegalathiya: makube kini umusa nokuthula okuvela kulezi-ku ubaba wethu nasenkosini yethu ujesu kristu owazinikela ngenxa yezono zethu, ukuze asophule kuleli zwe elibi lamanje ngokwentando kalezi-ku ubaba wethu; makube kuye udumo kuze kube phakade. amen. ngiyamangala ngokuba nimhlubuka masinya kangaka yena owanibizela emuseni kakristu, niye kwelinye ivangeli, elingesilo elinye, kuphela ukuba bakhona abanididayo, bethanda ukuphendukezela ivangeli likakristu. kepha-ke noma kungaba yithina noma ingelosi evela ezulwini enishumayeza ivangeli eliphambene nalelo esanishumayeza lona, makabe ngoqalekisiweyo. njengalokho sesishilo, ngisaphinda nakalokhu, ngithi: uma umuntu enishumayeza ivangeli eliphambene nalelo enalamukelayo, makabe ngoqalekisiweyo. ngokuba manje ngizincengela kubantu noma kulezi-ku na? kukho, ngifuna ukuzikholekisa kubantu yini? uma bengisazikholekisa kubantu, kungaba angisiyo inceku kakristu. ngokuba nginyanazisa, bazalwane, ukuba ivangeli elishunyayelwe yimina alisilo elingokwabantu. ngokuba nami angilamukeliswa ngumuntu, futhi angilifundiswanga, kepha ngilithole ngokwambulelwa ngujesu kristu. nizwile phela lokhu ngenkambo yami yakufaka ebujudeni ukuthi ngalizingela kakhulu ibandla likalezi-ku, ngalichitha, futhi ebujudeni ngabidlula abaningi abayingtanga yami kwabakithi, ngishisekela kakhulu kunabo amasiko awokhokho. kepha-ke mhla kwaba kuhle kulezi-ku owangahlukanisela kwasesiswini sikamame, wangibiza ngomusa wakhe ukuba ayambule indodana yakhe kimi, ukuze ngiyishumayeke phakathi kwabezizwe, khona lapho angibuzananga nenyama negazi, futhi angenyukelanga ejerusalema kubona ababe ngabaphostoli ngaphambi kwami, kodwa ngamuka ngaya e-arabiya, ngaphinda ngabuyela edamaseku. kwathi emva kweminyaka emithathu ngenyukela ejerusalema ukubona ukhefaze; ngahlala kuye izinsuku eziyishumi nanhlano. kepha angibonanga omunye wabaphostoli, kuphela ujakobe umnawe wenkosi. kulokhu-ke enginilobela khona bhekani, phambi kukalezi-ku, angiqambi amanga. emva kwalokho ngeza emazweni asesiriya nasekhilikhiya. ngangisengongaziwayo ngobuso emabandleni asejudiya akukristu, abezeswile nje ukuthi: lowo okade esizingela useshumayela ukukholwa akade ekuchitha. ayesedumisa ulezi-ku

kwathi emva kweminyaka eyishumi nane ngabuye ngenyukela ejerusalema kanye nobarnaba, ngithatha nothithu futhi. kepha ngenyukela ngambulelwe; ngabalandisa ivangeli engilishumayela phakathi kwabezizwe, kepha phambi kwabadumileyo bebodwa, funa mhlawumbe kungaba ngukuthi ngigijimela ize, noma sengagijimela ize. kepha ngisho nothithu owayenami engumgreki kaphoqwanga ukuba asoke. kepha kwaba ngenxa yabazalwane bamanga abangeniswa ngasese, abangena ngokunyanya, bezakuhlola ukukhululeka kwethu esinakho kukristu jesu, ukuze basenze izigqila, esingabahlalelanga nasikhashana ngokubathobela, ukuze iqiniso levangeli lime njalo kinina. kepha kwabadumile ngokuthi bayinto nokuba babe yini, akulutho kimi; ulezi-ku akakethi ubuso bamuntu ngokuba kimi abadumileyo abenezelanga lutho. kepha kunalokho, lapho bebona ukuthi ngithenjiwe ngevangeliki kwabangasokiyo njengopetru kwabasokayo, ngokuba yena owanika upetru amandla ukuba abe ngumphostoli wabasokayo wanginika nami amandla ukuba ngibe ngumphostoli wabezizwe, bathi ukubona umusa engiwuphiweyo, ojakobe nokhefaze nojohane, ababaziswa ngokuthi bayizinsika, banika mina nobarnaba isandla sokunene sokuhlangana ukuba thina siye kwabezizwe, kepha bona baye kwabasokayo, kuphela ukuba sikhumbule abampofu, eyonanto nami ebengikhuthalele ukuyenza. kepha ekufikeni kukakhefaze e-antiyokiya ngamelana naye ubuso nobuso, ngokuba wayenecala. ngokuba bengakafiki abanye ababevela kujakobe, wayedla nabezizwe; kepha kuthe ukuba kufike bona, wamonyuka, wazahlukanisa nabo, esaba abokusoka. nabanye abajuda futhi bazenzisa kanye naye, waze wathatheka nobarnaba ngokuzenzisa kwabo. kepha kuthe sengibonile ukuthi kabahambisi ngokweqiniso levangeli, ngathi kukhefaze phambi kwabo bonke; uma wena ongumjuda uhamba ngokwabezizwe, ungahambi ngokwabajuda, ubaphoqa kanjani abezizwe ukuba bahambe ngokwabajuda na? thina singabajuda ngemvelo, singesizo izoni zabezizwe; kepha lokhu sazi ukuthi umuntu akalungisiswa ngemisebenzi yomthetho, kuphela ngokukholwa ngukristu jesu, nathi sakholwa ngukristu jesu ukuba silungisiswe ngokukholwa ngukristu kungenemisebenzi yomthetho; ngokuba ngemisebenzi yomthetho akuyikulungisiswa nyama. kepha uma thina, lapho sifuna ukulungisiswa ngokristu, nathi uqobo safunyanwa siyizoni, kanti ukristu uyisikhonzi

sesono na? qha nakanye. ngokuba uma ngibuye ngakhe engikudilizileyo, ngifakaza ukuthi ngingoweqa umthetho. ngokuba ngomthetho mina ngafa kuwo umthetho, ukuze ngiphilele ulezi-ku. ngibethelwe kanye nokristu; akuseyimi ophilayo, kepha ukristu uphila kimi; kodwa ukuphila engikuphilayo kalokhu enyameni ngikuphila ngokukholwa, okungukukholwa yindodana kalezi-ku eyangithandayo, yazinikela ngenxa yami. angwenzi ize umusa kalezi-ku, ngokuba uma ukulunga kuya ngomthetho, khona ukristu wafela ize.

### 3

o nina magalathiya angaqondiy! ngubani oniloyileyo nina enalotshelwa phambi kwamehlo enu umfanekiso kajesu kristu ebethelwe esiphambanweni na? yilokhu kuphela engithanda ukukwazi kinina ukuthi: namukeliswa umoya ngemisebenzi yomthetho noma ngezwi lokukholwa na? niwulekile kangaka na? niqalile kumoya seniyakugcina enyameni na? nahlupheka kangaka ngeze? uma kambe kungeze. ngakho yena oninikayo umoya noveza imisebenzi yamandla phakathi kwenu ukwenza ngemisebenzi yomthetho noma ngezwi lokukholwa na? njengalokho u-abrahama wakholwa ngulezi-ku, kwa-balelwa kuye ukuthi ngukulunga. yazini-ke ukuthi abokukholwa yibona abangamadodana ka-abrahama. kepha umbhalo, ubona ngaphambili ukuthi ulezi-ku uzakulungisisa abezizwe ngokukholwa, walishumayela ngaphambili ivangeli ku-abrahama, wathi: izizwe zonke ziyakubusiswa kuwe. njalo-ke abokukholwa bayabusiswa kanye no-abrahama okholwayo. ngokuba bonke abemisebenzi yomthetho baphansi kwe-siqalekiso, ngokuba kulotshiwe ukuthi: baqalekisiwe bonke abangemi njalo kukho konke okulotshiweyo encwadini yomthetho ukuba bakwenze. kepha ukuthi ngomthetho akukho muntu olungisiswayo phambi kukalezi-ku kusobala, ngokuba olungileyo uzakuphila ngokukholwa; ngokuba umthetho awusiwo owokukholwa, kodwa owenza lokho uyakuphila ngakho. ukristu wasihlenga esiqalekisiweni somthetho, ebenziwe isiqalekiso ngenxa yethu, ngokuba kulotshiwe ukuthi: baqalekisiwe bonke abalenga emthini, ukuba isibusiso sika-abrahama ngokristu jesu sifike kubo abezizwe, ukuze samukelise isithembiso sikamoya ngokukholwa. bazalwane, ngikhulumisa okwabantu: nokuba kuyintando yokugcina yomuntu eyaqinisiwayo, akakho oyichithayo noma enezele kuyo. manje-ke izithembiso zanikwa u-abrahama nenzalo yakhe; akasho ukuthi: ezinzalweni, kungathi ngeziningi, kepha

kungathi ngeyodwa ukuthi: nasenzalweni yakho engukristu. kepha ngisho lokhu ukuthi isivumelwano esaqiniswa ngulezi-ku ngaphambili, umthetho owavela emva kweminyaka engamakhulu amane namashumi amathathu, awusesuli, uze usichithe isithembiso; ngokuba uma ifa likhona ngomthetho, alikho ngesithembiso; kepha ulezi-ku umnikile lona u-abrahama ngesithembiso. pho, umthetho uyini na? wenezelwa ngenxa yeziphambeko, kuze kufike inzalo enikiwe isithembiso, umisiwe ngezingelosi, ngesandla somlamuleli. kepha umlamuleli kasiye owamunye; kepha ulezi-ku munye. pho-ke, umthetho uphambene nezithembiso zikalezi-ku na? qha nakanye. ngokuba uma wawunikiwe umthetho onamandla okuphilisa, ngempela ukulungisiswa ngakuya ngomthetho. kepha umbhalo uvalele konke phansi kwesono, ukuze isithembiso ngokukholwa ngujesu kristu siphiwe abakholwayo. kepha kungakafiki ukukholwa, sasigcinwa phansi komthetho, sivalelwe kuze kufike ukukholwa obekuzakwambulwa. njalo-ke umthetho sewaba ngumlayi wethu wokusiya nokristu, ukuze silungisiswe ngokukholwa. kepha-ke sekufikile ukukholwa, asisephansi komlayi. ngokuba nonke ningabantwana bakalezi-ku ngokukholwa kukristu. ngokuba nonke enabaphathizelwa kukristu nembatha ukristu. akakho umjuda nomgreki, akakho oboshiweyo nokhululekileyo, akakho owesilisa nowesifazane, ngokuba nina nonke nimunye kukristu jesu. kepha uma ningabakakristu, seniyinzalo ka-abrahama, niyizindlalifa ngokwesithembiso.

### 4

kepha ngithi ngesikhathi indlalifa iseyingane, kayahlukile ngalutho encekwini, ingani iyinkosi yakho konke; kodwa iphansi kwabaphathi nababonisi, kuze kube yisikhathi esamiswa nguyise ngaphambili. kanjalo nathi, lapho siseyizingane, sasisebugqileni phansi kwezifundiso zobungane zezwe; kepha lapho sekufikile ukuphelela kwesikhathi, ulezi-ku wathuma indodana yakhe, izelwe ngowesifazane, izelwe phansi komthetho, ukuze ihlengi abaphansi komthetho ukuba samukele ukuma kwamadodana. lokhu ningamadodana, ulezi-ku uthumile umoya wendodana yakhe ezinhliziyweni zenu omemeza ethi: aba, baba! njalo-ke awuseyiyo ineku, kepha usuyindodana; kepha uma uyindodana, uyindlalifa futhi ngaye ulezi-ku. kepha ngaleso sikhathi ningamazi ulezi-ku naniyizigqila phansi kwalabo abangesibo olezi-ku ngemvelo; kepha manje, njengalokhu senimazi ulezi-ku, yebo, phezu kwalokho, niyaziwa ngulezi-ku, kukanjani ukuba nibuyele

ezifundisweni zobungane ezilulana nezingelutho, enithanda ukuphinda nibe yizigqila zazo na? nigcina izinsuku, nezinyanga, nezikhathi, neminyaka. nginvalo ngani ukuthi mhlawumbe nginihluphekele ngeze. yibani njengami, ngokuba nami nginjengani; bazalwane, nginyancenga. aningonanga ngalutho; kepha niyazi ukuthi kwaba ngenxa yobuthakathaka benyama ukuba ngishumaye ivangeli kini okokuqala, nokulingwa kwenu ngenyama yami anikudelelanga, aninengwanga yikho, kodwa nangamukela ngokungathi ngiyingelosi kalezi-ku, ngokungathi ngingukristu jesu. pho, sekwayaphi ukuzihlaliselwa kwenu na? ngokuba ngiyanifakazela ngokuthi, uma kwakungenzeka, nanizakukhipha amehlo enu, ninginike wona. konje sengaba yisitha kini ngokunishumayeza iqiniso na? banishisekela ngokungekuhle, yebo, bafuna ukunivalela ngaphandle, ukuze nishisekele bona. kepha kuhle ukushisekelelwa ngento enhle njalunjalo, kungabi nxa ngikhona kini kuphela, bantwana bami, enginemihelo futhi ngani, ukristu aze abunjwe phakathi kini; kepha benginaganda ngibe khona kini manje, ngiguqule izwi lami, ngokuba ngididekile ngani. ngitsheleni nina enithanda ukuba phansi komthetho, aniwuzwa yini umthetho na? ngokuba kulotshiwe ukuthi u-abrahama wayenamadodana amabili, enye kuso isigqilakazi nenye kokhululekileyo. kodwa eyesigqilakazi izelwe ngokwenyama, kepha eyokhululekileyo izelwe ngesithembiso. lokhu kungukufanekisa; ngokuba laba bayizivumelwano ezimbili, esinye ngesasentabeni yasesinayi, esizalela ubugqila, esinguhagari. kepha uhagari lo uyintaba yasesinayi e-arabiya, eqondene nejerusalema lakalokhu, ngokuba lisebugqileni nabantwana balo. kepha ijerusalema eliphezulu likhululekile, lona lungumame wethu. ngokuba kulotshiwe ukuthi: thokoza wena nyumba ongazaliyo; mpompoloza wena ongenamihelo; ngokuba abantwana boyisikhwebu baningi kunabakhe onendoda. kepha nina bazalwane, njengo-isaka ningabantwana besithembiso. kepha njengakuleso sikhathi owazalwa ngokwenyama wazingela owazalwa ngokomoya, kunjalo-ke namanje. kodwa umbhalo uthini na? uthi: xosha isigqilakazi nendodana yaso, ngokuba indodana yesigqilakazi ayisoze yalidla iba kanye nendodana yokhululekileyo. ngakho-ke, bazalwane, asisibo abantwana besigqilakazi, singabokhululekileyo.

kayikunisiza ngalutho. ngiyaphinda ngiqinisa kumuntu wonke osokayo ukuthi unecala lokugcina umthetho wonke. nahlukene nokristu nina nonke enifuna ukulungisiswa ngomthetho; niwile emseni. ngokuba thina ngaye umoya sihlalela ithemba lokulungisiswa ngokukholwa. ngokuba kukristu jesu akusizi lutho ukusoka nokungasoki, kepha kuphela ukukholwa okusebenza ngothando. benigijima kahle; pho, nithiywe ngubani ukuba ningalaleli iqiniso na? lokho kuyenga akuveli konibizayo. imvubelo eyingcosana ibilisa inhlanga yonke. nginethemba ngani enkosini ukuthi aniyikuba nawo omunye umqondo; kepha onikhathazayo uyakuthwala ukwahlulelwa kwakhe, noma engubani. kepha mina, bazalwane, uma ngisashumayela ukusoka, ngisazingelelwani na? ngabe siphelile isikhubekiso sesiphambano. sengathi bangazihuna abaninyakazisayo. ngokuba nina bazalwane nabizelwa ekukhululekeni. kuphela ningakwenzi ukukhululeka kube yithuba enyameni, kepha khonzanani ngothando. ngokuba umthetho wonke ugqwalisiwe ezwini linye lokuthi: wothanda umakhelwane wakho njengokuba uzithanda wena. kepha uma nilumana, nidlana, qaphelani ukuba ningaqedani. kepha ngithi: hambani ngomoya, khona aniyikufeza izinkanuko zenyama. ngokuba inyama ikhanuka okuphambene nomoya, kepha umoya ukhanuka okuphambene nenyama; ngokuba lezi zinto ziyamelana, ukuze ningenzi lokho enikuthandayo. kepha uma niholwa ngumoya, aniphansi komthetho. kepha imisebenzi zenyama isobala, engukuthi: ubufebe, nokungcola, namanyala, nokukhonza izithombe, nokuthakatha, nobutha, nokulwa, nomona, nokuthukuthela, nokubanga, nokwalana, nokwahlukana, nomhawu, nokudakwa, nokuxokozela, nokunjalo engandulela ukunitshela ngakho, njengokuba sengantshela ukuthi abenza okunje abayikulidla ifa lombuso kalezi-ku. kepha izithelo zikamoya ziluthando, nokujabula, nokuthula, nokubekezela, nobubele, nobuvi, nokukholeka, nobumnene, nokuzithiba. akukho mthetho omelana nokunjalo. kepha abakakristu jesu babethele esiphambanweni inyama kanye nokuhheka nezinkanuko. uma siphila ngomoya, masihambe futhi ngomoya. masingafuni udumo oluze, siqalana, sifelane umhawu.

## 6

## 5

ukristu wasikhulula ukuba sibe nenkululeko; ngakho-ke yimani niqine, ningabe nisa-boshelwa ejokeni lobugqila. bhekani, mina pawulu ngithi kini, uma nisoka, ukristu

bazalwane, uma umuntu ehlelwa yisiphambeko, nina bomoya mbuyiseni onjalo ngomoya wobumnene; uzibheke wena, funa uyengwe nawe. thwalisanani imithwalo yenu, nigqwalise kanjalo umthetho kakristu. ngokuba uma umuntu ezishaya utho, enge-

lutho, uyazikhohlisa. kepha makube yilowo nalowo ahlole owakhe umsebenzi, yikhona eyakuba nokubongwa ngokungokwakhe yedwa, kungengokomunye, ngokuba yilowo nalowo uyakuthwala owakhe umthwalo. kepha yena ofundiswa izwi makahlanganyele nalowo omfundisayo kuzo zonke izinto ezinhle. ningaduki; ulezi-ku akahlekwa. ngokuba lokho akuhlwaneyelayo umuntu, lokho wokuvuna. ngokuba ohlwanyelela inyama yakhe uyakuvuna ukubhubha kuyo inyama; kepha ohlwanyelela umoya uyakuvuna ukuphila okuphakade kumoya. kepha masingakhathali ekwenzeni okuhle, ngokuba siyakuvuna ngesikhathi esifaneleyo, uma singadangali. ngakho-ke njengokuba sinethuba, asenze okuhle kubo bonke, kepha ikakhulu kwabendlu yokukholwa. ake nibone ukuloba okungaka enginilobele ngakho ngesami isandla. bonke abafuna ukubukeka enyameni, yibona abaniphogela ukusoka, kuphela ukuba bangayikuzingelwa ngenxa yesiphambano sikakristu. ngokuba ngisho bona abasokayo nabo kabawugcini umthetho, kodwa bathanda ukuba nisoke, ukuze bazibonge ngenyama yenu. kepha kimi makungabikho nakanye ukuzibonga, kuphela ngesiphambano senkosi yethu ujesu kristu, okubethelwe ngaye izwe kimi nami kulo izwe. ngokuba nakusoka nakungasoki akulutho, isidalwa esisha kuphela. bonke abahamba ngale ndlela makube kubo ukuthula nesihawu, yebo, ku-israyeli kalezi-ku. mangingabe ngisakhathazwa muntu, ngokuba ngiphethe emzimbeni wami izimpawu zikajesu. umusa wenkosi yethu ujesu kristu mawube nomoya wenu, bazalwane. amen.

upawulu, umphostoli kakristu jesu ngen-  
tando kalezi-ku, kubo abangcwele abase-  
efesu nakubo abakholwa ngukristu jesu:  
makube kini umusa nokuthula okuvela  
kulezi-ku ubaba wethu nasenkosini ujesu  
kristu. makabongwe ulezi-ku, uyise  
wenkosi yethu ujesu kristu osibusisile ezul-  
wini kukristu ngesibusiso sonke sokomoya,  
njengalokho asikhetela kuye ngothando  
ngaphambi kokusekelwa kwezwe ukuba sibe  
ngcwele, singabi nakusolwa phambi kwakhe;  
wasimisela ngaphambili ukuba sibe nga-  
bantwana kuye ngojesu kristu, njengalokho  
kwaba kuhle kuye ngentando yakhe, ukuze  
kutuswe inkazimulo yomusa wakhe asiphe  
wona ngesihle ngaye othandiweyo; esinokuh-  
lengwa kuye ngegazi lakhe, ukuthethelwa  
kwezono ngokwengcebo yomusa wakhe awu-  
vamisa kithi ngakho konke ukuhlakanipha  
nokuqonda, esazisa imfihlakalo yentando  
yakhe njengokuzibonela kwakhe asimisela  
khona ngaphambili, kuze kube yihlelo  
lokuphelela kwezikhathi lokuba kuhlangu-  
iselwe ndawonye kukristu konke okusezul-  
wini nokusemhlabeni; kuyena esabelwa  
futhi ifa kuye, esakumiselwa ngapham-  
bili ngokwesimiso salowo osebenza iz-  
into zonke ngokunquma kwentando yakhe,  
ukuze sibe ludumo lwenkazimulo yakhe,  
thina esethemba ngaphambili kukristu;  
kuye nani esenizwile izwi leqiniso, ivan-  
geli lokusindiswa kwenu, enakholwa nguye  
futhi, nani nabekwa uphawu olungu-  
moya ongcwele wesithembiso oyisibambiso  
sefa lethu, kube ngukuhlengwa kokungok-  
wakhe, ukuze kutuswe inkazimulo yakhe.  
ngalokho nami, sengizwile ngokukholwa  
okukini enkosini ujesu nothando kubo bonke  
abangcwele, angiyeki ukubonga ngenxa  
yenu, nginikhumbula emikhulekweni yami,  
ukuze ulezi-ku wenkosi yethu ujesu kristu,  
uyise wenkazimulo, aniphe umoya wokuh-  
lakanipha nokwambulelwa ekumazini yena;  
ekhanyisiwe amehlo enhliziyu yenu, nize nazi  
okuyithemba lobizo lwakhe nokuyingcebo  
yenkazimulo yefa lakhe kubo abangcwele,  
nokungubukhulu obumangalisayo bamandla  
akhe kithina esikholwayo, ngokokusebenza  
kwamandla akhe amakhulu asebenze ngawo  
kukristu emvusa kwabafileyo, wamhlalisa  
ngakwesokunene sakhe ezulwini, ngaphezu  
kwakho konke ukubusa, negunya, namandla,  
nobukhosi, namagama onke aphaithwayo,  
kungekuleli zwe lodwa kepha nakulo elizayo;  
wakubeka konke phansi kwezinyawo zakhe,  
wammisa abe yinhloko phezu kwakho konke  
kulo ibandla, elona lingumzimba wakhe,  
ukugcwala kwakhe ogcwalisa konke kubo  
bonke.

uniphilisile nani enanifile ngeziphambeko  
nangezono zenu, enanikade nihamba  
kuzo ngokwendlela yaleli zwe, ngokom-  
busi wamandla omkhathi, ongumoya  
osasebenza kubantwana bokungalaleli,  
esasikade sihamba phakathi kwabo sonke  
ezinkanukweni zenyama yethu, senza in-  
tando yenyama neyengqondo; ngemvelo  
sasingabantwana bolaka njengabo abanye.  
kepha ulezi-ku ecebile ngesihawu, ngenxa  
yothando lwakhe olukhulu asithanda ngalo,  
sesifile ngeziphambeko, wenza siphile kanye  
nokristu kungomusa nisindisiwe wasivusa  
kanye naye, wasihlalisa kanye naye em-  
busweni wezulu kukristu jesu, kuze kuthi  
ezikhathini ezizayo abonakalise ingcebo  
enkulu yomusa wakhe ngobubele kithina  
kukristu jesu. ngokuba ngomusa nisindisiwe  
ngokukholwa; nalokhu akuveli kina, kuy-  
isipho sikalezi-ku; akuveli ngemisebenzi,  
ukuze kungabikho ozibongayo. ngokuba  
singumsebenzi wakhe kukristu jesu,  
sidalelwe imisebenzi emihle ayilungiselela  
ngaphambili ulezi-ku ukuba sihambe kuyo.  
ngakho khumbulani ukuthi nina enanikade  
ningabezizwe ngokwenyama, ababizwa  
ngokuthi abangasoki yilabo ababizwa  
ngokuthi abokusoka, okwenziwa ngezandla  
enyameni, ukuthi ngaleso sikhathi nanin-  
genaye ukristu, naningaphandle kombuso  
ka-israyeli, nangingabafokazi ezivumelwaneni  
zesithembiso, ningenathemba, ningenalezi-  
ku ezweni. kepha manje kukristu jesu  
nina enanikade nikude senenziwe abase-  
duze ngegazi likakristu. ngokuba yena  
ungukuthula kwethu, owenza kbona-ra-  
ukukhandlekali kwaba kunye, nowabhidliza  
udonga olwahlukanisayo olungubutha,  
ngenyama yakhe ewenzile ize umthetho  
wemiyalo esezimisweni ukuba adale kuyena  
labo ababili babe muntu munye omusha,  
enze ukuthula, enze futhi ukuba bobabili  
babuyisane nolezi-ku emzimbeni munye  
ngesiphambano, esebulele ubutha ngakho.  
weza washumayela ivangeli lokuthula kinina  
enanikade, yebo, ukuthula nakubo abase-  
duze. ngokuba ngaye sinokungena sobabili  
ngomoya munye kuyise. ngakho aniseyibo  
abafokazi nezihambi, kodwa senibuso  
munye nabangcwele, ningabendlu kalezi-ku,  
nakihiwe phezu kwesisekelo sabaphostoli  
nabaprofethi, ukristu jesu uqobo lwakhe  
eyitshe legumbi, okuhlanganiselwe kuye  
isakhiwo sonke, sikhule sibe yithempeli  
elingcwele enkosini, okukuyo nani, nakihiwe  
kanye nabanye, ukuba nibe yindlu kalezi-ku  
ngomoya.



ngenxa yalokho mina pawulu ngiyisiboshwa sikakristu jesu ngenxa yenu nina bezizwe 2 uma ngabe senizwile ngohlelo lomusa kalezi-ku engiwuphiweyo ngenxa yenu<sup>3</sup> ukuthi ngaziswa imfihlakalo ngesambulo, njengalokho sengaloba ngokufushane 4 okungakho, nxa nikufunda, ningagonda ukwazi kwami ngemfihlakalo kakristu,<sup>5</sup> bengayaziswanga abantwana babantu ezizukulwaneni ezinye, njengalokhu isiyambuliwe manje kubaphostoli bakhe abangcwele nabaprofethi ngomoya ukuthi abezizwe bayizindlalifa kanye nathi, nokuthi bamzimba munye nathi, nokuthi bangabahlanganyeli besithembiso kanye nathi kukristu jesu ngevangeli;<sup>7</sup> engenziwa isikhonzi salo ngokwesiphosomusa kalezi-ku engiwuphiwe ngokokusebenza kwamandla akhe. mina engimncinyane kunabo bonke abangcwele ngaphiwa lowo moya wokushumayeza abezizwe ivangeli lengcebo kakristu engaphenyekiyo nokubakhanyisela ukuthi luyini uhlelo lwemfihlakalo ebifihliwe kwaphakade kulezi-ku owadala izinto zonke,<sup>8</sup> ukuze imibuso nabanamandla emazulwini baziswe manje ngebandla ukuhlakanipha okuninginingi kukalezi-ku,<sup>1</sup> ngokwecebo laphakade alenza ngokristu jesu inkosi yethu;<sup>2</sup> okungaye sin esibindi ukungena ngokwethemba, ngokukholwa nguye.<sup>3</sup> ngalokho ngiyacela ukuba ningadangali ngezinhlupheko zami ngenxa yenu, okuludumo lwenu.<sup>4</sup> ngenxa yalokho ngiguqa ngamadolo ami kuyise,<sup>5</sup> eyethiwa ngaye imindeni yonke ezulwini nasemhlabeni,<sup>6</sup> ukuba ngokwengcebo yenkazimulo yakhe aninike ukuqiniseka emandleni ngomoya wakhe kumuntu ongaphakathi; ukristu ahlale ezinhliziyweni zenu ngokukholwa, ukuze nigxile, nisekelwe othandweni,<sup>8</sup> nibe namandla okuqonda kanye nabangcwele bonke okungububanzi, nobude, nokuphakama, nokujula,<sup>9</sup> nokulwazi uthando lukakristu oludlula ukwazi konke, ukuze nigcwaliswe kube ngugqwala konke kukalezi-ku.<sup>20</sup> kepha yena onamandla okwenza okukhulu kakhulu kunakho konke esikucelayo nesikuqondayo ngokwamandla asebenza kithi,<sup>21</sup> makube kuye udumo ebandleni nakukristu jesu ezizukulwaneni zonke zaphakade naphakade. amen.

ngakho mina siboshwa enkosini ngiyanincenga ukuba nihambe ngokufanele ukubizwa enabizwa ngakho, ngokuthobeka konke nobumnene, ngokubheka kade nokubekezelelana ngothando, nikhuthalele ukugcina ubunye bukamoya ngesibopho sokuthula; munye umzimba, munye umoya, njengalokho nabizelwa ethembeni linye

lbona-ra-ukukhandlekazi kweni; yinye inkosi, yinye inkolo, munye umbhaphathizo; munye ulezi-ku, uyise wabo bonke, ophuzu kwabo bonke, okubo bonke, ophakathi kwabo bonke. kepha yilowo nalowo kithina uphiwe umusa ngokwesilinganiso sesipho sikakristu. ngalokho uthi: esenyukele phezu wathumba abathunjiweyo, wapha abantu izingapha. kepha lokhu ukuthi wenyuka, kuthini, uma kungesikho ukuthi wake wehlela ezindaweni zomhlaba eziphansi na? owehlayo nguyena owenyukela futhi ngaphezu kwamazulu onke, ukuze agcwalise konke. nguyena futhi owanika abanye ukuba babe ngabaphostoli, abanye abaprofethi, abanye abavangeli, abanye abelusi nabafundisi, ukuze abangcwele bapheleliselwe umsebenzi wokukhona, kwakhiwe umzimba kakristu, size sifinyelele sonke ebunyeni bokukholwa nasekwazini indodana kalezi-ku, ebudodeni obupheleleyo, esilinganisweni sobukhulu sokugqwala kukakristu, ukuze singabe sisaba yizingane, sishukunyiswa okwamaza, sipheshulwa yimimoya yonke yezifundiso ngenkohliso yabantu, ngobuqili obunamacebo okudukisayo; kodwa sihi sikhuluma iqiniso ngothando, sikhulele ngakho konke kuye oyinhloko, ukristu, okungaye umzimba wonke uhlanganisiwe, ubambene ngokwelekelelana kwamalungu onke awo njengokusebenza okulinganiselwe yilelo nalelo lungu, kukhuliswe umzimba, ube yisakhiwo othandweni. ngakho ngisho, ngifakaza enkosini, ngithi ningabe nisahamba njengalokhu kuhamba abezizwe ebuzeni bengqondo yabo, behlwele emqondweni, behlukani siwe nokuphila kukalezi-ku ngokungazi okukubo ngenxa yobulukhuni benhliziyo yabo, abathi bebuthuntu, bazinikela emanyaleni, ukuze basebenze ukungcola konke ngokuhleka. kepha nina animfundanga ukristu kanjalo, uma-ke nimzwile nafundiswa kuye, njengokuba iqiniso likujesu, ukuba nikhumule umuntu omdala ongowenkambo yokuqala, owonakala ngezinkanuko zenkohliso, nenziwe basha emoyeni wengqondo yenu, nembathe umuntu omusha owadalwa ngokukalezi-ku ekulungeni nasebungcweleleni beqiniso. ngakho lahlani amanga, nikhulume iqiniso, yilowo nalowo nomakhelwane wakhe, lokhu singamalungu omunye komunye. thukuthelani ngingoni; ilanga malingashoni nisathukuthale. ningamniki usathane indawo. owebayo angabe eseba, kepha kunalokho akhuthale asebenze okuhle ngezandla zakhe, ukuze abe nokokwabela osweleyo. makungaphumi emlonyeni wenu nalinye izwi elibolileyo, kodwa kube ngelilungele ukwakha njengokusweleki-leyo, ukuze libavezele umusa abezwayo. ningamdabukisi umoya ongcwele kalezi-ku enabekwa uphawu ngaye kuze kube

lusuku lokuhlelwa. konke okubabayo, nentukuthelo, nolaka, nomsindo, nokuhlambalaza makususwe kini kanye nakho konke bona-ra-ukukhandleka. maniphathane ngobumnene, nihawukelane, nithethelelane, njengalokho nolezi-ku wanithethelela ngokristu.

## 5

ngakho yibani ngabalingisa ulezi-ku njengabantwana abathandekayo,<sup>2</sup> nihambe othandweni, njengalokho ukristu wanithanda, wazinikela ngenxa yethu, abe ngumnikelo nomhlatshele, abe yiphunga elimnandi kulezi-ku. kepha ubufebe, elinko konke ukungcola, noma isangabe, makungaphathwa nangagama phakathi kwenu, njengokuba kufanele abangcwele, nehlazo, nokubheda, nokulawula, okuyizinto ezingafanele, kepha kunalokho makube ngukubonga. ngokuba yazini lokhu, nikuqonde ukuthi akukho sifebe, noma ongcolileyo, noma onesangabe ongokhonza izithombe, onefa embusweni kakristu nolezi-ku. masingakhohliswa muntu ngamazwi ayize, ngokuba ngenxa yalezo zinto ulaka lukalezi-ku lwehlela phezu kwabantwana bokungalaleli. ngakho-ke ningabi ngabahlanganyela nabo. ngokuba kade naningubumnyama, kepha manje ngukukhanya enkosini; hambani njengabantwana bokukhanya, ngokuba izithelo zokukhanya zisebuhleni bonke nasekulungeni naseqinisweni, nihlale ukuthi kuyini okuthandeka enkosini, ningahlanganyeli imisebenzi yobumnyama engenazithelo, kepha kunalokho niyidalule; ngokuba okwenziwa yibo ngasese kuyihlazo nokukhuluma ngakho. kepha konke okudalulwayo kubonakaliswa ngukukhanya, ngokuba konke okubonakaliswayo kungukukhanya. ngalokho uthi: phaphama wena oleleyo, uvuke kwabafileyo, ukristu uzakukukhanyisa. ngakho-ke bhekisisani ukuthi nihamba kanjani, kungabi njengabangahlakaniphile kepha njengabahlakaniphileyo, nithengisise isikhathi, ngokuba izinsuku zimbi. ngakho-ke ningabi yiziwula, kodwa qondani okuyintando yenkosi. ningadakwa yiwayini, kuvela kulo umhumheko, kodwa nigcwaliswe ngomoya, niphendulane ngamahubo nangezihlabelelo nangamaculo okomoya, nihlabelele, nihubele inkosi enhliziyweni yenu, nimbonge njalo ulezi-ku uyise ngakho konke egameni lenkosi yethu ujesu kristu, nithobelane ngokumesaba ukristu. abafazi mabathobele amadoda abo kungathi kukuyo inkosi, ngokuba indoda iyinhloko yomfazi, njengokuba nokristu uyinhloko yebandla, yena engumsindisi womzimba. kepha njengokuba ibandla lithobela ukristu, kanjalo nabafazi mabathobele amadoda ez-

intweni zonke. madoda, thandani omkenu, njengalokho nokristu ulithandle ibandla, wazinikela ngenxa yalo ukuba alingcwele, alihlambulule ngesigezo samanji ngezwi, ukuze azimisele ibandla elinenkazimulo, lingenasisihla, nambimbi, nanto enjalo, kodwa libe ngcwele lingenacala. kanjalo amadoda afanele ukuthanda omkawo njengemizimba yawo. othanda umkakhe uzithanda yena. ngokuba akakho owake wazonda eyakhe inyama, kepha uyayondla, ayiphathe kahle, njengalokhu nokristu enza kulo ibandla; ngokuba singamalungu omzimba wakhe. ngenxa yalokho umuntu uyakushiya uyise nonina, anamathele kumkakhe; labo ababili bayakuba nyamanye. le mihlakalo inkulu, kepha ngikhuluma ngokristu nebandla. nani-ke, yilowo nalowo makathande umkakhe njengokuba ezithanda yena, kepha umfazi makahloniphe indoda yakhe.

## 6

bantwana, lalalani abazali benu enkosini, ngokuba lokho kulungile. yazisa uyihlo nonyoko, okungumyalelo wokuqala onesithembiso: ukuze kube kühle kuwe, uhlale kade emhlabeni. nani boyise, ningabathukuthelisi abantwana benu, kodwa nibondle ngokuyala nangokuqondisa kwenkosi. zincku, abangamakhosi enu ngokwenyama, balaleleni ngokwesaba nokuthuthumela ngobuqotho benhliziyo yenu kungathi kukukristu, ningathengi amehlo njengabathokozisa abantu, kodwa njengezincku zikakristu nenze intando kalezi-ku ngenhliziyo, nikhonze ngothando kungathi kusenkosini kungekubantu, nazi ukuthi konke okuhle yilowo nalowo akwenzayo, uzakukwamukela okunjalo enkosini, noma eyinceku noma engokhululekileyo. nani makhosi, yenzani okunjalo kuzo, niyeke ukusongela, nazi ukuthi neyazo neyenu inkosi isezulwini nokuthi ukukhetha umuntu akukho kuye. elokugcina, qinani enkosini nasemandleni ayo amakhulu. hlomani izikhali zonke zikalezi-ku, ukuze nibe namandla okumelana namaqhinga kasathane; ngokuba asibambene negazi nenyama, kodwa sibambene nemibuso, namandla, nababusi bezwe balobu bumnyama, nabawomoya bobubi emkhathini. ngakho hlomani izikhali zonke zikalezi-ku ukuba nibe namandla okuzabalaza ngosuku olubi, nalapho senifeze konke, nime. ngakho yimani izinkalo zenu ziboshiwe ngeqiniso, nifakile isivikelo sesifuba sokulunga, izinyawo zigqokisiwe ukulungela kukho ukushumayela ivangeli lokuthula; kukho konke nithathe isihlangu sokukholwa eniyakuba namandla okucima ngaso yonke imicibisholo evuthayo yomubi, namukele futhi isigqoko sensindiso, nenkemba kamoya

eyizwi likalezi-ku, ngokukhuleka konke nokunxusa, nikhuleka ngezikhathi zonke ngomoya; kulokho nilinde ngesineke sonke nangokunxusela abangcwele bonke, ninginxusele nami ukuba ngiphiwe izwi, nxa ngivula umlomo wami, ngize ngiyishu-mayeke ngesibindi imfihlakalo yevangeli; engiyisithunywa ngalo esiboshiwe ngamaketanga, ukuze ngikhulume ngesibindi ngalo, njengokuba kufanele ukuba ngikhulume. kepha ukuba nani nazi okuqondene nami nalokhu engikwenzayo, uyakunazisa konke uthikhiku, umzalwane othandekayo nesikhonzi esikholekileyo enkosini, engamthumela kini ngakho lokho ukuba nazi izindaba zethu, nokuba aduduze izinhliziyozenu. ukuthula makube kubazalwane, nothando kanye nokukholwa okuvela kulezi-ku uyise nasenkosini ujesu kristu. umusamawube nabo bonke abathanda inkosiyethu ujesu kristu ngokunganqamukiyo.

opawulu nothimothewu, izinceku zikakristu jesu, kubo bonke abangcwele kukristu jesu abasefilipi, kanye nababonisi namadiyakoni: makube kini umusa nokuthula okuvela kulezi-ku ubaba wethu nasenkosini ujesu kristu. ngiyambonga ulezi-ku wami ekunikhumbuleni kwami konke ngezikhathi zonke ekunxuseni kwami konke ngani nonke, nginxusa ngokuthokoza, ngenxa yokuhlanganyela kwenu evangelini, kusukela osukwini lokuqala kuze kube manje; ngethembile ngempela yona le nto ukuthi owaqala umsebenzi omuhle kinina uyakuwufeza kuze kube lusuku lukakristu jesu, njengalokhu kufanele ukuba ngibe nomqondo onjalo ngani nonke, njengokuba nginithwele enhliziyweni yami, lokhu ekuboshweni kwami nasekulivikeleni nasekuliqiniseni ivangeli nina nonke nihlanganye nami emseni. ngokuba ulezi-ku ungufakazi wami wokuthi nginilangazelela kangakanani nonke ngesihe sikajesu kristu. ngikhulekela lokhu ukuba uthando lwenu luvame kakhulu njalo ekwazini nasekuqondeni konke, ukuze nikwazi ukwahlukanisa, nize nibe mhlophe nabangakhubekisiyo kuze kube lusuku lukakristu, nigcwaliswe ngezithelo zokulunga ezingaye ujesu kristu, kube yinkazimulo nodumo kulezi-ku. kepha ngithanda ukuba nazi, bazalwane, ukuthi lokho okwangehlelayo kugcine kweveza ukuqhubeka kwevangeli, kwaze kwathi izibopho zami zabonakala enqabeni yonke nakubo bonke abanye ukuthi zingenxa kakristu nokuthi iningi labazalwane enkosini betholile ithemba ngezibopho zami bazuzile kakhulu isibindi sokukhuluma izwi likalezi-ku ngokungesabi. abanye kambe bashumayela ukristu ngomhawu nangombango kepha abanye ngenhliziyo enhle; laba bashumayela ngothando, bazi ukuthi ngimiswela ukuvikela ivangeli, kepha labo bamemezela ukristu ngombango kungenhhliziyo emhlophe, bethi bazakungivusela ukukhathazeka ekuboshweni kwami. kunani pho? nokho ukristu uyamenezelwa ngezindlela zonke, noma ngokuzenzisa noma ngesiminya; kulokho-ke ngiyathokoza, yebo, ngiyakuthokoza, ngokuba ngiyazi ukuthi lokhu kuyakungenzela ukusindiswa ngokunxusa kwenu nangokusiza kukamoya kajesu kristu, njengokulangazela nokwethemba kwami ukuthi ayikho into engizakujabhiswa kuyo, kepha ngesibindi sonke, njengasezikhathini zonke namanje, ukristu uyakwenziwa mkhulu emzimbeni wami, nokuba kungokuphila nokuba kungokufa. ngokuba kimina ukuphila kungokristu, ukufa kuyinzuzo. kepha uma ukuphila enyameni kuyisithelo somsebenzi kimi, angisakwazi engizakukukhetha. kepha

ngiphakathi kbona-ra-ukukhandlekaleli; nginesifiso sokumuka ngibe nokristu, ngokuba yikhona okuhle kakhulu; kanti-ke ukuhlala enyameni kuswelekile kakhulu ngenxa yenu. lokhu nginalo leli themba, ngiyazi ukuthi ngiyakuhlala, yebo, ngihlale nani nonke, kube ngukuqhubeka nokuthokoza kwenu ekukholweni, ukuze ukuzibonga kwenu ngami kuvame kukristu jesu ngokufika kwami futhi kini. kuphela hambani ngokufanele ivangeli likakristu, kuze kuthi, noma ngiza nginibona noma ngingekho, ngizwe izindaba zenu zokuthi nimi niqinile emoyeni munye, nangomphefumulo munye nilwela inkolo yevangeli, ningethuswa ngalutho ngabamelene nani, okuyisiboniso sokubhubha kubona kepha ngesokusindiswa kwenu; lokhu-ke kuvela kulezi-ku. ngokuba ngenxa kakristu nina nabelwa ngomusa, angisho ukukholwa kuye kuphela kepha nokuhlupheka ngenxa yakhe, nikukho khona lokho kulwa enakubona kimina, nakalokhu nizwa ukuthi kukimina.

## 2

ngakho-ke uma kukhona induduzo kukristu, uma kukhona ukududuzeka kothando, uma kukhona inhlangano kamoya, uma kukhona isisa nesiawu, gcwalisani ukuthokoza kwami ukuba nibe nomqondo munye, ninothando lunye, nibe nhliziyonye, niqonde into inye; ningenzi lutho ngombango nangodumo lwezwe; kepha ngokuthobeka nishaye sengathi abanye bakhulu kunani, yilowo nalowo angabheki okwakhe, kepha yilowo abheke nokwabanye. mawube kini lowo mqondo owawukhona nakukristu jesu owathi enesimo sikalezi-ku, akaze asho ukuthi kuyinto yokuphangwa ukulingana nolezi-ku, kepha wazidela ethabatha isimo senceku, enziwe ngomfanekiso wabantu; wathi efunyenwe enjengomuntu ngesimilo, wazithobisa, elalela kwaze kwaba sekufeni, yebo, ekufeni kwesiphambano. ngalokho-ke ulezi-ku wamphakamisa kakhulu, wamnika igama eliphezu kwamagama onke, ukuze kuthi ngegama likajesu amadole onke aguqe, awabazulwini, nawabasemhlabeni, nawabangaphansi komhlaba, nezilimi zonke zivume ngokuthi ujesu kristu uyinkosi, kube yinkazimulo kulezi-ku uyise. ngakho-ke, bathandiweyo bami, njengalokho nilalele ngezikhathi zonke, kungesikho nxa ngikhona kuphela, kodwa ikakhulu manje nxa ngingekho, fezani ukusindiswa kwenu ngokwesaba nangokuthuthumela, ngokuba ngulezi-ku osebenza kini nokuthanda nokwenza njengentando yakhe. yenzani konke ngokungakhononi nokungangabazi, ukuze nibe ngabangasolekiyo nabangenacala, abantwana bakalezi-ku abangenasici phakathi kwesizukulwane esiyisigwegwe

nesiphambeneyo, enikhanya phakathi kwaso njengezinkanyiso ezwini, nibambelele ezwini lokuphila, ngize ngibe nokuzibonga ngosuku lukakristu ngokuthi angigijimelanga ize, angisebenzelanga ize. yebo, nokuba nginikelwa emhlathshelweni nasenkonzwini yokukholwa kwenu, ngiyathokoza, ngithokoza kanye nani nonke; ngokunjalo-ke thokozeni nani, nithokoze kanye nami. kepha ngiyethemba enkosini ujesu ukuthuma uthimothewu kini masinyane, ukuze nami ngename nxa sengazi izindaba zenu. ngokuba anginamuntu onenhliziy oenjengyakhe, onganakekela izindaba zenu ngobuqotho; ngokuba bonke bafuna okwabo, abafuni okukajesu kristu. kepha niyakwazi ukuthembeka kwakhe ukuthi ukhonzi kanye nami ngenxa yevangeli njengomntwana kuyise. yena-ke ngiyethemba ukumthuma masinyane, uma sengibonile ukuthi okuqondene nami kophelelaphi; kepha ngiyethemba enkosini ukuthi nami ngizakuza eduzane. kodwa ngibone ukuthi kudingekile ukuba ngithume kinina u-ephafrodithu, umzalwane nesisebenzi nebutho kanye nami, nesithunywa senu, esikhonzi ekusweleni kwami, lokhu wayenilangazelela nonke, eyaluza ngokuba nizwile ukuthi wayegula. ngokuba nempela wayegula ephansi kokufa; kepha ulezi-ku wamhawukela, kungeyena yedwa, wangihawukela nami, ukuze ngingabi nalusizi phezu kosizi. ngalokho ngakhuthalela kakhulu ukumthuma, ukuze kuthi nxa senimbona futhi nithokoze, kimi kunciphe usizi. ngakho-ke mamukeleni enkosini ngokuthokoza konke, abanjalo-ke nibapathe ngokubatusa, ngokuba ngenxa yomsebenzi kakristu wacishe wafa ezidela amathambo, ukuze agcwalise okusileleyo ekungikhonzeni kwenu.

### 3

elokugcina, bazalwane bami, thokozeni enkosini. ukunilobela khona lokho angikwenqeni, kepha nina kuyanigcina. xwayani izinja, nixwaye izisebenzi ezimbi, nixwaye abokusika. ngokuba singukusoka thina esikhonza ngomoya kalezi-ku, sizibonga kukristu jesu, singethembi enyameni, nakuba nami beningaba nokwethemba enyameni. uma omunye umuntu ecabanga ukuthi unokwethemba enyameni, mina kakhulu; ngasokwa ngosuku lwesishiya-galombili ngingowohlanga luka-israyeli, owesizwe sakwabenjamini, umheberu wamaheberu, ngokomthetho umfarisi; ngokokushisekela ngingowazingela ibandla, ngokokulunga okusemthethweni ngingongalelekiyo. kanti-ke lokho okwakuyinzuzo kimi ngakushaya indiva ngenxa kakristu. yebo impela, konke ngikushaya indiva ngob-

ukhulu bokumazi ukristu jesu inkosi yami, engilahlekelle yikho konke ngenxa yakhe, ngikushaya izibi, ukuze ngizuze ukristu, ngifunyanwe kuyena, ngingenakho ukulunga okungokwami okuya ngomthetho kodwa lokho okuya ngokukholwa ngukristu, ngisho ukulunga okuvela kulezi-ku ngokukholwa, ukuze ngimazi yena, namandla okuvuka kwakhe, nokuhlanganyela ezinhlophekweni zakhe, ngimfuze ngokufa kwakhe, uma mhlawumbe ngingaze ngifinyelele ekuvukeni kwabafileyo, kungesikho ukuthi sengibambile nokuthi sengiphelelisiwe, kepha ngijonga ukuba kumbe ngingakubamba yini lokho nami engabanjelwa khona ngukristu jesu. bazalwane, angisho ukuthi mina uqobo sengikubambile; kepha kunye engikwenzayo: ngikhohlwa okungasemuva, ngizelulela kokungaphambili, ngijonge emgomeni, emklomelweni wbona-ra-ukukhandlekazwa okukhulu kwaphezulu ngulezi-ku kujesu kristu. ngakho-ke thina sonke esiphelele masibe nokuqonda okunjalo; kepha uma kokuthile niqonda ngokunye, nalokho ulezi-ku uyakunambulela khona, kuphela ukuthi kwesesifinyelele kukho, sihambe ngawo lowo mkhondo. ngilingiseni, bazalwane, nibabhekisise abahamba njengathi esiyisibonelo kini. ngokuba abaningi, enganithela kaningi ngabo namanje nginitshela nangezinyembezi, bahamba beyizitha zesiphambano sikakristu, abakuphela kwabo ngukubhujiswa, abalezi-ku wabo yisisu, nodumo lwabo lusehlazweni labo, abanganaka okomhlaba. kepha thina singabombuso wasezulwini, lapho futhi silindela khona ukuba kuvele umsindisi, inkosi ujesu kristu, oyakuguqula isimo somzimba wethu wokuthotshiswa, ufane nomzimba wakhe wenkazimulo, ngamandla angazihlelela ngawo konke phansi kwakhe.

### 4

ngalokho, bazalwane bami abathandekayo nabalangazelelwayo, ntokozi yami nomqhele wami, yimani niqinile kanjalo enkosini, bathandwa. ngiyamyala u-evodiya, ngiyamyala nosintike ukuba babe nokuqonda kunye enkosini. yebo, ngiyakunxusa nawe mana wami oqotho, yekelela labo besifazane, lokhu babambisana nami evangelini, kanye noklemene nezinye izisebenzi zami abamagama abo asencwadini yokuphila. thokozeni enkosini njalunjalo; ngiyaphinda ngithi: thokozeni! ukubekezela kwenu akwaziwe ngabantu bonke; inkosi iseduze. ningakhathazeki ngalutho, kepha kukho konke izicelo zenu mazaziwe ngulezi-ku ngokukhuleka nokunxusa kanye nokubonga. ukuthula kukalezi-ku okudlula ukuqonda konke kuyakulondoloza izinhliziy zenu nemi-

cabango yenu kukristu jesu. elokugcina, bazalwane, konke okuyiqiniso, konke okuhloniphekayo, konke okulungileyo, konke okumhlophe, konke okuthandekayo, konke okutusekayo, noma kukhona okuhle, noma kukhona okubongekayo, zindlani ngalokho; enakufunda, nakwamukela, nakuzwa, nakubona kimi, kwenzeni lokho; khona ulezi-ku wokuthula uyakuba nani. kepha-ke ngathokoza kakhulu enkosini, ngokuba manje senize navuselela ukungina-kekelwa kwenu; beningina-kekelwa kambe, kepha anibanga nathuba. akusikho ukuthi ngisho maqondana nokuswela, ngokuba mina ngifundile ukuba nganelisiwe noma ngihlezi kanjani. ngiyakwazi ukuba phansi, ngiyakwazi nokubusa; kukho konke nasezintweni zonke ngifundisiwe: ukusutha, nokulamba, nokubusa, nokuswela. nginamandla ukwenza konke ngaye ongiqinisiyo. nokho nenze kahle ngokuhlanganyela nami ekuhluphekeni kwami. niyazi nani nina basefilipi ukuthi ekuqaleni kwevangeli eku-phumeni kwami emakedoniya kwakungekho bandla nelilodwa elahlanganyela nami endabeni yokupha nokwamukela, kuphela nina nodwa, ngokuba nasethesalonika nathumela kanye nakabili ngokuswela kwami. akusikho ukuthi ngifuna isipho, kodwa ngifuna isithelo esiyakwandisa okubalelwa nina. kepha nginakho konke ngokweqileyo; nganelisiwe sengamukelisiwe ngu-ephafrodithu okuvela kinina, iphunga elimnandi, umhlathshelo omuhle nothokozisayo kulezi-ku. ulezi-ku wami uzakugcwalisa ukuswela konke kwenu njengokwengecebo yakhe ekukhazimuleni kukristu jesu. kulezi-ku nobaba wethu makube ludumo kuze kube phakade naphakade. amen. ngikhonzeni kwabangcwele bonke abakukristu jesu. abazalwane abanami bakhonza kinina. abangcwele bonke bayakhonza kini, ikakhulu abendlu kakesari. umusa wenkosi ujesu kristu mawube nomoya wenu.

upawulu, umphostoli kakristu jesu ngen-  
tando kalezi-ku, nothimothewu umzalwane<sup>2</sup>  
kubo abasekolose, abangcwele nabalwane  
abakholwayo kukristu; makube kini umusa  
nokuthula okuvela kulezi-ku ubaba wethu.  
simbonga njalunjalo ulezi-ku uyise wenkosi  
yethu ujesu kristu, nxa sinikhulekela,  
lokhu sizwile ngokukholwa kwenu kukristu  
jesu nangothando eninalo kubo bonke  
abangcwele, ngenxa yethemba enibekelwe  
lona ezulwini, enezwa ngalo ngaphambili  
ngezwi leqiniso levangeli elifikile kini, njen-  
galokhu likhona ezweni lonke lithela izithelo,  
landa, njengokuba kunjalo naphakathi  
kwenu, kusukela osukwini enezwa ngalo,  
nazi umusa kalezi-ku ngeqiniso, njengalokho  
nafunda ku-ephafra othandekayo oyinceku  
kanye nathi, oyisikhonzi esithembekayo  
sikakristu ngenxa yenu; okunguyena futhi  
wasitshela ngothando lwenu ngomoya.  
ngalokho nathi, kusukela osukwini esezwa  
ngalo, asiyeke ukunikhulekela nokuninxusela  
ukuba nigcwaliswe ngokwazi intando yakhe  
ngokuhlakanipha konke nokuqonda okun-  
gomoya, nihambe ngokufanele inkosi,  
niyithokozise ngakho konke, nithela izithelo  
emisebenzini yonke elungileyo, nikhula  
ekumazini ulezi-ku, niqinise nokuqin-  
iswa konke ngokwamandla enkazimulo  
yakhe, kuze kube ngukubekezela konke  
nokubheka kade ngokujabula; nibonga  
uyise owanenza nifanele isabelo sefa la-  
bangcwele ekukhanyeni, owasikhulula  
emandleni obumnyama nowasibeka em-  
busweni wendodana yothando lwakhe;  
okukuyo sinokuhlengwa, ukuthethelelwa  
kwezono, yona ingumfanekiso kalezi-  
ku ongenakubonwa, izibulo lezidalwa  
zonke, ngokuba kwadalelwa kuyo konke  
okusezulwini nasemhlabeni, okubonwayo  
nokungenakubonwa, nokuba kuyizihlalo  
zobukhosi, nokuba kuyimibuso, nokuba  
kuyizikhulu, nokuba kuyiziphathimandla;  
konke kwadalwa ngayo, kwadalelwa yona;  
yona ingaphambi kwakho konke, nezinto  
zonke zimi ngayo; yona iyinhloko yomzimba,  
ngisho ibandla, engukuqala, izibulo kwabaf-  
ileyo, ukuze yona ibe ngowokuqala ezintweni  
zonke, ngokuba kwaba kuhle kuye ukuba  
ukugcwala konke kuhlale kuyo nokuba ngayo  
abuyisane nakho konke esenzile ukuthula  
ngegazi lesiphambano sayo, yebo ngayo,  
nokuba kuyizinto ezisemhlabeni nokuba  
ngezisezulwini. nani ekade ningabafokazi  
nezitha engqondweni ngemisebenzi emibi,  
nokho manje usebuyisene nani emzimbeni  
wenyama yayo ngokufa ukuba animise  
ningcwele, ningenasisihla nacala phambi  
kwakhe, uma kambe nihlala ekukholweni,  
nisekeliwe nigxilile, ningagudluzwa ethem-  
beni levangeli enalizwayo, elashunyayelwa

kukho konke okudaliweyo okuphansi  
kwezulu, engenziwa isikhonzi salo mina  
pawulu. kalokhu ngiyathokoza ezinhlupek-  
weni zami ngenxa yenu ngokugcwalisa  
okusileleyo osizini lukakristu enyameni  
yami ngenxa yomzimba wakhe, oyibandla;  
engenziwa isikhonzi salo ngokwesimiso  
sikalezi-ku enganikwa sona maqondana nani  
ukuba ligcwaliswe izwi likalezi-ku, ngisho  
imfihlakalo ebifihlakele selokhu kwaqala  
izikhathi nezizukulwane, kepha kalokhu  
yambuliwe kwabangcwele bakhe; okubona  
ulezi-ku athanda ukubazisa ukuthi iyini  
ingebo yenkazimulo yaleyo mfihlakalo  
phakathi kwabezizwe, engukristu phakathi  
kwenu, ithemba lenkazimulo; okunguye  
esimshumayelayo, siluleka wonke umuntu,  
sifundisa wonke umuntu ngokuhlakanipha  
konke, ukuze simise wonke umuntu ephelele  
kukristu, engikusebenzelayo futhi, ngilwa  
ngokusebenza kwakhe okusebenza kimi  
ngamandla.

## 2

ngokuba ngiyathanda ukuba nazi ukuthi  
kukhulu kangakanani ukulwa enginakho  
ngenxa yenu nabaselawodikeya nabo bonke  
abangabonanga ubuso bami ngamehlo,  
ukuze izinhliziyi zabo ziduduzwe,  
behlanganisiwe othandweni babe nengebo  
yonke yokwazi okuphelele, bazisise im-  
fihlakalo kalezi-ku engukristu, okufihlwe  
kuye amagugu onke okuhlakanipha nowok-  
wazi. ngikusho lokhu, ukuze kungabikho  
muntu onikhohlisa ngamazwi okuyenga.  
ngokuba noma ngingekho ngomzimba,  
nokho ngikhona kini ngomoya ngithokoza,  
ngibona inhlelo yenu nokuqina kokukholwa  
kwenu kukristu. ngakho-ke njengalokho  
nimamukele ukristu jesu inkosi, hambani  
nikuye, nigxilile, nakhiwe kuye, niqinisiwe  
ekukholweni, njengalokho nifundisiwe,  
nivame ukubonga. xwayani funa kube  
khona onithumbayo ngokuhlakanipha nan-  
genkohliso eyize njengokwemvelo yabantu,  
njengezifundiso zokucathula kwezwe, kun-  
genjengokukakristu. ngokuba kuhlala kuye  
ngokomzimba ukugcwala konke kobulezi-ku;  
nigcwalisiwe kuye, yena oyinhloko yemibuso  
yonke namandla, enasokela kuye futhi  
ngokusoka okungenziwanga ngezandla  
ngokukhumula umzimba wenyama, ngoku-  
soka kukakristu; nimbelwe kanye naye  
ngombhaphathizo, okungawo futhi navuswa  
kanye naye ngokukholwa ngamandla  
kalezi-ku owamvusa kwabafileyo. nani-ke  
ebenifile ngeziphambeko nangokungasoki  
kwenyama yenu wanenza nibe ngabaphi-  
layo kanye naye esithethelela zonke izono  
zethu; esehlangele incwadi yecala lethu,  
emelana nathi ngemiyalo yayo, wayeyisusa  
ngokuyibethela esiphambanweni; ebaphucile

ababusi nabanamandla izikhali wabathela ngehlozo obala, ebanqoba ngaso. ngakho makungabikho muntu onilahla ngokudla nesiphuzo, noma ngemikhosi, noma ukwethwasa kwenyanga, noma amasabatha, okuyisithunzi nje salokhu obekuzakuza; kepha umzimba ngokakristu. makungabikho muntu onamuka umvuzo wenu, othanda ukuzenza othobile ekhonza izingelosi, ephike ngemibono yakhe, ezikhukhumeza ngeze ngengqondo yakhe yenyama, engabambeleli kuye oyinhloko, okungaye umzimba wonke usizwa, uhlanganiswa ngamalungu nemisipha, ukhula ngokukhula kukalezi-ku. uma nifle kanye nokristu nakuhlulwa ezifundisweni zokucathula kwezwe, yini ukuba okungathi nisaphila ngokwezwe nithobeke izifundiso zokuthi: ungaphathi, ungezwa ngolimi, ungathinti, okuphela konke ngokudliwa ngokwezwayalezo nezifundiso zabantu ezinegama lokuhlakanipha kambe ngokuzikhethela inkonzo, nangokuzithoba, nangokuhlupha umzimba; akusizi lutho maqondana nokuzithiba kwenyama.

### 3

ngakho uma navuswa kanye nokristu, funani okwaphezulu, lapho ekhona ukristu, ehlezi ngakwesokunene sikalezi-ku; nakani okwaphezulu, ninganaki okusemhlabeni. ngokuba nafa, ukuphila kwenu kufihliwe nokristu kulezi-ku; nxa ebonakaliswa ukristu ongukuphila kwethu, khona-ke nani niyakubonakaliswa kanye naye ekukhazimuleni. ngakho-ke bulalani amalungu enu asemhlabeni, ubufebe, nokungcola, nokuhuheka, nokukhanuka, nesangabe, okungukukhonza izithombe, okuza ngakho ulaka lukalezi-ku, ekade nihamba kukho nani, lapho nisahlezi kukho; kepha kalokhu nani manilahle konke lokho, ulaka, nokuthukuthela, nobubi, nokuhlambalaza, nokukhuluma amahlazo aphuma emlonyeni wenu; ningaqambelani amanga, lokhu nikhumule umuntu omdala kanye nezenzo zakhe, nembethe omusha, owenziwa musha abe nokwazi ngokomfanekiso walowo owamdala, lapho kungekho mgreki namjuda, ukusoka nokungasoki, owezizwe noma umskithe, isigqila noma okhululekileyo, kepha ukristu uyikho konke, ukubo bonke. ngakho-ke njengabakhethiweyo bakalezi-ku, abangcwele nabathandekayo, yembathani ububele benhliziyo, nesisa, nokuzithoba, nobumnene, nokubheka kade, nibekezelelane, nithethelelane, uma umuntu enensolo komunye; njengokuba nenkosi yanithethelela, yenzani njalo nani. kepha phezu kwakho konke lokho yembathani uthando oluyisibopho sokuphelela. ukuthula kukakristu makubuse ezinhliziyweni zenu, enabizelwa futhi kukho emzim-

beni munye; futhi yibani ngababongayo. izwi likakristu alihlale phakathi kwenu, livame, nifundisane ngokuhlakanipha konke, niyalane ngamahubo, nangezihlabelelo, nangamaculo okomoya, nimhubele ulezi-ku ezinhliziyweni zenu ngokubonga. konke enikwenzayo, noma kungezwi noma kungomsebenzi, kwenzeni konke egameni lenkosi ujesu, nimbonge ulezi-ku uyise ngaye. bafazi, thobelani amadoda enu njengokufanele enkosini. madoda, thandani omkenu, ningabacasukeli. bantwana, lalalani abazali benu ezintweni zonke, ngokuba lokho kuyathandeka enkosini. boyise, ningabathukuthelisi abantwana benu ukuba bangadangali. zincku, lalalani ezintweni zonke labo abangamakhosi enu ngokwenyama, kungengokuthenga amehlo njengabathokozisa abantu kodwa ngobuqotho benhliziyo, niyesabe inkosi. konke enikwenzayo kwenzeni ngenhliziyo, kungathi kwenzelwa inkosi, qha abantu, nazi ukuthi niyakwamukela umvuzo wefa enkosini. khonzani inkosi ukristu. ngokuba lowo owenza ukungalingi uyakwamukeliswa ukungalingi akwenzileyo; akukho ukukhetha umuntu.

### 4

makhosi, zenzeleni izincku zenu okungileyo nokufaneleyo; nazi ukuthi nani ninenkosi ezulwini. qiniselani ekukhulekeni, nilinde kukho ninokubonga. nathi nisikhulekele, ukuze ulezi-ku asivulele umnyango wezwi ukuba sikhulume imfihlakalo kakristu engiboshwe ngenxa yayo, ukuze ngiyibonakalise njengalokhu ngifanele ukukhuluma. hambani ngokuhlakanipha kubo abangaphandle, nithengisise isikhathi. ukukhuluma kwenu makube nomusa njalo, kuyolisiwe ngosawoti, ukuze nazi enifanele ukubaphendula ngakho bonke abantu. konke okuqondene nami uyakunazisa khona uthikhiku, umzalwane othandekayo nesikhonzi esikholekileyo oyincku kanye nami enkosini, engimthumile kini ngakho lokhu ukuba nazi ukuthi shilezi kanjani, aduduze ezinhliziyweni zenu, kanye no-onesimu, umzalwane okhulekileyo nothandekayo, ongomunye wakini; bazakunazisa konke okwalapha. uyakhonza kini u-aristarku oyisiboshwa kanye nami, nomarku umzala kabarnaba, enayalezwa ngaye uma efika kini mamukeleni nojesu othiwa ujustu; yibo bodwa abangabokusoka abasebenzela umbuso kalezi-ku kanye nami, abakade beyinduduzo kimi. uyakhonza kini uephafra ongomunye wakini, incku kakristu jesu, enilwela njalo emikhulekweni, ukuze nime niphelele niqinisekile entandweni yonke kalezi-ku. ngokuba ngingufakazi wakhe wokuthi uyanisebenzela kakhulu



nina, nabaselawodikeya, nabasehiyerapholi. uyakhonza kini uluka inyanga ethandekayo, nodema. khonzani kubazalwane abasela-wodikeya, nakunimfa, nasebandleni lakwakhe. nxa le ncwadi isifundiwe kini, bhekani ukuba ifundwe nasebandleni labaselawodikeya; nani niyifunde leyo evela elawodikeya. nimtshela u-arkiphu, nithi: qaphela inkonzo oyitholile enkosini, ukuze uyifeze. yilokhu ukukhonza kwami ngesandla sami, mina pawulu. khumbulani izibopho zami. umusa mawube nani.

opawulu, nosilvanu, nothimothewu kulo ibandla labasetheselonika elikulezi-ku ubaba, nasenkosini ujesu kristu: makube kini umusa nokuthula. sibonga ulezi-ku njalo ngani nonke, siniphatha emikhulekweni yethu, sikhumbula ngokungayeki isenzo senu sokukholwa, nomsebenzi wothando, nokukhuthazela kwethemba lenu elisenkosini yethu ujesu kristu phambi kukalezi-ku nobaba wethu, sikwazi, bazalwane abathandiwe ngulezi-ku, ukukhethwa kwenu ukuthi ivangeli lethu alizanga kini ngezwi kuphela kodwa nangamandla, nangomoya ongcwele, nangokwethemba okukhulu, njengokuba nazi ukuthi saba ngabantu abanjani phakathi kwenu ngenxa yenu. nani naba ngabalingisi bethu, nabenkosi senilamukele izwi ekukhathazekeni okukhulu ngokuthokoza kukamoya ongcwele, naze naba yisibonelo kubo bonke abakholwayo emakedoniya nase-akhaya. ngokuba udumo lwezwi lenkosi lwaphuma kinina, lwafika, angisho emakedoniya nase-akhaya kuphela, kepha ezindaweni zonke lapho ukukholwa kwenu ngulezi-ku kuphumele khona; ngakho asisadingi ukukhuluma lutho. ngokuba bona uqobo balanda ngathi ukuthi khuluma njani ukungena kwethu kinina nokuthi naphendukela kanjani kulezi-ku, nishiya izithombe, ukuba nikhonze ulezi-ku ophilayo oweqiniso, nilinde indodana yakhe ivela ezulwini, ayivusa kwabafileyo, ujesu osihlangulisa olakeni oluzayo.

ngokuba niyazi nina bazalwane ukuthi ukungena kwethu kinina akubanga yize. kepha noma sasihlushiwe kuqala saphathwa kabi efilipi, njengokuba nazi, saba nesibindi kulezi-ku wethu sokunishumayeza ivangeli likalezi-ku ngokulwa okukhulu. ngokuba ukuyala kwethu akusikho okokuduka nokokungcola nangenkohliso, kepha njengokuba sivunyiwe ngulezi-ku ukuba siphathiswe ivangeli, siyakhuluma ngokunjalo, singenzeli ukuthokozisa abantu kepha ulezi-ku ovinina izinhliziyi zethu. ngokuba asizange sibe namazwi okuthopha, njengokuba nazi; asizange futhi sibe nobuqili bokufisa, ulezi-ku ungufakazi, singafunanga nokutuswa ngabantu, nakinina nakwabanye, ingani sasingaba namandla okunisinda njengabaphostoli bakakristu, nokho saba mnene phakathi kwenu njengokuba umdlezana ondla abantwana bakhe. ngokunjalo lokhu besinilangazelele, sasifuna ukuninika kungesilo ivangeli likalezi-ku kuphela, kepha nokuphila kwethu uqobo, ngokuba nase ningabathandekayo kithina.

ngokuba niyakhumbula, bazalwane, ukukhandleka nokushikashikeka kwethu; sisebenza ubusuku nemini, ukuze singasindi noyedwa kinina, sanishumayeza ivangeli likalezi-ku. nina ningofakazi, naye ulezi-ku, bokuthi sahlala kanjani phakathi kwenu nina enikholwayo ngobungcwele, nangokulunga, nangokungasoleki, njengokuba nazi ukuthi saniphatha abanye ngabanye njengoyise ephatha abantwana bakhe, siniyala, sinimisa isibindi, sifakazela ukuba nihambe ngokufaneleyo phambi kukalezi-ku onibizela embusweni nasebukhosini bakhe. ngalokho nathi sibonga ulezi-ku singaphezi, ngokuba, kuthe lapho namukela izwi likalezi-ku enalizwa ngathi, anilamukelanga njengezwi labantu kepha njengezwi likalezi-ku, njengokuba liyilo isibili, elona lisebenza futhi phakathi kwenu nina enikholwayo. ngokuba nina bazalwane naba ngabalingisi bamabandla kalezi-ku asejudiya akukristu jesu, ngokuba nani nahlushwa ngabesizwe sakini, njengalokho nawo ahlushwa ngabajuda ababulala nenkosi ujesu nabaprofethi, basixosha nathi, bengamthokozisi ulezi-ku, bemelana nabantu bonke, besivimbela ukukhuluma nabezizwe ukuba basindiswe, ukuze bagcwalise njalo izono zabo; kepha ulaka selufinyelele phezu kwabo ngokupheleleyo. kepha thina, bazalwane, lokhu besahlukanisiwe nani isikhashana ngobuso kungenganziliziyi, kwaba yikhona sikhuthalela kakhulu ukubona ubuso benu ngokunxanela okukhulu. ngakho besithanda ukuza kinina, mina pawulu ngokwami kanye nakabili, kepha usathane wasivimbela. ngokuba liyini ithemba lethu, nokuthokoza, nomqhele wokuzibonga phambi kwenkosi yethu ujesu kristu ekufikeni kwakhe, kungeyinina na? ngokuba nina niludumo lwethu nokuthokoza kwethu.

ngalokho kwathi singasenakubekezela, sathi kuhle ukuba sisale sodwa e-athene, sathuma uthimothewu umzalwane wethu, isikhonzi sikalezi-ku evangeline likakristu, ukuba aniqinise, anivuse maqondana nokukholwa kwenu ukuba kunganyakaziswa muntu ngalezo zinhlupheko; ngokuba niyazi nina ukuthi simiselwe lokho. ngokuba kuthe sisekhona kini, sanitshela ngaphambili ukuthi siyakhulushwa, njengokuba kwaba njalo, nani nikwazi. ngalokho nami, lapho ngingasenakubekezela, ngathumela ukuba ngiqonde ukukholwa kwenu, ingabe mhlawumbe umlingi unilingile yini, ukukhandleka kwethu kube yize. kepha kalokhu uthimothewu esefikile kithi evela kini, esibikela izindaba ezinhle zokukholwa nothando lwenu, nokuthi nisisikhumbula kahle njalo, nokuthi ni-

langazelela ukusibona, njengokuba nathi silangazelela ukubona nina, ngalokho, bazalwane, saduduzeka ngani ngokukholwa kwenu ekusweleni nasosizini lwethu lonke, ngokuba kalokhu siyaphila, uma nina nimi nqinile enkosini. ngokuba ngukubonga okunjani esingakubuyisela kulezi-ku ngani ngokuthokoza konke esithokoza ngakho ngenxa yenu phambi kukalezi-ku wethu na? ubusuku nemini sinxusa nokunxusa ukuba sibone ubuso benu, sipehelelise okusileleyo ekukholweni kwenu. sengathi ulezi-ku nobaba wethu uqobo nenkosi yethu ujesu angayiqondisa indlela yethu yokuza kini, inkosi ininike ukwanda nokuchichima othandweni, omumye komunye nakubo bonke, njengokuba sinjalo kinina, ukuze iqinise izinhlizyo zenu, zingabi nakusoleka ebungcweleni phambi kukalezi-ku nobaba wethu ekufikeni kwenkosi yethu ujesu kanye nabangcwele bakhe bonke.

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elokugcina-ke, bazalwane, siyaninxusa, siyaniyala ngenkosi ujesu ukuba njen-galokho nakwamukela kithi ukuthi ni-fanele ukuhamba nokumthokozisa kanjani ulezi-ku, njengalokho nihamba kanjalo, manivame kakhulu kulokho. ngokuba niyayazi imiyalo esaninika yona ngayo inkosi ujesu. ngokuba lokhu kuyintando kalezi-ku, ukungcweliswa kwenu, ukuba nidede ebufebeni ukuba yilowo nalowo kini akwazi ukuhlala nomkakhe ngobungcwele nangokuhlonipha, kungabi ngokushisa kwenkanuko njengabezizwe abangamazi ulezi-ku ukuba kungabikho noyedwa omon-ayo, aphaambe umfowabo ngento, ngokuba inkosi ingumphindiseli kukho konke lokho, njengokuba sanitshela phambili, saqinisa. ngokuba ulezi-ku kasibizelanga amanyala, kepha wasibizela ebungcweleni. ngakho-ke owalayo akali umuntu, kepha wala ulezi-ku, yena oninika umoya wakhe ongcwele. kepha maqondana nothando lobuzalwane anisweli ukuba umuntu anilobe, ngokuba nina uqobo ningabafundisiwe nguilezi-ku ukuba nithandane; nempela niyakwenza lokho kubo bonke abazalwane abasemakedoniya lonke. kepha siyaniyala, bazalwane, ukuba nivame nokuvama kulokho, nikhuthalele ukuhlala ngokuthula, nokwenza okwenu, nokusebenza ngezandla zenu, njengokuba saniyala, ukuze nihambe ngokufaneleyo kwabangaphandle, ningasweli lutho. kepha asithandi, bazalwane, ukuba ningabi nakwazi ngabalalayo, ukuze ningadabuki njengabanye abangenalo ithemba. ngokuba uma sikholwa ukuthi ujesu wafa, wavuka, ngokunjalo-ke ulezi-ku uyakubaletha na-baleleyo kujesu kanye naye. ngokuba lokho sikusho kini ngezwi lenkosi ukuthi

thina, esisekhona sisasele kuze kube sekufikeni kwenkosi, asiyaikubandulela nempela abaleleyo, ngokuba inkosi uqobo iyakwehla ezulwini ngezwi lenhlokomo, ngephimbo lengelosi enkulu nangelilongo likalezi-ku, nabafileyo kukristu bayakuvuka kuqala, khona thina, esisekhona sisasele siyakuhlwithwa kanye nabo emafwini, sihlangabeze inkosi emoyeni; kanjalo-ke siyakuba nayo inkosi njalo. ngakho-ke duduzanani ngalawo mazwi.

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kepha ngezikhathi nangemizuzu, bazalwane, anisweli ukulotshelwa, ngokuba nina uqobo niyazi kahle ukuthi usuku lwenkosi luza njengesela ebusuku. nxa bethi: ngokuthula nokuhlala kahle, khona ukubhujiswa kuyabazuma njengemihelo ifikela okhulel-weyo, abasoze baphunyuka. kepha nina bazalwane anikho ebumnyameni, ukuze lolu suku lunifice njengesela, ngokuba nina nonke ningabantwana bokukhanya, ningabantwana bemini. asisibo abobusuku noma abobumnyama; ngalokho-ke masin-galali njengabanye, kodwa masiqwashe, siqonde. ngokuba abalalayo balala ebusuku, nabadakwayo badakwa ebusuku; kepha thina esingabemini masiqonde, sifake isivikelo sesifuba sokukholwa nesothando, isigqoko sibe yithemba lokusindiswa; ngokuba ulezi-ku kasimisela ngalokho kepha ukuba sizuze ukusindiswa ngenkosi yethu ujesu kristu owasifelayo ukuba, noma siqwashile noma silele, siphile kanye naye. ngalokho-ke vuselelanani, nakhane njengokuba futhi nikwenza. kepha siyanin-cenga, bazalwane, ukuba nibazi abakhan-dlekayo phakathi kwenu, nabaniphethayo enkosini, nabanilulekayo, nibazisise kakhulu othandweni ngenxa yomsebenzi wabo. hhalisanani ngokuthula. kepha siyaniyala, bazalwane, ukuba niluleke abangahambi ngomthetho, nithokozise abadanileyo, nisekele ababuthakathaka, nibabekezelele bonke. qaphelani ukuba kungabikho ophindisela omunye bona-ra-ukukhandleka ngbona-ra-ukukhandleka; kepha jongani njalo ukwenza okuhle, omunye komunye nakubo bonke. thokozani njalo; khulekani ningaphezi; kukho konke bongani; ngokuba lokhu kuyintando kalezi-ku kukristu jesu ngani. ningamcimi umoya; ningakudeleli ukuprofetha; vivinyani konke, nibambisise okuhle; dedani kukho konke okubonakala kukubi. kepha ulezi-ku wokuthula, yena uqobo, makaningcwelise ngokupheleleyo, kulondolozwe umoya wenu wonke nom-phemfumolo nomzimba, kungabi nacala ekufikeni kwenkosi yethu ujesu kristu. uthembekile yena onibizayo, oyakukwenza futhi. bazalwane, sikhulekeleni. khonzani

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opawulu, nosilvanu, nothimothewu kulo ibandla labasethesalonika elikulezi-ku, ubaba wethu, nasenkosini ujesu kristu: makube kini umusa nokuthala okuvela kulezi-ku ubaba nasenkosini ujesu kristu, simelwe ukumbonga njalo ulezi-ku ngani bazalwane, njengokuba kufanele, ngokuba inkolo yenu iyanda kakhulu, nothando lwenu nonke omunye komunye luyakhula, kuze kuthi thina ngokwethu sizincome ngani emabandleni kalezi-ku ngenxa yokukhuthazela kwenu nokukholwa ekuzingelweni kwenu konke nasezinhluphekweni enibekezela kuzo, okuyisiboniso sokwahlulela okulungileyo kukalezi-ku, ukuze kuthiwe ningabalungele umbuso kalezi-ku enihlupheka ngenxa yawo, uma kambe kuyinto elungile kulezi-ku ukuba abuyisele ukuhlupheka kubo abanihluphayo, aniphe nina enihluphekayo ukuphumula kanye nathi ekwambulweni kwenkosi ujesu, evela ezulwini, enezingelosi zamandla akhe, elangabini lomlilo, ephindisela kwabangamazi ulezi-ku nakwabangaleli ivangeli lenkosi yethu ujesu, abazakunikwa isijeziso esingukubhujiswa okuphakade, basuke phambi kobuso benkosi naphambi kwenkazimulo yamandla akhe, nxa efika ukuba akhazimulise kubo abangcwele bakhe, abe ngomangalisayo kubo bonke abakholwa ngalowo muhla, ngokuba nakholwa ngukufakaza kwethu, ngenxa yalokho siyanikhulekela njalo, ukuze ulezi-ku wethu anenze nibe ngabafanele ukubizwa kwenu, agcwalise ngamandla konke okuhle enikuthandayo nomsebenzi wokukholwa, ukuze igama lenkosi yethu ujesu likhazimulise kini, nani kuye, ngokomusa kalezi-ku wethu nowenkosi ujesu kristu.

kepha siyanxusa, bazalwane, mayelana nokufika kwenkosi yethu ujesu kristu nokubuthanela kwethu kuyo, ukuba ningasheshi ninyakaziswe engqondweni yenu, ningethuswa noma ngomoya, noma ngezwi, noma ngencwadi ngokungathi ivela kithi, sengathi usuku lukakristu selufikile. makungabikho muntu onikhohlisayo nangayiphi indlela; ngokuba aluyikufika, kungaveli kuqala ukuhlubuka, kwambulwe umuntu ongenamthetho, indodana yokulahlwa, omelana nakho konke, nozikhukhumeza phezu kwakho konke okuthiwa ulezi-ku noma into ekhonziwayo, aze azihlalise ethempelini likalezi-ku ezishaya ulezi-ku. anikhumbuli yini ukuthi ngisekhona kini nganitshela lokho na? senikwazi okumbambezelayo, ukuze ambulwe ngesikhathi sakhe. ngokuba imfih-

lakalo yokungabi namthetho isiyasebenza, kuphela ukuze kudediswe yena obambeze-layo manje. lapho-ke uzakwambulwa lowo ongenamthetho, eyakumqeda inkosi ujesu kristu ngomoya womlomo wayo, imchithe ngokubonakala kokufika kwayo, lowo okufika kwakhe kungokokusebenza kukasathane ngawo onke amandla, nezibonakaliso, nezimangaliso zamanga, nangayo yonke inkohliso yokungalungi kwababhuhayo, ngenxa yokuba bengavumanga ukuthanda iqiniso, ukuze basindiswe. ngalokho-ke ulezi-ku ubathumela amandla okuduka, baze bakholwe ngamanga, ukuba bonke abangakholwanga yiqiniso benamela ukungalungi balahlwe. kepha thina simelwe ukubonga ulezi-ku njalo ngani bazalwane abathandwa yinkosi, ngokuba kwasekuqaleni ulezi-ku wanikhet hela ukusindiswa ngokungcwelisa kukamoya nangokukholwa yiqiniso anibizela kukho ngevangeli lethu, nize nizuze inkazimulo yenkosi yethu ujesu kristu. ngalokho-ke, bazalwane, yimani niqinile, nibambelele kuwo amasiko enawafundiswa noma ngezwi noma ngencwadi yethu. kepha inkosi yethu ujesu kristu uqobo, nolezi-ku ubaba wethu owasithanda nowasipha ngomusa induduzo yaphakade nethemba elihle, makaduduze izinhliziyu zenu, aniqinise emisebenzini yonke nasamazwini onke amahle.

elokugcina, bazalwane, sikhulekeleni ukuba izwi lenkosi likhawuleze, lidunye-iswe, njengalokhu kunjalo nakini, nokuba sikhululwe kubantu abadukileyo nababi; ngokuba ukukholwa akusikho okwabo bonke. kepha inkosi ithembekile, eyakuniqinisa, inilondolozela komubi. siyethemba enkosini ngani ukuthi lokhu esiniyala ngakho niyakwenza nokuthi nizakukwenza. kepha inkosi mayiqondise izinhliziyu zenu othandweni lukalezi-ku nasekubekazeleni kukakristu. kodwa siyaniyala, bazalwane, egameni lenkosi ujesu kristu ukuba nizahlukanise nabazalwane bonke abahamba ngokungafanele, bengahambi ngomyalo eniwamukele kithina. ngokuba nani niyazi ngokwenu ukuthi kufanele ukuba nisilingise kanjani, ngokuba asihambanga ngokungafanele phakathi kwenu, asidlanga sinkwa samuntu ngesihle, kodwa sadla ngokukhandleka nangokukhat hazeka, sisebenza ubusuku nemini ukuba singasindi muntu ubu, kungengokuba singenalo ilungelo, kodwa ukuze sizinikele sibe yisibonelo kini sokuba nisilingise. ngokuba nalapho sisekini, saniyala ngalokhu ukuthi: uma umuntu engathandi ukusebenza, makangadli. ngokuba sizwa ukuthi abanye phakathi kwenu bahamba ngokungafanele,

bengasebenzi lutho, kepha benza okuyize nje; abanjalo siyabayala sibaluleka enkosini ujesu kristu ukuba basebenze ngokuthula, badle esabo isinkwa. kepha nina bazalwane, ningadinwa ngukwenza okuhle. uma ekhona ongalaleli izwi lethu kule ncwadi, mphawu- leni lowo, ningahlanganyeli naye, ukuze abe namahloni; kepha ningamphathisi okwesitha, kodwa mlulekeni njengomzalwane. kepha inkosi yokuthula uqobo mayiniphe ukuthula ngezikhathi zonke nangezindlela zonke. inkosi mayibe nani nonke. ngiyakhonza ngesandla sami mina pawulu, okuluphawu ezincwadini zonke; ngiloba kanjalo. umusa wenkosi yethu ujesu kristu mawube nani nonke.

upawulu, umphostoli kakristu jesu ngomyalo kalezi-ku umsindisi wethu nokristu jesu ithemba lethu, kuthimothewu, umntanami ngesiminya ekukholweni: makube kuwe umusa, nesihawu, nokuthula okuvela kulezi-ku ubaba nakukristu jesu inkosi yethu. njengokuba ngakutshela mhla ngiya emakedoniya ukuthi wohlala e-efesu, ukuze uyale abathile ngokuthi bangafundisi okwahlukileyo, futhi banganaki izinganekwane nezindaba zolibo olokuzalana ezingapheliyo, ezibanga ukuphikisana kunokuba ziqhube isimiso sikalezi-ku esisekukholweni, ngenza njalo namanje; kepha umgomo womyalo uluthando oluvela enhliziyweni emhlophe, nakunembeza omuhle, nasekukholweni okungazenzisiyo, abathe abanye bephaphalazile kulokho, baphambukela ekukhulumeni okuyize, befuna ukuba babe ngabafundisi bomthetho, ingani kabaqondi abakushoyo nabaqinisa ngakho begomela. siyazi kambe ukuthi umthetho muhle, nxa umuntu ewusebenzisa ngokomthetho, ekwazi lokhu ukuthi umthetho awumiselwe olungileyo, umiselwe abangenamthetho namahlongandlebe, abangamesabi ulezi-ku nabayizoni abahlazisayo nabadumazayo, nababulali bawonina, nababulala abantu, nezifebe, nabesilisa abalalanayo, nabathumbabantu, nabaqambimanga, nabafungela amanga, noma kungakhona okunye okuphambene nesifundiso esiphilileyo, ngokwevangeli lenkazimulo kalezi-ku obongekayo, engaphathiswa lona mina. ngiyambonga owangenzela amandla, ukristu jesu inkosi yethu, ngokuba wathi ngikholekile, engimisa enkonzweni, noma kade ngingohlambalazayo, nozingelayo, nohluphayo; kodwa ngahawukelwa ngokuba ngakwenza ngokungazi, ngokungakholwa. kepha umusa wenkosi yethu wavama kakhulu kanye nokukholwa nothando olukukristu jesu. likhokile leli zwi, lifanele impela ukwamukelwa ukuthi ukristu jesu weza ezweni ukusindisa izoni, engingesikhulu kuzo; kepha ngahawukelwa ngalokhu ukuze ujese kristu abonakalise kimi engingesikhulu konke ukubekezela kwakhe, ngibe yisibonelo kwabazakukholwa nguye, baze babe nokuphila okuphakade. kuyo inkosi yaphakade engabhubhiyo, engenakubonwa, ulezi-ku yedwa, makube ludumo nenkazimulo kuze kube phakade naphakade. amen. lo myalo ngiwuthwesa wena mntanami thimothewu njengeziprofetho ezandulelayo ngawe, ukuze ulwe ukulwa okuhle ngazo, unokukholwa nonembeza omuhle, okuthe abanye bekulahlile, bafelwa umkhumbi wokukholwa, abakubona ohimenewu noaleksandru engibanikele kusathane, ukuze balaywe ukuba bangahlambalazi.

ngakho-ke kuqala kukho konke ngiyala ukuba ukunxusa, nokukhuleka, nokucela, nokubonga kwenzelwe abantu bonke, amakhosi nabo bonke abakhulu, ukuze sihlale kahle nangokuthula, ngokumesaba ulezi-ku nangesizotha esipheleleyo. lokhu kuhle, kuyabongeka emehlweni kalezi-ku umsindisi wethu othanda ukuba abantu bonke basindiswe, bafinyelele ekulazini iqiniso. ngokuba munye ulezi-ku, munye nomlamuleli phakathi kukalezi-ku nabantu, umuntu ukristu jesu, owazinikela abe yinhlawulo yabo bonke, kube ngubufakazi besikhathi esiyiso, engamiselwa khona mina ukuba ngibe ngummemezeleli nomphostoli ngikhuluma iqiniso, angiqambi amanga yebo, umfundisi wabezizwe ekukholweni naseqiniseni. ngalokho ngithanda ukuba amadoda akhuleke ezindaweni zonke, ephakamisa izandla ezingcwele, engenalulaka nokuphikisana. ngokunjalo nabesifazane mabagqoke izingubo ezifaneleyo, bazihlobise ngokuhlonipha nokuqonda, kungabi ngezinwele ezalukiweyo, nange-golide, nangamaparele, nangezambatho ezinemali eningi, kepha njengokufanele abesifazane abashoyo ukuthi besaba ulezi-ku bahlobe ngemisebenzi emihle. owesifazane makafunde ukuthula nokuthobeka konke. kepha angimvumeli owesifazane ukuba afundise, nokuba abuse phezu kwendoda; kodwa makazithulele. ngokuba u-adamu wabunjwa kuqala, emva kwalokho u-eva. futhi u-adamu kakhohliswanga, kepha owesifazane wathi ekhohlisiwe, waphambuka; kepha yakusindiswa ngokuzala abantwana, uma behlala ekukholweni nasothandweni nasebungcweleni kanye nokuqonda.

likhokile leli zwi elithi: uma umuntu efisa isikhundla sombonisi, unxanela umsebenzi omuhle. ngakho umbonisi umelwe abe ngongasolekiyo, indoda emfazi munye, abe ngozikhuzayo, oqondileyo, oziphatha ngokufaneleyo, ongenisa izihambi, onesu lokufundisa, ongesilo ixhwele lewayini, ongesiso isilwi, kepha omnene, ongaxabaniyo, onganxaneli imali, ophatha kahle indlu yakhe, abantwana bakhe bemthobela ngenhlonipho yonke kepha uma umuntu engakwazi ukuphatha owakhe umuzi, angaliphatha kanjani ibandla likalezi-ku na? angabi ngosanda kukholwa, funa ngokukhukhumala ayele ekulahlweni kukasathane. kumelwe futhi ukuba abe nobufakazi obuhle kwabangaphandle, funa ayele esihlambeni nasesihibeni sikasathane. ngokunjalo namadiyakoni kufanele abe nesizotha, angabi ndimimbili, angabi nga-

banaka kakhulu iwayini, angahaheli inzuzo embi, ephethe imfihlakalo yokukholwa kunembeza omhlophe. nalabo mabaqale bahlolwe, andukuba babe ngamadiyakoni, uma bengasoleki. ngokunjalo nabesifazane mababe nesizotha, abangahlebi, abazithibayo, abathembekayo ezintweni zonke. amadiyakoni mawabe ngamadoda amfazi munye, abusa kahle abantwana bawo nemizi yawo. ngokuba amadiyakoni akhonze kahle azizuzela ukuma kahle nesibindi esikhulu ekukholweni okukukristu jesu. lokhu ngikulobela khona ngithemba ukuza kuwe masinyane; kepha uma ngilibala, khona uyakwazi ukuthi kumelwe ukuba abantu bahambe kanjani endlini kalezi-ku eyibandla likalezi-ku ophilayo, insika nesisekelo seqiniso. kuvunyiwe ukuthi inkulu imfihlakalo yokukhonza ulezi-ku yokuthi: owabonakaliswa enyameni, walungisiswa emoyeni, wabonwa yizingelosi, washunyayelwa ezizweni, wakholeka ezweni, waphakanyiselwa enkazimulweni.

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kepha umoya usho ngokuchachileyo ukuthi ngezikhathi zokugcina abanye bayakuhlubuka ekukholweni, benaka omoya abadukisayo nezifundiso zamademoni, ngokuzenzisa kwabaqamba amanga abashiswe uphawu kunembeza wabo, benqabela ukuganana, bethi akuzilwe ukudla akudalayo ulezi-ku ukuba kwamukelwe ngokubonga yibo abakhohwayo nabalaziyo iqiniso. ngokuba konke okudalwe ngulezi-ku kuhle; akulahlwa lutho, uma kwamukelwa ngokubonga, ngokuba kungcweliswa ngezwi likalezi-ku nomkhuleko. nxa ubeka lezo zinto kubazalwane, uyakuba yisikhonzi esihle sikakristu jesu, wondliwa ngamazwi okukholwa nesifundiso esihle osilandeleyo; kepha wale izinganekwane ezingcolileyo nezezalukazi. kepha zijwayeze ekumesabeni ulezi-ku. ngokuba ukujwayeza umzimba kusiza ingcosana, kepha ukumesaba ulezi-ku kusiza ezintweni zonke, kunesithembiso salokhu kuphila nalokho okuzayo. likholekile leli zwi, lifanele impela ukwamukelwa, ngokuba sikhandlekela lokho, siyashikashikeka, ngokuba sithembele kulezi-ku ophilayo ongumsindisi wabantu bonke, ikakhulu wabakhohwayo. woyala ngalezo zinto, ufundise ngazo. makungabikho muntu odelela ubusha bako, kepha yiba yisibonelo kwabakhohwayo ngezwi, nangenkambo, nangothando, nangokukholwa, nangokuhlazeka. nakekela ukufunda, nokuyala, nokufundisa, ngize ngifike. ungasidebeseli isiphiwo esikuwe, owasiphiwa ngezwi lokuprofetha nangokubekwa izandla ngamalunga. nakekela lezo zinto, ume kuzo,

ukuze ukuqhubeka kwakho kuqhame kubo bonke. ziqaphele wena kanye nesifundiso, ume kulezo zinto; ngokuba ngokwenza lokho uyakuzisindisa wena nabakuzwayo.

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ungayikhaci indoda endala, kodwa yiyale njengoyihlo, namadoda amasha njengabafowenu, abesifazane abadala njengawonyoko, nabesifazane abasha njengawodadewenu ngenhlanzeko epheleleyo. yazisa abafelokazi abangabafelokazi ngoqobo. kepha uma umfelokazi enabantwana noma enabazukulwane, labo-ke mabafunde kuqala ukuhlonipha indlu yakwabo, babuyisele okufaneleyo kubazali babo, ngokuba kuyabongeka lokho phambi kukalezi-ku. lowo ongumfelokazi ngoqobo osele eyedwa uthembele kulezi-ku, uhlahla ekunxuseni nasekukhulekeni ubusuku nemini, kepha lowo ozinikela ekutamaseni ufile esekhona. yala ngalezo zinto, ukuze bangabi nokusoleka. kepha-ke uma umuntu engabondli abakubo, kakhulu abakwakhe, ukulahlile ukukholwa, mubi kunongakhohwayo. makangafakwa esibalweni umfelokazi, uma engaphansi kweminyaka engamasumi ayisitupha, owabe ngumfazi wendoda inye, ebongwa ngemisebenzi emihle, uma ondlile abantwana, uma engenisile izihambi, uma egezile izinyawo zabangcwele, uma esizile abahluphekayo, uma ekhuthalele umsebenzi wonke omuhle. kepha abafelokazi abasha ubenqabe; ngokuba uma sebetamasile bedela ukristu, bafuna ukugana; banokulahlwa, ngokuba bechithile ukukholwa kwabo kokuqala. futhi-ke bafunda nokuvilapha, bezula izindlu ngezindlu, bengavilaphi kuphela, kepha behleba, bezigaxa ngokungekwapo, bekhuluma okungafanele. ngakho-ke ngithanda ukuba abafelokazi abasha bagane, bazale abantwana, bapathe indlu yabo, bangasiniki isitha ithuba lokuthuka. ngokuba nakalokhu abanye sebechezukele kusathane. uma owesifazane okhohwayo enabafelokazi, makabasize, ibandla lingasindwa, ukuze lisize abafelokazi boqobo. amalunga apha kakhahle akuthiwe afanele ukutswa ngokuphindiweyo, ikakhulu lawo akhuthalela izwi nokufundisa. ngokuba umbhalo uthi: ungayifaki isifonyo inkabi ebhulayo, futhi: isisebenzi siyifanele inkokhelo yaso. icala eliqondene nelunga ungalemukeli, kungekho ofakazi ababili noma abathathu. abonayo ubasole phambi kwabo bonke, ukuze nabanye besabe. ngiyaqinisa phambi kukalezi-ku nokristu jesu nazingelosi ezikhethiweyo ukuba ulonde lezo zinto ngokungazingumeli, ungenzi lutho ngokukhetha. ungasheshi ubeke izandla noma kubani, futhi ungahlanganyeli izono



zabanye, uzigcine ube mhlophe. ungabe usaphuza amanzi odwa, kepha phuza iwayini eliyingcosana ngenxa yesisu sakho nobuthakathaka bakho obuvamileyo. izono zabanye abantu zisobala, zibandulela ekwahlulelweni; kepha abanye ziyabalandela. :24 gal. 5:19. ngokunjalo nemisebenzi emihle isobala; naleyo engenjalo ingesitheke.

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bonke abayizigqila phansi kwejoka mabathi abanumzane babo bafanele ukutuswa impela, ukuze igama likalezi-ku nesifundiso kungahlanjalazwa. abanabanumzane abakhulwayo bangabadeleli, ngokuba bengabazalwane, kodwa kube yikhona bebakhonza kakhulu, ngokuba bengabakhulwayo nabathandekayo labo abasizakala ngomsebenzi wabo. wofundisa lezo zinto, uyale ngazo. uma kukhona umuntu ofundisa okwahlukileyo, engawalandeli amazwi aphileleyo enkosi yethu ujesu kristu nesifundiso esiya ngokumesaba ulezi-ku, ukhukhumele lowo engaqondi lutho, kumphethe ukubuzana nokuphikisana ngamazwi okuvela kukho umhawu, nombango, nokuhlambalaza, nokuzindla bona-ra-ukukhandleka, nokuxabana kwabantu abangqondo yabo yonakele, abamukwe iqiniso, bethi ukumesaba ulezi-ku kuyindlela yenzuzo. yebo, ukumesaba ulezi-ku kanye nokwaneliswa kuyinzuzo enkulu, ngokuba asilethanga lutho ezweni; kusobala ukuthi singemuke nalutho futhi; kepha uma sinokudla nezambatho, asaneliswe yikho. kepha abafuna ukuceba bayela ekulingweni, nasesihibeni, nasezinkanukweni eziningi zobuwula ezilimazayo, ezishonisa abantu ekufeni nasekubhujisweni. ngokuba ukuthanda imali kuyimpande yakho konke bona-ra-ukukhandleka; abanye ngokuyifisa badukelwa ukukholwa, bazigwaza ngeminjunju eminingi. kepha wena muntu kalezi-ku, balekela lezo zinto; jonga ukulunga, nokumesaba ulezi-ku, nokukholwa, nothando, nokubekezela, nobumnene. yilwa ukulwa okuhle kokukholwa, ubambelele ekuphileni okuphakade owabizelwa kukho, wavuma ukuvuma okuhle phambi kofakazi abaningi. ngiyakuyala phambi kukalezi-ku ophilisa konke, naphambi kukakristu jesu owavuma ukuvuma okuhle phambi kukapontiyu pilatu, ukuba ugcine umyalo ungenabala, ungenakusoleka, kuze kube sekubonakaleni kwenkosi yethu ujesu kristu ayakukubonakalisa ngezikhathi zakhe usomandla obongekayo, oyedwa, inkosi yamakhosi, umbusi wababusi, yena yedwa onokungafi, ehlala ekukhanyeni okungenakusondelwa kukho, ongazange abonwe muntu, nongebonwe; makube kuye udumo namandla aphakade. amen. yala

abacebileyo kuleli zwe lamanje ngokuthi bangakhukumali, bangathembeli engcebani engemiyo, kepha mabathembela kulezi-ku osicebisa ngakho konke, sithokoze ngakho, benze okuhle, bacebe ngemisebenzi emihle, baphane, babelane, bezibekelela isisekelo esihle sesikhathi esizayo, ukuze babambe ukuphila okuyikho. thimothewu, londa kahle okubekiweyo kuwe, ugweme ukukhuluma okuyize nokuphikisana kwalokho okuthiwa ukwazi kungesikho, okuthi abanye bekuvuma, baduka ekukholweni. umusa mawube nani.

upawulu, umphostoli kakristu jesu ngen-  
tando kalezi-ku ngokwesithembiso sokuphila  
okukukristu jesu, kuthimothewu, umnt-  
wana othandekayo: makube kuwe umusa,  
nobubele, nokuthula okuvela kulezi-ku  
ubaba nakukristu jesu inkosi yethu.  
ngiyambonga ulezi-ku engimkhonzayo  
kusukela kokhokho ngonembeza omhlophe,  
njengalokhu ngikukhumbula ngokungaphezi  
emikhulekweni yami ubusuku nemini,  
ngilangazelela ukukubona, ngikhumbula  
izinyembezi zakho, ukuze ngigcwaliswe  
ngentokozo, ngikhunjuzwe ukukholwa okun-  
genakuzenzisa okukuwe, okwahlala kuqala  
kunyokokhulu ulowisi nakunyoko uyunisi,  
yeho, ngiyethemba, nakuwena. ngaleso  
sizathu ngiyakukhumbuza ukuba uvuse  
isipho somusa sikalezi-ku esikhona kuwe  
ngokubeka izandla zami. ngokuba ulezi-ku  
akasiphanga umoya wobugwala, kepha  
owamandla, nowothando, nowokuzikhuya.  
ngalokho ungabi namahloni ngobufakazi  
ngenkosi yethu nangami, isiboshwa sayo,  
kodwa hlanganyela ukhulupheka ivan-  
geli ngamandla kalezi-ku owasisindisa,  
wasibiza ngobizo olungcwele, kungengok-  
wemisebenzi yethu kepha ngokwelakhe icebo  
nomusa, esawuphiwa kukristu jesu zingak-  
abikho izikhathi, kepha osubonakalisiwe  
manje ngokubonakala komsindisi wethu  
ukristu jesu, owachitha ukufa, walethela  
ekukhanyeni ukuphila nokungabhubhi  
ngevangeli, engamiselwa lona ukuba ngibe  
ngummemezeli, nomphostoli, nomfundisi;  
ngaleso sizathu ngiyahlupheka nangalokhu,  
kepha anginamahloni, ngokuba ngiyamazi  
engikholwa nguye, ngiyethemba ukuthi  
unamandla okulonda lokho engikubekile  
kuye, kuze kube yilolo suku. isibonelo  
samazwi aphilayo masibe yilawo owawezwa  
kimi ngokukholwa nangothando olukukristu  
jesu; okuhle okubekiwe kuwe ukulonde  
ngomoya ongwele ohlala kithi. uyazi lokhu  
ukuthi bonke abase-asiya bangifulathele,  
abaphakathi kwabo ngofigelu nohermogene.  
inkosi mayinike indlu ka-onesiforu umusa,  
ngokuba wangihlumelela kaningi, wayenge-  
namahloni ngeketanga lami, kepha esefikile  
eroma wangifunisisa, wangifumana inkosi  
mayimnike ukuba ahole ububele enkosini  
ngalolo suku konke akhonza ngakho e-fesu  
uyakwazi wena kakhulu.

ngakho wena mntanami, yiba namandla  
emseni okukristu jesu; lokho okuzwileyo  
kimi phambi kofakazi abaningi, lokho-ke  
kubekwe kubantu abathembekileyo abaza-  
kuba namandla okufundisa nabanye.  
hlanganyela nami ukhulupheka njengebutho

elihle likakristu. akakho osempini olibala  
izidingo zalokhu kuphila, aze akholeke  
kulowo abuthwe nguye. futhi nxa umuntu  
encintisana, kaqheliswa engancintisananga  
ngokomthetho. umlimi osebenzayo ku-  
fanele ukuba kwamukele yena izithelo  
kuqala. qonda engikushoyo; ngokuba inkosi  
iyakukunika ukuqonda ngezinto zonke.  
khumbula ujesu kristu ovukile kwabafleyo,  
wenzalo kadavide ngokwevangeli lami,  
engihlupheka ngalo kuze kube sekubosh-  
weni njengeselelesi; kepha izwi likalezi-ku  
aliboshiwe. ngalokho ngiyakhuthazela  
kukho konke ngenxa yabakhethiweyo,  
ukuze nabo bazuze insindiso ekukristu  
jesu, kanye nenkazimulo yaphakade. lik-  
holekile leli zwi lokuthi: ngokuba uma  
safa naye, siyakuphila naye futhi; uma  
sikhuthazela, siyakubusa naye futhi; uma  
siphika, naye uyakusiphika; uma sin-  
gathembeki, yena uhlala ethembekile,  
ngokuba akanakuziphika. bakhumbuzwe nga-  
lokhlo, ufakaze phambi kukalezi-ku ukuba  
bangalwi ngamazwi, okungasizi lutho, okuy-  
incithakalo kwabezwayo. khuthalela ukuba  
uziveze uthembekile kulezi-ku, isisebenzi  
esingenamahloni, esiqondisa kahle izwi  
leqiniso. kepha ukukhuluma kwezwe okuy-  
ize ukugweme; ngokuba bayakuqhubekela  
phambili ekungamezabini ulezi-ku, nezwi  
labo liyakubhibha njengesilonda esibhu-  
cukayo, abaphakathi kwabo ngohimewu  
nofiletu abadukileyo mayelana neqiniso,  
bethi ukuvuka kwabafleyo sekudlulile,  
bechitha ukukholwa kwabanye. nokho  
isisekelo esiqinileyo sikalezi-ku simi, sinalolu  
phawu lokuthi: inkosi iyabazi abangabayo,  
nokuthi: yilowo nalowo ophatha igama  
likakristu makadade kukho ukungalungi.  
kepha endlini enkulu akukho izitsha ze-  
golide nezesiliva kuphela kodwa nezemithi  
nezebumba, ezinye ezihloniphekayo, ezinye  
ezingahloniphekiyo; ngalokho uma umuntu  
ezihlanza kulezo zinto, uyakuba yisitsha  
esihloniphekayo, esingcwelisiwe, esinosizo  
kumninindlu, esilungiselwe umsebenzi  
wonke omuhle. kepha balekela izinkanuko  
zobusha, ujonge ukulunga, nokukholwa,  
nothando, nokuthula kanye nabakhuleka  
enkosini ngenhliziyo ehlabululileyo.  
kepha ukuphikisana kobuwula nokokungazi  
ukunqabe, wazi ukuthi kuzala ukulwa;  
inceku kakristu ayifanele ukulwa, kodwa  
mayibe mnene kubo bonke, inesu loku-  
fundisa, ibekezela, ibalaya ngomoya omnene  
abamelene nayo, kumbe ulezi-ku anga-  
banika ukuphenduka, baze balazisise  
iqiniso, basanguluke, baphume ogibeni  
lukasathane ababanjwe nguye ukuba benze  
intando yakhe.

kepha yazi lokhu ukuthi ezinsukwini zokugcina kuzakuvela izikhathi ezinzima; ngokuba abantu bazakuba ngabazithandayo, nabathandimali, nabazigabisayo, nabazidlayo, nabahlambalazayo, nabangalaleli abazali, nabangabongiyo, nabahlazisayo, nabangenaluthando, nabahlebi, nabangazithibi, nabangenabumnene, nabangathandi okuhle, nabakhapheli, nabanamawala, nabakhukhumele, nabathanda injabulo kunokuthanda ulezi-ku, nabanesimo sokumesaba ulezi-ku, kepha amandla akho bewaphika; labo-ke wobagwema. ngokuba kulabo kuvela abanyonyobela ezindlini bethumba abesifazane abasindwa yizono, beqhutshwa yizinkanuko eziy-izinhlobonhlobo, befunda njalo, kepha bengeke bakwazi ukufika ekulazini iqiniso. njengojane nojambe bamelana nomose, kanjalo laba bamelana neqiniso, abantu abonakele ingqondo, abehluleka enkolweni. kepha abasayikuhubekela phambili; ngokuba ubuwala babo buyakuba sobala kubo bonke, njengokuba kwaba njalo nobabo. kepha wena walandela isifundiso sami nokuziphatha, nomgomo, nenkolo, nokubheka kade, nothando, nokubekezela, nokuzingelwa, nezinhlupekeko ezangehlela e-antiyokiya nase-ikoniyu naselistra; ukuzingelwa okunje ngakhuthazela kukho, kepha inkosi yangikhulula kukho konke. yebo, bonke abathanda ukuhamba ngokumesaba ulezi-ku kukristu jesu bayakuzingelwa. kepha abantu ababi nabakhohlisi bazakuhubekela phambili ebubini, bedukisa, bedukiswa. kepha wena yima kulokho okufundile nowaqiniseka kukho, wazi ukuthi ukufunde kobani, nokuthi kusukela ebuntwaneni wazi imibhalo engcwele enamandla okukuhlakaniphisa, kube yinsindiso ngokukholwa kukristu jesu. yonke imibhalo iphefumulelwe ngulezi-ku ilungele ukufundisa, nokusola, nokuqondisa, nokuyala ekulungeni, ukuze umuntu kalezi-ku aphelele, apheleliselwe yonke imisebenzi emihle.

ngiyaqinisa phambi kukalezi-ku nokristu jesu oyakwahlulela abaphilayo nabafileyo nangokubonakala kwakhe nombuso wakhe, ngithi: shumayela izwi, uqinise, noma kuyisikhathi noma kungesiso; sola, ukhuze, uyale ngakho konke ukubekezela nokufundisa. ngokuba kuyakuba khona isikhathi abangayikuvuma ngaso isifundiso esiphilayo, kepha ngokwezinkanuko zabo bayakuzibuthela abafundisi njengokubatsiswa kwezindlebe zabo, bafulat helise

izindlebe zabo eqinisweni, baphambukele ezinganekwaneni. kepha wena, qonda ezintweni zonke, ubekezele ekuhluphekeni, wenze umsebenzi womvangeli, ufeze ukukhonza kwakho. ngokuba mina sengiyanikelwa, nesikhathi sokumuka kwami sesifikile. ngikulwile ukulwa okuhle, ngiqedile ibanga, ngigcinile ukukholwa; sengibekelwe umqhele wokulunga eyakungipha wona ngalolo suku inkosi, umahluleli olungileyo, kungeyimi ngedwa, kepha bonke abathandile ukubonakala kwayo. shesha uze kimi masinyane. ngokuba udema wangishiya ethanda leli zwe lamanje, waya ethesalonika; ukreste waya egalathiya, uthithu edalmathiya; nguluka yedwa onami. thatha umarku, uze naye, ngokuba unosizo kimi ekukhonzeni. uthikhiku sengamthuma e-efesu. ijazi engalishiya etrowa kukarpu woliphatha, nxa uza, nezincwadi, ikakhulu ezesikhumba. u-aleksandru, umkhandi wethusi wenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka okuningi kimi; inkosi iyakumbuyisela ngokwemisebenzi yakhe; umxwaye nawe, ngokuba wamelana kakhulu namazwi ethu. ekuziphenduleleni kwami kokuqala kwakungekho muntu ongimelayo, kepha bonke bangishiya; makungabalelwa kubo lokho; kodwa inkosi yangimela, yangipha amandla ukuba intshumayelo ipheleliswe ngami, nabezizwe bonke bezwe; ngase ngikhululwa emlonyeni wengonyama. inkosi iyakungikhulula kuyo yonke imisebenzi emibi, ingisindise, ngize ngifike embusweni wayo osezulwini; makube kuyo inkazimulo kuze kube phakade naphakade. amen. khonza kopriskana no-akwila nendlu ka-onesiforu. u-erastu wasala ekorinte, kepha utrofimu ngamshiya emilethu egula. shesha ufike, kungakangeni ubusika. bakhonza kuwe o-evubulu, nophude, nolinu, noklawudiya, nabo bonke abazalwane. inkosi mayibe nomoya wakho. umusa mawube nani.

upawulu, incekulezi-ku nomphostoli kajesu kristu ngokokukholwa kwabakhethiweyo bakalezi-ku nangokokwazi iqiniso elingokokukhonzela ulezi-ku, ethembeni lokuphila okuphakade ulezi-ku ongaqambi amanga akwethembisa phambi kwezikhathi zaphakade, kepha ngesikhathi esifaneleyo ubonakalisile izwi lakhe entshumayelweni engayiphathiswayo ngokomyalo kalezi-ku umsindisi wethu, kuthithu, umntanami ngempela ngokokukholwa esikuhlanganyele sonke: makube kuwe umusa nokuthula okuvela kulezi-ku ubaba nakukristu jesu umsindisi wethu. ngakushiya ekrethe ngenxa yalokhu ukuba uhlele okusaseleyo, umise amalunga emizini yonke, njengokuba ngakuyala, uma kukhona ongasolekiyo, indoda emfazi munye, enabantwana abakhulwayo abangenakusolwa ngokushinga nabangalaleliyo. ngokuba umbonisi umelwe ukuba abe ngongasolekiyo njengomphathimuza kalezi-ku, ngaziqhenyi, ongesiso isififane, ongesiso isiphuzi, ongesiso isilwi, ongesiye oha-hela inzuzo embi, kepha ophatha kahle izihambi, othanda okuhle, oqondileyo, olungileyo, ongcewele, ozithibayo, obambelele ezwini elithebekileyo ngokwesifundiso, aze abe nakho nokuyala ngesifundiso esiphilileyo nokwahlula abaphikayo. ngokuba baningi abangalaleliyo abakhuluma ize, nabakhohlisayo, ikakhulu abokusoka, abamelwe ukuthuliswa, abachitha indlu iphela, befundisa okungafanele ngenxa yenzuzo embi. omunye kubona, umprofethi wakubo, washo wathi: abasekrethe bangabaqambimanga njalo, izilwane ezimbi, iziminzi ezivilaphayo. lobo bufakazi buqinisele. ngalokho-ke ubayalisise, ukuze baphile ekukholweni, benganaki izingane kwane zabajuda nemiyalo yabantu abafulathela iqiniso. kwabahlanzekileyo konke kuhlanzekile; kepha kwabangcolileyo nabangakhulwayo akukho lutho oluhlanzekileyo, kodwa kungcole ingqondo yabo nonembeza wabo. bavuma ukuthi bayamazi ulezi-ku, kepha bayamphika ngemisebenzi yabo bengabenyekayo, nabangalaleliyo, nasemisebenzini yonke emihle kabasizi lutho.

kepha wena khuluma lokhu okufanele isifundiso esiphilileyo<sup>2</sup> sokuthi: amadoda amadala mawabe ngazithibayo, azothileyo, aqondileyo, aphilile ekukholweni, nasothandweni, nasekubekeleni; kanjalo nabesifazane abadala baziphathe ngokufanele abangcewele, bangabi ngabahlebi, bangabi yizigqila zewayini eliningi, babe

ngabafundisi bokuhle, ukuze bafundise abesifazane abasha ukuthanda amadoda abo, bathande nabantwana babo; babe ngabaqondileyo, abamhlophe, abaphatha kahle amakhaya, abamnene, abathobela amadoda abo ukuba izwi likalezi-ku lingahlanjalazwa. ngokunjalo ubayale abesilisa abasha ukuba babe ngabaqondileyo, ubonakalise kukho konke ube yisibonelo semisebenzi emihle, nasekufundiseni kwakho ubonakalise ukungonakali, ube nesizotha, ukhulume okuqondileyo okungasolekiyo, ukuze omelana nathi abe namahloni, engenalutho olubi angalukhuluma ngathi. yala izinceku ukuba zithobele amakhosi azo, zikholeke ezintweni zonke, zingaphiki nkani, zingantshontshi, zibonakalise konke ukwethemba okuhle, ukuze zihlobise isifundiso sikalezi-ku umsindisi wethu ezintweni zonke. ngokuba umusa kalezi-ku wokusindisa ubonakalisiwe kubantu bonke; uyasifundisa ukuba sidlele ukungakhulwa nezinkanuko zezwe, sihambe ngokuqonda, nangokulunga, nangokumesaba ulezi-ku kulesi sikhathi samanje, sibheke ithemba elibusisiweyo nokuvela kwenkazimulo kalezi-ku omkhulu nomsindisi wethu ujesu kristu owazinikela ngenxa yethu, ukuze asihlenge ebubini bonke, asihlambulule isizwe esingesakhe, sishisekele imisebenzi emihle. khuluma lokho, uyale, ukuze ngamandla onke. ungadelelwa muntu.

bakhumbuze ukuba bathobele ababusi neziphathimandla, balalele, balungele imisebenzi yonke emihle, bangahlambalazi muntu, bangabi yizilwi, babe ngabavileyo, bebonakalisa ubumnene obukhulu kubantu bonke. ngokuba nathi kade sasiyiziwula, abangalaleliyo, abadukiswayo, sikhonza izinkanuko nokutamasa okuyizinhlobonhlobo, sihleze ebubini nangomhawu, sizondekile sizondana. kepha lapho sekubonakalisiwe ububele bukalezi-ku umsindisi wethu nothando lwakhe kubantu, wasisindisa kungengamisebenzi yokulunga esayenzayo thina kepha ngokwesihawu sakhe ngesigezo sokuphindukuzalwa nokwenziwa sibe basha ngomoya ongcewele, amthelayo kakhulu phezu kwethu ngaye ujesu kristu umsindisi wethu, ukuze silungisiswe ngomusa wakhe, sibe yizindlalifa zokuphila okuphakade ngokwethemba. lithembekile leli zwi. ngithanda ukuba uqinise impela ngalezo zinto, ukuze abakhulwa ngulezi-ku bakhuthalele ukwenza imisebenzi emihle. lezo zinto zinhle, zinosizo kubantu; kepha gwema imibuzo yobuwula, nezindaba zolibo lokuzalana, nokubanga nokuphikisana ngomthetho; ngokuba lokho akusizi, kuyize, umuntu

onezifundiso ezidukisayo, eselulekwe kanye nakabili male, wazi ukuthi onjalo uphambukile, uyona, ezahlulela yena. nxa sengithuma u-arethema noma uthikhiku kuwe, woshesha ukuza kimi enikopholi; ngokuba nginqumile ukuthi ngizakuhlala lapho ubusika. uzena, ummeli, no-apholo wobahambisa ngokunakekela, bangasweli lutho. nabakithi mabafunde ukukhuthalela imisebenzi emihle njengokuswelekileyo, ukuze bangabi ngabangenazithelo. bonke abanami bayakhonza kuwe, khonza kwabasithandayo ekukholweni. umusa mawube nani nonke.

upawulu, isiboshwa sikakristu jesu, nothimothewu umzalwane kufilemoni, isithandwa sethu nesisebenzi kanye nathi,<sup>2</sup> naku-apifiya udadewethu, naku-arkiphu, ibutho kanye nathi, nakulo ibandla elisendlini yakho: makube kini umusa nokuthula okuvela kulezi-ku ubaba wethu nasenkosini ujesu kristu. ngibonga ulezi-ku wami njalo ngikukhumbula emikhulekweni yami, uma ngizwa ngothando lwakho nokukholwa onakho enkosini ujesu nakubo bonke abangcwele, ukuze ukuhlanganyela kokukholwa kwakho kube nomsebenzi ekwazini konke okuhle okukithi kukristu, ngokuba nginokuthokoza okukhulu nenduduzo ngothando lwakho, ngokuba izinhliziyi zabangcwele zihlunyelelwe ngawe mzalwane. ngalokho noma nginesibindi esikhulu kukristu sokuba ngikuyale ngakho okufaneleyo, nokho ngenxa yothando okungcono ngiyancenga, njengokuba nginje mina pawulu osemdala, manje futhi ngiyisiboshwa sikakristu jesu, ngikuncenga ngomntanami engimzeleyo ekuboshweni kwami, u-onesimu; okade engenalusizo kuwe, kepha kalokhu unosizo nakuwe nakimi, engimbuyisele kuwe, yena oyinhliziyi yami, ebengifuna ukumbamba ahlale kimi, ukuze angikhonze esikhundleni sakho ngisekuboshweni ngenxa yevangeli; kepha ngaphandle kokubona kwakho ngangingathandi ukwenza lutho, ukuze umusa wakho ungabi ngokucindezelwa, kodwa ube ngesihle. ngokuba mhlawumbe kungenxa yalokho ukuba ahlukaniswe nawe isikhashana, ukuze abe ngowakho kuze kube phakade, angabi esaba njengesigqila, kodwa abe ngaphezu kwesigqila, engumzalwane othandekayo, kakhulu kimi kepha kakhulu kangakanani kuwe, nasenyameni nasenkosini. ngakho uma uthi ngingumhlanganyeli nawe, mamukele ngokungathi yimi. kodwa uma ekonile ngento, noma enecala kuwe, lokho kubalele kimi; mina pawulu ngikuloba ngesandla sami, ngiyakukukhokha ukuba ngingaze ngisho kuwe ukuthi nawe unecala kimi elinguwe uqobo. yebo, mzalwane, mangithokoziswe nguwe enkosini, uyihlumelele inhliziyi yami kukristu. ngikulobele ngokwethemba ukulalela kwakho, ngazi ukuthi uzakwenza nokungaphezu kwengikushoyo. futhi-ke wongilungisela nami indawo; ngokuba ngiyethemba ukuthi ngemikhuleko yenu ngizakuphiwa nina. uyakhonza kuwe u-ephafra oyisiboshwa kanye nami kukristu jesu, nomarku, no-aristarku, nodema, noluka, izisebenzi kanye nami. umusa wenkosi yethu ujesu kristu mawube nomoya wenu.

ulezi-ku esekhulumile endulo kokhokho ngabaprofethi ngamathuba amaningi nangezindlela eziningi, 2 ekugcineni kwale mihla ukhulume kithina ngendodana ayimise ibe yindlela yakho konke, owadala ngayo futhi izwe. yona ethi inguku-menyezela kwenkazimulo yakhe, ifuze yena uqobo, iphasa konke ngezwi lamandla ayo, isiyenzile ukuhlanzwa kwezono, yahlala ngakwesokunene somkhulu kweliphezulu, seyaba nkulu kunezingelosi, njengalokhu igama eliyifa layo likhulu kunelazo. ngokuba yiyiphi yezingelosi ake asho kuyo ukuthi: uyindodana yami wena, namuhla ngikuzele, na? nokuthi: ngiyakuba nguyise kuyona, yona ibe yindodana kimina, na? futhi mhlalengenisa oyizibulo emhlabeni uthi: nezingelosi zonke zikalezi-ku mazikhuleke kuye. ngezingelosi uthi: owenza izingelosi zakhe zibe yimimoya, izikhonzi zakhe zibe ngamalangabi omlilo. kepha ngendodana uthi: isihlalo sakho sobukhosi, lezi-ku, singesaphakade naphakade; intonga yobuqotho iyintonga yombuso wakho. uthandlele ukulunga, wazonda ububi; ngalokho-ke ulezi-ku, ulezi-ku wakho, ukugcobile ngamafutha enjabulo ngaphezu kwabafowenu, nokuthi: wena nkosi, ekuqaleni wabeka isisekelo somhlaba; amazulu angumsebenzi wezandla zakho. wona ayakubhubha, kepha wena umi njalo; wona onke ayakuguga njengengubo, njengesambatho uyakuwagoqonga, njengengubo ayakuguquka. kepha wena unguye njalo, iminyaka yakho ayiyukuphela. kepha yiyiphi yezingelosi ake asho kuyo ukuthi: hlala ngakwesokunene sami, ngize ngenze izitha zakho zibe yisenabelo sezinyawo zakho, na? azisibo yini zonke omoya bokukhonza abathunyelwe ukukhonza ngenxa yabayakudla ifa lokusindiswa na?

ngalokho kakhulu nga siqaphelisisa esikuzwileyo, funa mhlawumbe sikhukhulwe. ngokuba uma izwi elakhulunywa ngezingelosi laqiniseka, nakhokho konke ukuphambuka nokungalaleli kwaphindiselwa ngokufanele, thina siyakuphunyuca kanjani, uma sidebesela ukusindiswa okungaka na? okwakhulunywa kuqala ngenkosi, kwaqiniswa kithina yilabo abamuzwayo, ulezi-ku futhi efakaza kanye nabo ngezibonakaliso, nangezimangaliso, nangemisebenzi yamandla eyizinhlobo nhlobo, nangokwabelwa kukamoya ongcewele ngokwentando yakhe. ngokuba kwakungesizo izingelosi athobisela phansi kwazo izwe elizayo esikhuluma ngalo. kepha omunye ufakazile endaweni ethile ngokuthi: umuntu uyini ukuba umkhumbule, noma indodana yomuntu

ukuba uyinake, na? isikhashana wamenza waba mncinyane kunezingelosi; wambeka umqhele wenkazimulo nodumo, wammisa phezu kwemisebenzi yezandla zakho, izinto zonke wazibeka phansi kwezinyawo zakhe. ngokuba ekubekeni izinto zonke phansi kwakhe kashiyanga lutho olungabekwanga phansi kwakhe. kepha kalokhu asikaziboni izinto zonke zibekiwe phansi kwakhe; kodwa siyambona owenziwe waba mncinyane isikhashana kunezingelosi, ujesu, ebekiwe umqhele wenkazimulo nodumo ngenxa yokuhlupheka kokufa, ukuze ngomusa kalezi-ku ezwe ukufa ngenxa yabo bonke. ngokuba kwakumfanele yena, okukhona konke ngenxa yakhe nokukhona konke ngaye, ukuba, lapho eyisa amadodana amaningi enkazimulweni, ampehelelise ngezinhlupheko yena oyinkosi yokusindiswa kwabo. ngokuba ongcwelisayo nabangcweliswa bonke baphuma kumunye; ngakho-ke akananhloni ukubabiza ngokuthi: ngabafowethu, ethi: ngizakushumayeza abafowethu igama lakho, ngihlabelele ngawe phakathi kwebandla, futhi: ngiyakubeka ithemba lami kuye, futhi: bheka mina nabantwana ulezi-ku anginike bona. ngakho-ke njengokuba abantwana bahlanganyela igazi senyama, naye uqobo wahlanganyela khona lokho, ukuze ngokufa amchithe obe nawo amandla okufa ongusathane, abakhulule bonke labo abathi ngokwesaba ukufa ekuhambeni kwabo konke babeboshelwe ebugqileni. ngokuba akahlangulisi izingelosi, kodwa uhlangulisa inzalo ka-abrahama. ngakho-ke kwamfanela ukuba abe njengabafowabo kukho konke, ukuze abe ngumpristi omkhulu ohawukelayo nothembekayo kokukalezi-ku, kube yinhlawulo yezono zabantu. ngokuba lokhu wahlupheka yena uqobo elingwa, unamandla okusiza abalingwayo.

ngakho-ke, bazalwane abangcewele, enihlanganyela ukubiza kwasezulwini, qaphelani umphostoli nompristi omkhulu wesivumo sethu ujesu, owayethembeka kuyena owammisayo, njengomose naye wayenjalo endlini yakhe yonke. ngokuba lowo kwathiwa ufanele inkazimulo enkulu kunomose, njengalokhu oyakhileyo indlu unodumo olukhulu kunendlu. ngokuba yileyo ndlu yakhiwa ngothile; kepha owakha konke ngulezi-ku. umose kambe wayethembekile endlini yakhe yonke njengenceku, kuze kube ngubufakazi balokho obekuzakukhulunywa, kepha ukristu uthembekile njengendodana phezu kwendlu yakhe, esiyindlu yakhe thina, uma sibambisisa isibindi nentokoza yethemba liqine kuze

kube sekupheleni. ngalokho njengokusho kukamoya ongcwele ukuthi: namuhla, uma nilizwa izwi lakhe, ningazenzi lukhuni izinhliziyu zenu njengasekucunuleni ngosuku lokulingwa ehlane, lapho oyihlo bangilinga bengihlola, noma bebona imisebenzi yami iminyaka engamashumi amane; ngalokho nganengwa yileso sizukulwane, ngathi: bayaduka njalonzalo enhliziyweni yabo, abazazanga izindlela zami, ngaze ngafunga ekuthukutheleni kwami, ngathi: abayikungena ekuphumuleni kwami. xwayani, bazalwane, ukuba nakoyedwa kini kungabikho nhliziyu embi, engakholwayo, emhlubukisa kulezi-ku ophilayo; kepha yalanani imihla ngemihla kusathiwa namuhla, ukuze kungabikho kini owenziwa lukhuni ngokukhohlisa kwesono, ngokuba sesingabahlanganyela kukristu, uma sibambisisa ithemba lethu lokuqala kuze kube sekupheleni. uma kuthiwa: namuhla, uma nilizwa izwi lakhe, ningazenzi lukhuni izinhliziyu zenu njengasekucunuleni, pho-ke, yibaphi abezwayo bacunula na? akusibo bonke abaphuma egibithe ngomose na? yibaphi-ke anengwa yiyo iminyaka engamashumi amane na? kwakungesibo abonayo, abazidumbu zabo zawa ehlane na? yibaphi afunga kubo ngokuthi abayikungena ekuphumuleni kwakhe, uma kungesibo abangalalelanga na? siyabona-ke ukuthi babengenakungena ngenxa yokungakholwa kwabo.

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ngakho-ke masesabe ukuba, kuthi kusekhona isithembiso sokungena ekuphumuleni kwakhe, kungabikho noyedwa kini obonakala esele emuva.2 ngokuba phela nathi sashunyayezwa ivangeli njengabo; kepha izwi abalizwayo alibasizanga bona, lokhu lingahlangananga nabezwayo ngokukholwa. ngokuba siyangena ekuphumuleni thina esikholwayo njengokusho kwakhe ukuthi: kanjalo ngafunga ekuthukutheleni kwami, ngathi: abayikungena ekuphumuleni kwami, nakuba imisebenzi yayenziwa kwasekusekelweni kwezwe. ngokuba ushilo endaweni ethile ngosuku lwesikhombisa ukuthi: ulezi-ku waphumula ngosuku lwesikhombisa emisebenzini yakhe yonke, nakule ndawo uthi futhi: abayikungena ekuphumuleni kwami. ngakho-ke lokhu kusasele ukuba abanye bangene kukho, nalabo abashunyayezwa kuqala ivangeli benganenanga ngokungalaleli, uyanquma futhi usuku oluthile oluthiwa namuhla, esho ngodavide emva kwesikhathi esingaka njengokushiwo kuqala ukuthi: namuhla, uma nilizwa izwi lakhe, ningazenzi lukhuni izinhliziyu zenu. ngokuba uma ujesu

wayebaphumuzile, wayengayikukhuluma emva kwalokhu ngolunye usuku. ngakho-ke kubasalele abantu bakalezi-ku ukuphumula kwesabatha. ngokuba ongenile ekuphumuleni kwakhe yena uphumula emisebenzini yakhe njengolezi-ku kweyakhe. ngakho-ke masikhuthalele ukungena kulokho kuphumula, ukuze kungaw muntu ngaleso siboniso sokungalaleli. ngokuba izwi likalezi-ku liphilile, linamandla, libukhali kunezinkemba zonke ezisika nhlangothi zombili, lihlabane kuze kwahlukaniswe umphefumulo nomoya, amalungu nomnkantsha, lahlulela imicabango nezizindlo zenhliziyu; futhi akukho nto edaliweyo engabonakali phambi kwakhe, kepha konke kwambuliwe kusobala emehlweni akhe esiyakuzilanda kuye. ngakho-ke lokhu sinompristi omkhulu kakhulu odabulile amazulu, ujesu indodana kalezi-ku, masibambelele kuso isivumo sethu. ngokuba asinaye umpristi omkhulu ongenakuzwela nobuthakathaka bethu, kepha olingiwe kukho konke njengathi, engenasono. ngakho-ke masisondele ngesibindi esihlalweni somusa ukuba samukelise isihawu, sifumane umusa wokusiza ngesikhathi esifaneleyo.

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ngokuba yilowo nalowo mpristi omkhulu okhethwa kubantu umiselwa abantu kokukalezi-ku, ukuze anikele izipho nemihlatshelo ngenxa yezono;2 angabekezelela abangazi lutho nabadukayo, lokhu naye uzungeziwe ngubuthakathaka; ngenxa yabo kufanele ukuba, njengalokhu enikela ngezono zabantu, anikele kanjalo nangezakhe. akukho muntu ozithathela lesi sikhundla, kuphela obizelwa kuso ngulezi-ku njengaroni. kanjalo nokristu akazidumisanga yena aze abe ngumpristi omkhulu, kepha wadunyiswa nguye owakhuluma kuye, wathi: uyindodana yami wena, namuhla ngikuzele, njengokuba esho nakwenye indawo ngokuthi: wena ungumpristi kuze kube phakade ngokokuma kukamelkisedeki, owathi esenikele emihleni yenyama yakhe ngemikhuleko, nokunxusa, nokudazuluka okukhulu, nezinyembezi kuyena onamandla okumsindisa ekufeni, wezwiwa ngenxa yokumesaba ulezi-ku. noma eyindodana, wafunda ukulalela ngalokho ahlupheka ngakho; esephelelisiwe waba yisisusa sokusindiswa okuphakade kubo bonke abamlalelayo, ebizwa ngulezi-ku ukuthi umpristi omkhulu ngokokuma kukamelkisedeki. sinokuningi esingakusho ngalokho, okukhuni ukuchasisela, lokhu senaba buthuntu ekuzweni. ngokuba noma benifanele ukuba nibe ngabafundisi, uma kuya ngesikhathi, nisadinga futhi ukuba kube khona onifundisa iziqalo zezifundiso



zamazwi kalezi-ku; senaba ngabadinga ubisi, kungesikho ukudla okuqinileyo. ngokuba lowo odla ubisi akakaqondi lutho lwezwi lokulunga, ngokuba uyingane, kepha ukudla okuqinileyo kungokwabakhulileyo, abathi ngokujwayela ukuwusebenzisa umqondo, sebenawo osulungele ukwahlukanisa okuhle nbona-ra-ukukhandleka.

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ngakho-ke masidlule esifundisweni sokuqala ngokristu, siqhubekele kokupheleleyo, singabuyi sibeke isisekelo sokuphen-duka emisebenzini efileyo, nokukholwa ngulezi-ku, nesifundiso sombaphathizo nokubeka izandla, nokuvuka kwabafileyo nokwahlulelwa okuphakade. siyakukwenza lokho, uma ulezi-ku evuma. ngokuba akunakwenzeka ukuba labo asebakhe bakhanyiswa banambitha isiphiwo sasezulwini, benziwa abahlanganyeli kumoya ongcwele, banambitha izwi elihle likalezi-ku namandla ezwe elizayo, babuye bahlubuka akunakwenzeka ukuba babuye bavuswe, baphenduke, lokhu sebezibethelela indodana kalezi-ku, bayithela ngehlozo obala. ngokuba umhlabathi, ophuze imvula efika kaningi phezu kwawo, umilisa imifino ebasizayo abawulinyelwayo, uyabusiwa ngulezi-ku; kepha uma uveza ameva nekhakhasi, uyaleka, useduze nokuqalekiswa, ukuphela kwawo ngukushiswa. kepha siyethemba ngani bathandekayo okuhle kunalokho, ngisho okuqondene nokusindiswa, noma sikhuluma kanje. ngokuba ulezi-ku kasiye ongalungile ukuba akhohlwe umsebenzi wenu nothando enalubonakalisa ngakulo igama lakhe, lokhu nibakhonzile abangcwele, nisabakhonza. kepha sinxanela ukuba yilowo nalowo kini abonakalise lokho kukhuthalela, lize liphelele ithemba kuze kube sekupheleni, ukuba ningabi buthuntu, kodwa nibalingise labo abadla ifa lesithembiso ngokukholwa nangokubekezela. ngokuba lapho ulezi-ku wamthembisa u-abrahama, wazifunga yena, lokhu kungekho omkhulu kunaye angamfuna, wathi: impela ngiyakukubusisa nokukubusisa, ngiyakukwandisa nokukwandisa, kanjalo kwathi esebekezele, wakuzuza okwathenjiswa. ngokuba abantu bafunga omkhulu kunabo; kubona isifundo siyaqeda ukuphikisana konke, siqinise. kulokhu-ke ulezi-ku, ethanda kakhulu impela ukubonisa izindlalala zesithembiso ukungaguquleki kwecebo lakhe, walamula ngesifundo, ukuze ngezinto ezimbili ezingeguquleke, ulezi-ku angeqambe amanga ngazo, sibe nenduduzo enamandla thina esibalekele ekulibambeni ithemba esilimiselweyo, esinalo njengehange lomphfumulo, liqinile, ligxilile, lingena kokungaphakathi kwesihenqo, lapho ujesu

eyisigijimi sokusandulela wangena khona, esewaba ngumpristi omkhulu kuze kube phakade ngokokuma kukamelkisedeki.

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ngokuba umelkisedeki lo, inkosi yasasalema, umpristi kalezi-ku ophezukonke, owahlangebeza u-abrahama mhla ebuya ekubulaleni amakhosi, wambusisa; u-abrahama wamabela okweshumi kukho konke yena ogama lakhe lithi kuqala ukuhunyushwa kwalo inkosi yokulunga, bese kuba yinkosi yasasalema, okungukuthi inkosi yokuthula, engenayise, engenanina, engenaluzalo, engenakuqala kwezinsuku nakuphela kokuphila, kepha efaniswe nendodana kalezi-ku, uhlala engumpristi njalonjalo. qondani-ke ukuthi ungakanani yena owanikwa okweshumi kwempango ngu-abrahama ukhokho. nalabo bamadodana kalevi abamukeliswa ubupristi banomyalo wokuthatha okweshumi kubantu ngokomthetho, okungukuthi kubafowabo, ingani baphume okhalweni luka-abrahama; kepha yena ongabalwa ozalweni lwabo uthathile okweshumi ku-abrahama, wambusisa lowo onezithembiso. kepha akunakuphikwa ukuthi omncinyane ubusiwa ngomkhulu. lapha-ke abantu abafayo bamukeliswa okweshumi, kepha lapho ngofakazelwa ukuthi uyaphila. futhi kungathiwa nalevi owamukela okweshumi watheliswa okweshumi ngaye u-abrahama, ngokuba wayesesokhalweni lukayise mzu kwana umelkisedeki emhlangabeza. uma-ke kwakukhona ukuphelela ngobupristi bukalevi ngokuba isizwe samiselwa bona ngomthetho kwakusaswelekelani ukuba kuvele omunye umpristi ngokukamelkisedeki engabizwa ngokokuma kuka-aroni na? ngokuba uma ubupristi buguquliwe, kuyadingeka ukuba kuguqulwe nomthetho. kepha lowo okushiwo lokho ngaye ungowesinye isizwe okungabanga bikho kuso umuntu owake wakhonza e-altare. ngokuba kusobala ukuthi inkosi yethu ivele kujuda, isizwe umose angakhuluma lutho ngaso ngobupristi. ikakhulu kusobala lokho, uma kumiswa omunye umpristi ofana nomelkisedeki, ngamiswa ngomthetho womnyalo wenyama kodwa ngamandla okuphila okungabhubhiyo. ngokuba kufakazwa ngaye ukuthi: wena ungumpristi kuze kube phakade ngokokuma kukamelkisedeki. ngokuba umthetho wokuqala uyachithwa ngenxa yobuthakathaka bawo nokungasizi kwawo, lokhu umthetho awuphelelisanga lutho, kepha sekungeniswa ithemba elingcono, esisondela ngalo kulezi-ku. futhi ngalokho ukuthi akubanga ngaphandle kokufunga ngokuba labo kambe babekwa

babe ngabapristi ngaphandle kokufunga, kepha yena wabekwa ngokufunga nguye owasho kuye ukuthi: inkosi yafunga, ayiyikuzisola, yathi: wena ungumpristi kuze kube phakade. ngokungakho-ke ujesu waba yisiboniso sesivumelwano esingcono. kulabo-ke baba baningi ababekwa babe ngabapristi, ngokuba bathiyeka ngenxa yokufa ukuba baqhube njalo; kepha yena, ngenxa yokuba ehla phakade, unobupristi obungenakuguquka; ngakho-ke unamandla okusindisa ngokupheleleyo abeza kulezi-ku ngaye, lokhu ephilela njalo ukubamela. ngokuba umpristi omkhulu onjalo usifanele thina, ongcewele, ongenacala, ongenabala, owahlukanisiwe nezoni, owenziwa aphakame phezu kwamazulu, ongadingi imihla ngemihla njengalabo bapristi abakhulu ukunikela ngemihlatshelo ngenxa yezakhe izono kuqala nangasemva ngenxa yezabantu; ngokuba wenza lokho kanye mhla ezinikela yena. ngokuba umthetho umisa abantu babe ngabapristi abakhulu abanobuthakathaka, kepha izwi lesifungo elalandela umthetho limisa indodana epheliselwe kuze kube phakade.

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kepha okuyindikimba kwesikushoyo yilokhu: sinompristi omkhulu onjalo osewahlala ngakwesokunene sesihlalo sobukhosi somkhulu emazulwini, isikhonzi sokungcewele nesetabernakele lempela elamiswa yinkosi kungemuntu. ngokuba yilowo nalowo mpristi omkhulu umiselwa ukunikela ngeminikelo nemihlatshelo; ngakho-ke kuyadingeka ukuba naye lo abe nakho okuthile kokunikela. ngokuba uma ebesemhlabeni, ubengayikuba ngumpristi nakanye, ngokuba bakhona abapristi abanikela ngeminikelo ngomthetho, bekhonza okungumfanekiso nesithunzi sokwasezulwini, njengokuba umose way-alwa esezakwenza itabernakele ngokuthi: bheka, wokwenza konke ngesifanekiso owaboniswa sona entabeni, kepha kalokhu unikiwe inkonzo enhle kakhulu, njengalokhu engumlamuleli wesivumelwano esihle kakhulu, esimisiwe ngokwezithembiso ezinhle kakhulu. ngokuba uma leso sivumelwano sokuqala besingasoleki, bekungayikufunwa indawo yesibili. ngokuba lapho ebasolayo, uthi kubo: bhekani, izinsuku ziyeza, isho inkosi, lapho ngiyakwenza isivumelwano esisha nendlu ka-israyeli, nendlu kajada, kungenjengesivumelwano engasenzayo nawoyise mhla ngibabamba ngesandla ukubakhipha ezweni lasengibithe, ngokuba abahlalanga esivumelwaneni sami, nami angibanakanga, isho inkosi. ngokuba yilesi esiyisivumelwano engiyakusenza nendlu ka-israyeli emva kwalezo zinsuku,

isho inkosi: ngiyakufaka imithetho yami engqondweni yabo, ngiyilobe ezinhliziyweni zabo, ngibe ngulezi-ku wabo, bona babe ngabantu bami. abasayikufundisa kube yilowo nalowo owakubo, nalowo umfowabo, ngokuthi: yazi inkosi; ngokuba bonke bayakungazi, kusukela komncane kuze kufike komkhulu wabo. ngokuba ngiyakuba nesiawu ngokungalungi kwabo, nezono zabo angisayikuzikhumbula. ngokusho lokho ukuthi: esisha, uthe esokuqala sigugile; kepha okugugayo osekukudala kuseduze nokunyamalala.

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kepha nesivumelwano sokuqala kambe sasinezimiso zenkonzo nendlu engcewele yasezweni. ngokuba kwakhiwa itabernakele lokuqala okwakukhona kulo uthi lwezibani, netafula, nezinkwa zokubukwa, okuthiwa elingcewele; ngasemva kwesihlenqo sesibili kwakukhona itabernakele elithiwa elingcewele, eline-altare legolide lokuthunqisa nomphongo wesivumelwano umboziwe ngegolide nxazonke, okwakukhona kuwo isitsha segolide esiphethe imana, nenduku ka-aroni eyahlumayo, nezibhebhe zesivumelwano; phezu kwawo kwakukhona amakherubi enkazimulo engamele isihlalo somusa, okungenakukhulunywa ngakho ngakunye manje. kepha lezo zinto zilungisiwe ngokunjalo, abapristi bangena njalo etabernakele lokuqala befeza izinkonzo, kodwa kwelesibili kungena umpristi omkhulu yedwa kanye ngomnyaka, kungengaphandle kwegazi anikela ngalo ngenxa yakhe uqobo nangenxa yezono zabantu, umoya ongcewele etshengisa lokhu ukuthi ayikabonakaliswa indlela eya endaweni engcewele, liseimi itabernakele lokuqala, elona lingumfanekiso kulesi sikhathi samanje, okulethwa ngawo iminikelo nemihlatshelo engenakumenza okhonzayo aphelele maqondana nonembeza, kodwa yona kanye nokudla nokuphuza nokugeza okuyizinhlobonhlobo iyizimiso zenyama kuphela ezibekiweyo, kuze kufike isikhathi sokupheleliswa kwezinto. kepha lokhu ukristu esefikile, engumpristi omkhulu wezinto ezinhle ezizayo, wadabula itabernakele elikhulu neliphelele kunalelo, elingenziwanga ngezandla, okungukuthi elingesilo lalokhu kudalwa, wangena kanye kuphela endaweni engcewele, kungengazi lezimbuze nelamathole kepha ngegazi lakhe, ezuzile ukukhululwa okuphakade. ngokuba uma igazi lezimbuze nelezinkunzi nomlotha wesithole kufafaza abangcolileyo, kuhlambulula kube ngukuhlanzeka kwenyama, kakhulu kangakanani igazi likakristu owazinikela kulezi-ku ngomoya ophakade engenacala lizakuhlaza unem-

beza wethu emisebenzini efileyo, ukuze sikhonze ulezi-ku ophilayo. ngalokho-ke ungumlamuleli wesivumelwano esisha, kuze kuthi ngokufa okungenxa yokukhululwa eziphambekweni zesivumelwano sokuqala ababiziweyo bazuze ifa eliphakade elathenjiswa. ngokuba lapho kukhona itestamente, kufuneka ukuba kubikwe ukufa kowalenzayo; ngokuba itestamente lisebenza sekufiwe, ngokuba alize lingaba namandla esekhona owalenzayo. ngalokho-ke isivumelwano sokuqala asimiswanga ngaphandle kwegazi. ngokuba isikhulunywe imiyalelo yonke ngokomthetho ngumose kubantu bonke, wayesethatha igazi lamathole nelembuzi kanye namanzi noboya obubomvu nehisi, wafafaza incwadi nabantu bonke, ethi: lokhu kuyigazi lesivumelwano anyale ngaso ulezi-ku. netabernaكلة futhi, nezitsha zonke zenkonzo wakufafaza kanjalo ngegazi. yebo, cishe zonke izinto zihlanjulwa ngegazi ngokomthetho; ngaphandle kokuchitha igazi akukho ukuthethelelwa. njalo-ke kwakudingekile ukuba imifanekiso yokusezulwini ihlanzwe ngalokho, kepha okusezulwini uqobo lwakho kuhlanzwe ngeminikelo emihle kunalena. ngokuba ukristu kangenanga endaweni engcwele eyenziwe ngezandla, engumfanekiso waleyo okuyiyo ngempela, kepha wangena ezulwini uqobo ukuba manje abonakale ebusweni bukalezi-ku ngenxa yethu, kungesikho futhi ukuba azinikele kaningi, njengalokhu umpristi omkhulu engena endaweni engcwele iminyaka ngeminyaka, ephele igazi elingesilo elakhe; uma kwakunjalo wayemelwe ukuhlupheka kaningi selokhu kwasekelwa izwe; kodwa kalokhu ubonakalisiwe kanye ekupheleni kwezikhathi ukuba asuse izono ngokuzinikela kwakhe. futhi njengalokhu kumiselwe abantu ukuba bafe kanye, emva kwalokhu ukwahlulelwa, kunjalo nokristu, esenikelwe kanye ukuba athwale izono zabaningi, uyakubonakala ngokwesibili ngaphandle kwesono kulabo abamlindeleyo, kube ngokusindiswa.

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ngokuba lokhu umthetho unesithunzi sezinto ezinhle ezizayo, ungesiwo umfanekiso wazo uqobo, ungeze waba namandla ngemihlatshelo enikelwa njalunjalo iminyaka ngeminyaka ukubenza baphelele labo abasondelayo; uma kwakungenjalo, ngaingayekwanga ukunikelwa na? lokhu phela abakhonzayo sebhlanjululwe kanye babengasayikuba novalo ngezono. kodwa kuleyo mihlatshelo kukhona ukukhunjulwa kwezono iminyaka ngeminyaka; ngokuba akunakwenzeka ukuba igazi lezinkunzi nelezimbuzi lisuse izono. ngalokho-ke esefika ezweni uthi: umhlatshelo nomnikelo

awuwuthandanga, kodwa ungilungisele umzimba. iminikelo yokushiswa nemihlatshelo ngenxa yesono awuyithokozelanga. ngase ngithi: bheka, ngiyeza emqulwini wencwadi kulotshiwe ngami ukuba ngiyenze, lezi-ku, intando yakho. eseshilo ngasenhla ukuthi: imihlatshelo, neminikelo, neminikelo yokushiswa, nemihlatshelo ngenxa yezono awuyithandanga, awuyithokozelanga, eyona ilethwa ngokomthetho, ubuye wathi: bheka, ngiyeza ukwenza intando yakho. ususa okokuqala, ukuze amise okwesibili. ngaleyo ntando singcwelisiwe ngokunikelwa komzimba kajesu kristu kanye kuphela. abapristi bonke kambe bemi bekhonza imihla ngemihla, benikela kaningi ngayona leyo mihlatshelo engasoze yaba namandla okususa izono; kepha yena, esenikele ngomhlatshelo waba munye ngenxa yezono, wahlala phakade ngakwesokunene sikalezi-ku, usalindele izitha zakhe zize zenziwe isenabelo sezinyawo zakhe. ngokuba ngomnikelo munye uphelelise njalunjalo labo abangcwelisiweyo, kepha nomoya ongcwele uyafakaza kithina, ngokuba emva kokusho kwakhe ukuthi: yilesi sivumelwano engizakusenza nabo, emva kwalezo zinsuku, isho inkosi: ngiyakufaka imithetho yami ezinhliziyweni zabo, ngiyilobe engqondweni yabo, nezone zabo nobubi babo angisoze ngakukhumbula futhi. kepha lapho kukhona ukuthethelelwa kwalokho, akusadingeki ukunikela ngenxa yesono. ngakho-ke, bazalwane, njengokuba sinisibindi sokungena endaweni engcwele ngegazi likajesu ngendlela asivulela yona, indlela entsha ephilayo, edabula isihlenqo, okungukuthi inyama yakhe, sinompristi omkhulu wendlu kalezi-ku, masisondele ngenhliziyo eqinisileyo ngokwethemba okupheleleyo kokukholwa, zifafaziwe izinhliziyu zethu kungasekho valo lbona-ra-ukukhandleka, umzimba wethu ugeziwe ngamanzi acwebileyo; masibambisise isivumo sethemba lethu singaxegi, ngokuba ukhalekile lowo owethembisayo; masiqaphelane, ukuze kuvuswe uthando nemisebenzi emihle, singakuyeki ukuhlanguka kwethu njen-gomkhuba wabanye, kepha masivuselelane, ikakhulu njengokuba nibona usuku luseondela. ngokuba uma sona ngamabomu emva kokuba sesamukele ukwazi kweqiniso, akusekho umnikelo ngezono, kepha kuphela ukulindela okwesabekayo ukwahlulelwa nomlilo oshisayo ozakuqeda amaphikankani. odelele umthetho kamose uyakufa engahawukelwa ngezwi lawofakazi ababili noma bebathathu; pho, nithi ufanele ukushaywa kangakanani kunalokho lowo onyathele phansi indodana kalezi-ku, wadelela igazi lesivumelwano angcweliswa ngalo, wahlambalaza umoya womusa,

na? ngokuba siyamazi owathi: ngeyami impindiselo, yimina engiyakubuyisela, futhi-ke: inkosi iyakubahlulela abantu bayo. kuyesabeka ukuwela ezandleni zikalezi-ku ophilayo. kepha khumbulani izinsuku zakuqala okwathi ngazo senikhanyisiwe nakhuthazela empini enkulu yezinhlopheko, kokunye ngokuba ngumbukwane ngezinhamba nangezimbandezeko, kokunye ngokuba ngabahlanganyeli nababephathwa kanjalo. ngokuba nazwelana nababoshiweyo, navuma ngokuthokoza ukuphangwa kwempahla yenu, nazi ukuthi nina ninempahla enhle kunaleyo, nemiyo njalo. ngakho-ke maningalahli isibindi senu esinomvuzo omkhulu. ngokuba nidinga ukubekezela, ukuze seniyenzile intando kalezi-ku namukele isithembiso. ngokuba kuse yisikhashana nje, ozayo uyeza, akayikulibala; kepha olungileyo wami uyakuphila ngokukholwa; kepha uma ehlela nyovane, umphefumulo wami awunakuthokoza ngaye. kepha thina asibibo abokuhlehlela ekubhujisweni, kodwa singabokukholwa, kuze kube ngukusindiswa komphfumulo.

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kepha ukukholwa kungukuqiniseka ngezinto ezithenjwayo, kuyiqiniso ngezinto ezingabonwayo. ngokuba okhokho bafakazelwa ngakho. ngokukholwa siqonda ukuthi izwe lonke ladatshulwa ngezwi likalezi-ku, kuze kuthi okubonwayo akuvelanga kokubonwayo. ngokukholwa u-abela wanikela kulezi-ku ngomhlatshelelo omuhle kunokayini, athola ngakho ubufakazi bokuthi ulungile, ulezi-ku uqobo efakaza ngeziphu zakhe; nangakho usakhluma, noma efile. ngokukholwa u-enoke wathathwa, ukuze angaboni ukufa, akabe esafunyanwa, ngokuba ulezi-ku wayemthabathile. ngokuba engakathathwa ufakazelwe ukuthi wayethokozisa ulezi-ku; kepha-ke ngaphandle kokukholwa akwenzeki ukumthokozisa; ngokuba ozayo kulezi-ku umelwe ukukholwa ukuthi ukhona nokuthi ungumvuzi walabo abamfunayo. ngokukholwa unowa exwayisiwe ngezinto ebezingakabonwa, esaba ulezi-ku, wakha umkhumbi wokusindisa indlu yakhe, okungakho walahla izwe, waba yindlalifa yokulunga okuvela ngokukholwa. ngokukholwa u-abrahama walalela ebizwa ukuba aphume aye endaweni abezakuyamukeliswa ibe yifa lakhe; waphuma engazi lapho eya khona. ngokukholwa waba ngumfokazi ezweni lesithembiso kwangathi ngelezizwe, ehlela ematendeni, beno-isaka nojakobe, beyizindlalifa kanye naye zaleso sithembiso, ngokuba wayebheke umuzi onezisekelo, omakhi nomenzi

wawo ngulezi-ku. ngokukholwa naye usara uqobo wathola amandla okukhulelwa esedlulelwe yisikhathi, ngokuba wathi ukhokile owethembisayo. ngakho-ke kwavela koyedwa, yena enjengosewafa, abangangezinkanyezi zezulu ngobuningi, bangangesihlabathi esisogwini lolwandle esingenakubalwa. bonke laba bafa bekholiwe, bengazamukeliswa izithembiso, kepha bezibonile, bezithakazele zikude, bevumile ukuthi bangabafokazi nezihambi emhlabeni. ngokuba abasho kanjalo babonakalisa ukuthi bafuna izwe lakubo. uma kambe bebecabanga ngalelo ababephuma kulo, bebeyakuba nethuba lokubuyela kulo; kepha manje balangazelela elihle kunalelo, okungukuthi elasezulwini. ngalokho ulezi-ku akanamahloni ngabo ukuba abizwe ngokuthi ulezi-ku wabo, ngokuba ubalungisele umuzi. ngokukholwa u-abrahama evinywa wanikela ngo-isaka, yebo, yena owayamukele izithembiso, wanikela ngozelwe yedwa wakhe, okwathiwa kuye: inzalo yakho iyakubizwa ngo-isaka, ethi ulezi-ku unamandla okuvusa nakwabafileyo; ngokulinganisa wabuyewamthola futhi evela khona. ngokukholwa u-isaka wabusisa ojakobe no-esawu ngezinto ebezizakuza. ngokukholwa ujakobe esezakufa wabusisa leyo naleyo yamadodana kajosefa, wakhuleka encikile esihlokwini sodondolo lwakhe. ngokukholwa u-josefa esezakufa wakhuluma ngokuphuma kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli, wayaleza ngamathambo akhe. ngokukholwa umose esezelwe wafihlwa ngabazali bakhe izinyanga ezintathu, ngokuba bembona engumntwana omuhle; abawesabanga umyalo wenkosi. ngokukholwa umose esekhulile wala ukubizwa ngokuthi indodana yendodakazi kafaro; kunalokho wakhetha ukuphathwa kabi kanye nabantu bakalezi-ku kunokuba athokoze isikhashana esonweni, ethi ukuthukwa ngenxa kakristu kuyimfuyo enkulu kunengezvo yasegibithe, ngokuba wayebheke umvuzo. ngokukholwa washiya igibithe engesabi ulaka lwenkosi; ngokuba wakhuthazela sengathi uyambona ongabonwayo. ngokukholwa wamisa iphasika nokufafaza ngegazi, ukuze umbhubhisi angathinti amazibulo abo. ngokukholwa badabula ulwandle olubomvu kungathi kusemhlathini owomileyo, okwathi abasegibithe bekulinga lokho, baminza. ngokukholwa izingange zasejeriko zawa, sezizungeziwe izinsuku eziyisikhombisa. ngokukholwa, urahabi isifebe, akabhuhanga kanye nabangalalelanga, esezamukele izinhlozi ngokuthula. ngisezakuthini futhi na? isikhathi kambe sizakungishiya, uma ngibalisa ngogideyoni, nobaraki, nosamsoni, nojefta, nodavide, nosamuweli nabaprofethi, abathi ngokukholwa banqoba imibuso,

basebenza ukulunga, bazuza izithembiso, bavimba imilomo yezingonyama, bacima amandla omlo, baphepha osikweni lwenkemba, baphiwa amandla ebuthakathakeni, baba yiziqhwaga empini, baxosha izimpi zabezizwe. abesifazane bamukeliswa abafileyo babo bevuusiwe; abanye bahlushwa, kabavuma ukukhululwa, ukuze bathole ukuvuka okuhle; abanye balingwa ngokujivazwa nokushaywa, yebo, noku-boshwa nokufakwa etilongweni; bakhandwa ngamatshe, banqunywa ngesaha, balingwa, babulawa ngenkemba, bazulazula bem-bela izikhumba zezimvu nezezimbuzi, beswela, behlushwa, bephathwa kabi, izwe elingabafanele bona, behamba emahlane, nasezintabeni, nasemihumeni, nasemigedeni yomhlaba. labo bonke, befakazelwe ngokukholwa, abazuzanga isithembiso, ngokuba ulezi-ku wayesibonele okuhle kunalokho, ukuze bangapheleliswa ngaphandle kwethu.

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ngalokho-ke nathi, lokhu sinefu elingaka lawofakazi elisihaqileyo, masilahle konke okusindayo nesono esithandela kangaka kithi, sigijime ngokubekezela kulokhu kuncintisana esikumiselweyo, sibhekile kujesu, umqalisi nomphelelisi wokukholwa kwethu, owathi esikhundleni sentokoza ayibekelweyo wathwala isiphambano engalinaki ihlazo, wahlala ngakwesokunene sesihlalo sobukhosi sikalezi-ku. yebo, mqondeni yena owakhuthazela epikwa kangaka yizoni, ukuze ningakhathali, niphele amandla emiphefumulweni yenu. anikamelani nezono nhlwa kuze kube segazini; senikhohliwe umyalo okhuluma kinina njengakubantwana wokuthi: ndodana yami, ungadeleli ukulaya kwenkosi, uphele amandla, nxa usolwa yiyo, ngokuba inkosi iyamlaya emthandayo ishayo yileyo naleyo ndodana eyamukelayo. bekezelani ekulayweni; ulezi-ku uyaniphathisa okwabantwana, ngokuba yiyiphi indodana engalaywa nguyise na? kepha uma ningalaywa, abathe bonke benziwa abahlanganyeli kukho, khona-ke ningabesihlahla, anisiwo amadodana. futhi-ke sasinawobaba bethu benyama abasilayayo, sabazisa; pho, asi-yikuthobela uyise wawomoya kakhulu kunalokho, siphile, na? ngokuba bona kambe basilaya izinsukwana njengokubona kwabo, kepha yena kube yinsizakalo, size sithole ukuhlanganyela ubungcwele bakhe. ukulaya konke okwamanje kungathi akusikho okwentokoza, kepha kungokosizi, kodwa ngasemuva kuyabathelela isithelo esihle sokulunga labo abahlakahliswe yikho. ngakho-ke qinisani izandla ezibuthakathaka namadolo axegayo, nenzele

izinyawo zenu izindlela eziqondileyo ukuba okuhugayo kungaphinyizeki, kepha kunalokho kuphulukiswe. zamelani ukuthula nabo bonke kanye nokungcweliswa, ongenakho angeyibone inkosi; niqaphelise kungabikho osilelayo emseni kalezi-ku, funa kumile impande imbe ebabayo, inixobise, kungcoliswe abanengi yiyo, kungabikho oyisifebe noma odumazayo njengo-esawu owathengisa ubuzibulo bakhe ngesidlo sinye nje. ngokuba niyazi ukuthi, nokuba ngasemuva ethanda ukudla ifa lesibusiso, waliwa, ngokuba akalitholanga ithuba lokuphenduka, noma ekufunisisa ngezinyembezi. ngokuba anizanga entabeni ephathekayo nesha umlilo, nasekufiphaleni, nasebumnyameni, nasesivunguvungwini, nasekukhaleni kwecilongo, nasekuzwakaleni kwamazwi, abathe ukukuzwa, bancenga ukuba kungabe kusakhulunywa izwi kubo, ngokuba babengenakukuthwala lokho abayalwa ngakho kokuthi: ngisho nesilwane, uma sithinta intaba, siyakukhandwa ngamatshe, yebo, umbono wesabeka kangaka, waze wathi umose: nginovalo olukhulu, ngiyathuthumela, kodwa nize entabeni yasesiyoni nasemzini kalezi-ku ophilayo, ijerusalema lasezulwini, nasezigidigidini zezingelosi, nasebandleni lamazibulo abhaliwe ezulwini, nakulezi-ku, umahluleli wabo bonke, nakuyo imimoya yabalungileyo abaphelelisiweyo, nakujesu, umlamuleli wesivumelwano esisha, nasegazini lokufafa elikhuluma okukhulu kunelika-abela. bhekani, ningamali okhulumayo; ngokuba uma bengaphunyakanga labo ababemala lowo owabaxwayisa emhlabeni, kakhulu asi-yikuphunyuka thina esimfulathelayo oxwayisa esezulwini, ozwi lakhe lanyakazisa umhlaba ngaleso sikhathi, kepha manje uthembisile wathi: kusezakuba kanye ngizamamazise kungabi ngumhlaba wodwa, kepha nezulu futhi. lokho kokuthi: kusezakuba kanye kutshengisa ukuguqulwa kwezinto ezinyakaziswayo, njengokuba zenziwe, ukuze lezo ezinganyakaziswayo zime. ngakho-ke lokhu samukeliswa umbuso ongenakunyakaziswa, masibonge ngesingamkhonza ngakho ulezi-ku ngokumthokozisa, nangokumhlonipha, nangokuthuthumela, ngokuba ulezi-ku wethu ungumlilo oqothulayo.

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malume njalo uthando lobuzalwane. ningakhohlwa ukungenisa izihambi ngokuba ngalokho abanye bangenisa izingelosi bengazi. bakhumbuleni ababoshiweyo kungathi niboshiwe kanye nabo, nabaphethwe kabi, njengalokhu nani nisenzimbeni. ukuganana makuhlonishwe yiyo bonke, umbhede ungabi nasisihla, ngokuba iz-

ifebe neziphingi ulezi-ku uyakuzahlulela. ukwenza kwenu makungabi ngokokufisa imali; yaneliswani ngeninakho; ngokuba yena ushilo wathi: angisoze ngakuyeka, angisoze ngakushiya, ukuze sisho ngesibindi, sithi: inkosi ingumsizi wami, angiyikwesaba; umuntu angangenzeni na? bakhumbuleni ababenihola bekhuluma izwi likalezi-ku kini, niqonda ukuphela kokuhamba kwabo, nilingise ukukholwa kwabo. ujesu kristu nguyena izolo nana-muhla, yebo, naphakade. ningadukiswa yizifundiso eziyizinhlobonhlobo nezingaziwayo; ngokuba kuhle ukuba inhliziyo iqiniswe ngomusa, kungabi ngokudla, abangasizakalanga ngakho abahamba ngakho, sine-altare thina, abangenalungelo lokudla kulo abakhonza etabernakele. ngokuba izidumbu zalezo zilwane ezigazilazo lingeniswa ngumpristi omkhulu endaweni engcwele ngenxa yezono zishiswa ngaphandle kwekamu. ngakho-ke naye ujesu, ukuze angcwelise abantu ngegazilakhe, wahlupheka ngaphandle kwesango. masiphumele kuye ngaphandle kwekamu, sithwale ihlazo lakhe. ngokuba lapha asinamuzi omiyo, kepha siyawufuna ozayo. masinikele njalonjalo kulezi-ku ngayemhlatshelo wokubonga, okungukuthi isithelo sezindebe ezivuma igama lakhe. kepha maningakhohlwa ukwenza okuhle nokuphana, ngokuba iminikelo enjalo ulezi-ku uthokoziswa yiyo. lalalani abaniholayo, nibathobele, ngokuba balinda imiphefumulo yenu njengabazakulandiswa ngayo, ukuze bakwenze lokhu ngokujabula, bangabubuli, ngokuba lokhu akunakunisiza. sikhulekeleni, ngokuba siyethemba ukuthi sinonembeza omuhle, sithanda ukuhamba kahle ezintweni zonke. ngiyaniyala kakhulu ukuba nenze lokho, ukuze ngibuyiselwe kini masinyane. kepha ulezi-ku wokuthula owakhuphula kwabafileyo umalusi omkhulu wezimvu ngegazi lesivumelwano esimiyonjalo, inkosi yethu ujesu, makaniphelelise kukho konke okuhle, ukuze nenze intando yakhe, esebenza phakathi kwethukhona lokho okuthokozisayo emehlweni akhe ngojesu kristu; makube kuye inkazimulo kuze kube phakade naphakade. amen. ngiyaniyala, bazalwane, lamukeleni kahle izwi lokuyala, ngokuba nginilobele ngokufushane. yazini ukuthi umfowethu uthimothewu ukhululiwe; uma efika masinyane, ngiyakunibona sinaye. khonzani kubo bonke abaniholayo nakubo bonke abangcwele. abase-italiya bayakhonza kini. umusa mawube nani nonke. amen.

ujakobe, inceku kalezi-ku neyenkosi ujesu kristu, uyakhonza kuzo izizwe eziyishumi nambili ezihlakazekileyo. bazalwane bami, nxa nehlelwa yizilingo ngezilingo, anothi kungukuthokoza kodwa, nazi ukuthi ukuvivinywa kokukholwa kwenu kuveza ukukhuthazela. kepha ukukhuthazela makube nomsebenzi opheleleyo, ukuze nibe ngabapheleleyo nabangenacala abangasweli lutho. uma-ke kukhona kini oswela ukhulakanipha, makacele kulezi-ku obapha bonke ngobuhle engajakadi, khona uyakuphiwa. kepha makacele ngokukholwa engangabazi ngalutho; ngokuba ongabazayo unjengedlambi lolwandle elighutshwa, ligujiswa ngumoya. ngakho makangasho lowo muntu ukuthi uyakwamukeliswa utho yinkosi, umuntu onhliziyombili oquququkayo ezindleleni zakhe zonke. umzalwane ophansi makazincome ngokuphakama kwakhe, kepha oyisicebi makazincome ngobuphansi bakhe, ngokuba njengembali yotshani uyakudlula. ngokuba ilanga liphuma libalele, libunisa utshani, imbali yabo iwele phansi, nobuhle besimo sabo bunyamalale; kanjalo nesicebi siyakudlula ezindleleni zaso. ubusiwe umuntu okhuthazela ekulingweni; ngokuba esevivinyekile uyakwamukeliswa umqhele wokuphila othenjisiwe yinkosi kwabayithandayo. umuntu oyengwayo makangasho ukuthi: ngiyengwa ngulezi-ku, ngokuba ulezi-ku angeyengwe ngbona-ra-ukukhandleka, naye uqobo akayengi muntu. kepha yilowo nalowo uyengwa ehuwa ngezakhe izinkanuko, ehungwa; uma inkano isithathile, ibeletha isono; nesono sesiphelelisiwe, sizala ukufa. ningadukiswa, bazalwane bami abathandekayo. izipho zonke ezinhle neziphiwo zonke ezipheleleyo zivela phezulu, zehla kuyise wokukhanya okungekho kuye ukuguquka nasithunzi sokuphenduka. ngokuthanda kwakhe wasizala ngezwi leqiniso, ukuze sibe ngabokuqala bezidalwa zakhe. niyakwazi lokho, bazalwane bami abathandekayo. yilowo nalowo muntu makasheshe ukuzwa, aphuze ukukhuluma, aphuze ukuthukuthela; ngokuba ulaka lomuntu alusebenzi ukulunga kukalezi-ku. ngakho lahlani yonke insila nbona-ra-ukukhandleka okuvamileyo, namukele ngomoya omnene izwi elitshaliweyo elinamandla okusindisa imiphefumulo yenu. yibani ngabalenzayo izwi, ningabi ngabalizwayo kuphela, nizikhohlisa. ngokuba uma umuntu engolizwayo izwi engesiye olenzayo, lowo ufana nomuntu obuka ubuso bakhe bemvelo esibukweni; ngokuba uyazibuka, amuke, akhohlwe masinyane ukuthi wayengonjani. kepha obukisisa emthethweni opheleleyo wenkululeko nohlala

kuwo, engesiye ozwayo nje akhohlwe, kodwa engowenzayo asebenze, lowo uzakuba ngobusisiweyo ekwenzeni kwakhe. uma umuntu esho ukuthi uyikhohla, engabophi ulimi lwakhe kungathi ngetomu kodwa ekhohlisa inhliziyo yakhe, ukukhonza kwalowo kuyize. ukukhonza okumhlophe okungenabala phambi kukalezi-ku ubaba yilokhu ukuhambela izintandane nabafelokazi osizini lwabo nokuzigcina kungabi yicala lokwezwe.

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bazalwane bami, ukukholwa kwenu yinkosi yethu yenkazimulo ujesu kristu makungabi nokukhetha abantu. ngokuba uma kungena esinagogeni lenu umuntu onendandatho yegolide nezingubo ezicwebezelayo, kungene nompofu onezingubo ezimbi, nimbheke ogqokile izingubo ezicwebezelayo, nithi: hlala lapha wena kulendawo enhle, besenithi kompofu: yima lapho wena, noma: hlala phansi kwesenabelo sezinyawo zami, anikhethi yini, nibe ngabahluleli abanezizindlo ezimbi na? yizwani, bazalwane bami abathandekayo. ulezi-ku akakhethanga yini abampofu ezweni babe ngabacebileyo ekukholweni nezindlalifa zombuso awuthembisa bona abamthandayo na? kepha nina namdumaza ompofu. abacebileyo abanicindezeli yini, abanihuduleli emacaleni na? abahlambalazi igama elihle enibizwa ngalo na? kepha uma nigcina umthetho wobukhosi ngokombhalo wokuthi: wothanda umakhelwane wakho njengalokhu uzithanda wena, nenza kahle; kodwa uma nikhetha abantu, nenza isono, nilahlwa ngumthetho njengabaweqayo. ngokuba ogcina wonke umthetho kepha akhubeke kowodwa, unecala kuyo yonke. ngokuba yena owathi: ungaphingi, wathi futhi: ungabulali, uma-ke ungaphingi kepha ubulale, ungoweqa umthetho. khulumani kanjalo, nenze kanjalo njenogufanele abayakwahlulelwa ngomthetho wenkululeko. ngokuba ukwahlulelwa okungenasihawu kuyakumehlela ongenzi isihawu; isihawu sizigabisa ekwahluleleni. kusizani, bazalwane bami, uma umuntu ethi unokukholwa, kepha engenayo imisebenzi na? ukukholwa kungamsindisa na? uma umzalwane noma umzalwanekazi behamba ze, beswela ukudla kwemihla ngemihla, kusho omunye kini kubo ukuthi: hambani nibe nokuthula, nifudumale; nisuthe, kepha ningabaphi lokho okudingwa ngumzimba, lokhu kusizani na? kanjalo-ke nokukholwa, uma kungenayo imisebenzi, kufile ngokwakho. kepha omunye uyakuthi: wena unokukholwa, mina nginemisebenzi, ngibonise ukukholwa kwakho ngaphandle kwemisebenzi, nami ngizakukhombisa ukukholwa ngemisebenzi yami. wena

uyakholwa ukuthi ulezi-ku munye na? wenza kahle; namademoni ayakholwa, athuthumele. kepha wena muntu ongelutho uyathanda ukuqonda ukuthi ukukholwa ngaphandle kwemisebenzi kuyize na? u-abrahama ubaba wayengalungisiswa yini ngemisebenzi enikela ngendodana yakhe u-isaka e-altare na? uyabona ukuthi ukukholwa kwasebenza kanye nemisebenzi yakhe nokuthi ukukholwa kwapheliselwa ngemisebenzi, kwagcwalelisa umhlaba othi: kepha u-abrahama wakholwa ngulezi-ku, kwabalelwa kuye ukuthi kungukulunga, wabizwa ngokuthi umhlaba kalezi-ku. niyabona ukuthi umuntu uyalingisiswa ngemisebenzi, kungengokukholwa kuphela. kanjalo-ke norahabi isifebe wayengalungisiswa ngemisebenzi yini, ezamukele izithunywya eziphumisa ngenye indlela na? ngokuba njengalokhu umzimba ngaphandle komoya ufile, kanjalo nokukholwa ngaphandle kwemisebenzi kufile.

### 3

ningabi ngabafundisi abaningi, bazalwane bami, nazi ukuthi siyakwamukeliswa ukwahlulelwa okukhulu. ngokuba sonke siyakhubeka ngokuningi; uma umuntu engakhubeki ngazwi, lowo uyindoda epheleleyo enamandla okubamba nomzimba wonke kungathi ngetomu. uma-ke sifaka amatomu emilonyeni yamahashi ukuba asilalele, siqondisa nomzimba wonke wawo. bhekani nemikhumbi, ingaka nje, iqhutshwa yimimoya enamandla, iqondiswa ngephini elincinyane, lapho umshayeli efuna ukuyiqondisa khona. lunjalo nolimi; luyisitho esincane, kanti luyazigabisa kakhulu. bhekani umlilo omncane uvuthisa ihlathi elingaka; nolimi lungumlilo, ulimi lumi luyizwe lokungalungi phakathi kwezitho zethu, lungcolisa umzimba wonke, luthungela ukuphila konke, luthungelwa yisihogo. ngokuba yonke imvelo yezilwane, neyezinyoni, neyezikhasayo, neyeziselwandle iyathanjiswa, yebo, yathanjiswa ngemvelo yabantu; kepha ulimi akakho kubantu onamandla okuluthambisa; lungububi obuyaluzayo, lugcwele isihlungu esibulalayo. ngalo sibonga inkosi ubaba, nangalo siqalekisa abantu abenziwe ngomfanekiso kalezi-ku; emlonyeni munye kuphuma ukubusisa nokuqalekisa. aku-fanele, bazalwane bami, ukuba lokho kube kanjalo. umthombo uyakhipha yini amnandi nababayo emgodini munye na? umkhiwane, bazalwane bami, ungaba namandla yini okuthela izithelo zomnqumo, noma umvini amakhiwane na? amanzi kasawoti angeveze amnandi. ngubani ohlakaniphileyo nowaziyo phakathi kwenu na? makakhombise ngenkambo enhle

imisebenzi yakhe ngobumnene bokuhlakanipha. kepha uma ninomhawu obabayo nombango ezinhliziyweni zenu, ningazibongi, ningaliqambeli iqiniso. lokhu kuhlakanipha akusikho okwaphezulu kodwa kungokomhlaba, kungokwemvelo, kungokwamademoni; ngokuba lapho kukhona umhawu nombango, kukhona isiyaluyalu nezenzo zonke ezimbi. kepha ukuhlakanipha okwaphezulu okokuqala kumhlophe, andukuba kube nokuthula, nokuva, nokulalela, kugcwele isihawu nezithelo ezinhle; akunakungabaza, akunakuzenzisa. kepha isithelo sokulunga sihlwanyelwa ngokuthula kubo abakwenzayo ukuthula.

### 4

zivelaphi izimpi, nokulwa kuvelaphi phakathi kwenu na? akuveli yini lapho ezinkanukweni zenu ezilwayo ezithweni zenu na? niyafisa, nokho aninalutho; niyabulala ninomhawu, nokho anizuzi lutho; niyalwa nenza impi. aninalutho, ngokuba ningaceli; niyacela, nokho anamukeliswa, ngokuba nicela kabi, ukuze nikuchithele ezinkanukweni zenu. ziphingi, anazi yini ukuthi ukuthanda izwe kungubutha kulezi-ku na? ngakho lowo othanda ukuba ngumhlaba wezwe, umi eyisitha sikalezi-ku. niyacabanga yini ukuthi umbhalo usho ngeze ukuthi: umoya awuhlalisa kithi unxanela ngokomhawu, na? kodwa unika umusa ngokwenezela; ngakho uthi: ulezi-ku umelana nabazidlayo, kepha abathobekileyo ubapha umusa. ngakho thobelani ulezi-ku, kepha nimelane nosathane, khona uyakunibalekela; sondelani kulezi-ku, khona uyakusondela kinina. hlanzani izandla nina zoni, nihlambulule izinhliziyi nina bonhliziyombili. yibani lusizi, nidabuke, nikhale; ukuhleka kwenu makuphenduke ukudabuka, nokujabula kube ngukujabha. zithobeni ebusweni benkosi, khona iyakuniphakamisa. ningahlabani, bazalwane. ohleba umzalwane, noma ahlulele umzalwane wakhe, uhleba umthetho, ahlulele umthetho; kepha uma wahlulela umthetho, awusiyi owenza okomthetho kodwa ungumahluleli. munye ongummisimthetho nomahluleli; nguyena onamandla okusindisa nokubhubhisa; kepha ungubani wena omahlulelayo umakhelwane na? minani nina enithi: namuhla noma ngomuso siyakuya kulona noma kulowaya muzi, siqede khona umnyaka, sithengiselane, sizuze, anikwazi okwangomuso; kuyini ukuphila kwenu na? ngokuba niyinkungu ebonakala isikhashana, ibisinyamalala. nga nisho nithi: uma inkosi ithanda, siphila, siyakwenza lokhu nalokho. kepha manje niyazibonga ngokuzigabisa kwenu; konke ukuzigabisa okunjalo kubi. ngakho owaziyo ukwenza okuhle engakwenzi



minani nina bacebileyo; khalani, nilile ngez-  
inhlupheko eziyakunehlela. ingcebo yenu  
ibolile, nezingubo zenu zidliwe yizinundu;  
igolide lenu nesiliva kugwalile, nokugwala  
kwakho kuyakuba ngufakazi ngakini, kudle  
inyama yenu njengomlilo. niqongelele  
ingcebo ezinsukwini zokuphela. bhekani,  
umvuzo wezisebenzi ezavuna amasimu  
enu eniwugodlileyo uyakhala, nokukhala  
kwabavunileyo kungenile ezindlebeni  
zenkosi seabwoti. nibusile emhlabeni, nata-  
masa; ninonisile izinhliziyu zenu ngosuku  
lokuhlaba. nilahlile, nabulala olungileyo;  
akamelani nani. ngakho bekezelani, bazal-  
wane, ize ifike inkosi. bhekani, umlimi  
uyalindela isithelo somhlaba esiyigugu,  
ebekezelela sona, size sithole imvula  
yokuqala neyamuva. bekezelani nani,  
niqinise izinhliziyu zenu, ngokuba ukufika  
kwenkosi kusondele. ningavungamelani,  
bazalwane, ukuba ningahlulelwa; bhekani,  
umahluleli umi ngaseminyango. bazalwane,  
misani abaprofethi ababekhuluma egameni  
lenkosi babe yisibonelo sokuhlupheka  
nokubekezela. bhekani, babusisiwe  
abakhuthazelayo; nizwile ngokukhut-  
hazela kukajobe, nibonile impetho yenkosi  
ukuthi inkosi inesihe esikhulu nesihawu.  
kepha phezu kwakho konke, bazalwane  
bami, ningafungi; ningafungi izulu noma  
umhlaba noma esinye isifungo; kodwa  
uyebo wenu makabe nguyebo, noqhabo  
uqhabo, ukuze ningaweli ekwahlulelweni.  
kukhona ohluphekayo phakathi kwenu na?  
makakhuleke; kukhona owenamileyo na?  
makahube. kukhona ogulayo phakathi  
kwenu na? makabize amalunga ebandla,  
amkhulekele, amgcobe ngamafutha egameni  
lenkosi. umkhuleko wokukholwa uyakum-  
sindisa ogulayo, inkosi imvuse; noma enzile  
izonu, uzakuthethelelwa zona. ngakho, vu-  
mani izono omunye komunye, nikhulekelane  
ukuba niphulukiswe. umkhuleko oqinileyo  
wolungileyo unamandla kakhulu. u-eliya  
wayengumuntu efana nathi; wakhuleka  
nokukhuleka ukuba lingani; alinanga emh-  
labeni iminyaka emithathu nezinyanga  
eziyisithupha. wabuye wakhuleka; izulu  
lana imvula, nomhlaba wathela izithelo  
zawo. bazalwane bami, uma omunye kini  
eduka eqinisweni, omunye ambuyise, yazini  
ukuthi obuyisile isoni ekudukeni kwendlela  
yaso uyakusindisa umphefumulo wakhe  
ekufeni, asibekele izono eziningi.

upetru, umphostoli kajesu kristu, kwabayizihambi abahlakazekile epontu, nasegalathiya, nasekhaphadosiya, nase-asiya, nasebithiniya, bekhethiwe ngokwaziphambili kukalezi-ku uyise ngokungcwelisa kukamoya kukho ukulalela nokufafazwa ngegazi likajesu kristu: makwandiswe kinina umusa nokuthula. makabongwe ulezi-ku uyise wenkosi yethu ujesu kristu owabuye wasizala kabusha ngokwesihawu sakhe esikhulu ukuba sibe nethemba eliphilileyo ngokuvuka kukajesu kristu kwabafileyo, sibe nefa elingapheliyo, nelingenasisihla, nelingabuniyo, eniliginelwe ezulwini; nina enilondolozwa ngamandla kalezi-ku ngokukholwa ukuba nibe nokusindiswa okulungiselwe ukwambulwa ngesikhathi sokugcina; enithokoza ngakho, nokuba manje ngesikhashana, uma kudingeka, nidabukiswa ngezilingo eziyizinhlobo, ukuze ukuvivinywa kokukholwa kwenu okuyigugu kunegolide elibubhayo noma livivinywa ngomlilo kufunyanwe kube ngukubongwa, nodumo, nokutuseka ekwambulweni kukajesu kristu; enimthanda ningambonanga, enithi ningamboni manje nikholwa nguye, nithokoza ngentokoza engakhulumekiyo netusekayo, namukela isigcino sokukholwa kwenu esiyinsindiso yemiphefumulo. ngayo leyo nsindiso babefunisisa bephenyisisa abaprofethi ababeprofetha ngomusa obuzakuza kinina, bephenya ukuthi yisiphi nokuba sinjani isikhathi asikhombayo umoya kakristu owayekubo, efakaza ngaphambili ngezinhlupeko eziqondene nokristu nangenkazimulo eyakulandela zona; abambulelwe ukuba bangazikhonzi bona kepha nina ngalezo zinto enishunyayezwa zona manje ngabanishumayeza ivangeli ngomoya ongwele othunyeve evela ezulwini, izinto ezizifisayo izingelosi ukuzibona. ngalokho zibopheni izinkalo zengqondo yenu, nizithibe, nethemba ngokupheleleyo umusa enizakuwabelwa ekwambulweni kukajesu kristu. njengabantwana abalalelayo ningalingisi izinkanuko zakuqala ekungazini kwenu, kodwa njengowanibizayo engcwele, manibe ngcwele nani ekuhambeni konke, ngokuba kulotshiwe ukuthi: manibe ngcwele, ngokuba mina ngingcwele. uma nimbiza ngokuthi baba yena owahlulela yilowo nalowo ngokwemisebenzi yakhe engakhethi buso, anohamba ngokwesaba esikhathini sokuhlala kwenu ebufokazini, nazi ukuthi anihlangwanga ekuhambeni kwenu okuyize enakunikezwa ngawoyihlo ngezinto ezibubhayo, isiliva negolide, kodwa ngegazi elinqabileyo likakristu kungathi elewundlu elingenacala, elingena-

bala; owaziwa phakade, izwe lingakasekelwa, kepha wabonakaliswa ngezikhathi zokugcina ngenxa yenu enikholwa ngulezi-ku ngaye, owamvusa kwabafileyo nowamnika inkazimulo, ukuze ukukholwa kwenu kube nethemba kulezi-ku. senihlambululile imiphefumulo yenu ngokulalela iqiniso, nize nithande abazalwane ngokungazenzisi, thanadanani ngokupheleleyo omunye nomunye ngenhliziyo, senizelwe kabusha kungengambewu ephelayo kodwa ngen-gapheliyo, ngezwi eliphilileyo nelimiyo likalezi-ku, ngokuba, yonke inyama injengtoshani, nobukhosi bayo bonke bunjengembali yotshani; utshani buyabuna, nembali iyavuthuluka, kepha izwi lenkosi limi kuze kube phakade. yilo leli zwi levangeli elashunyayelwa kinina.

## 2

ngakho lahlani ububi bonke, nobuqili bonke, nokuzenzisa, nomhawu, nokuhleba konke; njengezingane ezisand' ukuzalwa langazelelani ubisi olungokomoya olungenakonakala, ukuze nikhule ngalo kube ngokusindiswa, uma seninambithile nezwa ukuthi inkosi imnene. sondelani kuyo, iyitshe eliphilileyo, elinqatshwe ngabantu, kepha kulezi-ku likhethekile, liyigugu, nakhiwe njengamatshelaphilileyo, nibe yindlu yokomoya, ubupristi obungcwele, ninikele ngemihlatshelo yokomoya eyamukelekayo kulezi-ku ngaye ujesu kristu. ngokuba kukhona embhalweni ukuthi: bhekani, ngibeka esiyoni itshe legumbi elikhethekile, liyigugu; okholwa yilo akasoze ajabhiswa. ngakho kini enikholwayo liyigugu; kepha kwabangakholwayo itshe abalingqabay abakhi yilona elaba yinhloko yegumbi, netshe lokuqhuzula, nedwala lokukhubekisa; baqhuzuka bengalaleli izwi, okuyikhona bekumiselweyo; kepha nina niluhlanga olukhethiweyo, ubupristi obobukhosi, isizwe esingcwele, abantu abazuziweyo, ukuze nishumaye ubukhosi balowo owanibiza niphume ebumnyameni, ningene ekuhanyeni kwakhe okumangalisayo; ekade naningesiso isizwe, kepha manje niyisizwe sikalezi-ku, enanin-gahawukelwanga, kepha manje nihawukelwe. bathandekayo, nginincenga njengabafokazi nezihambi ukuba nidede ezinkanukweni zenyama ezilwa nomphefumulo, nibe nenkambo enhle phakathi kwabezizwe, ukuze kuthi lapho benihleba ngokungathi ningabenzi bbona-ra-ukukhandleka, ngokubona imisebenzi yenu emihle badumise ulezi-ku ngosuku lokuhanjelwa. thobelani izimiso zonke zabantu ngenxa yenkosi, nokuba kuyinkosi njengokuba ingomkhulu, nokuba kungababusi njengokuba bethunywa yiyo, ukuze bajezise abenza

bona-ra-ukukhandleka, babonge abenza okuhle, ngokuba injalo intando kalezi-ku ukuba ngokwenza okuhle nithulise ukungazi kwabantu abayiziwula njengabakhululekileyo, kodwa kungabi njengabenza ukukhululeka kube yisigubuzelo sbona-ra-ukukhandleka kepha njengezinceku zikalezi-ku. baziseni bonke, nithande abazalwane; mesabeni ulezi-ku, niyazise inkosi. nina zinceku, thobelani amakhosi ngokwesaba konke, kungabi ngamahle navileyo kuphela kodwa nayizixhwanguxhwangu. ngokuba kuyabongeka lokho, uma umuntu ngenxa kanembeza ngakulezi-ku ethwala izinsizi, ehlushwa ngokungafanele. ngokuba kuludumo luni, uma nibekezela nishaywa lapho nonile na? kepha uma nibekezela lapho nenze okuhle nihlushwa, lokho kuyabongeka kulezi-ku. ngokuba nabizelwa khona lokho, ngokuba ukristu wahlushwa ngenxa yenu, enishiyela isibonelo sokuba nilandele ezinyathelweni zakhe. ongenzanga isono, akufunyanwanga nankohliso emlonyeni wakhe, owathi ethukwa, akaphindisanga athuke; ehlushwa akawongelanga kepha wakunikela kuye owahlulela ngokulunga; yena owathwala izono zethu emzimbeni wakhe emthini, ukuze kuthi sesifile ezonweni siphile ekulungeni, oyena imivimbo yakhe naphulukiswa ngayo; ngokuba beninjengezimvu ezidukileyo, kodwa manje seniphendukele kumalusi nombonisi wemphefumulo yenu.

### 3

kanjalo, bafazi, thobelani amadoda enu, ukuze kuthi, uma ekhona ongakholwa yizwi, azuzwe ngaphandle kwezwi ngenkambo yabafazi bawo, ebona inkambo yenu emhlophe esekwesabeni. ukuhloba kwenu makungabi ngokungaphandle, okokwaluka izinwele, nokokufaka igolide, noma okokugqoka izingubo, kepha makube ngumuntu osithekileyo wenhliziyo ohloba ngokungabhubhiyo komoya omnene onokuthula, okuyigugu phambi kukalezi-ku. ngokuba kade babezihlobisa kanjalo abesifazane abangcwele abamethembayo ulezi-ku, bethobela amadoda abo, njengalokho usara wamlalela u-abrahama embiza ngokuthi inkosi, eningabantwana bakhe, uma nenza okuhle, ningesatshiswa nokukodwa okwesabisayo. kanjalo, madoda, hlalani nabo ngokokwazi, njengalokhu owesifazane eyisitsha esibuthakathaka, nibanike udumo, lokhu beyizindlalifa zomusa wokuphila kanye nani, ukuze imikhuleko yenu ingathiywa. okokugcina, manibe nhliziyonye nonke, nihawukelane, nithandane ngokwabazalwane, nibe nobubele nokuthobeka, ningaphindisi bona-ra-ukukhandleka ngbona-ra-ukukhandleka

nokuthuka ngokuthuka, kepha kakhulu manibusise, ngokuba nabizelwa lokho ukuba nidle ifa lokubusiwa. ngokuba osuka ethanda ukuphila nokubona izin-suku ezinhle, makanqande ulimi lwakhe kbona-ra-ukukhandleka, nezindebe zakhe zingakhulumi inkohliso, adede ebubini, enze okuhle, afune ukuthula, akujonge, ngokuba amehlo enkosi aphezu kwabalungileyo, izindlebe zayo zisekuxuseni kwabo, kepha ubuso benkosi buphezu kwabenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka. pho, ubani onganilimaza, uma nishisekela okuhle na? kepha noma nihlupheka ngenxa yokulunga, nibusisiwe. ningesabi ukwesabisa kwabo, ningakhat-hazeki, kepha mngcweliseni ukristu abe yinkosi ezinhliziyweni zenu, nihlale ninga-balungele ukubaphendula bonke abanibuzisa izizathu sethemba elikini, kodwa kube ngobumnene nangokwesaba, nibe nonembeza omuhle, ukuze kuthi kulokho abanihlela ngakho bajabhiswe labo abathuka ukuhamba kwenu okuhle kukristu. ngokuba kuhle ukuhlupheka ngokwenza okuhle, uma kuyintando kalezi-ku, kunokwenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka. ngokuba naye ukristu wahlupheka kwaba kanye ngezono, olungileyo ngenxa yabangalungile, ukuba asiye kulezi-ku, ebulawa enyameni kepha ephiliswa emoyeni, ehamba ngawo ukushumayeza omoya abasekuboshweni abakade bengalaleli, lapho ukubekezela kukalezi-ku kubalindele ezinsukwini zikanowa umkhumbi usakhiwa, abasindiswa ngawo abayingcosana, okungukuthi abayisishiya-galombili ngawo amanzi; enisindiswa ngawo manje nani ngokomfanekiso, okungukuthi ngombaphathizo, kungesikho ukususa insila yenyama kepha ukucela kulezi-ku unembeza omuhle, ngokuvuka kukajesu kristu okhona ngakwesokunene sikalezi-ku esenyukele ezulwini, sekubekwe phansi kwakhe izingelosi, negunya, namandla.

### 4

njengokuba ukristu wahlupheka enyameni, hlomani nani ukuqonda okunjalo, ngokuba ohluphekile enyameni uyekile ukona, ukuze ngesikhathi esiseleyo nisesenyameni ningabe nisahlala ngezinkanuko zabantu kodwa ngentando kalezi-ku. ngokuba isikhathi esidlulileyo sasanele ukwenza okuthandwa ngabezizwe ngokuhamba ngamanyala, nangezinkanuko, nangokudakwa, nangokumizha, nangokuxokozela, nangokukhonza izithombe okuyichilo. bayamangala ngokungagijimeli kwenu kulowo msindo wokushinga kwabo, behlambalaza; bayakuziphendulela kulowo olungele ukwahlulela abahambayo nabafileyo. ngokuba ngalokho ivangeli lashunyayelwa nakwabafileyo, ukuze bahlulelwe ngokwabantu

enyameni kepha baphile ngokukalezi-ku emoyeni. kepha ukuphela kwezinto zonke sekusondele. ngakho zikhuzeni, nizithibe, ukuze nikhuleke; kunakho konke yibani nokuthandana okungangamukiyo, ngokuba uthando lusibekela inqwaba yezono; anongenisana ngenjabulo, ningakhononi, nikhonzane, kube yilowo nalowo ngesipho asiphiweyo njengabaphathi abahle bomusa omninginingi kalezi-ku; uma umuntu ekhuluma, makakhulume njengokwamazwi kalezi-ku; uma umuntu ekhonza, makakhonze ngamandla awanikwa ngulezi-ku, ukuze ulezi-ku adunyiswe kukho konke ngojesu kristu okukuye inkazimulo namandla kuze kube phakade naphakade. amen. bathandekayo, nengamangali ngomlilo ophakathi kwenu enifikelwa yiwo ukuba nilingwe ngokungathi nehlelwe yinto engaziwayo, kodwa njengalokhu ningabahlanganyeli bezinhlupheko zikakristu, thokozani, ukuze kuthi nasekwambulweni kwenkazimulo yakhe nithokoze, nethabe nokwethaba. uma nithukwa ngenxa yegama likakristu, nibusisiwe, ngokuba umoya wenkazimulo nokalezi-ku uhlezi phezu kwenu. ngokuba makungabikho kini ohlupheka ngokuba engumbulali, noma eyisela, noma engowenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka, noma engozigaxa ezindabeni zabanye; kepha uma ehlupheka ngokuba engumkristu, makangabi namahloni, kepha makadumise ulezi-ku ngenxa yalelo gama. ngokuba sekuyisikhathi sokuba ukwahlulela kuqale endlini kalezi-ku; kepha uma kuthathela kithina, kuyakuba yini ukuphela kwabangalaleli ivangeli likalezi-ku na? uma olungileyo esindiswa kalukhuni, uyakubonakalaphi ongamesabi ulezi-ku noyisoni na? ngakho abahluphekayo ngokwentando kalezi-ku mababeke imiphefumulo yabo kumdali othembekayo ngokwenza okuhle.

## 5

ngakho ngiyawancenga amalunga aphakathi kwenu mina engiyilunga kanye nawo, nofakazi wezinhlupheko zikakristu, nomhlanganyeli wenkazimulo ezakwambulwa, ngithi: yalusani umhlambi kalezi-ku ophakathi kwenu, kungabi ngokucindezelwa kodwa ngokwentando kalezi-ku, kungabi ngenxa yenzuzo eyihlazo kodwa ngenhliziyo evumayo, kungabi njengabazenza amakhosi phezu kwamabandla enabelwa wona, kodwa nibe yizibonelo zomhlambi; kuyakuthi, nxa esebonakaliswa umalusi omkhulu, niyakuzuza umqhele wenkazimulo ongabuniyo. ngokunjalo, nina basha, thobelani amalunga; kepha nonke yembathani ukuthobeka, nithobelane, ngokuba ulezi-ku umelana nabazidlayo, kepha abathobeki-

leyo ubapha umusa. ngalokho zithobeni phansi kwesandla sikalezi-ku esinamandla, ukuze aniphakamise ngesikhathi esifaneleyo, niphonse izinkathazo zenu zonke phezu kwakhe, ngokuba uyanikhathalela. qondani, nilinde. isitha senu, usathane, siyahamba njengebhubeseli elibhodlayo sifuna esingamgwinya; melanani naye niqinile ekukholweni, nazi ukuthi zona lezo zinhlupheko zehlala abazalwane benu abasezweni. kepha ulezi-ku womusa wonke owanibizela enkazimulweni yakhe yaphakade ngokristu, senihluphekile isikhashana, yena uqobo uyakuniphelelisa, aniqinise, aninike amandla, anisekele. makube kuye amandla kuze kube phakade naphakade. amen. ngosilvanu umfowethu othembekayo ngokubona kwami nginilobeke ngokufushane, ngincenga, ngifakaza ukuthi lo yiwo umusa oqinisekileyo kalezi-ku; yimani kuwo. liyakhonza kini ibandla elikhethiweyo, kanye nani elisebabiloni, nomarku indodana yami. bingelelanani ngokwanga kothando. ukuthula makube kini nonke enikukristu.

usimeyoni petru, inceku nomphostoli kajesu kristu, kubo abazuzile ukukholwa okuyigugu ngokufana nokwethu ngokulunga kukalezi-ku wethu nomsindisi ujesu kristu: mak-wandiswe kini umusa nokuthula ngokumazi ulezi-ku nojesu inkosi yethu. njengokuba amandla akhe obulezi-ku esinikile konke okuqondene nokuphila nokumesaba ulezi-ku ngokumazi yena owasibiza ngenkazimulo nobuhle bakhe, esiphiwe ngakho izithem-biso eziyigugu nezikhulukazi, ukuze ngazo nibe ngabahlanganyeli nesimo sobulezi-ku, nibalekele ukubhubha okusezweni ngezinkanuko, ngalokho nengezela inkuthalo yonke neleleke ubuhle ekukhol-weni, nasebuhleni ukwazi, nasekwazini ukuzithiba, nasekuzithibeni ukukhuthazela, nasekukhuthazeleni ukumesaba ulezi-ku, nasekumesabeni ulezi-ku ukuthanda abazal-wane, nasekuthandeni abazalwane uthando. ngokuba uma lezo zinto zikhona kini zivama, zizanyenza ningabi ngabavilaphayo naban-genezithelo ekwazini inkosi yethu ujesu kristu, ngokuba okungekho kuye lezo zinto uyimpumpithe, ebona kaluffi, ekhohliwe ukuhlanjululwa ezonweni zakhe zokuqala. ngakho-ke, bazalwane, khuthalelani kakhulu ukwenza kuqiniseke ukubizwa nokukhethwa kwenu; ngokuba uma nenza lokho, anisoze nakhubeka. ngokuba ngokwenze njalo niyakuphiwa ngokwengecho ukungena embusweni waphakade wenkosi yethu nom-sindisi ujesu kristu. ngakho-ke ngiyakuba yilokhu nginikhumbuza njalo ngalezo zinto, nakuba nizazi, nime niqinile eqinisweni elikhona. ngithi kufanele, nxa ngisekhona kuleli dokodo, nginivuse ngokunikhumbuza, ngazi ukuthi kuseduze ukususwa kwedokodo lami, njengalokho nenkosi yethu ujesu kristu yangitshengisa; kepha ngizakukhuthalela ukuba ngezikhathi zonke emva kokumuka kwami nisale nizikhumbule lezo zinto. ngokuba sasingalandeli izinganekwane zobuqili, lapho sanazisa amandla noku-fika kwenkosi yethu ujesu kristu, kodwa sasingababonayo amandla obukhosi bakhe. ngokuba wamukela kulezi-ku uyise udumo nenkazimulo, lapho kwafika kuye izwi elinje, livela enkazimulweni yobukhosi, lithi: lo uyindodana yami ethandekayo engithokozile ngayo lelo zwi salizwa thina livela ezulwini, sikanye naye entabeni engcwele. sesinalo izwi lesiprofetho eliqinisekile kakhulu, enenza kahle ukuliqaphela kungathi liyisi-bani esikhanyayo endaweni emnyama kuze kuse, ikhwezi liphumele ezinhliziyweni zenu, nazi lokhu kuqala ukuthi kasikho isipro-fetho sombhalo esingachasiselwa ngumuntu ngokwakhe; ngokuba akuzange kuvezwe isiprofetho ngentando yomuntu, kepha abantu beqhutshwa ngumoya ongcwele

kepha kwavela nabaprofethi bamanga phakathi kwesizwe, njengokuba nakinina kuzakuba khona abafundisi bamanga abazakungenisa ngasese izifundiso za-manga ezibhubhisayo, bephika nombusi owabathengayo, bezilethela ukubhujiswa okusheshayo; nabaningi bayakulandela amanyala abo; ngenxa yabo indlela yeqiniso iyakuhlanjalezwa; nangokufisa bayakuthengiselana ngani ngamazwi obuqili, abakulahlwa kwabo kwamandulo akulibali nokubhujiswa kwabo akozeli. ngokuba uma ulezi-ku engayekanga izin-gelosi ezonileyo, kodwa wazinikela ukuba ziphonswe esihogweni, emigodini yobum-nyama, ukuba zigcinelwe ukwahlulelwa, nezwe lamandulo engaliyekanga, kodwa wamlondoloza unowa, umshumayeli woku-lunga, engowesishiyagalombili, mhla eletha uzamcolo ezweni elingamesabi ulezi-ku; nemizi yasesodoma negomora wayahlulela wayichitha ngokuyiphendula umlotha, eyenza ibe yisiboniso kubo aban-gayikumesaba ulezi-ku; noloti olungileyo, ehluSHA ngukuhamba ngamanyala kwa-bangenamthetho, wamhlangulisa ngokuba ngokubona nangokuzwa lona olungileyo, ehlala phakathi kwabo, wezwisa ubuhlungu umphfumulo wakhe olungileyo imihla ngemihla ngenxa yezenzo ezingenamthetho inkosi iyakwazi ukuhlangulisa ekulingweni abamesabayo ulezi-ku, kepha aban-galungile iyabagcinela usuku lokwahlulelwa, bajeziswe, ikakhulu labo abahamba ngok-wenyama enkanukweni yokuzingcolisa, bedelela ubukhosi; bengamaphikankani nabaziqhenyayo abesabi nokuhlambalaza abenkazimulo, kanti izingelosi, nokuba zizinkulu ngobuqhanga namandla, aziba-mangaleli ngenhlamba phambi kwenkosi. kepha laba behlambalaza, benjengezidalwa ezingenangqondo, ngemvelo zizalelwe ukubanjwa nokubhujiswa, nabo bazakubhu-jiswa ekubhujisweni kwazo, behlambalaza abangakwaziyo, bamukele umvuzo wokun-galungi. labo bathi ukutamasa emini kungukujabula; bayizisihla nezinsolo, bezitika ekukhohliseni kwabo bedla nani; benamhelo agcwele ukuphinga nangayeki izono, bayenga imiphfumulo engaqinile, benenhliziy oejwayele ukufisa, abantwana bokuqalekiswa, beshiya indlela eqondileyo beduka, belandela indlela kabalami kabeyori owathanda umvuzo wokun-galungi, kepha waba nokusolwa ngenxa yokweqa kwakhe umthetho: imbongo eyisimungulu yakhuluma ngezwi lomuntu, yanqabela ukuhlanya komprofethi. labo bayimithombo engenamanzi nezinkungu

eziqhutshwa yisiphepho, abagcinelwe ubumnyama bobumnyama. ngokuba bekhuluma udwadwa, amazwi ayize, babayenga ngezinkanuko zenyama nanga-manyala labo abasaphephayo abahamba ngokuduka; bebatsembisa inkululeko, kanti bona uqobo lwabo bayizigqila zokubhubha; ngokuba lokho umuntu ahlulwa yikho uyisigqila sakho. ngokuba uma bebuye bahlelwe, bahlulwe yikho, sebebalekele ukungcola kwezwe ngokuyazi inkosi nomsindisi ujesu kristu, khona ukugcina kwabo kubi kunokuqala. ngokuba ngabe kwaba ngcono kubo ukuba babengayazanga indlela yokulunga kunokuba kuthi sebayazile bafu-lathele umyalo ongcwele ababewunikeziwe. kubehlele njengokwesaga esiqiniseleyo esithi:inja yabuyela ebuhlanzweni bayo, nokuthi:ingulube igezwe qede yaphindela ukuzibhixa odakeni.

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le ncwadi, bathandekayo, isingeyesibili enginilobe le yona, engivusa ngazo ingqondo yenu emhlophe ngokunikhumbuza, ukuze nikhumbule amazwi ashunyayelwa phambili yibo abaprofethi abangcwele no-myalo wenkosi nomsindisi owashunyayelwa ngabaphostoli benu, nazi kuqala lokhu ukuthi ngezinsuku zokugcina kuyaku-fika abahleki abahleka usulu, behamba ngezinkanuko zabo, bethi: siphil isithembiso sokufika kwakhe na? ngokuba kuselokhu obaba balala, konke kumi kunjalo njen-gakwasekuqaleni kokudalwa. ngokuba bathanda ukukhohlwa lokhu ukuthi kwaphakade izulu lalikhona kanye nomh-laba owavela emanzini nangawo amanzi, umi ngezwi likalezi-ku, okwathi ngawo izwe elalikhona labhubha ngokukhukhula kwamanzi; kepha izulu nomhlaba okukhona manje kubekelwe umlilo ngalo lona leli zwi, kulindele usuku lokwahlulela nolokub-hubha kwabantu abangamesabi ulezi-ku. kodwa, bathandekayo, maningakhohlwa lento inye yokuthi kuyo inkosi usuku lunye lunjengeminyaka eyinkulungwane nokuthi iminyaka eyinkulungwane injengosuku lunye. inkosi ayilibali ngesithembiso sayo, njengalokhu abanye bathi kungukulibala, kepha iyanibekezelela, ingathandi ukuba kubhubhe namunye, kodwa ukuba bonke beze ekuphendukeni. kepha usuku lwenkosi luyakufika njengesela mhla amazulu eyakudlula ngokuhlokoma; kuyakusha konke, kubhidlike; nomhlaba nemisebenzi yawo kuyakusha. njengokuba konke kuyakubhidlika kanjalo, kumelwe ukuba nibe ngabantu abanjani ekuhambeni okungcwele nase kumesabeni ulezi-ku, nibheka nilangazelela ukufika kosuku lukalezi-ku ayakubhidlika ngalo amazulu,

ashe, konke kushe, kuncibilike, na? kepha siyalindela ngesithembiso sakhe amazulu amasha nomhlaba omusha okukhona kuwo ukulunga. ngakho, bathandekayo, lokhu nibheka lezo zinto, khuthalelani ukuba nifunyanwe ninokuthula, ningena-bala, ningenalokhu kuye, nithi ukubekezela kwenkosi yethu kungukusindiswa, njen-galokho nomzalwane wethu othandekayo upawulu waniolobela njengokuhlakanipha ayekuphiweyo, njengalokhu nasezincwa-dini zonke ekhuluma kuzo ngalezo zinto, okukhona kuzo okunye okulukhuni ukuzwi-siswa, okuthi abangafundile nabangaqinile bakuhlanekezela, njengalokhu benze njalo nangezinye izincwadi, kube ngukubhujiswa kwabo. ngakho, bathandekayo, njengokuba nazi lokhu ngaphambili, xwayani, ukuze ningadukiswa ngokukhohlisa kwabange-namthetho, niwe ekuqineni kwenu, kepha khulani emseni nasekwazini inkosi nomsindisi wethu ujesu kristu. inkazimulo mayibe kuye namanje nakuze kube lusuku lwaphakade.

lokho okwakukhona kwasekuqaleni, esakuzwa, sakubona ngamehlo ethu, sakubheka, nezandla zethu zakuphatha, okwezwi lokuphila lokho kuphila kwabonakaliswa, sakubona, siyaqinisa sinishumayeza lokho kuphila okuphakade okwakukhona kuyise, kwabonakaliswa kithina lokho esikubonileyo, sakuzwa, sinishumayeza khona nani, ukuze nani nibe nenhlanganyelo nathi. kepha thina sinenhlanganyelo noyise nanendodana yakhe ujesu kristu. sesiyani lobela lokhu, ukuze intokozo yenu iphelele. nanti izwi esalizwa kuye, sinishumayeza lona lokuthi ulezi-ku ungukukhanya, ubumnyama abukho kuye nakanye. uma sithi sinenhlanganyelo naye sibe sisahamba ebumnyameni, sinamanga, asenzi iqiniso; kepha uma sihamba ekukhanyeni, njengalokhu yena uqobo esekukhanyeni, khona sinenhlanganyelo omunye nomunye, negazi likajesu indodana yakhe liyasihlambulula ezonweni zonke. uma sithi asinasono, siyazikhohlisa, neqiniso alikho kithi. uma sizivuma izono zethu, uthembekile, ulungile ukuba asithethelele izono, asihlambulule kukho konke ukungalingi. uma sithi asonanga, simenza umqambimanga, nezwi lakhe alikho kithi.

bantwana bami, nginilobela lokhu ukuba ningoni. kepha uma umuntu ona, sinomeli kuyise, ujesu kristu olungileyo; yena uyinhlawulo ngezono zethu, kungezethu zodwa kodwa nangezewe lonke. ngalokho siyazi ukuthi siyamazi yena, uma sigcina imiyalo yakhe. lowo othi: ngiyamazi, engagcini imiyalo yakhe, ungumqambimanga, iqiniso alikho kuye; kepha ogcina izwi lakhe, uthando lukalezi-ku luphelelisiwe kuye impela. ngalokho siyazi ukuthi sikuye; lowo othi uhlala kuye, yena umelwe ukuhamba njengalokho ahamba yena. bathandekayo, anginilobeli umyalo omusha, kodwa umyalo omdala enaninawo kwasekuqaleni; umyalo omdala uyizwi enalizwayo. futhi nginilobela umyalo omusha owona uyiqiniso kuye nakini, ngokuba ubumnyama buyadlula nokukhanya kweqiniso sekuyakhanya. lowo othi usekukhanyeni, abe ezonda umzalwane wakhe, usesebumnyameni kuze kube kalokhu. othanda umzalwane wakhe uhlala ekukhanyeni, akukho sikhubekiso kuye; kepha ozonda umzalwane wakhe usebumnyameni, uhamba ebumnyameni, akazi lapho eya khona, ngokuba ubumnyama buwaphuphuthekisile amehlo akhe. ngilobela nina bantwanyana, ngokuba nithethelelwe izono ngenxa yegama lakhe. ngilobela nina boyise, ngokuba niyamazi

yena okhona kwasekuqaleni. ngilobela nina zinsizwa, ngokuba nimnqobile omubi. nginilobele, bantwanyana, ngokuba niyamazi uyise. nginilobele, boyise, ngokuba niyamazi yena okhona kwasekuqaleni. nginilobele, zinsizwa, ngokuba ninamandla, izwi likalezi-ku lihlala kini, nimnqobile omubi. ningathandi izwe nezinto ezisezweni. uma umuntu ethanda izwe, uthando lukayise alukho kuye, ngokuba konke okusezweni, inkanuko yenyama, nenkanuko yamehlo, nokuzigabisa ngalokhu kuphila, akuveli kuyise, kodwa kuvela ezweni. izwe liyadlula kanye nenkanuko yalo; kepha owenza intando kalezi-ku uhlala kuze kube phakade. bantwanyana, sekuyisikhathi sokugcina, njengalokho nezwa ukuthi umphikukristu uyeza, nakalokhu sekukhona abaphikukristu abaningi; ngalokho siyazi ukuthi sekuyisikhathi sokugcina. baphuma kithi, kodwa babengesibo abakithi; ngokuba uma bebengabakithi, babeyakuhlala nathi; kodwa baphuma, ukuze babonakaliswe ukuthi bonke abasibo abakithi. nina ninokugcotshwa okuvela kongcwele, niyazi nonke. anginilobelanga ngokuba ningalazi iqiniso, kodwa ngokuba niyalazi nangokuba akukho manga avela eqinisweni. ngubani ongumqambimanga, uma kungesiye ophika ukuthi ujesu ungukristu na? nguye ongumphikukristu ophika uyise nendodana. yilowo nalowo ophika indodana akanaye uyise; ovuma indodana unaye noyise. lokho enakuzwayo kwasekuqaleni, makuhlale kinina. uma kuhlala kini enakuzwayo kwasekuqaleni, nani niyakuhlala kuyo indodana nakuye uyise. yilesi isithembiso yena asethembisa sona; ukuphila okuphakade. nganilobela lokho ngabo abanidukisayo. nina-ke, ukugcoba enakwamukela kuye kuhlala kini, anidingi ukuba nobani anifundise; kodwa lokhu ukugcoba kwakhe okunifundisa khona ngakho konke kuyiqiniso, akusiwo amanga, nanjengokuba kunifundisile, hlalani kuye. nakalokhu, bantwanyana, hlalani kuye, ukuze, nxa ebonakala, sibe nesibindi, singabi namahloni sinyibe kuye ekubonakaleni kwakhe. uma nazi ukuthi ulungile, yazini ukuthi yilowo nalowo owenza ukulunga uzelve nguye.

bhekani uthando olungaka asinike lona ubaba lokuba sithiwe singabantwana bakalezi-ku; futhi siyibo. ngalokho izwe alisazi, ngokuba alimazanga yena. bathandekayo, manje singabantwana bakalezi-ku, kepha akukabonakali esiyakuba yikho. siyazi ukuthi, nxa ebonakaliswa, siyakuba njengaye, ngokuba siyakumbona njengokuba enjalo. bonke abanalo lelo themba kuye bayazihlambulula, njengokuba

yena ehlabulukile. bonke abenza isono bayeqa nomthetho, ngokuba isono singukweqa umthetho. senazi ukuthi yena wabonakaliswa, ukuze asuse izono; akukho sono kuye. lowo ohlala kuye akoni; lowo owonayo akambonanga, futhi akamazi. bantwanyana, maningadukiswa muntu; owenza ukulunga ulungile, njengokuba yena elungile; owenza isono ungokasathane, ngokuba usathane uyona kwasekuqaleni. indodana kalezi-ku yabonakaliswa ngalokhu, ukuze ichithe imisebenzi kasathane. lowo ozelwe ngulezi-ku akenzi isono, ngokuba imbewu yakhe ihlala kuye; futhi akanakona, ngokuba uzelve ngulezi-ku. ngalokho kubonakala abantwana bakalezi-ku nabantwana bakasathane; lowo ongenzi ukulunga akasiye okalezi-ku, naye ongamthandi umzalwane wakhe. nanti izwi enalizwayo kwasekuqaleni lokuba sithandane, kungabi njengokayini owaba ngowomubi, wabalula umfowabo; wambulalelani na? ngokuba imisebenzi yakhe yayimibi, kepha eyomfowabo yayilungile. ningamangali, bazalwane, uma izwe linizonda. siyazi ukuthi sidlulile ekufeni, sangena ekuphileni, ngokuba sithanda abazalwane; ongathandiyo uhlezi ekufeni. lowo ozonda umzalwane wakhe ungumbulali; niyazi ukuthi akukho mbulali onokuphila okuphakade okuhlezi kuye. uthando silwazi ngalokho ukuthi yena wabeka ukuphila kwakhe ngenxa yethu; nathi sifanele ukubeka ukuphila ngenxa yabazalwane. kepha yena onemfuyo yezwe, ebona umzalwane wakhe eswele, amvalele isihawu sakhe, uthando lukalezi-ku lungahlala kanjani kuye na? bantwanyana, masingathandi ngezwi nangolimi, kodwa ngezenzo nangeqiniso. ngalokho siyazi ukuthi singabeginiso; sizakuyithulisa inhliziyu yethu phambi kwakhe ngokuthi uma inhliziyu yethu isilahla, ulezi-ku mkhulu kunenhliziyu yethu, futhi uyazi konke. bathandekayo, uma inhliziyu ingasilahli, sinesibindi kulezi-ku, nesikuce-layo siyakukwamukeliswa nguye, ngokuba sigcina imiyalo yakhe, senza okuthandekayo ebusweni bakhe. yilo umyalo wakhe ukuba sikholwe egameni lendodana yakhe ujesu kristu, sithandane, njengokuba asinika umyalo. ogcina imiyalo yakhe uhlala kuye, naye uqobo uhlala kuye; siyazi ngalokho ukuthi uhlala kithi ngaye umoya asinike yena.

enyameni bangabakalezi-ku; lowo moya ongamvumi ujesu akasiye okalezi-ku; lowo ungowomphikukristu enizwe ngaye ukuthi uyeza, nakalokhu usefikile ezweni. ningabakalezi-ku nina bantwanyana, nibahlulile, ngokuba lowo okini mkhulu kunaye osezweni. bona bangabezwe; ngalokho bakhuluma okwezwe, nezwe liyabezwa. thina singabakalezi-ku; omaziyo ulezi-ku uyasiswa, ongesiye okalezi-ku akasiswa. ngalokho siyamazi umoya weqiniso nomoya wokuduka. bathandekayo, masithandane, ngokuba uthando luvela kulezi-ku, nabo bonke abathandayo bazelwe ngulezi-ku, bayamazi ulezi-ku. ongathandiyo akamazi ulezi-ku, ngokuba ulezi-ku uluthando. uthando lukalezi-ku lwabonakaliswa kithi ngalokho ukuthi ulezi-ku wathumela ezweni indodana yakhe ezelve yodwa ukuba siphile ngayo. uthando lukulokhu, kungesikho ukuthi thina samthanda ulezi-ku, kepha ukuthi yena wasithanda thina, wathuma indodana yakhe ibe yinhlawulo ngezono zethu. bathandekayo, uma ulezi-ku wasithanda kanjalo, nathi simelwe ukuthandana. ulezi-ku akazange abonwe muntu; uma sithandana, ulezi-ku uhlala kithi, nothando lwakhe luphelele kithi. ngalokho siyazi ukuthi sihlala kuye, naye kithi, ngokuba usiphile okukamoya wakhe. thina sibonile, siyafakaza ukuthi uyise wayithuma indodana ibe ngumsindisi wezwe. lowo ovuma ukuthi ujesu uyindodana kalezi-ku, ulezi-ku uhlala kuye, naye kulezi-ku. thina siyalwazi, sikholwa yilo lolu thando ulezi-ku analo kithina. ulezi-ku uluthando, nohlala othandweni uhlala kulezi-ku, nolezi-ku uhlala kuye. ngalokho uthando luphelelisiwe kithi, ukuze sibe nesibindi ngosuku lokwahlulelwa, ngokuba njengalokhu enjalo yena, sinjalo nathi kuleli zwe. akukho ukwesaba othandweni, kepha uthando olupheleleyo luyaxosha ukwesaba, ngokuba ukwesaba kunesijejiso, nowesabay akaphelele othandweni. thina siyathanda, ngokuba yena wasithanda kuqala, uma umuntu esho ukuthi: ngiyamthanda ulezi-ku, kepha ezonda umzalwane wakhe, ungumqambimanga; ngokuba ongathandi umzalwane wakhe ambonileyo angemthande ulezi-ku angambonanga. yebo, lo myalo sinawo, uvela kulezi-ku, wokuthi othanda ulezi-ku makathande nomzalwane wakhe.

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bathandekayo, maningakholwa yibo bonke omoya, kepha hlolani omoya ukuthi bangabakalezi-ku yini; ngokuba baningi abaprofethi bamanga abaphumele ezweni. yazini umoya kalezi-ku ngalokhu: bonke omoya abavuma ukuthi ujesu kristu ufikile

yilowo nalowo okholwa ukuthi ujesu ungukristu uzelve ngulezi-ku, nalowo othanda ozeleyo uthanda naye ozelve nguye. ngalokho siyazi ukuthi siyabathanda abantwana bakalezi-ku, nxa sithanda ulezi-ku, senza imiyalo yakhe. ngokuba ukuthanda ulezi-ku yilokhu ukuba sigcine imiyalo yakhe;



nemiyalo yakhe ayinzima, ngokuba konke okuzelwe ngulezi-ku kuyalinqoba izwe; lokhu kuyinqobo enqobe izwe: ukukholwa kwethu. ngubani onqoba izwe, uma kungesiye okholwa ukuthi ujesu uyindodana kalezi-ku na? nguye lo oweza ngamanzi nangegazi, ujesu kristu, kungengamanzi odwa kodwa ngamanzi nangegazi; nomoya ungofakazayo, ngokuba umoya uyiqiniso. ngokuba bathathu abafakazayo, umoya, namanzi, negazi; labo abathathu bavumelana entweni inye. uma samukela ubufakazi babantu, ubufakazi bukalezi-ku bukhulu kunalobo, ngokuba ubufakazi bukalezi-ku buyilobu abufakazile ngendodana yakhe. okholwa yindodana kalezi-ku unobufakazi phakathi kwakhe. ongakholwa ngulezi-ku umenze umqambimanga, ngokuba engakholwanga ngubufakazi ulezi-ku abufakazile ngendodana yakhe. yilobu ubufakazi ukuthi ulezi-ku usiphile ukuphila okuphakade, nalokhu kuphila kusendodaneni yakhe. onayo indodana unokuphila; ongenayo indodana kalezi-ku akanakho ukuphila. nginilobele lokho, ukuze nazi ukuthi ninokuphila okuphakade nina enikholwa egameni lendodana kalezi-ku. yilesi sibindi esinaso kuye sokuthi, uma sicela utho ngokwentando yakhe, uyasizwa. uma sazi ukuthi uyasizwa noma sicelelani, siyazi ukuthi sinakho esikucelileyo, esikucele kuye. uma umuntu ebona umzalwane wakhe ona ngesono esingesiso esokufa, makacele, uyakumnika ukuphila, ekunika labo abenza isono esingesiso esokufa. sikhona isono sokufa; angisho ukuba kucelwe ngaleso. konke ukungalungi kuyisono; kukhona isono esingesiso esokufa. siyazi ukuthi yilowo nalowo ozelwe ngulezi-ku akoni, ngokuba ozelwe ngulezi-ku uyazigcina, nomubi akamthinti. siyazi ukuthi singabakalezi-ku nokuthi izwe lonke limi ebubini. kepha sazi ukuthi indodana kalezi-ku isifikile, yasinika ingqondo ukuze simazi oweqiniso; sikuye oweqiniso, kuyo indodana yakhe ujesu kristu. yena ungulezi-ku oqinisileyo nokuphila okuphakade. bantwanyana, zilindeneni ezithombeni.

ilunga kuyo inkosikazi ekhethiweyo nabantwana bayo, engibathanda ngeqiniso, kungeyimi ngedwa kodwa nabo bonke abalaziyo iqiniso, ngenxa yeqiniso elihlala kithi neliyakuba nathi kuze kube phakade. kuzakuba nathi umusa, nesi-hawu, nokuthula okuvela kulezi-ku ubaba nakuye ujesu kristu indodana kayise ngeqiniso nangothando. ngithokozile kakhulu, ngokuba kubantwana bakho ngifumene abahamba eqinisweni, njengalokho samukele umyalo kubaba. nakalokhu ngiyakunxusa, nkosikazi, kungengokungathi ngikulobela umyalo omusha kodwa lowo esasinawo kwasekuqaleni ukuba sithandane. yilolu-ke uthando ukuba sihambe ngokwemyalo yakhe; yiwo umyalo ukuba nihambe ngawo, njengalokho nezwa kwasekuqaleni. ngokuba abakhohlisi abaningi baphumele ezweni, labo abangamvumi ujesu kristu ukuthi uzile ngenyama; lowo ungumkhohlisi nomphikukristu. ziqapheleni nina, ukuze ningalahlekelwa ngesikusebenzileyo, kodwa namukele umvuzo opheleleyo. lowo owe-qisayo engemi ekufundiseni kukakristu akanaye ulezi-ku; ohlezi ekufundiseni lowo unaye uyise nendodana. uma kufika umuntu kini engalethi lokho kufundisa, ningamamukeli endlini yenu, ningambingeleli; ngokuba ombingelelayo uhlanganyela naye emisebenzini yakhe emibi. nginokuningi kokunilobela, angithandanga ukukuloba ngephepha noyinki, kodwa ngiyethemba ukuza kini, ngikhulume nani umlomo nomlomo, ukuze ukuthokoza kwethu kuphelele. abantwana bakadadewenu okhethiweyo bayakhonza kuwe.

ilunga kuye ugayu othandekayo engimthanda ngeqiniso. sithandwa, kunakho konke ngikufisela ukuba ube nenhlanhla nokuphila, njengokuba umphefumulo wakho unenhlanhla. ngokuba ngathokoza lapha kufika abazalwane befakazela iqiniso lakho, njengokuba uhamba eqinisweni. anginayo intokozo enkulu kunaleyo yokuba ngizwe ukuthi abantwana bami bahamba eqinisweni. sithandwa, wenza okuthembekileyo ngalokho okwenzele abazalwane nokuba bengabafo abafakazele uthando lwakho phambi kwebandla; uzakwenza kahle, uma ubaphelekezela ngokufanele ulezi-ku; ngokuba ngenxa yegama baphuma bengathathi lutho kwabezizwe. ngalokho-ke thina sifanele ukubamukela abanjalo, ukuze sibe yizisebenzi zeqiniso kanye nabo. ngalobela ibandla okuthile, kodwa udiyotrefe othanda ukuba abe mkhulu phakathi kwabo akasamukeli thina. ngalokho uma ngiza, ngiyakumkhumbuza imisebenzi yakhe ayenzayo, esihleba ngamazwi amabi; futhi enganelisiwe nayilokho akabamukeli abazalwane yena, nabavumayo uyabanqabela, abakhiphe ebandleni. sithandwa, ungalandeli bona-ra-ukukhandleka kodwa okuhle. owenza okuhle ungokalezi-ku; owenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka akambonanga ulezi-ku. udemetriyu ufakazelwa yiyo bonke nayilo iqiniso uqobo lwalo; nathi-ke siyafakaza ngaye, wazi nawe ukuthi ukufakaza kwethu kuqinisele. benginokuningi ebengiyakukulobela khona, kepha angithandi ukukulobela ngoyinki nosiba; kepha ngiyethemba ukukubona masinyane, sikhulume umlomo nomlomo. [5] ukuthula makube kuwe. abahlobo bayakhonza kuwe. khonza kubo abahlobo ngamagama.

ujuda inceku kajesu kristu, umfowabo kajakobe, kubo ababiziweyo abathandwa kulezi-ku uyise nabagcinelwe ujesu kristu: makwandiswe kini umusa nokuthula nothando. bathandekayo, njengokuba ngenza inkuthalo yonke ukunilobela ngensindiso esiyihlanganyele sonke, ngacindezeleka ukunilobela ukuba nginivuselele ukulwela inkolo abayinikelwayo abangcwele kwaba kanye. ngokuba sebengenile ngokunyenya abantu abathile okwalotshwa ngabo phambili endulo ukuthi bayakwehlelwa yilokhu kulahlwa, abangamesabi ulezi-ku, bephendukezela umusa kalezi-ku wethu ube ngamanyala, bephika umbusi oyedwa nenkosi yethu ujesu kristu. kepha ngiyathanda ukunikhumбуza, nokuba kade benikwazi konke, ukuthi inkosi, isisindisile isizwe isikhipha ezweni lasegibithe, yabuye yabhubhisa labo abangakhawanga, nezingelosi ezingagcinanga ubukhosi bazo, kodwa zalishiya ikhaya lazo, izigcinele ukulahlwa kosuku olukhulu ngezibopho ezimiyo phansi kobumnyama, njengokuba isodoma ne-gomora nemizi yangakhona yenza ubufebe ngendlela efana neyayo, yalandela inyama imbe imisiwe ibe yisiboniso, izwa isijeziso somlilo omiyo njalo. nokho ngokunjalo-ke nalabo abaphuphayo bangcolisa inyama, bayeyisa imibuso, bahlambalaza ubukhosi. kepha umikayeli, ingelosi enkulu, laphephikisana nosathane, ekhulumisana naye ngesidumbu sikamose, akabanga nasibindi sokuletha ukwahlulela kokuhlambalaza, kodwa wathi: inkosi mayikujezise. kepha laba bayahlambalaza konke abangakwaziyo, nalokho abakwaziyo ngemvelo njengezidalwa ezingenangqondo babhubha ngakho. maye kubo, ngokuba bahamba endleleni kakayini, bagijimela ekudukeni kukabalami ngenxa yomvuzo, babhubha ekuphikeni kukakora! yilabo abayizisihla emadilini enu othando bedla nani, bengesabi, baziklabisa; bangamafu angenamanzi, aqhutshwa yimimoya; bayimithi yasebusika engenazithelo, efe kabili, isishuliwe; bangamaza adlangalalayo olwandle, ekhephuza amahlazo awo, izinkanyezi ezidukayo ezigcinelwe ubumnyama bobumnyama baphakade. u-enoke ongowesikhombisa kusukela ku-adamu waprofetha ngabo, wathi: bheka, inkosi iyakufika nabangcwele bayo abayizigidigidi, ukuze yahlulele bonke, ijezise bonke abangamesabi ulezi-ku ngenxa yemisebenzi yonke yabo yokungahloniphi ulezi-ku abadelela ngayo, nangawo onke amazwi alukhuni izoni ezingamesabi ulezi-ku eziwakhulumile ngaye. yilabo abakhononayo nabasolayo, behamba ngezinkanuko zabo, umlomo wabo ukhuluma uwangala, betusa ubuso

ngenxa yenzuzo. kepha nina bathandekayo, khumbulani amazwi akhulunywe phambili ngabaphostoli benkosi yethu ujesu kristu abasho ukuthi ngesikhathi sokugcina kuyakuba khona abahleka usulu, behamba ngezinkanuko zabo zokungamesabi ulezi-ku. yilabo abaveza ukwahlukana, bengabenyama bengenamoya. kepha nina bathandekayo, yakhelani ekukholweni kwenu okungcwele kakhulu, nikhuleke ngomoya ongcwede, nizigcine othandweni lukalezi-ku, nibheke umusa wenkosi yethu ujesu kristu, kube ngukuphila okuphakade. abanye, abangabazayo, nibahawukele, nibasindise ngokubahlwitha emlilweni, kepha abanye nibahawukele ngokwesaba, nizonde nengubo enindwe yinyama. kepha kuyena onamandla okunilinda ukuba ningakhubeki, nimiswe phambi kwenkazimulo yakhe ningenasici, ninokuthokoza okukhulu, kuye ulezi-ku oyedwa, umsindisi wethu ngaye ujesu kristu inkosi yethu, makube ngukukhazimula, nobukhosi, namandla, negunya, kungakabikho izikhathi, namanje nakuze kube phakade. amen.

incwadi yokuzalwa kukajesu kristu, indodana kadavide, indodana ka-abrahama. u-abrahama wazala u-isaka, u-isaka wazala ujakobe, ujakobe wazala ujudah nabafowabo; ujudah wazala ofaresi nozara kutamari, ufaresi wazala u-esiromu, u-esiromu wazala u-aramu; u-aramu wazala u-aminadaba, u-aminadaba wazala unasoni, unasoni wazala usalimoni; usalimoni wazala ubowasi kurakhabi, ubowasi wazala u-obede kuruthe, u-obede wazala ujesayi; ujesayi wazala udavide, inkosi. udavide wazala usolomoni kumka-uriya; usolomoni wazala urobowamu, urobowamu wazala u-abiya, u-abiya wazala u-asafa; u-asafa wazala ujosafati, ujosafati wazala ujomam, ujomam wazala u-oziza; u-oziza wazala ujotham, ujotham wazala u-akazi, u-akazi wazala uhezekiya; uhezekiya wazala umanase, umanase wazala u-amoni, u-amoni wazala ujosia; ujosia wazala ujekoniya nabafowabo ngesikhathi sokuthunjelwa ebabiloni. kwathi emva kokuthunjelwa ebabiloni ujekoniya wazala usalatiyeli, usalatiyeli wazala uzorobabeli; uzorobabeli wazala u-abiud, u-abiud wazala u-eliyakimi, u-eliyakimi wazala u-azori; u-azori wazala usadoki, usadoki wazala u-akimi, u-akimi wazala u-eliud; u-eliud wazala u-eleyazare, u-eleyazare wazala umathani, umathani wazala ujakobe; ujakobe wazala ujosafa, indoda kamariya, azalwa nguye ujesu othiwa ukristu. zinjalo-ke izizukulwane zonke ezisukela ku-abrahama ziye kudavide, ziyizukulwane eziyishumi nane; nezisukela kudavide ziye ekuthunjelweni ebabiloni ziyizukulwane eziyishumi nane; nezisukela ekuthunjelweni ebabiloni ziye kukristu ziyizukulwane eziyishumi nane. ukuzalwa kukajesu kristu kwaba nje: unina umariya esemiselwe ujosafa, bengakahlangani wafunyanwa ekhulelwe ngomoya ongwele. kepha ujosafa indoda yakhe engumtut olungileyo, engathandi ukumthela ihlazo, wayefuna ukumhlala ngasese. esazindla ngalokho, bheka, ingelosi yenkosi yabonakala kuye ngephupho, ithi: josafa, ndodana kadavide, ungesabi ukumthatha umariya umkakho, ngokuba lokho akukhulelweyo kungomoya ongwele. uzakuzala indodana, uyiqambe igama lokuthi ujesu, ngokuba nguye oyakusindisa abantu bakhe ezonweni zabo. lokhu konke kwenzeka ukuba kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa yinkosi ngomprofethi ukuthi: bheka, intombi iyakukhulelwa, izale indodana; bayakuyiqamba igama lokuthi u-emanuweli, okungukuthi ngokuhunyushwa ulezi-ku unathi. ujosafa esevukile ebuthongweni wenza njengalokho imyalile ingelosi yenkosi, wamthatha umkakhe; akaze aya kuye, waze wazibula ngendodana;

ujesu esezelwe ebetlehema lasejudiya emihleni kaherode inkosi, bheka, kwafika izazi ejerusalem, zivela empumalanga, zithi: uphi lowo ozelwe eyinkosi yabudaya na? ngokuba sibonile inkanyezi yakhe kwelasempumalanga, size ukukhuleka kuye. uherode inkosi esekuzwile lokho wakhathazeka nejerusalem lonke kanye naye. wabutha bonke abapristi abakhulu nababhali besizwe, wabuza kubo ukuthi ukristu uzakuzalelwaphi. bathi kuye: ebetlehema lasejudiya, ngokuba kulotshiwe kanjalo ngomprofethi ukuthi: nawe betlehema, lizwe lakwajuda, kawusiye omncane nakanye kubabusi bakwajuda, ngokuba kuyakuvela kuwe umbusi oyakwalusa isizwe sami u-israyeli. khona uherode, ezibizile izazi ngasese, wabuzisisa kuzo isikhathi inkanyezi ebonakele ngaso, wazithuma ebetlehema, wathi: hambani nibuzisise ngomntwana; kuyakuthi nxa nimfumene, ningitshale ukuba nami ngiye ngikhuleke kuye. sezizwile inkosi, zamuka; bheka, inkanyezi ezayibona kwelasempumalanga yahamba phambi kwazo, yaze yafika yema phezu kwalapho umntwana ekhona. zathi ukuyibona inkanyezi, zathokoza ngokuthokoza okukhulu kakhulu. zase zingena endlini, zabona umntwana nomariya unina, zawa phansi, zakhuleka kuye, zavula amagugu azo, zamkhunga ngeziph: igolide namakha nenhlaka. kwathi ziyaliwe ngulezi-ku ngephupho ukuba zingabuyeli kuherode, zabuyela ezweni lakubo ngenye indlela. sezimukile, bheka, ingelosi yenkosi yabonakala kujosefa ngephupho, ithi: vuka uthabathe umntwana nonina, ubalekele egibithe, uhlale khona, ngize ngikutshale; ngokuba uherode uzakumfuna umntwana ukuba ambhubhise. wavuka-ke, wathabatha umntwana nonina ebusuku, wamuka waya egibithe, wahlala khona, waze wafa uherode, ukuze kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa yinkosi ngomprofethi ukuthi: ngayibiza indodana yami iphume egibithe. khona uherode, esebonile ukuthi izazi zimphambile, wathukuthela kakhulu, wathumela wabulala bonke abantwana besilisa basebetlehema nasendaweni yonke yangakhona, abaminyaka mibili nangaphansi njengesikhathi abesibuzisisile kuzo izazi. khona kwagcwaliseka okwakhulunywa ngojeremiya umprofethi ukuthi: kwezwakala izwi erama, ukukhala nokulila okukhulu, urakheli ekhalela abantwana bakhe, engavumi ukududuzwa, ngokuba abasekho. kepha uherode esefile, bheka, ingelosi yenkosi yabonakala ngephupho kujosefa egibithe, yathi: vuka uthabathe umntwana nonina,

uye ezweni lakwa-israyeli; ngokuba sebefile ababezingela ukuphila komntwana. wasuka-ke, wathabatha umntwana nonina, wafika ezweni lakwa-israyeli. kepha ezwa ukuthi sekubusa u-arkelawu ejudiya esikhundleni sikaherode uyise, wesaba ukuya khona; eseyaliwe ngulezi-ku ngephupho wamuka waya kwelasegalile; wafika wakha emzini othiwa inazarethha ukuba kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa ngabaprofethi ukuthi: uyakubizwa ngokuthi umnazarethha.

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ngaleyo mihla kwavela uJohane umbhaphathizi eshumayela ehlane lasejudiya, ethi: phendukani, ngokuba umbuso wezulu ususondele! ngokuba nguye akhuluma ngaye umprofethi u-isaya, ethi: izwi lomemezayo ehlane, lithi: lungisani indlela yenkosi, nenze imikhondo yayo iqonde.

yena uJohane wayenengubo yoboya bekamela noqotho lwesikhumba okhalweni lwakhe; ukudla kwakhe kwakuyizinkumbi nezinyosi zasendle. khona kwaphumela kuye iJerusalem, nejudiya lonke, nezwe lonke lasejordan, babhaphathizwa nguye emfuleni iJordan bevuma izono zabo. kepha kwathi ebona abanengi kubafarisi nabasadusi beza embhaphathizweni, wathi kubo: nzalo yezinyoka, ngubani onibonise ukubalekela intukuthelo ezayo na? ngakho vezani izithelo ezifanele ukuphenduka. ningacabangi ukuba ningasho phakathi kwenu ukuthi: sinobaba u-abraham; ngokuba ngithi kini: ulezi-ku angamvusele u-abraham abantwana kulawa matshe. izembe selibekiwe empandeni yemithi; ngakho yonke imithi engatheli izithelo ezinhle iyanqunywa, iphonswe emlilweni. mina nginibhaphathiza ngamanzi, kube ngukuphenduka; kepha yena oza emva kwami unamandla kunami engingafanele ukuthwala izicathulo zakhe; yena uzakunibhaphathiza ngomoya ongcwele nangomlilo, ombenge yakhe yokwela isesandleni sakhe; uzakushanelisisa isibuya sakhe, abuthele amabele enqolobaneni yakhe; kepha amakhoba uzakuwashisa ngomlilo ongacimekiyo. khona ujesu evela egalile wafika kuJohane eJordan ukuba azobhaphathizwa nguye. kepha uJohane wamalela wathi: yimi engiswela ukubhaphathizwa nguwe; wena uza kimi na? ujesu waphendula, wathi kuye: vuma kalokhu, ngokuba kusifanele ukugcwalisa kanjalo ukulunga konke. khona wayesemvumela. ujesu esebhaphathiziwe wakhuphuka masinyane emanzini; bheka, izulu lavuleka, wabona umoya kalezi-ku ehla njengejubha, eza phezu kwakhe. bheka, kwavela izwi ezulwini, lithi: lo uyindodana yami ethandekayo engithokozile ngayo.

khona ujesu waholelwa ngumoya ehlane ukuba alingwe ngusathane. esezilile ukudla izinsuku ezingamashumi amane nobusuku obungamashumi amane, wagcina walamba. kwafika umlingi, wathi kuye: uma uyindodana kalezi-ku, yisho ukuba lawa matshe abe yizinkwa. kepha waphendula wathi: kulotshiwe ukuthi: akusinkwa sodwa umuntu ayakuphila ngaso kodwa ngamazwi onke aphuma emlonyeni kalezi-ku.

khona usathane wamthatha, wamyisa emzini ongcwele, wammisa esiqongweni sethempeli, wathi kuye: uma uyindodana kalezi-ku, ziphonse phansi; ngokuba kulotshiwe ukuthi: uyakuyaleza izingelosi zakhe ngawe, zikuthwale ngezandla, ungaze waqhuzuka etsheni ngonyawo lwakho.

ujesu wathi kuye: kulotshiwe futhi ukuthi: ungayilingi inkosi ulezi-ku wakho. usathane wabuye wamyisa entabeni ende kakhulu, wamkhombisa imibuso yonke yezwe nenkazimulo yayo; wathi kuye: konke lokhu ngizakukunika khona, uma uziwisa phansi, ukhuleke kimi. khona ujesu wathi kuye: suka, sathane, ngokuba kulotshiwe ukuthi: wokhuleka enkosini ulezi-ku wakho, umkhonze yena yedwa.

usathane wayesemshiya; bheka, kwafika izingelosi, zamkhonza. kuthe esezwile ukuthi uJohane uboshiwe, wamuka waya egalile. wasuka enazarethha, weza wahlala ekapernawume elingaselwandle emikhawulweni yakwazabuloni neyakwanafetali ukuba kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa ngo-isaya umprofethi ukuthi: izwe lakwazabuloni nezwe lakwanafetali ngaselwandle ngaphesheya kweJordan, igalile labezizwe, isizwe esasihlezi ebumnyameni sibonile ukukhanya okukhulu, nababehlezi ezweni nasethunzini lokufa kuphumele kubo ukukhanya. kusukela kuleso sikhathi ujesu waqala ukushumayela nokusho ukuthi: phendukani, ngokuba umbuso wezulu ususondele. ujesu ehamba ngaselwandle lwasegalile wabona izelamani ezimbili, usimoni othiwa upetru no-andrea umfowabo, bephonsa inetha elwandle; ngokuba babe ngabadobi. wayesethi kubo: ngilandeleni; ngiyakunenza nibe ngabadobi babantu. base bewashiya masinyane amanetha, bamlandela. esedulela phambili wabona ezinye izelamani ezimbili, uJakobe kazebedewu, noJohane umfowabo, besemkhunjini kanye nozebedewu uyise, belungisa amanetha abo; wababiza. base beshiya masinyane umkhumbi noyise, bamlandela. ujesu walihamba lonke elasegalile efundisa emasinagogeni abo, eshumayela ivangeli lombuso, ephulukisa abantu ezifweni zonke nasebuthakathakeni bonke. udumo lwakhe lwezakala ezweni lonke lasesiriya;

balettha kuye bonke abagulayo abaphethwe yizifo ngezifo nobuhlungu, nabakhwelwe ngamademoni, nabanesithuthwane, nabafe uhlangothi, wabaphulukisa. izixuku eziningi zamlandela zivela egalile, nasedekapholi, nasejerusalema, nasejudiya, nangaphesheya kwejordani.

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kwathi ebona izixuku, wenyukela entabeni; eshlezi phansi, abafundi bakhe beza kuye. wayesevula umlomo wakhe, wabafundisa wathi: babusisiwe abampofu emoyeni, ngokuba umbuso wezulu ungowabo. babusisiwe abakhalayo, ngokuba bayakududzwa. babusisiwe abamnene, ngokuba bayakudla ifa lomhlaba. babusisiwe abalambele, bomele ukulunga, ngokuba bayakusuthiswa. babusisiwe abanesihawu, ngokuba bayakuhawukelwa. babusisiwe abanenhliyiyo ehlanzekileyo, ngokuba bayakubona ulezi-ku. babusisiwe abalamulayo, ngokuba bayakuthiwa abantwana bakalezi-ku. babusisiwe abazingelwa ngenxa yokulunga, ngokuba umbuso wezulu ungowabo. nibusisiwe, nxa benithuka, benizingela, bekhuluma konke bona-rukukhandleka ngani, beqamba amanga ngenxa yami. jabulani, nithokoze, ngokuba umvuzo wenu mkhulu ezulwini; ngokuba kanjalo babazingela abaprofethi abananduleleyo. nina ningusawoti womhlaba, kepha uma usawoti edumele, ubusawoti bovuwa ngani na? akasasizi lutho, kuphela ukulahlwa ngaphandle, anyathelwe ngabantu. nina ningukukhanya kwezwe. umuzi owakhe entabeni ungesitheke. nomuntu kasokheli isibani, asibeke phansi kwesitsha, kodwa usifaka othini; khona siyabakhanyisela bonke abasendlini. kanjalo makukhanye ukukhanya kwenu phambi kwabantu ukuba babone imisebenzi yenu emihle, badumise uyihlo osezulwini. ningathi ngize ukuchitha umthetho nabaprofethi; angizanga ukuchitha, ngize ukugcwalisa. ngokuba ngiqinisile ngithi kini: kuze kudlule izulu nomhlaba, akusoze kwadlula gamana linye nasicashana sinye somthetho, kuze kufenzeke konke. ngakho-ke oweqa owodwa kule miyalo emincinyane, afundise abantu kanjalo, uyakuthiwa omncinyane embusweni wezulu; kepha oyigcinayo, ayifundise, lowo uyakuthiwa mkhulu embusweni wezulu. ngokuba ngithi kini: uma ukulunga kwenu kungadluli okwababhali nokwabafarisi, anisoze nangena embusweni wezulu. nizwile kwathiwa kwabasendulo: ungabulali; yilowo nalowo obulalayo uyakuba necala lokwahlulelwa. kepha mina ngithi kini: yilowo nalowo othukuthelela umfowabo uyakuba necala lokwahlulelwa; noshoyo kumfowabo ukuthi: silima, uyakuba necala

emphakathini; noshoyo ukuthi: siwula, uyakuba necala lokwahlulelwa esihogweni somlilo. ngakho-ke nxa uletha umnikelo wakho e-altare, ukhumbula lapho ukuthi umfowenu unamagqubu nawe, shiya lapho umnikelo wakho phambi kwe-altare, uhambe kuqala ubuyisane nomfowenu, andukuba uze unikele umnikelo wakho. shesha uzwane nolwa nawe nisesendleleni, funa olwa nawe akunikele kumahluleli, umahluleli akunikele esikhonzini, uphonswe etilongweni. ngiqinisile ngithi kuwe: kawusoze waphuma khona, uze ukhiphe ifadingi lokugcina. nizwile kwathiwa: ungaphingi. kepha mina ngithi kini: yilowo nalowo obuka owesifazane, amkhanuke, usephingile naye enhliziyweni yakhe. uma iso lakho lokunene likukhubekisa, likhiphe, ulilahle; ngokuba kungcono kuwe ukuba kubhubhe sibe sinye ezithweni zakho kunokuba wonke umzimba wakho uphonswe esihogweni. noma isandla sakho sokunene sikukhubekisa, sinqume, usilahle; ngokuba kungcono kuwe ukuba kubhubhe sibe sinye ezithweni zakho kunokuba wonke umzimba wakho uphonswe esihogweni. kwathiwa: yilowo nalowo olahla umkakhe kamnike incwadi yesahlukaniso. kepha mina ngithi kini: yilowo nalowo olahla umkakhe kungengenxa yokuphinga umenza aphinge, noganwa ngolahliweyo uyaphinga. nizwile futhi kwathiwa kwabasendulo: ungafungi amanga, kepha uqinise izifungo zakho enkosini. kepha mina ngithi kini: ningafungi nakanye, noma izulu, ngokuba liyisihlalo sobukhosi sikalezi-ku, noma umhlaba, ngokuba uyisenabelo sezinyawo zakhe, noma jerusalema, ngokuba lingu-muzi wenkosi enkulu. ungafungi nekhandla lakho, ngokuba awunakuphendula nalunye unwele lube mhlophe nokuba lube mnyama. kepha izwi lenu malibe okuthi: yebo, yebo; qhabo, qhabo. okudlula lokhu kuvela kbona-rukukhandleka. nizwile kwathiwa: iso ngeso, izinyo ngezinyo. kepha mina ngithi kini: ningamelani nbona-rukukhandleka, kodwa uma umuntu eku-mukula esihlathini sokunene, mpendulele nesinye. nofuna ukukumangalela, akwamuke ingubo, mnikhe nejazi. nosuka ekucindezela ukuba uhambe imayela libe linye, hamba naye abe mabili. muphe ocela kuwe, ungamfulatheli ofuna ukutshaleka kuwe. nizwile kwathiwa: wothanda umakhelwane wakho, uzonde isitha sakho. kepha mina ngithi kini: thandani izitha zenu, nibabusise abaniqalekisayo, nibaphathe kahle abanizondayo, nibakhulekele abanizingelayo ukuba nibe ngabantwana bakayihlo osezulwini; ngokuba yena uphumisa ilanga lakhe phezu kwababi nabahle, anise imvula phezu kwabalungileyo nabangalungile. ngokuba uma nithanda abanithandayo, ninamvuzo

muni na? abenzi njalo nabathelisi na? futhi uma nibingelela abafowenu bodwa, nenza lukhulu luni na? abenzi njalo nabezizwe na? ngakho-ke manibe ngabapheleleyo, njengokuba uyihlo wasezulwini ephelele.

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kepha qaphelani ningenzi ukulunga kwenu phambi kwabantu ukuba nibonwe yibo, funa ningabi nawo umvuzo kuyihlo osezulwini. ngakho-ke nxa wabela isipho, ungakhali icilongo phambi kwakho, njengalokhu kwenza abazenzisi emasinagogeni nasemigwaqweni ukuba badunyiswe ngabantu. ngiqinisile ngithi kini: sebewamukele umvuzo wabo. kepha wena, nxa wabela isipho, isandla sakho sokhohlo masinagakwazi esikwenzayo esokunene, ukuze isipho sakho sibe sekusithekeni; noyihlo obona ekusithekeni uzakukuvuza. nalapho nikhuleka, ningabi njengabazenzisi, ngokuba bethanda ukukhuleka bemi emasinagogeni nasezinhlanganweni zezindlela ukuba babonwe ngabantu. ngiqinisile ngithi kini: sebewamukele umvuzo wabo. kepha wena, nxa ukhuleka, ngena ekamelweni lakho, uthi usuvale umnyango wakho ukhuleke kuyihlo osekusithekeni; noyihlo obona ekusithekeni uzakukuvuza. kodwa nxa nikhuleka, ningathemelezi njengabezizwe, ngokuba bathi bayakuzwiwa ngokukhuluma kwabo okuningi. ngakho-ke maningafani nabo; ngokuba uyihlo uyakwazi enikuswelayo ningakaceli kuye. ngakho-ke anokhuleka kanje, nithi: baba wethu osezulwini, malingcwelise igama lakho; mawufike umbuso wakho; mayenziwe intando yakho emhlabeni njengasezulwini; usiphe namuhla isinkwa sethu semihla ngemihla; usithethelele amacala ethu, njengalokhu nathi sibathethelela abanecala kithi; ungasingenisi ekulingweni, kodwa usikhulule kbona-ra-ukukhandleka; ngokuba umbuso ungowakho, namandla, nenkazimulo, kuze kube phakade. amen. ngokuba uma nithethelela abantu iziphambeko zabo, noyihlo wasezulwini uyakunithethelela nani. kepha uma ningathetheleli abantu iziphambeko zabo, noyihlo akayikunithethelela iziphambeko zenu. futhi nxa nizila ukudla, ninganyukumali njengabazenzisi; ngokuba bona banyakamisa ubuso babo, ukuze babonakale kubantu ukuthi bazilile. ngiqinisile ngithi kini: sebewamukele umvuzo wabo. kepha wena, nxa uzila, gcoba ikhanda lakho, ugeze ubuso bakho, ukuze ungabonakali kubantu ukuthi uzilile kodwa kuyihlo osekusithekeni; noyihlo obona ekusithekeni uzakukuvuza. ningazibekeleli ingcebo emhlabeni, lapho kona inundu nokugqwala, nalapho amasela efohla khona, ebe. kepha zibekeleleni ingcebo ezul-

wini, lapho kungoni inundu nokugqwala, nalapho amasela engafohli khona, ebe. ngokuba lapho kukhona ingcebo yakho, nenhliziyo yakho iyakuba khona lapho. isibani somzimba yiso. ngakho uma iso lakho lilihle, uzakukhanya umzimba wakho wonke. kepha uma iso lakho lilibi, uzakuba mnyama umzimba wakho wonke. ngakho uma ukukhanya okukuwe kungubumnyama, ubumnyama bukhulu kangakanani! akakho ongakhonza amakhosi amabili. ngokuba uyakuzonda enye, athande enye, noma abambelele kwenye, adelele enye. ningekhonzze ulezi-ku nomamona. ngalokho-ke ngithi kini: ningakhathazeki ngokuphila kwenu ukuthi niyakudlani noma niyakuphuzani, nangomzimba wenu ukuthi niyakwembathani. ukuphila akukukhulu kunokudla nomzimba kunesambatho na? :25 luk. 12:22; fil. 4:6; heb. 13:5; 1 pet. 5:7. bukani izinyoni zezulu ukuthi azihlwanyeli, azivuni, azibekeleli ezingolobaneni; nokho uyihlo wasezulwini uyazondla. nina kanizidluli kakhulu na? :26 amah. 147:9; luk. 12:6. ngumuphi kini ongeleleka ebudeni bakhe ingalo ibe nye ngokukhathazeka na? nikhathazekeleni ngesambatho na? qaphelani iminduze yasendle ukuthi imila kanjani; kayikhandleki, kayiphothi; kepha ngithi kini: nosolomoni ebukhazikhazini bakhe bonke wayengembathisile okomunye wayo. uma ulezi-ku embathisa kanjalo utshani basandle obukhona namuhla, ngomuso buphonswe eziko, akayikunembathisa kakhulu nina eninokukholwa okuncane na? ngakho-ke ningakhathazeki nithi: siyakudlani? noma: siyakuphuzani? noma: siyakwembathani na? ngokuba konke lokhu abezizwe bayakufunisa; ingani uyihlo wasezulwini uyazi ukuthi niyakudinga konke lokhu. kodwa funani kuqala umbuso kalezi-ku nokulunga kwakhe, khona konke lokhu kuyakwenezelwa nina. ningakhathazeki ngengomuso, ngokuba ingomuso iyakukhathalela okwayo. inkathazo yosuku yanele lona.

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ningahluleli ukuba ningahlulelwa. ngokuba ngokwahlulela enahlulela ngakho nani niyakwahlulelwa ngakho, nangaleso silinganiso enilinganisa ngaso nani niyakulinganiselwa ngaso. ubhekelani ucezwana olusesweni lomfowenu, kepha ugongolo olusesweni lakho awuluboni, na? ungasho kanjani kumfowenu ukuthi: ake ngikhiphe ucezwana olusesweni lakho; bheka, ugongolo lusesweni lakho. mzenzisi, khipha kuqala ugongolo esweni lakho, khona-ke uzakubonisa ukukhipha ucezwana esweni lomfowenu. ninganiki izinja okungcwele, ningaphonsi amaparele enu phambi kwezingulube, funa



ziwanyathele ngezinyawo zazo, ziphendu-  
 ziniklebhule. celani, khona nizakuphiwa; fu-  
 nani, khona nizakufumana; ngongqothani,  
 khona nizakuvulelwa. ngokuba yilowo  
 nalowo oclayo uyamukeliswa, nofunayo  
 uyafumana, nongqongqothayo uzaku-  
 vulelwa. noma ngumuphi umuntu kini  
 ongathi, uma indodana yakhe icela isinkwa,  
 ayinike itshe, noma icela inhlanzi, ayinike  
 inyoka na? ngakho-ke uma nina enibabi  
 nazi ukubapha abantwana benu izipho  
 ezinhle, kakhulu uyihlo osezulwini uza-  
 kubapha okuhle abacela kuye. ngakho-ke  
 konke nokungakanani enifuna ukuba abantu  
 bakwenze kini, kwenzeni nani kanjalo kubo;  
 ngokuba lokhu kungumthetho nabaprofethi.  
 ngenani ngesango elincane; ngokuba isango  
 libanzi nendlela inkulu eyisa ekubhujisweni;  
 baningi abangena khona. kepha isango  
 lincane nendlela iyingcingo eyisa ekuphileni;  
 bayingsosana abayifumanayo. xwayani  
 abaprofethi bamanga abeza kini bembathise  
 okwezimvu, kepha ngaphakathi bayizimpisi  
 eziphangayo. niyakubazi ngezithelo zabo.  
 kungakhiwa yini izithelo zomvini emeveni  
 noma amakhiwane ekhahasini na? kanjalo  
 yilowo nalowo muthi omuhle uthela izithelo  
 ezinhle, kepha umuthi omubi uthela izithelo  
 ezimbi. umuthi omuhle ungethele izithelo  
 ezimbi, nomuthi omubi ungethele izithelo  
 ezinhle. yilowo nalowo muthi ongatheli  
 izithelo ezinhle uyanqunywa, uphonswe  
 emlilweni. njalo-ke niyakubazi ngezithelo  
 zabo. asibo bonke abashoyo kimi ukuthi:  
 nkosi, nkosi, abayakungena embusweni  
 wezulu, kuphela owenza intando kababa  
 osezulwini. abaningi bayakuthi kimi ngalolo  
 suku: nkosi, nkosi, asiprofethanga yini  
 ngegama lakho, sakhipha amademoni  
 ngegama lakho, senza imisebenzi eminingi  
 yamandla ngegama lakho, na? khona  
 ngiyakufakaza kubo ukuthi: angizange  
 nginazi; sukani kimi nina benzi bbona-ra-  
 ukukhandleka. ngalokho yilowo nalowo  
 owezwa lawa mazwi ami, awenze, uyaku-  
 faniswa nendoda ehla kaniphileyo eyakha  
 indlu yayo phezu kwedwala. layithela  
 imvula, kwafika izikhukhula, kwavunguza  
 imimoya, yayishaya leyo ndlu; kepha  
 kayiwanga, ngokuba yayisekelwe yidwala.  
 kodwa yilowo owezwa lawa mazwi ami,  
 angawenzi, uyakufaniswa nendoda eyisiwula  
 eyakha indlu yayo phezu kwesihlabathi.  
 layithela imvula, kwafika izikhukhula,  
 kwavunguza imimoya, yayishaya leyo  
 ndlu, yawa, kwaba kukhulu ukuwa kwayo!  
 kwathi ujesu eseqedile lawo mazwi, izi-  
 xuku zamangala ngokufundisa kwakhe;  
 ngokuba wayebafundisa njengonamandla,  
 kungenjengababhali babo.

kwathi esehlile entabeni, zamlandela  
 izixuku eziningi. bheka, kwafika on-  
 choko, wakhuleka kuye, wathi: nkosi, uma  
 uthanda, ungangihlambulula. wayeselula  
 isandla, wamphatha, wathi: ngiyathanda;  
 hlambuluka. wayesehlambuluka masinyane  
 ochokweni lwakhe. ujesu wayesethi kuye:  
 bheka, ungatsheli muntu, kepha hamba  
 uzibonakalise kumpristi, uyise umnikelo  
 owayalelwa ngumose, kube ngubufakazi  
 kubo. kwathi esangena ekapernawume,  
 kweza kuye induna yekhulu, yamncenga  
 yathi: nkosi, umfana wami ulele endlini,  
 ufe uhlangothi, ukhwelwe kakhulu ngubuh-  
 lungu. wathi kuyo: mina ngizakuza  
 ngimphulukise. induna yekhulu yaphendula  
 yathi: nkosi, angifanele ukuba ungene  
 phansi kopahla lwami, kepha yisho izwi  
 nje, khona umfana wami uyakusinda.  
 ngokuba nami ngingumuntu ophansi kwa-  
 makhosi, nginamabutho phansi kwami;  
 ngithi kwelinye: hamba, lihambe; ngithi  
 kwelinye: woza, lize; nasenkekwi ni yami:  
 yenza lokhu, ikwenze. ujesu ekuzwa lokho  
 wamangala, wathi kwabamlandelayo:  
 ngiqinisile ngithi kini: angizange ngifumane  
 kwa-israyeli ukukholwa okungaka kumuntu.  
 kepha ngithi kini: abaningi bayakuza bevela  
 empumalanga nasentshonalanga, bahlale  
 ekudleni no-abrahama no-isaka nojakobe  
 embusweni wezulu, :11 luk. 13:28. kodwa  
 abantwana bombuso bayakukhishelwa  
 ebumnyameni obungaphandle; lapho  
 kuyakuba khona ukukhala nokugedla  
 amazinyo. ujesu wayesethi enduneni  
 yekhulu: hamba, makube kuwe njen-  
 gokukholwa kwakho. umfana wasinda ngaso  
 lesi sikhathi. ujesu wayesengena endlini  
 kapetru, wabona umkhwekazi wakhe elele  
 phansi enomkhuhlane. waphatha isandla  
 sakhe, umkhuhlane wamyeke; wavuka,  
 wamkhonza. kwathi sekuhlwile, baletsha  
 kuye abaningi abakhwelwe ngamademoni,  
 wakhupha omoya ngezwi, waphulukisa  
 bonke abagulayo, ukuze gcugwaliseke ok-  
 wakhulunywa ngo-isaya umprofethi ukuthi:  
 yena wabetshatha ubuthakathaka bethu,  
 wathwala izifo zethu. kwathi ujesu ebona  
 isixuku simhaqile, wayala ukuba kuwelelwe  
 ngaphesheya. kwase kufika umbhali, wathi  
 kuye: mfundisi, ngizakukulandela, noma  
 uya ngaphi. ujesu wayesethi kuye: izi-  
 mpungushe zinemigodi, nezinyoni zezulu  
 zinezidleke, kepha indodana yomuntu  
 kayinandawo, lapho ingacamelisa khona  
 ikhanda. kodwa omunye wabafundi bakhe  
 wathi kuye: nkosi, ngivumele ngiye kuqala  
 ukuyakumbela ubaba. kepha ujesu wathi  
 kuye: ngilandele; yeka abafileyo bembele  
 abafileyo babo. wayesengena emkhun-  
 jini; abafundi bakhe bamlandela. bheka,

kwavuka isiphepho esikhulu elwandle, umkhumbi waze wagujuzelwa ngamaza; kepha yena wayelele. basondela, bamvusa, bathi: nkosi, sisindise, safe. wayesethi kubo: nesabelani nina bokukholwa okuncane na? khona wavuka wakhuza umoya nolwandle, kwaba khona ukuthula okukhulu. kepha abantu bamangala, bathi: unjani lo ukuba nomoya nolwandle kumlalele na? kwathi esefikile ngaphesheya ezweni lamagadara, kwahlangana naye ababili abakhwelwe ngamademoni, bephuma emathuneni, beyizidlova ezinkulu ngangokuba kwakungedlule muntu ngaleyo ndlela. bheka, bamemeza bathi: sinamsebenzi muni nawe ndodana kalezi-ku? uze lapha ukusizwisa ubuhlungu, kungakabi yiso isikhathi, na? manje kwakukhona kude nabo umhlambi wezingulube ezingi ziklabile. amademoni amncenga athi: uma usikhipha, sithume ukuba singene emhlambini wezingulube. wathi kuwo: hambani. ayesephuma, angena ezingulubeni; bheka, umhlambi wonke wagulukuludela eweni, waphonseka elwandle, wafela emanzini. kodwa ababezalusa babaleka, baya emzini, babika konke, nalokho okwehlele abakhwelwe ngamademoni. bheka, umuzi wonke waphuma ukuyomhlangabeza ujesu; bathe bembona, bamncenga ukuba amuke emikhawulweni yelakubo.

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wayesengena emkhunjini, wawela, weza emzini wakubo. bheka, baletsha kuye umuntu ofe uhlangothi elele ohlakeni. ujesu ebona ukukholwa kwabo wathi kofe uhlangothi: yima isibindi, ndodana; uthethelelwe izono zakho. bheka, abathile kubabhali bathi phakathi kwabo: lo uyahlambalaza. ujesu ezazi izizindlo zabo wathi: nizindlelani bona-ra-ukukhandleka ezinhliziyweni zenu na? ngokuba yikuphi okulula ukuthi: uthethelelwe izono zakho, noma ukuthi: vuka uhambe, na? kepha ukuze nazi ukuthi indodana yomuntu inamandla emhlabeni okuthethelela izono khona wathi kofe uhlangothi: vuka, utha-bathe uhlaka lwakho, uye endlini yakho. wavuka, waya endlini yakhe. kepha izixuku zikubona zethuka, zamdumisa ulezi-ku onikile abantu amandla anjalo. esadlula lapho ujesu wabona umuntu othiwa umathewu ehlezi endaweni yokuthela, wathi kuye: ngilandele. wasuka-ke, wamlandela. kwathi ehlezi ekudleni endlini, bheka, kwafika abaningi abathelisi nezoni, bahlala badla nojesu nabafundi bakhe, abafarisi bekubona lokho bathi kubafundi bakhe: yini ukuba umfundisi wenu adle nabathelisi nezoni na? ekuzwa lokhu wathi: abaphileleyo abadingi

inyanga, ngabagulayo bodwa. kepha hambani nifunde ukuba kuthini ukuthi: ngifuna isihawu, hhayi umhlatshele. ngokuba angizanga ukubiza abalungileyo kepha izoni ukuba ziphenduke. khona kwase kufika kuye abafundi bakajohane, bathi: yini ukuba thina nabafarisi sizila ukudla; kepha abafundi bakho abazili ngani na? ujesu wathi kubo: abayeni bangalila yini, umyeni enabo na? kodwa kuzakufika izinsuku, lapho umyeni ezakususwa kubo; yikhona-ke bezakuzila. akakho obekela isiziba sendwangu engakashukeki engutsheni endala, ngokuba lokhu okubekelwa kuyo kuyakulebhula engutsheni, kwande ukuklebhuka. akuthelwa futhi iwayini elisha ezimvabeni ezindala, funa izimvaba ziqhume, newayini lichitheke, nezimvaba zonakale. kodwa iwayini elisha balithela ezimvabeni ezintsha, kulondeke kbona-ra-ukukhandlekali. esakhuluma lokhu kubo, bheka, kwafika umphathi othile, wakuleka kuye, wathi: indodakazi yami ifa khona manje; kepha woza, ubeke isandla sakho phezu kwayo, izakuphila. wasuka-ke ujesu, wamlandela kanye nabafundi bakhe. bheka, owesifazane owayenomopho iminyaka eyishumi namibili weza emva kwakhe, wathinta umphetho wengubo yakhe. ngokuba wayethi phakathi kwakhe: uma ngingathinta nje ingubo yakhe, ngizakusindiswa. ujesu ephenduka wambona, wathi: yima isibindi, ndodakazi; ukukholwa kwakho kukusindisile. wasinda owesifazane, kusukela kuleso sikhathi. ujesu esefikile endlini yomphathi, ebona khona ababethi bemitshingo nesixuku esixokozelayo, wathi kubo: dedani, ngokuba intombazana ayifile, kodwa ilele. bamhleka usulu. isixuku sesikhishiwe, wangena, wayibamba ngesandla; yavuka intombazana. udumo lwalokho lwezwakala ezweni lonke langakhona. esadlula lapho ujesu, izimpumputhe ezimbili zamlandela, zamemeza zathi: sihawukele, ndodana kadavide! esengenile endlini, izimpumputhe zeza kuye. ujesu wathi kuzo: nyakholwa yini ukuthi ngingakwenza lokhu na? zathi kuye: yebo, nkosi. khona wathinta amehlo azo, wathi: makwenzeke kini njengokukholwa kwenu. ayesevuleka amehlo azo. ujesu waziyalisisa, wathi: qaphelani ukuba kungaziwa muntu. kepha zaphuma, zamdumisa kulo lonke lelo zwe. ekuphumeni kwazo, bheka, kwaletsha kuye isimungulu esinedemoni. idemoni selikhishiwe, isimungulu sakhuluma. izixuku zamangala, zathi: akuzange kubonwe okunje kwa-israyeli. kepha abafarisi bathi: ukhipha amademoni ngenkosi yamademoni. ujesu wayihamba imizi yonke nemizana efundisa emasinagogeni abo, eshumayela ivangeli lombuso, ephulukisa izifo zonke nokugula konke. kepha ebona izixuku wabanesihe ngazo, ngokuba zazikhat hazekile,

zihlakazekile njengezimvu ezingenamalusi. wayesethi kubafundi bakhe: ukuvuna kukhulu, kodwa izisebenzi ziyingcosana. ngakho-ke nxusani enkosini yokuvuna ukuba ithume izisebenzi, ziye ekuvuneni kwayo.

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wayesebabiza abafundi bakhe abayishumi nambili, wabanika amandla phezu kwa-womoya abangcolileyo ukuba babakhiphe, nawokuphulukisa izifo zonke nokugula konke. amagama abaphostoli abayishumi nambili yilawa: owokuqala ngusimoni othiwa upetru, no-andreya umfowabo, nojakobe kazebedewu, nojohane umfowabo, nofiliphu, nobartolomewu, notomase, nomathewu umthelisi, nojakobe ka-alfewu, nothadewu, nosimoni umkhanani, nojuda iskariyotho owamkaphelayo. laba abayishumi nambili ujesu wabathuma, wabayala wathi: ningayi ngendlela yabezizwe, ningangeni emzini wamasamariya; kodwa yanini kakhulu ezimvini ezilahlekileyo zendlu ka-israyeli. ekuhambeni kwenu shumayelani nithi: umbuso wezulu ususondele. phulukisani abagulayo, nivuse abafileyo, nhlambulule abanochoko, nikhiphe amademoni. namukelisiwe ngesihle, yiphani ngesihle. ningaphathi golide, nasiliva, nathusi emixhakeni yenu, nasikhwama sendlela, namabhantshi amabili, nazicathulo, naludondolo, ngokuba isisebenzi sifanele ukudla kwaso. nakumuphi umuzi noma umuzana eniyakungena kuwo, cinigani ofaneleyo kuwo, nihlale khona, nize nimuke. ekungeneni kwenu endlini niyibingelele. uma indlu ifanele, ukuthula kwenu makuze phezu kwayo; kodwa uma ingafanele, ukuthula kwenu makubuyele kini. yilowo nalowo ongayikunamukela engawezwa amazwi enu, anothi niphuma kuleyo ndlu noma kulowo muzi, nivuthule uthuli ezinyaweni zenu. ngiqinisele ngithi kini: kuyakuba ngcono ezweni lasesodoma nakwelasegomora ngosuku lokwahlulelwa kunakulowo muzi. bhekani, ngiyanithuma njengezimvu phakathi kwezimpisi; ngakho-ke hlananiphani njengezinyoka, nibe mnene njengamajuba. kepha xwayani abantu, ngokuba bayakunikhaphela emiphakathini, banishaye emasinagogeni abo. niyakuyiswa nangaphambi kwababusi namakhosi ngenxa yami, kube ngubufakazi kubo nakwabezizwe. kepha kuyakuthi, nxa benikhaphela, ningakhat-hazeki ngokuthi niyakukhuluma kanjani nokuthi niyakuthini, ngokuba niyakuphiwa ngaso lesi sikhathi eniyakukhuluma. ngokuba akuyinina enikhulumayo kodwa umoya kayihlo okhuluma kini. kepha umuntu uyakukhaphela umfowabo ekufeni,

noyise umntanakhe; abantwana bayakuvukela abazali babo, bababulale. niyakuzondwa ngabantu bonke ngenxa yegama lami; kodwa okhuthazelayo kuze kube sekupheleni lowo uyakusindiswa. nxa benizingela komunye umuzi, anobalekela komunye; ngokuba ngiqinisele ngithi kini: aniyikuqeda imizi yakwa-israyeli, ingakafiki indodana yomuntu. umfundi kaphezu komfundisi, nenceku kayiphezu kwenkosi yayo. kumanele umfundi abe njengomfundisi wakhe, nenceku ibe njengenkosi yayo. uma bebizile umninindlu ngokuthi ubelzebule, kakhulu abendlu yakhe. ngakho-ke ningabesabi; ngokuba akukho okusishekelweyo okungayikwambulwa nokufihliweyo okungayikwaziwa. lokhu enginitshelela khona ebunyamini, kukhulumeni ekukhanyeni; nalokhu enikuzwayo endlebeni, kushumayeleni phezu kwezindlu. ningabesabi ababulala umzimba bengemandla okubulala umphefumulo, kepha kakhulu mesabeni onamandla okubhubhisa nomphefumulo nomzimba esihogweni. akuthengwa yini imizwilili emibili ngendibilishi na? kepha akuyikuwa phansi namunye kuyo ngaphandle kukayihlo. kodwa kini zibaliwe nezinwele zonke zekhanda lenu. ngakho maningesabi; nina niyayidlula imizwilili eminingi. ngalokho-ke yilowo nalowo oyakungivuma phambi kwabantu, nami ngiyakumvuma phambi kukababa osezulwini; kepha lowo oyakungiphika phambi kwabantu, nami ngiyakumphika phambi kukababa osezulwini. ningasho ukuthi ngize ukuletha ukuthula emhlabeni; angizanga ukuletha ukuthula kepha inkemba. yebo, ngize ukuphambanisa umuntu noyise, nendodakazi nonina, nomalokazana noninazala. nezitha zomuntu kuyakuba ngabendlu yakhe. othanda uyise nonina kunami kangifanele; nothanda indodana noma indodakazi kunami kangifanele; nongathabathi isiphambano sakhe, angilandeke, kangifanele. ofumana ukuphila kwakhe uyakulahlekelwa yikho; olahlekelwa ngukuphila kwakhe ngenxa yami uyakukufumana. onamukela nina uyangamukela mina; ongamukela mina uyamamukela ongithumileyo. owamukela umprofethi ngegama lomprofethi uyakuzuza umvuzo womprofethi; nowamukela olungileyo ngegama lolungileyo uyakuzuza umvuzo wolungileyo. yilowo nalowo oyakuphuzisa abe munye kulaba abancinyane, ngisho inkezo eyodwa yamanzi aqandayo ngegama lomfundi, ngiqinisele ngithi kini: kasoze alahlekelwa ngumvuzo wakhe.

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kwathi ukuba ujesu aqede ukuyala abafundi bakhe abayishumi nambili, wamuka

lapho ukuyofundisa nokushumayela emizini yabo. kwathi-ke uJohane esetilongweni, ezwile ngemisebenzi kakristu, wathumela ngabafundi bakhe, wathi kuye: wena unguye ozayo, noma sobheka omunye na? uJesu waphendula, wathi kubo: hambani nimlandise uJohane lokhu enikuzwayo nenikubonayo ukuthi: izimpumputhe ziyabona, izinyonga ziyahamba, abanochoke bayahlanjulumela, izithulu ziyezwa, abafuleyo bayavuswa, abampofu bayashunyayezwa ivangeli; ubusisiwe ongayikukhubeka ngami. kepha sebemuka laba, uJesu waqala ukukhuluma ezixukwini ngoJohane, wathi: naphuma naya ehlane ukuyobonani na? umhlanga ontengantengiswa ngumoya na? kanti naphuma ukuyobonani na? umuntu owembethe ezinotthonotho na? bhekani, abembethe ezinotthonotho basezindlini zamakhosi. kodwa naphumelani na? ukubona umprofethi na? yebo, ngithi kini: odlula umprofethi. nguye okulotshwe ngaye ukuthi: bheka, ngiyathuma isithunywa sami phambi kobuso bakho esiyakulungisa indlela yakho phambi kwakho. ngiqinisele ngithi kini: kwabazele ngabesifazane akwelanga omkhulu kunoJohane umbhaphathizi; kepha omncane embusweni wezulu mkhulu kunaye. kepha kusukela emihleni kajohane umbhaphathizi kuze kube manje umbuso wezulu uyafuzulwa, nabafuzulayo bayawuphanga. ngokuba abaprofethi bonke nomthetho baprofetha, kwaze kwafika uJohane. uma nivuma ukukwamukela, lo ungu-eliya obezakufika. onezindlebe makezwe. kepha lesi sizukulwane ngiyakusifanisa nani na? sifana nabantwana abahlezi ezigcawini bememeza abanye bethi: sinibethele imitshingo, anisinanga; salilisele, anikhalanga. ngokuba uJohane wafika engadli, engaphuzi; bathi: unedemoni. indodana yomuntu yafika idla, iphuza; bathi: bhekani, umuntu oyisiminzi nesiphuzi, umhlobo wabathelisi nowezoni. kodwa ukuhlakanipha kuvunyiwe ngabantwana bakho. wayeseqala ukujezisa imizi okwakwenziwe kuyo iningi lemisebenzi yakhe yamandla, ngokuba ingaphendukanga, wathi: maye kuwe korazini! maye kuwe betsayida! ngokuba uma kwakwenziwe etire nasesidoni imisebenzi yamandla eyenziwe kini, ngakube kade yaphenduka ngesaka nangomlotha. kepha ngithi kini: kuyakuba ngcono kulo itire nesidoni ngosuku lokwahlulelwa kunakini. nawe kapernawume uyakuphakanyiselwa ezulwini na? uyakwehliselwa ehayidese ngokuba uma wayenziwe esodoma imisebenzi yamandla eyenziwe kuwe, ngabe likhona nanamuhla. kepha ngithi kini: kuyakuba ngcono kulo izwe lasesodoma ngosuku lokwahlulelwa kunakuwe. ngalelo hora uJesu wakhuluma wathi: ngiyakubonga,

baba, nkosi yezulu nomhlaba, ngokuba ukufihlile lokhu kwabahlakaniphileyo nabanokuqonda, wakwambulela izingane; yebo, baba, ngokuba kwaba kuhle phambi kwakho ukuba kube njalo. konke ngikunikelwe ngubaba; akakho owazi indodana, kuphela uyise; akakho futhi owazi uyise, kuphela indodana nalowo indodana ethanda ukumambulela yena. zanini kimi nina nonke enikhatheleyo nenisindwayo, mina ngizakuniphumaza. bekani ijoka lami phezu kwenu, nifunde kimi, ngokuba ngimnene, ngithobile ngenhliziyi; khona imiphfumulo yenu iyakufumana impumuzo. ngokuba ijoka lami lihle, nomthwalo wami ulula.

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ngaleso sikhathi uJesu wadabula amasimu ngesabatha; abafundi bakhe babelambile, baqala ukukha izikhwebu, badla. kepha abafarisi bebona lokho bathi kuye: bheka, abafundi bakho benza okungavunyelwe ukuba kwenziwe ngesabatha. wathi kubo: anifundanga yini akwenzayo udavide msukwana elambile kanye nababe naye ukuthi wangena endlini kalezi-ku, wadla izinkwa zokubukwa okungavunyelwe ukuba zidlwe nguye nababe naye kodwa ngabapristi kuphela, na? futhi anifundanga yini emthethweni ukuthi ngesabatha abapristi bayalona isabatha ethempelini, bangabi nacala, na? kodwa ngithi kini: kukhona lapha okukhulu kunethempeli. kepha uma benazi ukuba kuyini lokhu ukuthi: ngifuna isihawu, hhayi umhlatshele, nga ningabalahlanga laba abangenacala. ngokuba indodana yomuntu iyinkosi yesabatha. wamuka lapho, wangena esinagogeni labo. bheka, kwakukhona umuntu onesandla esishwabeneyo; bambuza bathi: kuvunyelwe yini ukuphulukisa ngesabatha na? ukuze bamngalele. kepha wathi kubo: ngumuphi umuntu kini enemvu eyodwa, uma iyele emgodini ngesabatha, ongayikuyibamba, ayikhiphe, na? pho-ke, umuntu udlula imvu kangakanani. ngakho-ke kuvunyelwe ukwenza okuhle ngesabatha. khona wathi kulowo muntu: yelula isandla sakho. wayeseselula, sasinda saba njen- gesinye. base bephuma abafarisi, benza isigungu ngaye ukuba bambhubhise. kepha uJesu ekwazi lokho wamuka lapho. bamlandela abaningi, wabaphulukisa bonke. wabayalisisa ukuba bangamzwakalisi, ukuze kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa ngo- isaya umprofethi ukuthi: bheka, inceku yami engiyikhetheleyo, othandiweyo wami othokoza ngaye umphefumulo wami, ngiyakuzisa umoya wami phezu kwakhe, amemezele ukwahlulela kubo abezizwe. akayikubanga, akayikubangalasa, akakho oyakulizwa izwi lakhe ezitaladini. umhlanga

ofekekileyo akayikuwaphula, umongo othunqayo akayikuwucima, aze aphumelelise ukwahlulela, kunqobe. izizwe ziyakwethembela egameni lakhe. kwase kulethwa kuye okhwelwe yidemoni, eyimpumputhe eyisimungulu; wamphulukisa, kwaze kwathi oyisimungulu wakhuluma, wabona. zase zimangala kakhulu izixuku zonke, zathi: lo asiyo indodana kadavide na? kepha abafarisi bekuzwa bathi: lo uwakhipha amademoni ngobelzebule kuphela, umbusi wamademoni. kepha ujesu ezazi izizindlo zabo wathi kubo: yilowo nalowo mbuso owahlukene wodwa uyachitheka, nalowo muzi nokuba indlu eyahlukene yodwa ingeme. uma usathane emkhipha usathane, wahlukene yedwa. pho, umbuso wakhe uyakuma kanjani na? uma mina ngikhipha amademoni ngobelzebule, amadodana enu awakhipha ngobani na? ngalokho-ke wona ayakuba ngabahluleli benu. kepha uma mina ngikhipha amademoni ngomoya kalezi-ku, umbuso kalezi-ku usufikile phela kini. futhi umuntu angangena kanjani endlini yesiqhwaga, aphange impahla yaso, uma engabophi kuqala isiqhwaga, andukuba aphange indlu yaso, na? ongenami umelene nami; ongabuthi nami uyahlakaza. ngalokho ngithi kini: abantu bayakuthethelelwa zonke izono nokuhlambalaza, kepha ukhulambalaza umoya akuyikuthethelelwa. yilowo nalowo okhuluma izwi elimelene nendodana yomuntu uyakuthethelelwa; kepha lowo okhuluma elimelene nomoya ongcwele akayikuthethelelwa nakuleli zwe nakwelizayo. yenzani umuthi ube mihle, nesithelo sawo sibe sihle; noma nenze umuthi ube mubi, nesithelo sawo sibe sibi; ngokuba umuthi waziwa ngesithelo sawo. nzalo yezinyoka, ningakhuluma kanjani okuhle nibabi na? ngokuba umlomo ukhuluma ngokuchichima kwenhliziyo. umuntu omuhle ukhipha okuhle engcebene yakhe enhle; nomuntu omubi ukhipha bona-ra-ukukhandleka engcebene yakhe embi. kepha ngithi kini: amazwi onke ayize abawakhulumayo abantu bayakuzilanda ngawo ngosuku lokwahlulelwa. ngokuba ngamazwi akho uyakuthethwa, nangamazwi akho uyakulahlwa. kwase kuphendula abathile kubabhali nabafarisi, bathi: mfundisi, sithanda ukubona isibonakaliso esenziwa nguwe. kepha waphendula, wathi kubo: isizukulwane esibi nesiphingayo sifuna isibonakaliso; kepha asiyikunikwa sibonakaliso, kuphela isibonakaliso sikajona umprofethi. ngokuba njengalokho ujana wayesesiswini somkhomo izinsuku ezintathu nobusuku obuthathu, kanjalo-ke nendodana yomuntu iyakuba sebuthunjini bomhlaba izinsuku ezintathu nobusuku obuthathu. amadoda asenineve ayakusukuma ekwahlulelweni kanye nalesi sizukulwane,

asilahle; ngokuba aphenduka ngokushumayela kukajona; bhekani, kukhona lapha okukhulu kunojona. inkosikazi yaseningizimu iyakusukuma ekwahlulelweni kanye nalesi sizukulwane, isilahle; ngokuba yavela emikhawulweni yomhlaba izakuzwa ukuhlakanipha kukasolomoni; bhekani, lapha kukhona okukhulu kunosolomoni. nxa umoya ongcolileyo esephumile kumuntu, uyadabula izindawo ezingenamanzi efuna ukuphumula, angakufumani. khona uthi: ngizakubuyela endlini yami engaphuma kuyo; esefikile, ayifumane ize, ishaneliwe, ihlotshisiwe. abesehamba-ke, abuye nabanye omoya abayisikhombisa ababi kunaye, bangene bahlale khona; kuthi ukugcina kwalowo muntu kuba kubi kunokuqala. kuyakuba njalo nakulesi sizukulwane esibi. esashumayela ezixukwini, bheka, unina nabafofawo babemi ngaphandle befuna ukukhuluma naye. omunye wathi kuye: bheka, unyoko nabafofawo bemi ngaphandle befuna ukukhuluma nawe. kepha waphendula, wathi komtshelileyo: ngubani umame, nabafofawo ngobani na? welula isandla sakhe ngakubafundi bakhe, wathi: bhekani nangu umame nabafofawo. ngokuba yilowo nalowo owenza intando kababa osezulwini nguyeyi ongumfowethu nodadewethu nomame.

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ngalolo suku ujesu waphuma endlini, wahlala phansi ngaselwandle. kwase kubuthana kuye izixuku eziningi, waze wangena emkhunjini, wahlala phansi, uquqaba lonke lumi ogwini. wakhuluma kubo okuningi ngemifanekiso, wathi: bhekani, kwaphuma umhlwanyeli ukuyohlwanyela. ekuhlwaneyeleni kwakhe enye imbewu yavela ngasendleleni; kwafika izinyoni, zayidla zayiqeda. kepha enye yavela edwaleni, lapho yayingenamhlabathi omningi khona; yamila masinyane, ngokuba ingenamhlabathi ojulileyo. kodwa seliphumile ilanga, yahwamuka; nangokuba ingenampande, yabona. kepha enye yavela emveni; ameva akhula, ayiminyanisa. kepha enye yavela emhlabathini omuhle; yathela isithelo, enye ngekhulu, enye ngamashumi ayisithupha, enye ngamashumi amathathu. onezindlebe makezwe. kwase kufika abafundi bakhe, bathi kuye: ukhulumelani kubo ngemifanekiso na? waphendula-ke, wathi kubo: nina nipihiwe ukwazi izimfihlakalo zombuso wezulu; kodwa bona kabakuphiwanga. ngokuba yilowo nalowo onakho uyakuphiwa, kuvame; kodwa lowo ongenakho uyakwamukwa nalokho anakho. kungalokhu ngikhuluma kubo ngemifanekiso, ngokuba noma bebona, kababoni, noma bezwa, kabezwa, kabaqondi. kugcwaliseka kubo

isiprofetho sika-isaya sokuthi: ngokuzwa niyakuzwa, ningaze naqonda; ngokubona niyakubona, ningaze nabonisisa; ngokuba inhliziyi yalesi sizwe isiyaba lukhuni, bezwa kanzima ngezindlebe, amehlo abo bawacimezile, funa mhlawumbe babone ngamehlo, bezwe ngezindlebe, baqonde ngenhliziyi, baphenduke, ngibaphulukise. kodwa abusiwe amehlo enu, lokhu ebona, nezindlebe zenu, lokhu zizwa. ngokuba ngqinisisile ngithi kini: baningi abaprofethi nabalungileyo ababefisa ukubona enikubonayo, abakubonanga, nokuzwa enikuzwayo, abakuzwanga. yizwani-ke nina umfanekiso womhlwanyeli. yilowo nalowo olizwa izwi lombuso engaliqondi ufikelwa ngomubi ohlwitha okuhlwanyelwe enhliziyweni yakhe. yilowo ohlwanyelwe ngasendleleni. ohlwanyelwe edwaleni nguyi olizwa izwi, alamukele masinyane ngokuthokoza; kepha kanampande phakathi kwakhe, kodwa uhlala isikhashana nje, kuthi sekuvele ukhulupheka nokuzingelwa ngenxa yezwi, akhubeke masinyane. futhi-ke ohlwanyelwe emeveni nguyi olizwa izwi, kepha iminako yalesi sikhathi nokukhohlisa kwengcebo kuminyanisa izwi, abe ngongatheliyo. kepha ohlwanyelwe emhlabathini omuhle nguyi olizwa izwi, aliqonde, athele impela isithelo, omunye aveze ngekhulu, omunye ngamashumi ayisithupha, omunye ngamashumi amathathu. omunye umfanekiso wawubeka kubo, wathi: umbuso wezulu ufaniswa nomuntu owahlwanyela imbewu enhle ensimini yakhe; kepha abantu besalele, kwafika isitha sakhe, sahlwanyela ukhula phakathi kwamabele, samuka. kwathi ukuba likhule ikhaba, kuthele isithelo, khona kwabonakala nokhula. kwase kufika izisebenzi zomnumzane, zathi kuye: nkosi, awuhlwanyelanga imbewu enhle ensimini yakho na? pho, ilutholephi ukhula na? wathi kuzo: lokhu kwenziwe ngumuntu oyisitha, izisebenzi zathi kuye: uthanda ukuba siye ukulubutha na? kodwa wathi: qha, funa nithi, nxa nibutha ukhula, niphule amabele kanye nalo. yekani kukhule kbona-ra-ukukhandlekale ndawonye, kuze kuvunwe; ngesikhathi sokuvuna ngiyakuthi kwabavunayo: buthani kuqala ukhula, nilubophe izinyanda ukuba lushiswe, nibuthale amabele engotsheni yami. omunye umfanekiso wawubeka kubo, wathi: umbuso wezulu ufana nenhlamvu yesinaphi ayithatha umuntu, wayihlwanyela ensimini yakhe; yona kambe incinyane kunazo zonke izimbewu, kepha una isikhulile, inkulu kunezilimo, iba ngumuthi, kuze kufike izinyoni zezulu, zakhele emagatsheni awo. wabatshela omunye umfanekiso wathi: umbuso wezulu ufana nemvubelo ayithatha owesifazane, wayifaka ezilinganiseni ezintathu zempuphu, kwaze kwabila

konke. konke lokho ujesu wakukhuluma ezixukwini ngemifanekiso; ngaphandle komfanekiso sakhulumanga lutho kubo, ukuze kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa ngomprofethi ukuthi: ngizakuvula umlomo wami ngemifanekiso, ngiphimisele okufihlakeleyo, selokhu kwasekelwa umhlaba. khona wazishiya izixuku, weza endlini. basondela kuye abafundi bakhe, bathi: sichasisele umfanekiso wokhula ensimini. wayesephendula, ethi kubo: ohlwanyela imbewu enhle yindodana yomuntu; insimu yizwe; imbewu enhle yibo abangabantwana bombuso; kodwa ukhula ngabantwana bombu; kepha isitha esaluhlwanyelayo ngusathane; ukuvuna kungukuphela kwezwe; nabavuni yizingelosi. ngakho-ke njengokuba ukhula luyabuthwa, lushiswe emilweni, kuyakuba njalo ekupheleni kwezwe. indodana yomuntu iyakuthuma izingelosi zayo, zibuthe, zikhhiphe embusweni wayo konke okukhubekisayo nabenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka, zibaphonse eziko lomlilo; lapho kuyakuba khona ukukhala nokugedla amazinyo. khona abalungileyo bayakukhanya njengelang embusweni kayise wabo. onezindlebe makezwe. umbuso wezulu ufana nengcebo efihlwe ensimini, yafunyanwa ngumuntu, wayithukusa; ngokuthokoza kwakhe uyahamba, athengise ngakho konke anakho, athenge leyo nsimu. futhi umbuso wezulu ufana nomthengi ofuna amaparele amahle; eselifumene iparele linye elinenani elikhulu, waya wathengisa ngakho konke anakho, walithenga. futhi umbuso wezulu ufana nenetha elaphonswa elwandle, lihlanganisa zonke izinhlobo; litha seligcwele, balidonsela ogwini, bahlala phansi, babuthela ezinhle ezitsheni, kepha ezimbi bazilahla. kuyakuba njalo ekupheleni kwezwe; kuyakuphuma izingelosi, zahlukanise ababi nabalungileyo, zibaphonse eziko lomlilo; lapho kuyakuba khona ukukhala nokugedla amazinyo. nikuqondile konke lokho na? bathi kuye: yebo. wayesethi kubo: ngakho-ke yilowo nalowo mbhali ofundiselwe umbuso wezulu ufana nomuntu, umnumzane, okhipha engcebeni yakhe okusha nokudala. kwathi ujesu eseqedile leyo mifanekiso, wamuka lapho. esefikile emzini wakubo wabafundisa esinagogeni labo, baze bamangala, bathi: lo ukuthathaphi lokhu kuhlakanipha nalawa mandla na? lo akasiyo indodana yombazi na? unina kathiwa umariya, nabafowabo asithi ojakobe, nojosefa, nosimoni, nojuda na? nawodadewabo abakho yini bonke lapha kithi na? pho, lo ukuthathaphi konke lokhu na? bakhubeka ngaye. kepha ujesu wathi kubo: umprofethi kadelelwa ngaphandle kwasezweni lakubo nasendlini yakwabo. akenzanga lapho imisebenzi eminingi yamandla ngenxa yokungakholwa

kwabo.

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ngaleso sikhathi uherode umtetrarki waluzwa udumo lukajesu, waze wathi ezincekwini zakhe: lo ngujoyane umbhaphathi; yena uvukile kwabafileyo; kungalokho lawa mandla asebenza kuye. ngokuba uherode wayembambile ujoyane, wambopha, wamfaka etilongweni ngenxa kaherodiya umkafiliphu umfowabo, lokhu ujoyane wayethe kuye: awuvunyelwe ube naye. kuthe efuna ukumbulala, wesaba abantu, ngokuba bathi ungumprofethi. kepha ngosuku lokuzalwa kukaherode indodakazi kaherodiya yasina phambi kwabo, yamjabulisa uherode, kwenzeka ukuba ayithembise ngesifungo ukuyipha lokho engakucela. yona isifundisiwe ngunina yathi: ngiphe lapha ngoqwebeme ikhanda likajoyane umbhaphathi. inkosi yadabuka, kepha ngenxa yezifungo zayo nangenxa yababehlezi nayo ekudleni yayaleza ukuba inikwe, yathuma yamquma ujoyane ikhanda etilongweni. ikhanda lakhe lalethwa ngoqwebeme, lanikwa intombazana; yaliyisa kunina. kwafika abafundi bakhe, bathabatha isidumbu, basimbela; baya bambikela ujesu. wathi ujesu esekuzwile lokho, wamuka lapho ngomkhumbi, waya endaweni eyihlane eyedwa. kepha izixuku zathi sezikuzwile, zamlandela ngezinyawo ziphuma emizini. waphuma, wabona isixuku esikhulu; waba nesihe ngaso, waphulukisa abagulayo babo. selishonile, abafundi bakhe beza kuye, bathi: le ndawo iyihlane, isikhathi sesihambile; mukisa izixuku ukuba ziye emizaneni, zizithengele ukudla. kepha ujesu wathi kubo: akuswelekile ukuba bamuke; bapheni nina ukudla. bathi kuye: asinalutho lapha, kuphela izinkwa eziyisihlanu nezinhlanzi ezimbili. wayesethi: ziletheni lapha kimi. wayeseyala izixuku ukuba zihlale phansi etshanini, wazithabatha izinkwa eziyisihlanu nezinhlanzi ezimbili, wabheka ngasezulwini, wazibusisa, wazihlephula, wabanika abafundi izinkwa, abafundi baphakela izixuku. badla bonke, basutha, babutha imvuthuluka eseleyo, iziqabetho eziyishumi nambili zigcwele. kepha abadlayo kwakungathi amadoda ayizinkulungwane eziyisihlanu ngaphandle kwabesifazane nabantwana. wayesecindezela masinyane abafundi ukuba bangene emkhunjini, bamandulele ukuya phesheya, aze amukise izixuku. esezimukisile izixuku wenyukela entabeni eyedwa ukuyokhuleka; sekuhlwile, wayeyedwa lapho. kepha umkhumbi wawusukile amastadiyu amaningi emhlabathini, ushukuniswa ngamaza, ngokuba umoya wawuphambene nabo. ngomlindo wesine

wobusuku weza kubo ehamba phezu kolwandle. kepha abafundi sebembonile ehamba phezu kolwandle bashaywa luvalo, bethi yisithunzi; bakhala ngokwesaba. kodwa ujesu wakhuluma kubo masinyane, wathi: yimani isibindi; yimina, ningesabi. upetru wayesephendula, wathi kuye: nkosi, uma kunguwe, yisho ukuba ngize kuwe phezu kwamanzi. wayesethi: woza. wehla-ke upetru emkhunjini, wahamba phezu kwamanzi, weza kujesu. kepha ebona umoya wesaba; eseqala ukushona wakhala wathi: nkosi, ngisindise! masinyane ujesu welula isandla, wambamba, wathi kuye: awu, wena onokukholwa okuncinyane, ungabazeleni na? sebekhwele emkhunjini, umoya wanqamuka. abasemkhunjini bakhuleka kuye, bathi: ngempela uyindodana kalezi-ku. sebewelele bafika ezweni lasegenesaretha. athi ukumazi amadoda aleyo ndawo, athuma izigijimi kulo lonke izwe langakhona; baletha kuye bonke abagulayo. bamncenga ukuba bathinte nje umphetho wengubo yakhe; bonke abawuthinta basindiswa.

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khona abafarisi nababhali bafika kujesu bevela ejerusalem, bathi: yini ukuba abafundi bakho beqe isiko labadala na? ngokuba abahlambi izandla nxa bedla isinkwa. kepha waphendula, wathi kubo: nani, yini ukuba neqe umyalo kalezi-ku ngenxa yesiko lenu na? ngokuba ulezi-ku wathi: yazisa uyihlo nonyoko, nokuthi: othuka uyise noma unina makafe nokufa. kepha nina nithi: oshoyo kuyise noma kunina ukuthi: kungumnikelo lokho ongabe usizwe yimi ngakho, akayikwazisa uyise noma unina; kanjalo nilenze laba yize izwi likalezi-ku ngesiko lenu. bazenzisi, waprofetha kahle ngani u-isaya, ethi: lesi sizwe singidumisa ngezindebe zomlomo, kepha inhliziyo yaso ikude nami; kodwa bangikhonza ngeze befundisa izifundiso eziyimiyalo yabantu. wayesebabiza abantu, wathi kubo: yizwani, niqonde. akusikho okungena emlonyeni okungcolisa umuntu; kepha okuphuma emlonyeni lokhu kungcolisa umuntu. khona kwasondela abafundi bakhe, bathi kuye: uyazi ukuthi abafarisi bathe bezwa lelo zwi, bakhubeka na? kepha waphendula wathi: yileso naleso sithombo esingathalwanga ngubaba wasezulwini siyakusishulwa. bayekeni; bangabahloli abayizimpuputhe; kepha nxa impuputhe ihola impuputhe, ziyakuyela emgodini zombili. upetru waphendula, wathi kuye: sichasisele lo mfanekiso. wayesethi: kanti nani nisengabangaqondyo na? anikaqondi yini ukuthi konke okungena emlonyeni kuya esiswini, kuze kulahlelwe ngaphandle na?

kepha okuphuma emlonyeni kuvela enhliziyweni; lokho-ke kuyamngcolisa umuntu. ngokuba enhliziyweni kuvela izizindlo ezimbi, ukubulala, ukuphinga, ubufebe, ukweba, ukufakaza amanga, ukuhlambalaza. yilezo zinto ezimngcolisayo umuntu; kodwa ukudla ngezandla ezingahlanjiwe akumngcolisi umuntu. ujesu ephuma lapho wamuka, waya emaphandleni asetire nas-esisidoni. bheka, kwavela emikhawulweni yakhona owesifazane wasekhanani, wakhala wathi: ngihawukele, nkosi, ndodana kadavide! indodakazi yami ikhwelwe kabi yide-moni. kepha akamphendulanga ngazwi. base besondela kuye abafundi bakhe, bamncenga, bathi: mmukise ngokuba uyakhala emva kwethu. kodwa waphendula wathi: angithunyelwanga kwabanye, kuphela ezimvini ezilahlekileyo zendlu yakwa-israyeli. kepha wayeseza, wakhuleka kuye wathi: nkosi ngisize. waphendula wathi: akukuhle ukuthatha isinkwa sabantwana, usiphonse ezinjneni. yena wathi: webo, nkosi; kepha nezinjana zidla imvuthuluka ewa etafuleni labaninizo. khona ujesu waphendula, wathi kuye: o mame, kukhulu ukukholwa kwakho; makube kuwe njengokuthanda kwakho. indodakazi yakhe yasinda kusukela kuleso sikhathi. wasuka lapho ujesu, wafika ngaselwandle lwasegalile, wenyukela entabeni, wahlala phansi khona. kwase kusondela kuye izixuku eziningi zinezinyonga, nezimpumputhe, nezimungulu, nezilima, nabanye abaningi, zababeka ngasezinyaweni zakhe; wabaphulukisa, :30 isaya 35:5. baze baman-gala abantu bebona izimungulu zikhuluma, izilima zisindile, izinyonga zihamba, izim-pumputhe zibona; bamdumisa ulezi-ku ka-israyeli. ujesu wayesebabiza abafundi bakhe, wathi: ngiyasihawukela isixuku, ngokuba sekuyizinsuku ezintathu sihlezi kimi, sin-genanto yokudla; angithandi ukubamuk-isa belambile, funa mhlawumbe baphele amandla endleleni. bathi kuye abafundi: singazitholaphi ehlane izinkwa ezin-gaka zokuba kusuthe isixuku esingaka na? wathi kubo ujesu: ninezinkwa ezingaki na? bathi: eziyisikhombisa, nezinhlanzana eziy-ingcosana. wayala isixuku ukuba sihlale phansi; wazithabatha izinkwa eziyisikhombisa nezinhlanzi, wabonga, wazihlephula, wanika abafundi, abafundi baphakela izixuku. badla bonke, basutha, babutha imvuthuluka eseleyo, amaqoma ayisikhombisa agcwele. kepha abadlayo babe yizinkulungwane ezine zamadoda ngaphand-le kwabesifazane nabantwana. esezimuk-isile izixuku wangena emkhunjini, wafika emikhawulweni yasemagadana.

abafarisi nabasadusi beza bemlinga bacela kuye ukuba ababonise isibonakaliso esivela ezulwini. kepha waphendula, wathi kubo: kusihlwa nithi: loba lisile, lokhu izulu libhejile; kuthi kusasa nithi: namuhla liza-kuphendula, ngokuba libhejile, liguqubele. kanti ukuma kwezulu niyakwazi ukukuc-haza, kepha izibonakaliso zezikhathi aniz-iqondi na? isizukulwane esibi nesiphingayo sifuna isibonakaliso, kepha asiyikunikwa sibonakaliso, kuphela isibonakaliso sika-jona umprofethi. wabashiya, wamuka. sebefike phesheya, abafundi bakhe babekhohliwe ukuphatha izinkwa. ujesu wayesethi kubo: anobheka nixwaye invubelo yabafarisi nabasadusi. baphendulana bodwa, bathi: kungokuba singaphathanga izinkwa. kepha ekwazi lokho ujesu wathi: nina bokukholwa okuncane, yini ukuba niphendulane nodwa ngokuthi kungokuba ningenazinkwa na? anikaqondi yini, futhi anizikhumbuli izinkwa eziyisihlanu zezinkulungwane eziyisihlanu nokuthi nabutha iziqabetho ezingaki na? nezinkwa eziyisikhombisa zezinkulung-wane ezine nokuthi nabutha amaqoma amangaki na? aniqondi ngani ukuthi bencingakhulumi kini ngesinkwa na? kepha xwayani invubelo yabafarisi nabasadusi. khona baqonda ukuthi kashongo ukuba baxwaye invubelo yezinkwa kepha isi-fundiso sabafarisi nabasadusi. ujesu esefikile emaphandleni asekesariya filipi wababuza abafundi bakhe, wathi: abantu basho ukuthi indodana yomuntu ingubani na? bathi: abanye basho uJohane umhaph-athizi; abanye basho u-eliya; abanye basho uJeremiya noma omunye wabaprofethi. wathi kubo: nina-ke nithi ngingubani na? usimoni petru waphendula wathi: wena ungukristu, indodana kalezi-ku ophilayo. ujesu waphendula, wathi kuye: ubusisiwe wena simoni kajona, ngokuba inyama negazi akukwambulelanga lokhu kodwa ubaba os-ezulwini. nami-ke ngithi kuwe: wena ungu-petru; phezu kwaleli dwala ngiyaku-lakha ibandla lami; amasango ehayidese awayikulahlula. ngiyakunikula izihluthulelo zombuso wezulu. oyakukubopha emhlabeni koba kuboshiwe nasezulwini, nalokho oy-akukukhulula emhlabeni koba kukhululiwe nasezulwini. khona wabayala abafundi ukuba bangatsheli muntu ukuthi nguye ongukristu. kusukela kuleso sikhathi ujesu waqala ukubonisa abafundi bakhe ukuba umelwe ukuya eJerusalem, ahlushwe ngokuningi ngamalunga nangabapristi abakhulu nababhali, abulawe, kepha avuswe ngosuku lwesithathu. upetru wayesemthatha, waqala ukumkhuza, wathi: musa, nkosi, lokho akusozwe kwenziwa kuwe. yena waphenduka, wathi kupetru: buyela



emva kwami, sathane; uyisikhubekiso kimi, ngokuba awuqondi okukalezi-ku kepha okwabantu. khona ujesu wathi kubafundi bakhe: uma umuntu ethanda ukuza emva kwami, makazidele, athabathe isiphambano sakhe, angilande. ngokuba yilowo nalowo ethanda ukusindisa ukuphila kwakhe uyakulahlekelwa yikho; kepha olahlekelwa ngukuphila kwakhe ngenxa yami uyakukumfana. ngokuba kuyakumsizani umuntu, uma ezuka izwe lonke, onakalelwe ukuphila kwakhe, na? yingabe uyakukhiphani umuntu, kube yisihlengo sokuphila kwakhe, na? ngokuba indodana yomuntu iyakuza ngenkazimulo kayise kanye nezingelosi zayo; khona-ke iyakuvuza yilowo nalowo ngesenzo sakhe. ngiqinisele ngithi kini: bakhona abanye kwabemi lapha abangayikuzwa ngempela ukufa, baze bayibone indodana yomuntu iza embusweni wayo.

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emva kwezinsuku eziyisithupha ujesu wathatha opetru, nojakobe, nojohane umfowabo, wakhuphukela nabo entabeni ende bebodwa. waphenduka esinye isimo phambi kwabo; ubuso bakhe bakhanya njengelanga, izingubo zakhe zaba mhlophe njengokukhanya. bheka, kwabonakala kubo omose no-eliya bekhuluma naye. wathatha upetru wathi kujesu: nkosi, kuhle ukuba silapha. uma uthanda, ngizakwakha lapha amadokodo amathathu, elinye libe ngelakho, elinye libe ngelikamose, elinye libe ngelika-eliya. esakhuluma, bheka ifu elikhanyayo labasithibeza; bheka, kwavela izwi efwini, lathi: lo uyindodana yami ethandekayo engithokozile ngayo; yizweni. kuthe sebezwa lokho abafundi, bawa ngobuso babo, besaba kakhulu. kepha ujesu wasondela, wabathinta, wathi: sukumani, ningesabi. kepha bephakamisa amehlo abo ababonanga muntu, kuphela ujesu yedwa. besehla entabeni, ujesu wabayala wathi: ningatsheli muntu lowo mbono, ize ivuke indodana yomuntu kwabaflelo. bambuza abafundi, bathi: pho, basholoni ababhali ukuthi u-eliya umelwe ukufika kuqala na? waphendula wathi: nempela u-eliya uyeza, uyakubuyisela konke. kepha ngithi kini: u-eliya sewafika; abamazanga nokho, kodwa benza kuye abakuthandayo. kanjalo nendodana yomuntu iyakuhlushwa yibo. khona abafundi baqonda ukuba ubekhuluma kubo ngojohane umbhaphathi. sebefikile esixukwini, kweza kuye umuntu, waguqa ngamadolo phambi kwakhe, wathi: nkosi, hawukela indodana yami, ngokuba inesithuthwane, ihlupheka kabi, lokhu iwela kaningi emlilweni, kaningi emanzini. ngiyilethe kubafundi bakho, kepha bahluleka ukuyiphulukisa. ujesu waphendula wathi:

o! sizukulwane esingakholwayo nesiphambeneyo, koze kube nini nginani na? koze kube nini nginibekezelela na? yiletheni lapha kimi. ujesu wayeseyikhuza, idemoni laphuma kuyo; umfana waphulukiswa kusukela kuleso sikhathi. khona kwafika abafundi kujesu bebodwa, bathi: thina besingemkhiphe ngani na? wayesethi kubo: kungenxa yokukholwa kwenu okuncane. ngokuba ngiqinisele ngithi kini: uma ninokukholwa njengembewu yesinaphi, niyakuthi kule ntaba: suka lapha, uye laphaya, iyakusuka; akukho okuyakunahlula. kepha lolo hlobo aluphumi ngaphandle kokuba kube ngokukhuleka nokuzila ukudla. besahambahamba egalile, ujesu wathi kubo: indodana yomuntu izakukhashelwa ezandleni zabantu; baza-kuyibulala, kepha ngosuku lwesithathu izakuvuswa. badabuka kakhulu. kwathi ukuba bafike ekapernawume, abaqoqi bemali yethempeli beza kupetru, bathi: umfundisi wenu akayitheli imali yethempeli na? wathi: uyayithela. esengene endlini ujesu wamandulela, wathi: usho ukuthini, simoni? amakhosi omhlaba athatha kubaphi intela nenkokhiso, kumadodana awo noma kubafu, na? wathi: kubafu. ujesu wayesethi: ngakho-ke amadodana akhulekile. kodwa-ke ukuba singabakhubekisi, yana elwandle, uphonswe udobo, ubambe inhlanzi ephuma kuqala; wothi ukuba uyivule umlomo, uzakufumana imali; yithathe, ubanike, usithelele mina nawe.

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ngaleso sikhathi abafundi basondela kujesu, bathi: ngubani omkhulu embusweni wezulu na? wayesebiza umntwana, wammisa phakathi kwabo, wathi: ngiqinisele ngithi kini: uma ningaphenduki, nibe njengabantwana, anisoze nangena embusweni wezulu. ngakho-ke yilowo nalowo oyakuzithoba njengalo mntwana nguyena omkhulu embusweni wezulu. nalowo oyakwamukela umntwana onje abe munye ngegama lami uyangamukela mina. kodwa okhubekisa abe munye kulaba abancinyane abakholwa yimi, kungcono kuye ukuba itshe lokusila ligaxwe entanyeni yakhe, azikiwe ekujeleni kolwandle. maye kulo izwe ngenxa yezikhubekiso! ngokuba izikhubekiso zimelwe ukufika, kepha maye kumuntu esiza ngaye isikhubekiso! kepha uma isandla sakho sikukhubekisa, kumbe unyawo lwakho, kunqume, ukulahle; kungcono kuwe ukuba ungene ekuphileni uyingini noma unyonga kunokuba uphonswe emlilweni ophakade unezandla zombili nezinyawo zombili. noma iso lakho likukhubekisa, likhiphe, ulilahle. kungcono kuwe ukuba ungene ekuphileni uneso linye kunokuba uphonswe esihog-

weni somlilo unamehlo omabili. bhekani ningadeleli namunye kulaba abancinyane, ngokuba ngithi kini: izingelosi zabo ezulwini zibona njalo ubuso bukababa osezulwini. ngokuba indodana yomuntu ize ukusindisa okulahlekileyo. nithini na? uma umuntu enezimvu eziyikhulu, kuduke enye kuzo, akazishiyi ezingamashumi ayisishiyagalolunye nesishiyagalolunye ezintabeni, ahambe ayofuna edukileyo, na? athi uma eyithola, ngiqinisele ngithi kini, uthokoza ngayo kakhulu kunangezingamashumi ayisishiyagalolunye nesishiyagalolunye ezin-gadukanga. kanjalo akusiyo intando kayihlo osezulwini ukuba kubhubhe noyedwa kulaba abancinyane. kepha uma umfowenu ekona, hamba umsole ninodwa naye. uma ekuzwa, woba umzuzile umfowenu. kodwa uma engakuzwa, thatha futhi abe munye noma bebabili kanye nawe ukuba onke amazwi aqinise ngomlomo wawofakazi ababili noma abathathu. uma enqaba ukubezwa, tshela ibandla; uma enqaba ukuzwa nalo ibandla, makabe kuwe njengowezizwe nomthelisi. ngiqinisele ngithi kini: konke eniyakukubopha emhlabeni koba kukoshawe ezulwini, nakho konke eniyakukukhulula emhlabeni koba kukhululiwe ezulwini. futhi ngiqinisele ngithi kini: uma ababili kini emhlabeni bevumelana noma ngaluphi udaba abalucelayo, bayakulwenzelwa ngubaba osezulwini. ngokuba lapho kubuthene ababili noma abathathu egameni lami, ngikhona lapho phakathi kwabo. khona kwasondela upetru, wathi kuye: nkosi, umfowethu uyakungona kangaki, ngimthethelela, na? kuze kube kasikhombisa na? ujesu wathi kuye: angisho kuwe ukuthi kuze kube kasikhombisa kodwa kuze kube kamashumi ayisikhombisa aphindwe kasikhombisa. ngalokho umbuso wezulu ufaniswa nomuntu oyinkosi obethanda ukubalisana nezinceku zakhe. kwathi eseqale ukubala, kwaletswa kuye enye enecala lamatalenta ayizinkulungwane eziyishumi. kepha ingenalutho lokukhokha, inkosi yayala ukuba kuthengiswe ngayo, nangomkayo, nangabantabayo, nangakho konke enakho, kukhokhwe. ngalokho inceku yawa phansi, yakhuleka kuyo, yathi: ake ungibekezelele, ngizakukhokhela konke. inkosi yaleyo nceku inesihle yayikhulula, yayithethelela icala. kepha kwathi isiphuma leyo nceku, yafumana enye yezinceku ezikanye nayo enecala kuyo lawodenariyu abayikhulu, yayibamba, yayiklinya, yathi: khokha icala lakho. khona inceku ekanye nayo yawa phansi, yayincenga yathi: ake ungibekezelele, ngizakukhokhela. kepha ayivumanga, kodwa yahamba, yayifaka etilongweni, ize ilikhokhe lelo cala. izinceku ezikanye nayo zathi ukubona okwenzekileyo, zadabuka kakhulu, zaya zabika enkosini

yazo konke okwenzekileyo. khona inkosi yayo yayibiza, yathi kuyo: nceku embi, lonke lelo cala ngikuthethelele lona ngokuba wangincenga; nga ungayihawukelanga yini inceku ekanye nawe, njengokuba nami ngikuhawukele, na? inkosi yayo yathukuthela, yayinikela kubaphathi betilongo, ize ikhokhe lonke icala layo. kanjalo naye ubaba osezulwini uyakwenza kini, uma ningathetheleli ngezinhliziyi zenu kube yilowo nalowo umfowabo.

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kwathi ujesu eseqedile lawo mazwi, wamuka egalile, weza emikhawulweni yasejudiya phesheya kwejordani. izixuku ezinkulu zamlandela, waziphulukisa khona. kwase kusondela kuye abafarisi, bamlinga bathi: kuvunyelwe yini ukuba indoda ilahle umkayo noma ngaliphi icala na? waphendula, wathi kubo: anifundanga yini ukuthi owadala ekuqaleni wabenza owesilisa nowesifazane, wathi: ngenxa yalokho umuntu uyakushiya uyise nonina, anamathele kumkakhe; labo ababili bayakuba nyamanye, na? ngakho abasebabili, kodwa banyamanye. ngakho-ke lokho akuhlanganisileyo ulezi-ku, umuntu makangawahlukanisi. bathi kuye: pho, umose wayalelani ukuthi makanikwe incwadi yesahlukaniso, alahlwe, na? wathi kubo: ngenxa yobulukhuni benhliziyo yenu umose waniyumela ukwahlukana nabo omkenu, kepha kusukela kwasekuqaleni kwakungenjalo. namanje ngithi kini: yilowo nalowo olahla umkakhe kungengokuphinga, aganwe ngomunye, uyaphinga; no-ganwa ngolahliweyo uyaphinga. abafundi bathi kuye: uma injalo indaba yomuntu nomkakhe, akukuhle ukuganwa. kepha wathi kubo: akusibo bonke abangalamukela leli zwi, kuphela abakunikiweyo. ngokuba kukhona abathenwa abazalwa benjalo kwasesiswini sikanina; kukhona nabathenwa abathenwe ngabantu; kukhona futhi abathenwa abazithenileyo ngenxa yombuso wezulu. ongakwamukela lokho akwamukele. khona kwaletswa kuye abantwanyana ukuba abeke izandla phezu kwabo, akhuleke; kepha abafundi babakhuza. ujesu wayesethi: vumelani abantwana, ningabengabeli ukuza kimi, ngokuba umbuso wezulu ungowabanjalo. wayesebeka izandla phezu kwabo; wamuka lapho. bheka-ke, kwasondela kuye othile, wathi: mfundisi, ngiyakwenzantoni enhle ukuba ngibe nokuphila okuphakade na? wathi kuye: ungibuzelani ngokuhle na? munye ongomuhle. kepha uma uthanda ukungena ekuphileni, gcina imiyalelo. wathi kuye: miphi na? ujesu wathi: yile: ungabulali, ungaphingi, ungebi, ungafakazi amanga; yazisa uyihlo nonyoko; wothanda umakhelwane wakho njengalokhu uzithanda

wena. insizwa yathi kuye: konke lokho ngikugcinile; ngisasilalelweni na? ujesu wathi kuye: uma uthanda ukuphelela, hamba uthengise ngempahla yakho, uphe abampofu, khona uzakuba negugu ezulwini; uze ungilande. yathi insizwa ukuba izwe leli zwi, yamuka idabukile, ngokuba yayinengecebo enkulu. kepha ujesu wathi kubafundi bakhe: ngiqinisile ngithi kini: onothileyo uyakungena kalukhuni embusweni wezulu. futhi ngithi kini: kulula ukuba ikamela lingene ngentunja yosungulo kunokuba onothileyo angene embusweni kalezi-ku. sebezile lokho abafundi bethuka kakhulu, bathi: pho, kungasindiswa bani na? kepha ujesu ebabheka wathi kubo: kubantu akunakwenzeka; kepha kulezi-ku kungenzeka konke. khona upetru wathatha wathi kuye: bheka, thina sishiye konke, sakulandela. pho, siyakutholani na? wathi kubo ujesu: ngiqinisile ngithi kini: nina eningilandeleyo, ngokuphindukuzalwa lapho indodana yomuntu isihlezi esihlalweni senkazimulo yayo, nani niyakuhlala ezihlalweni zobukhosi eziyishumi nambili, nahlulele izizwe eziyishumi nambili zakwa-israyeli. nalowo oshiye izindlu, noma abafowabo, noma odadewabo, noma uyise, noma unina, noma abantwana, noma amazwe ngenxa yegama lami, uyakwamukeliswa okuphindwe kaningi, adle ifa lokuphila okuphakade. kepha abaningi abokuqala bayakuba ngabokugcina, nabokugcina babe ngabokuqala.

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ngokuba umbuso wezulu ufana nomuntu ongumninindlu owaphuma ekuseni ukuqasha izisebenzi ziye esivini sakhe. esevumelene nezisebenzi ngodenariyu ngosuku, wazithumela esivini sakhe. waphuma futhi ngehora lesithathu, wabona abanye bemi esigcawini, bengenzi lutho; nakubo wathi: yanini nani esivini; ngiyakuninika okufaneleyo. baya-ke. waphuma futhi ngehora lesithupha nangesishiyagalolunye, wenze njalo. esephuma ngehora leshumi nanye wafumana abanye bemi, wathi kubo: nimeleni lapha usuku lonke ningenzi lutho na? bathi kuye: ngokuba akakho isiqashileyo. wathi kubo: hambani nani, niye esivini. kepha selishonile, umninisivini wathi enduneni yakhe: biza izisebenzi, uzikhokhele imali yazo, uqale ngezokugcina, ugcine ngezokuqala. kuthe befika abehora leshumi nanye, kwaba yilowo nalowo wamukela udenariyu. sekuza abokuqala, bathi bazakwamukela okukhulu; kepha nabo bamukela udenariyu ngabanye. kepha sebamukela bakhonona ngomninindlu, bathi: laba abokugcina basebenze ihora linye nje,

ubalinganise nathi esithwalile ubunzima nesifudumezi semini. waphendula, wathi komunye wabo: mngane, angikoni; kanti asivumelananga ngodenariyu na? thatha okwakho, uhambe; kepha ngiyathanda ukunika lo wokugcina njengawe. angivunyelwe ukwenza engikuthandayo ngokungokwami na? kumbe iso lakho libi, ngokuba mina ngimuhle na? kanjalo abokugcina bayakuba ngabokuqala, nabokuqala babe ngabokugcina. kwathi ujesu esezakwenyukela ejerusalem, wathatha abafundi abayishumi nambili, wagudluka nabo; besesindleleni, wathi kubo: bhekani, sikhuphuka ejerusalem; indodana yomuntu izakukhashelwa kubapristi abakhulu nababhali; bazakuyinqumela ukuba ife, bayikhapele kwabezizwe ukuba iklolodelwe, ishaywe, ibethelwe esiphambanweni; kepha ngosuku lwesithathu izakuvuswa. khona kwafika kuye unina wamadodana kazebedewe kanye namadodana akhe; wakhuleka, wacela into kuye. yena wathi kuye: ufunani na? wathi kuye: yisho ukuba lawa madodana ami amabili ahlale, enye ngakwesokunene sakho, enye ngakwesokhohlo sakho embusweni wakho. ujesu waphendula wathi: anikwazi enikucelayo. ningasiphuza yini isitsha engizakusiphuza na? bathi kuye: singakwenza. wathi kubo: yebo, nizakusiphuza isitsha sami, kepha ukuhlala ngakwesokunene sami nangakwesokhohlo akusikho okwami ukuphona ngakho, kodwa kungokwalabo abakulungiselwe ngubaba. bathi ukuzwa lokho abayishumi, bazithukuthelela izelamani ezimbili. kepha ujesu wababiza, wathi: niyazi ukuthi ababusi bezizwe bazenza amakhosi phezu kwazo, nezikhulu zazo ziphethe amandla phezu kwazo. akunjalo phakathi kwenu, kodwa yilowo nalowo ofuna ukuba mkhulu phakathi kwenu makabe yisikhonzi senu; nalowo ofuna ukuba ngowokuqala phakathi kwenu makabe yinceku yenu, njengalokho indodana yomuntu ingezelanga ukukhonza kepha ukukhonza nokunikela ukuphila kwayo, kube yisihlengo sabanengi. sebethuma ejeriko, isixuku esikhulu samlandela. bheka, kwakuhlezi izimpumputhe ezimbili ngasendleleni; kuthe zizwa ukuthi ujesu uyadlula, zamemeza zathi: nkosi, ndodana kadavide, sihawuke! kepha isixuku sazikhuya ukuba zithule, kodwa kwayikhona zimemeza kakhulu, zithi: nkosi, ndodana kadavide, sihawuke! ujesu wema, wazibiza wathi: nifuna ukuba nginenzeleni na? zathi kuye: nkosi, ukuba amehlo ethu avuleke. ujesu waba nesihe, waphatha amehlo azo; zase zibona masinyane, zamlandela.

kwathi ukuba basondele ejerusalem, sebefikile ebefage ngasentabeni yeminqomo, ujesu wathuma abafundi ababili, wathi kubo: hambani niye emzaneni obhekene nani, nizakufumana masinyane imbon-golo ikhulekiwe nethole linayo; zithukulu- leni, nizilethe kimi. uma umuntu esho utho kini, anothi: inkosi iyazidinga; uyakuzithumela masinyane. kepha lokho kwenzeka ukuba kugcwaliseke okwashiwo ngumphrofethi othi: yishoni kuyo indodakazi yasesiyoni ukuthi: bheka, inkosi yakho iza kuwe, imnene, ikhwele embongolweni, yebo, etholeni, inkonyane yesilwene esi-boshelwayo. abafundi bahamba, benza njen-gokuba ujesu ebatshelile, baletha imbon-golo nethole, babeka izingubo zabo phezu kwazo, wahlala phezu kwazo. iningi lesixuku lend-lala izingubo zalo endleleni, kepha abanye bagawula amahlamvu emithini, bawendlala endleleni. izixuku ezazihamba phambili nezazimlandela zamemeza zathi: hosiya-na kuyo indodana kadavide! ubusisiwe ozayo egameni lenkosi. hosiya-na kweliphezulu! kwathi esangena ejerusalem, umuzi wonke wanyakaza, wathi: ngubani lo? izixuku zathi: lo ungumphrofethi, ujesu wase-nazareth a lasegalile. ujesu wayesengena ethempelini, waxosha bonke abathengisayo nabathengayo ethempelini, wagumbuqela amatafula abashintshelana imali nezihlalo zabathengisa ngamajuba. wathi kubo: kulotshiwe ukuthi: indlu yami iyaku-bizwa ngokuthi indlu yokukhuleka, kepha nina niyenza umhume wabaphangi. kwase kufika kuye izimpumpethe neziny-onga ethempelini, waziphulukisa. kepha abapristi abakhulu nababhali, bebona iz-imangalis azenzayo nabantwana bememeza ethempelini, bethi: hosiya-na kuyo in-dodana kadavide, bacasuka, bathi kuye: uyakuzwa lokhu abakushoyo laba na? ujesu wathi kubo: yebo, anizange nifunde yini ukuthi: emlonjeni wezingane nowabance-layo uzilungisele indumiso, na? wayese-bashiya, waphuma emzini, waya ebethaniya, walala khona. kepha ekuseni esebuyela emzini walamba. wabona umkhiwane owo-dwa ngasendleleni, weza kuwo; akafu-mananga lutho kuwo, amaqabunga odwa. wayesethi kuwo: akungabe kusavela sith-elo kuwe naphakade. umkhiwane wabuna khona lapho. bekubona lokho abafundi bamangala bathi: umkhiwane ubune kan-jani masinyane na? ujesu wayesephendula, ethi kubo: ngiqinisele ngithi kini: uma ninokukholwa, ningangabazi, aniyikwenza okomkhiwane kuphela, kodwa noma nithi kule ntaba: nqokukela, uphonseke elwandle, kuyakwenzeka; nakho konke eningakucela ngokukhuleka nikholwa niyakukwamuke-

liswa. kuthe engena ethempelini, kweza kuye abapristi abakhulu namalunga esizwe, esafundisa, bathi: ukwenza lokhu ngagunya lini na? futhi ngubani okunike leli gunya na? ujesu waphendula, wathi kubo: nami ngizakunibuza izwi libe linye; uma nin-gitshe laba, nami ngizakunithshela ukuthi ngenza lokhu ngagunya lini. ukubhaphathiza kukajohane kwavelaphi, ezulwini nokuba kubantu, na? bakhulumisana bodwa, bathi: uma sithi: ezulwini, uzakuthi kuthi: pho, anikhohlwanga nguyengani na? kepha uma sithi: kubantu, siyasesaba isixuku; ngokuba bonke bathi ujo-hane ungumphrofethi. base bemphe-dula ujesu, bethi: asazi. wayesethi kubo naye: nami anginithsheli ukuthi ngenza lokhu ngagunya lini. kepha nithini na? umuntu wayenamadodana amabili; waya kweyokuqala, wathi: mntanami, hamba, uyosebenza namuhla esivini. yaphe-dula yathi: angithandi; kodwa ngasemuva yaguquka, yaya. wayeseya kwenye, washo kanjalo. yona yaphe-dula yathi: ngiyaya, nkosi; kepha kayiyanga. yiyiphi kulawa amabili eyenza intando kayise na? bathi kuye: eyokuqala. ujesu wathi kubo: ngiqin-isile ngithi kini: abathelisi nezifebe ban-gena phambi kwenu embusweni kalezi-ku. ngokuba ujo-hane weza kini ngendlela yokulunga, anikhohlwanga nguyengani; kepha abathe-lisi nezifebe bakhohlwa nguyengani; kodwa nina, khona nikubona, aniguqukanga nakamuva, nize nikholwe nguyengani. :32 luk. 3:10. yizwani omunye umfanekiso. kwakukhona umuntu, umninindlu, owatshala isivini, wasibiyela ngothango, wemba khona isikhamo, wakha isiqongo sokulinda, wasiqashisa kubalimi, waya kwelinye izwe. kwathi sekusondele isikhathi sezithelo, wathuma izinceku za-khe kubalimi ukuba zithathe izithelo zakhe. abalimi bazibamba izinceku zakhe, enye bayishaya, enye bayibulala, enye bayikhanda ngamatshe. waphinda wathuma ezinye iz-inceku eziningi kunezokuqala; benze njalo nakulezo. ekugcineni wathuma kubo indo-dana yakhe, ethi: bayakuyazisa indodana yami. kepha kwathi abalimi bebona indo-dana, bakhuluma bodwa, bathi: lo uyindlal-ifa; wozani siyibulale, sidle ifa layo. base beyibamba, bayiphonsa ngaphandle kwe-sivini, bayibulala. pho-ke, mhla kufika umninsivini, uzakubenze njani labo balimi na? bathi kuye: uzakubabhubhisa kabi labo ababi, isivini sakhe sinikwe abanye abal-imi abayakumnika izithelo ngezikhathi zazo. ujesu wathi kubo: anizange nifunde yini emibhalweni ukuthi: itshe abalingqabay-o abakhi lona laba yinhloko yegumbi; lona lavela enkosini; liyisimangalis emehlweni ethu, na? ngalokho ngithi kini: niyak-wamukwa umbuso kalezi-ku, uphiwe isizwe esiyakuveza izithelo zawo. owayo phezu kwaleli tshe uyakuphohlozwa; kepha yilowo

nalowo eliyakuwela phezu kwakhe liyakumcolisa. abapristi abakhulu nabafarisi beyizwa imifanekiso yakhe bazi ukuthi ukhuluma ngabo. base befuna ukumbamba; kepha basesaba izixuku, ngokuba zazithi ungumprofethi.

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ujesu wathatha wakhuluma futhi kubo ngemifanekiso, wathi: umbuso wezulu ufaniswa nomuntu oyinkosi, owenzela indodana yakhe umshado. wathuma izinceku zakhe ukubiza abamenyiweyo emshadweni; kepha abavumanga ukuza. waphinda wathuma ezinye izinceku, wathi: shonini kwabamenyiweyo ukuthi: bhekani, sengilungisile ukudla kwami; izinkabi zami nokunonileyo sekuhlathshiwe; konke sekulungile, wozani emshadweni. kepha badelela, bahamba; omunye waya ensimini yakhe, omunye waya entengweni yakhe. abaseleyo babamba izinceku zakhe, baziphatha kabi, bazibulala. kepha inkosi yathukuthela, yathuma amabutho ayo, yabulala labo babulali, yashisa umuzi wabo. khona yathi ezincekwini zayo: umshado usulungiselwe, kepha abamenyiweyo bebengefanele; ngakho-ke hambani niye ezinhlanganweni zezindlela, nibizele emshadweni bonke eningabafumana. lezo zinceku zaphuma, zaya ezindleleni, zabutha bonke ezabafumanayo, ababi nabahle; indlu yomshado yagcwala abahleziyo ekudleni. kuthe inkosi ingena ukubona abahleziyo ekudleni, yabona khona umuntu obengayembethe ingubo yomshado; yathi kuye: mngane, ungene kanjani lapha ungayembethe ingubo yomshado na? kepha wathula. khona inkosi yathi ezincekwini: mbopheni izinyawo nezandla, nimphonse ebumnyameni obungaphandle; lapho kuyakuba khona ukukhala nokugedla amazinyo. ngokuba baningi ababiziweyo, kepha bayingcosana abakethiweyo. khona abafarisi basuka, bacebisana ukuba bamhile ngezwi. bathuma kuye abafundi babo kanye nabakaherode, bathi: mfundisi, siyazi ukuthi uqinisile, ufundisa indlela kalezi-ku ngeqiniso; awukhathali ngamuntu, ngokuba awubheki ubuso babantu. ngakho sitsele, uthini wena? kuvunyelwe ukuthela kukesari noma qha? kepha ujesu ebazi ububi babo wathi: bazenzisi, ningilingelani na? ngitshengiseni imali yokuthela, bamtshengisa udenariyu. wayesethi kubo: ngokabani lo mfanekiso nalo mbhalo na? bathi: ngokakesari. khona wathi kubo: ngakho-ke nikani ukesari okukakesari nolezi-ku okukalezi-ku. sebezile lokho bamangala, bamshiya, bamuka. ngalolo suku kwafika kuye abasadusi abathi akukho ukuvuka kwabafileyo, bam-buza bathi: mfundisi, umose wathi: uma

umuntu efa engenabantwana, umfowabo kamngene umkakhe, amvusele umfowabo inzalo. kwakukhona-ke kithi izelamani eziyisikhombisa: owokuqala waganwa, wafa; engenanzalo washiya umkakhe kumfowabo. kanjalo nowesibili nowesithathu, kwaze kwaba kowesikhombisa. emva kwabo bonke wafa umfazi. pho, ekuvukeni kwabafileyo uyakuba ngumkabani kwabayisikhombisa, lokhu bonke babe naye, na? kepha ujesu waphendula, wathi kubo: nidukile ningayazi imibhalo namandla kalezi-ku. ngokuba ekuvukeni kwabafileyo abaganwa, abendiswa, kodwa banjengezingelosi ezulwini. kepha maqondana nokuvuka kwabafileyo anifundanga yini okwakhulunywa kini ngulezi-ku, ethi: mina ngingulezi-ku ka-abrahama, nolezi-ku ka-isaka, nolezi-ku kakakobe, na? akasiye ulezi-ku wabafileyo kodwa owabaphilayo. kwathi izixuku zikuzwa lokho, zamangala ngokufundisa kwakhe. abafarisi sebezile ukuthi ujesu ubathulisile abasadusi, babuthana ndawonye. omunye wabo, isazimthetho, wamlinga, wathi: mfundisi, ngumuphi umyalo omkhulu emthethweni na? ujesu wathi kuye: woyithanda inkosi ulezi-ku wakho ngayo yonke inhliziyi yakho, nangawo wonke umphefumulo wakho, nangayo yonke ingqondo yakho. yilowo umyalo omkhulu nowokuqala. owesibili ofana nawo uthi: wothanda umakhelwane wakho njengalokhu uzithanda wena. kuleyo miyalo embili kubambelela umthetho wonke nabaprofethi. besabuthene abafarisi, ujesu wababuza, wathi: nithini ngokristu na? uyindodana kabani na? bathi kuye: ekadavide. wathi kubo: pho, udavide ngomoya wambiza kanjani ngokuthi inkosi, ethi: inkosi yathi enkosini yami: hlala ngakwesokunene sami, ngize ngibeke izitha zakho phansi kwezinyawo zakho. ngakho-ke uma udavide embiza ngokuthi inkosi, uyindodana yakhe kanjani na? kwakungekho obengamphendula ngazwi; emva kwalolo suku akwabe kusabakho muntu onesibindi sokumbuza lutho.

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khona ujesu wakhuluma ezixukwini nakubafundi bakhe, wathi: ababhali nabafarisi bahlezi esihlalweni sikamose. ngakho-ke konke abanitshela khona, kwenzeni, nikugcine, kodwa ningenzi njengemisebenzi yabo; ngokuba bayakhuluma, bangenzi; babopha imithwalo enzima, bayibeke emahlombe abantu; kepha bona abavumi ukuyifukula ngomunwe wabo. kepha imisebenzi yonke yabo bayenza ukuba babonwe ngabantu; amafilakteriyu abo bawenza abe banzi, bawenze abe makhulu amachopho. bathanda izindawo ezingenhla

ekudleni nezihlalo eziphambili emasinagogeni, nbona-ra-ukukhandlekangelwa ezigcawini, nbona-ra-ukukhandlekazwa ngabantu ngokuthi rabi. kepha nina maningabizwa ngokuthi rabi; ngokuba munye umfundisi wenu, nina nonke ningabazalelwane. ningabizi muntu emhlabeni ngokuthi uyihlo; ngokuba munye uyihlo, osezulwini. futhi ningabizwa ngokuthi abaholi; ngokuba munye umholi wenu, ukristu. kodwa omkhulu kini akabe yisikhonzi senu. kepha yilowo nalowo oziphakamisayo uzakuthi swa, nalowo ozithobayo uzakuphakanyiswa. maye kinina babhali nabafarisi, bazenzisi, ngokuba nivalela abantu umbuso wezulu! ngokuba aningeni nina, nabangenayo anibavumeli ukungena. maye kinina babhali nabafarisi, bazenzisi, ngokuba nidla izindlu zabafelokazi, nangokuzenzisa nenza imikhuleko emide! ngalokho-ke niyakwamukeliswa ukulahlwa okukhulu. maye kinina babhali nabafarisi, bazenzisi, ngokuba nihamba ulwandle nomhlaba ukuba nithole nokuba iproselite lilinye, lithi selaba njalo nilenze indodana yesihogo ngokuphindiwe kunani! maye kinina baholi abayizimpumputhe enithi: ofunga ithempeli akulutho, kodwa ofunga igolide lethempeli uzibophile! ziwula, zimpumputhe, ngokuba yikuphi okukhulu kunegolide nethempeli elingcwelisa igolide na? futhi: yilowo ofunga i-altare akulutho, kodwa ofunga umnikelo ophezu kwalo uzibophile. zimpumputhe, yikuphi okukhulu kunomnikelo ne-altare elingcwelisa umnikelo na? ngakho-ke ofunga i-altare ufunga lona nakho konke okuphezu kwalo. nofunga ithempeli ufunga lona nohlezi kulo. nofunga izulu ufunga isihlalo sobukhosi sikalezi-ku nohlezi phezu kwaso. :22 math. 5:34. maye kinina babhali nabafarisi, bazenzisi, ngokuba nithela okweshumi kwesinkuntshane, nokwentshungu, nokodonga, niyeke okunzima komthetho: ukwahlulela nesihawu nokukholwa! benimelwe ukwenza lokhu, ningakuyeki nalokho. baholi abayizimpumputhe, nihluza insensane, nginge ikamela. maye kinina babhali nabafarisi, bazenzisi, ngokuba nihlambulula ingaphandle lenkezo nesitsha, kepha ngaphakathi kugcwele impango nokuhheka! mfarisi oyimpumputhe, hlanza kuqala ingaphakathi lenkezo, ukuze kuhlangezwe nengaphandle layo. maye kinina babhali nabafarisi, bazenzisi, ngokuba nifana namaliba akakiweyo abonakala emahle ngaphandle, kanti ngaphakathi agcwele amathambo abafileyo nokungcola konke! kanjalo nani ngaphandle nibonakala kubantu nilungile, kanti ngaphakathi ngicwele ukuzenzisa nobubi. maye kinina babhali nabafarisi, bazenzisi, ngokuba nakha amaliba abaprofethi, nihlobisa am-

athuna abalungileyo! nithi: uma sasikhona emihleni yawobaba, sasingayikuhlanganyela nabo egazini labaprofethi. kanjalo niyazifakazela nina ukuthi ningamadodana ababulala abaprofethi. nani gcwalisani isilinganiso sawoyihlo. zinyoka, nzalo yamabululu, niyakukubalekela kanjani ukulahlwa kwasesihogweni na? ngakho-ke, bhekani, mina ngithuma kini abaprofethi, nabahlakaniphileyo, nababhali; abanye kubo niyakubabulala, nibabethele; abanye niyakubashaya emasinagogeni enu, nibaxoshe imizi ngemizi ukuba kufike phezu kwenu igazi lonke elilungileyo elachithwa emhlabeni, kusukela egazini lika-abela olungileyo kuze kube segazini likazakariya indodana kabarakiya enambulala phakathi kwethempeli ne-altare. ngiqinisile ngithi kini: konke lokhu kuyakufika phezu kwalesi sizukulwane. jerusalema, jerusalema, wena obulala abaprofethi nokhanda ngamatshe abathunyelwe kuwe, kukangaki ngithanda ukubuthela ndawonye abantwana bakho njengesikhukukazi sibuthela amazinyane aso phansi kwamaphiko aso, kepha anivumanga. bhekani, indlu yenu isisala nani. ngokuba ngithi kini: anisayikungibona nize nithi: ubusisiwe ozayo egameni lenkosi.

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kuthe ujesu ephuma ethempelini, emuka, kwasondela abafundi bakhe ukumtshengisa izakhiwo zethempeli. waphendula, wathi kubo: anikuboni konke lokhu na? ngiqinisile ngithi kini: akuyikushiya lapha ithshe phezu kwetshe elingayikudilizelwa phansi. esahlezi entabeni yeminqumo, abafundi beza kuye bebodwa, bathi: sitshele ukuthi lokhu kuyakuba nini, nesibonakalisoku kwakho nesokuphela kwezwe siyakuba yini na? ujesu waphendula, wathi kubo: qaphelani ningadukiswa muntu. ngokuba kuyakuza abaningi ngegama lami, bathi: mina ngingukristu, badukise abaningi. niyakuzwa izimpi namahemuhemu ezimpi. bhekani ningethuki, ngokuba kumelwe ukuba kwenzeke, kepha ukuphela koba kungakafiki. ngokuba isizwe siyakuvukela isizwe, nombuso uvukele umbuso, kube khona indlala nokuzamazama komhlaba izindawo ngezindawo. kepha konke lokho kungukuqala kwemihelo. lapho-ke bayakunikhaphela osizini, banibulale; niyakuzondwa yizizwe zonke ngenxa yegama lami. khona-ke abaningi bayakukhubeka, bakhaphelane, bazondane. kuyakuvukela abaprofethi bamanga abaningi, badukise abaningi. ngenxa yokwanda kbona-rukukhandleka kuzakuphela uthando lwabaningi. kodwa okuthazelayo kuze kube sekupheleni nguyena oyakusindiswa. leli vangeli lombuso liyakushunyayelwa ezweni

lonke, kube ngubufakazi ezizweni zonke, andukuba kufike ukuphela. ngakho-ke nxa nibona amanyala encithakalo ashiwo ngudaniyeli umprofethi emi endaweni engcwele ofundayo makaqaphele khona abasejudiya mababalekele ezintabeni, ophezu kwendlu angehli ukuyothatha okusendlini yakhe, osensimini angabuyeli emuva ukuyothatha ingubo yakhe. kepha maye kwabakhulelweyo nabancelisayo ngalezo zinsuku! khulekani ukuba ukubaleka kweni kungabi sebusika nangesabatha. ngokuba lapho kuyakuba khona usizi olukhulu olungazange lube khona kwasekuqaleni kwezwe kuze kube manje nolungasayikuba khona. uma lezo zinsuku zingafinyezwanga, bekungesindiswe muntu; kepha ngenxa yabakhethiweyo lezo zinsuku ziyakufinyezwa. khona uma umuntu ethi kini: bhekani, nangu ukristu, noma: nanguya, ningakholwa. ngokuba kuyakuvela okristu bamanga nabaprofethi bamanga, baveze izibonakaliso ezinkulu nezimangaliso, ukuze kudukiswe nabakhethiweyo, uma kungenzeka. bhekani, sengintshelile ngaphambili. ngakho-ke uma bethi kini: bhekani, usehlane, ningaphumi; noma bethi: bhekani, usendlini, ningakholwa; ngokuba njengonyazi luphuma empumalanga, lubonakale kuze kube sentshonalanga, kuyakuba njalo ukufika kwendodana yomuntu. nomaphi lapho kukhona isidumbu, kulapho amanje eyakubuthana khona. kepha masinyane emva kosizi lwalezo zinsuku ilanga iyakufiphazwa, nenyanga ayiyikukhanya, nezinkanyezi ziyakuwa ezulwini, namandla ezulu ayakuzanyazanyiswa. khona kuyakubonakala ezulwini isibonakaliso sendodana yomuntu, bese zikhala izizwe zonke zomhlaba, zibone indodana yomuntu iza emafwini ezulu, inamandla nenkazimulo enkulu. iyakuthuma izingelosi zayo ngokukhala okukhulu kwecilongo, ziqoqe abakhethiweyo bayo emimoyeni yomine, kusukela emkhawulweni omunye wezulu kuze kube komunye. fundani umfanekiso emkhiwaneni; nxa igatsha lawo selithamba, lihlume amaqabunga, niyazi ukuthi ihlobo seliseduze. kanjalo nani, nxa nibona konke lokhu, yazini ukuthi iseduze ngasemnyango. ngiqinisile ngithi kini: lesi sizukulwane asiyikudlula kungakenzeki konke lokhu. kuyakudlula izulu nomhlaba, kepha amazwi ami awasoze adlula. kepha lolu suku nalelo hora akakho owazi lutho ngalo nazingelosi zasezulwini, nandodana, ngubaba kuphela. ngokuba njengasemihleni kanowa, kuyakuba njalo ukufika kwendodana yomuntu. ngokuba njengasezinsukwini lezo ezandulela uzamcolo babedla, bephuza, beganwa, bendiswa, kwaze kwafika usuku unowa angena ngalo emkhunjini, abazanga kwaze kwafika uzamcolo wabakhukhula

bonke, kuyakuba njalo ukufika kwendodana yomuntu. khona-ke kuyakuba khona ababili ensimini, omunye athathwe, omunye ashiywe; ababili boba besila etsheni, omunye athathwe, omunye ashiywe. ngakho-ke lindani, ngokuba anazi ukuthi inkosi yenu iyakufika ngaluphi usuku. kepha anokwazi lokhu ukuthi, uma umninindlu ebewazi umlindo isela eliyakufika ngawo, ubeyakulinda, angavumi ukuba indlu yakhe ifohlwe. ngalokho nani hlalani nilungele, ngokuba indodana yomuntu iyakufika ngesikhathi eningasibabangiyi. pho, ngubani oyinceku ethembekileyo neqondayo, inkosi yayo eyimisile phezu kwabendlu yayo ukuba ibanike ukudla ngesikhathi sakho na? ibusisiwe leyo nceku, okuyakuthi kufika inkosi yayo, iyifumane yenze njalo. ngiqinisile ngithi kini: iyakuyimisa phezu kwakho konke enakho. kodwa uma leyo nceku embi ithi enhliziyweni yayo: inkosi yami ilibele, iqale ukushaya izinceku ezikanye nayo, idle, iphuzwe nezidakwa, inkosi yaleyo nceku iyakufika ngosuku engayibhekile ngalo nangehora engalaziyo, inyinqamule kabili, iyimisele isabelo sayo kanye nabazenzisi; kuyakuba khona lapho ukukhala nokugedla amazinyo.

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khona umbuso wezulu uzakufaniswa nezintombi eziyishumi ezathatha izibani zazo, zaphuma ukuyohlangabeza umyeni. kepha eziyisihlanu kuzo zaziyiwiwula, neziyisihlanu zazihlakaniphile. ngokuba eziyiwiwula zithatha izibani kaziwaphathanga amafutha. kodwa ezihlakaniphileyo zaphatha amafutha ezitsheni kanye nezibani zazo. umyeni esalibele, zozela zonke, zalala. kepha phakathi kobusuku kwamenyezwa ukuthi: nangu umyeni; phumani niye kumhlangabeza! khona zavuka lezo zintombi zonke, zalungisa izibani zazo. eziyiwiwula zase zithi kwezihlakaniphileyo: sipheni amafutha kwawenu, ngokuba izibani zethu ziyacima. kepha ezihlakaniphileyo zaphendula zathi: qha, funa angasaneli thina nani. okungcono hambani niye kwabathengisayo, nizithengele. zisaya kuthenga, wafika umyeni. ezazilungele zangena naye emshadweni; kwawalwa emnyango. ngasemuva zafika nezinye izintombi, zathi: nkosi, nkosi, sivulele. kepha waphendula wathi: ngiqinisile ngithi kini: anginazi. ngakho lindani, ngokuba anilwazi usuku nehora. ngokuba kunjengomuntu owathi eyakuhambela kwelinye izwe wabiza izinceku zakhe, wazinika impahla yakhe; enye wayinika amatalanta ayisihlanu, enye aba mabili, enye laba linye, kwaba yileyo naleyo njengamandla ayo; wamuka-ke. lowo obamukele amatalanta ayisihlanu wahamba

masinyane, wasebenza ngawo, wazuza amanye ayisihlanu. kanjalo obamukele amabili wazuza amanye amabili. kepha obamukele lalinye waya wemba emhlabathini, wayifihla imali yenkosi yakhe. kepha emva kwesikhathi eside yafika inkosi yalezo zinceku, yalandisana nazo. weza obamukele amatalenta ayisihlanu, waletsha amanye amatalenta ayisihlanu, wathi: nkosi, wanginika amatalenta ayisihlanu; bheka, ngizuze amanye amatalenta ayisihlanu. inkosi yakhe yathi kuye: kuhle, nceku enhle nethembekileyo, uthembekile ezintweni eziyingcosana; ngizakukubeka phezu kokuningi; ngena ekuthokozeni kwenkosi yakho. weza nobamukele amatalenta amabili, wathi: nkosi, wanginika amatalenta amabili; bheka, ngizuze amanye amatalenta amabili. inkosi yakhe yathi kuye: kuhle, nceku enhle nethembekileyo, uthembekile ezintweni eziyingcosana; ngizakukubeka phezu kokuningi; ngena ekuthokozeni kwenkosi yakho. kepha weza nobamukele italenta lalinye, wathi: nkosi, bengikwazi ukuthi ungumuntu olukhuni; uvuna lapho ungahlwanyelanga khona, ubutha lapho ungafazanga khona; ngesaba, ngaya ngalithukusa emhlabathini italenta lakho; bheka, naku okwakho. kepha inkosi yakhe yaphendula, yathi kuye: nceku embi nevilaphayo, ubukwazi ukuthi ngivuna lapha ngingahlwanyelanga khona, ngibutha lapha ngingafazanga khona, na? ngakho wawumelwe ukubeka imali yami kwabehange, mina-ke ekufikeni kwami ngabe ngitholile okwami kanye nenzalo. ngakho mamukeni italenta, nilinike onamatalenta ayishumi. ngokuba yilowo nalowo onakho uyakuphiwa, avame; kepha ongenakho uyakwamukwa nalokho anakho. leyo nceku engasiziyo yiphonseni ebumnyameni obungaphandle; lapho kuyakuba khona ukukhala ngokugedla amazinyo. kepha nxa indodana yomuntu iza ngenkazimulo yayo nezingelosi zonke ezingcwele kanye nayo, khona izakuhlala esihlalweni sayo senkazimulo; kuzakubuthelwa phambi kwayo izizwe zonke, ibahlukanise abanye kwabanye, njengomalusi ahlukana izimvu nezimbuzi, mise izimvu ngakwesokunene sayo kepha izimbuzi ngakwesokhohlo. khona inkosi izakuthi kwabangakwesokunene sayo: zanini nina enibusisiwe ngubaba, nidle ifa lombuso eniwlungiselweyo selokhu kwasekelwa umhlaba. ngokuba ngangilambile, nangipha ukudla; ngangomile, nangiphuzisa; ngangingumfokazi, nangingenisa; ngihamba ze nangembathisa; ngangigula, nganhamba; ngangisetilongweni, neza kimi. khona bayakuyiphendula abalungileyo ngokuthi: nkosi, sakubona nini ulambile sakupha ukudla, noma womile sakuphuzisa, na? sakubona nini

ungumfokazi sakungenisa, noma uhamba ze sakwembathisa, na? sakubona nini ugula, noma usetilongweni, seza kuwe, na? isiyakuphendula inkosi, ithi kubo: ngiqinisile ngithi kini, njengokuba nikwenzile komunye walaba bafowethu abancane, nikwenzile kimi. khona iyakuthi kwabangakwesokhohlo: dedani kimi nina baqalekisiweyo, niye emlilweni ophakade olungiselwe usathane nezingelosi zakhe. ngokuba ngangilambile, aningiphanga ukudla; ngangomile, aningiphuzisanga; ngangingumfokazi, aningingenisanga; ngihamba ze aningembathisanga; ngigula, ngisetilongweni, aningihambanga. khona bayakuphendula nabo, bathi: nkosi, sakubona nini ulambile, noma womile, noma ungumfokazi, noma uhamba ze, noma ugula, noma usetilongweni, singakukhonzanga, na? khona iyakubaphendula ithi: ngiqinisile ngithi kini: lokho eningakwenzanga komunye walaba abancinyane anikwenzanga nakimi. laba bayakumuka, baye ekujezisweni okuphakade, kodwa abalungileyo baye ekuphileni okuphakade.

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kwathi ujesu eseqedile onke lawo mazwi, wathi kubafundi bakhe: niyazi ukuthi emva kwezinsuku ezimbili kuyiphasika; indodana yomuntu izakukhashelwa ukuba ibethelwe esiphambanweni. khona kwabuthana abapristi abakhulu namalunga esizwe egcekeni lompristi omkhulu othiwa ukayafase. bacebisana ukuba bam-bambe ujesu ngobuqili, bambulale. kepha bathi: makungabi ngomkhosi, funa kube khona isiyalyalu esizweni. kuthe ujesu esebethaniya endlini kasimoni owayenochoko, kwafika kuye owesifazane epethe umfuma we-alabaste wamafutha anenani elikhulu, wawathela ekhanda lakhe ehlezi ekudleni. kepha abafundi bakhe bebona lokho bathukuthela, bathi: kwenzelwani lokho kuchitha na? ngokuba lokho nga kuthengisiwe ngokukhulu, kwaphiwa abampofu. kepha ujesu ekwazi lokho wathi kubo: nimhluphelani owesifazane na? ngokuba usebenzile umsebenzi omuhle kimi; ngokuba abampofu ninabo njalo, kepha mina aninami njalo. ngokuba lapho ethela lawo mafutha emzimbeni wami, ukwenzele ukungilungisela ukumbelwa. ngiqinisile ngithi kini: nomaphi lapho liyakushunyayelwa khona leli vangeli ezweni lonke, kuyakukhulunywa nangalokho akwenzileyo, kube yisikhumbuzo ngaye. khona kwasuka omunye wabayishumi nambili othiwa ujuda iskariyotho, waya kubapristi abakhulu, wathi: niyakunginikani, ngimkhapele kini, na? base bemnika izinhlamvu zesiliva ezingamashumi amathathu. kusukela lapho



wafuna ithuba lokumkhaphela. kepha ngosuku lokuqala lwesinkwa esingenamvubelo abafundi beza kujesu, bathi: uthanda ukuba sikulungiselephi ukuba udle iphasika na? wathi: hambani niye emzini kumuntu othile, nithi kuye: uthi umfundisi: isikhathi sami siseduze; ngizakwenza iphasika kwakho kanye nabafundi bami. abafundi benza-ke njengokuba ujesu ebayalile; balungisa iphasika. kwathi sekuhlile, wayehlezi ekudleni nabafundi abayishumi nambili. besadla, wathi: ngiqinisile ngithi kini: omunye kini uzakungikhaphela. badabuka kakhulu, baqala ukusho kuye, kwaba yilowo, nalowo, ukuthi: kungaba yimi, nkosi, na? kepha waphendula wathi: ofake isandla kanye nami esitsheni nguyena ozakungikhaphela. indodana yomuntu iyamuka kambe njengokulotshiwe ngayo, kepha maye kulowo muntu indodana yomuntu ekhashelwa ngaye! nga kukuhle kulowo muntu ukuba kazalwanga. wayesephendula ujuda omkhaphelayo, wathi: kungaba yimi, rabi, na? wathi kuye: usho khona. besadla, ujesu wathabatha isinkwa, wasibusisa, wasihlephula, wanika abafundi bakhe, wathi: thabathani nidle; lokhu kungumzimba wami. wayesethabatha isitsha, wabonga, wabanika, wathi: phuzani nonke kuso; ngokuba lokhu kuyigazi lami lesivumelwano elithululwa ngexa yabangingi kukho ukuthethelelwa kwezono. kepha ngithi kini: kusukela manje angisayikuphuza kulesi sithelo somvini, kuze kufike lolo suku engiyakusiphuza ngalo nani sisisha embusweni kababa. kwathi sebelhabelele igama lokubonga, baphuma, baya entabeni yeminqomo. khona ujesu wathi kubo: nina nonke nizakukhubeka ngami ngalobu busuku, ngokuba kulotshiwe ukuthi: ngiyakushaya umalusi, izimvu zomhlambi zihlakazeke; kodwa emva kokuvuswa kwami ngiyakunandulela ukuya egalile. upetru waphendula, wathi kuye: noma bonke beyakukhubeka ngawe, mina angisoze ngakhubeka. ujesu wathi kuye: ngiqinisile ngithi kuwe: ngalobu busuku, lingakakhali iqhude, uzakungiphika kathathu. upetru wayesethi kuye: noma ngingaze ngife nawe, angisoze ngakuphika. basho njalo nabafundi bonke. khona ujesu wafika nabo endaweni ethiwa igetsemane, wathi kubafundi: hlalani lapha, ngisaya kukhuleka laphaya. wathatha upetru namadodana amabili kazebedewu, waqala ukuba nomunyu nosizi. khona wathi kubo: umphefumulo wami ulusizi kakhulu kuze kube sekufeni; hlalani lapha, nilinde kanye nami. waqhubeka ingcosana, wawa ngobuso bakhe, wakhuleka wathi: baba, uma kungenzeka, akudlule kimi lesi sitsha; nokho kungabi njengokuba ngithanda mina, kodwa njengokuba uthanda wena.

wayeseza kubafundi, wabafumana belele; wathi kupetru: kanti beningelinde nami ihora libe linye na? lindani, nikhuleke ukuba ningangeni ekulingweni; umoya uyavuma, kepha inyama ibuthakathaka. wabuye waya ngokwesibili, wakhuleka wathi: baba, uma lesi sitsha singedlule kimi ngingasiphuzanga, mayenziwe intando yakho. esebuya futhi wabafumana belele, ngokuba amehlo abo ayenzima. wabuye wabashiya, waya wakhuleka ngokwesithathu esho futhi lona lelo zwi. khona wafika kubafundi, wathi kubo: nisalele namanje niphumula; bhekani, ihora selisondele, indodana yomuntu isiyakhashelwa ezandleni zezoni. sukumani sihambe; bhekani, ongikhaphelayo usesondele. esakhuluma, bheka, kwafika ujuda, omunye wabayishumi nambili, enesixuku esikhulu sinezinkemba nezinduku, sivela kubapristi abakhulu namalunga esizwe. kepha omkhaphelayo wayebanike isiboniso sokuthi: lowo engiyakumanga nguye; mbambeni yena. wafika masinyane kujesu, wathi: e rabi! wamanga. ujesu wayesethi kuye: mngane, ubabeleni na? khona basondela, babeka izandla kujesu, bambamba. bheka, omunye kwababe nojesu welula isandla, wahosha inkemba yakhe, wayigenga inceku yompristi omkhulu, wayinquma indlebe. ujesu wayesethi kuye: buyisela inkemba yakho endaweni yayo, ngokuba bonke abaphatha inkemba bayakubhubha ngenkemba. ingabe uthi ngingecele kubaba angithumele manje amalegiyona ezingelosi adlula ishumi nambili na? pho-ke ingagcwaliseka kanjani imibhalo yokuthi kumelwe ukuba kube njalo na? ngaleso sikhathi ujesu wathi ezixukwini: niphumile kungathi nize kumphangi, niphethe izinkemba nezinduku ukungibamba, na? bengihlezi ethempelini imihla ngemihla ngifundisa, anangibamba. kepha konke lokho kwenzekile ukuba kugcwaliseke imibhalo yabaprofethi. khona bonke abafundi bamshiya, babaleka. ababembambile ujesu bamusa kukayafase umpristi omkhulu, lapho kwakubuthene khona ababhali namalunga. kepha upetru wamlandela ekude kwaze kwaba segcekeni lompristi omkhulu; wangena phakathi, wahlala phansi nezikhonzi ukuba abone isigcino. abapristi abakhulu nomphakathi wonke bafuna ubufakazi bamanga ngojesu, ukuze bambulale; kepha ababufumananga, nakuba kwafika ofakazi abaningi bamanga. kodwa kamuva kwavela ababili, bathi: lo wathi: ngingamandla okudiliza ithempeli likalezi-ku, ngibuye ngilakhe ngezinsuku ezintathu. kwase kusukuma umpristi omkhulu, wathi kuye: awuphenduli lutho na? kuyini abakufakaza ngawe laba na? kepha ujesu wathula. wayesethi kuye umpristi omkhulu: ngikufungisa ulezi-ku

ophilayo ukuba usitshele uma ungukristu, indodana kalezi-ku. ujesu wayesethi kuye: usho khona. nokho ngithi kini: kusukela manje niyakubona indodana yomuntu ihlezi ngakwesokunene samandla, iza emafwini ezulu. khona umpristi omkhulu waklehula izingubo zakhe, wathi: usehlambalazile; sisaswelelani ofakazi na? bheka, kalokhu nikuzwile ukuhlambalaza kwakhe. nithini na? kepha baphendula bathi: ufanele ukufa. base bemkhafulela ngamathe ebusweni, bamdushuza, kepha abanye bammukula, bathi: siprofethele, kristu; ngubani okushayileyo na? kepha upetru wayehlezi ngaphandle egcekeni; kweza kuye intombazana, yathi: nawe ubunojesu wasegalile. kodwa waphika phambi kwabo bonke, wathi: angikwazi lokhu okushoyo. kwathi esephumele esangweni, enye intombazana yambona, yathi kwababe lapho: lona ube nojesu wasenazareth. waphika futhi ngokufunga, wathi: angimazi lowo muntu. emva kwesikhashana ababemi khona basondela, bathi kupetru: nempela nawe ungomunye wabo, ngokuba nokukhuluma kwakho kuyakudalula. khona waqala ukuthuka nokufunga, wathi: angimazi lowo muntu. masinyane lase likhala iqhude. upetru wayesekhumbula izwi likajesu abelishilo lokuthi: iqhude lingakakhali, uzakungiphika kathathu. waphumela phandle, wakhala kamunyu.

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kwathi sekusile, bonke abapristi abakhulu namalunga esizwe benza icebo ngojesu lokuba bambulale; bambopha, bamuka naye, bamnikela kupilatu umbusi. khona ujuda owamkaphelayo, ebona ukuthi ulahliwe, wazisola, wabuyisela izinhlamvu zesiliva ezingamashumi amathathu kubapristi namalunga, wathi: ngonile ukuba ngikhaphele igazi elingenacala. bona bathi: kuyini lokho kithi na? zibonele wena. wayeseponsa izinhlamvu zesiliva ethempelini, wamuka, waziphanyeka. kepha abapristi abakhulu bazithatha izinhlamvu zesiliva, bathi: akuvunyelwe ukuzifaka emnikelweni, ngokuba kuyimali yegazi. benza icebo, bathenga ngayo insimu yombumbi, ibe ngeyokumbela abafakazi. ngalokho insimu leyo ithiwa insimu yegazi kuze kube namuhla. khona kwagcwaliseka okwashiwo ngomprofethi ujeremiya ukuthi: bathatha izinhlamvu zesiliva ezingamashumi amathathu, inani lowamiselwa inani onani lakhe lamiswa ngamadodana ka-israyeli; bakhokha ngazo insimu yombumbi, njengokuba inkosi ingiyalile. kepha ujesu wayemi phambi kombusi; umbusi wambuza wathi: wena uyinkosi yabajuda na? ujesu wathi kuye: usho khona. kwathi lapho abapristi

abakhulu namalunga bemthwesa icala, kaphendulanga lutho. khona upilatu wathi kuye: awuzwa yini lokho okungaka abakufakaza ngawe na? akaze amphendula nakwelilodwa izwi, umbusi waze waman-gala kakhulu. kepha ngomkhosi umbusi wayejwayele ukukhululela isixuku isiboshwa sibe sinye esasisithanda. ngaleso sikhathi babe nesiboshwa esidumileyo esithiwa ubaraba. ngakho sebebuthene, upilatu wathi kubo: nithanda ukuba nginkhululele bani, ubaraba nokuba ujesu othiwa ukristu, na? ngokuba wayekwazi ukuthi bamnikele ngomhawu. esahlezi esihlalweni sokwahlulela, umkakhe wathumela kuye, wathi: ungabi nandaba kulowo muntu olungileyo; ngokuba ngihluphekile kakhulu namuhla ngaye ephusheni. kepha abapristi abakhulu namalunga bancenga izixuku ukuba zicele ubaraba, zimbulale ujesu. wayesephendula umbusi, wathi kubo: nithanda ukuba nginkhululele muphi kulaba ababili na? bathi: ubaraba. upilatu wathi kubo: pho-ke, ngimenze njani ujesu othiwa ukristu na? bonke bathi: makabethelwe esiphambanweni. wayesethi: ngokuba wenze bubi buni na? kepha bamemeza kakhulu, bathi: makabethelwe esiphambanweni. upilatu esebona ukuthi akanakwenza lutho nokuthi isiphithiphithi sesanda kakhulu, wathatha amanzi, wahlamba izandla phambi kwesixuku, wathi: anginacala egazini lalo muntu; ziboneleni nina. abantu bonke base bephendula bethi: igazi lakhe malibe phezu kwethu naphezu kwabantwana bethu. wayesebakhululela ubaraba, kepha wamshaya ujesu, wamnikela ukuba abethelwe esiphambanweni. khona amabutho ombusi ayesemthatha ujesu, amngenisa enqabeni, aqoqela kuye ibutho lonke. amhlubula, amembathisa ingubo ebomvu, aluka umqhele wameva, awufaka ekhanda lakhe, nomhlanga esandleni sakhe sokunene, aguqa ngamadolo phambi kwakhe, ambhinqa athi: bayede, nkosi yabajuda! amkhafulela ngamathe, athatha umhlanga, amshaya ekhanda lakhe. esembhinqile amhlubula ingubo, amembathisa izingubo zakhe, amuka naye ukuyombethela esiphambanweni. esaphuma afumana umuntu wasekhurene, ngusimoni igama lakhe; amcindezela lowo ukuba athwale isiphambano sakhe. esefikile endaweni ethiwa igolgotha okungukuthi indawo yekhanda, amphuzisa iwayini elixutshwe nenyongo; kepha kuthe elizwa, akathandanga ukuliphuza. esembethele esiphambanweni abelana izingubo zakhe, enzelana inkatho; ahlala amlinda khona. abeka ngaphezu kwekhanda lakhe icala lakhe libhalwe ngokuthi: lo ngujesu, inkosi yabajuda. kwabethelwa kanye naye abaphangi ababili, omunye ngak-

wesokunene nomunye ngakwesokhohlo. kepha abadlulayo bamhlambalaza benikina amakhanda abo, bathi: wena odiliza ithempeli, ubuye ulakhe ngezinsuku ezintathu, zisindise, uma uyindodana kalezi-ku, wehle esiphambanweni. kanjalo nabapristi abakhulu bambhinqa kanye nababhali namalunga, bathi: wasindisa abanye, angezisindise yena; uyinkosi yakwa-israyeli, akehle manje esiphambanweni, sikholve nguye. wethembile ulezi-ku; makamkhulule manje, uma emthanda, ngokuba wathi: ngiyindodana kalezi-ku. kepha nabaphangi ababebethelwe esiphambanweni kanye naye bamdumaza kanjalo. kepha kusukela ngehora lesithupha kwaba mnyama emhlabeni wonke, kwaze kwaba yihora lesishiyagalolunye. kepha ngehora lesishiyagalolunye ujesu wamemeza ngezwi elikhulu, wathi: eli, eli, lama sabaktani? okungukuthi: lezi-ku wami, lezi-ku wami, ungishiyeleni na? abanye kwababemi khona bekuzwa bathi: lo ubiza u-eliya. masinyane omunye kubo wagijima, wathatha ilula, waligcwalisa ngoviniga, walihloma emhlangeni, wamphusiza. kepha abanye bathi: yeka, sibone uma u-eliya eza ukumsindisa. ujesu wabuye wamemeza ngezwi elikhulu, wafa. bheka-ke, isihlenko sethempeli sadabuka kabili, kusukela phezulu kuze kufike phansi; umhlaba wamazama, amadwala aqhekezeka; amathuna avuleka, imizimba eminingi yabangcwele ababelele yavuka; baphuma emathuneni emva kokuvuka kwakhe, bangena emzini ongcwele, babonakala kwabaningi. kepha induna yekhulu nababe nayo belinda ujesu sebebona ukuzamazama nalokho okwenzekileyo besaba kakhulu, bathi: nempela lo ube yindodana kalezi-ku. kwakukhona lapho abesifazane abanengi bebukela, bekude, ababemlandele ujesu bevela egalile, bemkhonza; phakathi kwabo kwakukhona omariya magdalena, unina kakajobe nokajose, nonina wamadodana kazebedewu. sekuhlile, kwafika umuntu ocebileyo wase-arimatheyi, igama lakhe nguJosefa, owayengumfundi kajesu naye; lo waya kupilatu, wacela isidumbu sikajesu. khona upilatu wayala ukuba anikwe sona. uJosefa wasithatha isidumbu, wasisonga ngendwangu enhle ehlanzekileyo, wasibeka ethuneni lakhe elisha ayeliqophe edwaleni, wagingqela itshe elikhulu emnyango wethuna, wahamba. kepha kwakukhona lapho umariya magdalena nomunye umariya behlezi phambi kweliba. kepha ngangomuso okungolulandela usuku lokulungisela abapristi abakhulu nabafarisi babuthana kupilatu, bathi: nkosi, sikhumbula ukuthi lowo mkhohlisi esekhona wathi: emva kwezinsuku ezintathu ngizakuvuka. ngakho yala ukuba iliba ligcinwe kuze kube lusuku lwesithathu ukuba abafundi bakhe bangaze

bafike bamebe, bathi kubantu: uvukile kwabafileyo; kuthi inkohliso yokugcina ibe mbi kuneyokuqala. upilatu wathi kubo: nampa abalindi; hambani niligcine njen-gokubona kwenu. base behamba, baligcina iliba, babeka uphawu etsheni bekanye nabalindi.

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kepha ekupheleni kwesabatha ngovivi lolokuqala lweviki kwafika umariya magdalena nomunye umariya, beza ukuyobona iliba. bheka, kwaba khona ukuzamazama komhlaba okukhulu, ngokuba ingelosi yenkosi yehla ezulwini, yeza yagingqa itshe, yahlala phezulu kwalo. ukubonakala kwayo kwakunjengonyazi, nesambatho sayo sasimhlophe njengongqoqwane. kepha abalindi bathuthumela ngokuyesaba, baba njengabafileyo. kodwa ingelosi yaphendula, yathi kwabesifazane: ningesabi nina; ngokuba ngiyazi ukuthi nifuna ujesu obebethelwe esiphambanweni; kakho lapha, ngokuba uvukile njengokusho kwakhe; zanini nibone indawo lapho ebelele khona. hambani masinyane, nitshele abafundi bakhe ukuthi uvukile kwabafileyo; bhekani, uyanandulela ukuya egalile, nizakumbona khona. bhekani, nginitshelile. base beshesha bamuka ethuneni benokwesaba nokuthokoza okukhulu, bagijima baya ukubikela abafundi bakhe. bheka, ujesu wabahlangabeza, wathi: sanibona. besondela babamba izinyawo zakhe, bakhuleka kuye. khona ujesu wathi kubo: ningesabi; hambani, nibikele abafowethu ukuba bahambe baye egalile; bayakungibona khona. besahamba, bheka, abanye kubalindi bafika emzini, babikela abapristi abakhulu konke okwenzekileyo. seabuthene namalunga benza icebo, banika amabutho imali eningi, :12 math. 27:64. bathi: shonini ukuthi abafundi bakhe beza ebusuku, bameba silele. uma kuzwakala lokho kumbusi, siyakuncengana naye thina, nina ningakhathazeki. ayeseyithatha imali, enza njengokufundiswa kwawo. leli zwi landa phakathi kwabajuda kuze kube namuhla. kepha abafundi abayishumi nanye baya egalile kuleyo ntaba ujesu ayebayalele yona; sebembona bakhuleka kuye, kepha abanye bangabaza. ujesu wasondela, wakhuluma kubo, wathi: ngiphiwe amandla onke ezulwini nasemhlabeni; ngalokho hambani nenze izizwe zonke abafundi, nibahapathize egameni likayise nelendodana nelikamoya ongcwele, nibafundise ukugcina konke enginyale ngakho; bhekani, mina nginani izinsuku zonke kuze kube sekupheleni kwezwe.

ukuqala kwevangeli likajesu kristu, indodana kalezi-ku. njengokulotshwe kumprofethi u-isaya ukuthi: bheka, ngiyasithuma isithunywa sami phambi kwakho esiyakulungisa indlela yakho, izwi lomemezayo ehlane, lithi: lungisani indlela yenkosi, nenze imikhondo yayo iqonde, kwavela ujhane ebhaphathiza ehlane, eshumayela umbhaphathizo wokuphenduka, kube ngukuthethelelwa kwezono. kwaphumela kuye izwe lonke lasejudiya nabo bonke abasejerusalema, babhaphathizwa nguye emfuleni ijordani, bevuma izono zabo. ujhane wayembethe eyoboya bekamela, enoqotho lwesikhumba okhalweni lwakhe, edla izinkumbi nezinyosi zasendle. washumayela wathi: emva kwami kuyeza onamandla kunami, engingafanele ukuba ngikhothame ngithukulule umchilo wezicathulo zakhe. mina nginibhaphathize ngamanzi, kepha yena uzakunibhaphathiza ngomoya ongcwele. kwathi ngaleyo mihla kwafika ujesu evela enazarethu lasegalile, wabhaphathizwa ngujoyane ejordani. wanele ukukhuphuka emanizini, wabona izulu livuleka, nomoya ehlela phezu kwakhe njengejuba. kwavela izwi ezulwini, lithi: wena uyindodana yami ethandekayo; ngithokozile ngawe. masinyane umoya wayesemqhubela ehlane. wayekhona ehlane izinsuku ezingamashumi amane elingwa ngusathane; wayendawonye nezilwane; izingelosi zamkhonza. emva kokuboshwa kukajohane ujesu wafika egalile eshumayela ivangeli likalezi-ku, wathi: isikhathi sigcwalisekile, umbuso kalezi-ku ususondele; phendukani, nikholwe yivangeli. kwathi edlula ngaselwandle lwasegalile, wabona osimoni no-andreya umfowabo kasimoni bephonsa inetha elwandle, ngokuba babe ngabadobi. ujesu wayesethi kubo: ngilandeleni; ngiyakunenza nibe ngabadobi babantu. base bewashiya masinyane amanetha, bamlandela. eseqhubekile ingcosana wabona ujakobe kazebedewu nojhane umfowabo besemkhunjini, belungisa amanetha. wababiza masinyane; base bemshiya uyise uzebedewu emkhunjini kanye nezisebenzi, bamlandela. bangena ekapernawume. kwathi masinyane ngesabatha wangena esinagogeni, wafundisa. bamangala ngokufundisa kwakhe; ngokuba wabafundisa njengonamandla, kungenjengababhali. kwakukhona-ke esinagogeni umuntu onomoya ongcolileyo, wamemeza, wathi: sinamsebenzi muni nawe jesu wasenazarethu? uze ukusibhubhisa na? ngiyakwazi ukuba ungubani ungongcwele kalezi-ku. ujesu wamkhuza wathi: thula, uphume kuye! umoya ongcolileyo wamlukumeza, wakhala ngezwi elikhulu, waphuma kuye. bethuka bonke, babuzana

bodwa, bathi: kuyini lokhu? yisifundiso esisha esinamandla; nawomoya abangcolileyo uyabayala, bamlaele. udumo lwakhe lwase lwanda masinyane kuso sonke isifunda sasegalile. sebhaphume esinagogeni bangena masinyane endlini kasimoni no-andreya, benojakobe nojhane. umkhwekazi kasimoni wayelele enomkhuhlane; bashesha bamtshele ngaye. waya kuye, wamlulamisa embamba ngesandla; umkhuhlane wamyeke, wabakhonza. kwathi ukuba kuhlwe, selishonile ilanga, baletha kuye bonke abagulayo nabakhwelwe ngamademoni. umuzi wonke wawubuthene ngasemnyango. waphulukisa abaningi abaphethwe yizifo ngezifo, wakhupha amademoni amaningi, wayengawavumeli amademoni ukukhuluma, ngokuba ayemazi. ekuseni kusemnyama kakhulu, wavuka waphuma, waya endaweni eyihlane, wakhuleka khona. usimoni nababe naye bamlandela ngokuphuthuma. sebe-mfumene bathi kuye: bonke bayakufuna. wathi kubo: masiye kwezinye izindawo emizaneni eseduze ukuba ngishumaye le nakhona; ngokuba ngiphumele khona lokho. wahamba eshumayela emasinagogeni abo kulo lonke igalile, ekhipha amademoni. kwafika kuye onochoko, wamncenga eguqa ngamadolo, ethi kuye: uma uthanda, ungangihlambulula. ujesu wamhawukela, welula isandla, wamphatha, wathi kuye: ngiyathanda; hlambuluka. lwasuka masinyane uchoko kuye, wahlambuluka. esemyalisile washesha wammukisa, wathi kuye: bheka, ungasho lutho kumuntu, kepha hamba uzibonakalise kumpristi, unikele ngokuhlanjulukwa kwakho lokho okwayalelwa ngumose, kube ngubufakazi kubo. kepha yena esephumile waqala ukuyandisa kakhulu nokuyidumisa le ndaba, ngangokuba ujesu wayengasanakungena emzini obala; wayesehlala ngaphandle ezindaweni eziyihlane; beza kuye bevela nxazonke.

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wabuye wangena ekapernawume emva kwezinsuku ezithile; kwezwakala ukuthi usendlini. kwase kubuthana abaningi, akwabe kusabakho ndawo nangasemnyango; wakhuluma izwi kubo. beza kuye bethwele umuntu ofe uhlangothi, ephethwe ngabantu abane. bengenakusondela kuye ngenxa yesixuku baqaqa uphahla lapho ekhona, bathi sebebhubozile behlisa uhla alele kulo ofe uhlangothi. ujesu ebona ukukholwa kwabo wathi kofe uhlangothi: ndodana, uthethelelwe izono zakho. kepha kwakukhona ababhali abathile behlezi khona, bezindla ezinhliziyweni zabo ngokuthi: lo ukhulumelani kanje na? uyahlambalaza. ngubani ongathethelela izono, kungeyena ulezi-ku yedwa na? ujesu

ekwazi masinyane emoyeni wakhe ukuthi bazindla kanjalo phakathi kwabo, wathi kubo: nizindlelani ngalokhu ezinhliziyweni zenu na? yikuphi okulula ukuthi kofe uhlangothi: uthethelelwe izono zakho, noma ukuthi: vuka, uthathe uhlaka lwakho, uhambe, na? kepha ukuze nazi ukuthi indodana yomuntu inamandla emhlabeni okuthethelela izono wathi kofe uhlangothi ngithi kuwe: vuka, uthathe uhlaka lwakho, uye endlini yakho. wayesevuka, wathatha masinyane uhlaka lwakhe, waphuma phambi kwabo bonke, baze bamangala bonke, bamdumisa ulezi-ku, bathi: asizange sikubone okunje. waphuma futhi, waya ngaselwandle; isixuku sonke sabantu seza kuye, wabafundisa. wathi edlula, wambona ulevi ka-alfewu ehlezi endaweni yokuthela, wathi kuye: ngilande. wasukake, wamlandela. kwathi ehlezi ekudleni endlini yakhe, abathelisi abaningi nezoni bahlala nojesu nabafundi bakhe; ngokuba babe baningi, bamlandela. khona ababhali babafarisi bembona edla nezoni nabathelisi bathi kubafundi bakhe: yini ukuba adle nabathelisi nezoni na? ujesu ekuzwa lokho wathi kubo: abaphilileyo abadingi inyanga, ngabagulayo bodwa; kangizelanga ukubiza abalungileyo kodwa izoni. abafundi bakajohane nabafarisi babezila ukudla; beza bathi kuye: yini ukuba abafundi bakajohane nabafundi babafarisi bazile ukudla, kodwa abafundi bakho bangazili na? ujesu wathi kubo: abayeni bangazila yini, umyeni esenabo na? bese naye umyeni bangezile. kodwa zizakufika izinsuku, lapho umyeni ezakuswa kubo; yikhona-ke bezakuzila ngalolo suku. akakho othungela isiziba esingakashukeki engutsheni endala, funa okusha okubekelwayo kuklebhule kwendala, kwande ukuklebhuka. futhi akakho othela iwayini elisha ezimvabeni ezindala, funa iwayini liqhumise izimvaba, lichitheke iwayini, nezimvaba zonakale; kodwa iwayini elisha lithelwa ezimvabeni ezintsha. kwathi edabula amasimu ngesabatha, abafundi bakhe baqala ukukha izikhwebu behamba. base bethi kuye abafarisi: bheka, bakwenzelani ngesabatha okungavunyelwe na? wathi kubo: anizange nifunde yini akwenzayo udavide mhla eswele, elambile yena nababe naye ukuthi wangena endlini kalezi-ku enkathini ka-abyathara umpristi omkhulu, wadla izinkwa zokubukwa ezingavunyelwe ukudliwa muntu, ngabapristi bodwa, wanika nababe naye, na? wayesethi kubo: isabatha lenzelwa umuntu, umuntu akenzelwanga isabatha. ngokunjalo indodana yomuntu iyinkosi neyesabatha.

khona wabuye wangena esinagogeni. kwakukhona lapho umuntu onesandla esishwabenyeyo. bamqaphela ukuba uzakumphilisa yini ngesabatha, ukuze bambeke icala. wathi kumuntu onesandla esishwabenyeyo: sukuma, ume phakathi. wayesethi kubo: kuvunyelwe ngesabatha ukwenza okuhle noma bona-ra-ukukhandleka yini, ukusindisa umuntu noma ukumbulala na? kepha bathula. waqalaza ebabuka ngokuthukuthela, edabukile ngobulukhuni benhliziyo yabo; wayesethi kulowo muntu: yelula isandla. waselula, saphiliswa isandla sakhe. abafarisi base bephuma masinyane bacebisana ngaye nabakaherode ukuthi bangambhubhisa kanjani. ujesu wasuka kanye nabafundi bakhe, waya ngaselwandle; isixuku esikhulu samlandela sivela egalile, nasejudiya, nasejerusalema, nase-idumiya, nangaphesheya kwejordani, nangasetire, nasesidoni; isixuku esikhulu sesizwile konke akwenzayo seza kuye. wayeseyala abafundi bakhe ukuba isikebhe simlindlele ngenxa yesixuku sabantu, ukuze bangamcindezeli, ngokuba wayephulukisa abaningi, kwaze kwathi bonke abanezifo bawela phezu kwakhe ukuba bamnamathe. nawomoya abangcolileyo bathi ukuba bambone, bawa phansi phambi kwakhe, bamemeza bathi: wena uyindodana kalezi-ku. wayayalisisa ukuba bangamzwakalisi. wayesenyukela entabeni, wabizela kuye abebafuna yena; beza kuye. wamisa abayishumi nambili ukuba babe naye nokuba abathume baye kushumayela, babe namandla okukhipha amademoni. wayesemisa laba abayishumi nambili: usimoni owamqamba igama lokuthi upetru, nojakobe kazebedewu, nojohane umfowabo kajakobe; laba wabaqamba igama lokuthi obowanergesi okungukuthi amadodana okuduma; no-andreya, nofiliphu, nobartolomewu, nomathewu, notomase, nojakobe ka-alfewu, nothadewu, nosimoni umkhanani, nojuda iskariyotho owamkhapheleyo. wayesefika ekhaya; isixuku sabuthana futhi, ababe besaba nathuba lokudla nasinkwa. abakubo sebekuzwile baphuma ukuyombamba, ngokuba bathi uyahlanya. nababhali abehla bevela ejerusalem bathi: unobelzebule, ukhipha amademoni ngombuso wamademoni. wayesebabiza, wakhuluma kubo ngemifanekiso, ethi: usathane angakhipha kanjani usathane na? uma umbuso wahlukene wodwa, lowo mbuso ungeme. nendlu, uma yahlukene yodwa, leyo ndlu ayizukuma. nosathane, uma ezivukela yena, ahlukane, akanakuma, kepha uyaphela. yebo, akakho ongangena endlini yesiqhwaga, aphanje impahla yaso, uma engabophi kuqala isiqhwaga, andukuba

aphange indlu yaso. ngiqinisele ngithi kini: abantwana babantu bayakuthethelelwa izono zonke nokuhlambalaza noma kungakanani abangahlambalaza ngakho, kepha lowo ohlambalaza umoya ongcwelwe kanakuthethelelwa naphakade, kodwa unecala lesono esingapheliyo. ngokuba bathi unomoya ongcolileyo. kwase kufika unina nabafowabo, bema ngaphandle, bathumela kuye bembiza. isixuku sabantu sasimpahlile; bathi kuye: bheka, unyoko nabafowenu nawodadewenu bangaphandle bekufuna. wabaphendula wathi: ngubani umame nabafowethu na? waqalaza ebuka ababehlezi bempahlile, wathi: bhekani, nangu umame nabafowethu. ngokuba owenza intando kalezi-ku nguye ongumfowethu nodadewethu nomame.

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khona wabuye waqala ukufundisa ngasewandle. kwabuthana kuye isixuku esikhulu kakhulu, waze wangena emkhunjini, wahlala elwandle; isixuku sonke sasimhlabathini ngasewandle. wabafundisa okuningi ngemifanekiso; wathi kubo ekufundiseni kwakhe: lalalani; bhekani, kwaphuma umhlwanyeli uyoyhlwanyela. kwathi ekuhlwaneyeni kwakhe enye imbewu yawela ngasendleleni; kwafika izinyoni, zayidla zayiqeda. enye yawela edwaleni, lapho yayingenamhlabathi omningi khona; yamila masinyane, ngokuba ingenamhlabathi ojulileyo. kwathi ukuba liphume ilanga, yhamuka; nangokuba ingenampande, yabuna. enye yawela emveni; ameva akhula, ayiminyanisa, ayaze yathela isithelo. enye yawela emhlabathini omuhle; yahluma, yakhula, yathela isithelo, yaveza ngamashumi amathathu, nangamashumi ayisithupha, nangekhulu. wayesethi: onezindlebe zokuzwa makezwe. lapho esengasesitha, ababe naye kanye nabayishumi nambili bambuza ngale mifanekiso. wathi kubo: nina niphive imfihlakalo yombuso kalezi-ku, kodwa abangaphandle benzelwa konke ngemifanekiso, ukuze ngokubona babone, bangabonisisi, nangokuzwa bezwe, bangaqondi, funa baphenduke, bathethelelwe. wayesethi kubo: aniwazi lo mfanekiso; pho, niyakuyazi kanjani yonke imifanekiso na? umhlwanyeli uhlwanyela izwi. abangasendleleni yilabo abathi lapho kuhlwaneyela khona izwi, nanxa sebelizwile, kufike masinyane usathane, alisuse izwi elihlwaneyelwe kubo. kanjalo abahlwaneyelwe edwaleni yilabo abathi sebelizwile izwi, balamukele masinyane ngokuthokoza; kepha kabanampande phakathi kwabo, kodwa bahlala isikhashana nje, kuthi sekuvele ukhulupheka nokuzingelwa ngenxa yezwi, bakhubeke masinyane. abanye bangabahlwaneyelwe emveni; yibo

abalizwile izwi, kepha iminako yalesi sikhathi, nokukhohlisa kwengecebo, nokunxanela ezinye izinto kungena kuliminyanise izwi, libe ngelingatheliyo. nabahlwaneyelwe emhlabathini omuhle yilabo abalizwa izwi, balamukele, bathele isithelo ngamashumi amathathu, nangamashumi ayisithupha, nangekhulu. wayesethi kubo: imbala isibani siza ukuba sibekwe phansi kwesitsha nokuba phansi kombhede yini, singabekwa othini, na? ngokuba akukho okusithelileyo okungayikuhlalukiswa; akukho okuyisifuba okungayikuba sobala. uma ekhona onezindlebe zokuzwa, makezwe. wayesethi kubo: qaphelani enikuzwayo; ngaleso silinganiso enilinganisa ngaso nani niyakulinganiselwa ngaso, nenezelwe nina. ngokuba onakho uyakuphiwa; kepha ongenakho uyakwamukwa nalokho anakho. wayesethi: unjalo umbuso kalezi-ku; unjengokuba umuntu ephonsa imbewu emhlabathini, alale, avuke ubusuku nemini, imibewu imile, ikhule, engazi ukuthi kanjani. umhlabathi uthela isithelo ngokwawo, kuqala ikhaba, khona isikhwebu, besekuba yizinhlamvu ezipheleleyo esikhwetshini. nxa sesivuthiwe isithelo, afake masinyane isikela, ngokuba ukuvuna sekufikile. wathi futhi: siyakuwufanisa nani umbuso kalezi-ku? siyakuwuchaza ngamfanekiso muni na? unjengenhlamvu yesinaphi ethi, nxa ihlwaneyelwe emhlabathini, incinyane kunazo zonke izimbewu ezisemhlabeni, kodwa nxa isihlwaneyelwe imila ibe nkulu kunazo zonke izilimo, ixhante amagatsha amakhulu, ukuze izinyoni zezulu zakhele emthunzini wawo. walikhuluma izwi kubo ngemifanekiso eminingi enjalo njengamandla abo okuzwa; kodwa ngaphandle komfanekiso kakhulumanga kubo; kepha sebebodwa wabachasisela abafundi bakhe konke. ngalolo suku sekuhlwile, wathi kubo: asiwele siye ngaphesheya. base bemukisa isixuku, bahamba naye, njengalokho ebesemkhunjini; kwakukhona neminye imikhumbi ihambisana naye. kwase kuvuka isivunguvungu esikhulu somoya, amaza aphonseka phakathi emkhunjini, umkhumbi waze waqala ukugcwala. kepha yena wayengasemuva emkhunjini elele esicamelweni; bamvusa, bathi kuye: mfundisi, awunaki, nakuba sibhubha, na? wayesevuka, wakuza umoya, wathi kulo ulwandle: thula, uthi du. kwanqamuka umoya, kwaba khona ukuthula okukhulu. wathi kubo: yini ukuba nesabe kangaka na? yini ukuba ningabi nakukholwa na? besaba ngokwesaba okukhulu, bathi omunye komunye: kanti lo ungubani, lokhu nomoya nolwandle kuyamlalela?

base befika phesheya kolwandle ezweni lamagerasa. esephume emkhunjini, kwahlalanga naye masinyane umuntu ovela emathuneni, enomoya ongcolileyo. wayehlala emathuneni, kungasekho muntu ongambopha nangeketanga; ngokuba wayeseboshwe kaningi ngawozankosi nangamaketanga, kepha amaketanga ayegqashuliwe nguye nawozankosi babe-phuliwe, kungekho noyedwa owayenamandla okumthambisa. ngesikhathi sonke ubusuku nemini wayesemathuneni nasezintabeni, ememeza, ezilimaza ngamatshe. wathi ukuba ambone ujesu esekude, wagijima, wakhuleka kuye; wayesememeza ngezwi elikhulu, ethi: nginamsebenzi muni nawe jesu, ndodana kalezi-ku ophezukonke? ngikufungisa ulezi-ku, ungangihluphi. ngokuba wathi kuye: phuma kulo muntu, moya ongcolileyo. wayesembuza ethi: ngubani igama lakho? wathi kuye: ngingulegiyona igama lami, ngokuba sibaningi. wamncenga kakhulu ukuba angabamukisi kulelo zwe. kwakukhona lapho ngasentabeni umhlambi omkhulu wezingulube ziklabile. bamncenga bathi: sithumele ezingulubeni ukuba singene kuzo. wabavumela. omoya abangcolileyo baphuma, bangena ezingulubeni; umhlambi wagulukudela eweni, waphonseka elwandle kungathi izinkulungwane ezimbili, zaminza elwandle. ababezalusa babaleka, baya babika emzini nasemaphandleni; base beza ukuyobona okwenzekileyo. bafika kujesu, bambona obekhwelwe ngamademoni ehlezi embethe, esangulukile, yena owayenelegiyona; base besaba. ababekubonile babatshela ukuthi kwenzeke kanjani kowayekhwelwe ngamademoni, nangezingulube. base beqala ukumncenga ukuba amuke ezweni lakubo. wathi ukuba angene emkhunjini, lowo owayekhwelwe ngamademoni wamncenga ukuba abe naye. akamvumelanga, kepha wathi kuye: hamba uye ekhaya kwabakini, ubabikele ukuthi kungakanani inkosi ekwenzele khona, yakuhawukela. wamuka-ke, waqala ukulanda edekapholi ngokuthi kungakanani abekwenzile kuye ujesu; bamangala bonke. khona ujesu esebuye ewelele ngaphesheya ngomkhumbi, kwabuthana isixuku esikhulu kuye engaselwandle. kwase kufika omunye wabaphathi besinagoge, ngujayiru igama lakhe, owathi ukuba ambone, waziphonsa phansi ngasezinyaweni zakhe, wamncenga kakhulu, wathi: indodakazi yami isiyalela; ake uze, ubeke izandla phezu kwayo ukuba isindisiwe, iphile. wahamba naye. isixuku esikhulu samlandela, samcindezela. owesifazane owayenomopho iminyaka eyishumi nambili, ehluphekile ngokuningi zinyan-

geni eziningi, echithile konke ayenakho, engasizakalanga ngalutho, kodwa kwayilokhu kughubeka, esezwile ngojesu, weza esixukwini ngasemuva, wathinta ingubo yakhe, ngokuba wathi: uma ngingathinta nje izingubo zakhe, ngizakusindiswa. kwanqamuka masinyane umthombo wegazi lakhe, wezwa emzimbeni ukuthi uphulukile enhluphekweni yakhe. wanele ukuzwa ujesu phakathi kwakhe ukuthi amandla aphumile kuye, waphendukela esixukwini, wathi: ngubani othinte izingubo zami na? abafundi bakhe bathi kuye: uyabona isixuku sikucindezela, usuthi: ngubani ongithintileyo na? waqalaza ukuba ambone owenzile lokho. khona owesifazane esaba ethuthumela, azi okwenzekile kuye, weza waziphonsa phansi phambi kwakhe, wamtshele iqiniso lonke. wayesethi kuye: ndodakazi, ukukholwa kwakho kukusindisile; hamba ube nokuthula; usuphulukile enhluphekweni yakho. esakhuluma, kwafika abomphathi wesinagoge, bathi: indodakazi yakho isifile; usamkhat hazelani umfundisi na? kwathi ukuba ujesu ezwile izwi elishiwoyo, wathi kumphathi wesinagoge: ungesabi, kholwa kuphela. akavumelanga muntu amlandele, kuphela opetru, nojakobe, nojohane umfowabo kajakobe. bafika-ke endlini yomphathi wesinagoge, wabona isiyaluyalu nabakhalayo nabalila kakhulu. wangena, wathi kubo: niyaluzelani, nikhalelani na? umntwana akafike, kodwa ulele. bamhleka usulu. kepha yena wabakhipha bonke, wathatha uyise womntwana nonina kanye nababe naye, wangena lapho kulele khona umntwana. wabamba umntwana ngesandla, wathi kuye: thalitha, kumi, okungukuthi ngokuhunyushwa: ntombazana, ngithi kuwe, vuka! yayisivuka masinyane intombazana, yahamba; ngokuba yayineminika eyishumi nambili. khona bamangala ngokumangala okukhulu. wabayalisisa ukuba lokhu kungaziwa muntu; futhi wathi mayiphiwe ukudla.

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khona wamuka lapho, waya ezweni lakubo; abafundi bakhe bamlandela. sekufikile isabatha, waqala ukufundisa esinagogeni. abanengi abamuzwayo bamangala bathi: lo ukuthathaphi lokhu na? ukuhlakanipha kuni akunikiwe lona na? nemisebenzi yamandla enje yenziwe ngezandla zakhe na? lo akusiye umbazi, indodana kamariya, nomfowabo kajakobe, nojose, nojuda, nosimoni, na? nawodadewabo abakho yini lapha kithi na? base bekhubeka ngaye. wayesethi kubo ujesu: umprofethi kadelelwa ngaphandle kwasezweni lakubo, nasezihlotsheni zakhe, nasendlini yakwabo. wayengenakwenza lapho nowodwa umsebenzi wamandla

ngaphandle kokuthi wabeka izandla phezu kwabagulayo abayingcosana, wabaphulukisa. wamangala ngokungakholwa kwabo. wahamba imizi ngemizi efundisa. wayesebabiza abayishumi nambili, waqala ukubathuma ngababili, wabanika amandla phezu kwawomoya abangcolileyo. wabayala ukuba bangaphathi lutho lwendlela, kuphela udondolo lodwa, bangaphathi nasinkwa, nasikhwama, nathusi emixhakeni, kepha bafake izicathulo, bangembathi kodwa amabhantshi amabili. wathi kubo: nakuphi lapho ningena khona endlini, hlalani kuyo, nize nimuke khona. nayiphi indawo engayikunamukela, nalapho bengayikunizwa khona, anothi nimuka kuyo, nivuthulule uthuli oluphansi kwezinyawo zenu, kube ngubufakazi kubo. base behamba beshumayela ukuba abantu baphenduke. bakhapha amademoni amaningi, bagcoba abagulayo abaningi ngamafutha, babaphulukisa. yayisikuzwa inkosi uherode, ngokuba lalidumile igama lakhe. kwathiwa uJohane umbhaphathizi uvukile kwabaflelo; kungalokho lawa mandla asebenza kuye. kodwa abanye bathi: ngu-eliya; abanye bathi: ngumprofethi njengomunye wabaprofethi. kepha uherode ekuzwile wathi: uJohane engamnquma ikhanda nguye ovukile. ngokuba yena uherode wayethumele wambamba uJohane, wambopha etilongweni ngenxa kaherodiya umkafiliphu umfowabo, ngokuba wayeganwe nguye. ngokuba uJohane wayethe kuherode: awuvunyelwe ukuthatha umkamfowenu. njalo uherodiya wambambela amagqubu, wafuna ukumbulala; kepha kabanga namandla, ngokuba uherode wayemesaba uJohane emazi ukuthi uyindoda elungileyo engcwele, wamlonda; nalapho emuzwa, wayesambatheka kaningi, nokho kwabamnandi kuye ukumuzwa. kwathi sekufikile usuku oluhle, lapho uherode ngosuku lokuzalwa kwakhe ezenzela idili izikhulu zakhe, nezinduna zempi, nabanamunye basegalile, kwangena indodakazi kaherodiya uqobo, yasina, yajabulisa uherode nababehlezi naye. inkosi yayisithi entombazaneni: cela kimi noma yini okuthandayo, ngizakukunika. wafunga kuyo, wathi: noma yini ongakucela kimi ngizakukunika, nakuba kungaze kube yinxenye yombuso wami. yayisiphuma, yathi kunina: ngizakucelani na? yena wathi: ikhanda likajohane umbhaphathizi. yakhawuleza yangena masinyane enkosini, yacela yathi: ngithanda ukuba ungiphe khona manje ngoqwebeme ikhanda likajohane umbhaphathizi. inkosi yadabuka kakhulu, kepha ngenxa yezifungo nangenxa yababehlezi nayo ekudleni ayithandanga ukuyilandulela. inkosi yayisithuma masinyane ibutho, waliyala ukuba lilethe ikhanda lakhe. lahamba, lamnquma

ikhanda etilongweni. laletha ikhanda lakhe ngoqwebeme, layinika intombazana, intombazana yamnika unina. kwathi ukuba abafundi bakhe bakuzwe lokho, beza bathatha isidumbu sakhe, basibeka ethuneni. abaphostoli babuthana kujesu, bambikela ababekwenzile nababekufundisile. wayesethi kubo: zanini nina nodwa endaweni eyihlane, niphumle ingcosana. ngokuba babe baningi abezayo nabahambayo, abaze bathola nasikhathi sokudla. base bemuka ngomkhumbi, baya endaweni eyihlane bebodwa. abaningi sebebabona bemuka, baqonda, baze bagijimela khona ngezinyawo, bephuma kuyo yonke imizi, bandulela. wathi ephuma, wabona isixuku esikhulu, waba nesihe ngabantu, ngokuba babe njengezimvu ezingenamalusi; waqala ukubafundisa okuningi. kwathi isikhathi sesihambile, beza kuye abafundi bakhe, bathi: le ndawo iyihlane, isikhathi sesidlulile; bamukise ukuba baye emaphandleni nasemizaneni ezingezileyo, bazithengele ukudla. wayesephendula, ethi kubo: bapheni nina ukudla. bathi kuye: sihambe yini, siyothenga izinkwa zawodenariyu abangamakhulu amabili, sibaphe badle na? wathi kubo: ninezinkwa ezingaki na? hambani nibone. sebazi bathi: ziyisihlanu, nezinhlanzi ezimbili. wabayala ukuba bonke bahlale phansi etshanini obuluhlaza izigaba ngezigaba. base behlala phansi amaviyo ngamaviyo, kwaba ngamakhulu nangamashumi ayisihlanu. wazithabatha izinkwa eziyisihlanu nezinhlanzi ezimbili, wabheka ngasezulwini, wazibusisa, wazihlephula izinkwa, wazinika abafundi ukuba baziibeke phambi kwabo; nezinhlanzi ezimbili wababela bonke ngazo. badla bonke, basutha. babutha imvuthuluka, iziqabetho eziyishumi nambili ezigcwele, neyezinhlanzi. ababedile izinkwa babe ngamadoda ayizinkulungwane eziyisihlanu. wayesecindezela masinyane abafundi bakhe ukuba bangene emkhunjini, bamandulele ukuya phesheya ebetsayida, yena aze amukise isixuku. esebavalelisile wahamba waya entabeni ukuyokhuleka. kwathi sekuhlile, umkhumbi wawuphakathi nolwandle, yena eyedwa emhlabathini. wababona behlupheka ekugwedleni, ngokuba umoya wawuphambene nabo, weza kubo ngomlindo wesine wobusuku ehamba phezu kolwandle. kwangathi uyadlula kubo. sebonile ehamba phezu kolwandle, bacabanga ukuthi yisithunzi; bakhala. ngokuba bonke bambona, bethuka. kepha washesha wakhuluma nabo, wathi kubo: yimani isibindi; yimina, ningesabi. wayesekhwela emkhunjini kubo, umoya wanqamuka; bamangala kakhulu impela phakathi kwabo. ngokuba abaqondanga okwezinkwa, lokhu inhliziyo yabo yayilukhuni. sebewelile bafika ezweni



lasegenesaretha, babopha ogwini. ukuphuma kwabo emkhunjini yena wayaziwa masinyane. bagijimela kulo lonke lelo zwe, baqala ukuletha abagulayo ngezinhloko, lapho bemuzwa ukuthi ukhona. kwathi nomaphi lapho engena khona, emizaneni, nasemizini, nasemaphandleni, babeka abagulayo ezigcawini, bamncenga ukuba bathinte noma umphetho wengubo yakhe kuphela; bonke abamthinta basindiswa.

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kwabuthana kuye abafarisi nabanye bababhali bevela ejerusalem. sebebonile ukuthi abanye babafundi bakhe badla izinkwa ngezandla ezimbi okungukuthi ezingahlanjiwe ngokuba abafarisi kanye nabajuda bonke abadli bengahlambisisanga izandla, bebamba isiko labadala; nanxa bevela endalini, abadli bengahlambi; kukhona nezinye izinto eziningi abazamukeleyo ukuba bazibambe, njengokuhlanya izinkezo, nezinkamba, nezitsha zethusi abafarisi nababhali bambuza bathi: abafundi bakho abahambi ngani ngesiko labadala, kepha badla isinkwa ngezandla ezimbi na? wayesethi kubo: u-isaya waprofetha kahle ngani nina bazenzisi njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: lesi sizwe singidumisa ngezindebe zomlomo, kepha inhliziyi yaso ikude nami; kodwa bangikhonza ngeze befundisa izifundiso eziyimiyalo yabantu. nyeka umyalo kalezi-ku, nibambe isiko labantu. wayesethi kubo: yebo, nichitha umyalo kalezi-ku ukuba nigcine isiko lenu. ngokuba umose wathi: yazisa uyihlo nonyoko, nokuthi: othuka uyise noma unina makafe nokufa; kepha nina nithi: uma umuntu ethi kuyise noma kunina: yikorbana, okungukuthi umnikelo, lokho ongabe usizwa yimi ngakho, anisamvumeli ukuba enzele uyise noma unina utho. izwi likalezi-ku nolenza libe yize ngesiko lenu enilivezileyo; nokunye okuningi okunjalo nijakwenza. khona wabuye wabiza isixuku, wathi kuso: ngizweni nonke, niqonde. alukho utho olungaphandle komuntu lungene kuye olungamngcolisa; kepha okuphumayo kuye yilokho okumngcolisayo umuntu. uma ekhona onezindebe zokuzwa, makezwe. kuthe esengene endlini, evala esixukwini, abafundi bakhe bambuza ngalowo mfanekiso. wayesethi kubo: kanti nani ningabangaqondiyi na? aniqondi yini ukuthi konke okungaphandle okungena kumuntu kungemngcolisa na? ngokuba akungeni enhliziyweni yakhe, kodwa kungeni esiswini, kuphumele ngaphandle, kuhlambulula ukudla konke. wayesethi: okuphumayo kumuntu yilokho okumngcolisayo umuntu; ngokuba ngaphakathi enhliziyweni yabantu kuphuma imicabango emibi, nobufebe, nokweba, nokubu-

lala, nokuphinga, nokufisa, nokushinga, nenkohliso, nokungabi nanhloni, neso elibi, nokuhlambalaza, nokuzidla, nobuwula. zonke lezo zinto ezimbi zivela ngaphakathi, zimngcolise umuntu. wayesemuka lapho, waya emikhawulweni yasetire. wangena endlini, akathanda ukwaziwa muntu, kodwa wayengenakufihlakala. kwathi masinyane owesifazane ondodakazi yakhe encane inomoya ongcolileyo esezwile ngaye, weza waziphonsa phansi ngasezinyaweni zakhe. kepha owesifazane lo wayengumgreki engumsirofenike ngokuzalwa, wamnxusa ukuba akhiphe idemoni endodakazini yakhe. ujesu wayesethi kuye: ake kusuthe abantwana kuqala, ngokuba akukuhle ukuthatha isinkwa sabantwana, usiphonse ezinjani. kodwa waphendula, wathi kuye: yebo, nkosi; kepha nezinjana zidla imvuthuluka yabantwana phansi kwetafula. wayesethi kuye: ngenxa yalelo zwi, hamba-ke; idemoni seliphumile endodakazini yakho. wayesemuka, waya endlini yakhe, wafumana umntwana elele embhedeni, idemoni liphumile. ujesu waphuma futhi emikhawulweni yasetire, wadabula isidoni, weza ngaselwandle lwasegalile edabula izwe lasedekapholi. baletsa kuye isithulu esinamali, bamncenga ukuba abeke isandla phezu kwaso. wagudluka naso esixukwini bebodwa, wafaka iminwe yakhe ezindlebeni zaso, wafela amathe, waphatha ulimi lwaso, wabheka ngasezulwini, wabubula, wathi kuso: efatha! okungukuthi: vuleka! zase zivuleka izindlebe zaso, wathukuluka masinyane umthambo wolimi lwaso, sakhuluma kahle. wabayala ukuba bangatsheli muntu. kepha kwathi nakuba ebayala kakhulu, kwayikhona bekwandisa kakhulu impela. bamangala nokumangala, bathi: wenze kahle konke; nezithulu uzenza zizwe, nezimungulu zikhulume.

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ngalezo zinsuku sekukhona futhi isixuku esikhulu singenakudla, wabiza abafundi bakhe, wathi kubo: ngiyasihawukela isixuku, ngokuba sekuyizinsuku ezintathu sihlezi kimi, singenanto yokudla. uma ngibamukisa, baye ekhaya bengadlanga, bayakuphela amandla endleleni, ngokuba abanye babo bavela kude. abafundi bakhe bamphendula bathi: umuntu angatholaphi lapha ehlane izinkwa zokusuthisa laba na? wababuzwa bathi: ninezinkwa ezingaki na? bathi: eziyisikhombisa. wayala isixuku ukuba sihlale phansi; wazithabatha izinkwa eziyisikhombisa, wabonga, wazihlephula, wanika abafundi bakhe ukuba bababale; basabela isixuku. babe nezinhlanzana eziyingcosana futhi; esezibusile wathi abababele nazo. badla, basutha, babutha

imvuthuluka eseleyo, amaqoma ayisikhombisa. babengathi izinkulungwane ezine; wabamukisa. wayesengena masinyane emkhunjini kanye nabafundi bakhe, weza ezweni lasedalmanutha. khona kwafika abafarisi, baqala ukuphendulana naye befuna kuye isibonakaliso esivela ezulwini, bemlinga. wabubula emoyeni wakhe, wathi: lesi sizukulwane sifunelani isibonakaliso na? ngiqinisele ngithi kini: lesi sizukulwane asiyikunikwa sibonakaliso. wabashiya, wabuye wangena emkhunjini, wamuka, waya ngaphesheya. kepha babekhohlwe ukuphatha izinkwa, bengenalutho, isinkwa sisinye kuphela emkhunjini. wayesebayala ethi: anobheka nixwaye imvubelo yabafarisi nemvubelo kaherode. baphendulana bodwa, bathi abanzinkwa. ujesu ekwazi wathi kubo: yini ukuba niphendulane ngokuthi aninazinkwa na? anikaboni, anikaqondi, na? inhliziyo yenu iselukhuni na? ninamehlo aniboni yini, ninezindlebe anizwa na? anikhumbuli yini mhla ngihlephulela abayizinkulungwane eziyisihlanu izinkwa eziyisihlanu ukuthi nabutha iziqabetho ezingaki ezigcwele imvuthuluka na? bathi kuye: ithuba nambili. mhla ziyisikhombisa kwaba yizinkulungwane ezine, nabutha amaqoma amangaki agcwele imvuthuluka na? bathi: isikhombisa. wathi kubo: anikaqondi na? bafika ebetsayida. base beletha kuye impumputhe, bamncenga ukuba ayiphathe. wayibamba impumputhe ngesandla, wayiholela ngaphandle komuzi, wafela amathe emehlweni ayo, wabeka izandla phezu kwayo, wayibuza wathi: ubona utho na? yabheka, yathi: ngibona abantu, ngibabona behamba; kungathi yizihlahla. khona waphinda wabeka izandla phezu kwamehlo ayo, yabhekisisa, yasinda, yabonisisa konke. wayithumela ekhaya layo, wathi: ungangeni emzini wabantu. ujesu wayesephuma kanye nabafundi bakhe, waya emizini yasekesariya filipi. besendleleni, wababuza abafundi bakhe, wathi kubo: abantu bathi ngingubani na? bamtshela bathi: ujothane umbhaphathi; abanye bathi: ngu-eliya; abanye bathi: ngomunye wabaprofethi. wayesebabuza ethi: nina-ke nithi ngingubani na? upetru waphendula, wathi kuye: wena ungukristu. wabayalisisa ukuba bangatsheli muntu ngaye. khona waqala ukubafundisa ukuthi indodana yomuntu imelwe ukuhlupheka ngokuningi, ilahlwe ngamalunga nabapristi abakhulu nababhali, ibulawe, ivuswe emva kwezinsuku ezintathu. leli zwi walikhuluma ngokusobala. upetru wamthatha, waqala ukumkhuza. kepha waphenduka, wabheka abafundi bakhe, wamkhuza upetru, wathi: buyela emva kwami, sathane, ngokuba awuqondi okukalezi-ku kepha okwabantu. wayesebiza isixuku nabafundi

bakhe, wathi kubo: uma umuntu ethanda ukuza emva kwami, makazidele, athabathe isiphambano sakhe, angilande. ngokuba yilowo nalowo othanda ukusindisa ukuphila kwakhe uyakulahlekelwa yikho; kepha olahlekelwa ngukuphila kwakhe ngenxa yami nangxana yevangeli uyakukusindisa. ngokuba kuyakumsizani umuntu ukuzuza izwe lonke, alahlekelwe ngukuphila kwakhe, na? yingabe angakhiphiani umuntu, kube yisihlengo sokuphila kwakhe, na? ngokuba yilowo nalowo onezinhloni ngami nanga-mazwi ami kulesi sizukulwane esiphingayo nesonakeleyo, nendodana yomuntu iyakuba nezinhloni ngaye, lapho iza ngenkazimulo kayise kanye nezingelosi ezingcwele.

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wayesethi kubo: ngiqinisele ngithi kini: bakhona abanye kwabemi lapha abangayikuzwa ngempela ukufa, baze babone umbuso kalezi-ku ufikile ngamandla. emva kwezinsuku eziyisithupha ujesu wathatha opetru, nojakobe, nojothane, wakhuphela nabo entabeni ende bebodwa; waphenduka esinye isimo phambi kwabo. izingubo zakhe zacwazimula zaba mhlophe qwa, ngangokuba umhlanzi wasemhlabeni angenze zibe mhlophe kangaka. kwabonakala kubo u-eliya enomose; babekhuluma nojesu. wathatha upetru, wathi kujesu: rabi, kuhle ukuba silapha; masakhe amadokodo amathathu, elinye libe ngelakho, elinye libe ngelikamose, elinye libe ngelika-eliya. wayengazi ukuthi uzakuphendula ngokuthini, ngokuba babesaba kakhulu. kwase kufika ifu, libasithibeza; kwavela izwi efwini, lithi: lo uyindodana yami ethandekayo; yizweni. kwathi masinyane beqalaza, ababe besabona muntu, kuphela ujesu yedwa enabo. besehla entabeni, wabayala ukuba bangatsheli muntu abakubonileyo, indodana yomuntu ingakavuki kwabaflelo. bazigcinela lelo zwi bebuzana ngokuthi kuyini lokho ukuvuka kwabaflelo. base bembuza, bethi: basholoni ababhali ukuthi u-eliya umelwe ukufika kuqala na? wayesethi kubo: nempela u-eliya uyeza kuqala ukuba abuyise konke; kepha kulotshiwe kanjani ngendodana yomuntu ukuthi izakuhlupheka ngokuningi, idelelwe, na? kodwa ngithi kini: u-eliya sewafika, benza kuye abakuthandayo, njengalokho kulotshiwe ngaye. kwathi sebeza kubafundi, babona isixuku esikhulu sibahaqile nababhali bebuzana nabo. isixuku sonke sambona qede sashaywa luvalo, sagijimela kuye, sambingelela. wayesebabuza ethi: nibuzana nabo ngantoni na? omunye wesixuku wamphendula wathi: mfundisi, ngilethe kuwe indodana yami enomoya oyisimungulu. kuthi

lapho eyibambayo, uyidonsela phansi, ikhihlize amagwebu, igedle amazinyo, iphele amandla. ngikhulume nabafundi bakho ukuba bamkhiphe, kepha bahluleka. waphendula wathi: o sizukulwane esingakholwayo, koze kube nini nginani na? koze kube nini nginibekezelela na? yiletheni kimi. bayiletha kuye. kwathi umoya embona, wayihlukumeza kakhulu masinyane, yawa phansi emhlabathini, yazingqqa ikhihliza amagwebu. wayesebuza kuyise ukuthi isikhathi sasingakanani ifikelwe yilokhu na? wathi: kwasebuntwaneni. uyiphonsile kaningi emlilweni nasemanzini ukuba ayibhubhise; kodwa uma unamandla okwenza utho, sihawukele, usisize. ujesu wayesethi kuye: uma unamandla! konke kungenzeka kokholwayo. uyise womntwana wayesemezeza masinyane, wathi: ngiyakholwa, siza ukungakholwa kwami. ujesu esebona ukuthi isixuku sigijimela ndawonye, wamkhuza umoya ongcolileyo, wathi kuye: wena moya oyisimungulu nesithulu ngiyakuyala mina, ngithi: phuma kuye, ungabe usangena kuye. wamemeza, wamhlukumeza kakhulu, waphuma; waba njengofileyo, baze bathi abaningi: usefile. kepha ujesu wambamba ngesandla, wamvusa; wasukuma. kuthe esengenile endlini, abafundi bakhe bambuza bebdwa, bathi: thina besingemkhiphe ngani na? wayesethi kubo: lolu hlobo lungephume ngalutho, kuphela ngokukhuleka nangokuzila ukudla. bamuka lapho, badabula igalile, wayengathandi ukuba kwaziwe muntu, ngokuba wabafundisa abafundi bakhe, wathi kubo: indodana yomuntu ikhashelwa ezandleni zabantu, bazakuyibulala; kuthi isibulewe, izakuvuka emva kwezinsuku ezintathu. kepha abakuzwisisanga lokho kusho, besaba nokumbuza. base beza ekapernawume. kwathi esengene endlini, wababuza wathi: beniphendulana ngantoni endleleni na? kepha bathula, ngokuba be-bekhulumisene endleleni ngokuthi ngubani omkhulu. wayesehlala phansi, wababiza abayishumi nambili, wathi kubo: uma umuntu ethanda ukuba ngowokuqala, makabe ngowokugcina kubo bonke nesikhonzi sabo bonke. wayesethatha umntwana, wammisa phakathi kwabo, wamgona, wathi kubo: yilowo nalowo oyakwamukela abe munye kubantwana abanje ngegama lami uyangamukela mina, ongamukela mina akamukeli mina kodwa ongithumileyo. ujothane wayesethi kuye: mfundisi, sabona umuntu ongasilandeli ekhipha amademoni ngegama lakho; samnqabela ngokuba engasilandeli. kepha ujesu wathi: ningamnqabeli, ngokuba akakho owenza umsebenzi wamandla ngegama lami ongasuka masinyane, akhulume kabi ngami. ngokuba ongamelene nathi ungakithi. yilowo nalowo oniphuzisa

inkezo yamanzi ngegama lami ngokuba ningabakakristu, ngiqinisile ngithi kini: akasoze alahlekelwa ngumvuzo wakhe. nalowo okhubekisa abe munye kulaba abancinyane abakholwayo kungangcono kuye ukuba itshe lokusila ligaxwe entanyeni yakhe, aphonswe elwandle. uma isandla sakho sikukhubekisa, sinqume; kungcono ungene ekuphileni uyingini kunokuba uye esihogweni, emlilweni ongacimekiyo, unezandla zombili, lapho impethu yabo ingafi, nomlilo ungacimi. uma unyawo lwakho lukukhubekisa, lunqume; kungcono ungene ekuphileni ulunyonga kunokuba uphonswe esihogweni, emlilweni ongacimekiyo, unezinyawo zombili, lapho impethu yabo ingafi, nomlilo ungacimi. uma iso lakho likukhubekisa, likhiphe; kungcono ungene embusweni kalezi-ku uneso linye kunokuba uphonswe esihogweni urnamehlo omabili, lapho impethu yabo ingafi, nomlilo ungacimi. ngokuba bonke bazakugqunyiswa ngomlilo. usawoti muhle, kepha uma usawoti engasenabusawoti, niyakumhlaziya ngani na? yibani nosawoti phakathi kwenu, nihlalisanse ngokuthula.

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wasuka lapho, weza emikhawulweni yasejudiya nangaphesheya kwejordani; izixuku zabuye zabuthana kuye, waphinda wabafundisa abantu njengokujwayela kwakhe. kwase kusondela kuye abafarisi, bambuza ukuthi kuvunyelwe yini ukuba indoda ilahle umkayo, bemlinga. waphendula, wathi kubo: umose waniyala ngokuthini na? bathi: umose wavuma ukuba kulotshwe incwadi yesahlukaniso, alahlwe. ujesu wayesethi kubo: ngenxa yobulukhuni behliziyo yenu wanijobela lowo myalo. kepha kusukela ekuqaleni kokudalwa ulezi-ku wabenza owesilisa nowesifazane. ngenxa yalokho umuntu uyakushiya uyise nonina, anamathele kumkakhe; labo ababili bayakuba nyamanye; ngakho abasebabili, kepha sebenyamanye. ngakho-ke lokho akhulanganisileyo ulezi-ku makungahlukaniswa ngumuntu. besendlini abafundi babuye bambuza ngalokho. wathi kubo: yilowo nalowo olahla umkakhe, aganwe ngomunye, uyaphinga kuye. naye, uma elahla indoda yakhe, agane enye, uyaphinga. khona baletha kuye abantwanyana ukuba abaphathe; kepha abafundi babakhuza. kodwa ujesu ekubona wathukuthela, wathi kubo: vumelani abantwana beze kimi, ningabenqabeli, ngokuba umbuso kalezi-ku ungowabanjalo. ngiqinisile ngithi kini: yilowo nalowo ongamukeli umbuso kalezi-ku njengomntwana kasoze angena kuwo. wabagona, wababusisa ebeka izandla phezu kwabo. ekuphumeni

kwakhe ukuya endleleni umuntu wagi-jimela kuye, waguqa ngamadolo phambi kwakhe, wambuza wathi: mfundisi omuhle, ngiyakwenzani ukuba ngidle ifa lokuphila okuphakade na? kepha ujesu wathi kuye: ungibizelani ngokuthi ngimuhle na? kakho omuhle, mune kuphela, ulezi-ku. uyayazi imiyalelo ukuthi: ungabulali, ungaphingi, ungebi, ungafakazi amanga, ungamamuki umuntu utho, yazisa uyihlo nonyoko. kepha wathi kuye: mfundisi, konke lokho ngikugcinile kwasebusheni bami. ujesu wayesembheka, emthanda, wathi kuye: usasilalelwe into inye; hamba uthengise ngakho konke onakho, uphe abampofu, khona uzakuba negugu ezulwini; uze ungilandle. kepha wanyukumala ngalelo zwi, wamuka edabukile, ngokuba wayenengebo enkulu. ujesu waqalaza, wathi kubafundi bakhe: kulukhuni kangakanani kwabanom-notho ukungena embusweni kalezi-ku. kepha abafundi bethuka ngamazwi akhe. ujesu wabuye waphendula, wathi kubo: bantwana, kulukhuni kangakanani kwa-bethemba umnotho ukungena embusweni kalezi-ku. kulula ukuba ikamela lingene ngentunja yosungulo kunokuba onothileyo angene embusweni kalezi-ku. bamangala kakhulu, bathi omunye komunye: pho, kun-gasindiswa bani na? ujesu abebheka wathi: kubantu akunakwenzeka, kepha kulezi-ku akunjalo; ngokuba kulezi-ku kungenzeka konke. upetru wathatha, wathi kuye: bheka, thina sishiye konke, sakulandela. ujesu wathi: ngiqinisile ngithi kini: akukho muntu oshiye indlu, noma abafowabo, noma odadewabo, noma unina, noma uyise, noma abantwana, noma amazwe ngenxa yami nangenxa yevangeli, ongayikwamuke-liswa ngekholo: manje kulesi sikhathi izindlu, nabafowabo, nawodadewabo, nawonina, nabantwana, namazwe kanye nokuzingelwa, nasenkathini ezayo ukuphila okuphakade. kepha abaningi abokuqala bayakuba ngabokugcina, nabokugcina babe ngabokuqala. babesendleleni bekhuphukela ejerusalem; ujesu wayehamba phambi kwabo; ababelandela babethukile, besaba. wayesethatha futhi abayishumi nambili, waqala ukubatshele okuzakumehlela, ethi: bhekani, sikhuphukela ejerusalem; indo-dana yomuntu izakukhashelwa kubapristi abakhulu nababhali; bazakuyinqumela ukuba ife, bayikhahele kwabezizwe; baza-kuyiklolodela, bayikhafulele ngamathe, bayishaye, bayibulale; kepha emva kwezinsuku ezintathu izakuvuka. kwase kusondela kuye ojakobe nojhane amadodana kazebe-dewu, bathi kuye: mfundisi, siyathanda ukuba usenzele lokhu esizakukucela kuwe. wathi kubo: nifuna ukuba nginenzeleni na? bathi kuye: siphe ukuba sikhale, omunye ngakwesokunene sakho, omunye ngokwe-

sokhohlo sakho enkazimulweni yakho. kepha ujesu wathi kubo: anikwazi enikucelayo. ningasiphuza yini isitsha engisiphuzayo mina, nibhathathizwe ngombhathathizo engibhathathizwa ngawo na? bathi kuye: singakwenza. ujesu wathi kubo: isitsha engisiphuzayo mina niyakusiphuza, nibhathathizwe ngombhathathizo engibhathathizwa ngawo mina; kepha ukuhlala ngakwesokunene sami nangakwesokhohlo akusikho okwami ukuphuna ngakho, kodwa kungokwalabo abakulungiselweyo. bathi ukuzwa lokho abayishumi, baqala ukuthukuthela ojakobe nojhane. ujesu wayesebabiza, wathi kubo: niyazi ukuthi abathiwa babusa izizwe bazenza amakhosi phezu kwazo, nezikhulu zazo ziphethe amandla phezu kwazo. kepha akunjalo phakathi kwenu, kodwa yilowo nalowo ofuna ukuba mkhulu phakathi kwenu makabe yisikhonzi senu, nalowo ofuna ukuba ngowokuqala phakathi kwenu makabe yinceku yabo bonke. ngokuba nayo indodana yomuntu ayizelanga ukukhonzwa kepha ukukhonza nokunikela ukuphila kwayo, kube yisihlengo sabaningi. khona bafika ejeriko. kwathi esaphuma ejeriko nabafundi bakhe nesixuku esikhulu, indodana kathimewu ubartimewu, isinxibi esiyimpumputhe, wayehlezi ngasendleleni. wathi ukuba ezwe ukuthi ngujesu wasenazareth, waqala ukumemeza ethi: jesu, ndodana kadavide, ngihawukele! abaningi bamkhuza, bathi kathule; kepha kwayikhona wamemeza kakhulu, ethi: ndodana kadavide, ngihawukele! wayesema ujesu, wathi: mbizeni. bayibiza impumputhe, bathi kuyo: yima isibindi, usukume; uyakubiza. yayisilahla ingubo yayo, yagxuma, yaya kujesu. ujesu washo kuyo, wathi: ufuna ukuba ngikwenzeleni na? impumputhe yathi kuye: rabuni, ukuba ngibone. ujesu wathi kuyo: hamba-ke; ukukholwa kwakho kukusindisile. yayisibona khona lapho, yamlandela endleleni.

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kwathi ukuba basondele ejerusalem, nasebetfage, nasebethaniya ngasentabeni yeminqumo, wathuma ababili kubafundi bakhe, wathi kubo: hambani niye emzaneni obhekene nani; kothi nisangena kuwo, niza-kufumana ithole lembongolo likhulekiwe, okungakaze kuhlale muntu kulo; lithukululeni, nililethe. uma umuntu ethi kini: nikwenzeleni lokhu na? anothi: inkosi iyalidinga; izakulibuyisela lapha masinyane. bahamba, bafumana ithole likhulekiwe ngasesangweni ngaphandle emgwaqweni; balithukulula. abanye kwabemgani khona bathi kubo: nenzani nilithukulula ithole na? basho kubo njengokusho kukajesu; base

bebayeka. baliletha ithole kujesu, babeka izingubo zabo phezu kwalo, wakhwela kulo. abaningi bendlala izingubo zabo endleleni, abanye amahlamvu ababewagawule endle. ababehamba phambili nababelandela bamemeza bathi: hosi yana! ubusisiwe ozayo egameni lenkosi. ubusisiwe umbuso ozayo kababa udavide. hosi yana kweliphezulu! ujesu wangena ejerusalem, waya ethempelini; esekubukile konke waphuma, sekuhlwile, waya ebethaniya kanye nabayishumi nambili. ngangomuso ekuphumeni kwabo ebethaniya walamba. wabona umkhiwane ukude, unamaqubunga, wasondela ethi mhlawumbe angathola utho kuwo; esefikile kuwo akafumananga lutho, amaqubunga odwa, ngokuba kwakungesiso isikhathi samakhiwane. ujesu wakhuluma, wathi kuwo: akungabe kusadla noyedwa isithelo kuwe kuze kube phakade. abafundi bakhe bakuzwa. bafika ejerusalem, wangena ethempelini, waqala ukuxosha abathengisayo nabathengayo ethempelini, wagumbuqela amatafula abashintshelana imali nezihlalo zabathengisa ngamajuba; wayengavumi ukuba umuntu adabule ithempeli ethwele isitsha. wafundisa, wathi kubo: akulotshiwe yini ukuthi, indlu yami iyakubizwa ngokuthi indlu yokukhuleka yezizwe zonke na? kepha nina niyenze umhume wabaphangi. abapristi abakhulu nababhali bekuzwa lokho bazindla ngokuthi bangambhubhisa kanjani, ngokuba babemesaba, lokhu isixuku sonke samangala ngokufundisa kwakhe. njalo ngokuhlwa baphuma emzini. kusasa bedlula babona umkhiwane ubunile kusukela ezimpan-deni. upetru ekhumbula wathi kuye: rabi, bheka, umkhiwane owuqalekisi-leyo ubunile. ujesu waphendula, wathi kubo: kholwani ngulezi-ku. ngiqinisile ngithi kini: yilowo nalowo oyakuthi kule ntaba: nqukuleka, uphonseke elwandle, engangabazi enhliziyweni yakhe kepha ekholwa ukuthi lokho akushoyo kuyenzeka, uzakuba nakho. ngalokho ngithi kini: konke enikukhulekelayo nenikucelayo, kholwani ukuthi nikwamukele, nizakuba nakho. futhi nxa nimi nikhuleka, thethelelani, uma ninamagqubu nomunye, ukuze noyihlo osezulwini anithethelele iziphambeko zenu. kepha uma nina ningathetheleli, noyihlo osezulwini akayikunithethelela iziphambeko zenu. babuye bafika ejerusalem; kwathi ehamba ethempelini, beza kuye abapristi abakhulu, nababhali, namalunga, bathi kuye: lokhu ukwenza ngagunya lini na? ngubani okunike leli gunya ukuze wenze lokhu na? kepha ujesu wathi kubo: ngizakunibuzwa izwi libe linye, nize ningiphendule; yikhona ngizakunitshela ukuthi ngenza lokhu ngagunya lini. ukubhaphathiza kuka-johane kwavela ezulwini noma kubantu

na? ngiphenduleni. bakhulumisana bodwa, bathi: uma sithi: ezulwini, uzakuthi: pho, anikhholwanga nguye ngani na? kepha uma sithi: kubantu, besaba isixuku, ngokuba bonke bathi uJohane ungumprofethi impela. base bemphendula ujesu, bathi: asazi. wayesethi ujesu kubo: nami anginitsheli ukuthi ngenza lokhu ngagunya lini.

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wayeseqala ukukhuluma kubo ngemi-fanekiso, ethi: umuntu watshala isivini, wasibiyela ngothango, wemba isikhamo, wakha isiqongo sokulinda, wasiqashisa kubalimi, waya kwelinye izwe. ngenkathi efaneleyo wayesethuma inceku kubalimi ukuba ithathe kubalimi ezithelweni zesivini. bayibamba, bayishaya, bayimukisa ze. waphinda wathuma kubo enye inceku; yona bayilimiza ekhanda, bayithuka. wathuma enye futhi; yona bayibulala, nezinye eziningi: ezinye bazishaya, ezinye bazibulala. kwase kusele umuntu munye, indodana ethandekayo; yona wayithuma kubo ekugcineni, ethi: bayakuyazisa indodana yami. kepha labo balimi bakhuluma bodwa, bathi: lo uyindlalifa; wozani siyibulale, ifa libe ngelethu. base beyibamba bayibulala, bayiphonsa ngaphandle kwesivini. uzakwenzani umninsivini na? uzakuza, ababhuhise labo balimi, isivini asinike abanye. aniwufundanga yini lo mbhalo othi: itshe abalingqabayo abakhi lona laba yinhloko yegumbi; lona lavela enkosini; liyisimangaliso emehlweni ethu, na? base befuna ukumbamba, kepha besaba isixuku; ngokuba bazi ukuthi ukhulume lo mfanekiso ngabo. base bemshiya bamuka. khona abanye babafarisi nabakaherode bathunyelwa kuye ukuba bamhile ngezwi. beza bathi kuye: mfundisi, siyazi ukuthi uqinisile nokuthi awukhathali ngamuntu, ngokuba awubheki ubuso babantu, kodwa indlela kalezi-ku uyifundisa ngeqiniso. kuvunyelwe ukuthela kukesari noma qha? sithenze nokuba singatheli na? kepha yena ekwazi ukuzenzisa kwabo wathi kubo: ningilingelani na? lethani kimi udenariyu, ngimbone. bamletha. wayesethi kubo: ngokabani lo mfanekiso nalo mbhalo na? bathi kuye: ngokakesari. ujesu wathi kubo: nikani ukusari okukakesari, nolezi-ku okukalezi-ku. bamangala ngaye. khona kwafika kuye abasadusi abathi akukho ukuvuka kwabafileyo, bambuza bathi: mfundisi, umose wasilobela ukuthi, uma kufa umfowabo womuntu, eshiya umkakhe engashiyi mntwana, umfowabo makamthathe umkakhe, amvusele umfowabo inzalo. kwakukhona izelamani eziyisikhombisa, owokuqala wathatha umfazi; wafa engashiyanga nzalo. nowesibili

wamthatha; naye wafa engashiyanga nzalo; kanjalo nowesithathu. abayisikhombisa kabashiyanga nzalo. ekugcineni kwabo bonke kwafa nomfazi. ekuvukeni mhla bevukayo uyakuba ngumkabani kubo, lokhu abayisikhombisa babe naye engumkabo, na? ujesu wathi kubo: angithi nidukile ngenxa yokuba ningayazi imibhalo namandla kalezi-ku na? ngokuba mhla bevuka kwabafileyo abaganwa, abendiswa, kodwa banjengezingelosi ezulwini. kepha maqondana nabafileyo ukuthi bayavuswa anifundanga yini encwadini kamose ngesihlahla ukuthi ulezi-ku wakhuluma kuye, wathi: ngingulezi-ku ka-abrahama, nolezi-ku ka-isaka, nolezi-ku kajakobe, na? akasiye ulezi-ku wabafileyo kodwa owabaphilayo. nidukile kakhulu. kwase kusondela omunye wababhali owayebzwile bebuzana, eqonda ukuthi wayebaphendule kahle, wambuza wathi: ngumuphi umyalo wokuqala kuyo yonke na? ujesu waphendula wathi: owokuqala ngowokuthi: yizwa, inkosi ulezi-ku wethu, inkosi, yinye. woyithanda inkosi, ulezi-ku wakho ngayo yonke inhliziyi yakho, nangawo wonke umphfumulo wakho, nangayo yonke ingqondo yakho, nangawo onke amandla akho. owesibili yilo: womthanda umakhelwame wakho njengalokhu uzithanda wena. awukho omunye umyalo omkhulu kunale. umbhali wayesethi kuye: yebo, mfundisi, ushilo ngeqiniso ukuthi yinye, ayikho enye ngaphandle kwayo; futhi ukuyithanda yona ngenhliziyo yonke, nangengqondo yonke, nangamandla onke, nokuthanda umakhelwane njengalokhu umuntu ezithanda yena kudlula yonke iminikelo yokushiswa nemihlatshelo. ujesu embona ukuthi uphendule ngokuqonda, wathi kuye: awukude nombuso kalezi-ku. akwabe kusabakho onesibindi sokumbuzwa. khona ujesu efundisa ethempelini wabuza wathi: basho kanjani ababhali ukuthi ukristu uyindodana kadavide na? udavide uqobo lwakhe washo ngomoya ongcwele ukuthi: inkosi yathi enkosini yami: hlala ngakwesokunene sami, ngize ngibeke izitha zakho phansi kwezinyawo zakho. udavide uqobo lwakhe umbiza ngokuthi inkosi. pho, uyindodana yakhe kanjani na? isixuku esikhulu sasimuzwa ngokujabula. ekufundiseni kwakhe wathi: xwayani ababhali abathanda ukuhamba bembe the izingubo ezinde, nbona-rukukhandlekangelelwa ezigcawini, nezihlalo eziphambili emasinagogeni, nezindawo ezin-gehlhla ekudleni, abadla izindlu zabafelokazi, bekhuleka isikhathi eside ngokuzenzisa; laba bayakwamukeliswa ukulahlwa okukhulu. wayesehlala phansi maqondana nomphon-golo womnikelo, wabuka isixuku sibeka umnikelo emphongolweni. abaningi abace-bileyo babeka kakhulu. kwase kufika

umfelokazi ompofu wabeka amafadingi amabili okuyisitebela. wayesebaza abafundi bakhe, wathi kubo: ngiqinisele ngithi kini: lo mfelokazi ompofu ubekile kakhulu kunabo bonke ababeke emphongolweni, ngokuba bonke babeka kokuchichimileyo kwabo, kepha yena ebumpofini bakhe ubeke konke anakho, konke abephila ngakho.

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kuthe ephuma ethempelini, omunye wabafundi bakhe wathi kuye: mfundisi, bheka amatshe anjani nezakhiwo ezin-jani! ujesu wathi kuye: uyabona lezi zakhiwo ezinkulu na? akuyikushiywa itshe phezu kwetshe elingayikudilizelwa phansi. esahlezi entabeni yeminqumo maqondana nethempeli, opetru nojakobe nojohane no-andrea bambuza bebdwa, bathi: sitsele ukuthi lokhu kuyakuba nini, nesibonakaliso siyakuba yini, lapho sekuyakufezeka konke lokhu, na? khona ujesu waqala ukukhuluma kubo, ethi: qaphelani ningadukiswa muntu. kuyakuza abaningi ngegama lami, bathi: nginguye, badukise abaningi. nxa nizwa izimpi nama-hemuhemu ezimpi, ningethuki; kumelwe ukuba kwenzeke, kepha lokuphela koba kungakafiki. ngokuba isizwe siyakuvukela isizwe, nombuso uvukele umbuso; kuyakuba khona ukuzamazama komhlaba izindawo ngezindawo, kube khona indlala; lokhu kungukuqala kwemihelo. kepha ziqapheleni nina. bayakunikhaphela emiphakatini; niyakushaywa emasinagogeni; niyakumiswa phambi kwababusi namakhosi ngenxa yami, kube ngubufakazi kubo. kepha ivangeli limelwe ukushunyayelwa kuqala ezizweni zonke. uma beniqhuba, benikhaphela, ningakhathaleli ngaphakmbili eniyakukhuluma, kodwa lokho eniyakukunikwa ngaleso sikhathi, kukhulumeni; ngokuba kakunina enikhulumayo kodwa ngumoya ongcwele. khona umuntu uyakukhaphela umfowabo ekufeni noyise umntanakhe, yebo, abantwana bayakuvukela abazali babo, bababulale. niyakuzondwa yibo bonke ngenxa yegama lami, kodwa okhut-hazelayo kuze kube sekupheleni nguyena oyakusindiswa. kepha nxa nibona amanyala encithakalo emi lapho kungafanele khona ofundayo makaqaphele khona abasej-udiya mababalekele ezintabeni, ophezu kwendlu angehli, angangeni ukuyothatha utho endlini yakhe, osensimini angabuyeli emuva ukuyothatha ingubo yakhe. kepha maye kwabakhulelweyo nabancelisayo ngalezo zinsuku! khulekani ukuba kungabi sebusika. ngokuba lezo zinsuku ziyakuba nosizi olungazange lube khona olunjalo kwasekuqaleni kokudalwa akudalayo ulezi-ku kuze kube manje, nolungasayikuba

khona. uma inkosi ibingazifinyezi lezo zinsuku, bekungesindiswe muntu, kepha ngenxa yabakhethiweyo eyabakhetha yazifinyeza lezo zinsuku. khona-ke uma umuntu ethi kini: bhekani, nangu ukristu, noma: bhekani, nanguya, ningakholwa. ngokuba kuyakuvela okristu bamanga nabaprofethi bamanga, benze izibonakaliso nezimangalis, ukuze badukise abakhethiweyo, uma kungenzeka. kepha qaphelani nina; senginitshele konke ngaphambili. kodwa ngalezo zinsuku emva kwalolo sizi ilanga liyakufiphazwa, nenyanga ayiyikukhanya, nezinkanyezi ziyakuwa ezulwini, namandla asezulwini ayakuzanyazanyiswa. khona-ke bayakubona indodana yomuntu iza emafwini, inamandla amakhulu nenkazimulo. lapho iyakuthuma izingelosi, iqoqe abakhethiweyo bayo emimoyeni yomine, kusukela emkhawulweni womhlaba kuze kube semkhawulweni wezulu. fundani umfanekiso emkhawulweni; nxa igatsha lawo selithamba, lhlume amaqabunga, niyazi ukuthi ihlobo seliseduze. kanjalo nani, nxa nibona lokhu kwenzeka, yazini ukuthi iseduze ngasemnyango. ngiqinisile ngithi kini: lesi sizukulwane asiyikudlula, kungakenzeki konke lokhu. kuyakudlula izulu nomhlaba, kepha amazwi ami awayikudlula. kepha lolu suku nalelo hora akakho owazi lutho ngalo, nazingelosi ezulwini, nandodana, ngubaba kuphela. qaphelani, nilinde, ngokuba anisazi isikhathi ukuthi siyakuba nini. kunjengomuntu owahambela kwelinye izwe; washiya indlu yakhe, wanika izinceku zakhe amandla, yileyo naleyo wayinika umsebenzi wayo, wayala umlindisango ukuba alinde. ngakho lindani, ngokuba anazi ukuthi inkosi yendlu iyakufika nini, noma ngokuhlwa, noma phakathi kobusuku, noma ngokukhala kwezinkuku, noma ekuseni, funa ifike ngokuzuma, inifumane nilele. kepha lokhu engikusho kini ngikusho kubo bonke, ngithi: lindani.

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emva kwezinsuku ezimbili kwaba khona iphasika nomkhosi wesinkwa esingenamvubelo; abapristi abakhulu nababhali bafuna isu lokumbamba ngobuqili, bambulale. ngakho bathi: makungabi ngomkhosi, kungaze kube khona isiyaluyalu esizweni. kwathi esebethaniya endlini kasimoni owayenochoko, ehlezi ekudleni, kwafika owesifazane ephephe umfuma we-alabaste wamafutha enadi lodwa elibiza kakhulu; wachoboza umfuma wathela amafutha ekhanda lakhe. kepha kwakukhona abanye abakhuluma bodwa ngokuthukuthela, bethi: kwenzelweni lokho kuchithwa kwamafutha na? ngokuba lawa mafutha nga ethengisiwe ngawodenariyu abangaphezu

kwamakhulu amathathu, kwaphiwa abampofu. bamthukuthela kakhulu. kepha ujesu wathi: myekeni; nimhluphelani na? usebenzile umsebenzi omuhle kimi. ngokuba abampofu ninabo njalo; nanini, uma nithanda, ningabenzela okuhle: kepha mina aninami njalo. wenzile abengakwenza; wandulele ukuwugcobela umzimba wami ukumbelwa. ngiqinisile ngithi kini: nomaphi lapho liyakushunyayelwa khona ivangeli ezweni lonke, kuyakuhlulunywa nangalokho akwenzileyo, kube yisikhumbuzo ngaye. ujuda iskariyotho, omunye wabayishumi nambili, wayeseya kubapristi abakhulu ukuba amkhaphele kubo. sebezile bathokoza, bathembisa ukumnika imali. wayesefuna ithuba lokumkhaphela. ngosuku lokuqala lwesinkwa esingenamvubelo okwakuhlathiswa ngalo iphasika abafundi bakhe bathi kuye: uthanda ukuba siye silungiselephi ukuba udle iphasika na? wayesethuma ababili kubafundi bakhe, wathi kubo: hambani niye emzini; khona nizakuhlangana nomuntu othwele imbiza yamanzi; mlandeleni. lapho engena khona, anothi kumninindlu: uthi umfundisi: iphi indlu yami, lapho ngingadlala khona iphasika nabafundi bami, na? yena uza-kunikhombisa ikamelo elikhulu eliphezulu, elendlelweyo, lilungisiwe; silungiseleni khona. bahamba abafundi bafika emzini, bafumana kunjengokusho kwakhe kubo; base belungisa iphasika. kusihlwa wafika nabayishumi nambili. sebezile ekudleni, ujesu wathi: ngiqinisile ngithi kini: omunye kini, odla nami, uzakungikhaphela. baqala ukudabuka, bathi kuye ngamunye: kungaba yimi na? wathi kubo: ngomunye wabayishumi nambili, okha kanye nami esitsheni. indodana yomuntu iyamuka kambe njen-gokulotshiwe ngayo, kepha maye kulowo muntu indodana yomuntu ekheshelwa ngaye! nga kukuhle kulowo muntu ukuba kazalwanga. kwathi besadla, ujesu wathabatha isinkwa, wasibusisa, wasihlephula, wabanika, wathi: thabathani ndle; lokhu kungumzimba wami. wayesethabatha isitsha, wabonga, wabanika; baphuza kuso bonke. wathi kubo: lokhu kuyigazi lami lesivumelwano elithululwa ngenxa yabaningi. ngiqinisile ngithi kini: angisayikuphuza okwesithelo somvini, kuze kufike lolu suku engiyakusiphuza ngalo sisisha embusweni kalezi-ku. kwathi sebehlebelele igama lokubonga, baphuma baya entabeni yeminqumo. ujesu wathi kubo: nonke nizakukhubeka, ngokuba kulotshiwe ukuthi: ngiyakushaya umalusi, izimvu zihlakazeke. kepha emva kokuvuswa kwami ngiyakunandulela ukuya egalile. upetru wathi kuye: noma beyakukhubeka bonke, hhayi mina. ujesu wathi kuye: ngiqinisile ngithi kuwe: namhlanje ngalobu busuku,

lingakakhali kabili iqhude, uzakungiphika kathathu. kepha waqinisa ngamandla, wathi: noma ngingaze ngife nawe, angisoze ngakuphika. basho njalo bonke. bafika endaweni ethiwa igetsemane; wathi kubafundi bakhe: hlalani lapha, ngisaya kukhuleka. wathatha opetru nojakobe nojohane, waqala ukuba novalo nosizi. wathi kubo: umphefumulo wami ulusizi kakhulu kuze kube sekufeni; hlalani lapha, nilinde. waqhubeka ingcosana, wawa phansi, wakhuleka ukuba, uma kungenzeka, kudlule kuye lo mzuzu. wathi: aba, baba, konke kungenzeka kuwe; ake ususe kimi lesi sitsha, kepha kungabi njengokuba ngithanda mina, kodwa njengokuba uthanda wena. wayeseza, wabafumana belele; wathi kupetru: simoni, ulele na? ubungelinde ihora libe linye na? lindani, nikhuleka ukuba ningangeni ekulingweni; umoya uyavuma, kepha inyama ibuthakathaka. wabuye wasuka waya kukhuleka, esho lona lelo zwi. esebuya futhi wabafumana belele, ngokuba amehlo abo ayenzima; babengazi ukuthi bazakumphendula ngokuthini. weza ngokwesithathu, wathi kubo: nisalele namanje niphumula. kwanele, ihora lifikile; bhekani, indodana yomuntu isiyakhshelwa ezandleni zezoni. sukumani sihambe. bhekani, ongikhaphelayo usesondele. khona masinyane esakhuluma, kwafika ujuda, omunye wabayishumi nambili, enesixuku esinezinkemba nezinduku, sivela kubapristi abakhulu nababhali namalunga. kepha omkhaphelayo wayebanike isiboniso sokuthi: lowo engiyakumanga, nguye; mbambeni, nihambe naye, nimqinise. esefikile wasondela kuye masinyane, wathi: rabi! wamanga. base bembeka izandla, bambamba. omunye kwababemi khona wahosha inkemba, wayigenca inceku yompristi omkhulu, wayinquma indlebe. ujesu wathatha wathi kubo: niphumile kungathi nize kumphangi, niphethe izinkemba nezinduku ukungibamba. benginani imihla ngemihla ethempelini ngifundisa, anangibamba; kepha nga kugcwaliseka imibhalo. bamshiya bonke, babaleka. insizwa ethile yamlandela yembethe indwangu nje emzimbeni; bayibamba. yayisiyishiya indwangu, yabaleka ze. base bemusa ujesu kumpristi omkhulu; kwabuthana bonke abapristi abakhulu namalunga nababhali. upetru wamlandela ekude, waze wangena egcekeni lompristi omkhulu; wayehlezi kanye nezikhonzi otha umlilo. abapristi abakhulu nomphakathi wonke bafuna ubufakazi ngojesu ukuba bambulale, kepha ababufumananga. ngokuba abaningi bafakaza amanga ngaye, kepha ubufakazi babo abuhlangananga. kwasukuma abathile, bafakaza amanga ngaye, bathi: thina simzwile ethi: ngiyakulidiliza

leli thempeli elenziwe ngezandla, ngakhe ngezinsuku ezintathu elinye elingenziwe ngezandla. nakuba kunjalo ubufakazi babo abuhlangananga. kwase kusukuma umpristi omkhulu phakathi kwabo, wambuza ujesu, wathi: awuphenduli lutho na? kuyini abakufakaza ngawe laba na? kepha wathula, akaphendula lutho. umpristi omkhulu wabuye wambuza, wathi kuye: ungukristu, indodana yobongekayo na? wathi ujesu: nginguye. niyakubona indodana yomuntu ihlezi ngakwesokunene samandla, iza ngamafu ezulu. khona umpristi omkhulu waklebhula izingubo zakhe, wathi: sisaswelelani ofakazi na? senikuzwile ukuhlambalaza; nithini na? bamlahla bonke ngokuthi ufanele ukufa. abanye base beqala ukumkhafulela ngamathe nokumgubuzela ubuso nokumdushuza, bathi kuye: profetha. nezikhonzi zamthatha zammukula. upetru esesegcekeni ngaphansi, kwafika enye yamantombazana ompristi omkhulu, yambona upetru otha, yambheka, yathi: nawe ubunojesu wasenazareth. kepha waphika wathi: angikwazi, yebo, angikuzwisisi okushoyo; waphumela enkundleni; lakhala iqhude. intombazana imbona yabuye yaqala ukusho kwababemi khona ukuthi: lona ungomunye wabo. kepha waphinda waphika. emva kwesikhashana futhi ababemi khona bathi kupetru: nempela ungomunye wabo, ngokuba ungowasegalile. wayeseqala ukuthuka nokufunga, ethi: angimazi lowo muntu enikhuluma ngaye. lase likhala masinyane iqhude ngokwesibili. upetru wayesekhumbula izwi abelishilo kuye ujesu lokuthi: iqhude lingakakhali kabili, uzakungiphika kathathu; wakhala nokukhala izinyembezi.

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kwathi masinyane ekuseni abapristi abakhulu namalunga nababhali nomphakathi wonke benza icebo, bambopha ujesu, bamqhuba, bamnikela kupilatu. upilatu wambuza wathi: wena uyinkosi yabajuda na? waphendula, wathi kuye: usho khona. abapristi abakhulu bam-mangalela ngokuningi. upilatu wabuye wambuza, wathi: awuphenduli lutho na? bheka, bakuthwesa icala ngokuningi kangaka. kodwa ujesu akabe esaphendula lutho, waze wamangala upilatu. kwathi ngomkhosi wayehleze ebakhululela isiboshwa sibe sinye abasicelayo. kwakukhona-ke omunye, ngubaraba igama lakhe, owayeboshiwe kanye namahlubuka; wona ayebulele umuntu ekuhlubukeni. isixuku senyuka, saqala ukucela ukuba abenzele njengalokho ebheleze ebenzela. kepha upilatu wabaphendula wathi: nithanda ukuba nginikhululele inkosi yabajuda na? ngokuba



wayekwazi ukuthi abapristi abakhulu bamnikele ngomhawu. kepha abapristi abakhulu babhebezela isixuku ukuba okungcono asikhululele ubaraba. upilatu wabuye waphendula, wathi kubo: pho-ke, ngimenzenjani lo enithi uyinkosi yabajuda na? babuye bamemeza, bathi: mbethele esiphambanweni! kodwa upilatu wathi kubo: ngokuba wenze bubi buni na? kepha bamemeza kakhulu, bathi: mbethele esiphambanweni! khona upilatu ethanda ukudelisa isixuku wasikhululela ubaraba, kepha wamshaya ujesu, wamnika ukuba abethelwe esiphambanweni. amabutho ayesemngenisa phakathi endlini ethiwa ipretoriyu, abizela ndawonye ibutho lonke. ayesembathisa ingubo ebubende, amcwashelisa ngomqhele ayeweluke ngameva. aqala ukumkhulekela, athi: bayede, nkosi yabajuda! amshaya ekhanda ngomhlanga, amkhafulela ngamathe, aguqa ngamadolo, akhuleka kuye. esemhinqile amhlubula ingubo ebubende, amembathisa izingubo zakhe. ayesephuma naye ukuba ambethele esiphambanweni. acindezela umuntu obedlula, usimoni wasekhurene, evela endle, uyise ka-aleksandru norufu, ukuba athwale isiphambano sakhe. ayesemyisa endaweni yasegolgotha okungukuthi ngokuhunyushwa indawo yekhanda. amnika iwayini elixutshwe nemure; kepha akalamukelanga. ayesembethela esiphambanweni, abelana izingubo zakhe, enzelana inkatho ngazo ukuthi yihora nalowo uyakuthathani. kwakuyihora lesithathu esembethela esiphambanweni. umbhalo wecala lakhe ubulotshiwe ngaphezulu wokuthi: inkosi yabajuda. kwabethelwa kanye naye abaphangi ababili, omunye ngakwesokunene nomunye ngakwesokhohlo sakhe. kwase kugcwaliseka umbhalo othi: wabalwa kanye naboni. abadlulayo bamhlambalaza benikina amakhanda abo, bathi: eya wena odlila ithempeli, ubuye ulakhe ngezinsuku ezintathu; zisindise, wehle esiphambanweni. kanjalo nabapristi abakhulu bamhinqa bebodwa kanye nababhali, bathi: wasindisa abanye, angezisindise yena. ukristu, inkosi yakwa-israyeli, makehle manje esiphambanweni, ukuze sibone, sikholwe. nababebethelwe kanye naye bamdumaza. sekufikile ihora lesithupha kwaba mnyama emhlabeni wonke, kwaze kwaba yihora lesishiyagalolunye. ngehora lesishiyagalolunye ujesu wamemeza ngezwi elikhulu, wathi: eloi, eloi, lama sabaktani? okungukuthi ngokuhunyushwa: lezi-ku wami, lezi-ku wami, ungishiyeleni na? abanye kwababemi khona bekuzwa bathi: bheka, ubiza u-eliya. wayesegijima omunye, wagcwalisa ilula ngoviniga, walichoma emhlangeni, wamphuzisa, wathi: yekani, sibone uma u-eliya eza ukumehlisa. ujesu

wayesememeza ngezwi elikhulu, wafa. khona isihengo sethempeli sadabuka kabili, kusukela phezulu kuze kufike phansi. kepha induna yekhulu eyayimi maqondana naye imbona efa ngokunjalo, yathi: nempela lo muntu ube yindodana kalezi-ku. kwakukhona nabesifazane bebukela, bekude; phakathi kwabo kwakukhona nomariya magdalena, nomariya unina kakajobe omncane nokajose, kanye nosalome ababemlandela esesegalile, bemkhonza, nabanye abesifazane abaningi abenyukela naye ejerusalema. kwathi ukuba kuhlwe, ngokuba kwakulusuku lokulungisela okungukuthi olwandulela isabatha, kwafika ujozefa wase-arimathey, ilunga elidumileyo lomphakathi, owayewubheka naye umbuso kalezi-ku; wangena ngesibindi kupilatu, wacela isidumbu sikajesu. kepha upilatu wamangala ngokuthi ngabe usefile, wabiza induna yekhulu, wabuza kuyo ukuthi sekukade efile na? esezwile enduneni yekhulu wamnika ujozefa isidumbu. wathenga indwangu enhle, wamehlisa, wamsonga ngaleyo ndwangu, wambeka ethuneni elaliqoshwe edwaleni, walingqela itshe emnyango wethuna. omariya magdalena nomariya unina kajose babona lapho abekwa khona.

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selidlulile isabatha, omariya magdalena, nomariya unina kakajobe, nosalome bathenga amakha ukuba beze bamgcobe. ekuseni kakhulu ngosuku lokuqala lweviki beza ethuneni ekuphumeni kwelanga. bakhuluma bodwa, bathi: ngubani oyakusilingqela itshe, lisuke emnyango wethuna na? bathi ukubheka, babona ukuthi itshe selingqiwile; ngokuba lalilikhulu kakhulu. kuthe bengena ethuneni, babona insizwa ihlezi ngakwesokunene yembethe ingubo ende emhlophe; bethuka. kepha yathi kubo: ningethuki; nifuna ujesu wase-nazareth a obebethelwe esiphambanweni; uvukile; kakho lapha; bhekani nansi indawo lapho bebembeke khona. kodwa hambani nitshela abafundi bakhe kanye nopetru ukuthi uyanandulela ukuya egalile; nizakumbona lapho, njengalokho eshilo kini. base bephuma, babaleka ethuneni, ngokuba babefikelwe ngokuthuthumela nokumangala, kabashongo lutho kumuntu, ngokuba babesaba. esevukile, kusekuseni ngosuku lokuqala lweviki, wabonakala kuqala kumariya magdalena ayekhiphe kuye amademoni ayisikhombisa. yena wahamba wababikela labo ababe naye ujesu, besalila bekhalala. kwathi bona sebezile ukuthi uyaphila nokuthi uboniwe nguye, abaze bakholwa. emva kwalokho wabonakala ngesinye isimo kwababili

kubo behamba beya emaphandleni. nabo bahamba babikela abanye; nalabo abaze bakholwa. ngasemuva wabonakala kwabayishumi nanye behlezi ekudleni, wabasola ngokungakholwa kwabo nangobulukhuni benhliziyo yabo, ngokuba bengakholwanga yilabo abambonileyo esevukile. wayesethi kubo: hambani niye ezweni lonke, nishumayelev ivangeli kukho konke okudaliweyo. okholwayo abhaphathizwe uyakusindiswa, kepha ongakholwayo uyakulahlwa. lezi zibonakaliso ziyakubalandela abakholwayo: ngegama lami bayakukhipha amademoni, bashumayelev ngezilimi ezintsha, baphathe izinyoka; uma bephuza okubulalayo, akusoze kwaba nangozi; bayakubeka izandla phezu kwabagulayo, basinde. njalo-ke inkosi ujesu isikhulumile kubo yakhushulelwa ezulwini, yahlala ngakwesokunene sikalezi-ku. kepha bona bephuma bashumayela ezindaweni zonke, inkosi isebenza nabo, iqinisa izwi ngezibonakaliso ezilandelayo.

njengokuba abaningi sebezamile ukulanda ngokuhlelekile ngalezo zindaba ezigcwaliseke phakathi kwethu, njengalokho basinika zona labo ababekhona kwasekuqaleni, bezibonela ngamehlo, beyizikhonzi zezwi, kwasengathi kuhle nakimina, lokhu ngizihlolisile zonke izinto, kusukela ekuqaleni, ngikulobe ngokulandelana, theyofilu odumileyo, ukuze wazi ukuqiniseka kwalezo zindaba ozifundisiweyo. emihleni kaherode inkosi yasejudiya kwakukhona umpristi othile ogama lakhe nguzakariya, esigabeni sika-abiya, nomkakhe engowamadodakazi ka-aroni, igama lakhe ngu-elisabethe. babelungile bobabili phambi kukalezi-ku behamba ngayo yonke imiyalo nezimiso zenkosi, bengasoleki. kepha babengenamntwana, ngokuba u-elisabethe wayeyinyumba; bobabili base bekhulile. kwathi-ke esayenza inkonzo yobupristi phambi kukalezi-ku njen- gokuhlalelwa kwesikhathi sesigaba sakubo, ngokomthetho wobupristi kwaba nguye owabelwa ukungena ethempelini lenkosi, azoshisa imphepo. isixuku sonke sabantu sasikhuleka ngaphandle ngesikhathi semphepo. kwabonakala kuye ingelosi yenkosi imi ngakwesokunene se-altare lempepo. uzakariya eyibona wethuka, wehlelwa luvalo. kepha ingelosi yathi kuye: ungesabi, zakariya, ngokuba isicelo sakho sizwakele; umkakho u-elisabethe uzakukuzalela indodana, uyiqambe igama lokuthi ujothane. uzakuba nokujabula nokuthokoza wena; nabaningi bazakujabula ngokuzalwa kwakhe. ngokuba uzakuba mkhulu emehlweni enkosi; kasoze waphuza iwayini nophuzo oludakisayo; uzakugcwaliswa ngumoya ongwele esesiswini sikanina. abaningi kubantwana bakwa-israyeli uyakubaphendulela enkosini ulezi-ku wabo. uyakuhamba ngaphambi kwayo emoyeni nasemandleni ka-eliya ukuphendulela izinhliziyi zawoyise kubantwana nabangalaleliyo ekuqondeni kwabalungileyo, ukulungisela inkosi isizwe esilungiselweyo. uzakariya wathi engelosini: ngiyakukwazi ngani lokhu na? ingani sengiyindoda endala mina, nomkami uqhubeke ezinsukwini zakhe. ingelosi yaphendula, yathi kuye: ngingugabriyeli mina, omiyo phambi kukalezi-ku; ngithuyiwe ukuba ngikhulume kuwe, ngikubikele lezi zindaba ezinhle. bheka-ke, uzakuba yisimungulu, ungakwazi ukukhuluma kuze kube lusuku okwenzeka ngalo lokhu, ngokuba ungakhohlwanga ngamazwi ami azakugcwaliseka ngesikhathi sawo. abantu bemlindele uzakariya bamangala ngokulibala kwakhe ethempelini. kuthe esephuma, wahluleka ukukhuluma kubo; bazi ukuthi ubone umbono ethempelini; wayelokhu ebahqwebha, wahlala

eyisimungulu. kwathi seziphelile izinsuku zokukhonza kwakhe, wamuka waya ekhaya. kepha emva kwalezo zinsuku u-elisabethe umkakhe wakhulelwa, wazifihla izinyanga eziyisihlanu, wathi: yenze njalo inkosi kimi emihleni eyangibheka ngayo ukususa ihlazo lami phakathi kwabantu. ngenyanga yesithupha ingelosi ugabriyeli yathunywa ngulezi-ku emzini wasegalile ogama lawo yinazaretha, entombini eyayimisele indoda ebizo layo ngujosefa wendlu kadavide; ibizo lentombi ngumariya. yangena ingelosi kuye, yathi: e wena ophiwe umusa! inkosi inawe; ubusisiwe esifazaneni. kepha yena wethuka ngezwi layo ezindla ngokuthi kungaba ngukubingelela kuni lokhu. ingelosi yathi kuye: ungesabi, mariya, ngokuba ufumene umusa kulezi-ku. bheka, uzakukhulelwa, uzale indodana, uyiqambe igama lokuthi ujesu. yena uyakuba mkhulu, athiwe indodana yophezunkonke; inkosi ulezi-ku iyakumnika isihlalo sobukhosi sikayise udavide; uyakuba yinkosi yendlu kajakobe kuze kube phakade, nombuso wakhe awuyikuba nakuphela. umariya wathi engelosini: lokhu uyakwenzeka kanjani, njengokuba ngingayazi indoda na? ingelosi yaphendula, yathi kuye: umoya ongwele uzakuba phezu kwakho, amandla ophezunkonke akusi-bekele; ngakho-ke okungwele okuzozalwa kuzakuthiwa indodana kalezi-ku. bheka, u-elisabethe isihlobo sakho naye ukhulelwe indodana esemdala; lena ngeyesithupha yakhe obethiwa inyumba. ngokuba akukho lutho olungenzeke kulezi-ku. umariya wathi: bheka, ngiyincekukazi yenkosi; akube kimi njengezwi lakho. ingelosi yamuka kuye. ngalezo zinsuku umariya wasuka waya ngokushesha kwelezintaba emzini wakwajuda. wangena endlini kazakariya, wambingelela u-elisabethe. kwathi ukuba u-elisabethe ezwe ukubingelela kukamariya, umntwana waxhuma esiswini sakhe; u-elisabethe wagcwala umoya ongwele, wamemeza ngezwi elikhulu, wathi: ubusisiwe wena esifazaneni! sibusisiwe nesithelo sesisu sakho! ngehlelwe kanjani yilokhu ukuba unina wenkosi yami ahambele kimi na? ngokuba bheka, kuthe izwi lbona-ra-ukukhandlekangelela kwakho lifika ezindlebeni zami, umntwana waxhuma esiswini sami ngokujabula. ubusisiwe owakholwayo, ngokuba kuzakuba khona ukufezeka kwalokho akutshelwa, kuvela enkosini. wayesethi umariya: umphefumulo wami uyayitusa nkosi, nomoya wami uyathokoza kulezi-ku, umsindisi wami, ngokuba ubhekile ubuphansi bencekukazi yakhe. bheka, kusukela manje izizukulwane zonke ziyakuthi ngibusisiwe. ngokuba usomandla ungenzele izinto ezinkulu: igama lakhe lingwele. isihawu sakhe sikuzo izizukulwane ngezizukulwane kubo

abamesabayo. wenzile amandla ngengalo yakhe; uchithile abazidlayo ekuzidleni kwenhliziyo yabo. uwisile amakhosi ezihlalweni, uphakamisile abantukazana. abalambileyo ubasuthisile ngezinto ezinhle, abacebileyo ubamukise ze. uyisizile inceku yakhe u-israyeli, ukuze akhumbule isihawu, njengalokho akusho kokhokho bethu ku-abrahama nenzalo yakhe kuze kube phakade. umariya wahlala naye kunathi izinyanga ezintathu, wabayela ekhaya. saphelala-ke isikhathi sika-elisabethe sokuba abelethe; wazala indodana. abakhelene naye nezihlobo zakhe bezwa ukuthi inkosi yaye isihawu sayo saba sikhulu kuye, bathokoza naye. kwathi ngosuku lwe-sishiyagalombili beza ukusoka umntwana, bamqamba ngegama likayise uzakariya. unina wayesephendula ethi: qhobo, uzakuthiwa ujohane. bathi kuye: akakho noyedwa emndenini wakini obizwa ngalelo gama. bamqhweba uyise ukuthi ufuna ukumqamba ngaliphi. wabiza isileti, waloba ukuthi. ngu-johane igama lakhe. bamangala bonke. kwase kuvuleka umlomo wakhe khona lapho nolimi lwakhe, wakhuluma embonga ulezi-ku. bonke abakhelene nabo behlelwa ngukwesaba, bakhuluma ngazo zonke lezo zindaba kulo lonke lezintaba lasejudiya, nabo bonke abazizwayo bazigcina ezinhliziyweni zabo, bethi: kodwa lo mntwana uyakuba yini na? isandla senkosi sasinaye. uzakariya uyise wagcwala umoya ongwele, waprofetha wathi: mayibongwe inkosi, ulezi-ku ka-israyeli, ngokuba ibahambe abantu bayo, yabenzela inkululeko. yasivusela uphondo lwensindiso endlini kadavide inceku yayo, njengalokho yakhuluma ngomlomo wabaprofethi bayo abangwele basendulo, insindiso ezitheni zethu nasasandleni sabo bonke abasizondayo, ukwenzela okhokho bethu isihawu nokukhumbula isivumelwano sayo esingwele, isifungo eyasifunga kubaba u-abraham, ukusinika ukuba sithi sikhululwe esandleni sezitha zethu, siyikhonze singenakwesaba ngobungwele nangokulunga phambi kwayo zonke izinsuku zethu. nawe-ke mntwana, uyakuthiwa umprofethi wophezunkonke, ngokuba uyakuhamba phambi kwenkosi ukulungisa izindlela zayo ukunika abantu bayo ukuyazi insindiso ngokuthethelwa kwezono zabo, ngemisane yesihawu sikalezi-ku wethu esizakuhanjelwa ngayo ngukusa kwaphezulu, ukubakhanyisela abahlezi ebumnyameni nasethunzini lokufa nokuqondisa izinyawo zethu endleleni yokuthula. wakhula-ke umntwana, waba namandla emoyeni; wahlala ehlane kwaze kwaba lusuku lokubonakaliswa kwakhe ku-israyeli.

kwathi ngalezo zinsuku kwaphuma isimemezero kukesari awugustu sokuba kubalwe izwe lonke. lokhu kubalwa kokuqala kwenziwa ukhureninyu engumbusi wasesiriyi. bonke baya kubalwa, yilowo nalowo emzini wakubo. naye u-josefa wakhuphuka ephuma egalile emzini wase-nazareth, waya ejudiya emzini kadavide othiwa ibetlehema, ngokuba wayengowendlu nozalo lukadavide, ukuyobalwa kanye nomariya owayemmiselwe ukuba abe ngumkakhe, ekhulelwe. kwathi-ke beselapho, zaphelala izinsuku zokuba abelethe. wazibula ngendodana, wayembesa, wayilalisa emkhombeni, ngokuba bantula indawo endlini yezihambi. kwakukhona abelusi kulelo zwe ababehlezi endle, belinda umhlambi wabo ebusuku. ingelosi yenkosi yema phambi kwabo, inkazimulo yenkosi yabakhanyisa nxazonke; besaba ngokwesaba okukhulu. ingelosi yathi kubo: ningesabi; ngokuba bhekani, nginibikela izindaba ezinhle zokuthokoza okukhulu okuzakuba kubantu bonke, ukuthi nizalwe namuhla umsindiso ongukristu inkosi emzini kadavide. nalokhu kuyisiboniso kini: niyakufumana umntwana embesive, elele emkhombeni. masinyane kwaba khona kanye nengelosi uquqaba lwebandla lasezulwini, lumdumisa ulezi-ku, luthi: udumo kulezi-ku kweliphezulu, nokuthula emhlabeni kubantu abathokozelwa nguye. kwathi ukuba zimuke kubo izingelosi ziya ezulwini, abelusi bakhuluma bodwa, bathi: asihambe manje, size sifike ebetlehema, sibone leyo nto eyenzekileyo inkosi esazisile yona. bephuthuma bafika, bafumanisa omariya nojosefa, nomntwana olele emkhombeni. sebebonile balanda ngalelo zwi ababetshele lona ngalowo mntwana. bonke abezwayo bamangala ngokukhulunywe kubo ngabelusi. kepha umariya wagcina onke lawo mazwi ezindla ngawo enhliziyweni yakhe. babuya-ke abelusi bemdumisa, bambonga ulezi-ku ngakho konke abakuzwileyo nabakubonileyo, njengalokho kwakukhulunywe kubo. kwathi seziphelile izinsuku eziyisishiyagalombili zokuba umntwana asokwe, igama lakhe lathiwa ujesu, elaliquanjwe yingelosi, engakathatshatsha esiswini. kwathi ukuba kuphelele izinsuku zokuhlanjululwa kwabo ngokomthetho kamose, benyukela naye ejerusalem ukuba bammise phambi kwenkosi njengokulotshiwe emthethweni wenkosi ukuthi: konke okwesilisa okuyizibulo kuyakuthiwa okwahlukaniselwe inkosi, banikele ngomhlatshele njengokushiwo emthethweni wenkosi: amahobhe amabili noma amaphuphu amabili amajuba. bheka, kwakukhona umuntu ejerusalem o gama

lakhe lingusimeyoni; lo muntu wayelungile, emesaba ulezi-ku, ebhekile induduzo ka-israyeli; nomoya ongcwele wayephezu kwakhe. kwakubonakalisiwe kuye ngomoya ongcwele ukuthi akayikubona ukufa engakamboni ukristu wenkosi. wafika ngomoya ethempelini. kwathi ukuba abazali balethe umntwana ujesu ethempelini ukuba benze kuye njengesiko lomthetho, wamamukela ngokumgona, wambonga ulezi-ku, wathi: sale usumukisa ngokuthula inceku yakho, somandla, njengezwi lakho, ngokuba amehlo ami abonile insindiso yakho oyilungisele ebusweni babantu bonke, ukukhanya kokwambulela abazizwe nenkazimulo yesizwe sakho u-israyeli. uyise nonina bamangala ngalokho okukhulunywa ngaye. usimeyoni wababusa, wathi kumariya unina: bheka, lo umiselwe ukuwa nokuvuka kwabaningi ku-israyeli, nesi-bonakalisio esiphikwayo yebo, inkemba iyakudabula nowakho umphfumulo ukuba kwambulwe izizindlo zezinhliziyzo eziningi. kwakukhona nomprofethikazi, u-ana, indodakazi kafanuveli, owesizwe sika-aseri; wayesekhulile kakhulu, ebhahlile nendoda iminyaka eyisikhombisa emva kobuntombi bakhe, engumfelo-kazi waze waba neminyaka engamashumi ayisishiyagalombili nane, engasuki ethempelini, ekhonza ngokuzila nangokukhuleka ubusuku nemini. naye-ke efika ngasona leso sikhathi wantusa ulezi-ku, wakhuluma ngaye kubo bonke ababebheke ukukhululwa kwejerusalema. kwathi sebefeze konke okungokomthetho wenkosi babuyela egalile emzini wakubo inazarethu. wakhula umntwana, waba namandla, wagcwala ukhulakanipha; nomusa kalezi-ku wawuphezu kwakhe. abazali bakhe baya ejerusalem iminyaka yonke ngomkhosi wephasika. eseneminyaka eyishumi nambili, bakhuphuka njengokomthetho womkhosi. sebeziquedile izinsuku, ekubuyeni kwabo, umntwana ujesu wasala ejerusalem, abazali bakhe bengazi. bethi-ke bona uphakathi kwabahambisana nabo bahamba ibanga losuku, bamfuna phakathi kwezihlobo nabazana nabo. bengamtholi babuyela ejerusalem, bemfuna. kwathi emva kwezinsuku ezintathu bamfumana ethempelini ehlezi phakathi kwabafundisi, ebezwa, eba-buza. bonke ababemuzwa bamangala ngokuqonda nangokuphendula kwakhe. bathi bembona, bamangala; unina wathi kuye: mntanami, usenzeleni okunje na? bheka, uyihlo nami besikufuna silusizi. wathi kubo: kukanjani, beningifundenani na? beningazi yini ukuthi kumelwe ukuba ngibe kokukababa na? abaliqu-danga lelo zwi abelikhuluma kubo. wehla nabo, wafika enazarethu, wabathobela. kepha unina wawagcina onke lawa mazwi enhliziyweni yakhe. ujesu waqhubeka

ekuhlakanipheni, nasekukhuleni, nasemseni kulezi-ku nakubantu.

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kwathi ngomnyaka weshumi nanhlanu wokubusa kukatiberiyu kesari, upontiyu pilatu engumbusi wasejudiya, uherode engumtetrarki wasegalile, ufiliphu umfowabo engumtetrarki wezwe lase-ityureya nelasetrakhoniti, ulisaniya engumtetrarki wase-abilene, u-anase engumpristi omkhulu nokayafase, kwafika izwi likalezi-ku kujohane indodana kazakariya ehlane. weza ezweni lonke lasejordan e-shumayela umbhaphathizo wokuphenduka, kube ngukuthethelelwa kwezono, njengokuba kulotshiwe encwadini yamazwi ka-isaya umprofethi ukuthi: izwi lomemezayo ehlane, lithi: lungisani indlela yenkosi, nenze imikhondo yayo iqonde. izigodi zonke ziyakugqitshwa, zonke izintaba namagquma kuyakwehliswa; kuqonde izinsongansonga, nemigoxigoxi ibe yizindlela ezilelezekile; inyama yonke izakubona insindiso kalezi-ku.

ngakho-ke wathi ezixukwini ezaziphumela ukubhaphathizwa nguye: nzalo yezinyoka, ubani onibonise ukubalekela intukuthelo ezayo na? ngakho vezani izithelo ezifanele ukuphenduka, ningaqali ukuthi phakathi kini: sinobaba u-abrahama; ngokuba ngithi kini: ulezi-ku unamandla okumvusela u-abrahama abantwana kulawa matshe. namanje izembe selibekiwe empandeni yemithi; ngakho yonke imithi engatheli isithelo esihle iyanqunywa, iphonswe emlilweni. izixuku zambusa zathi: pho, sizakwenzani na? waphendula, wathi kubo: onezingubo ezimbili akumuphe ongenayo; naye onokudla enze njalo. kwafika nabathelisi ukuba babhaphathizwe, bathi kuye: mfundisi, sizakwenzani na? wathi kubo: ningabizi lutho ngaphezu kwenikumiselweyo. namabutho ambuza aithi: thina-ke, sizakwenzani na? wathi kuwo: ningamuki muntu lutho ngendluzula, ningamxabheleli; yaneliswani yizinkokhelo zenu. abantu besabhekile, bezindla bonke ezinhliziyweni zabo ngojohane ukuthi ingabe ungukristu yini, u-johane waphendula, wathi kubo bonke: mina kambe nginibhaphathiza ngamanzi, kepha uyeza onamandla kunami engingafanele ukuthukulula umchilo wezicathulo zakhe; yena uzakunibhaphathiza ngomoya ongcwele nangomlilo; oqoma lakhe lokwela lisesandleni sakhe ukushanelisisa isibuya sakhe nokubuthela ukolweni enqolobaneni yakhe; kepha amakhoba zakuwashisa ngomlilo ongacimekiyo. nangokunye okuningi washumayela ivangeli kubantu, ebayala. kepha uherode umtetrarki, esolwa nguye ngenxa kaherodiya umkamfowabo nangenxa yakho

konke bona-ra-ukukhandleka abekwenzile uherode, wenezela nalokhu kokunye konke, wamvalela ujhane etilongweni. kwathi bebhathiziwe abantu bonke, naye ujesu esebhathiziwe, ekhuleka, izulu lavuleka, umoya ongcwele enesimo somzimba njengejuba wehlela phezu kwakhe; kwavale izwi ezulwini, lithi: wena uyindodana yami ethandekayo; ngithokozile ngawe. yena ujesu, ukuqala kwakhe, wayeneminyaka engaba ngamashumi amathathu, eyindodana, njengokushiwoyo, kajosefa ka-eli kamathathi kalevi kameliki kajananayi kajosefa kamathathiya ka-amose kanahume ka-eseli kanagayi kamati, kamathathiya kasemeyini kajosefa kajuda kajohanani karesa kazorobabeli kasalatiyeli kaneri kameliki ka-adi kakosamu ka-elimadamu ka-eri kajose ka-eliezeri kajorimi kamathathi kalevi kasimeyoni kajuda kajosefa kajonamu ka-eliyakimi kameleya kamena kamathathi kanathamu kadavide kajesayi ka-obede kabowasi kasala kanasoni ka-aminadaba ka-adameyini ka-arani ka-esiromu kafareshi kajuda kakakobe ka-isaka ka-abrabama kathara kanahori kaseruki karagawu kafaleki ka-ebere kasala kakayinamu ka-arfakisadi kasemi kanowa kalameka kamathusala ka-enoke kajarethi kamaeleyeli kakayinani ka-enose kaseti ka-adamu kalezi-ku.

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ujesu egcwele umoya ongcwele wabuya ejordani, waholekela ngomoya ehlane, elingwa ngusathane izinsuku ezingamashumi amane. akadlanga lutho kulezo zinsuku; seziphelile, walamba. wayesethi kuye usathane: uma uyindodana kalezi-ku, yisho kuleli tshe ukuba libe yisinkwa. ujesu wamphendula wathi: kulotshiwe ukuthi: akusinkwa sodwa umuntu azakuphila ngaso. esemenyusela entabeni ende wambonisa imibuso yonke yezwe ngomzuzwanyana. usathane wathi kuye: amandla onke lana ngokunika wena kanye nenkazimulo yawo, ngokuba inikwe mina, futhi ngiyinika noma ubani ngokuthanda kwami. ngakho-ke wena, uma ukhuleka phambi kwami, konke kuzakuba ngokwakho. ujesu wamphendula, wathi kuye: kulotshiwe ukuthi: wokhuleka enkosini ulezi-ku wakho, umkhonze yena yedwa. wayesemholela ejerusalem, wammisa esiqongweni sethempeli, wathi kuye: uma uyindodana kalezi-ku, ziphonse phansi lapha, ngokuba kulotshiwe ukuthi: uyakuyaleza izingelosi zakhe ngawe, zikulinde, nokuthi: ziyakukuthwala ngezandla, ungaze waqhubeka etsheni ngonyawo lwakho. ujesu wamphendula, wathi kuye: kwathiwa: ungayilingi inkosi ulezi-ku wakho. usathane eseqede ukulinga konke wamuka kuye isikhathi. ujesu

wabuyela egalile ngamandla kamoya; udumo lwakhe lwanda kulo lonke izwe langakhona. wafundisa emasinagogeni abo edunyiswa yibo bonke. wafika enazarethi, lapho wayondliwa khona, wangena esinagogeni ngosuku lwesabatha njengokwenza kwakhe, wasukumela ukufunda. wanikwa incwadi ka-isaya umprofethi, wayivula incwadi, wafumana indawo okulotshwe kuyo ukuthi: umoya wenkosi uphezu kwami, ngokuba ingicobile ukuba ngishumayelevi ingaveli kwabampofu, ingithumele ukumemezela ukukhululwa kwabathunjweyo, nokubona kwabayizimpuputhe, nokuhlenga abacindezelweyo, nokumemezela umnyaka omuhle wenkosi. wayigoqonga incwadi, wayinika isikhonzi, wahlala; amehlo abo bonke ababesinagogeni amgqolozela. waqala ukukhuluma kubo, ethi: namhlanje ugcwalisekile lo mbhalo ezindlebeni zenu. bonke bamfakazela bemangala ngamazwi omusa aphuma emlonyeni wakhe, bathi: lo akasiyo indodana kajosefa na? wathi kubo: nempela niyakusho kimi lesi saga sokuthi: nyanga, zelaphe wena. lokho esikuzwile kwenziwa ekapernawume, kwenze nalapha ezweni lakini. wathi-ke: ngiqinisele ngithi kini: akukho mprofethi owamukelwa ezweni lakubo. kepha ngempela ngithi kini: kwakukhona kwa-israyeli abafelokazi abaningi emihleni ka-eliya, lapho izulu lalivalekile iminyaka emithathu nezinyanga eziyisithupha, kwaba khona indlala enkulu ezweni lonke; kepha u-eliya kathunyelwanga nakoyedwa kubona, kuphela esarepita lasesidoni kowesifazane ongumfelokazi. kwakukhona futhi kwa-israyeli abanochoko abaningi ngesikhathi sika-elisha umprofethi; kepha akuhlanjululwanga namunye kubo, kuphela unayimani umsiriya. bonke ababesinagogeni bagcwala ulaka bekuzwa lokho. basukuma, bamxosha emzini, bamqhubela ekwengameni kwentaba umuzi wabo owakhiwe phezu kwayo, ukuze bamkhalakathelisele phansi. kepha yena edabula phakathi kwabo wamuka. wehlela ekapernawume umuzi wasegalile. wayebafundisa ngosuku lwesabatha. bamangala ngokufundisa kwakhe, ngokuba izwi lakhe lalinamandla. kwakukhona esinagogeni umuntu onomoya wedemoni elingcolileyo, wamemeza ngezwi elikhulu, wathi: hhiya! sinamsebenzi muni nawe jesu wasenazarethi? uze ukusibhuhisa na? ngiyakwazi ukuba ungubani: ungongcwele kalezi-ku. ujesu wamkhuza wathi: thula, uphume kuye! idemoni lamphonsa phansi phakathi kwabo, laphuma kuye lingamlimazanga. behlelwa ngukwesaba bonke, bakhuluma bodwa, bathi: yizwi lini leli lokuba ayale omoya abangcolileyo ngegunya nangamandla, baphume? kwanda udumo ngaye kuzo zonke izindawo zangakhona. wa-

suka esinagogeni, wangena endlini kasimoni. kepha umkhwekazi kasimoni wayebanjwe ngumkhuhlane omkhulu; bamnxusa ngaye. wamengama, wakhuza umkhuhlane; wona wamyeke; wasuka masinyane, wabakhonza. ukushona kwelanga bonke ababe nabag- ulayo izifo ngezifo babaletsha kuye; ebeka izandla phezu kwabo ngabanye wabaphu- lukisa. kwaphuma namademoni kwabaningi ememeza ethi: wena uyindodana kalezi-ku. kepha wawakhuza, kawavumelanga ukuba akhulume, ngokuba ayemazi ukuthi un- gukristu. sekusile, waphuma waya endaweni eyihlane; izixuku zamfuna, zaze zafika kuye impela, zambamba ukuba angamuki kuzo. kepha wathi kuzo: nakweminye imizi ngimelwe ukushumayela ivangeli lombuso kalezi-ku, ngokuba ngithunyelwe lokho. washumayela emasinagogeni asegalile.

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kwathi isixuku simbunganyela ukuba sizwe lwazi likalezi-ku, wayemi ngaselwandle lwasegenesaretha, wabona imikhumbi emibili imi ngaselwandle; abadobi babephu- mile kuyo behlanza amanetha. esengene komunye wemikhumbi ongokasimoni wam- cela ukuba asuke kancane emhlabathini. wahlala phansi, wabafundisa abantu es- emkhunjini. kuthe esegcinile ukukhuluma, wathi kusimoni: qhubekela ekujuleni, nehliase amanetha enu, nibambe. usimoni waphendula wathi: nkosi, sishikile ubusuku bonke, asibambanga lutho; kepha ngezwi lakho ngiyakuwehlisa amanetha. sebek- wenzile lokho babamba izinhlanzi eziningi kakhulu, aze agqabuka amanetha abo. babaqweba omana babo abakomunye umkhumbi ukuba beze, bababambise. beza-ke, bayigcwalisa imikhumbi yomi- bili, yaze yathi ayizike. kuthe usimoni petru ekubona lokho, waziphonsa phansi ngasemadolweni kajesu, wathi: suka kimi, nkosi, ngokuba ngingumuntu oyisoni. ngokuba ubehlelwa ngukwesaba, yena kanye nabo bonke ababe naye, ngobuningi bezinhlanzi ababezibambile, kanjalo-ke nojakobe nojohane amadodana kazebedewu ababesebenzisana nosimoni. ujesu wathi kusimoni: ungesabi; kusukela manje uza- kubamba abantu. sebeyilethile imikhumbi emhlabathini bashiya konke, bamlandela. kwathi ekomunye wemizi, bheka, nanso indoda egcwele uchoko. kuthe embona ujesu, wawa ngobuso, wamnxusa wathi: nkosi, uma uthanda, ungangihlambulula. welula isandla sakhe, wamphatha, wathi: ngiyathanda; hlambuluka. masinyane uchoko lwasuka kuye. wamyalala ukuba angatsheli muntu, wathi: kepha suka, uzibonakalise kumpristi, unikele ngokuh- lanjululwa kwakho, njengalokho umose

akuyalayo, kube ngubufakazi kubo. kwayi- lapho ukukhuluma ngaye kwanda kakhulu. zabuthana izixuku eziningi ukuzwa noku- phulukiswa ezifweni zazo. kepha yena wamonyukela ehlane, wakhuleka. kwathi ngolunye lwalezo zinsuku yena esafundisa, kwakuhlezi khona abafaris nabafundisi bomthetho ababephuma emizini yonke yasegalile nejudiya nejerusalem. namandla enkosi ayekuye ukuba aphulukise. bheka-ke, nanko amadoda ethwele ohlakeni umuntu ofe uhlangothi, efuna ukumngenisa nokum- beka phambi kwakhe. engafumani ukuthi angamngenisa kanjani ngenxa yesixuku akhwela phezu kwendlu, amehlisa ophahleni kanye nohlaka ngaphakathi phambi kuka- jesu. ebona ukukholwa kwawo wathi: mngane, uthethelelwe izono zakho. abab- hali nabafaris baqala ukuzindla ngokuthi: ngubani lo okhuluma ngokuhlambalaza? ngubani ongathethelela izono ngaphandle kukalezi-ku yedwa na? kepha ujesu ezazi izizindlo zabo waphendula, wathi kubo: nizindlani ezinhliziyweni zenu na? yikuphi okulula ukuthi: uthethelelwe izono zakho, noma ukuthi: vuka uhambe, na? kepha ukuze nazi ukuthi indodana yomuntu inamandla emhlabeni okuthethelela izono, wayesethi kofe uhlangothi: kuwena ngithi: vuka uthathe uhla lwakho, uye endlini yakho. wasukuma khona lapho phambi kwabo, wathabatha lokho abelele kukho, wamuka waya endlini yakhe emdumisa ulezi-ku. ukumangala kwabehlela bonke, bamdumisa ulezi-ku, bagcwala ukwesaba, bathi: sibonile izimanga namuhla. emva kwalokho waphuma, wabona umthelisi, igama lakhe ngulevi, ehlezi endaweni yokuthela, wathi kuye: ngilandele. washiya konke, wasukuma, wamlandela. ulevi wamenzela isidlo esikhulu endlini yakhe; kwakukhona isixuku esikhulu sabathelisi nabanye ababehlezi nabo ekudleni. abafaris nababhali bakhonona kubafundi bakhe, bathi: yini ukuba nidle niphuze nabathelisi nezoni na? waphendula ujesu, wathi kubo: abaphilileyo abadingi inyanga, ngabagulayo bodwa. kangizelanga ukubiza abalungileyo kodwa izoni ukuba ziphenduke. base bethi kuye: abafundi bakajohane bazila kaningi, benze imikhuleko, kanjalo nababafaris, kepha abakho bayadla, baphuze. kepha ujesu, wathi kubo: ningabazilisa yini abayeni, umyeni esenabo na? kodwa kuzakufika izinsuku, lapho umyeni ezakususwa kubo; yikhona bezakuzila ngalezo zinsuku. wabathshela nomfanekiso wokuthi: akakho odabula isiziba engutsheni entsha, asibekele engutsheni endala; uma enza lokho, uyayona entsha, futhi isiziba sentsha asizukuzwana nendala. futhi akakho othela iwayini elisha ezimvabeni ezindala funa iwayini elisha liqhumise izimvaba, lichitheke lona,

nezimvaba zonakale. kodwa iwayini elisha limelwe ukuthelwa ezimvabeni ezintsha. akakho othi ephuze iwayini elidala, afune elisha, ngokuba uthi elidala limnandi.

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kwathi ngesabatha wadabula amasimu; abafundi bakhe bakha izikhwebu, badla bezihlikhla ngezandla. kepha abathile babafarisi bathi: nenzelani lokho okungavunyelwe ngesabatha na? ujesu ebaphendula wathi: anifundanga yini ngalokho akwenza udavide mhla elambile yena nababe naye ukuthi wangena endlini kaleziku, wathatha izinkwa zokubukwa ezin-gavunyelwe ukudlwa muntu, ngabapristi bodwa, wadla, wanika nababe naye, na? wathi kubo: indodana yomuntu iyinkosi neyesabatha. kwathi-ke ngelinye isabatha wangena esinagogeni, wafundisa. kwakukhona umuntu lapho osandla sakhe sokunene sasishwabene. ababhali nabafarisi bamqaphelisisa ukuthi uyaphilisa yini ngesabatha, ukuze bathole ukumbeka icala. kepha wazazi izizindlo zabo wathi kuyo indoda esandla sishwabene: sukuma, ume phakathi. wasukuma-ke, wema. ujesu wathi kubo: ngiyani buza ukuthi kuvunyelwe ngesabatha ukwenza okuhle noma bona-ra-ukukhandleka yini, ukusindisa umuntu noma ukumbulala, na? esebaqalazile bonke wathi kuye: yelula isandla sakho. wenze njalo-ke saze saphiliswa isandla sakhe. base begcwala ukuhlanya, bakhuluma bodwa ngokuthi bangamenze njani ujesu. kwathi ngalezo zinsuku waphuma waya entabeni ukuyokhuleka; wahlala ubusuku bonke ekhuleka kulezi-ku. kwathi sekusile, wababiza abafundi bakhe, wakhetha kubo abayishumi nambili, wabaqamba ngokuthi abaphostoli: usimoni owamqamba ngokuthi upetru, no-andreya umfowabo, nojakobe, nojohane, nofiliphu, nobar-tolomewu, nomathewu, notomase, nojakobe ka-alfewu, nosimoni othiwa isishisekeli, nojuda kakakobe, nojuda iskariyotho owaba ngumkhapheli. khona wehla nabo, wema endaweni eyithafa kanye nesixuku esikhulu sabafundi bakhe noquqaba lwabantu abavela kulo lonke lasejudiya, nasejerusalem, nangaselwandle lwasetire nesidoni, ababezile ukumuzwa nokuphu-lukiswa ezifweni zabo; nababekhat hazwa ngawomoya abangcolileyo baphulukiswa. isixuku sonke safuna ukumthinta, ngokuba kwakuphuma kuye amandla abaphilisa bonke. wayesephakamisela amehlo akhe ngakubafundi bakhe, wathi: nibusisiwe nina bampofu, ngokuba umbuso kalezi-ku ungowenu. nibusisiwe nina balambileyo kalokhu, ngokuba niyakusuthiswa. nibu-sisiwe nina bakhelayo kalokhu, ngokuba

niyakuhleka. nibusisiwe, nxa abantu benizonda nanxa benicwasa, benithuka, belilahla igama lenu ngokungathi libi ngenxa yendodana yomuntu. thokozani ngalolo suku, nigxume; ngokuba bhekani, umvuzo wenu mkhulu ezulwini; ngokuba oyise babo benze njalo kubaprofethi. kepha maye kinina bacebileyo, ngokuba niyamukele induduzo yenu! maye kinina basuthiyo kalokhu, ngokuba niyakulamba! maye kinina bahlekayo kalokhu, ngokuba niyakulila, nikhale! maye kinina, nxa abantu bonke bekhuluma kahle ngani, ngokuba oyise babo benze njalo kubaprofethi bamanga! kepha ngithi kini enizwayo: thandani izitha zenu, nenze okuhle kwa-banizondayo, nibusise abaniqalekisiyo, nibakhulekele abanidumazayo. okushaya esihlathini, mnike nesinye; nokwaphuca ingubo, ungamnqabeli nebhintshi. muphe yilowo nalowo ocela kuwe; nokwaphuca okwakho, ungabuyi ukubize kuye. njen-galokhu nithanda ukuba abantu benze kini, yenzani njalo kubo. uma nithanda abanithandayo, ninakubongwa kuni na? ngokuba nezoni zithanda abazithandayo. ngakho uma nenza okuhle kwabenza okuhle kini, ninakubongwa kuni na? ngokuba nezoni zenza khona lokho. uma nitshaleka labo enithemba ukwamukela kubo, ninakubongwa kuni na? nezoni zitshaleka izoni ukuba zamukele okun-gako. kepha thandani izitha zenu, nenze okuhle, nitshaleke, ningadikibali; nomvuzo wenu uyakuba mkhulu, nibe ngabantwana bophezikonke, ngokuba umnene yena kwabangabongiyo nababi. yibani nesihawu, njengokuba uyihlo enesihawu. ningahluleli, khona anisoze nahlulelwa; ningalahli, khona anisoze nalahlwa; thethelelani, khona niyakuthethelelwa. yiphani, khona niyakuphiwa; bayakunipha esifubeni senu isilinganiso esihle, esigxushiweyo, esigqishi-weyo, esichichimayo; ngokuba ngesilinganiso enilinganisa ngaso nani niyakulinganiselwa ngaso. wabatshela nomfanekiso wokuthi: impumputhe ingahola impumputhe na? aziyikukhalakathela emgodini zombili na? umfundi kaphezu komfundisi; kepha yilowo opheliselisiwe uyakuba njengomfundisi wakhe. ubhekeleni ucezwana olusesweni lomfowenu, kanti ugongolo olukwelakho iso awuluboni na? ungasho kanjani kum-fowenu ukuthi: mfowethu, ake ngikhiphe ucezwana olusesweni lakho, wena ongaboni ugongolo olukwelakho iso, na? mzenzisi, khipha kuqala ugongolo olukwelakho iso, yikhona uyakubonisisa ukukhipha ucezwana olusesweni lomfowenu. ngokuba akukho muthi omuhle othela isithelo esibi; futhi nomuthi omubi awutheli isithelo esihle. ngokuba yilowo nalowo muthi waziwa ngesithelo sawo. akukhiwa kambe



amakhiwane emeveni, nezithelo zomvini azikhiwa ejikijolweni. umuntu omuhle uveza okuhle emfuyweni enhle yenhliziy, nomubi uveza bona-ra-ukukhandleka emfuyweni embi; ngokuba umlomo wakhe ukhuluma ngokukuchima kwenhliziyo. ningibizelani ngokuthi: nkosi, nkosi, ningakwenzi engikushoyo, na? yilowo nalowo oza kimi, ezwe amazwi ami, awenze, ngonikhombisa lowo afana naye. ufana nomuntu owayakha indlu, wemba washonisa, wabeka isisekelo edwaleni. ekufikeni kwesikhukhula umfula washaya leyo ndlu, kepha wawungenamandla okuyinyakazisa, ngokuba yayakhiwe kahle. kodwa ozwayo engenzi unjengomuntu owakha indlu emhlabathini ingenasisekelo; umfula wayishaya, yawa masinyane; kwaba kukhulu ukudilika kwaleyo ndlu.

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kwathi eseqede onke amazwi akhe ezindlebeni zabantu, wangena ekaper-nawume. inceku yenduna yekhulu ethile ethandekayo kuyo yayigula, isizakufa. isizwile ngojesu yathuma amalunga abajuda kuye, imcela ukuba eze ayisindise inceku yayo. esefikile kujesu amncenga kakhulu, ethi: ifanele ukuba uyenzele lokho, ngokuba ithanda isizwe sakithi; yiyo esakhele isinagoge. ujesu wayesehamba nawo. kepha engasekude nendlu, induna yekhulu yathumela kuye abahlobo, bathi kuye: nkosi, ungazihluphi, ngokuba angifanele ukuba ungene phansi kopahla lwami. ngakho angizibonanga ukuthi ngifanele ukuza kuwe; kepha yisho izwi, khona inceku yami iyakusinda. ngokuba nami ngingumuntu ophansi kwamakhosi, nginamabutho phansi kwami; ngithi kwelinye: hamba, lihambe; nakwelinye: woza, lize; nasencekwini yami: yenza lokhu, ikwenze. ujesu ekuzwa lokho wamangala ngayo, waphenduka, wathi esixukwini esimlandelayo: ngithi kini: angizange ngifumane ukukholwa okungaka nakwa-israyeli. ababethunyiwe sebebuyele ekhaya bafumana inceku isindile. kwathi ngangomso waya emzini othiwa inayini; kwahamba naye abafundi bakhe nesixuku esikhulu. esesondela esangweni lomuzi, bheka, kwaphunyiswa ofileyo, indodana eyodwa kanina, yena engumfelokazi; nabantu abaningi bomuzi babe naye. yathi inkosi isimbona, yamhawukela, yathi kuye: ungakhali. yasondela, yathinta uhla; abaluthweleyo base bema. yayisithi: nsizwa, ngithi kuwe: vuka! ofileyo wavuka, waqala ukukhuluma; yamnika unina. bafikelwa ngukwesaba bonke, bamdumisa ulezi-ku, bathi: kuvele umprofethi omkhulu phakathi kwethu, nokuthi: ulezi-ku ubahambele abantu bakhe. kwaphumela leli zwi ngaye

kulo lonke ijudiya nakulo lonke langakhona. abafundi bakajohane bambikela ngazo zonke lezo zinto. ujothane wayesebiza ababali kubafundi bakhe, wabathumela enkosini, wathi: wena unguye ozayo, noma sobheka omunye na? amadoda esefikile kuyo athi: ujothane umbhaphathizi usithumele kuwe, ethi: wena unguye ozayo, noma sobheka omunye na? ngalowo mzuzu yayiphulukisa abaningi ezifweni nasebuhlungwini nakomoya ababi; nezimpumpu the eziningi yazipha ukubona. yaphendula, yathi kuwo: hambani nimlandise ujothane lokho enikubonile nenikuzwile ukuthi: izimpumpu the ziyabona, izinyonga ziyahamba, abanochocho bayahlanjulukwa, izithulu ziyezwa, abafileyo bayavuswa, abampofu bayashunyayezwa ivangeli; ubusisiwe ongayikukhubeka ngami. sezimukile izithunyuza zikajohane, yaqala ukukhuluma ezixukwini ngojothane, ithi: naphuma naye ehlane ukuyobonani na? umhlanga ontengantengiswa ngumoya na? kanti naphuma ukuyobonani na? umuntu owembethe izingubo ezinothotho na? bhekani, abembethe okukhazimulayo, betamasa, basezindlini zamakhosi. kodwa naphuma ukuyobonani na? umprofethi na? yebo, ngithi kini: odlula umprofethi. nguye okulotshwe ngaye ukuthi: bheka, ngiyathuma isithunywa sami phambi kobuso bakho esiyakulungisa indlela yakho phambi kwakho. ngithi kini: kwabazelwe ngabesifazane akakho omkhulu kunojothane; kepha omncane embusweni kalezi-ku mkhulu kunaye. abantu bonke, yebo, nabathelisi sebezwe bamvuma ulezi-ku, babhaphathizwa ngombhaphathizo kajohane. kepha abafarisi nezazimthetho balenza ize icebo likalezi-ku maqondana nabo bengabhaphathizwanga nguye. pho-ke, abantu balesi sizukulwane ngiyakubafanisa nani na? bafana nani na? bafana nabantwana abahlezi esicawini bememezana bethi: sinibethele imitshingo, anisinanga; salilisela, anikhlanga. ngokuba ujothane umbhaphathizi ufikile engadli sinkwa, engaphuzi wayini; nithi-ke: unedemoni. ifikile indodana yomuntu, idla, iphuzwa, senithi: bhekani, umuntu oyisiminzi nesiphuzi, umhlobo wabathelisi nezoni. kodwa ukuhlakanipha kuvunyiwe ngabantwana bakho bonke. omunye wabafarisi wammema ukuba adle naye; esengene endlini yomfarisi wahlala ekudleni. bheka, kwakukhona emzini owesifazane oyisoni; wathi esazi ukuthi uhlezi ekudleni endlini yomfarisi, weza nomfuma wamafutha, wema emuva ngasezinyaweni zakhe ekhala, waqala ukumatisa izinyawo zakhe ngezinyembezi, wazesula ngezinwele zekhanda lakhe, wazanga izinyawo zakhe, wazigcoba ngamafutha. kuthe umfarisi obemmemile ekubona, wazindla wathi: uma lo ebengumprofethi, nga emazi lo

wesifazane omphathayo ukuba ungubani nokuba unjani, ngokuba uyisoni. ujesu waphendula, wathi kuye: simoni, kukhona engifuna ukukukhuluma kuwe. wathi: khuluma-ke, mfundisi. kwakukhona abantu ababili abanamacala kumtshelekisi othile; icala lomunye lalingodenariyu abangamakhulu ayisihlanu, elomunye amashumi ayisihlanu. bengenanto yokukhokha, wabayekela bobabili. ngumuphi kubo konje oyakumthanda kakhulu na? usimoni waphendula wathi: ngithi yilowo amyekela okukhulu. wathi kuye: unqume kahle. ephendukela kowesifazane wathi kusimoni: uyambona lo wesifazane na? ngingene endlini yakho, awunginikanga amanzi ezinyawo, kepha yena uzimatisile izinyawo zami ngezinyembezi, wazesula ngezinwele zakhe. awunganganga, kepha lo, yilokhu ngingenile, akayekanga ukwanga izinyawo zami. ikhanda lami awuligcibanga ngamafutha, kepha lo uzigcibile izinyawo zami ngamafutha. ngenxa yalokho ngithi kuwe: izono zakhe eziningi zithethelelwe, ngokuba uthandle kakhulu; kepha othethelelwa okuncane uthanda kancane. wayesethi kuye: zithethelelwe izono zakho. ababehlezi naye ekudleni baqala ukusho phakathi kwabo ukuthi: ngubani lo othethelela nezono na? kepha wathi kowesifazane: ukukholwa kwakho kukusindisile; hamba, ube nokuthula.

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kwathi emva kwalokho wayehamba imizi nemizana eshumayela ememezela ivangeli lombuso, benaye abayishumi nambili nabesifazane abathile ababephulukiswe kubo omoya ababi nasezifweni: umariya obizwa ngokuthi umagdalena, okwakuphume kuye amademoni ayisikhombisa, nojowana umkakhuzi, induna kaherode, nosusana, nabanye abaningi ababebakhonza ngempahla yabo. sekubuthene kuye isixuku esikhulu sivela emizini ngemizi, wakhluma ngomfanekiso, wathi: kwaphuma umhlwanyeli ukuyohlwanya imbewu yakhe. ekuhlwaneyeni kwakhe enye yawela ngasendleleni; yanyathelwa, izinyoni zezulu zayidla, zayiqeda. enye yawela edwaleni; kuthe imila, yabuna, ngokuba ingenamswakama. enye yawela phakathi kwameva, kwaze kwathi ameva esemila kanye nayo, ayiminyanisa. enye yawela emhlabathini omuhle; kuthe imila, yathela ngekhlulu. ekusho lokhu wamemeza wathi: onezindlebe zokuzwa makezwe. abafundi bakhe bambuza ukuthi ungaba yini lowo mfanekiso na? wathi-ke: nipiwe nina ukwazi izimfhlakalo zombuso kalezi-ku, kepha abanye bakuphiwa ngemifanekiso ukuba bebona bangaboni, bezwa bangaqondi. umfanekiso

yilokhu-ke: imbewu iyizwi likalezi-ku. abangasendleleni yilabo abathi sebezile, bese kufika usathane, alisuse izwi enhliziyweni yabo ukuba bangakhulwa, basindiswe. abasedwaleni yilabo abathi sebezile, balamukele izwi ngokuthokoza; kepha laba kabanampande, bakhulwa isikhashana nje, kuthi ngesikhathi sokulingwa bahlubuke. okuwele phakathi kwameva yilabo abathi sebezile, bahambe, baminyanise ngeminako nengebo nezinjabulo zokuphila, bangatheli izithelo ezivuthiwe. okusemhlabathini omuhle yilabo abathi belizwile izwi, balibambe ngenhliziyo enhle nelungileyo, bathele izithelo ngokubekezela. akakho othi esokhela isibani, asimboze ngesitsha nokuba asibeke phansi kombhede, kepha usifaka othini, ukuze abangenayo babone ukukhanya. ngokuba akukho okusithileyo okungayikuhlaluka nokuyisifuba okungayikwaziwa, kube sobala. ngakho-ke anobheka ukuba nizwa kanjani; ngokuba yilowo nalowo onakho uyakuphiwa; kepha lowo ongenakho uyakwamukwa nalokho athi unakho. kwase kufika kuye unina nabafowabo, kepha behluleka ukufinyelela kuye ngenxa yesixuku. wabikelwa ukuthi: unyoko nabafowenu bem i ngaphandle befuna ukukubona. kepha waphendula, wathi kubo: umame nabafowethu yilabo abalizwa izwi likalezi-ku, balenze. kwathi-ke ngolunye lwalezo zinsuku wangena emkhunjini, yena kanye nabafundi bakhe, wathi kubo: asiwele siye ngaphesheya kolwandle. basuka-ke. kuthe besahamba ngomkhumbi, walala ubuthongo; kwehlele-ke isivunguvungu somoya elwandle, bagcwalisa amanzi, babesengozini. base besondela, bamvusa bathi: nkosi, nkosi, safe. wavuka-ke, wakhuzi umoya nokugubha kwamanzi. kwanqamuka, kwathula kwathi du. wayesethi kubo: kuphi ukukholwa kwenu na? besaba; bamangala, bathi omunye komunye: ungubani lo ukuba ayale nomoya namanzi, kumlalele? bafika ngomkhumbi ezweni lamagerasa elibhekene negalile. esephumele emhlabathini, kwamhlangabeza indoda ethile yomuzi eyayinamademoni; kwase kuyisikhathi eside ingembathi ngubo, ingahlali endlini kodwa emathuneni. isimbona ujesu yadazuluka, yawa phansi phambi kwakhe, yathi ngezwi elikhulu: nginamsebenzi muni nawe jesu, nododana kalezi-ku ophezukonke? ngiyakuncenga, ungangihluphi. ngokuba wayala umoya ongcolileyo ukuba aphume kulowo muntu. ngokuba wayesebambe kaningi; walindwa eboshwe ngawozankosi nangamaketanga ezinyawo; kepha wathi esegqabule izibopho, waqhutshelwa yidemoni ehlane. ujesu wambuza wathi: ungubani igama lakho? wathi: ulegiyona, ngokuba amademoni amaningi ayengene

kuye. amncenga ukuba angawayali ukuya kwalasha. kwakukhona lapho umhlambi wezingulube eziningi ziklabile entabeni; amncenga ukuba awavumele angene kuzo; wawavumela. aphuma-ke amademoni kuye umuntu, angena ezingulubeni, umhlambi wagulukudela eweni, waphonseka elwandle, waminza. kwathi ababezalusa bebona okwenzekileyo, babaleka, bakubika emzini nasemaphandleni. khona baphuma ukuyobona okwenzekileyo, bafika kujesu, bamfumanisa umuntu okuphume kuye amademoni ehlezi ngasezinyaweni zikaJesu embethe, esangulukile; bashaywa luvalo. ababekubonile babatshela ukuthi usinde kanjani owayekhwelwe ngamademoni. abantu bonke bakulelo zwe lamagerasa bamcela ukuba amuke kubo, ngokuba babephehthe ngukwesaba okukhulu; yena wayesengena emkhunjini, waphindela emuva. kepha indoda okuphume kuyo amademoni yamnxusa ukuba ibe naye; kodwa wayimukisa, ethi: buyela ekhaya, ulande ukuthi kungakanani ulezi-ku akwenzele khona. wamuka elanda emzini wonke ngokuthi kungakanani abekwenzelwe nguye uJesu. kepha ekubuyeni kwakhe uJesu isixuku samthakazela; ngokuba bonke babembhekile. bheka, kwafika indoda, ngujayiru igama layo, ingumphathi wesinagoge, yaziphonsa phansi ngasezinyaweni zikaJesu, yamncenga ukuba angene endlini yayo. ngokuba yayinendodakazi eyodwa kungathi ineminyaka eyishumi nambili, yona isifa. kepha esahamba, izixuku zamminyanisa. owesifazane owayenomopho iminyaka eyishumi nambili, esekhokhele izinyanga konke abephila ngakho, engenakuphulukiswa muntu, weza ngasemuva, wathinta umphetho wengubo yakhe; kwanqamuka masinyane ukugobhoza kwegazi lakhe. uJesu wathi: ngubani ongithintileyo na? bephika bonke, wathi upetru nababe naye: nkosi, izixuku ziyakuminyanisa, zikucindezele. kepha uJesu wathi: ukhona ongithintileyo, ngokuba ngizwile kuphuma amandla kimi. owesifazane ebona ukuthi kanakufihleka, weza ethuthumela, eziphonsa phansi phambi kwakhe, walanda phambi kwabantu bonke isisusa sokuba amthinte nokuthi usinde khona lapho. wayesethi kuye: ndodakazi, ukukholwa kwakho kukusindisile; hamba, ube nokuthula. esakhuluma, kwafika othile evela kwamphathi wesinagoge, wathi kuye: indodakazi yakho isifile; ungabe usamkhat-haza umfundisi. kepha uJesu ekuzwa lokho wamphendula wathi: ungesabi, kholwa kuphela; izakusinda. esefike endlini kavumanga ukuba kungene muntu naye, kuphela opetru, noJohane, noJakobe, noyise wentombazana, nonina. babekhala bonke beyililela; kepha wathi: ningakhali; ayifile, kodwa ilele. bamhleka usulu, bazi ukuthi

ifile. kepha yena wayibamba ngesandla, wamemeza wathi: ntombazana, vuka! wabuyela umoya wayo, yavuka khona lapho; wayala ukuba inikwe ukudla. abazali bayo bethuka; wabayala ukuba bangatsheli muntu okwenzekileyo.

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wayesebabizela ndawonye abayishumi nambili, wabanika amandla negunya phezu kwamademoni onke nokuphulukisa izifo. wabathuma ukushumayela umbuso kalezi-ku nokuphulukisa. wathi kubo: ningaphathi lutho lwendlela, naludondolo, nasikhwama, nasinkwa, namali, ningabi namabhantshi amabili. nakuyiphi indlu eningena kuyo, hlalani lapho, nize nimuke khona. bonke abanganamukeliyo, anothi nxa nimuka kulowo muzi, nithintithe uthuli ezinyaweni zenu, kube ngubufakazi ngabo. bamuka-ke, bahamba imizi ngemizi beshumayela ivangeli, bephulukisa ezindaweni zonke. kwathi uherode umtetrarki ekuzwa konke okwenzekayo, wasambat-heka ngokusho kwabanye ukuthi uJohane uvukile kwabafileyo, ngokwabanye ukuthi u-eliya ubonakele, ngokwabanye ukuthi kuvukile umprofethi othile kwabadala. kepha uherode wathi: uJohane ngam-nquma ikhanda mina; kodwa ngubani lo engizwa ngaye okunje? wafuna ukumbona. abaphostoli sebebuyile bamlandisa konke abakwenzileyo; wabathatha, wamuka nabo bebdwa ukuya emzini othiwa ibet-sayida. kepha izixuku sezazi zamlandela; wazithakazela, wakhuluma kuzo ngom-buso kalezi-ku, wabaphulukisa abaswela ukuphulukiswa. seliqala ukushona, beza kuye abayishumi nambili, bathi: bamukise abantu ukuba baye emizaneni nasezwani elizungezileyo, bangenise, bathole ukudla, ngokuba lapha sisendaweni eyihlane. kepha wathi kubo: bapheni nina ukudla. bathi-ke: esinakho yizinkwa eziyisihlanu nezinhlanzi ezimbili kuphela ngaphandle kokuba siyobathengela bonke laba bantu ukudla. ngokuba kwakukhona amadoda okungathi izinkulungwane eziyisihlanu. wathi kubafundi bakhe: bahlaliseni ngezi-gaba ngamashumi ayisihlanu. benze njalo, babahlalisa bonke. wazithabatha izinkwa eziyisihlanu nezinhlanzi ezimbili, wabheka ngasezulwini, wazibusisa, wazihlephula, wanika abafundi ukuba bafele isixuku. badla, basutha bonke, kwabuthwa imvuthu-luka eyasala kubo, iziqabetho eziyishumi nambili. kwathi ekhuleka ngasesitha, abafundi babe naye; wababuzisa ethi: abantu bathi ngingubani na? baphendula bathi: uJohane umbhaphathi; kepha abanye bathi: ngu-eliya; abanye kodwa bathi: kuvukile umprofethi othile wabadala.

wayesethi kubo: nina-ke nithi ngingubani na? upetru waphendula wathi: ungukristu kalezi-ku. wabayala, wagcizelela ukuba bangatsheli muntu lokho, wathi: indodana yomuntu imelwe ukuhlupheka ngokuningi, ilahlwe ngamalunga nabapristi abakhulu nababhali, ibulawe, ivuswe ngosuku lwe-sithathu. wayesethi kubo bonke: uma umuntu ethanda ukuza emva kwami, makazidele, athabathe isiphambano sakhe imihla ngemihla, angilandele. ngokuba yilowo nalowo othanda ukusindisa ukuphila kwakhe uyakulahlekelwa yikho; kepha olahlekelwa ngukuphila kwakhe ngenxa yami uyakukusindisa. ngokuba kuyakum-sizani umuntu, uma ezuzile izwe lonke, yena uqobo alahleke nokuba alimale, na? ngokuba yilowo nalowo onezinhloni ngami nangamazwi ami ngaye lo indodana yomuntu iyakuba nezinhloni, lapho iza ngenkazimulo yayo nekayise neyezingelosi ezingcwele. kepha nginithshela ngesiminya ukuthi bakhona abanye kwabemi lapha abangayikuzwa ngempela ukufa, baze babone umbuso kalezi-ku. kwathi emva kwalawo mazwi kungathi izinsuku zaba yisishiyagalombili wathatha opetru, no-johane, nojakobe, wenyukela entabeni ukuyokhuleka. kwathi ekukhulekeni kwakhe isimo sobuso bakhe saba ngesinye, nezin-gubo zakhe zaba mhlophe, zacwebezela. bheka, kwakhuluma naye amadoda amabili ayengomose no-eliya; abonakala ngenkazimulo, akhuluma ngokumuka kwakhe abemelwe ukukufeza ejerusalem. upetru nababe naye babekhwelwe ngubuthongo; kepha sebethapheme babona inkazimulo yakhe namadoda amabili emi naye. kwathi ekwahlukaneni kwawo naye upetru wathi kujesu: nkosi, kuhle ukuba silapha; masakhe amadokodo amathathu, elinye libe ngelakho, elinye libe ngelikamose, elinye libe ngelika-eliya; wayengazi ukuthi uthini. esakhuluma lokhu, kwafika ifu, laba-sithibeza; besaba ekungeneni kwabo efwini. kwavela izwi efwini, lahi: lo uyindodana yami ekhethiweyo; yizweni. kwathi livela izwi, ujesu wafunyanwa eyedwa. bathula bona, ngaleyo mihla kabatshelanga muntu neyodwa yalezo zinto abazibonileyo. kwathi ngangomuso sebhile entabeni, isixuku esikhulu samhlangabeza. bheka, indoda yasesixukwini yamemeza yathi: mfundisi, ngiyakunxusa ukuba ubheke indodana yami, ngokuba yiyo yodwa kimi. bheka, umoya uyayibamba, idazuluke masinyane; uyih-lukumeza, ikhihlize amagwebu, amuke kuyo eseyizukile. ngibanxusile abafundi bakho ukuba bamkhiphe, kepha bahluleka. ujesu waphendula wathi: o sizukulwane esingakholwayo nesiphambeneyo, koze kube nini nginani, nginibekezelela, na? yilethe lapha indodana yakho. kuthe izeza, idemoni layi-

wisa phansi, layihlukumeza kakhulu; ujesu wamkhuza umoya ongcolileyo, wamphulukisa umfana, wambuyisela kuyise. bethuka bonke ngamandla amakhulu kalezi-ku. besamangele bonke ngakho konke akwenzi-leyo, wathi kubafundi bakhe: khwezani lawo mazwi ezindlebeni zenu, ngokuba indodana yomuntu izakukhashelwa ezandleni za-bantu. kepha abakuzwisisa ngakho kusho, kwakusithekile kubo, ukuze bangakuqondi; besaba ukumbuzwa ngalokho kusho. kwavela ukuzindlisana phakathi kwabo kokuthi ngubani ongahle abemkhulu kubo. kuthe ujesu ebona ukuzindla kwenhliziyo yabo, wathabatha umntwana, wamisa phambi kwakhe, wathi kubo: yilowo nalowo oy-akwamukela lo mntwana ngegama lami uyangamukela mina, ngamamukela mina uyamamukela ongithumileyo; ngokuba omncinyane kini nonke nguyi omkhulu. ujothane waphendula wathi: nkosi, sabona umuntu ekhipha amademoni ngegama lakho, samngqabela ngokuba engalandelani nathi. kepha ujesu wathi kuye: ningam-qabeli, ngokuba ongamelene nani ungakini. kwathi sezizakuphelela izinsuku zok-wenyuswa kwakhe, wabhekisa ubuso bakhe ukuya ejerusalem. wathuma izithunywa phambi kwakhe; zahamba, zangena emzini wamasamariya ukuba zimlungisele. kepha awamamukelanga, ngokuba ubuso bakhe babubheke ejerusalem. kuthe abafundi bakhe ojakobe nojohane sebekubonile lokho, bathi: nkosi, uyathanda ukuba sibize umlilo wehle ezulwini, uwaqede, na? kepha waguquka, wabakhuza wathi: anazi ukuthi ningabomoya muni. ngokuba indodana yomuntu ayizanga ukubhuhisa imiphefumulo yabantu kodwa ukuyisindisa; base beya komunye umuzi. kwathi be-hamba endleleni, umuntu othile wathi kuye: ngizakukulandela, noma uya ngaphi. ujesu wayesethi kuye: izimpungushe zine-migodi, nezinyoni zezulu zinezidleke, kepha indodana yomuntu kayinandawo, lapho ingacamelisa khona ikhanda. wayesethi ko-munye: ngilandele. wathi yena: ngivumele ngiye kuqala ukuyakummela ubaba. kepha wathi kuye: yeka abafileyo bembele abafi-leyo babo, kodwa hamba wena, ushumaye umbuso kalezi-ku. nomunye-ke wathi: ngizakukulandela, nkosi; kepha ngivumele ngiye kuqala ukuyovalelisa abasekhaya. kodwa uyese wathi kuye: akakho othi esebeke isandla sakhe egejeni, abuke emuva, ofanele umbuso kalezi-ku.

emva kwalokho inkosi yamisa abanye abangamashumi ayisikhombisa, ya-bathumela ngababili phambi kwayo emizini nasezindaweni zonke ebizakuya kuzo yona.

yathi kubo: ukuvuna kukhulu, kepha izisebenzi ziyingcosana; ngakho-ke nxusani inkosi yokuvuna ukuba ithumele izisebenzi ekuvuneni kwayo. hambani; bhekani, ngiyanithuma ninjengezimvu phakathi kwezimpisi. ningaphathi sikhwama, nayika, nazicatshulo, ningabingeleli muntu endleleni. nakuyiphi indlu eningena kuyo, qalani nithi: ukuthula makube kule ndlu. kuyakuthi uma kukhona lapho indodana yokuthula, ukuthula kwenu kohlala phezu kwayo; kepha uma kungenjalo, kuzakubuyela kini. hlalani kuleyo ndlu, nidle, niphuze abanipha khona; ngokuba izisebenzi sifanele inkokhelo yaso. ningangenisi ezindlini ngezindlu. nakumuphi umuzi eningena kuwo, benamukele, yidlani okubekwa phambi kwenu, niphulukise abagulayo abakuwo, nithi kubo: umbuso kalezi-ku usondele kini. kepha nakumuphi umuzi eningena kuwo, benganamukeli, phumelani ezitaladini zawo, nithi: nothuli lomuzi wenu olunamath-ele ezinyaweni zethu siyaluhlangulela kini; nokho-ke yazini lokhu ukuthi umbuso kalezi-ku usondele. ngithi kini: kuyakuba ngcono kwabasesodoma ngalolo suku kunakulowo muzi. maye kuwe korazini! maye kuwe betsayida! ngokuba uma kwakwenziwe etire nasesidoni imisebenzi yamandla eyenziwe kini, ngakube kade yaphendula, ihlala ngesaka nangomlotha. kepha kuyakuba ngcono kulo itire nesidoni ekwahlulelweni kunakini. nawe kapernawume uyakuphakanyiselwa ezulwini na? uyakwehliselwa ehayidese. onizwayo nina uyangizwa mina; onalayo nina uyangala mina; ongalayo mina uyamala ongithumileyo. babuya-ke abangamashumi ayisikhombisa ngokujabula, bathi: nkosi, namademoni ayasithobela ngegama lakho. wathi kubo: ngabona usathane ewa ezulwini njengonyazi. bhekani, ngininikile igunya lokunyathela izinyoka nawofezela naphezu kwamandla onke esitha; anisoze noniwa lutho. nokho ningathokozi ngalokhu kokuthi omoya bayanithobela, kepha thokozani ngokuthi amagama enu alotshiwe ezulwini. ngasona leso sikhathi wathokoza ngomoya ongwele, wathi: ngiyakubonga, baba, nkosi yezulu nomhlaba, ngokuba ukufihlile lokho kwabahlakaniphileyo nabanokuqonda, wakwambulela izingane; yebo, baba, ngokuba kwaba kuhle phambi kwakho ukuba kube njalo. konke ngikunikelwe ngubaba; akakho owazi ukuthi indodana ingubani, kuphela uyise, nokuthi uyise ungubani, kuphela indodana nalowo indodana ethanda ukumambulela yena. waphendukela kubafundi bebdoda, wathi: abusisiwe amehlo abona enikubonayo. ngokuba ngithi kini: baningi abaprofethi namakhosi ababethanda ukubona enikubonayo, abakubonanga, nokuzwa enikuzwayo, abakuzwanga. bheka, kwase

kusukuma isazimthetho esithile, samlinga sathi: mfundisi, ngizakwenzani ukuba ngidle ifa lokuphila okuphakade na? wathi kuso: kulotshweni emthethweni? ufunda kanjani? saphendula sathi: woyithanda inkosi ulezi-ku wakho ngayo yonke inhlizyo yakho, nangawo wonke umphefumulo wakho, nangawo onke amandla akho, nangayo yonke ingqondo yakho, nomakhelwane wakho njengalokhu uzithanda wena. wayesethi kuso: uphendule kahle; yenza lokho, uzakuphila. kepha sona sithanda ukuzithetha sathi kujesu: umakhelwane wami ngubani na? ujesu waphendula wathi: umuntu othile wehla ejerusalem eya ejeriko; wathaleka phakathi kwezicwelegcwele, zamhlubula izingubo, zamshaya, zamuka zimshiya umdondo nje. kwaqabuka kwehla umpristi othile ngaleyo ndlela; wathi embona, wamgwemela. kanjalo nomlevi, efika kuleyo ndawo embona, wamgwemela. kepha umsamariya othile owayesendleleni wafika kuye; wathi ukuba ambone, wamhawukela; waya kuye, wabopha amanxeba akhe ewathela ngamafutha newayini, wamkhwelisa esilwaneni sakhe, wamusa endlini yezi-hambi, wamgcina. nangomuso wakhapha odenariyu ababili, wabanika umninindlu, wathi kuye: mgcine, nalokho okwelekelayo ngiyakubuyisela kuwe ekubuyeni kwami. ngumuphi ngokubona kwakho kulaba abathathu owaba ngumakhelwane wakhe owathaleka phakathi kwezicwelegcwele na? sathi: yilowo owamenzela isihawu. wayesethi ujesu kuso: hamba wenze njalo nawe. kwathi ekuhambeni kwabo wangena emzini othile; owesifazane othile, igama lakhe ngumarta, wamamukela endlini yakhe. wayenodadewabo othiwa ngumariya, owahlala ngasezinyaweni zenkosi, walizwa izwi layo. kepha umarta ekhathazekile ukusebenza okuningi waya kuye, wathi: nkosi, awukhathaleli ukuthi udadewethu ungishiyile, ngisebenze ngedwa, na? ngakho yisho kuye ukuba angisize. kepha inkosi yaphendula yathi: marta, marta, unakekela, ukhathazeka ngezinto eziningi. kodwa inye into edingekile; umariya ukhethile isabelo esihle angayikwaphucwa sona.

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kwathi ekhuleka endaweni ethile, esegcinile, omunye wabafundi bakhe wathi kuye: nkosi, sifundise ukukhuleka, njengokuba ujhane naye wabafundisa abafundi bakhe. wayesethi kubo: nxa nikhuleka, anothi: baba wethu osezulwini, malingcweliswe igama lakho; mawufike umbuso wakho; mayenziwe intando emhlabeni njen-gasezulwini; usiphe isinkwa sethu sezinsuku zonke imihla ngemihla; usithethelele izono

zethu, ngokuba nathi sibathethelela bonke abanecala kithi; ungasingenisi ekulingweni, kodwa usikhulule kbona-ra-ukukhandleka.

wathi kubo: ngumuphi kini oyakuba nomhlobo, aye kuye phakathi kobusuku, athi kuye: mhlobo, ngitsheleke izinkwa zibe zintathu, ngokuba kufike kimi umhlobo wami evela ekuhambeni, kepha anginanto engingayibeka phambi kwakhe; yena-ke ophakathi aphenhlele athi: ungangihluphi; sekualwiwe emnyango, nabantwana bami balele kanye nami; anginakuvuka, ngikunike, na? ngithi kini: noma engazukuvuka amnike ngokuba engumhlobo wakhe, nokho ngenxa yokukhongisisa kwakhe uyakuvuka amnike konke akudingayo. ngithi kini: celani, niyakuphiwa; funani, niyakufumana; ngongqothani, niyakuvulelwa. ngokuba yilowo nalowo ocelayo uyamukeliswa, nofunayo uyafumana, nongongqothayo uyakuvulelwa. ngumuphi kini onguvise, oyakuthi nxa indodana icela inhlanzi, ayinike inyoka esikhundleni senhlanzi; uma icela iqanda, ayinike ufezela, na? ngakho-ke uma nina eningababi nikwazi ukubapha abantwana benu izipho ezinhle, kakhulu kangakanani uyihlo osezulwini uzakubapha abacela kuye umoya ongcwele. wakhhipha idemoni, laliyisimungulu; kwathi seliphumile idemoni, wakhuluma oyisimungulu; abantu bamangala. kepha abanye kubo bathi: ukhipha amademoni ngobelzebule umbusi wamademoni. abanye bemlinga bafuna kuye isibonakaliso esivela ezulwini. kepha yena eyazi imicabango yabo wathi kubo: yilowo nalowo mbuso owahlukene wodwa uyachitheka, indlu idilike phezu kwendlu. nosathane, uma ehlukeni yedwa, umbuso wakhe uyakuma kanjani na? lokhu nithi ngikhipha amademoni ngobelzebule. uma mina ngikhipha amademoni ngobelzebule, amadodana enu awakhapha ngobani na? ngalokho-ke wona ayakuba ngabahluleli benu. kepha uma ngikhipha amademoni ngomunwe kalezi-ku, umbuso kalezi-ku usufikile phela kini. uma isiqhwaga sihlomile, silinda umuzi waso, impahla yaso ihlezi ngokuthula. kepha nxa onamandla kunaso esisukela, asinqobe, uyasaphuca izikhali zaso zonke ebesizethembile, ayabe impango yaso. ongenami umelene nami; ongabuthi nami uyahlakaza. nxa umoya ongcolileyo ephumile kumuntu, uyadabula izindawo ezomileyo efuna ukuphumula; engakufumani uthi: ngizakubuyela endlini yami engaphuma kuyo. uyafika-ke, ayifumane isihaneliwe, ihlotshisiwe. khona abesehamba, azithathele abanye omoya abayisikhombisa ababi kunaye, bangene bahlale lapho, ukugcina kwalowo muntu kube kubi kunokwaguqala. kwathi esakhuluma lokhu, owesifazane othile esixukwini waphakamisa izwi, wathi kuye:

sibusisiwe isisu esakuthwalayo namabele owawancelayo. kepha yena wathi: yebo, kodwa kakhulu babusisiwe abalizwa izwi likalezi-ku, balilondoloze. sekubuthana kuye izixuku, waqala ukukhuluma, wathi: lesi sizukulwane siyisizukulwane esibi; sifuna isibonakaliso, kepha asiyikunikwa sibonakaliso, kuphela isibonakaliso sika-jona. ngokuba njengalokho ujona waba yisibonakaliso kwabasenineve, indodana yomuntu iyakuba njalo kulesi sizukulwane. inkosikazi yaseningizimu iyakusukuma ekwahlulelweni kanye namadoda alesi sizukulwane, iwalahle; ngokuba yavela emikhawulweni yomhlaba izakuzwa ukuhlakanipha kukasolomoni; bhekani, lapha kukhona okukhulu kunosolomoni. amadoda asenineve ayakusukuma ekwahlulelweni kanye nalesi sizukulwane, asilahle; ngokuba aphenduka ngokushumayela kukajona; bhekani, lapha kukhona okukhulu kunojona. akakho othi esokhela isibani, asibeke esitha nangaphansi kwesitsha, kepha usifaka othini ukuba abangenayo babone ukukhanya. isibani somzimba siyiso lakho; nxa iso lakho liphilile, umzimba wakho wonke ungukukhanya; kepha nxa lilibi, umzimba wakho ungubumnyama. ngakho qaphela ukuba ukukhanya okukuwe kungabi ngubumnyama. njalo-ke uma umzimba wakho wonke ungukukhanya ungenadawo emnyama, uyakukhanya wonke njengesibani sikukhanyisa ngokukhanya kwaso. esakhuluma, umfarisi wammema ukuba adle naye; wangena, wahlala ekudleni. umfarisi wamangala ebona ukuthi kaqalanga ngokuhlamba engakadli. yayisithi inkosi kuye: manje-ke nina bafarisi nihlambulula ingaphandle lenkezo nesitsha, kepha ingaphakathi lenu ligcwele ukuphanga nbona-ra-ukukhandleka. ziwlula, yena owalenza ingaphandle akalenzanga nengaphakathi na? kepha yiphani okungaphakathi kube yisiphiwo sabampofu, bhekani-ke, kobe kuhlambulukile konke kini. kodwa maye kinina bafarisi, ngokuba nithela okweshumi kwesinkuntshane, nokwentshungu, nokwemifino yonke, ninganaki ukulunga nokumthanda ulezi-ku! benimelwe ukwenza lokhu, ningakuyeki nalokho. maye kinina bafarisi, ngokuba nithanda izihlalo eziphambili emasinagogeni nbona-ra-ukukhandlekangelelwa ezigcawini zokuthengelana! maye kinina, ngokuba nifana namathuna angasabonakaliyo, nabantu abahamba ngaphezu kwawo bengawazi! wayesephendula omunye wezazimthetho, wathi kuye: mfundisi, ngokusho lokho uyasijivaza nathi. kepha wathi: maye nakinina zazimthetho, ngokuba nithwesa abantu imithwalo ethwaleka kalukhuni! nina-ke uqobo lwenu anyithinti leyo mithwalo nangowodwa weminwe

yenu. maye kinina, ngokuba niyawakha amathuna abaprofethi, kanti oyihlo bababulala! ngalokho ningofakazi, nivuma imisebenzi yawoyihlo; ngokuba bona bababulala, nina-ke niyawakha amathuna abo. ngenxa yalokho ukuhlakanipha kukalezi-ku kwathi: ngiyakuthumela kubo abaprofethi nabaphostoli; abanye bayakubabulala, abanye babazingele, ukuze kubizwe kulesi sizukulwane igazi labaprofethi bonke elachithwa kwasekusekelweni komhlaba, kusukela egazini lika-abela kuze kufike egazini likazakariya owabulawa phakathi kwe-altare nethempeli. yebo, ngithi kini: lizakubizwa kulesi sizukulwane. maye kinina zazimthetho, ngokuba nisisusile isihluthulelo sokwazi! nina uqobo lwenu aningenanga, nabangenayo nabavimbela. kuthe ephuma lapho, ababhali nabafarisi baqala ukumzonda kabi nokumbuzisisa ngokuninginingi, bemqamekela ukuba babambe into ephuma emlonyeni wakhe.

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kwathi sezibuthene izigidi zabantu baze banyathelana, waqala ukukhuluma, ikakhulu kubafundi bakhe, ethi: xwayani imvelo yabafarisi engukuzenzisa. akukho okusitshekelweyo okungayikwambulwa, nokufihliweyo okungayikwaziwa. ngakho-ke konke enikukhuluma ebumnyameni kuyakuziwa ekukhanyeni, nalokho enikukhuluma endlebeni emakamelweni kuyakumenyezela phezu kwezindlu. kepha ngithi kinina bahlobo bami: ningabesabi abawubulala nuzimba, bengenakwenza okunye emva kwalokho. kodwa ngiyakunithengisa eniyakumesaba: mesabeni lowo othi esebulele, abe namandla okuphonsa esihogweni. yebo, ngithi kini: mesabeni lowo. akuthengwa yini imizwilili eyisihlanu ngezindibilishi ezimbili na? akukhohlakele namunye kuyo emehlweni kalezi-ku. kodwa nezinwele zekhandla lenu zibaliwe zonke. maningesabi; nidlula imizwilili eminingi. futhi ngithi kini: yilowo nalowo oyakungivuma phambi kwabantu nendodana yomuntu yakumvuma yena phambi kwezingelosi zikalezi-ku; kepha ongiphika phambi kwabantu uyakuphikwa phambi kwezingelosi zikalezi-ku. nalowo okhuluma izwi elibi ngendodana yomuntu uyakuthethelelwa, kepha ohlambalaza umoya ongcwele kayikuthehelelwa. kepha nxa beniqhubela emasinagogeni, nakubabusi, nakuzo iziphathimandla, ningakhathazeki ngokuthi niyakuziphendulela kanjani nangokuthini, nokuba niyakukhulumani, ngokuba umoya ongcwele uyakunifundisa ngasona leso sikhathi okufanele nikukhulume. omunye wesixuku wathi kuye: mfundisi, shono kumfowethu ukuba abelane

nam i fa. kepha wathi kuye: mngane, ubani ongimise ngibe ngumahluleli noma umahlukanisi phezu kwenu na? wayesethi kubo: bhekani, nixwaye ukuhaha konke, ngokuba ukuphila komuntu akumi ngobuningi bempahla yakhe. wabalandisa umfanekiso, wathi: izwe lomuntu othile onothileyo lathela kahle. wazindla phakathi kwakhe, wathi: ngizakwenzani, lokhu ngingenandawo engingabuthela kuyo ukudla kwami, na? wayesethi: ngizakwenza lokhu: ngizakudiliza izinqolobane zami, ngakhe ezinkulu, ngibuthele khona ukudla kwami konke nempahla yami. bese ngithi kuwo umphefumulo wami: mphefumulo, unempahla eningi ebekelelwe iminyaka emmingi; phumula, udle, uphuze, ujabule. kepha ulezi-ku wathi kuye: wena siwula, ngalobu busuku umphefumulo wakho uzakubizwa kuwe; pho-ke, izinto ozilungisi-leyo ziyakuba ngezikabani na? kunjalo kozibekela ingcebo enganothile kulezi-ku. wayesethi kubafundi bakhe: ngakho-ke ngithi kini: ningakhathazeki ngokuphila kwenu ukuthi niyakudlani, nangomzimba wenu ukuthi niyakwembathani. ngokuba ukuphila kukhulu kunokudla, nomzimba kunesambatho. bhekani izingwababana ukuthi azihlwanyeli, azivuni, azinaxhiba nanqolobane, kepha ulezi-ku uyazondla; nina nizidlula kakhulu kangakanani izinyoni. ngumuphi kini ongathi ngokukhathazeka enezele ebudeni bakhe ingalo na? ngalokho nxa ningenamandla okwenza nokuncinyane, yini ukuba nikhathazeke ngokunye na? bhekani iminduze ukuthi imila kanjani; ayiphothi, ayaluki, kepha ngithi kini nosolomoni ebukhazikhazini bakhe bonke wayengembathisile okomunye wayo. uma ulezi-ku embathisa kanjalo utshani basendle obukhona namuhla, ngomuso buphonswe eziko, kakhulu kangakanani uyakunembathisa nina eninokukholwa okuncane. nani maningafuni eniyakukudla neniyakukuphuza; ningakhathazeki. ngokuba konke lokho kufunwa ngabeziwe bomhlaba, kepha uyihlo uyazi ukuthi niyakudinga lokho. kodwa funani umbuso wakhe, khona konke lokho kuyakwenezelwa nina. ungesabi, mhlambi omncane; ngokuba kwathandeka kuyihlo ukunika umbuso. thengisani ngeninakho, niphe abampofu; nizenzele izikhwama ezingagugiyi, ingcebo engapheliyo ezulwini, lapho kungasondeli sela, kungoni nundu khona. ngokuba lapho kukhona ingcebo yenu, lapho iyakuba khona nenhliziyo yenu. izinkalo zenu mazibe ziboshiwe, nezibani zivutha. nani yibani njengabantu ababheke inkosi yabo ibuya emshadweni ukuba, nxa ifika ingqongqotha, bayivulele masinyane. zibusisiwe lezo zinceko okuyakuthi inkosi, nxa ifika, izifumane zilindile; ngiqinisele ngithi kini:

iyakuzibopha ukhalo, izihlalise ekudleni, ize izikhonze. noma ifika ngomlindo wesibili noma ngowesithathu, ifumane kunjalo, zibusisiwe zona lezo. kepha yazini lokhu kokuthi, uma umninindlu ebesazi isikhathi isela elizakufika ngaso, ubengayikuvuma ukuba ifohlwe indlu yakhe. nani manibe nilungile, ngokuba indodana yomuntu iyeza ngesikhathi eningasicabangyo. upetru wayesethi kuye: nkosi, usilandisa thina lo mfanekiso nokuba bonke na? yayisithi inkosi: ngumuphi-ke umphathi othembekileyo noqondileyo, inkosi yakhe eyakumbeka phezu kwabendlu bayo ukuba abanike isabelo sabo sokudla ngesikhathi sakho? ibusisiwe leyo nceku okuyakuthi inkosi yayo, nxa ifika, iyifumane yenze njalo. impela ngithi kini: iyakuyibeka phezu kwakho konke enakho. kepha uma leyo nceku ithi enhliziyweni yayo: inkosi yami ilibele ukufika, iqale ukushaya abafana namantombazana, idle, iphuze, idakwe, inkosi yaleyo nceku iyakufika ngosuku engayibhekile ngalo nangomzuzu engawaziyo, iyingumanqume, iyabele nabangakholekile. njalo-ke leyo nceku ebiyazi intando yenkosi yayo ingalungiselanga, ingenzanga ngokwentando yayo, iyakushaywa imivimbo eminingi; kepha ebingazi yenza okufanele imivimbo, iyakushaywa eyingcosana; yilowo nalowo ophiwe okuningi, kuyakubizwa okuningi kuye; nophathiswe okuningi, bayakubiza kuye okungaphezu kwalokho. ngize ukuphonsa umlilo emhlabeni; bengifunisisa kangakanani ukuba nga sewokhelwe. kepha nginombhaphathizo engizakubhaphathizwa ngawo; ngikhathazekile kanjani, uze ufezeke. nithi ngize ukuletha ukuthula emhlabeni na? ngithi kini: qha, kepha kakhulu ukwahlukana. ngokuba kusukela manje kuyakuba khona abayisihlanu endlini inye bahlukene, abathathu nababili, ababili nabathathu; bayakwahlukana, uyise nendodana, indodana noyise; unina nendodakazi, indodakazi nonina; uninazala nomalokazana wakhe, umalokazana noninazala. wayesethi nakuzo izixuku: nxa nibona ifu likhuphuka entshonalanga, masinyane nithi: iyeza imvula, kube njalo. futhi nxa kuphephetha iningizimu, nithi: lizakubalela, kube njalo. bazenzisi, niyakwazi ukuchachisa ukuma komhlaba nokwezulu; kepha yini ukuba ningachachisi lesi sikhathi na? pho, yini ukuba ninganqumi ngokweni okulungileyo na? ngokuba, nxa uya enkosini nomelene nawe, ncengisisa usesendleleni ukuba ukhulele kuye, funa mhlawumbe akuhudulele kumahluleli, umahluleli akunikele kulo iphoyisa, iphoyisa likuphonse etilongweni. ngithi kuwe: awusoze waphuma khona, uze ukhokhe ifadingi lokuphela.

ngaleso sikhathi kwakukhona abathile abamtshela ngabasegalile igazi labo upilatu ayelixubanisele nemihlatshelo yabo. waphendula, wathi kubo: nithi labo basegalile babe yizoni kunabo bonke abasegalile, ngokuba behlelwa yilokho, na? ngithi kini: qha, kepha uma ningaphenduki, niyakubhubha kanjalo nonke. nalabo abayishumi nesishiyagalombili owawela phezu kwabo umbhoshongo wasesilowama, wababulala, nithi bona babe namacala kunabantu bonke abakhileyo ejerusalem na? ngithi kini: qha, kepha uma ningaphenduki, niyakubhubha ngokunjalo nonke. wayesebalandisa lo mfanekiso wokuthi: umuntu othile wayenomkhiwane utshalwe esivini sakhe; weza efuna isithelo kuwo, akasifumananga. wayesethi kuso isisebenzi sesivini: bheka, sekuyiminyaka emithathu ngiza ngifuna isithelo kulo mkhiwane, ngingasifumani; wunqume; yini ukuba uyone futhi inhlabathi? sona saphendula, sathi kuye: nkosi, wuyeke nangalo myaka, ngize ngivukuze inhlabathi emaceleni awo, ngiwuthelele umquba; mhlawumbe ungaze uthele ngozayo; kepha uma kungenjalo, wowunquma. wayefundisa kwelinye lamasinagoge ngesabatha. bheka, kwaba khona owesifazane onomoya wobuthakathaka iminyaka eyishumi nesishiyagalombili, eseqhothile engenakululama nempela. kwathi ujesu embona, wambiza, wathi kuye: mame, ukhululwe ebuthakathakeni bakho. wabeka izandla phezu kwakhe; weluleka khona lapho, wamfumisa ulezi-ku. umphathi wesinagoge, ecunukile ngokuba ujesu ephulukisile ngesabatha, waphendula, wathi kuso isixuku: kukhona izinsuku eziyisithupha okufanele ukusetshenzwa ngazo; ngakho-ke anozo ngazo, niphulukiswe, kungabi ngosuku lwesabatha. kepha inkosi yamphendula yathi: bazenzisi, kanti yilowo nalowo kini kayithukululi yini ngesabatha inkabi yakhe noma imbongolo yakhe emkhombeni, ayise ukuyoyiphuzisa, na? kepha lona, eyindodakazi ka-abrahama, usathane abembophile, bhekani, iminyaka eyishumi nesishiyagalombili, bekungafanele yini ukuba akhululwe kuleso sibopho ngosuku lwesabatha na? wathi ukuba asho lokho, bababha bonke ababemelene naye; isixuku sonke sathokoza ngemisebenzi yonke yenkazimulo eyenziwe nguye. wayesethi: umbuso kalezi-ku ufana nani na? ngiyakuwufanisa nani na? ufana nenhlamvu yesinaphi ayithatha umuntu, wayihlwanyela ensimini yakhe; yamila, yaba ngumuthi, izinyoni zezulu zaze zakhela emagatheni awo. wabuye wathi: umbuso kalezi-ku ngiyakuwufanisa nani na? ufana nemvubelo ayithatha owesifazane,



wayifaka emaqomeni amathathu empuphu, kwaze kwabila konke. wayesedlula, wahlamba imizi ngemizi nemizana ngemizana, efundisa, eqonde ejerusalem. umuntu othile wayesethi kuye: nkosi, bayingcosana abasindiswayo na? wathi kubo: phikelelani ukungena ngomnyango omncinyane; ngokuba ngithi kini: abanengi bayakufuna ukungena, bahluleke. nxa umninindlu esukumile wavala emnyango, niqale ukuma ngaphandle, ningqongqothe emnyango, nithi: nkosi, sivulele, uyakuphendula, athi: anginazi lapho nivela khona. lapho ke niyakuqala ukuthi: sasidla, siphuza phambi kwakho, nawufundisa emigwaqweni yakithi. athi-ke: ngithi kini: anginazi lapho nivela khona; sukani kimi nina nonke, basebenzi bokungalingi. lapho kuyakuba khona ukukhala nokugedla amazinyo, nxa senibona o-abrahama, no-isaka, no-jakobe, nabaprofethi bonke embusweni kalezi-ku, kepha nina nikhishelwe ngaphandle. bayakufika bevela empumalanga, nasentshonalanga, nasenyakatho, naseningizimu, bahlale ekudleni embusweni kalezi-ku. bhekani, bakhona abokugcina abayakuba ngabokuqala; bakhona abokuqala abayakuba ngabokugcina. ngawo lowo mzuzwana kweza abafarisi abathile, bathi kuye: suka, umuke lapha, ngokuba uherode ufuna ukukubulala. wathi kubo: hambani nithi kuleyo mpungushe: bheka, ngikhipha amademoni, ngiphulukise abagulo namuhla nakusasa, kuthi ngosuku lwesithathu ngipheleliswe. nokho ngimelwe ukuba ngihambe namuhla nakusasa nangomhlomunye; ngokuba akunakwenzeka ukuba umprofethi abhubhe ngaphandle kwejerusalem. jerusalem, jerusalem, wena obulala abaprofethi, okhanda ngamatshe abathunyelwe kuwe, bengithanda kangaki ukubuthela ndawonye abantwana bakho njengesikhukukazi sibuthela amazinyane aso phansi kwamaphiko; kepha anivumanga. bhekani, indlu yenu isisala inxiva kini; kepha ngithi kini: anisoze nangibona, kuze kufike isikhathi sokuba nithi: ubusisiwe ozayo egameni lenkosi.

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kwathi ekungeneni kwakhe ngesabatha endlini yomunye waba yizikhulu kubafarisi ukuba adle ukudla, bona uqobo babemqaphele. bheka, kwavela phambi kwakhe umuntu othile owayenesifo samanzi. ujesu wathatha, wathi kuzo izazimthetho nabafarisi: kuvunyelwe yini ukuphulukisa ngesabatha noma qha? kepha bathula. wayesemphatha, wamphulukisa, wammukisa. wathi kubo: ngumuphi kini ongathi indodana noma inkabi iyele emgodini, angayikhiphi masinyane ngosuku lwesabatha,

na? bahluleka ukuphendula kulokho. wabalandisa abamenyiweyo umfanekiso, ebona ukuzikhethelela kwabo izihlalo eziphambili, wathi kubo: nxa umenyiwe ngumuntu ukuya emshadweni, ungahlali esihlalweni esiphambili, funa ngabe ukhona omkhulu kunawe omenyiwe nguye, eze yena onimeme wena naye, athi: mdedele lo; khona uqale uhhlale kwesisenzansi unamahloni. kepha nxa umenyiwe, hamba uhlale endaweni esenzansi ukuba, nxa efika okumemileyo, athi kuwe: mhlobo, yenyukela enhla; khona uyakuba nodumo phambi kwabo bonke abahlezi nawe ekudleni. ngokuba oziphakamisayo uzakuthotshiswa; nozithobayo uzakuphakanyiswa. wathi nakommemileyo: uma wenza isidlo sasemini noma esakusihlwa, ungabizi abahlobo bakho, nabafowenu, nomnden wakho, nabakhelwane bakho abacebileyo, funa nabo babuye bakumeme, kube khona ukwenanana. kepha uma wenza isidlo, mema abampofu, nezinyonga, nezimpumpu; uyakubusisa-ke, ngokuba bangekwenanisele; uyakwenaniselwa ekuvukeni kwabalungileyo. esezwile lokho omunye wababhezi naye ekudleni, wathi kuye: ubusisiwe lowo oyakudla isinkwa embusweni kalezi-ku. kepha wathi kuye: umuntu othile wenza idili elikhulu, wamema abanengi. ngesikhathi sedili wathuma incekuyakhe ukuba isho kwabamenyiweyo ukuthi: zanini, ngokuba sekulungisiwe konke. kepha bonke baqala ukuzilandulela ngazwi linye; owokuqala wathi kuye: ngithengile insimu, kuswelekile ukuba ngiye ngiyibone; ngiyakuncenga, mawungilandulele. omunye wathi: ngithengile izinkabi eziyishumi, sengiya ukuzilinga; ngiyakuncenga, mawungilandulele. omunye wathi: ngithathile umfazi, ngalokho ngingeze. isibuyile incekuyakhe lokho enkosi yayo. khona umninindlu wathukuthela, wathi encekwini yakhe: khawuleza, uye emigwaqweni nasemingcingweni yomuzi, ungenise lapha abampofu, nezilima, nezimpumpu, nezinyonga. yathi incekuyakhe: nkosi, sekwenziwe ngokuyala kwakho; kepha isekhona indawo. yathi inkosi encekwini: phuma uye ezindleleni nasezintangweni, ubacindezele bangene ukuba igcwale indlu yami. ngokuba ngithi kini: ayikho neyodwa yalawo madoda abamenyiwe eyakulizwa idili lami.

kwakuhamba naye izixuku eziningi; waphenduka, wathi kuzo: uma umuntu eza kimi engamzondi uyise, nonina, nomkakhe, nabantwana, nabafowabo, nawodadewabo, yebo, nokuphila kwakhe, angebe ngumfundi wami. nalowo ongathwali isiphambano sakhe, angilande, angebe ngumfundi wami. ngokuba ngumuphi kini othi efuna ukwakha umbhoshongo, angaqali ahlale phansi, abale izindleko ukuthi unakho okokuwuqeda na? funa kuthi esebeke

isisekelo, engenamandla okuqeda, bonke abakubonayo baqale ukumhleka, bathi: lo muntu waqala kabanga namandla okuqeda. noma yiyiphi inkosi eya kwenye inkosi ukuhlaselana nayo engaqali ihlale phansi, ihlale ukuba inamandla yini ukuhlangabezana ngezinkulungwane eziyishumi naleyo eza kuyo, inezinkulungwane ezingamashumi amabili na? kepha uma kungenzeke, ingathi isekude leyo, ithuma amaxusa, icele okokuthula. kunjalo-ke yilowo nalowo kini ongavalelisi nakho konke anakho angebe ngumfundi wami. usawoti uyinto enhle; kepha uma usawoti edumele, uyakuhlaziya ngani na? akasafanele namhlabathi namquba; uyalahlwa nje phandle; onezidlebe zokuzwa makezwe.

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kwase kusondela kuye bonke abathelisi nezoni ukumuzwa. abafarisi nababhali base bakhonona bethi: lo muntu wamukela izoni, adle nazo. wayesebalandisa lo mfanekiso, ethi: ngumuphi umuntu kini onezimvu eziyikhulu, alahlekelwe ngenye kuzo, angazishiyi ezingamashumi ayisishiyagalolunye nesishiyagalolunye ehlane, aye kwehlalekileyo, aze ayithole, na? athi eseyitholile, ayetshathe ethokoza. esefike ekhaya ameme abahlobo nabakhelwane, athi kubo: thokozani nami, ngokuba ngiyitholile imvu yami ebilahlekile. ngithi kini: kanjalo kuyakuba khona ukuthokoza ezulwini ngesoni sisinye esiphendukayo, kunabalungileyo abangamashumi ayisishiyagalolunye nesishiyagalolunye abangasweli ukuphenduka. noma ngumuphi owesifazane othi enezinhlamvu zesiliva eziyishumi, uma elahlekelwe luhlamlamvu lwaba lunye, angokheli isibani, ashanele indlu, afunisise, aze aluthole? athi ukuba aluthole, abize abahlobo nabakhelwane, athi: thokozani nami, ngokuba ngilutholile uhlamlvu lwami obelungilahlekele. ngithi kini: kanjalo kukhona ukuthokoza phambi kwezingelosi zikalezi-ku ngesoni sisinye esiphendukayo. wayesethi: umuntu othile wayenamadodana amabili. encane yawo yayisithi kuyise: baba, nginike isabelo sefa esiqondene nami; wawahlukanisela impahla. kwathi emva kwezinsuku ezingeziningi indodana encane yayisibutha konke, yamuka, yaya ezweni elikude, yachitha khona imfuyo yayo ihamba ngokonakala. isisaphaze konke, kwavela indlala enkulu kulelo zwe; yaqala ukuswela. yayisiya kukhonza komunye umuntu walelo zwe; yena wayithuma emadelweni akhe ukuba yaluse izingulube. yafisa ukuzisuthisa ngemidumba edliwa yizingulube; kepha kayiphiwanga muntu. kuthe sekusile kuyo, yathi: bangaki abaqashwa bakababa abanokudla okuningi,

kanti mina ngifa indlala lapha. ngiyakusuka, ngiye kubaba, ngithi: baba, ngonile kulo izulu naphambi kwakho; angisafanele ukuthiwa indodana yakho; ngenze ngibe njengomunye wabaqashwa bakho. yayisisuka, yafika kuyise; kepha kuthe isekude, uyise wayibona, waba nesihle, wagijima, wayisingatha entanyeni, wayanga. indodana yayisithi kuye: baba, ngonile kulo izulu naphambi kwakho; angisafanele ukuthiwa indodana yakho. kepha uyise wathi ezincekwini zakhe: sheshani nikhiphe ingubo enhle kunazo zonke, niyembathise, nifake indandatho esandleni sayo nezicathulo ezinyaweni, nilethe ithole elikhuluphalisiweyo, nilihlabe, sidle, sijabule; ngokuba le ndodana yami ibifile, yabuye yaphila; ibilahlekile, seyatholakala; base beqala ukujabula. kepha indodana yakhe enkulu yayisensimini; yathi iseza isondela endlini, yezwa ukuhlabelela nokusina. yabiza omunye wabafana, yabuza ukuthi kwenze njani lokho. wathi kuyo: kufike umfowenu; uyihlo wahlaba ithole elikhuluphalisiweyo, ngokuba ubuye wamthola ephilile. kepha yathukuthela, kayivumanga ukungena; uyise wayesephuma, wayincenga. kodwa yaphendula, yathi kuyise: bheka, iminyaka engaka ngikukhonzile; angizange ngeqe umyalo wakho, kepha mina awuzange ungiphe nazinyane lembuzi ukuba ngijabule nabahlobo bami, kodwa kuthe ukuba ifike leyo ndodana yakho eqede imfuyo yakho nezifebe, wayihlabisa ithole elikhuluphalisiweyo. wayesethi kuyo: mntanami, wena uhlala nami njalo; konke okwami kungokwakho. kepha simelwe ukujabula, sithokoze, ngokuba umfowenu lo wayefile, wabuye waphila; wayelahlekile, sewatholakala.

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wayesekhuluma nakubafundi bakhe, ethi: kwakukhona umuntu othile oyisicebi, owayenomphathi; yena wamangalelwa kuye ngokuthi uchitha impahla yakhe. wambiza, wathi kuye: kuyini lokhu engikuzwa ngawe na? landa ngobuphathi bakho, ngokuba ungebe usaba ngumphathi. wayesethi umphathi phakathi kwakhe: ngizakwenze njani, lokhu inkosi yami ingaphuca ubuphathi? anginamandla okulima, nginamahloni ukunxiba. ngiyakwazi engiyakukwenza ukuba bangamukele ezindlini zabo, nxa ngikhishwa ebuphathini. wababiza ngabanye abanamacala enkosini yakhe, wathi kowokuqala: unecala elingakanani enkosini yami na? wathi: amabhati ayikhulu amafutha. wayesethi kuye: thatha incwadi yakho, usheshe uhlale phansi, ulobe amashumi ayisishlanu. khona wathi komunye: wena-ke unecala elingakanani na? wathi: izilinganiso

eziyikhulu zikakolweni. wathi kuye: thatha incwadi yakho, ulobe amashumi ayisishiya-galombili. inkosi yambabaza umphathi ongalungile ngokuthi wenze ngokuhlakanipha, ngokuba abantwana balesi sikhathi bahlakaniphile esizukulwaneni sabo kunabantwana bokukhanya. nami ngithi kini: zenzeleni nina abahlobo ngokukamamona ongalungile, ukuze kuthi, nxa kuphelile, banamukele ezindlini eziphakade. othembekile kokuncinyane uthembekile nakokukhulu; ongalungile kokuncinyane kalungile nakokukhulu. ngakho uma beningathembeki kokukamamona ongalungile, ubani oyakuniphathisa okuyikhonakhona na? futhi uma beningathembeki kokomunye, ubani oyakuninika okungokwenu na? akukho nceku engakhonza amakhosi amabili, ngokuba kokunye iyakuzonda enye, ithande enye, noma ibambelele kwenye, iyeyise enye. ningeze nakhonza ulezi-ku nomamona. abafarisi ababethanda imali bakuzwa konke lokho, bamklolodela. wayesethi kubo: nina ningabazishaya abalungileyo emehlweni abantu; kepha ulezi-ku uyazazi izinhliziyu zenu, ngokuba lokho okuphakemeyo phakathi kwabantu kuyisinengiso emehlweni kalezi-ku. umthetho nabaprofethi kwakukhona kwaze kwafika ujothane; kusukela kuleso sikhathi ivangeli lombuso kalezi-ku liyashunayelwa, wonke umuntu uphika ngokufuzula kuwo. kepha kulula ukuba kudlule izulu nomhlaba kunokuba kuwe ibalana elilodwa lomthetho. yilowo nalowo olahla umakhe, aganwe ngomunye, uyaphinga; noganwa ngolahliwe othile uyaphinga. kwakukhona umuntu othile onothileyo, owayegqoka ezibubende nezeleni elihle, ezijabulisa imihla ngemihla etamasa. kwakukhona futhi ompofu othile, ngulazaru igama lakhe, owayelahlwe ngasesangweni lakhe egcwele izilonda, enxanela ukusuthiswa ngemvuthuluka ewa etafuleni lesicebi; yebo, kweza nezinja, zamkhotsha izilonda. kwase kuthi wafa ompofu, wathwalwa yizingelosi, wasiwa esifubeni sika-abrahama; nesicebi safa, sembelwa. sesisehayidese saphakamisa amehlo aso, sisebuhlungwini, sambona u-abrahama ekude, nolazaru esesifubeni sakhe. samemeza sathi: baba abrahama, ngihawukele, uthume ulazaru, agcobhoze isihloko somunwe wakhe emanzini, aphozise ulomi lwami, ngokuba ngiyahlushwa kuleli langabi. kepha u-abrahama wathi: ndodana, khumbula ukuba wamukela okuhle kwakho usesukuphileni nolazaru kanjalo bona-ra-ukukhandleka; kodwa manje uyaduduzwa yena lapha, wena uyahlushwa. nangaphezu kwakho konke lokho kubekiwe umhosha omkhulu phakathi kwethu nani ukuba abafuna ukusuka lapha baye kini bangekwenze, nabalapho bangaweleli kithi.

sase sithi: njalo ngiyakucela, baba, ukuba umthumele endlini kababa, ngokuba nginabafowethu abayisihlanu, ukuze afakaze kubo, bangezi nabo kule ndawo yobuhlungu. kepha u-abrahama wathi: banomose nabaprofethi; mabezwe bona. sathi-ke: qha, baba abrahama, kodwa uma kusuka umuntu kwabafileyo, aye kubo, bayakuphenduka. kepha wathi kuso: uma bengalaleli umose nabaprofethi, kabayikuvunyiswa, noma kuvuka umuntu kwabafileyo.

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wayesethi kubafundi bakhe: kungeze kwenzeka ukuba kungaveli izikhubekiso; kodwa maye kulowo ezivela ngaye! kungcono kuye ukuba itshe lokusila ligaxwe entanyeni yakhe, alahlwe elwandle, kunokuba akhubekise abe munye kulaba abancinyane. xwayani nina. uma umfowenu ona, mkhuze; uma ephenduka, mthethelele. noma ekonela kasikhombisa ngosuku, abuyeke kuwe kasikhombisa, ethi: ngiyaphenduka, womthethelela. abaphostoli base bethi enkosini: yandisa ukukholwa kwethu. yayisithi inkosi: uma beninokukholwa okungangenhlamvu yesinaphi, beningasho kulo mthombe: simbuka, utshaleke elwandle, ubuyakunilalela. ngumuphi kini onenceku elimayo nokuba eyalusayo, athi kuyo ibuya endle: sondela masinyane, uhlale phansi, udle? kodwa akayikusho kuyo ukuthi: lungisa engizakukudla, uzibophe, ungiphakele, ngize ngidle, ngiphuze, andukuba udle, uphuze wena, na? uyayibonga yini ineku, ngokuba yenzile ekuyaliweyo na? kunjalo nani, nxa nikwenzile konke enikuyaliweyo, anothi: asizinceku zalutho; sikwenzile nje ebesebanele ukukwenza. kwathi esehamba ukuya ejerusalema, wadabula isamariya negalile. esangena emzaneni othile, kwahlangana naye amadoda ayishumi anochoko, amela kude, aphakamisa izwi, athi: jesu nkosi, sihawukele! kuthe ewabona, wathi kuwo: hambani, niyoziveza kubapristi. kwathi esahamba, ahlanjululwa. enye yawo isibona ukuthi iphulukisiwe, yabuya imdumisa ulezi-ku ngezwi elikhulu, yawa ngobuso ngasezinyaweni zakhe imbonga; yayingumsamariya. kepha ujesu waphendula wathi: akhlanjululwanga abayishumi na? baphi, pho, abayisishiyagalolunye na? abafunyaniswanga yini ababuyela ukumnika ulezi-ku udumo, kuphela lona wezizwe na? wayesethi kuye: sukuma uhambe; ukukholwa kwakho kukusindisile. ebuzwe ngabafarisi ukuthi umbuso kalezi-ku uza-kufika nini, wabaphendula wathi: umbuso kalezi-ku awufiki ubonwa ngamehlo. futhi kabayikusho ukuthi: bhekani, nanku, nokuba, nankuya; ngokuba bhekani, umbuso

kalezi-ku uphakathi kini. wayesethi kubafundi bakhe: kuzakufika izinsuku, lapho nyakufisa ukubona lube lunye lwezinsuku zendodana yomuntu, kepha anyikulubona. bayakuthi kini: bhekani, nansiya; bhekani, nansi; maningayi, ningalandeli. ngokuba njengonyazi, nxa lunyazima kwenye indawo phansi kwezulu, lukhanya luze lufike kwenye indawo phansi kwezulu, yoba njalo indodana yomuntu ngosuku lwayo. kepha kuala imelwe ukuhlupheka ngokuningi, yaliwe yilesi sizukulwane. njengokuba kwenzeka emihleni kanowa, kuyakuba njalo nasemihleni yendodana yomuntu. babedla, bephuzwa, beganwa, bendiswa, kwaze kwafika usuku unowa angena ngalo emkhunjini, kwafika uzamcolo, wababhuhisa bonke. kanjalo njengokuba kwenzeka nasemihleni kaloti, babedla, bephuzwa, bethenga, bethengisa, betshala, bakha; kepha ngosuku uloti aphuma ngalo esodoma lana umlilo nesibabule kuvela ezulwini, kwababhuhisa bonke; kuyakuba njalo ngosuku eyakwambulwa ngalo indodana yomuntu. ngalolo suku oyakuba phezu kwendlu, impahla yakhe isendlini, kangehli ukuyithatha; njalo nosenisini kangabuyeli emuva. khumbulani umkaloti. ofuna ukuzuza ukuphila kwakhe uyakulahlekelwa yikho, kepha olahlekelwa yikho uyakukulondoloza. ngithi kini: ngalobo busuku kuyakuba khona ababili embhedeni mune; omunye uyakuthathwa, omunye ashiywe. kuyakuba khona ababili besila ndawonye; omunye uyakuthathwa, omunye ashiywe. kuyakuba khona ababili ensimini; omunye uyakuthathwa, omunye ashiywe. base bephendula, bethi kuye: kuphi, nkosi? wathi kubo: lapho kukhona isidumbu, kulapho amanje eyakubuthana khona.

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wabalandisa umfanekiso wokuthi bamelwe ukukhuleka njalo, bangadangali. wathi: kukukhona emzini othile umahluleli othile owayengamesabi ulezi-ku, enganaki muntu. kulowo muzi kwakukhona futhi umfeloakazi owayelokhu efika kuye, ethi: ngizwele esitheni sami. kwaba yisikhathi engavumi; kepha ngasemuva wathi phakathi kwakhe: nakuba ngingamesabi ulezi-ku, nginganaki muntu, nokho-ke ngokuba lo mfeloakazi engikhatheza njalo, ngiyakumzwela, funa angizuke ngokufika njalonzalo. yayisithi inkosi: yizwani okushiwo ngumahluleli ongalungile. ulezi-ku kayikubezwela yini abakhethiweyo bakhe abakhala kuye imini nobusuku, ababekezelele, na? ngithi kini: uzakubezwela masinyane. nokho nxa ifika indodana yomuntu, imbala iyakufumana ukukholwa emhlabeni na? wayesekhluma kwabathile ababezethemba ukuthi balungile, bedelela abanye, ebalandisa

lo mfanekiso ngokuthi: abantu ababili benyukela ethempelini beya kukhuleka, omunye engumfarisi, omunye engumthelisi. umfarisi wema wazikhulekela ngokuthi: lezi-ku, ngiyakubonga ngokuba ngingenjengabanye abantu: izigcwelegcwele, abangalungile, iziphingi, nanjengalo mthelisi. ngizila ukudla kabili ngeviki, nginikela okweshumi kukho konke enginakho. kepha umthelisi emi kude wayengafuni nakuphakamisela amehlo akhe ngasezulwini, kodwa washaya isifuba sakhe, ethi: lezi-ku, ngihawukele mina soni. ngithi kini: lo wehlela endlini yakhe elungisiwe kunomunye. ngokuba yilowo nalowo oziphakamisayo uzakuthotshiswa, kodwa ozithobayo uzakuphakanyiswa. baletsha kuye nabantwanyana ukuba abaphathe; kepha abafundi bekubona babakhuza. kodwa ujesu wababizela kuye, wathi: vumelani abantwana beze kimi, ningabangqabeli, ngokuba umbuso kalezi-ku ungowabanjalo. ngiqinisile ngithi kini: yilowo nalowo ongamukeli umbuso kalezi-ku njengomntwana kasoze angena kuwo. umbusi othile wayesebuza ethi: mfundisi omuhle, ngiyakwenzani ukuba ngidle ifa lokuphila okuphakade na? kepha ujesu wathi kuye: ungibizelani ngokuthi ngimuhle na? kakho omuhle, mune kuphela, ulezi-ku. uyayazi imiyalelo ukuthi: ungaphingi, ungabulali, ungebi, ungafakazi amanga, yazisa uyihlo nonyoko. kepha wathi: konke lokho ngikugcinile kwasebusheni bami. ujesu ekuzwa lokho wathi kuye: usalalelwe into inye: thengisa ngakho konke onakho, wabele abampofu, khona uzakuba negugu ezulwini; uze ungilandele. kuthe ekuzwa lokho, wadabuka impela, ngokuba wayenothile kakhulu. ujesu embona wathi: kulukhuni kangakanani kwaba nomnotho ukungena embusweni kalezi-ku. kulula ukuba ikamela lingene ngentunja yosungulo kunokuba onothileyo angene embusweni kalezi-ku. abezwayo base bethi: pho, kungasindiswa bani na? kepha wathi: okungenzeki kubantu kungenzeka kulezi-ku. wayesethi upetru: bheka, thina sishiye okwethu, sakulandela. wathi kubo: ngiqinisile ngithi kini: akukho muntu oshiye indlu, noma umkakhe, noma abafowabo, noma abazali, noma abantwana ngenxa yombuso kalezi-ku, ongayikwamukeliswa okuphindwe kaningi kulesi sikhathi nasenathini ezayo ukuphila okuphakade. wayesebasondeza kuye abayishumi nambili, wathi kubo: bhekani, sikhuphukela ejerusalema; konke okulotshwe ngabaprofethi ngendodana yomuntu kuyakugcwaliseka. ngokuba izakukhashelwa kwabezizwe, iklodelwe, idunyazwe, ikhafulelwe ngamathe, bayishaye, bayibulale; kepha ngosuku lwesithathu izakuvuka. kepha bona kabaqondanga

lutho lwalokho; lelo zwi lalifihlakele kubo, abakuqondanga obekushiwo. kwathi esesondela ejeriko, impumputhe ethile yayihlezi ngasendleleni inxiba. isizwa isixuku sidlula, yabuza ukuthi: kuyini lokhu? base beyitshela ukuthi: kudlula ujesu wasenazaretha. yayisimeza ithi: jesu, ndodana kadavide, ngihawukele! ababehamba phambili bayikhuza ukuba ithule kepha kwayikhona imezeza kakhulu yona, ithi: ndodana kadavide, ngihawukele! wema-ke ujesu, wayala ukuba ilethwe kuye. isisondela, wayibuza wathi: ufuna ukuba ngikwenzeleni na? yathi: nkosi, ukuba ngibone. ujesu wathi kuyo: bona! ukukholwa kwakho kukusindisile. yayisibona khona lapho, yamlandela imdumisa ulezi-ku, nabantu bonke bekubona bamnika ulezi-ku indumiso.

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wangena ejeriko, wadabula khona. bheka, kwakukhona indoda, igama layo linguzakewu, ingumthelisi omkhulu, icebile. yayifuna ukumbona ujesu ukuthi ungubani; yahluleka ngenxa yesixuku, ngokuba yayimfushane. yagijimela phambili, yakhwela emthombeni ukuba imbone, ngokuba ebezakudlula ngakhona. esefikile ujesu kuleyo ndawo wabheka phezulu, wathi kuyo: zakewu, shesha wehla, ngokuba namuhla ngimelwe ukuhlala endlini yakho. washesha wehla, wamamukela ngokuthokoza. kuthe bekubona, bakhonona bonke, bathi: uye kungenisa kwandoda eyisoni. kodwa uzakewu wasukuma, wathi enkosini: bheka, nkosi, ngipha abampofu inxenye yempahla yami; kuthi uma ngimaphucile umuntu into ngamacebo, ngiyibuyisa iphindwe kane. ujesu wathi kuye: namuhla isindiso ifikile kule ndlu, lokhu naye eyindodana ka-abrahama. ngokuba indodana yomuntu ize ukufuna nokusindisa okulahlekileyo. kuthe ukuba bakuzwe lokho, weleka walandisa umfanekiso, ngokuba ebesezuze nejerusalema nangokuba bebethi umbuso kalezi-ku uzakubonakala masinyane. wathike: umuntu othile wohlanga olukhulu waya ezweni elikude eyozithathela umbuso, abuye. wayesebiza izinceku zakhe eziyishumi, wazinika omina abayishumi, wathi kuzo: hwebani ngabo, ngize ngibuye. kepha abantu bomuzi wakhe babemzonda, bathuma amanxusa emva kwakhe, bethi: asithandi ukuba lo abuse phezulu kwethu. kwathi esebuyile ekuthatheni umbuso, wathi azibizelwe kuye lezo zinceku abezinike imali ukuba azi ukuthi yileyo naleyo izuzeni ngokuhweba. yavela-ke eyokuqala, yathi: nkosi, umina wakho uzuze omina abayishumi. wathi kuyo: kuhle-ke, nceku enhle; lokhu ufunyanwe

uthembekile kokuncinyane, uzakubusa phezu kwemizi eyishumi. yafika neyesibili, yathi: umina wakho, nkosi, uzuze omina abayisihlanu. wathi nakuleyo: nawe yiba phezu kwemizi eyisihlanu. kwafika nenye, yathi: nkosi, nangu umina wakho ebengimkhwezile esongwe endwangwini. ngokuba bengikwesaba, lokhu ungumuntu olukhuni; uthabatha ongakubekanga, uvuna ongakuhlwaneyelanga. wathi kuyo: ngizakwahlulela ngomlomo wakho wena nceku embi. ubuwazi ukuba ngingumuntu olukhuni, ngithabatha engingakubekanga, ngivuna engingakuhlwaneyelanga; awufakanga ngani imali yami ebhange, mina-ke ekufikeni kwami ngabe ngiyibizile kanye nenzalo, na? wayesethi kwababemi khona: maphuceni umina, nimnike onawomina abayishumi. kepha bathi kuye: nkosi, unawomina abayishumi. ngithi kini: yilowo nalowo onakho uyakuphiwa, kepha ongenakho uyakwaphucwa nalokho anakho. kodwa lezo zitha zami ezazingathandi ukuba ngibuse phezu kwazo, ziletheni lapha, nizibulale phambi kwami. eseshilo lokho waqhubekela phambili, wakhuphukela ejerusalema. kwathi esondela ebetfage nasebethaniya ngasentabeni ethiwa eyeminqumo, wathuma ababili kubafundi bakhe, ethi: hambani niye emzaneni obhekene nani, nothi ukuba ningene kuwo, nizakufumana ithole lembongolo likhulekiwe, okungazange kuhlale muntu kulo; lithukululeni, nililethe. uma umuntu enibuza ethi: nilithukululelani na? anothi: inkosi iyalidinga. ababethuniwe bahamba-ke, bafumana kunjengokusho kwakhe kubo. kuthe besalithukulula ithole, abaninilo bathi kubo: nilithukululelani ithole na? bathi: inkosi iyalidinga. base beliletha kujesu; babeka izingubo zabo phezu kwethole, bamkhwelisa ujesu. esahamba, babendala izingubo zabo endleleni. esesondela ekwehleleni kwentaba yeminqumo, isixuku sonke sabafundi saqala ukuthokoza nokumdumisa ulezi-ku ngezwi elikhulu ngemisebenzi yonke yamandla esiyibonileyo, sithi: ubusisiwe umbusi ozayo egameni lenkosi, ukuthula ezulwini nenkazimulo kweliphezulu! abanye babafaris besesixukwini bathi kuye: mfundisi, bakhuze abafundi bakho. waphendula wathi: ngithi kini: uma bethula laba, amatshe azakumemeza. kwathi esondela, ewubona umuzi, wawukhalela. wathi: sengathi nga wazi nawe ngalolu suku okokuthula. kepha kalokhu kufihlakele emehlweni akho. ngokuba uyakufikelwa yizinsuku, lapho izitha ziyakukukaka ngodonga lwempi, zikuhake, zikuvimbezele nxazonke, zikuwise phansi, wena nabantwana abakuwe, zingashiya itshe phezu kwetshe phakathi kwakho, ngokuba ungasazanga isikhathi sokuhanjelwa kwakho.

wangena ethempelini, waqala ukuxosha abathengisayo, wathi kubo: kulotshiwe ukuthi: indlu yami iyakuba yindlu yokukhuleka, kepha nina niyenze umhume wabaphangi. wayefundisa ethempelini imihla ngemihla. kepha abapristi abakhulu, nababhali, nezikhulu zabantu bafuna ukumbulala. kodwa babengatholi ukuthi bangenzeni, ngokuba abantu bonke babebambelela kuye bemuzwa.

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kwathi ngolunye lwezinsuku lezo esafundisa abantu ethempelini, eshumayela ivangeli, abapristi abakhulu nababhali bekanye namalunga bamvukela. bakhuluma, bathi kuye: sitshele ukuthi lokhu ukwenza ngakunina lini, nokuba ngubani okunike leli gunya na? waphendula, wathi kubo: nami ngizakunibuza izwi, nize ningitshale. ukubhaphathisa kukajohane kwavela ezulwini noma kubantu na? bazindlisana bodwa, bathi: uma sithi: ezulwini, uzakuthi: anikholwanga nguye ngani na? kepha uma sithi: kubantu, abantu bonke bazakusikhanda ngamatshe, ngokuba bakholiwe ukuthi uJohane ungumprofethi. base bephendula ukuthi abazi lapho evela khona. uJesu wayesethi kubo: nami-ke anginitsheli ukuthi ngenza lokhu ngakunina lini. wayeseqala ukulandisa lo mfanekiso, ethi kubantu: umuntu wathala isivini, wasiqashisa kubalimi, waya kwelinye izwe isikhathi eside. ngenkathi efaneleyo wayesethumela inceku kubalimi ukuba bamnike ezithelweni zesivini; kepha abalimi bayishaya, bayimukisa ze. waphinda wathuma enye inceku; naleyo bayishaya, bayidumaza, bayimukisa ze. wayesephinda ethuma neyesithathu; nalena bayilimaza, bayiphonsa ngaphandle. khona wathi umnisisivini: ngizakwenze njani na? ngizakuthuma indodana yami ethandekayo; mhlawumbe lena bazakuyazisa. kepha abalimi beyibona bakhulumisana bathi: lo uyindlalifa; masiyibulale ukuba ifa libe ngelethu. bayiphonsa ngaphandle kwesivini, bayibulala; ngakho-ke umnisisivini uzakwenze njani kubo na? uzakuba, ababhubhise labo balimi, isivini asinike abanye. bekuzwa bathi: qha, makungabi njalo. kepha wababheka, wathi: yini, pho, lokhu okulotshiweyo ukuthi: itshe abalingqabayo abakhi lona laba yinhloko yegumbi? yilowo nalowo owayo phezu kwalelo tshe uyakuphohlozwa, kepha lowo eliyakuwela phezu kwakhe liyakumcolisa. ababhali nabapristi bafuna ukumbamba khona lapho, kepha besaba abantu, ngokuba bazi ukuthi uwukhulumile lo mfanekiso ngabo. bamqaphela, bathuma izinhlozi ezizishaya abalungileyo ukuba bamhile ngezwi lakhe, baze bamkhaphela emandleni nasegunyeni lombusi wezwe. bambuza-ke bathi:

mfundisi, siyazi ukuthi ukhuluma, ufundisa ngokuqondileyo, awukhethi buso bamuntu, kepha ufundisa indlela kalezi-ku ngokuqiniseleyo. sivunyelwe ukuthela kukesari noma qha? kepha eqonda ubuqili babo wathi kubo: ngiboniseni udenariyu; unomfanekiso nombhalo kabani? bathi: okakesari. wayesethi kubo: ngakho-ke nikani ukesari okukakesari nolezi-ku okukalezi-ku. abaze baba namandla ukumhila ngezwi lakhe phambi kwabantu; bamangala ngokuphendula kwakhe, bathula. kwase kufika kuye abathile babasadusi abathi akukho ukuvuka kwabafileyo; bambuza bathi: mfundisi, umose wasilobela ukuthi, uma kufa umfowabo womuntu enomfazi kepha engenamntwana, umfowabo makamthathe umkakhe, amvusele umfowabo inzalo. kwakukhona izelamane eziyisikhombisa; owokuqala wathatha umfazi; wafa engenamntwana, nowesibili; nowesithathu wamthatha; kanjalo-ke abayisikhombisa; bafa bengashiyanga bantwana. ukugcina wafa nomfazi. ngakho-ke ekuvukeni owesifazane uyakuba ngumfazi wamuphi kubo, lokhu abayisikhombisa babe naye engumkabo. uJesu wathi kubo: abantwana bale nkathi bayaganwa, bayendiswa. kepha labo abazakuthiwa bafanele ukufinyelela kuleyo nkathi nasekuvukeni kwabafileyo kabaganwa, kabendiswa; ngokuba bangebuye bafe, banjengezingelosi; bangabantwana bakalezi-ku bengabantwana bokuvuka. kepha ukuthi bayavuswa abafileyo, nomose wakubonakalisa esihlahleni, lapho eyibiza inkosi ngokuthi ulezi-ku ka-abrahama, nolezi-ku ka-isaka, nolezi-ku ka-jakobe. ulezi-ku kasiye owabafileyo kodwa owabaphilayo, ngokuba bonke baphila kuye. abathile bababhali baphendula bathi: mfundisi, ukhulume kahle. ngokuba babengasenasibindi sokumbuza lutho. wayesethi kubo: basho kanjani ukuthi ukristu uyindodana kadavide na? lokhu udavide uqobo uthi encwadini yamahubo: inkosi yathi enkosini yami: hlala ngakwesokunene sami, ngize ngibeke izitha zakho zibe yisenabelo sezinyawo zakho. ngakho udavide umbiza ngokuthi inkosi; pho, uyindodana yakhe kanjani na? besalalele abantu bonke, wathi kubafundi bakhe: xwayani ababhali abafuna ukuhamba bembethe izingubo ezinde, bethanda ukubingelelwa ezigawini nokuhlala phambili emasingogeni nasezindaweni ezingenhla ekudleni, abadla izindlu zabafelokazi, bekhuleka isikhathi eside ngokuzenzisa; laba bayakwamukeliswa ukulahlwa okukhulu.

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kwathi ebheka, wabona abacebileyo bebeka iminikelo yabo emphongolweni womnikelo.

wabona nomfelokazi othile ompofu ebeka khona amafadingi amabili; wathi: ngiqin-isile ngithi kini: lo mfelokazi ompofu ubeke okuningi kunabo bonke. ngokuba bonke laba babeka eminkelweni kokuchichim-ileyo kwabo, kepha yena ebumpofini bakhe ubeke konke abephila ngakho. besakhuluma abanye ngethempeli ukuthi lihlotsiswe ngamatshe amahle nangezipho, wathi kubo: kuyakufika izinsuku, lapho kungayikushiya kulokhu enikubonayo itshe phezu kwetshe elingayikudilizelwa phansi. base bembuza bethi: mfundisi, lokhu kuyakuba nini na? nesibonakaliso siyakuba yini, lapho sekuyakwenzeka lokhu, na? wathi: qaphelani ningadukiswa, ngokuba kuyakuza abanengi ngegama lami, bathi: nginguye; bathi futhi: isikhathi sesisondele; maningabalandeli. nxa nizwa ngezimpi neziyaluyalu, ningethuki, ngokuba kumelwe ukuba kwenzeke lokho kuqala, kepha ukuphela akukabikho masinyane. khona wathi kubo: isizwe siyakuvukela isizwe, nombuso uvukele umbuso; kuyakuba khona ukuzamazama okukhulu komhlaba, nobhici, nendlala izindawo ngezindawo, kube khona izinto ezesabekayo nezi-bonakaliso ezinkulu ezivela ezulwini. kepha ngaphambi kwakho konke lokho bayakunibamba, banizingele, banikhaphele emasinagogeni nasematilongweni, baniyise phambi kwamakhosi nababusi ngenxa yegama lami. kuyakunehlela kube ngub-ufakazi. ngakho kugcineni ezinhliziyweni zenu ukuba ningazindli ngaphambili eniyakuziphendulela ngakho; ngokuba mina ngiyakuninika umlomo nokuhlakanipha abangamelane nakho, bakuphike, bonke abayimpi kini. yebo, niyakukhashelwa nangabazali, nabafowenu, nezihlobo, na-bangane; abanye benu bayakubulawa yibo. niyakuzondwa yibo bonke ngenxa yegama lami. akuyikulahleka nalunwele lwekhanda lenu. ngokukhuthazela kwenu niyakuzuza imiphefumulo yenu. kepha nxa nibona ijerusalema lihaqiwe yizimpi, yazini ukuthi sekusondele ukuchithwa kwalo. khona abasejudiya mababalekele ezintabeni, abaphakathi kwalo baphume, abasemaphandleni bangangeni kulo. ngokuba lezi ziyizinsuku zempindiselo ukuba kugcwaliseke konke okulotshiweyo. maye kwabakhulelweyo nabancelisayo ngalezo zinsuku! ngokuba kuyakuba khona ukuhlupheka okukhulu emhlabeni nen-tukuthelo phezu kwalesi sizwe. bayakuwa bedliwa yinkemba, bathunjelwe ezizweni zonke; ijerusalema liyakunyathelwa phansi ngabezizwe, kuze kugcwaliseke izikhathi zabezizwe. kuyakuba khona izibonakaliso elangeni nasenyangeni nasezhinkanyezini; nasemhlabeni usizi luyakwehla izizwe, zizakeke ngokuduma kolwandle namaza,

abantu baphele amandla ngokwesaba nangokubheka okuvelela umhlaba ngokuba amandla ezulu ayakunyakaziswa. khona bayakuyibona indodana yomuntu iza efwini, inamandla nenkazimulo enkulu. kepha nxa kuqala ukuvela lokho, lulamani, niphakamise amakhanda enu, ngokuba kusondele ukukhululwa kwenu. waba-landisa umfanekiso wokuthi: bhekani umkhiwane nemithi yonke. nxa isihluma, niyabona, nazi ngokwenu ukuthi ihlobo seliseduze. kanjalo nani, nxa nibona lezo zinto zenzeka, yazini ukuthi umbuso kalezi-ku useduze. ngiqinisele ngithi kini: lesi sizukulwane asiyikudlula, kungakenzeki konke. kuyakudlula izulu nomhlaba, kepha amazwi ami awasoze adlula. xwayani ukuba izinhliziyi zenu zingasindwa nguku-minza nokudakwa nokunaka okwalokhu kuphila, lunizume lolo suku ningazelele, ngokuba luyakufika njengogibe phezu kwabo bonke abahlezi emhlabeni wonke. ngakho lindani ngesikhathi sonke, nikhuleke ukuba nibe namandla okuphepha kukho konke lokhu okuyakwenzeka nawokuma phambi kwendodana yomuntu. njalo wayefundisa ethempelini emini, kepha kusihlwa wayephuma ayokulala entabeni ethiwa eyeminqumo. ekuseni abantu bonke beza kuye ethempelini ukumuzwa.

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kwasondela umkhosi wesinkwa esinge-namvubelo othiwa iphasika. abapristi abakhulu nababhali bafuna ukuba bangam-bulala kanjani; ngokuba babesaba abantu. kepha usathane wangena kujuda othiwa u-iskariyotho engowabayishumi nambili. wasuka wakhuluma nabapristi abakhulu nezinduna ngokuthi angamkhaphela kan-jani kubo. bathokoza, bavumelana naye ukumnika imali. wavuma-ke, waze wafuna ithuba lokumkhaphela kubo, singekho isixuku. lwase lufika usuku lwesinkwa esin-genamvubelo okumelwe ukuba kuhlatshe ngalo iphasika. wathuma opetru nojo-hane, wathi: hambani niye ukusilungise-la iphasika ukuba sidle. bathi kuye: uthanda ukuba sikulungiselephi na? wathi kubo: bhekani, seningene emzini niyakuhlangani nomuntu othwele imbiza yamanzi; mlande- leni, niye endlini angena kuyo, nize nithi kumninindlu: uthi umfundisi kuwe: liphi ikamelo lokungenisa, lapho ngingadlala khona iphasika nabafundi bami, na? lowo-ke uzakunikhombisa ikamelo elikhulu eliphezulu, elendlelweyo; lungiselani lapho. basuka, bafumana kunjengokusho kwakhe kubo; base belungisa iphasika. kwathi ukuba kufike isikhathi, wahlala phansi, nabaphostoli kanye naye. wayesethi kubo: nginxanele nokunxanela ukudla nani

leli phasika ngingakahlupheki. ngokuba ngithi kini: angisayikulidla ngempela lize ligcwaliseke embusweni kalezi-ku. wamukela isitsha, wabonga wathi: thabathani lokhu, nabelane; ngokuba ngithi kini kusukela manje angisayikuphuza okwesithelo somvini, uze ufike umbuso kalezi-ku. wayesethabatha isinkwa, wabonga, wasihlephula, wabanika, wathi: lokhu kungumzimba wami onikelwa nina; yenzani lokhu ukuba ningikhumbule. kanjalo-ke nesitsha emva kokudla, ethi: lesi sitsha siyisivumelwano esisha egazini lami elithululelwa nina. kepha bhekani, isandla songikhaphelayo sinami etafuleni. ngokuba indodana yomuntu isihamba njengokumisiweyo, kepha maye kulowo muntu ekhashelwa ngaye! base beqala ukubuzana bodwa ukuthi kungase kube ngubani kubo ozakukwenza lokho. kwavela nokuphikisana phakathi kwabo kokuthi ngumuphi kubo ongathiwa omkhulu. wayesethi kubo: ababusi bezizwe bazenza amakhosi phezu kwazo, neziphathimandla zazo zithiwa abazenzela okuhle. kepha nina aninjalo; kodwa omkhulu kini makabe njengomncinyane, nobusayo makabe njengokhonzayo. ngokuba ngumuphi omkhulu, ohlezi ekudleni noma okhonzayo, na? akusiye ohlezi ekudleni na? kepha mina ngiphakathi kweni njengokhonzayo. nina-ke ningababekhuthazela nami ekulingweni kwami; nanjengokuba ubaba engimisele umbuso, nami nginimisele wona ukuba nidle, niphuze etafuleni lami embusweni wami; niyakuhlala ezihlalweni zobukhosi, nahlulele izizwe eziyishumi nambili zakwa-israyeli. simoni, simoni, bheka, usathane unifunile ukuba anihlunga njengokolweni; kepha mina ngikunxusele ukuba ukukholwa kwakho kungapheli; wena-ke, nxa usuphendukile, uqinise abafowenu. wathi kuye: nkosi, ngilungele ukuya nawe nasetilongweni nasekufeni. wayesethi: ngiyakutshela, petru, ukuthi iqhude aliyikukhala namhlanje, ungakangiphiki kathathu ukuthi awungazi. wathi kubo: mhla nginithuma ningenasikhwama, nayika, nazicathulo, naswela utho na? bathi: lutho. wayesethi kubo: kepha manje onesikhwama kasithathe, neyika futhi; osweleyo kathengise ngengubo yakhe, athenge inkemba. ngokuba ngithi kini: kumelwe ukugcwaliseka kimi lokho okulotshiweyo kokuthi: wabalwa kanye nezelelesi; ngokuba okuqondene nami sekuyaphelela. base bethi: nkosi, bheka, nazi izinkemba ezimbili. wathi kubo: kwanele. wayesephuma, waya entabeni yeminqumo njengomkhuba wakhe, nabafundi bakhe bamlandela. esefikile endaweni wathi kubo: khulekani ukuba ningangeni ekulingweni. wamonyuka kubo kungathi ibanga lokuphonsa itshe, waguqa phansi, wakhuleka, wathi: baba,

uma uthanda, susa lesi sitsha kimi; nokho makungenziwa intando yami kodwa eyakho. kwabonakala kuye ingelosi ivela ezulwini, imqinisa. esosizini olunzima wakhuleka eqinisele, izithukuthuku zakhe zaba njengamathonsi egazi, aconsela emhlabathini. esesukume ekukhulekeni weza kubafundi bakhe, wabafumana belele ngokudabuka. wathi kubo: nilaleleni na? vukani nikhuleke ukuba ningangeni ekulingweni. esakhuluma, bheka, kwafika isixuku; naye othiwa ujuda, omunye wabayishumi nambili, wayehamba phambi kwabo, wasondela kujesu ukumanga. kepha ujesu wathi kuye: juda, uyayikhaphela indodana yomuntu ngokuyanga na? kuthe ababengakuye sebebona okuzakwenzeka, bathi: nkosi, sigadle ngenkemba na? omunye othile kubo wayigadla inceku yompristi omkhulu, wayinquma indlebe yokunene. kepha ujesu wathatha wathi: musani; sekwanele. wayiphatha indlebe, wayipholisa. wathi ujesu kubapristi abakhulu, nezinduna zethempeli, namalunga ababeze kuye: niphumile kungathi nize kumphangi niphethe izinkemba nezinduku. benginani imihla ngemihla ethempelini, anelulanga zandla kimi; kepha lokhu kuyihora lenu namandla obumnyama. base bembamba, bamuka naye, bamusa endlini yompristi omkhulu. upetru walandela ekude. sebebasi le umlilo phakathi egcekeni bahlala phansi ndawonye; upetru wahlala phakathi kwabo. intombazana ethile, imbona ehlezi ngasemlilweni, yamgqolozela yathi: nalona ube naye. kepha waphika, wathi: sifazane, angimazi. emva kwesikhashana omunye wambona, wathi: nawe ungomunye wabo. kepha upetru wathi: muntundini, angisiye. sekudlulile okungathi ihora linye, omunye umuntu waqinisa wathi: impela nalona ube naye, ngokuba futhi ungowasegalile. kepha upetru wathi: muntundini, angikwazi ukuthi uthini. masinyane esakhuluma, lakhala iqhude. inkosi yayisiphenduka, yambheka upetru. upetru walikhumbula izwi lenkosi, njengokuba ithe kuye: iqhude lingakakhali namhlanje, uzakungiphika kathathu. waphumela phandle, wakhala kamunyu. amadoda abembambile ujesu ambhinqa emshaya. amamboza ubuso, ambuza ethi: profetha ukuthi ngubani okushayileyo na? nokunye okuningi akukhuluma kuye emthuka. kwathi sekusile, kwabuthana amalunga abantu nabapristi abakhulu nababhali, bamyisa emphakathini wabo, bathi: uma ungukristu, sitshele. wathi kubo: uma nginitshela, anisoze nakholwa; noma ngibuza, anisoze naphendula. kepha kusukela manje indodana yomuntu izakuhlala ngakwesokunene samandla kalezi-ku. base bethi bonke: kanti uyindodana kalezi-ku na? wathi kubo: nisho khona, ngokuba



ngiyiyo. bathi: pho, sisaswele bufakazi na? ngokuba sesizwile uqobo lwethu ngomlomo wakhe.

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kwase kusuka uquqaba lonke, lwamyisa kupilatu. baqala ukumthwesa icala, bathi: simfumene lo edukisa isizwe sakithi, enqaba ukuba kuthelwe imali kukesari, ethi nguye ongukristu inkosi. upilatu wambuza wathi: wena uyinkosi yabajuda na? wamphen-dula wathi: usho khona. wayesethi upilatu kubapristi abakhulu nakuzo izixuku: angifu-mani cala kulo muntu. kwayikhona beqinisa kakhulu, bethi: uvusa abantu efundisa kulo lonke lasejudiya, egalile kwelasegalile, waze wafika lapha. upilatu esezwa lokho wabuza ukuba lowo muntu ungowasegalile yini. esethole ukwazi ukuthi ungowesifunda sika-herode, wamthumela kuherode owayekhona naye ejerusalem ngalezo zinsuku. kwathi uherode embona ujesu, wathokoza kakhulu, ngokuba kwase kukade efuna ukumbona, lokhu ebezwele ngaye; wayethemba ukuthi uzakubona isibonakaliso esithile senziwa nguye. wambuza ngamazwi amaningi, kepha yena kamphendulanga ngalutho. abapristi abakhulu nababhali babemi bemmangalela kakhulu. kepha uherode namabutho akhe bameyisa, bambhinqa, baze bamembathisa ingubo ecwebazelayo, bambuyisela kupilatu. ngalolo suku opi-latu noherode baba ngabahlobo; ngokuba ngaphambili kwakukhona ubutha phakathi kwabo. upilatu wabizela ndawonye abapristi abakhulu nababusi nabantu, wathi kubo: nilethe kimi lo muntu ngokuthi ungoduk-isa abantu. bhekani, mina ngimhlolile phambi kwenu, kepha angifumananga cala lalezo zinto enimmangalela ngazo; kunjalo noherode futhi ngokuba umbuyisele kithi; bheka-ke, akenzanga lutho afanele ukufa ngalo. ngakho-ke ngiyakumshaya, ngimkhulule. ubemwela phela ukubakhu-lulela abe munye ngomkhosi. kepha bamemeza kanyekanye, bathi: susa lo, usikhululele ubaraba, yena owayefakwe etilongweni ngenxa yesiyaluyalu esithile esasenzeka emzini, nangenxa yokubulala. upilatu wabuye wakhuluma kubo efuna ukumkhulula ujesu; kodwa bamemeza bathi: mbethele, mbethele esiphambanweni! wayesethi kubo ngokwesithathu: kanti lo wenze bubi buni na? angifumananga kuye icala lokufa; ngakho ngiyakumshaya, ngimkhulule. kepha bamcindezela ngokumemeza okukhulu befuna ukuba abethelwe. ukumemeza kwabo kwanqoba. wayesenquma upilatu ngokuthi akwenziwe abakufunayo. wayesemkhulula owayefakwe etilongweni ngenxa yesiyaluyalu nokubulala, ababemcela, kepha wamnikela ujesu kubo

njengokuthanda kwabo. kwathi bemuka naye, babamba usimoni wasekhurene evela endle, bamthwesa isiphambano ukuba asithwale emva kukajesu. kwamlandela isixuku esikhulu sabantu, kukhona nabesi-fazane ababemkhalela, bemlilela. kepha ujesu ephendukela kubo wathi: madodakazi asejerusalem, ningangikholeli mina, kodwa zikhaleleni nina nabantwana benu. ngokuba bhekani, kuyeza izinsuku abayakusho ngazo ukuthi: zibusiwe izinyumba nezizalo ezingazalanga namabele angancelisanga. khona bayakuqala ukuthi ezintabeni: welani phezu kwethu, nasemagangeni: sisibekeleni. ngokuba uma benza lokho emthini oluhlaza, kuyakwenziwani kowom-ileyo. kwakukhona nabanye, izelelesi ezimbili, abayiswa ukuba babulawe kanye naye. sebefikile endaweni ethiwa ikhanda bambethela khona nazo izelelesi, esinye ngakwesokunene nesinye ngakwesokhohlo. kepha ujesu wathi: baba, bathethelele, ngokuba abakwazi abakwenzayo. babelana izingubo zakhe, benzelana inkatho. abantu bema, bebukela; nababusi bamkholodela bathi: wasindisa abanye; kaziisindise yena, uma engukristu okhethiweyo kalezi-ku. namabutho ambhinqa, eza kuye, amnika uviniga, ethi: uma uyinkosi yabajuda, zisindise. kwakukhona nombhalo phezu kwakhe othi: lo yinkosi yabajuda. njalo esinye sezelelesi ebeziphanyekiwe samh-lambalaza sathi: wena awusiye ukristu na? zisindise kanye nathi. sase siphendula esinye, sasithethisa sathi: nawe awumesabi ulezi-ku, ingani ukulokhu kulahlwa nawe na? thina kambe ngokufaneleyo, ngokuba samukela okulingene nesikwenzile; kepha lo akenzanga lutho olubi. sase sithi: jesu, ngikhumbule, nxa usufike embusweni wakho. wathi kuso: ngiqinisele ngithi kuwe: namuhla uzakuba nami eparadisi. kungaba yihora lesithupha kwase kuba manyama emhlabeni wonke, kwaze kwaba yihora lesishiyagalolunye; kwafiphala ilanga, isih-enqo sethempeli sadabuka phakathi. ujesu wamemeza ngezwi elikhulu, wathi: baba, ezandleni zakho ngiyawubeka umoya wami. eseshilo lokho wafa. induna yekhu ibone okwenzekileyo yamdumisa ulezi-ku, yathi: nempela lowo muntu ube ngolungileyo. zonke izixuku ezazibuthanele ukubukela lokho sezibonile okwenzekileyo, zabuyela emuva, zishaya izifuba zazo. bonke abazana naye nabesifazane ababemlandela bevela egalile bema kude, bebuka lezo zinto. bheka-ke, kwakukhona indoda, igama layo ngu-josefa, eyilungu lomphakathi, indoda enhle nelungileyo yona yayingavumanga icebo nesenzo sabo eyase-arimathey a umuzi wabajuda, eyayibheke umbuso kalezi-ku; yona yaya kupilatu, yacela isidumbu sikajesu. yasehlisa, yasisonga

ngendwangu enhle, yasibeka ethuneni elaliqoshwe edwaleni, lapho kungakabekwa muntu khona. kwakulusuku lokulungisela; isabatha lase lizakuqala. abesifazane abeza naye bevela egalile balandela, balibona ithuna nokubekwa kwesidumbu sakhe. base bebuyela emuva, balungisa amakha namafutha; kepha ngesabatha baphumula njengokomthetho.

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kepha ngosuku lokuqala lweviki, kuntwela ngenzansi, bafika ethuneni bephethe amakha ababewalungisile. bafumana itshe lingiqiwe ethuneni. kuthe bengena, abasifumananga isidumbu senkosi ujesu. kwathi besasambathekile yilokho, bheka, nanko amadoda amabili emi ngakubo, enezingubo ezicwebezelayo. besesaba bekhohamelaphansi ngobuso, athi kubo: nifunelani ophila? kwabafileyo na? kakho lapha, kepha uvukile; khumbulani ukukhuluma kwakhe kini esesegalile, ethi: indodana yomuntu imelwe ukukhashelwa ezandleni zabantu abayizoni, ibethelwe, ivuke ngosuku lwe-sithathu. bawakhumbula-ke amazwi akhe. base bebuya ethuneni, babika konke lokho kwabayishumi nanye nakubo bonke abanye. kwakungomariya magdalena, nojowana, nomariya unina kajakobe; nabanye ababe kanye nabo babatshela abaphostoli lokho. kepha lawo mazwi aba njengokukhuluma okuyize kubo, kabaze bakhulwa yibo. khona upetru wasuka, wagijimela ethuneni, wakhothama, wabona izindwangu zizodwa; wamuka, waya ekhaya emangele ngokwenzekileyo. bheka-ke, ababili babo babehamba ngalona lolo suku, beya emzaneni othiwa i-emawuse, ukude nejerusalema amastadiyu angamashumi ayisithupha. babekhulumisana omunye nomunye ngazo zonke lezo zinto ezehlakeleyo. kwathi besakhuluma bebuzana, ujesu uqobo wasondela, wahambisana nabo. kepha amehlo abo abebambekile ukuba bangamazi. wathi kubo: zindaba zini lezi enikhuluma ngazo omunye nomunye nihamba na? base bema benyukumele. omunye, ngukleyophase igama lakhe, waphendula, wathi kuye: wena uyisihambi ejerusalem, ungyedwa ongazazi izinto ezenzekileyo khona ngalezi zinsuku na? wayesethi kubo: zinto zini na? bathi kuye: ngojesu wasenazareth obengumprofethi onamandla ngesenzo nangezwi phambi kukalezi-ku nabantu bonke, ukuthi abapristi abakhulu nababusi bethu bamkhaphela ukunqunyelwa ukufa, baze bambethela esiphambanweni. thina-ke besethemba ukuthi nguye ozakuhlenga u-israyeli; kodwa phezu kwalokho konke sekulusuku lwesithathu lezo zinto zenzekile. futhi nabesifazane abathile bakithi

basethusile, ababeyile ethuneni ekuseni; kuthe bengasifumani isidumbu sakhe, bafika bathi babone nombono wezingelosi ezithi uyaphila. nabathile babakithi baya ethuneni, bakufumana kunjalo njengokuba beshilo abesifazane, kodwa yena uqobo abambonanga. wayesethi kubo: o nina eningaqondiyi nenilibele enhliziyweni ukukholwa yikho konke abakushilo abaprofethi! ukristu ubangelwe yini ukuhlupheka ngalokho, aze angene enkazimulweni yakhe na? wayesethathela kumose nakubaprofethi bonke, wabachasisela emibhalweni okuqondene naye. base besondela emzaneni ababeya kuwo yena washaya sengathi udlulela phambili. bamcengisisa bathi: hlala nathi, ngokuba sekuzakuhlwa, nemini isiyadlula. wangena wahlala nabo. kwathi esehlezi nabo ekudleni, wathabatha isinkwa, wabonga, wasihlephula, wabanika. amehlo abo ayesevuleka, bamazi; wayesenyamalala kubo. bathi omunye komunye: inhliziyo yethu ibingavuthi yini phakathi kwethu, lapho ekhuluma kithi endleleni, nalapho esivulela imibhalo, na? base besuka ngasona leso sikhathi, baphindela ejerusalem, bafumana abayishumi nanye nababe nabo behlangene ndawonye, bethi: impela inkosi ivukile, ibonakele kusimoni. base belanda nabo okwenzekileyo endleleni, nokuthi yaziwa kanjani yibo ekuhlephuleni isinkwa. besakhuluma lokho, yena uqobo wema phakathi kwabo, wathi kubo: ukuthula makube kinina. kepha bashaywa luvalo, besaba bethi babona ithongo. wayesethi kubo: nikhathazekeleni na? kuvelelani imizindlo ezinhliziyweni zenu na? bhekani izandla zami nezinyawo zami ukuthi yimina uqobo; ngiphatheni, nibone, ngokuba ithongo alinanyama namathambo, njengokuba ningibona nginakho. esekushilo lokho wababonisa izandla nezinyawo. kepha bengakakhulwa ngenxa yentokozo bemangala, wathi kubo: ninakho ukudla lapha na? bamnika iqatha lenhlanzi eyosiweyo neqa lezinyosi. wakuthatha, wadla phambi kwabo. wayesethi kubo: yiwo lawo mazwi ami engawakhuluma kini ngisenani okuthi: kumelwe ukugcwaliseka konke okulotshwe ngami emthethweni kamose, nakubaprofethi nasemahutsheni. khona wayesevula ingqondo yabo, ukuze baqonde imibhalo. wathi kubo: kulotshiwe kanje ukuthi uzakuhlupheka ukristu, avuke kwabafileyo ngosuku lwesithathu, kushunyayelwe egameni lakhe ukuphenduka, kube ngukuthethelwa kwezono ezizweni zonke, kuqalwe ejerusalem. nina-ke ningofakazi balezi zinto. bhekani, ngiyathumela kini isithembiso sikababa; kepha hlalani emzini, nize nembathiswe amandla avela phezulu. wabahola, baze bafika ngasebethaninya, waphakamisa izandla zakhe, wababusisa.

kwathi esababusisa, wahlukana nabo,  
wenyuselwa ezulwini. bakhuleka kuye,  
baphindela ejerusalema benokuthokoza  
okukhulu. babekhona ethempelini njalo  
bemdumisa ulezi-ku.

incwadi yokuqala ngayiloba, theyofilu, ngakho konke ujesu aqala ukukwenza nokufundisa, kwaze kwaba lusuku akhushulwa ngalo, esebayalile ngomoya ongwele abaphostoli ayebakhethile; waziveza kubo ephilile emva kokuhlopheka kwake ngobufakazi obuningi, wabonwa yibo izinsuku ezingamashumi amane ekhuluma ngezombuso kalezi-ku; kwathi ehlangene nabo, wabayala ngokuthi: ningamuki ejerusalem, kodwa nihlalele isithembiso sikayise enasizwa ngami. ngokuba ujhane wayebhaphathiza ngamanzi, kepha nina nizakubhaphathizwa ngomoya ongwele kungakadluli izinsuku eziningi. khona labo ababebuthene bam-buza bathi: nkosi, usawubuyisela umbuso ku-israyeli ngalesi sikhathi na? wathi kubo: akusikho okwenu ukwazi izikhathi noma imizuzu ubaba akumisele ngamandla akhe; kodwa nizakwamukeliswa amandla, umoya ongwele esefikile phezu kwenu, nibe ngofakazi bami ejerusalem, nasejudiya lonke, nasesamariya kuze kube sekugcineni komhlaba. kwathi eseshilo lokho, wakhushulwa bebuka; ifu lamsusa emehlweni abo. bathi besagqolozela ezulwini emuka, bheka, amadoda amabili ayemi kubo, embethe izingubo ezimhlophe, athi: madoda asegalile, nimeleni nibheka ezulwini na? ujesu lo, osuswe kini enyuselwa ezulwini, uyakuza kanjalo, njengalokho nimbonile eya ezulwini. khona babuyela ejerusalem bevela entabeni ethiwa eyeminqumo eseduze nejerusalem, ibanga lohambo lwesabatha. kwathi seengenile, benyukela ekamelweni eliphezulu, lapho bebehla khona: opetru, nojohane, nojakobe, no-andreya, nofilipu, notomase, nobartolomewu, nomathewu, nojakobe ka-alfewu, nosimoni umzelotho, nojuda kajakobe. bonke laba baqinisele nganhliziyo ekekukhulekeni kanye nabesifazane, nomariya unina kajesu, nabafowabo. ngaleyo mihla upetru wasukuma phakathi kwabazalwane, isixuku sabantu esasikhona ndawonye kwakungathi ikhulu namashumi amabili, wathi: madoda, bazalwane, kwakumelwe ukuba kugcwaliseke umbhalo umoya ongwele awukhulumayo ngaphambili ngomlomo kadavide ngojuda owayengumholi kulabo ababamba ujesu, ngokuba wayebalwe kanye nathi, wathola isabelo kule nkonz. lowo-ke wazuza insimu ngomvuzo wokungalungi, wawa ngekhanda, waqhuma phakathi, nezibilini zakhe zonke zachitheka; kwaziwa yibo bonke abakhileyo ejerusalem, yaze yaqanjwa leyo nsimu ngolimi lwakubo ngokuthi i-akeldama, okungokuthi insimu yegazi. ngokuba kulotshiwe encwadini yamahubo ukuthi: umuzi wakhe mawube

yihlane, kungabikho ohlala kuwo, nokuthi: isikhundla sakhe asithathwe ngomunye. ngakho kulawo madoda ayeamba nathi isikhathi sonke, lapho inkosi ujesu ingena, iphuma phakathi kwethu, kuqalela embhaphathizweni kajohane kwaze kwaba lusuku akhushulwa ngalo kithi, kumelwe ukuba enye kuwo ibe ngufakazi kanye nathi ngokuvuka kwakhe. base bemisa ababili, ujozefa othiwa ubarsaba, othiwa futhi ujustu, kanye nomathiya. base bekhuleka bethi: wena nkosi, owazi izinhliziyi zabantu bonke, ake ukhombem omunye kulaba ababili omkhethileyo ukuba athathe isikhundla sale nkonzobubuphostoli aphambuka kuso ujuda ukuya endaweni yakhe. base bebenzela inkatho; yadla umathiya; wabalwa kanye nabaphostoli abayishumi nanye.

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kwathi sekufikile usuku lwephenetekoste, bonke babebuthene ndawonye. ngokungazelelwe kwavela ezulwini inhlokomo kwangathi eyokuvunguza komoya onamandla; yona yagcwalisa indlu yonke ababehlezi kuyo. kwase kubonakala kubo izilimi ezahlukeneyo kungathi ezomlilo; zahlala phezu kwalowo nalowo kubo. base begcwala bonke umoya ongwele, baqala ukukhuluma ngezinye izilimi, njengalokho umoya wabapha ukuphumisela. kepha kwakukhona abajuda abakhile ejerusalem, amadoda akholwayo, evela ezizweni zonke eziphansi kwezulu; kwathi kuzwakele lowo mduro, uquqaba lwabuthana, lwaphithiza, ngokuba kwaba yilowo nalowo wabezwa bekhuluma ngolimi lwakubo. bethuka, bamangala bathi: bheka, bonke laba abakhulumayo abasibo abasegalile na? yini, pho, ukuba sonke ngabanye sizwe ngolimi lwakithi esazalwa nalo na? amaparte, namamede, nama-elamithi, nabakhile emesopotamiya, nasejudiya, nasekaphadosiya, nasepontu, nase-asiya, nasefrigiya, nasephamfiliya, nasegibithe, nasezweni laselibiya ngasekhurene, nezihambi zaseroma, nabajuda namaproselite, abasekrethe nabase-arabiya, siyabezwa bekhuluma ngezilimi zakithi ngemisebenzi emikhulu kalezi-ku. bonke bamangala, basambatheka, bathi omunye komunye: kuthini lokhu na? kepha abanye bebabhuqa bathi: bagcwele iwayini elimnandi. wayesesukuma upetru nabayishumi nanye, waphakamisa izwi lakhe, waphumisela wathi kubo: madoda akwajuda nani nonke enakhileyo ejerusalem, makwazeke lokhu kini, nibeke indlebe emazwini ami. ngokuba laba kabadakiwe njengokucabanga kwenu, lokhu kuseyihora lesithathu lemini; kodwa lokhu kuyikho okwakhulunywa ngomprofethi ujoweli ukuthi: kuyakuthi

ezinsukwini zokuphela, kusho ulezi-ku, ngiyakuthulula umoya wami phezu kwayo yonke inyama; amadodana enu namadodakazi enu ayakuprofetha, izinsizwa zenu zibone imibono, abadala benu baphuphe amaphupho; yebo, naphezu kwezinceku zami nezincekukazi zami ngiyakuthulula umoya wami ngaleyo mihla, ziyakuprofetha. ngiyakuveza izimangaliso ezulwini phezulu nezibonakaliso emhlabeni phansi, igazi, nomlilo, nokuthunqa komusi. ilanga liyakuphenduka ubumnyama, inyanga ibe yigazi, lungakafiki usuku olukhulu noluhlamileyo lwenkosi. kuyakuthi yilowo nalowo obiza igama lenkosi uyakusindiswa. madoda akwa-israyeli, zwanini lawa mazwi: ujesu wasenazareth, indoda efakazelwe ngulezi-ku phambi kwenu ngemisebenzi yamandla nangezimangaliso nangezibonakaliso ulezi-ku azenza ngaye phakathi kwenu, njengalokhu nazi nina uqobo lweni, yena lo, esenikelwe ngesu elimisiweyo nangokwaziphambili kukalezi-ku, nambethela ngezandla zabangenamthetho, nambulala; lowo ulezi-ku wamvusa ethukulula iminjunju yokufa, lokhu kwakungenakwenzeka ukuba abanjwe yikho. ngokuba udavide uthi ngaye: ngayibona inkosi phambi kwami njalo, ngokuba ingakwesokunene sami, ukuze nginganyakaziswa. ngalokho inhliziyi yami iyajabula, nolimi lwami luyethaba; ngisho nenyama yami iyakuhlala ngokwethemba. ngokuba awuyikushiya umphefumulo wami ehayidese, futhi awuyikuvuma ongcwele wakho abone ukubola. wangazisa izindlela zokuphila; uyakungicwalisa ngokujabula ebusweni bakho. madoda, bazalwane, ake ngikhulume kini ngokusobala ngokhokho udavide ukuthi wafa, nokuthi wembelwa, nokuthi ithuna lakhe lisekhona kithi nanamuhla. ngakho lokhu engumphofethi, ekwazi ukuthi ulezi-ku wayefungile kuye ngesifungo ukuthi enzalweni yokhalo lwakhe uyakubeka omunye esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi, ebona kuse phambili, wakhuluma ngokuvuka kukakristu ukuthi akashiywanga ehayidese, nenyama yakhe ayibonanga ukubola. ujesu lo ulezi-ku wamvusa, esingofakazi bakho thina sonke; ngakho ephakanyiselwe ngakwesokunene sikalezi-ku, esamukele kuyise isithembiso sikamoya ongcwele, wakuthulula lokhu enikubonayo nenikuzwayo. ngokuba udavide akenyukelanga ezulwini, kepha yena uthi: inkosi yathi enkosini yami: hlala ngakwesokunene sami, ngize ngibeke izitha zakho zibe yisenabelo sezinyawo zakho. ngakho indlu yonke yakwa-israyeli mayazi impela ukuthi ulezi-ku umenzile inkosi nokristu ujesu lo enambethela nina esiphambanweni. sebekuzwa bahlabeka enhliziyweni, bathi kupetru nakwabanye abaphostoli: madoda, bazalwane, siyakwenze njani na?

upetru wayesethi: phendukani, yilowo nalowo abhaphathizwe egameni likajesu kristu kukho ukuthethelelwa kwezono zenu; khona niyakwamukeliswa isiphiwo sikamoya ongcwele. ngokuba isithembiso ngesenu nesabantwana benu, esabo bonke abakude, bonke inkosi ulezi-ku wethu eyakubabiza. wafakaza nangamanye amazwi amaningi, wabayala wathi: zisindiseni kulesi sizukulwane esiphambeneyo. ngakho abalamukeleyo izwi lakhe babhaphathizwa, kwenezelwa ngalowo muhla abantu kungathi izinkulungwane ezintathu. baqiniseka njalo esifundisweni sabaphostoli, nasekuhlangereni, nasekuhlephuleni isinkwa, nasemikhulekweni. kepha kwaba yilowo nalowo muntu wehlelwa ngukwesaba; kwenziwa ngabaphostoli izimangaliso nezibonakaliso eziningi. bonke abakholwayo babe ndawonye, bahlanganyela izinto zonke; bathengisa ngemfuyo nangempahla, babela bonke ngayo njengokuswela kwabo. imihla ngemihla baqiniseka nganhliziyonye ethempelini, bahlephula isinkwa ekhaya, badla ukudla kwabo ngentokoza nangobumhlophe benhliziyo, bemdumisa ulezi-ku, bethandeka kubantu bonke. inkosi yenezela ebandleni imihla ngemihla abasindiswayo.

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upetru nojohane bakhuphukela ethempelini ngehora lokukhuleka, elesisihyalolunye. kwase kulethwa indoda ethile eyisishosha kwasesiswini sikanina, ababeyibeka imihla ngemihla ngasemnyango wethempeli othiwa omuhle ukuba icele ukwabelwa izipho kwabangenayo ethempelini. kwathi ukuba abone opetru nojohane bezakungena ethempelini, wacala ukwabelwa isipho. kepha upetru wamgqolozela kanye nojohane, wathi: sibheke! wayesebabeheka ethemba ukuba amukele utho kubo. kodwa upetru wathi: isiliva negolide anginalo; kepha lokho enginalo ngakupha khona: egameni likajesu kristu wase-nazareth, hamba. wayesembamba ngesandla sokunene, wamsukumisa; kwaqina masinyane izinyawo zakhe namaqakala, egxuma, wema, wahamba, wangena nabo ethempelini, ehamba, egxuma, emdumisa ulezi-ku. abantu bonke bambona ehamba, edumisa ulezi-ku. kepha base bemazi ukuba nguyena owayehlalela ukuphiwa ngasemnyango omuhle wethempeli, behlelwa ngukwesaba nokumangala ngokwenzakele kuye. esabambelele kopetru nojohane, bonke abantu bagijimela kubo emphemeni othiwa okasolomoni, besaba kakhulu. khona upetru ebona lokho wathatha wathi kubantu: madoda akwa-israyeli, nimangalelani ngalona, nisigqolozelani ngokungathi simenze ukuba ahambe ngawethu amandla

nangokwethu ukukholwa na? ulezi-ku ka-  
 abrahama noka-isaka nokajakobe, ulezi-ku  
 wawobaba bethu uyidumisile inceku yakhe  
 ujesu enayikhaphela, nayiphika ebusweni  
 bukapolatu, yena esenqumile ukuyikhulula;  
 kepha nina namphika ongcwele nolungileyo,  
 nacula ukuba niphawe ongumbulali, nayi-  
 bulala inkosi yokuphila ayivusayo ulezi-ku  
 kwabafileyo, esingofakazi bakho thina.  
 ngokukholwa egameni layo lo nimbonayo  
 nenimaziyi igama layo lamenza aqine,  
 nokukholwa okungayo kumnike le mpilo  
 phambi kwenu nonke. kalokhu, bazalwane,  
 ngiyazi ukuthi nenza lokho ngokungazi  
 njengabo ababusi benu. kepha lokho  
 ulezi-ku akumemezela ngaphambili ngom-  
 lomo wabaprofethi bonke ukuthi ukristu  
 wakhe uyakuhlupheka, ukugcwalisile kanje.  
 ngalokhu phendukani, niguquke ukuba kuh-  
 langulwe izono zenu, ukuze kufike izikhathi  
 zokuhlunyelelwa ezivela ebusweni benkosi  
 nokuba ithume ukristu jesu enimmiselweyo,  
 okumelwe ukuba izulu limamukele, kuze  
 kube yizikhathi zokubuyiselwa kwakho  
 konke ulezi-ku akhuluma ngakho ngomlomo  
 wabaprofethi bakhe abangcwele, kusukela  
 kwaphakade. umose kambe wathi: inkosi  
 ulezi-ku iyakunivusela umprofethi kubazal-  
 wane benu njengami, niyakumlalela kukho  
 konke azakukhuluma kini. kuyakuthi  
 wonke umuntu ongayikumlalela lowo  
 mprofethi uyakuchithwa kubantu. yebo,  
 nabaprofethi bonke, kusukela kusamuweli  
 nabalandelayo, bonke abakhulumileyo,  
 bamemezela lezo zinsuku. nina ningamado-  
 dana abaprofethi nawesivumelwano ulezi-ku  
 asenzayo nawoyihlo, ethi ku-abrahama:  
 ngenzalo yakho iyakubusiswa imindeni  
 yonke yomhlaba. ulezi-ku eseyivusile inceku  
 yakhe wayithumela kini kuqala ukunibusisa  
 ngokuniguqula, kube yilowo nalowo kini  
 ebubini bakhe.

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kepha besakhuluma kubantu, abapristi  
 nenduna yethempeli nabasadusi babafikela,  
 benengwa ngukufundisa kwabo abantu  
 nokumemezela ngojesu ukuvuka kwabafi-  
 leyo, bababamba, babafaka etilongweni  
 kwaze kwaba kusasa, ngokuba kwase  
 kuhlwire. kepha abaningi kwabezwayo izwi  
 bakholwa; umumo wamadoda waba kun-  
 gathi izinkulungwane eziyisihlanu. kwathi  
 ngangomuso kwabuthana ejerusalem  
 ababusi namalunga nababhali babo,  
 no-anase umpristi omkhulu, nokayafase,  
 nojohane, no-aleksandru, nabo bonke  
 abendlu yompristi omkhulu, babamisa  
 phakathi kwabo, bababuza bathi: lokho  
 nikwenze ngamaphi amandla nangaliphi  
 igama na? khona upetru egcwele umoya  
 ongcwele wathi kubo: nina babusi bez-

izwe namalunga, nxa sibuzwa namuhla  
 ngomsebenzi omuhle kumuntu ogulayo  
 ukuthi yena usindiswe ngani, makwazeke  
 kini nonke nasesizweni sonke sakwa-israyeli  
 ukuthi ngegama likajesu kristu wase-  
 nazareth a enambethela esiphambanweni,  
 amvusayo ulezi-ku kwabafileyo, ngaye  
 umi lo muntu phambi kwenu esindile.  
 yena uyitshela eladelelwa yinina bakhi,  
 eselaba yinhloko yegumbi. ayikho insindiso  
 ngomunye, ngokuba alikho futhi elinye  
 igama phansi kwezulu elinikiwe ebantwini,  
 esimelwe ukusindiswa ngalo. kwathi bebona  
 isibindi sikapetru nojohane, beqonda ukuthi  
 bangabantu abangafundile, bayimifunda  
 nje, bamangala; babazi ukuthi kade beno-  
 jesu; kepha bebona umuntu ophilisiweyo  
 emi nabo, babengenakuphika lutho. kodwa  
 sebebayafile ukuba baphume emphakathini  
 balulekana bodwa, bathi: sizakubenzani  
 laba bantu na? ngokuba kusobala kubo  
 bonke abakhileyo ejerusalem ukuthi  
 isibonakaliso esiqhamileyo senziwe yibo,  
 asinakukuphika. kodwa ukuze kungabe  
 kusanda phakathi kwabantu, asibalaye,  
 bangabe besakhuluma kumuntu namunye  
 ngalelo gama. base bebabiza, babayala  
 ngokuthi bangakhulumi, bangafundisi  
 nakanye ngegama likajesu. kepha opetru  
 nojohane baphendula, bathi kubo: nqamani  
 nina ukuba kulungile yini ebusweni bukalezi-  
 ku ukulalela nina kunolezi-ku, ngokuba  
 thina asinakuyeka ukukhuluma ngalokho  
 esikubonileyo nesikuzwileyo. khona sebe-  
 balayile futhi babayeka, bengafumananga  
 ukuthi bangabajezisa kanjani ngenxa ya-  
 bantu, ngokuba bonke bedumisa ulezi-ku  
 ngalokho okwenzekileyo; ngokuba umuntu  
 esenziwe kuye leso sibonakaliso sokuphu-  
 lukiswa wayeneminyaka eve emashumini  
 amane. sebeyekiwe baya kwabakubo,  
 babika konke abapristi abakhulu na-  
 malunga abekushilo kubo. bona sebezile  
 baphakamisa izwi kulezi-ku nganhliziyonye,  
 bathi: somandla, wena owenza izulu, nomh-  
 laba, nolwandle, nakho konke okukho,  
 owasho ngomoya ongcwele ngomlomo  
 kababa udavide inceku yakho ukuthi:  
 kungani ukuba abezizwe baxokozele,  
 nabantu bacebe okuyize, na? amakhosi  
 omhlaba aqhelile, nababusi bayihlanganyele  
 inkosi nogcotshiweyo wayo. ngokuba  
 ngempela oherode, nopontiyu pilatu, kanye  
 nabezizwe, nabantu bakwa-israyeli bayih-  
 langanyela kulo muzi inceku yakho ongcwele  
 ujesu owamgobayo ukuzakukwenza lokho  
 okumiswe ngaphambili yisandla necebo  
 lakho ukuba kwenzeke. manje-ke, nkosi,  
 bheka ukusongela kwabo, unike izinceku  
 zakho ukuba zikhulume izwi lakho ngaso  
 sonke isibindi ngokwelula isandla sakho  
 ukuphulukisa, kwenziwe izibonakaliso nezi-  
 mangaliso ngegama lenceku yakho ongcwele

ujesu. kwathi sebekhulekile, kwazanyazanyiswa indawo lapho beebuthene khona, bagcwaliswa bonke ngumoya ongwele, bakhuluma izwi likalezi-ku ngesibindi. isixuku sabakholwayo sasinhliziyonye nomphfumulo munye; akwabakho noyedwa owasho ngezimpahla zakhe ukuthi ngezakhe, kodwa bakuhlanganyela konke. abaphostoli baveza ngamandla amakhulu ubufakazi ngokuvuka kwenkosi ujesu; umusa omkhulu wawuphezu kwabo bonke. kwakungekho osweleyo phakathi kwabo; ngokuba bonke ababengabanikazi bamazwe noma bezindlu bathengisa ngakho, baletha imali yalokho abathengise ngakho, bayibeka ngasezinyaweni zabaphostoli; kwaba yilowo nalowo wabelwa njengokuswela kwakhe. kwathi ujesu owathiwa ngabaphostoli ubarnaba, okungukuthi ngokuhunyushwa indodana yenduduzo, umlevi wasekhupro ngokuzalwa, enensimu, wathengisa ngayo, baletha imali, wayibeka ngasezinyaweni zabaphostoli.

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kepha indoda ethile, igama layo lingu-ananiya, inosafira umkayo, yathengisa ngendawo; yagodla inxenye yemali, nomkayo ekwazi, yaletha inxenye ethile, yayibeka ngasezinyaweni zabaphostoli. wayesethi upetru: ananiya, kungani ukuba usathane agcwalise inhliziyo yakho, uqambe amanga kumoya ongwele, ugodle inxenye yemali yezwe, na? lisekhona belingesilo elakho na? selithengisiwe belingekho emandleni akho na? uyibekeleni leyo nto enhliziyweni yakho na? awuqambanga amanga kubantu kepha kulezi-ku. kuthe u-ananiya ezwa lawo mazwi, wawa phansi, wafa, ukwesaba okukhulu kwehlela bonke abezwa lokho. izinsizwa zasuka, zamsongelezela, zamkhiphela phandle, zambela. kwathi emva kwesikhathi esingaba ngamahora amathathu wangena nomkakhe, engkwazi okwenzakeleyo. upetru wayesethatha ethi: ngitshele ukuba izwe nilithengise ngokungaka na? wathi: yebo, ngokungaka. kepha upetru wathi kuye: kungani ukuba nivumelene ngokulinga umoya wenkosi na? bheka, izinyawo zabambele indoda yakho zisemnyango, nawe bazakukhiphela phandle. wayesewa phansi masinyane ngasezinyaweni zakhe, wafa; izinsizwa zangena, zamfumana efile, zamkhiphela phandle, zambela ngasendodeni yakhe. ukwesaba okukhulu kwalehla ibandla lonke nabo bonke abezwa lokho. kwenziwa izimangaliso nezibonakaliso eziningi ebantwini ngezandla zabaphostoli; bonke babe nhliziyoyi besempheeni kasolomon. kepha kwabanye akwabakho owayenesibindi sokuzihlanganisa nabo, kepha abantu

babebazisa kakhulu; benezelwa kakhulu abakholwa yinkosi, abanengi nabesilisa nabesifazane, ngangokuba bakhiphela phandle emigwaqweni abagulayo, bababeka emacansini nasezinhlakeni, kuze kuti lapho eza upetru, isithunzi nje sakhe sisithibeze abanye kubo. kwabuthana nesixuku esivela emizini ezungeze ijerusalema, beletha abagulayo nabakhathazwa ngawomoya abangcolileyo; baphulukiswa bonke. kwase kusuka umpristi omkhulu nabo bonke ababe naye abangabehlelo labasadusi, bagcwala umhawu, babamba abaphostoli, babafaka etilongweni lombuso. kepha ingelosi yenkosi yavula iminyango yetilongo ebusuku, yabakhipha, yathi: hambani, nime nikhulume ethempelini kubantu amazwi onke aloku kuphila. kwathi sebezile, bangena ethempelini ekuthatheni kokusa, bafundisa. kepha kwafika umpristi omkhulu nababe naye, babizela ndawonye umphakathi nezigele zonke zabantwana bakwa-israyeli, bathumela endlini yezi-boshwa ukuba balethwe. kepha izikhonzi ezafika khona azibafumananga etilongweni; zase zibuyela emuva, zabika zathi: indlu yeziboshwa sayifumana ivaliwe, iqinile impela, nabalindi bemi eminyango; kepha sesivulile asifumananga muntu ngaphakathi. kwathi ukuba induna yethempeli nabapristi abakhulu bezwe lawo mazwi, basambat-heka ngawo ngokuthi kungaba yini lokho na? kepha kwafika omunye, wababikela wathi: bhekani, amadoda ebeniwafakile etilongweni emi ethempelini, afundisa abantu. khona yaphuma induna kanye nezikhonzi, zabaletsha, kungengampoqo, ngokuba bebesaba abantu, funa bakhandwe ngamatshe. sebaletshile babamisa emphakathini; umpristi omkhulu wababuzwa, wathi: saniyala nokuniyala ukuba ningafundisi ngalelo gama; bhekani, senigcwalise ijerusalema ngesifundiso senu, nihlose ukwehlisela igazi lalowo muntu phezu kwethu. kepha upetru nabaphostoli baphendula bathi: simelwe ukulalela ulezi-ku kunabantu. ulezi-ku wawobaba wamvusa ujesu enambulala nina ngokumphaneyeka emthini; lowo ulezi-ku wamphakamisa ngesokunene sakhe abe yinkosi nomsindisi ukuba anike u-israyeli ukuphenduka nokuthethelelwa kwezono. thina singofakazi balezo zinto kanye nomoya ongwele ulezi-ku amnikile labo abamalalelayo. bona sebezile bathukuthela, bafuna ukubabulala. kwase kusukuma omunye emphakathini, umfarisi ogama lakhe lingumaliyeli, isazimthetho esitusekayo esizweni sonke, wayala ukuba abantu bakhishwe isikhashana; wayesethi kubo: madoda akwa-israyeli, qaphelani kulokho enizakukwenza kulaba bantu. ngokuba ngaphambi kwalezi zinsuku kwawo uthe wuda ezishaya omkhulu; kwana-

mathela kuye amadoda angathi amakhulu amane; wabulawa yena nabo bonke abamlalelayo, bachitheka, baphela. emva kwalowo kwasuka ujuda wasegalile ezinsukwini zokubhalwa; wahlubukisa abantu ukuba bamlandele; nalowo wabhubha, nabo bonke abamlalelayo bahlakazeka. manje-ke ngithi kini: dedani kulaba bantu, nibayeke, ngokuba uma leli su nalo msebenzi kuvela kubantu, kuyakuchitheka; kepha uma kuvela kulezi-ku, aniyikuba namandla okubachitha, funa mhlawumbe nifunyanwe ningabalwayo nolezi-ku. bamvumela-ke. base bababiza abaphostoli, babashaya, babayala ngokuthi bangakhulumi ngegama likajesu, babakhulula. khona basuka phambi komphakathi bethokoza, ngokuba bebefanele ukudunyazwa ngenxa yalelo gama; abayekanga ukufundisa nokushumayela ivangeli ngojesu kristu imihla yonke ethempelini nasemakhaya.

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kwathi ngaleyo mihla abafundi sebanda, kwavela ukukhonona kubajuda abakhuluma isigreki ngamaheberu ngokuthi abafelokazi bakubo bayancishwa ekwabelweni kwemihla ngemihla. abayishumi nambili base bebiza ibandla labafundi, bathi: akukuhle ukuba thina sishiye izwi likalezi-ku, sikhonze ematafuleni. funani-ke phakathi kwenu bazalwane amadoda ayisikhombisa anodumo oluhle, agcwele umoya nokuhlakanipha, esingawamisela lowo msebenzi. kepha thina sizakuqinisele ekukhulekeni nasenkonzweni yezwi. leli zwi laba lihle kulo lonke ibandla; base bekhetha ustefanu, umuntu owayegcwele ukukholwa nomoya ongcwele, nofiliphu, noprokhoro, nonikanori, nothimoni, nopharmena, nonikolawu, iproselite lase-antiyokiya, babamisa phambi kwabaphostoli; bakhuleka, babeka izandla phezu kwabo. izwi likalezi-ku landa, umumo wabafundi wakhula ejerusalem, nesixuku esikhulu sabapristi salalela inkolo. kepha ustefanu egcwele umusa namandla wenza izimangaliso nezibonakalisa ezinkulu phakathi kwabantu. kwase kusuka abanye besinagoge elithiwa elabalibertino, nabasekhurene, nabase-aleksandriya, nabavela ekhilikhiya nase-asiya, baphikisana nosterfanu; kepha babengenamandla okumelana nokuhlakanipha nomoya ayekhuluma ngakho. khona bathenga amadoda athi: simzwile ekhuluma amazwi enhlamba ngomose nangolezi-ku, bavusa abantu namalunga nababhali, bamvukela, bambamba, bamyisa emphakathini; bamisa ofakazi bamanga abathi: lo muntu akayeki ukukhuluma amazwi ngale ndawo engcwele nangomthetho; ngokuba simzwile ethi ujesu lo wasenazareth a uzakuchitha le ndawo, aguqule imithetho asinika

yona umose. kwathi bemgqolozela bonke ababehlezi emphakathini, babona ubuso bakhe kungathi ubuso bengelosi.

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umpristi omkhulu wayesethi: nembala lokhu kunjalo na? yena wathi: madoda, bazalwane, nani bobaba, lalelani. ulezi-ku wenkazimulo wabonakala kubaba u-abrahama esemesopotamiya, engakakhi eharana, wathi kuye: phuma ezweni lakini nasezihlotsheni zakho, uye ezweni engizakukukhombisa lona. khona waphuma ezweni lamakaledi, waya wakha eharana. kwathi esefile uyise, ulezi-ku wamsusa lapho, wamhlalisa kuleli zwe enakhe kulo nina manje. kepha akamnikanga ifa kulo, ngisho nelingangonyawo, wathembisa kodwa ukuthi uzakumnika lona libe ngelakhe nelenzalo yakhe emva kwakhe, engakabi namntwana. ulezi-ku wakhuluma kanje, wathi: inzalo yakhe izakuba ngumfokazi ezweni lezizwe; bayakuyenza izigqila, bayiphathe kabi iminyaka engamakhulu amane. kepha leso sizwe abayakuba yizigqila kuso ngiyakusahlulela mina, washo ulezi-ku, andukuba baphume, bangikhonze kule ndawo. wayesemnika isivumelwano sokusoka; kanjalo-ke wazala u-isaka, wamsoka ngosuku lwesishiyagalombili; u-isaka wazala ujakobe, ujakobe wazala okhokho abayishumi nambili. okhokho baba nomhawu ngojosefa, bathengisa ngaye, wasiwa egibithe; kodwa ulezi-ku wayenaye, wamkhipha kuzo zonke izinhlupheko zakhe, wamupha umusa nokuhlakanipha phambi kukafaro inkosi yasegibithe; yena wammisa abe ngumbusi egibithe nakuyo yonke indlu yakhe. kepha kwafika indlala kulo lonke igibithe nakwakhanani, nokuhlupheka okukhulu; obaba kabafumana ukudla. ujakobe esezwile ukuthi kukhona ukudla egibithe, wathuma obaba ngokokuqala; kwathi ngokwesibili ujosefa waziwa ngabafowabo; kwabonakala ufaro isizwe sakubo kajosefa. ujosefa wayesethumela wabiza ujakobe uyise nabakubo bonke, abantu abangamashumi ayisikhombisa nanhlanu. ujakobe wehlela egibithe; wafa yena nawobaba. bayiswa esikemi, babekwa ethuneni alithenga u-abrahama ngenani lesiliva kumadodana kahamori esikemi. kepha sesisondele isikhathi sesithembiso ulezi-ku asisho ku-abrahama, banda abantu, baba baningi egibithe, kwaze kwavela enye inkosi egibithe ebingamazi ujosefa. yona yasiphatha ngobuqili isizwe sakithi, yabahlupha obaba ngokubalahlisa izingane zabo zingaphili. ngaleso sikhathi kwazalwa umose, waba muhle kulezi-ku; wondliwa izinyanga ezintathu endlini kayise; eselahliwe, indodakazi



kafaro yamthola, yazondlela yena ukuba abe yindodana yayo. umose wafundiswa ukuhlakanipha konke kwabasegibithe; waba namandla ngamazwi nangemisebenzi yakhe. kuthe eseneminyaka engamashumi amane ezelwe, kwafika enhliziyweni yakhe ukuba abamele abafowabo, abantwana bakwa-israyeli. wabona umuntu ephathwa kabi, wamvikela, wamphindisela ohlushwayo, wambulala owasegibithe. ubethemba ukuthi abafowabo bayakuqonda ukuthi ulezi-ku ubanika ukusindiswa ngesandla sakhe; kepha abakuqondanga. nangan-gomuso wafika kubo belwa, wazama ukubalamula, babuyisane, wathi: madoda, ningabazalwane; niphathanelani kabi na? kepha lowo owayemona umakhelwane wakhe wamhlohloloza wathi: ubekwe ngubani ube ngumbusi nomahluleli phezu kwethu na? usufuna ukungibulala nami, njengalokho ubulele owasegibithe izolo na? khona umose wabaleka ngenxa yalelo zwi, waba ngumfokazi ezweni lakwamidiyani, lapho azala khona amadodana amabili. kwathi sekuphelele iminyaka engamashumi amane, kwabonakala kuye ehlane lentaba yasesinayi ingelosi iselangabini lomlilo esihlahleni. umose ekubona waman-gala ngalowo mbono; esasondela ukuba abhekisise, kwafika izwi lenkosi, lahi: ngingulezi-ku wawoyihlo, ulezi-ku ka-abrahama noka-isaka nokajakobe. umose wathuthumela, akaba nasibindi sokubhekisisa. inkosi yayisithi kuye: khumula izicathulo ezinyaweni zakho, ngokuba indawo omi kuyo ingumhlabathi ongcwele. ngikubonile nokukubona ukuhlushwa kwesizwe sami esisegibithe, ngizwile ukububula kwaso; sengehlile ukuba ngibakhiphe. woza kalokhu, ngizakukuthumela egibithe. umose lowo abamalayo bethi: ubekwe ngubani ube ngumbusi nomahluleli na? nguyena amthumayo ulezi-ku ngesandla nengelosi eyabonakala kuye esihlahleni, abe ngumbusi nomhlengi. yena lowo wabakhipha enza izimangaliso nezibonakaliso ezweni lasegibithe, naselwandle olubomvu, nasehlane iminyaka engamashumi amane. nguye umose lowo owathi kubantwana bakwa-israyeli: ulezi-ku uyakunivusela umprofethi kubafowenu onjengami. nguye lowo owayesebandleni ehlane kanye nengelosi eyakhuluma naye entabeni yasesinayi kanye nababa, nowamukela amazwi okuphila, ukuze aninike wona. kepha obaba abavumanga ukumlalela, kodwa bamhlohloloza, babuyela emuva egibithe ngezinhliziyi zabo, bathi ku-aroni: senzele olezi-ku abazakuhamba phambi kwethu; ngokuba umose lowo owasikhipha ezweni lasegibithe, asazi ukuba wehlelwe yini. benza ithole ngaleyo mihla, baletsha umhlatshelelo esithombeni, bajabula ngemisebenzi yezandla zabo.

kepha ulezi-ku wabafulatshela, wabadedela ukuba bakhonze ibandla lezulu, njengokuba kulotshiwe encwadini yabaprofethi ukuthi: naningilethela iminikelo nemihlatshelo iminyaka engamashumi amane ehlane nina ndlu ka-israyeli na? qha, nathatha itende likamoloki nenkanyezi kalezi-ku uremfani, imifanekiso enayenza ukuba nikhuleke kuyo. ngiyakunimukisela ngaphambili kwebabiloni. kwakukhona itende lobufakazi kobaba ehlane njengalokho akuyalayo yena owakhuluma nomose ukuba alenze ngomfanekiso abewubonile; obaba benojesu balamukela, balingenisa ezweni lezizwe azioxshayo ulezi-ku ebusweni bawobaba, kwaze kwaba semihleni kadavide owathola umusa ebusweni bukalezi-ku, wacela uku-funela ulezi-ku kakajobe idokodo. kepha ngusolomoni owamakhela indlu. kodwa ophezukonke akahlali ezindlini ezenziwe ngezandla njengokusho komprofethi ukuthi: izulu liyisihlalo sami sobukhosi, nomhlaba uyisenabelo sezinyawo zami; ngenjani indlu eniyakungakhela yona, isho inkosi, noma yiyiphi indawo yami yokuphumula na? isandla sami asikwenzanga konke lokho na? nina bantamo zilukhuni, abangasokile ezinhliziyweni nasezindlebeni, nimelana njalo nomoya ongcwele; njengoyihlo ninjalo nani. ngumuphi kubaprofethi oyihlo abangamzingelanga na? bababulala ababememezela ngaphambili ukuza kolungileyo, eseningabakhapheli nababulali bakhe, nina enamukela umthetho ngokuyala kwezingelosi, kepha aniwugcinanga. kwathi bekuzwa lokho, bahlabeleka ezinhliziyweni, bamgugudela amazinyo. kepha yena egcwele umoya ongcwele wagqolozela ezulwini, wabona inkazimulo kalezi-ku, nojesu emi ngakwesokunene sikalezi-ku, wathi: bheka, ngibona izulu livuliwe, nendodana yomuntu imi ngakwesokunene sikalezi-ku. base bekhamuluka ngezwi elikhulu, bavala izindlebe, batheleka kuye kanyekanye, bamkhiphela ngaphandle komuzi, bamkhanda ngamatshe. ofakazi babeka izingubo zabo ngasezinyaweni zensizwa egama layo lingusawulu. ustefanu bamkhanda ngamatshe ekhuleka ethi: nkosi jesu, yamukela umoya wami. wayesegoka phansi, wamemeza ngezwi elikhulu, wathi: nkosi, ungababaleli lesi sono. eseshilo lokho walala ubuthongo.

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kepha usawulu wayevumelene nabo ngokubulawa kwakhe. ngalolo suku kwavela ukuzingelwa okukhulu kwebandla lase-jerusalem; bahlakazeka bonke emazweni asejudiya nasesamariya; kwasala abaphostoli bodwa. amadoda akholwayo ammbela ustefanu, amkhalela isililo esikhulu. kepha

usawulu walichitha ibandla, engena ezindlini ngezindlu, ehudula abesilisa nabesifazane, wabafaka etilongweni. abahlakazekileyo base behamba, beshumayela izwi levangeli. ufiliphu wehlela emzini wasesamariya, wabashumayeza ukristu. izixuku zalalela nganhliziyonye okwakhulunywa ngufilephu, zizwa, zibona izibonakaliso azenzayo. ngokuba kwaphuma umoya abangcolileyo kwabangingi abakhwelwa yibo, bememeza ngezwi elikhulu; wabangingi abafe uhlangothi nabayizinyonga baphulukiswa; kwaba khona ukuthokoza okukhulu kulowo muzi. kepha kwakukhona indoda ethile, ngusimoni igama layo, eyayikade yenza imilingo kulowo muzi, isimangalisa isizwe sasesamariya, izishaya umuntu omkhulu; banamathela kuye bonke kusukela kwabancinyane kuze kube kwabakhulu, bethi: lo ungamandla kalezi-ku abizwa ngokuthi makhulu, babenamathela kuye, ngokuba ebamangalisile isikhathi eside ngemilingo yakhe. kepha bathi ukuba bakholwe ngufilephu eshumayela ivangeli ngombuso kalezi-ku nangegama likajesu kristu, babhaphathiza abesilisa nabesifazane. naye usimoni wakholwa; wathi esebhaphathiziwe, wanamathela kufiliphu, wamangala ebona izibonakaliso nemisebenzi emikhulu yamandla eyenziwayo. kwathi ukuba abaphostoli basejerusalema bezwe ukuthi isamariya lilamukele izwi likalezi-ku, bathumela kubo opetru nojohane; sebehlele khona babakhulekela ukuba bamukele umoya ongwele, ngokuba wayengakehleli nakoyedwa kubo; kodwa babesabhaphathiziwe egameni lenkosi ujesu kuphela. khona babeka izandla phezu kwabo; base bamukela-ke umoya ongwele. kepha usimoni, ebonile ukuthi ngokubekwa kwezandla zabaphostoli uyaphiwa umoya, waletha imali kubo, wathi: ngipheni nami lawo mandla, ukuze yilowo nalowo engibeka izandla phezu kwakhe amukele umoya ongwele. kepha upetru wathi kuye: isiliva lakho malibhubhe kanye nawe, ngokuba uti isipho sikalezi-ku singathengwa ngemali. awunasabelo nalifa kulezi zwi, ngokuba inhliziyoyakho ayilungile phambi kukalezi-ku. ngakho-ke phenduka kulobu bubi bakho, unxuse enkosini, ingabe ungathethelwa yini isizindlo senhliziyo yakho, ngokuba ngiyabona ukuthi usenyongweni ebabayo nasekuboshweni kbona-ra-ukukhandleka. usimoni wayeseqhendula ethi: nginxuseleni nina enkosini, ukuze kungehleli lutho kimi lwalokho enikushiloyo. kuthe sebefakazile, belikhulumile izwi lenkosi, babuyela ejerusalema, bashumayela ivangeli emizaneni eminingi yabasesamariya. kepha ingelosi yenkosi yakhuluma kufiliphu, yathi: suka uye ngaseningizimu endleni ephuma ejerusalema ehlela egaza; yona iyihlane. wayesesuka wahamba. bheka, nansi in-

doda yase-etiyoopiya, umthenwa, isikhulu sikakhandakhe inkosikazi yase-etiyoopiya, ebiphezu kwengcebo yayo yonke, ebifikile ejerusalema izakukhuleka; ibisibuya, ihlezi enqoleni yayo, ifunda umprofethi u-isaya. umoya wathi kufiliphu: sondela, unamath-ele kuleyo nqola. ufiliphu wayesegijimela kuyo, wayizwa ifunda umprofethi u-isaya, wathi: uyakuqonda kambe lokhu okufundayo na? yona yathi: ngingakwazi kanjani, uma kungekho ongiholayo na? yamnxusa ufiliphu ukuba akhwele ahlale nayo. kepha isahlukwana sombhalo ebisifunda yilesi esithi: wayiswa ekuhlatshtweni njengemvu; njengewundlu elithule phambi komgundi walo kanjalo kawuvulanga umlomo wakhe. ekuthobeleni kwakhe ukwahlulelwa kwakhe kwasuswa. ngubani ongalanda ngesizukulwane sakhe na? ngokuba ukuphila kwakhe kuyasuswa emhlabeni. kepha umthenwa wathatha wathi kufiliphu: ngiyacela, umprofethi ukhuluma lokho ngobani na? uzisho yena noma omunye na? ufiliphu wavula umlomo wakhe, eqala kulowo mbhalo washumayela ivangeli ngojesu. kwathi besahamba endleni, bafika emanzini. umthenwa wathi: bheka, nanka amanzi; kwalani ukuba ngibhaphathizwe na? ufiliphu wathi kuye: uma ukholwa ngenhliziyo yonke, kungenziwa. waphendula wathi: ngiyakholwa ukuthi ujesu kristu uyindodana kalezi-ku. wayala ukuba inqola ime. behlela emanzini bobabili, ufiliphu nomthenwa; wambhaphathiza. kwathi sebekhuphukile emanzini, umoya wenkosi wamhlwatha ufiliphu, umthenwa akabe esambona, kodwa wahamba ngendlela yakhe ethokoza. kepha ufiliphu wafunyanwa e-azotu, wahamba eshumayela ivangeli kuyo yonke imizi, waze wafika ekesariya.

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kepha usawulu esafutha ngokusongela nokubulala abafundi benkosi, waya kumpristi omkhulu, wacela kuye izincwadi zokuya edamaseku emasinagogeni, kuze kuthi uma efumana abantu baleyo ndlela, abesilisa nabesifazane, abayise ejerusalema beboshiwe. kepha ekuhambeni kwakhe, esesondela edamaseku, kwambaneka masinyane nxazonke ukukhanya okuvela ezulwini. wawa phansi emhlabathini, wezwa izwi lithi kuye: sawulu, sawulu, ungizingelelani na? kulukhuni kuwe ukukhahlela ezinkandini. wayesethi: ungubani, nkosi? yathi: mina ngingujesu omzingelayo wena; kodwa vuka ungene emzini, uzakutshelwa lokhu omelwe ukukwenza. kepha amadoda ayechamba naye ayemi engenakukhuluma, ngokuba ezwa izwi kodwa ayengaboni muntu. usawulu wayesevuka phansi; kepha esevulile amehlo akhe, kabonanga

lutho. base bembamba ngesandla, bamyisa edamaseku. izinsuku zaba ntathu engaboni, engadli, engaphuzi. kwakukhona edamaseku umfundi othile, igama lakhe lingu-ananiya; inkosi yathi kuye ngombono: ananiya! yena wathi: ngikhona, nkosi. inkosi yayisithi kuye: suka uye esitaladini esithiwa siqondile, ufune endlini kajuda umuntu ogama lakhe lingusawulu wasetarsu; ngokuba bhaka, uyakhuleka; ubonile indoda, igama layo lingu-ananiya, ingena, ibeka izandla phezu kwakhe ukuba abone. kepha u-ananiya waphendula wathi: nkosi, ngizwile ngabangingi ngaleyo ndoda konke bona-ra-ukukhandleka ekwenzile kwabangcwele bakho ejerusalem; nalapha unamandla avela kubapristi abakhulu okubopha bonke abakhuleka egameni lakho. inkosi yayisithi kuye: hamba, ngokuba lo uyisitsha sami esikhethiweyo sokuphatha igama lami phambi kwabezizwe, namakhosi, nabantwana bakwa-israyeli, ngokuba mina ngizakumbonisa konke amelwe ukuhlushwa ngakho ngenxa yegama lami. khona wahamba u-ananiya, wangena endlini, wabeka izandla phezu kwakhe, wathi: sawulu umzalwane, inkosi ujesu eyabonakala kuwe endleleni oze ngayo, ingithumile ukuba ubuye ubone, ugcaliswe ngomoya ongwele. kwama masinyane emehlweni akhe kwangathi inkwethu, wabona, wasukuma, wabhapathizwa; esedlile wathola amandla. wahlala nabafundi basedamaseku izinsuku ezithile. masinyane washumayela emasinagogeni ngojesu ukuthi yena uyindodana kalezi-ku. kepha bamangala bonke abezwayo, bathi: lo asiye yini owachitha ejerusalem abakhuleka kulelo gama, nalapha uze ngalokhu ukuba abaqhube beboshiwe kubapristi abakhulu na? kodwa usawulu wakhula kakhulu emandleni, wahlala abajuda abakhileyo edamaseku eqinisa ukuthi lowo ungukristu. sekudlule izinsuku eziningi, abajuda benza icebo lokuba bambulale. kepha icebo labo laziwa ngusawulu. babemhlalela nasemasangweni imini nobusuku ukuba bambulale. abafundi base bemthatha ebusuku, bamehlisa ogangeni, bemewula ngeqoma. esefikile ejerusalem wazama ukuzihlanganisa nabafundi; kepha bonke bamesaba, bengakholwa ukuthi ungumfundi. kodwa ubanaba wamthatha, wamyisa kubaphostoli, wabalandisa ngokuthi uyibonile inkosi endleleni, nokuthi ikhulumile kuye, nokuthi edamaseku wayeshumayeke ngesibindi ngegama likajesu. wayenabo ejerusalem, engena ephuma, eshumayela ngesibindi ngegama lenkosi, ekhuluma ephikisana nabajuda abakhuluma isigreki; bona bazama ukumbulala. abazalwane sebekwazi lokho bamehlisela ekesariya, bamthumela etarsu. njalo-ke ibandla laba nokuthula

kulo lonke lasejudiya, nasegalile, nasemariya, lakheka, lihamba ekwesabeni inkosi, landa ngenduduzo kamoya ongwele. kwathi upetru ehambela izindawo zonke, wehlela nakwabangcwele abakhe elida. wafumana khona umuntu othile ogama lakhe lingu-eneya, owayeselele ecansini iminyaka eyisishiyagalombili efe uhlangothi. khona upetru wathi kuye: eneya, ujesu kristu uyakuphilisa; vuka, wendlule icansi lakho. wayesevuka masinyane. bambona bonke abakhe elida nasesarona, baphendukela enkosini. ejopha kwakukhona umfundikazi othile ogama lakhe linguthabitha, okungukuthi udorka ngokuhunyushwa; yena wayenemisebenzi eminingi emihle nokwabela abampofu izipho. kwathi ngalezo zinsuku wagula, wafa; sebengezele bambeka ekamelweni eliphezulu. kepha ilida lalise-duze nejopha; ngakho-ke abafundi sebezwele ukuthi upetru ukhona lapho, bathuma kuye amadoda amabili emncenga ethi: ungabalikukazi kithi. wayesevuka upetru, wahamba nabo. esefikile, bamyisa ekamelweni eliphezulu; abafelokazi bonke beza kuye bekhala, bembonisa izambatho nezingubo abezenzile udorka esenabo. kepha upetru wabakhipha bonke, waguqa ngamadolo, wakhuleka, waphendukela esidunjinini, wathi: thabitha, vuka! wayesevula amehlo akhe, wabona upetru, walulama. yena wambamba ngesandla, wamsukumisa. wayesebiza abangcwele nabafelokazi, wambeka phambi kwabo ephilile. kwezwakala lokho kulo lonke ijopha; abangingi bakholwa yinkosi. wayesehlala izinsuku eziningi ejopha kwasimoni umshuki.

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kwakukhona ekesariya indoda ethile egama layo lingukorneliyu, eyinduna yekhulu yebutho elithiwa elase-italiya; wayengumuntu okholwayo nowesaba ulezi-ku kanye nendlu yakhe yonke, abela abantu abampofu izipho eziningi, ekhuleka kulezi-ku njalonjalo. wabona ngokusobala embonweni ingelosi kalezi-ku ingena kuye kungathi ngehora lesishiyagalolunye lemini, ithi: korneliyu! wayigqolozela enokwesaba, wathi: kwenze njani, nkosi? yathi kuye: imikhuleko yakho nokwabela kwakho abampofu izipho kwenyukile kwaba yisikhumbuzo emehlweni kalezi-ku. thuma-ke amadoda ejopha, ubize usimoni othile othiwa upetru; yena ungenisile kwasimoni othile, umshuki, ondlu yakhe ingaselwandle. isimukile ingelosi ebikhuluma naye, wabiza ababili bendlu yakhe nebutho elikhulwayo kulawo ayehlala naye njalo, wabalandisa konke, wabathumela ejopha. ngangomuso besahamba labo, sebesondela emzini, upetru wenyukela phezu kwendlu ukuyokhuleka ngehora

lesithupha. khona walamba kakhulu, wafuna ukudla; kepha besamlungisela wehlelwa yisiyezi, wabona izulu livulekile nesitsha esithile sehla sinjengendwangu enkulu, sehliselwa emhlabeni ngamachopho amane. kusona kwakukhona zonke izilwane ezinezinyawo ezine, nezinwabuzelayo zomhlaba, nezinyoni zezulu. kwavela izwi, lathi kuye: vuka, petru; hlaba, udle. kepha upetru wathi: qha, nkosi, ngokuba angizange ngikudle okuyichilo nokungcolileyo. izwi laphinda lasho kuye ngokwesibili, lathi: lokho akuhlambululile ulezi-ku, ungasho wena ukuthi kubi. lokho kwaphindwa kathathu; isitsha senyuselwa masinyane ezulwini. upetru esasambathekile ngokuthi ngakube uyini lowo mbono awubonileyo, bheka, amadoda ayethunyiwe ngukorneliyu, esebuzile indlu kasimoni, ema ngasesangweni, amemeza ebuza ukuthi usimoni othiwa upetru ungenisile yini lapho. upetru esazidla ngombono, umoya wathi kuye: bheka, amadoda amabili ayakufuna; sukuma-ke, wehle, uhambe nabo, ungangabazi ngalutho, ngokuba yimina engibathumileyo. upetru wayesehlela kuwo amadoda, wathi: bhekani, yimina enimfunayo; kuyindabani enize ngayo na? bathi: ukorneliyu induna yekhulu, indoda elungileyo nemesabayo ulezi-ku, efakazelwa kahle esizweni sonke sabajuda, uyaliwe yingelosi engcwele ukuba akubizele endlini yakhe, ezwe amazwi kuwe. wayesebabiza, wabangenisa. ngangomuso wasuka wahamba nabo, abathile babazalwane basejopha bamphelekezela. ngangomuso bangena ekesariya. ukorneliyu wayebalindele esebizile izihlobo nabangane bakhe abakhulu. kwathi ukuba angene upetru, ukorneliyu wamhlangabeza, wawa phansi ngasezinyaweni zakhe, wakhuleka. kepha upetru wamvusa wathi: sukuma, nami ngingumuntu nje. esakhuluma naye wangena, wafumana abanengi ababebuthene. wayesethi: niyazi ukuthi akuvunyelwe ukuba umuntu ongumjuda ahlange, ahambelane nowesinye isizwe; kepha ulezi-ku ungitshengisile ukuba ngingasho nangoyedwa ukuthi unechilo nokuthi ungcolile. ngakho lokhu ngibiziwe, ngizile ngingalanga. ngakho-ke sengiyabuza ukuthi ningibizeleni na? ukorneliyu wathi: ngezinsuku ezine ezidlule ngaleli hora bengenxa umkhuleko wehora lesishiyagalolunye endlini yami; bheka, indoda eyembethe ingubo ekhazimulayo yema phambi kwami, yathi: korneliyu, kuzwakele ukukhuleka kwakho, nokwabela kwakho abampofu izipho kukhunjulwe phambi kukalezi-ku. ngakho thumela ejopha, ubize usimoni othiwa upetru; yena ungenisile endlini kasimoni umshuki ngaselwandle. ngase ngithumela kuwe ngaso lesi sikhathi;

wenze kahle ufike. manje sesikhona sonke phambi kukalezi-ku ukuba sizwe konke okuyalelwe yinkosi. khona upetru wavula umlomo, wathi: nembala ngiyabona ukuthi ulezi-ku akabheki ubuso bamuntu, kodwa ezizweni zonke omesabayo nowenza ukulunga uyamukeleka kuye. walithumela izwi kubantwana bakwa-israyeli, eshumayela ivangeli lokuthula ngaye ujesu kristu; yena uyinkosi yabo bonke. niyalazi izwi elamenyezela ejudiya lonke, liqalile egalile, emva kokubhaphathiza akushumayelayo ujhane lokuthi: ulezi-ku wamgcoba ujesu wasenazaretha ngomoya ongcwele nangamandla, owahamba enza umusa, ephulukisa bonke ababesemandleni kasathane, ngokuba ulezi-ku wayenaye. nathi singofakazi bezinto zonke azenzayo ezweni labajuda nasejerusalema yena abambulalayo bempahnyeka emhlini. lowo ulezi-ku wamvusa ngosuku lwesithathu, wamnika ukuba abonakale, kungekubantu bonke kodwa kithina esingofakazi ababekhethe ngulezi-ku ngaphambili, esasidla siphuza naye emva kokuvuka kwakhe kwabafileyo. wasiyala ukuba sishumaye kubantu, sifakaze ukuthi: nguye omiswe ngulezi-ku ukuba abe ngumahluleli wabaphilayo nabafileyo. ngaye bonke abaprofethi bafakaza ukuthi ngegama lakhe bonke abakholwa nguye bayakwamukela ukuthethelwa kwezono. kwathi upetru esakhuluma lawo mazwi, umoya ongcwele wehlela phezu kwabo bonke ababelizwa izwi. abokusoka abakholwayo ababefikile nopenetru bamangala kakhulu, ngokuba isipho sikamoya ongcwele sitheliwe naphezu kwabezizwe. ngokuba babezwa bekhuluma ngezilimi, betusa ulezi-ku. khona upetru waphendula wathi: ukhona yini ongala namanzi ukuba bangabhaphathizwa laba abamukela umoya ongcwele njengathi na? wayeseyala ukuba babhaphathizwe egameni lenkosi. base bemncenga ukuba ahlale izinsuku ezithile.

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kepha abaphostoli nabazalwane abasejudiya bezwa ukuthi nabezizwe balamukele izwi likalezi-ku. kwathi ukuba upetru enyukele ejerusalema, abokusoka baphikisana naye, bathi: ungene kubantu abangasokile, wadla nabo. kepha upetru wabathathela konke ngokulandelana, wathi: mina bengisemzini wasejopha ngikhuleka; ngehlelwa yisiyezi, ngabona umbono, kwehla isitsha esithile sinjengendwangu enkulu, yehliswa ezulwini ngamachopho amane, yaze yafika kimi. kwathi ukuba ngiyigqolozele, ngabhekisisa, ngabona izilwane zomhlaba ezinezinyawo ezine, nezilo zasendle, nezinwabuzelayo, nezinyoni zezulu. ngezwa izwi lithi kimi: sukuma, petru; hlaba, udle. kepha ngathi:

qha, nkosi, ngokuba okuyichilo nokungcolileyo akuzange kungene emlonyeni wami. khona izwi elivela engulwini laphendula ngokwesibili, lathi: lokho akukhambululileyo ulezi-ku, ungasho wena ukuthi kuyichilo. lokho-ke kwenzeka kathathu, konke kwabuye kwenyuselwa ezulwini. bhekani, ngaso lesi sikhathi kwase kumi amadoda amathathu phambi kwendlu esasikuyo; ayethonyelwe kimi, evela ekesariya. umoya wayesethi kimi anghambe nabo ngingangabazi ngalutho. bangiphelekezela labo bazalwane abayisithupha, saya sangena endlini yaleyo ndoda. yasibikela-ke ukuthi yayibonile ingelosi imi endlini yayo, ithi: thumela ejopha, ulande usimoni othiwa upetru ozakukhuluma kuwe amazwi ozakusindiswa ngawo, wena nendlu yakho yonke. ngathi ngisaqala ukukhuluma, umoya ongwele wehlela phezu kwabo njengakithi ekuqaleni. ngalikhumbula-ke izwi lenkosi, njengalokho yathi: ujothane wabhapathiza ngamanzi, kodwa nina nizakubhapathizwa ngomoya ongwele. ngakho uma ulezi-ku ebanikile bona isipho njengathi esakholwa yinkosi ujesu kristu, ngingubani mina ukuba ngivimbele ulezi-ku na? bathi ukuzwa lokho, bathula, badumisa ulezi-ku, bathi: kanti ulezi-ku unike nabezizwe ukuphendukela ekuphileni. kepha labo ababehlakazekile ngokuhlupheka okwaqala ngostefanu bahamba, baze bafika efenike, nasekhupro, nase-antiyokiya, bengalikhulumi izwi koyedwa, kubajuda kuphela. kodwa kwakukhona abanye kubo, amadoda asekhupro nasekhurene, abathi befika e-antiyokiya, bakhuluma nakumagreki, beshumayela ivangeli ngenkosi ujesu. isandla senkosi sasinabo; kwakholwa abanengi kakhulu, baphendukela enkosini. kepha kwezwakala izwi ngabo ezindlebeni zebandla lasejerusalema; lase lithuma ubarnaba ukuba ahambe afike e-antiyokiya; wathi ukuba afike, abone umusa kalezi-ku, wathokoza, wabayala bonke ukuba banamathene enkosini ngokuzimisela inhlizyo. ngokuba wayeyindoda enhle, egcwele umoya ongwele nokukholwa; kwenezelwa enkosini abantu abanengi. ubarnaba wayeseya etarsu ukuba afune usawulu; kwathi esemfunene, wamyisa e-antiyokiya. kwase kwenzeka ukuba umnyaka wonke bahlangane ebandleni, befundisa abantu abanengi. kwaqala e-antiyokiya ukuba abafundi bathiwe amakristu. ngalezo zinsuku kwehlela e-antiyokiya abaprofethi bevela ejerusalema. kwasukuma omunye kubo ogama lakhe lingu-agabu, wakhomba ngomoya ukuthi kuzakuba khona indlala enzima ezweni lonke; yaba khona emihleni kaklawudiyu. abafundi base bezimisela ukuba yilowo nalowo kubo athumele njengamandla akhe okokusiza abazalwane abakhe ejudiya.

bakwenza-ke, bakuthumela emalungeni ngesandla sikabarnaba nosawulu.

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ngaleso sikhathi uherode inkosi welula izandla ukuba ahlophe abathile bebandla. wabulala ujakobe umfowabo kajohane ngenkomba. esebonile ukuthi lokhu kuyabathokozisa abajuda, waqhubeka wambamba nopetru. kwakuyizinsuku zezinkwa ezingenamvubelo. wambamba, wamfaka etilongweni, wamnikela emaviweni amane, yilelo nalelo linamabutho amane, ukuba amlinde, ehlose ukumkhu-phulela ebantwini emva kwephasika. ngakho-ke upetru wagcinwa etilongweni; kepha ibandla lamkhulekela ngesineke kulezi-ku. kwathi mhla uherode ebezakumphumisa, ngalobo busuku upetru wayelele phakathi kwamabutho amabili, eboshiwe ngamaketanga amabili, nabalindi phambi komnyango begcina itilongo. bheka, yafika ingelosi yenkosi, kwakhanya ukukhanya etilongweni, yamshaya upetru ohlangothini, yamvusa ithi: shesha usukume. ayesewa amaketanga ezandleni zakhe. ingelosi yathi kuye: gqoka, ufake izicathulo zakho. wenze njalo. yathi kuye: yembatha ingubo yakho, ungilandele. waphuma, wayilandela; wayengazi ukuthi kuyiqiniso okwenziwa yingelosi, kodwa wayethi ubona umbono. sebedlulile kubalindi bokuqala nabesibili bafika esangweni lensimbi eliya emzini, labavulekela ngokwalo, baphuma, badlula isitaladi saba sinye; ingelosi yayisimshiya masinyane. upetru esesangulukile wathi: manje sengiyazi ngeqiniso ukuthi inkosi ithumile ingelosi yayo, yangikhulula esandleni sikaherode nakukho konke okubhekwe yisizwe sabajuda. sekumkhanyele lokho, wafika endlini kamariya unina kajohane othiwa umarku, lapho bebebuthene khona abanengi bekhuleka. esengqongqotha esivalweni sesango, yeza intombazana ukusabela, egama layo linguroda; isilizwile izwi likapetru ayivulanga esangweni ngenxa yokuthokoza, kepha yagijima yabika ukuthi upetru umi ngesesangweni. kodwa bathi kuyo: uyahlanya. yona yaqinisa yathi: hhayi, kunjalo. bona bathi: yingelosi yakhe. kepha upetru waqinisa wangqongqotha; sebevulile babona ukuthi nguye, bamangala. wayesebaqhweba ngesandla ukuba bathule, wabalandisa ukuthi inkosi imkhiphe kanjani etilongweni, wathi: bikelani ujakobe nabazalwane lokhu. wayesephuma, waya kwenye indawo. sekusile, kwaba khona ukunyakaza okukhulu phakathi kwamabutho kokuthi upetru wehlelwe yini. uherode esemfunile engamfumananga, wabuzisisa abalindi, wayala ukuba babulawe. wayesehla ejudiya, waya ekesariya,

wahlala khona. kepha wayebathukuthelele abasetire nabasesidoni; kodwa beza kuye nganhliziyo; sebemvumisile ublastu induna yendlu yenkosi, bacela ukuthula, ngokuba izwe lakubo lalifunzwa ngelenkosi. ngosuku olumisiweyo uherode wembatha ingubo yobukhosi, wahlala esihlalweni, wakhuluma kubantu. abantu bamemeza bathi: yizwi likalezi-ku, akusilo elomuntu. kepha ingelosi yenkosi yamshaya khona lapho, ngokuba enganikanga ulezi-ku udumo; wadliwa yizimpethu, wafa. kodwa izwi likalezi-ku lakhula, landa. kepha obarnaba nosawulu babuya ejerusalemasebeqede ukukhonza kwabo, behamba benojohane othiwa umarku.

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kwakukhona e-antiyokiya ebandleni lakhona abaprofethi nabafundisi: obarnaba, nosimeyoni othiwa unigeri, nolukiyo wasekhurene, nomanayeni owayondliwe kanye noherode umtetrarki, nosawulu.2 kwathi bekhonza inkosi, bezila, umoya ongwele wathi: ngahlukaniseleni obarnaba nosawulu ukuba baye emsebenzini engibabizele wona. khona bazila ukudla bakhuleka, babeka izandla phezu kwabo, babamukisa. bona-ke bethunyiwe ngumoya ongwele behlela eselukiya; basuka lapho, baya ekhupro ngomkhumbi. ekufikeni kwabo esalami bashumayela izwi likalezi-ku emasinagogeni abajuda; babe nojohane eyisikhonzi sabo. sebedabule isiqhingi sonke, baze bafika ephafu, bafumana indoda ethile eyisanusi nomprofethi wamanga, umjuda, ogama lakhe linguabarjesu, owayekhona kumbusi wezwe usergiyu pawulu, umuntu onengqondo enhle. yena wabiza obarnaba nosawulu, wafuna ukuzwa izwi likalezi-ku. kodwa u-eluma, isanusi, ngokuba linjalo igama lakhe ngokuhunyushwa, wamelana nabo, wafuna ukuphambukisa umbusi ekukholweni. kepha usawulu osethiwa upawulu, egcwele umoya ongwele wangqolozela, wathi: o wena ogcwele inkohliso yonke nobubi bonke, ndodana kasathane, sitsha sokulunga konke, awuyikuyeka ukuziphambukisa izindlela eziqondileyo zenkosi na? bheka, isandla senkosi siphezu kwakho manje. uzakuba yimpumputhu, kube yisikhathi ungalingani ilanga. kwase kumfikela khona lapho ukufiphala nobumnyama, wahamba efuna abazakumhola ngesandla. khona umbusi esebona okwenzekileyo wakholwa, emangaliswa ngesifundiso senkosi. upawulu nababe naye bamuka ephafu ngomkhumbi, bafika ephergeri lasephamfiliya; kepha ujothane wahlukana nabo, wabuyela ejerusalemasebona ekumukeni kwabo ephergeri baya e-antiyokiya lasephisiidiya, bangena esin-

agogeni ngosuku lwesabatha, bahlala phansi. sekufundiwe umthetho nabaprofethi, abaphathi besinagoge bathumela kubo, bathi: madoda, bazalwane, uma ninezwi lokuyala abantu, khulumani. wayesesukuma upawulu, waqhweba ngesandla, wathi: madoda akwa-israyeli, nani enesaba ulezi-ku, lalalani: ulezi-ku walesi sizwe sakwa-israyeli wabakhetha obaba, wabaphakamisa abantu bengabafokazi ezweni lasegibithe; wabakhipha kulo ngengalo ephakemeyo. wababekezelela ehlane kungathi iminyaka engamashumi amane. wachitha izizwe eziyisikhombisa ezweni lasekhanani, wababela izwe lazo libe yifa; kwadlula kungathi iminyaka engamakhulu amane namashumi ayisihlanu. emva kwalokho wabanika abahluleli kwaze kwaba ngusamuweli umprofethi. kusukela lapho bacela inkosi; ulezi-ku wabanika usawule indodana kakisi, umuntu wesizwe sakwabenjimini, iminyaka engamashumi amane. esemkhiphile wabavusela udavide abe yinkosi, afakaza ngaye ukuthi: ngimfumene udavide kajesayi, umuntu ongwenhliziyo yami, oyakwenza konke engikuthandayo. enzalweni yakhe ulezi-ku walethela u-israyeli umsidisi ujesu njengokwetsembisa kwakhe; engakafiki yena ujothane wayeseshumaye kuso sonke isizwe sakwa-israyeli umbhaphathizo wokuphenduka. esegcina ukuhamba kwakhe ujothane wathi: lokhu enithi ngiyikho angisikho mina. kodwa bhekani, uyeza emva kwami engingafanele ukukhumula isicathulo sezinyawo zakhe. madoda, bazalwane, madodana ohlanga luka-abraham, nabaphakathi kweni abamesabayo ulezi-ku, izwi lale nsindiso lithunyelwe kithi. ngokuba abakhileyo ejerusalem nababusi babo abamazanga yena, namazwi abaprofethi afundwa amasabatha ngamasabatha bawagcwalisa ngokumlahla; nakuba bengafumananga icala lokufa kuye, nokho bacela kupilatu ukuba abulawe. kwathi sebefeze konke okwakulotshiwe ngaye, bamehlisa emthini, bambeka ethuneni. kepha ulezi-ku wamvusa kwabafileyo. wabonwa izinsuku eziningi yibo ababekhuphukele naye ejerusalem bevela egalile, asebgofakazi bakhe kubantu manje. nathi sinishumayeza ivangeli lesithembiso esenziwa kobaba ukuthi ulezi-ku usigcwalisile sona kubantwana bethu ngokumvusa ujesu, njengokuba kulotshiwe futhi kulo ihubo lesibili ukuthi: wena uyindodana yami, namuhla ngikuzele. maqondana nokumvusa kwakhe kwabafileyo ukuba engasayikubuyela ekuboleni wakhuluma kanje, wathi: ngizakuninika okungcwele nokuthembekileyo kukadavide. ngakho nakwenye indawo uthi: awuyikunika ongwele wakho abone ukubola. ngokuba udavide esekhonzile icebo likalezi-

ku esizukulwaneni sakhe, walala ubuthongo, wabekwa koyise, wabona ukubola. kepha yena amvusayo ulezi-ku akakubonanga ukubola. ngakho-ke makwazeke kini madoda, bazalwane, ukuthi ngalowo kumenyazelwa kini ukuthethelelwa kwezono, nakukho konke ebeningenakulungisiswa kukho ngomthetho kamose yilowo nalowo okholwayo uyakulungisiswa ngaye. ngakho qaphelani, funa nehlelwe ngokwakhulunywa ngabaprofethi ukuthi: bhekani nina zideleli, nimangale, ninyamalale, ngokuba mina ngesibenza umsebenzi emihleni yenu, umsebenzi eningayikukholwa yiwo, nakuba umuntu enilandisa ngawo. kwathi eku-phumeni kwabo, babacela ukuba lawo mazwi akhulunywe kubo nangesabatha elizayo. khona sebehlahakazekile abesinagoge, abaningi babajuda namaprofethi aqotho balandela opawulu nobarnaba abakhuluma nabo, bebancenga ukuba bahlale emseni kalezi-ku. ngesabatha elilandelayo kwabuthana kucishe umuzi wonke ukuzwa izwi likalezi-ku. kepha abajuda bebona izixuku bagcwala umhawu, bakuphika okwakukhulunywa ngupawulu behlambalaza. khona opawulu nobarnaba bakhuluma ngesibindi, bathi: bekudingeka ukuba izwi likalezi-ku likhulunywe kini kuqala; kepha lokhu nilingqaba, nizisho nina nithi anifanele ukuphila okuphakade, bhokani, sesiphendukela kwabezizwe. ngokuba inkosi isiyalezile kanjalo ukuthi: ngikubekile ube ngukukhanya kwabezizwe, ube yinsindiso kuze kube semkhawulweni womhlaba. kwathi abezizwe bekuzwa lokho, bathokoza, balidumisa izwi lenkosi; bakholwa bonke ababemiselwe ukuphila okuphakade. izwi lenkosi lahanjiswa kulo izwe lonke. kepha abajuda bavusa abesifazane abaqotho abanesithunzi nezikhulu zomuzi, bavusela opawulu nobarnaba ukuzingelwa, babaxosha emikhawulweni yabo. bona-ke babavuthululela uthuli lwezinyawo zabo, beza e-ikoniyu. abafundi bagcwala intokozo nomoya ongcewele.

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kwathi e-ikoniyu bangena kanyekanye esinagogeni labajuda, bakhuluma kwaze kwakholwa isixuku esikhulu sabajuda namagreli. kepha abajuda abangakholwanga bavusa abezizwe, babenza nhliziyombi ngakubazalwane. nokho bahlala isikhathi eside, befundisa ngesibindi ngenkosi eyafakazela izwi lomusa wayo, ibanika ukuba kwenziwe izibonakaliso neziman-galiso ngezandla zabo. kepha isixuku somuzi sahlukana phakathi, abanye baba ngakubajuda nabanye ngakubaphostoli. kwathi ukuba basukelwe yisidumo sabezizwe nabajuda kanye nababusi babo

sokubaphatha kabi nokubakhanda ngamatshe, bathi sebekwazi lokho, babalekela emizini yaselikawoniyu, ilistra nederbe, nasezweni langakhona, bashumayela khona ivangeli. elistra kwakuhlezi indoda ethile eyisilima ngezinyawo, eyisishosha selokhu yazalwa ngunina, engazange ihambe. yona yamuzwa upawulu ekhuluma. yena eyigqolozela wabona ukuthi inokukholwa kokuba iphiliswe, wathi ngezwi elikhulu: sukuma, ume ngezinyawo zakho. yayisigxuma, yahamba. kwathi-ke izixuku zikubona lokho akwenzile upawulu, zaphakamisa izwi lazo, zathi ngesilikawoniyu: olezi-ku befana nabantu behlele kithi. ubarnaba bambiza ngokuthi upupitheri, upawulu ngokuthi umerkuriyu, ngokuba kwakunguye owayehola ekukhulumeni. kepha umpristi kajupitheri othempeli lakhe liphambi komuzi waletha izinkunzi nemigexo yezimbali ngasemasangweni, wafuna ukubahlabela ekanye nezixuku. kwathi ukuba bakuzwe lokho abaphostoli obarnaba opawulu, baklebhula izingubo zabo, baphonseka phakathi kwesixuku bememeza bethi: madoda, nikwenzelani lokhu na? nathi singabantu abanjengani ngemvelo, sinishumayeza ivangeli ukuba niphenduke kulokho okuyize, niphendukele kulezi-ku ophilayo owenza izulu nomhlaba, nolwandle, nakho konke okukukho, othe ngezizukulwane ezidlulileyo wayeka izizwe zonke zihambe ngezindlela zazo. nokho akayekanga ukuzifakazela ngokwenza okuhle, waninika imvula yasezulwini nezikhathi zenala, egcwalisa izinhliziyu zenu ngokuhle nan-gokujabula. bekusho lokho, baziyekeisa kalukhuni izixuku ukuba zingabahlabe-li. kodwa kwafika abajuda, bevela e-antiyokiya nase-ikoniyu; sebezivumisile izixuku bamkhanda upawulu ngamatshe, bamhudulela ngaphandle komuzi bethi use-file. kepha kwathi abafundi bembunganyele, wavuka, wangena emzini. ngangomuso wamuka nobarnaba, baya ederbe. sebelishumayele ivangeli kulowo muzi, bezuzile abafundi abaningi, babuyela elistra, nase-ikoniyu, nase-antiyokiya, baqinisa imiphefumulo yabafundi bebaluleka ukuba beme ekukholweni, bethi: simelwe ukun-gena embusweni kalezi-ku ngezinhlupheko eziningi. sebekhethela amalunga amabandla ngamabandla, bakhuleka bezila ukudla, babanikela enkosini asebekholwa yiyo. base bedabula iphisidiya, baya epham-filiya. sebekhulumile izwi epherge, behlela e-ataliya. basuka lapho ngomkhumbi, baya e-antiyokiya, lapho babenikelwe khona emseni kalezi-ku kulowo msebenzi asebe-wufezele. kwathi ukuba bafike, balibutha ibandla, balanda ngakho konke ulezi-ku akwenzile ngabo nokuthi uvulele nabezizwe isango lokukholwa. base behlala nabafundi

kwehla abathile ejudiya, bafundisa abazalwane ukuthi: uma ningasokwa ngomthetho kamose, ningesindiswe. kuthe ukuba kuvele ukuphambana nokuphikisana okukhulu phakathi kwabo nopawulu nobarnaba, banquma ukuba opawulu nobarnaba nabathile kubo bakhuphukele ejerusalem kubaphostoli namalunga ngaleyo ndaba. ngalokho bephelekezelwe yibandla badabula ifenike nesamariya, balandisa ukuphenduka kwabezizwe, benzela bonke abazalwane intokozo enkulu. sebefikile ejerusalem bamukelwa yibandla nabaphostoli namalunga, bakubika konke ulezi-ku abekwenzile ngabo. kepha kwasukuma abathile behlelo labafarisi abakholwayo, bathi kumelwe ukuba basokwe, bayalwe ukugcina umthetho kamose. base bebuthana abaphostoli namalunga, ukuze bayihlole leyo ndaba. sebephikisane kakhulu, wasukuma upetru, wathi kubo: madoda, bazalwane, niyazi ukuthi sekukade ulezi-ku wakhetha phakathi kwenu ukuba abezizwe bezwe izwi levangeli ngomlomo wami, bakholwe. ulezi-ku owazi inhlizyo wabafakazela, ebapha umoya ongcwele njengathi; futhi akahlukanisanga ngalutho phakathi kwethu nabo, ehlambulula izinhlizyo zabo ngokukholwa. manje-ke nimlingelani ulezi-ku ngokubeka ijoka entanyeni yabafundi, obaba nathi esasingenamanda okulithwala na? kepha siyakholwa ukuthi sisindiswa ngomusa wenkosi ujesu ngandlelanye nabo. isixuku sonke sathula; babelalela obarnaba nopawulu belanda ngeziponakaliso nangezimangaliso zonke ulezi-ku abezenzile ngabo phakathi kwabezizwe. kepha sebethulile, ujakobe wathatha wathi: madoda, bazalwane, ngilaleleni. usimeyoni uselandile ngokuhlela kukalezi-ku ekuqaleni ukuba athathele igama lakhe isizwe kubo abezizwe. namazwi abaprofethi ayavumelana nalokho, njengalokho kulotshiwe ukuthi: emva kwalokho ngiyakubuya, ngiyakhe futhi indlu kadavide ewileyo, ngibuye ngakhe okudilikileyo kwayo, ngiyimise, ukuze abaseleyo babantu kanye nabezizwe bonke bayifune inkosi, elibizwe phezu kwabo igama lami, isho inkosi ekwenza lokhu, okwaziwa kwaphakade. ngakho mina ngithi masingabakhathazi labo kwabezizwe abaphendukela kulezi-ku, kodwa masibalobele ukuba bayeke amanyala ezithombe, nawobufebe, nawokuqumbeleleneyo, nawegazi. ngokuba umose unabo abashumayelayo emizini yonke kwasezizukulwaneni zasendulo efundwa emasinagogeni amasabatha ngamasabatha. khona kwaba kuhle kubaphostoli namalunga nakulo ibandla lonke ukuthumela

e-antiyokiya nopawulu nobarnaba amadoda akhethiweyo phakathi kwabo, ujuda othiwa ubarsaba nosila, amadoda angabaholi phakathi kwabazalwane, baloba ngesandla sabo ngokuthi: abaphostoli namalunga, abazalwane, bayabingelela abazalwane abavela kwabezizwe abase-antiyokiya, nabasesiriya, nabasekhilikhiya. njengalokho sizwile ukuthi abanye abavela kithi banikhathazile ngamazwi, benyakazisa imiphfumulo esingabayalelanga khona, kwaba kuhle kithi sesinhliziyonye ukuthuma kini amadoda akhethiweyo kanye nabathandiweyo bethu obarnaba nopawulu, abantu abadele ukuphila kwabo ngenxa yegama lenkosi yethu ujesu kristu. ngalokho sithumile ojuda nosila abazakunitshela lezo zinto ngomlomo. ngokuba kwaba kuhle kumoya ongcwele nakithi ukuba singanithwesi umthwalo omkhulu ngaphandle kwalezi zinto ezifunekayo zokuthi niyeke okuhlatshele izithombe, negazi, nokuqumbeleneyo, nobufebe; uma nizilinda kulezo zinto, noba nenza kahle. salani kahle. ngakho sebemukisiwe behlela e-antiyokiya, balibutha ibandla, balinika incwadi. sebeyifundile bathokoza ngenduduzo yayo. ojuda nosila, njengokuba nabo bengabaprofethi, babaduduzela abazalwane ngamazwi amaningi, babaqinisa. sebehle khona isikhathi, bamukiswa ngabazalwane ngokuthula, babuyela kubo ababathumileyo. kepha kwaba kuhle kusila ukuba asale khona. kodwa opawulu nobarnaba bahlala e-antiyokiya, befundisa beshumayela izwi lenkosi kanye nabanye abaningi. emva kwezinsuku ezithile upawulu wayesethi kubarnaba: ake sibuye, sihambele abazalwane emizini yonke ngaminye esashumayela kuyo izwi lenkosi, sibone ukuthi bahlezi kanjani. ubarnaba wahlosa ukuhamba nojohane othiwa umarku. kepha upawulu wathi akufanele ukuba bahambe naye owabashiya ephamfiliya, akaze aya nabo emsebenzini. kwase kuvela ukuphikisana okukhulu, baze bahlukana; ubarnaba wathatha umarku, wawelela ekhupro ngomkhumbi. kepha upawulu wazikhethele usila, wahamba enikelwe ngabazalwane emseni wenkosi. wadabula isiriya nekhilikhiya eqinisa amabandla.

khona wehlela ederbe naselistra. bheka, kwakukhona lapho umfundi othile, nguthi-mothewu igama lakhe, indodana yowesifazane wakwajuda okholiweyo, kepha uyise wayengumgreki, owayefakazelwa kahle ngabazalwane baselistra nabase-ikoniyu. lowo upawulu wathanda ukuba ahambe naye, wamthatha, wamsoka ngenxa yabajuda ababekhona kulezo zindawo; ngokuba



bonke babemazi ukuthi uyise wayengumgreki. kwathi bedabula imizi, babanika izinqumo ezanqunywa ngabaphostoli namalunga asejerusalema ukuba bazigcine. njalo-ke amabandla aqiniswa ekukholweni, anda ngobuningi imihla ngemihla. base bedabula izwe lasefrigiya nelasegalathiya, benqatshelwe ngumoya ongcwele ukulikhuluma izwi e-asiya; sebefikile ngasemisiya, balinga ukuya ebithiniya, kepha umoya kajesu akabavumelanga. badlula emisiya, behlela etrowa. kwabonakala kupawulu umbono ebusuku; indoda ethile yasemakedoniya eyayimi imncenga yathi: welela emakedoniya, usisize. lapho esewubonile umbono, safuna masinyane ukuya emakedoniya, sathi ulezi-ku usibizile ukuba sibashumayeze ivangeli. khona samuka etrowa ngomkhumbi, saqonda esamotrake, ngangomuso safika eneyapholi. sisuka lapho saya efilipi elingumuzi oyikhanda lesifunda sasemakedoniya, ikoloni. kulowo muzi sahlala izinsuku ezithile. ngosuku lwesabatha saphumela ngaphandle kwe-sango ngasemfuleni, lapho sathi babevama ukukhuleka khona; sahlala phansi, sakhuluma kubo abesifazane ababebuthene. owesifazane othile ogama lakhe lingulidiya, engumthengisi wezibubende, wasemzini wasethiyathira, okhonza ulezi-ku, walalela, inkosi yayivula inhlizyo yakhe ukuba aqaphele okwakhulunywa ngupawulu. kuthe esebhaphathiziwe kanye nendlu yakhe, wasincenga wathi: uma nithi ngikholekile enkosini, ngenani endlini yami, nihlale khona, wasincindezela. kwathi siya endaweni yokukhuleka, kwahlangana nathi intombazana enomoya wobungoma, eyayitholela abaniniyo inzuzo enkulu ngokubhula. yona yamlandela upawulu nathi, yamemeza yathi: laba bantu bayizinceku zikalazi-ku ophazukonke ezimemezela kini indlela yensindiso. yakwenza lokho izinsuku eziningi. kepha upawulu esecasukile waphenduka, wathi kumoya: ngiyakuyala egameni likajesu kristu ukuba uphume kuyo. wayeseophuma ngaso lesi sikhathi. kwathi abaniniyo sebebonile ukuthi ithemba lenzuzo yabo limukile, bababamba opawulu nosila, babahudulela esigcawini phambi kwababusi, babayisa ezinduneni, bathi: laba bantu banyakazisa umuzi wakithi bengabajuda; bafundisa imikhuba esingavunyelwe ukuba siyamu-kele, siyenze thina esingamaroma. isixuku sase sibavukela, nezinduna zayala ukuba bahlutshulwe izingubo, bashaywe ngenduku; sezibashayile imivimbo eminingi, zabaphonsa etilongweni, zayala umgciniziboshwa ukuba abagcine impela; yena eyaliwe kanjalo wabaphonsa etilongweni elingaphakathi, wabopha izinyawo zabo ogongolweni. kepha phakathi kobusuku

opawulu nosila bekhuleka bamdumisa ulezi-ku ngamahubo, iziboshwa zabezwa; kwavela ngokuzuma ukuzamazama komhlaba okukhulu, kwaze kwazanyazanyiswa izisekelo zetilongo; kwavuleka khona lapho iminyango yonke, kwathukuluka nezibopho zabo bonke. kwathi umgciniziboshwa ephaphama, wabona iminyango yetilongo ivulekile; wayesehosha inkemba efuna ukuzibulala, ngokuba wathi iziboshwa ziphunyukile. kepha upawulu wamemeza ngezwi elikhulu, wathi: ungazilimazi, ngokuba sikhona sonke. wayesebiza izibani, wagijimela phakathi ethuthumela, wawa phansi phambi kukupawulu nosila, wabakhiphela ngaphandle, wathi: makhosi, ngimelwe ukwenzani ukuba ngisindiswe na? bona bathi: kholwa yinkosi ujesu, yikhona uzakusindiswa wena nendlu yakho. base bemshumayeza izwi likalezi-ku, yena nabo bonke ababesendlini yakhe. wabathatha ngaso lesi sikhathi sasebusuku, wabageza imivimbo, wabaphathizwa khona lapho, yena nabo bonke abakhe, wabenyusela endlini, wababekela ukudla, wathokoza kanye nendlu yakhe yonke ngokukholwa ngulezi-ku. kepha sekusile, izinduna zathuma izikhonzi, zathi: bakhulule labo bantu. umgciniziboshwa wabikela upawulu lawo mazwi, wathi: izinduna zithumele ukuba nikhululwe. ngakho phumani manje, nihambe ngokuthula. kepha upawulu wathi kuzo: basishayile phambi kwabantu singalahlwanga cala, thina singabantu abangamaroma, basiphonsa etilongweni; manje basikhipha ngasase na? qhabo, akuze bona, basikhiphe. izikhonzi zabikela izinduna lawo mazwi. zona zesaba sezizwa ukuthi bangamaroma, zeza zabancenga; sezibakhiphile zabaxusa ukuba bamuke emzini. base bephuma etilongweni, bangena kwalidiya; kwathi sebebabanile abazalwane babaduduza, bamuka.

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kwathi sebedabulile i-amfipholi neapholoniya, bafika ethesalonika, lapho kwakukhona isinagoge labajuda. kepha upawulu njengokwenza kwakhe wangena kubo, waphendulana nabo amasabatha amathathu, ethathela emibhalweni, ebavulela, ebachasisela ukuthi kwakumelwe ukuba ukristu ahlupheke, avuke kwabafileyo, ethi futhi: ujesu lo engimshumayela kini ungukristu. base bevuma abanye kubo, bazihlanganisa nopawulu nosila, futhi nesixuku esikhulu samagreki akholwayo, kanye nabesifazane abadumileyo abangey-ingcosana. kepha abajuda benomhawu bathatha kumabhukudwane abalisa abathile ababi, besusa isiyaluyalu phakathi kwabantu, baxokozelisa umuzi; bahlasela

indlu kajasoni befuna ukubakhiphela kubantu; kepha bengabafumani bamhudelela ujasoni kanye nabazalwane abathile kubaphathimuzi, bamemeza bathi: laba abayaluzisa izwe lonke sebefikile nalapha, ujasoni ubamukele; bonke laba benza okuphambene nezimiso zikakesari, bethi kukhona enye inkosi, ngujesu. kepha bethusa isixuku nabaphathimuzi abezwa lokho, bathatha isibambiso kujasoni nakwabanye, babakhlulula. kepha abazalwane bamukisa opawulu nosila masinyane ebusuku ukuba baye ebereya; bona sebefikile khona bangena esinagogeni labajuda. labo-ke babebahle kunabasethesalonika, balamukela izwi ngenhliziyo yonke, bahlolisisa imibhalo imihla ngemihla ukuba zinjalo yini lezo zinto. ngakho abanengi kubo bakholwa, nabesifazane abanesithunzi abangama-greki, namadoda angingcosana. kwathi abajuda basethesalonika sebezile ukuthi izwi likalezi-ku limenyezelve ngupawulu nasebereya, beza nakhona, bazinyakazisa bezivusa izixuku. khona abazalwane bamukisa masinyane upawulu ukuba aze afike elwandle; kepha osila nothimothewu basala khona. abamphelekezelayo upawulu bamfikisa e-athene; kwathi sebamukele isiyalezo ngosila nangothimothewu sokuba beze kuye ngokushesha okukhulu, bamuka. kwathi upawulu esabalinda e-athene, umoya wakhe wacunuka phakathi kwakhe ebona umuzi ugcewele izithombe. ngakho-ke wakhuluma esinagogeni kuba-juda nakuwo amakholwa nasesigcawini imihla ngemihla kubo ababesuke bekhona. kepha abathile kuzo izazi zama-epikhuru nezamastoyiku baphikisana naye; abanye bathi: leli phoshophosho lithini na? abanye bathi: kungathi ungomezela olezi-ku abangaziwayo, ngokuba wayeshumayela ivangeli ngojesu nangokuvuka kwabafileyo. base bemthatha, bamyisa e-areyophagu, bethi: ungesazise ukuthi siyini lesi sifundo esisha esikhulunywa nguwe na? ngokuba uletha ezindlebeni zethu okuthile okungaziwayo; ngalokho sifuna ukwazi ukuthi lokhu kungaba yini. ngokuba bonke abase-athene nabafokazi abakhe khona babengazilibazisi ngokunye, kuphela ngokukhuluma nokuzwa izindaba ezintsha. upawulu wema-ke phakathi ne-areyophagu, wathi: madoda ase-athene, ngiyabona ngakho konke ukuthi nikhonza kakhulu olezi-ku. ngokuba kwathi ngihamba ngibuka izinto enizikhonzayo, ngafumana ne-altare okulotshwe kulo ukuthi: elikalezi-ku ongaziwayo. lokho-ke enikukhonza ningakwazi, yikho engikumemezela kini. ulezi-ku owenza umhlaba nakho konke okukuwo, yena oyinkosi yezulu nomhlaba, akahlali emathempelini enziwe ngezandla; futhi akakhonzwa ngezandla zabantu ngokun-

gathi udinga utho, yena obapha bonke ukuphila nokuphefumula nakho konke; wazenza izizwe zonke ngagazi linye ukuba zakhe ebusweni bonke bomhlaba, wamisa izikhathi ezinqunyiweyo nemikhawulo yokuhlala kwazo, ukuze zifune ulezi-ku, ingabe zingamuzwa, zimfumane; ingani kakude kulowo nalowo kithi. ngokuba siphila, sihamba, sikhona kuye, njengalokho izimbongi ezithile zakini zishilo zathi: ngokuba futhi siyinzalo yakhe. ngakho lokhu siyinzalo kalezi-ku, akufanele ukuba sithi ubulezi-ku bufana negolide noma isiliva noma itshe, okuqoshwe ngekhono nangesu lomuntu. ngokuba izikhathi zokungazi wazithalalisa ulezi-ku, kodwa kalokhu usememezela kubantu ukuba bonke ezindaweni zonke baphenduke, njengokuba umisile usuku azakwahlulela ngalo izwe ngokulunga ngomuntu ammisele lokho, enika bonke ithemba ngokumvusa kwabafileyo. kwathi beza ngokuvuka kwabafileyo, abanye bahleka usulu, kepha abanye bathi: siyakuphinda sikuzwe ngaleyo ndaba. kanjalo upawulu waphuma phakathi kwabo. kepha amadoda athile anamathela kuye, akholwa; phakathi kwawo kwakukhona nodiyonisiyu wase-areyophagu, nowesifazane ogama lakhe lingudamari, nabanye kanye nabo.

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emva kwalokho wamuka e-athene, wafika ekorinte. wafumana khona umjuda othile ogama lakhe lingu-akwila, wasepontu ngokuzalwa, owayesanda kufika ephuma e-italiya, enoprisila umkakhe, ngenxa yesimemezelo sikaklawudiyu sokuba bonke abajuda bamuke eroma; weza kubo; lokhu wayemsebenzi munye nabo, wahlala nabo, basebenza. ngokuba umsebenzi wabo kwakungukuthunga amatende. washumayela esinagogeni ngamasabatha onke, wazuza abajuda namagreki. kepha sebefikile osila nothimothewu behla emakedoniya, upawulu wakhathalela izwi, wafakaza kubajuda ukuthi ujesu ungukristu. kwathi benqaba, behlambalaza, wathintitha izingubo zakhe, wathi kubo: igazi lenu malibe phezu kwamakhanda enu; mina anginacala; kusukela manje ngizakuya kwabezizwe. wasuka lapho, weza endlini yomuntu ogama lakhe linguthithiyu justu, okhonza ulezi-ku; indlu yakhe yayiseceleni kwesinagoge. kepha ukrispu umphathi wesinagoge wakholwa yinkosi kanye nendlu yakhe yonke, nabaningi babasekorinte balalela, bakholwa, babhaphathizwa. inkosi yayisithi kupawulu ngombono ebusuku: ungesabi, kepha khuluma, ungathuli, ngokuba mina nginawe, akakho ozakukusukela, akulimaze, ngokuba nginabantu abanengi kulo

muzi. wahlala khona umnyaka nezinyanga eziyisithupha efundisa izwi likalezi-ku phakathi kwabo. kwathi ugaliyu engumbusi wase-akhaya, abajuda bamvukela upawulu nganhliziyonye, bamyisa phambi kwesihlalo sokwahlulela, bathi: lo muntu uphendukisa abantu ukuba bakhonze ulezi-ku ngokuphambene nomthetho. khona upawulu esezakuvula umlomo, ugaliyu wathi kubajuda: o nina bajuda, uma bekuyicala noma ubugebengu obubi, bekufanele nginibekezelele; kodwa uma kungukuphikisana ngamazwi, nangamagama, nangomthetho wakini, ziboneleni nina; mina angithandi ukuba ngumahluleli walezo zinto. wayesebaxosha esihlalweni sokwahlulela. khona bonke bambamba usostene umphathi wesinagoge, bamshaya phambi kwesihlalo sokwahlulela; kodwa ugaliyu akaze anaka lutho lwalokho. kepha upawulu esehlale khona izinsuku eziningi, wavalelisa kubazalwane, wamuka ngomkhumbi, waya esiriya kanye noprísila no-akwila, esegundile ikhanda lakhe ekenikreya; ngokuba wayezibophe ngesifungo. wehlela e-efesu, wabashiya khona; kepha yena wangena esinagogeni, washumayela kubajuda. kwathi bemncenga ukuba ahlale khona isikhathi esidana, akaze avuma, kepha wavalelisa wathi: ngizakubuyela futhi kini, uma ulezi-ku evuma, wayesesuka e-efesu ngomkhumbi; esefikile ekesariya wakhuphuka wabingelela ibandla; wehlela e-antiyokiya. esehlale khona isikhathi esithile wamuka wadabula izwe lasegalathiya nelasefrigiya ngokulandela, eqinisa bonke abafundi. umjuda othile ogama lakhe lingu-apholo, wase-aleksandriya ngokuzalwa, indoda efundileyo nenamandla emibhalweni, wehlela e-efesu. yena wayefundisiwe indlela yenkosi; evutha emoyeni wakhuluma, wafundisa ngesineke izindaba eziqondene nojesu, azi ukubhaphathiza kukajohane kuphela; yena waqala ukushumayela ngesibindi esinagogeni. kwathi ukuba bamuzwe o-akwila noprísila, bamthatha bamchasisela indlela kalezi-ku ngesineke esikhulu. esethanda ukudlulela e-akhaya, abazalwane balobela abafundi bebayala ukuba bamamukele; esefikile wabasiza kakhulu abakholwayo ngomusa, ngokuba waphikisa abajuda ngamandla phambi kwabantu, ekhomba ngemibhalo ukuthi ujesu ungukristu.

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kwathi u-apholo esekorinte, upawulu wafika e-efesu esedabulile amazwe angasehla, wafumana abafundi abathile, wathi: namamukela yini umoya ongcwele mhla nikholwayo na? bathi kuye: qhobo, asizwanga nokuzwa ukuba kukhona umoya

ongcwele. wathi: pho, nabhaphathizelwa kukuphi na? base bethi: kukho ukubhaphathiza kukajohane. upawulu wayesethi: ujohane wabhaphathiza umbhaphathizo wokuphenduka, ethi kubantu mabakholwe nguyena obezakuya emva kwakhe, kungukuthi ujesu. bathi ukuzwa lokho, babhaphathizwa egameni lenkosi ujesu. kwathi upawulu esebekile izandla phezu kwabo, umoya ongcwele wehlela phezu kwabo; base bekhuluma ngezilimi, baprophetha. babe ngamadoda angathi ishumi nambili bebonke. wayesengena esinagogeni, wakhuluma ngesibindi izinyanga zaba ntathu, eshumayela ebafundisa ngombuso kalezi-ku. kepha lapho abathile bezenza lukhuni bengalaleli, bekhuluma kabi ngaleyo ndlela phambi kwabantu, wasuka kubo, waqembula abafundi, washumayela imihla ngemihla esikoleni sikatiranu. lokho kwenzeka iminyaka emibili, baze balizwa izwi lenkosi bonke abakhileyo e-asiya, abajuda namagreki. ulezi-ku wenza imisebenzi yamandla engavamile ngezandla zikapawulu, baze bathatha amaduku nezindwangu emzimbeni wakhe, bazibeka phezu kwabagulayo; zase zisuka kubo izifo, nomoya ababi baphuma. kepha nabathile abayizanusu kubajuda, abayizinzulane, balokotha ukuphatha igama lenkosi ujesu phezu kwabakhwelwe ngomoya ababi, bathi: ngiyanifungisa ujesu amshumayelayo upawulu. uskeva othile, umjuda, umpristi omkhulu, wayenamadodana ayisikhombisa ayekwenza lokho. kepha umoya omubi waphendula, wathi kuwo: ujesu ngiyamazi, nopawulu ngiyamqonda; kepha nina ningobani na? lowo muntu onomoya omubi wabadumela, wahlula ababili, wabanqoba, baze baphunyuka kuleyo ndlu behambaze, belimele. lokho kwezwakala kubo bonke abakhileyo e-efesu, abajuda namagreki, ukwesaba kwabehlela bonke; ladunyiswa igama lenkosi ujesu; nabaningi kwabakholwayo beza bazivuma, bazibika izenzo zabo. kepha abaningi kubo ababenza imilingo babuthela ndawonye izincwadi zabo, bazishisa phambi kwabo bonke; bahlanganisa amanani azo, bafumana ukuthi ayizinhlamvu zesiliva eziyizinkulungwane ezingamashumi ayisihlanu. kanjalo izwi landa ngamandla enkosi, lanqoba. kwathi ukuba sezenzekile lezo zinto, upawulu wazimisela emoyeni ukuya ejerusalema esedabulile imakedoniya ne-akhaya, wathi: emva kokufika kwami khona ngimelwe ukubona neroma. wayesethumela emakedoniya ababili kwabamkhonzayo othimothewu no-erastu; yena uqobo wasala isikhathi e-asiya. kepha ngaleso sikhathi kwavela isiphithiphithi esingecane maqondana naleyo ndlela. ngokuba umuntu othile ogama lakhe lingudemetriyu, umkhandi wesiliva owenza amathempelana

esiliva kadiyana, wazuzisa abakhandi besiliva inzuzo engencane, waqoqa bona kanye nezisebenzi ezinjalo, wathi: madoda, niyazi ukuthi kulo msebenzi kuvela ingcebo yethu, kepha seniyabona, niyezwa futhi ukuthi akukuphela e-efesu kodwa cishe kulo lonke i-asiya upawulu lona udukisile abantu abaningi ngokubancenga, ethi akusibo olezi-ku labo abenziwe ngezandla. ngakho akusikho lokhu kuphela ukuba umsebenzi wethu usengozini yokudelelwa, kodwa nethempeli lolezi-kukazi omkhulu udiyana liyakuthiwa aliyinto yalutho, nobukhulukazi bakhe sebazakuphela, yena elimkhonzayo lonke i-asiya nezwe lonke. kwathi bekuzwa lokho, bagcwala ulaka, bamemeza bathi: mkhulu udiyana wabase-efesu. umuzi wonke wagcwala isiphithiphithi, batheleka nganhlizonye esigcawini sokubukela, babamba ogayu no-aristarku, abasemakedoniya, ababehamba nopawulu. kepha upawulu esefuna ukungena phakathi kwabantu, abafundi abamvumelanga. nabanye bababusi base-asiya, bengabahlobo bakhe, bathumela kuye, bamncenga ukuba angaze angena esigcawini sokubukela. khona-ke abanye bamemeza okunye nabanye okunye; ngokuba ibandla layaluzwa nje, nabaningi babengazi ukuthi babuthanele indabani. base bekhitha u-aleksandru esixukwini, abajuda bamqhubela phambili; kepha u-aleksandru waqweba ngesandla, efuna ukuziphendulela kubantu. kwathi ukuba bezwe ukuthi ungumjuda, bamemeza bonke ngazwi linye kwangathi amahora amabili, bathi: mkhulu udiyana wabase-efesu. kepha umbhali esebathulisile abantu wathi: madoda ase-efesu, kukhona yini phakathi kwabantu ongaziyo ukuthi umuzi wase-efesu ungumlondi wethempeli likadiyana omkhulu nowesithombe esawa ezulwini na? ngakho lokhu lezo zinto zingephikwe, kufanele nithule, ningenzi lutho ngamawala. ngokuba nilethile lawa madoda angesibo abaphangi bamathempeli nokuba abahlambalaza ulezi-ku wethu. ngakho uma udemetriyus kanye nezingcweti zabakhandi besiliva benendaba nomuntu, zikhona izinsuku zokuthetha amacala, bakhona nababusi; mabamangalelane. kepha uma nifuna utho ngaphezu kwalokho, kuyalungiswa ebandleni elimisiweyo. ngokuba-ke sisengozini yokumangalelwa ngomsindo wanamuhla, lokhu kungekho sizathu esingazilandulela ngaso ngalesi siwiliwili. eseshilo lokho walimukisa ibandla.

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sesiphelile isiyaluyalu, upawulu wababiza abafundi, wabavuselela, wavalelisa, wamuka waya emakedoniya. esedabulile lezo zindawo, ebavuselela ngamazwi amaningi,

wafika ezweni lamagreki, wahlala khona izinyanga ezintathu; abajuda sebenzile icebo ngaye esezakumuka ngomkhumbi ukuya esiriya, wazimisela ukubuyela emuva edabula imakedoniya. waphelikezelwa ngusophatru kaphiru wasebereya, nabasethe-salonika o-aristarku nosekhundu, nogayu wasederbe, nothimothewu, nabase-asiya othikhulu notrofimu. laba basandulela, basilindela etrowa. kepha thina samuka ngomkhumbi efilipi emva kwezinsuku zezinkwa ezingenamvubelo, safika kubo etrowa ngezinsuku eziyisihlanu, sahlala khona izinsuku eziyisikhombisa. kwathi ngosuku lokuqala lweviki, sesibuthene ukuba sihlephule isinkwa, upawulu washumayela kubo ebezakumuka ngangomuso, welula amazwi akhe kwaze kwaba phakathi kobusuku. kwakukhona izibani eziningi ekamelweni eliphezulu esasibuthene kulo. kwakuhlezi efasiteleni insizwa ethile igama layo lingu-evitiku, eyazunywa ngubuthongo obunzima, upawulu eshumayela isikhathi eside; isiyahlulwe ngubuthongo, yawa phansi isuka esitezi sesithathu, yathathwa isifile. kepha upawulu wehla, wawa phezu kwayo, wayisingatha, wathi: ningaxokozeli, ngokuba umphefumulo wayo usekhona kuyo, esenyukile wahlephula isinkwa, wadla, wakhuluma nabo isikhathi eside kwaze kwasa; wayesemuka-ke. base bemletha umfana ephilile, baduduzeka kakhulu. kepha thina sandulela ukuya emkhunjini, samuka saya e-asu, lapho sasizakumkhwelisa khona upawulu; ngokuba wayenqumile kanjalo, yena ebezakuhamba ngezinyawo. kwathi esehlangene nathi e-asu, samkhwelisa, safika emithilene; sesimukile lapho ngomkhumbi, ngangomuso safika maqondana nekiyu; ngangomhlomunye sasondela esamu; ngolulandelayo safika emilethu. ngokuba upawulu wayezimisele ukudlula e-efesu ngomkhumbi ukuze angalibali isikhathi e-asiya; ngokuba wayekhawulezela ukuba, uma kungenzeka, abe khona ejerusalem ngosuku lwephente-koste. esemilethu wathumela e-efesu, wabiza amalunga ebandla. kwathi esefikile kuye, wathi kuwo: niyazi nina ukuthi kusukela osukwini lokuqala engafika ngalo e-asiya nganginjani isikhathi sonke nginani, ngikhonza inkosi ngakho konke ukuthobeka, nangezinyembezi, nangokulingwa okwangehlela ngamacebo abajuda, nokuthi angigwemanga ukunithshela okusizayo nokunifundisa phambi kwabantu nakuzo izindlu ngezindlu, ngifakaza kubajuda nakumagreki ukuphendukela kulezi-ku nokukholwa yinkosi yethu ujesu. kepha manje, bhekani, mina sengiya ejerusalem ngiboshiwe emoyeni, ngingakwazi okuzakungehlela khona, kuphela ukuba umoya ongwele uyafakaza kimi imizi ngemizi ethi izibopho

nezinhlupeheko zingihlalele. kepha ukuphila angikushayi into yalutho ukuba kube yigugu kimi, kuphela ukuba ngiphelelise ukuhamba kwami nenkonzo engayamukela enkosini ujesu yokufakaza ngevangeli lomusa kalezi-ku. kalokhu bhekani, ngiyazi ukuthi anisayikubona ubuso bami nina nonke engahamba phakathi kwenu, ngishu-mayela umbuso. ngakho-ke ngiyafakaza kini ngalolu suku lwanamuhla ngithi anginacala egazini labo bonke. ngokuba angigwemanga ukunitshela lonke icebo likalezi-ku. ziqaphe- leni nina nomhlambi wonke anibeke kuwo umoya ongcewele ukuba nibe ngababonisi bokwalusa ibandla likalezi-ku azizuzele lona ngegazi lakhe. mina ngiyazi ukuthi emva kokumka kwami kuzakungena kini izimpisi ezihahayo zingawuhawukeli umhlambi, naphakathi kwenu kuzakuvuka amadoda akhuluma okudukisayo, ahunge abafundi ukubalandela. ngakho lindani, nikhumbule ukuthi ngeminyaka emithathu ubusuku nemini angiekanga ukuniluleka nonke ngabanye ngezinyembezi. kalokhu sengiyanibeka enkosini nasezwini lomusa wayo, yona enamandla okwakha nokwabela ifa phakathi kwabo bonke abangcwelisi- weyo. angifisanga siliva lamuntu, nagolide, nangubo; nina niyazi ukuthi lezi zandla zasebenzela izinswelo zami nezababe nami. kukho konke ngangikhombisa ukuthi kumelwe ukuba nisize ababuthakathaka ngokusebenza okunje, nikhumbule futhi amazwi enkosini ujesu ukuba yena wathi: kubusisekile ukupha kunokwamukela.

eseshilo lokho waguqa phansi kanye nabo bonke, wakhuleka. bakhala kakhulu bonke, bamgona upawulu ngentamo, ba- manga, belusizi kakhulu ngezwi alishilo lokuthi abasayikubona ubuso bakhe. base bemphelekezela, baya emkhunjini.

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kwathi sesimukile kubo, sasuka ngomkhumbi, saqonda ngqo, safika ekhose nangangomuso erodu; sasuka lapho, safika epathara; sesifumene umkhumbi owelela efenike, sangena kuwo, samuka. kwathi sekuqhamuke ikhupro, sesilishiyile ngak- wesokhohlo, saqonda esiriya, sehlika etire, ngokuba umkhumbi wawuzakwethula khona impahla. safumana abafundi, sahlala khona izinsuku eziyisikhombisa; bona bathi ngomoya kupawulu, angalubeki unyawo ejerusalem. kwathi sesiqedile lezo zinsuku, saphuma sahamba; bonke basiphelekezela kanye nawomkabo nabantwana, kwaze kwaba ngaphandle komuzi; saguqa ngama- dolo ogwini, sakhuleka, savalelisana, sangena emkhunjini, kepha bona babuyela emakhaya. thina sesiqedile ukuhamba ngomkhumbi sisuka etire, safika epetole-

mayi, sabingelela abazalwane, sahlala nabo usuku lwaba lunye. kepha nangomuso samuka safika ekesariya, sangena endlini kafiliphu umvangeli, owayengomunye wabayisikhombisa, sahlala naye. yena- ke wayenamadodakazi amane, izintombi eziprofeethayo. kwathi sisahlezi khona izin- suku eziningana, kwehla ejudiya umprofethi ogama lakhe lingu-agabu; yena wafika kithi, wathatha uqotho lukapawulu, wazibopha izinyawo nenzanda, wathi: usho njalo umoya ongcewele, uthi: umuntu olungol- wakhe lolu qotho abajuda bazakumbopha kanje ejerusalem, bamkhaphele ezandleni zabezizwe. sesikuzwile lokho samncenga thina kanye nabakuleyo ndawo ukuba an- gakhuphukeli ejerusalem. khona upawulu waphendula wathi: nenzeleni ukukhala nichoboza inhlizyo yami na? ngokuba sen- gilungele, kungesikho ukuboshwa kuphela kepha nokufa ejerusalem ngenxa yegama lenkosi ujesu. engenakuvunyiswa, sathula sathi: mayenziwe intando yenkosi. emva kwalezo zinsuku sabopha impahla, sakh- uphukela ejerusalem; kwahamba nathi abanye kubafundi basekesariya, besiyisa kumnasoni othile wasekhupro, umfundi om- dala, ebesizakungenisa kwakhe. sesifinyelele ejerusalem, abazalwane basamukela ngokujabula. nangomuso upawulu wan- gena nathi kujakobe; namalunga onke ayekhona. wababingelela, wabalandisa ngakho konke ngakunye ulezi-ku abek- wenzile phakathi kwabezizwe ngenkonzo yakhe. sebekuzwile lokho bamdumisa ulezi-ku, bathi kuye: uyabona, mzalwane, ukuthi ziningi kangaka izigidi zabakhol- wayo phakathi kwabajuda, futhi bonke bayizishisekeli zomthetho; sebekikelwe ngawe ukuthi ufundisa bonke abajuda abaphakathi kwabezizwe ukuhlubuka kumose, uthi mabangasoki abantwana babo, bangahambi ngamasiko. pho-ke, senze njani na? impela bazakuzwa ukuthi usufikile. ngakho yenza lokhu esikusho kuwe: kukhona kithi amadoda amane azibophile ngesifungo; wathathe wona, uzihlambulule kanye nawo, uwakhokhele ukuba aphucule ikhanda; khona bazakwazi bonke ukuthi akukho lutho lwalokho abaku- bikelwe ngawe, kepha ukuthi nawe uhamba ulonda umthetho. kepha maqondana nabezizwe abakholwayo sesilobile sanquma ngokuthi mabazilonde kokuhlatshele izithombe, negazi, nokuqumbeleneyo, nobufebe. khona upawulu wawathatha lawo madoda, nangomuso wayesezihlambulula kanye nawo, wangena ethempelini, wabika ukuphela kwezinsuku zokuhlamlululwa, kuze kulethwe umnikelo ngenxa yawo onke. kwathi sezizakuphela lezo zinsuku eziyisikhombisa, abajuda base-asiya be- mbonile ethempelini, bayaluzisa sonke

isixuku, babeka izandla kuye, bamemeza bathi: madoda akwa-israyeli, yelekealani; nguye lo muntu ofundisa bonke ezindaweni zonke okuphambene nesizwe, nomthetho, nale ndawo, futhi wangenisa ethempelini amagreki, wayingcolisa le ndawo engcwele. ngokuba babebonile ngaphambili utrofimu wase-efesu enaye emzini, ababesho ngaye ukuthi upawulu umngenisile ethempelini. umuzi wonke wanyakaziswa, abantu bagijimela ndawonye, bambamba upawulu, bamhudulela ngaphandle kwethempeli; iminyango yavalwa masinyane. kuthe sebefuna ukumbulala, kwafika izwi enduneni yenkulungwane lokuthi lonke ijerusalema liyayaluzwa; yona yayisithatha masinyane amabutho nezinduna zekhulu, yagijimela kubo; sebebona induna yenkulungwane namabutho bayeka ukumshaya upawulu. khona induna yenkulungwane yasondela, yamthatha, yayala ukuba aboshwe ngamakotanga amabili, yabuza ukuthi ungubani nokuthi wenzeni. kepha abanye esixukwini bamemeza okunye, abanye okunye; yathi ukuba ingenakulazi iqiniso ngenxa yomsindo, yayala ukuba ayiswe ekamu. esefikile esikhwelweni, kwenzeka ukuba athwalwe ngamabutho ngenxa yokukhandana kwesixuku; ngokuba kwalandela isixuku sabantu bememeza bethi: msuseni! esezakungeniswa ekamu upawulu wathi enduneni yenkulungwane: ngivunyelwe ukuba ngisho utho na? yona yathi: uyasazi isigreki na? kanti awusiye yini lowo wasegibithe owambuka ngaphambi kwalezi zinsuku, waholela ehlane amadoda ayizinkulungwane ezine angababulali na? kepha upawulu wathi: mina ngingumjuda wasetarsu lasekhilikhiya, ngingumuntu womuzi ongesiwo ongenalo udumo; ngiyacela, ake ungivumele ngikhuluma kubantu. esemvumele, upawulu wema esikhwelweni, waqhweba abantu ngesandla; sekuthe cwaka, wakhuluma ngolimi lwesiheberu, wathi:

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madoda, bazalwane, nani bobaba, yizwani ukuziphendulela kwami phambi kwenu kalokhu. kwathi bemuzwa ekhuluma kubo ngolimi lwesiheberu, bathula bathi du. wayesethi: mina ngiyindoda engumjuda, ngazalwa etarsu lasekhilikhiya, kodwa ngakhulela kulo muzi, ngafundiswa ngasezinyaweni zikagamaliyeli ngesineke ngomthetho wawobaba, ngashisekela ulezi-ku njengokuba nonke ninjalo namuhla; ngayizingela leyo ndlela kwaze kwaba sekufeni, ngibopha ngibakhaphela ematilongweni abesilisa nabesifazane, njengokuba nompristi omkhulu ufakaza ngami namalunga onke; ngamukela kubo

izincwadi ezilotshele abazalwane, ngaya edamaseku ukuba nababe khona lapho ngibayise ejerusalem baboshiwe, ukuze bajeziswe. kwathi ngisahamba ngisondela edamaseku kuphakathi kwemini, kwangibaneka masinyane nxazonke ukukhanya okukhulu okwavela ezulwini, ngawa phansi emhlabathini, ngezwa izwi lithi kimi: sawulu, sawulu, ungizingelelani na? ngase ngiphendula ngathi: ungubani, nkosi, na? wathi kimi: mina ngingujesu wasenazareth omzingelayo. kepha labo ababe nami bakubona ukukhanya, kodwa izwi lowakhuluma nami abalizwanga. ngathi: ngizakwenzani, nkosi, na? inkosi yayisithi kimi: sukuma, uye edamaseku, uzakutshelwa khona konke okumiselweyo ukuba ukwenze. kepha njengokuba ngangingasaboni ngenxa yenkazimulo yalokho kukhanya, ngaholwa ngesandla yibo ababe nami, ngafika edamaseku. u-ananiya othile, indoda ekholwa ngokomthetho, owayefakazelwa yibo bonke abajuda ababakhile khona, weza kimi, wema, wathi kimi: sawulu, mzalwane, buye ubone. mina ngase ngimbona ngaso lesi sikhathi. wayesethi: ulezi-ku wawobaba wakumisela ngaphambili ukuyazi intando yakhe, nokumbona olungileyo, nokulizwa izwi eliphuma emlonyeni wakhe, ngokuba uzakuba ngufakazi wakhe kubantu bonke walokho okubonileyo nokuzwileyo. manjenge ulibalelani na? sukuma, ubhaphathizwe, uhlambulule izono zakho ngokukhuleka egameni lakhe. kwathi sengibuyele ejerusalem, ngikhuleka ethempelini, ngehlale yisiyezi, ngambona; wathi kimi: khawuleza uphume masinyane ejerusalem, ngokuba abazukwamukela ubufakazi bakho ngami. mina ngase ngithi: nkosi, bayazi bona ukuthi yimina engangibabopha ngibashaya emasinagogeni abakholwa nguwe; futhi mhla kuchithwa igazi likastefanu ufakazi wakho, ngangimi khona mina, ngivuma, ngilinda izingubo zabambulalayo. wathi kimi: hamba, ngokuba mina ngizakukuthuma uye kude kwabezizwe. kepha bamlaleta kwaze kwaba kulelo zwi; base bephakamisa izwi labo, bethi: msuseni onje emhlabeni, ngokuba akufanele ukuba aphile. kwathi besaban galasa, behlubula izingubo, behuquza uthuli phezulu, induna yenkulungwane yayala ukuba angeniswe ekamu, yathi akahlolwe ngenduku, ukuze iqonde ukuthi kungasiphi isici bememeza kanje ngaye. kepha besamelula ngemichilo, upawulu wathi enduneni yekhulu eyayimi khona: kuvunyelwe yini ukushaya umuntu ongumroma engalahlwanga yicala na? induna yekhulu ikuzwile yaya enduneni yenkulungwane, yabika yathi: usuzakwenzani na, ngokuba lowo muntu ungumroma? induna yenkulungwane yayisifika, yathi kuye: ngitshale, wena ungumroma na? yena

wathi: yebo. kepha induna yenkulungwane yaphendula yathi: mina ngalithenga lelo lungelo ngemali enkulu. kodwa upawulu wathi: kepha mina ngazalwa nalo. ngakho basuka kuye masinyane abase bezakumhlola; kepha induna yenkulungwane yesaba, isiyazi ukuthi ungumroma nokuthi ibimbophile. kwathi ngangomuso ifuna ukwazi iqiniso lalokho amangalelwe ngakho ngabajuda, yamkhulula, yayala ukuba abapristi abakhulu nomphakathi wonke ubuthane, yamehlisa upawulu phambi kwabo.

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upawulu wayesegqolozela umphakathi, wathi: madoda, bazalwane, mina ngihambile phambi kukalezi-ku nginonembeza wonke omuhle kuze kube namuhla. kepha umpristi omkhulu u-anani wayala ababemi khona ukuba bamshaye umlomo. khona upawulu wathi kuye: ulezi-ku uzakukushaya wena ludonga olucakiweyo; uhlalele ukungahlulela ngokomthetho, kodwa ngokuphambene nomthetho uyala ukuba ngishaywe na? ababemi khona base bethi: uthuka umpristi omkhulu kalezi-ku na? upawulu wayesethi: bengingazi, bazalwane, ukuthi ungumpristi omkhulu; ngokuba kulotshiwe ukuthi: ungakhulumi kabi ngombusi wesizwe sakini. kepha kwathi upawulu azi ukuthi enye inxenye yabo ingabasadusi nenye ingabafarisi, wamemeza emphakathini, wathi: madoda, bazalwane, ngingumfarisi mina, ngiyindodana yabafarisi; ngimangalelwa ngethemba nangokuvuka kwabafileyo. eseshilo lokho, kwavela ukuphambana phakathi kwabafarisi nabasadusi, ibandla lahlukana kabili. ngokuba abasadusi bathi akukho ukuvuka kwabafileyo, nangelosi, namoya, kepha abafarisi bavuma kbona-ra-ukukhandlekali. kwase kuvela umsindo omkhulu, kwasukuma bakhile kubabhali benxenye yabafarisi, balwa kakhulu, bathi: asifumani lutho olubi kulo muntu; uma, pho, kukhulume kuye umoya noma ingelosi na? kwathi sekuvele isiyaluyalu esikhulu, induna yenkulungwane yesaba ukuba upawulu angadwengulwa yibo, yayala impi ukuba yehle imhlwithe phakathi kwabo, imyise ekamu. ngobusuku obulandelayo inkosi yema ngakuye, yathi: yima isibindi; njengalokho ufakaze ngami ejerusalem, ngokunjalo umelwe ukufakaza naseroma. kwathi sekusile, abajuda benza iqeqeba, bazilokothela bethi abayikudla, bangaphuzi, bengakambulali upawulu. babengaphezu kwamashumi amane ababenze lelo cebo. bona base beza kubapristi abakhulu nasemalungeni, bathi: sizibophe ngesilokothelo sokuthi asiyikuzwa ukudla size simbulale upawulu.

manje-ke nina kanye nomphakathi yazisani induna yenkulungwane ukuba imehlelele kini ngokungathi nizakuhlolisisa indaba yakhe; thina-ke silungele ukumbulala engakasondeli. kepha indodana kadadewabo kapawulu yezwa ngokumqamekela kwabo, yafika yangena ekamu, yambikela upawulu. upawulu wayesebiza enye induna yekhulu, wathi: yisa le nsizwa enduneni yenkulungwane, ngokuba inento ezakuyibika kuyo. yayisiyithatha-ke, yayiyisa enduneni yenkulungwane, yathi: isiboshwa upawulu singibizile, sacela ukuba ngilethe le nsizwa kuwe, inento ezakukutshela yona. induna yenkulungwane yayisiyibamba ngesandla, yagudluka nayo, yayibuza bebodwa, yathi: kuyini ozakungibikela khona na? yathi: abajuda bavumelene ukucela kuwe ukuba wehlisele upawulu emphakathini ngomuso ngokungathi bazakuhlolisisa indaba yakhe. ngakho-ke wena ungabavumeli, ngokuba kubona amqamekele amadoda angaphezu kwamashumi amane azilokothelayo ukuba angadli, angaphuzi, engakambulali; manje-ke sebelungele bebheke isithembiso sakho. khona induna yenkulungwane yayisiyimukisa insizwa, isiyiyalile ukuba ingatsheli muntu ukuthi imbikele lokho. yayisibiza izinduna zekhulu ezimbili, yathi: lungisani amabutho angamakhulu amabili alungele ukuya ekesariya ngehora lesithathu lasebusuku, kanye nezinkweli ezingamashumi ayisikhombisa, nabemikhonto abangamakhulu amabili, kulungiselwe futhi izilwane, ukuze bakhwelise upawulu, bamyise kahle kufeliksi umbusi, yaloba incwadi ehlelwe kanje: uklawudiyu lisiya kuye ufeliksi umbusi odumileyo; ngiyakubingelela. le ndoda ibibanjwe ngabajuda; ibisizakubulawa yibo, ngafika namabutho, ngayophula sengizwile ukuba ingumroma. ngathi ngifuna ukwazi icala abayimangalela ngalo, ngayehlisele emphakathini wabo; ngayifumana imangalelwe ngezindaba zomthetho wakubo, kepha engamangalelwa ngalutho olufanele ukufa nokuba ukuboshwa. sekudaluliwe kimi ukuthi kukhona icebo ngaleyo ndoda, ngase ngiyithumela kuwe masinyane, ngibayalile nabayimangalelayo ukuba bakhulume ngayo phambi kwakho. khona amabutho ayesemthatha upawulu njengokuyalwa kwawo, amyisa e-antipatheri ebusuku. kepha ngangomuso ashiya izinkweli ukuba zihambe naye; wona abuyela ekamu; lezo sezifikile ekesariya zanika umbusi incwadi, zamisa upawulu phambi kwakhe. eseyifundile wambuzwa ukuthi ungowasiphi isifunda; esezwile ukuthi ungowasekhilikhiya, wathi: ngiyakuyizwa kahle indaba yakho, nxa sebefikile abakumangalelayo. wayala ukuba alondwe enqabeni kaherode.

emva kwezinsuku eziyisihlanu umpristi omkhulu u-ananiya wewuka kanye namalunga athile nommeli othile utertulu; laba bamngalela upawulu kumbusi. yena esebiziwe, utertulu waqala ukumbeka icala, ethi: lokho ukuthi ngenxa yakho sitholile ukuthula okukhulu nangokubonelela kwakho lesi sizwe senzelve okuhle okuningi siyakwamukela ngezikhathi zonke nasezindaweni zonke ngokubonga okukhulu, feliksi odumileyo. kepha ukuba ngingakubambezele, ngiyakuncenga ukuba ngobumnene bakho usizwe ngokufushane. ngokuba le ndoda siyifumene iyishinga ivusa ukwambuka phakathi kwabajuda ezweni lonke, iyinhloko yehlelo lamanazareth, yalinga nokungcolisa ithempeli; sayibamba, sathanda ukuyahlulela ngomthetho wakithi. kepha kwafika ulisiya induna yenkulungwane, wamthatha ngendluzula enkulu ezandleni zethu, eyala abambeka icala ukuba beze kuwe, ukuze umbuzisise wena uqobo, uzwe ngakho konke esimngalela ngakho. nabajuda bakuvuma lokho, bathi kunjalo. umbusi esemqhwebile ukuba akhulume, upawulu waphendula wathi: lokhu ngiyazi ukuthi sekuyiminyaka eminingi ungumahluleli kulesi sizwe, ngiyaziphendulela ngesibindi; futhi ungaqonda ukuthi akungaphezu kwezinsuku eziyishumi nambili ngikhuphukile ukuyokhuleka ejerusalem; abangifumananga ngiphikisana namuntu, nakuba ngivusa isiphithiphithi esixukwini, nasethempelini, nasemasinagogeni, nasemzini, futhi bangekuqinise kuwe lokhu abangibeka icala ngakho manje. kepha ngiyavuma lokhu kuwe ukuthi ngendlela abathi iyihlelo ngiyamkhonza ngokunjalo ulezi-ku wawobaba, ngikhulwa yikho konke okulotshiwe emthethweni nakubaprofethi; nginethemba kulezi-ku abalibheka nabo uqobo lokuthi kuyakuba khona ukuvuka kwabafileyo, okwabalungile nokwabangalungile. kulokhu nami ngiyazama ukuba njalo ngibe nonembeza ongenacala phambi kukalezi-ku nabantu. kwathi emva kweminyaka eminingi ngafika ukuletha izipho esizweni sakithi neminikelo, okuthe ngikulokho bangifumana ethempelini ngihlanjuluwe, kungekho isixuku nomsindo, abajuda abathile base-asiya ababefanele ukuvela phambi kwakho, bangimangalele, uma benotho ngami. nokuba mabasho laba ukuthi bafumanani okungalungile mhla ngimi phambi komphakathi, ngaphandle kwalelo zwi elilodwa engalimezeza ngimi phakathi kwabo lokuthi: ngokuvuka kwabafileyo mina ngimangalelwa yinina namuhla. kepha ufeliksi ekwazi ngokuchachileyo okwaleyo ndlela

wabahlehliisa ethi: lapho ulisiya induna yenkulungwane esewukile, ngizakuyinquma indaba yenu, wayala induna yekhulu ukuba agcinwe, kepha abe nenkululeko, kunganqatshelwa muntu wakubo ukumkhonza. kepha emva kwezinsuku ezithile wafika ufeliksi nodrusila umkakhe owayengumjudakazi, wabiza upawulu, wamuzwa ngokukholwa ngukristu jesu. esakhuluma ngokulunga, nangokuzithiba, nangokwahlulela okuzayo, ufeliksi washaywa lualo, waphendula wathi: okwamanje hamba; kepha nxa ngithola isikhathi, ngizakukubiza, wethemba futhi ukuthi uzakunikwa imali ngupawulu; ngalokho wayehleze embiza, ekhuluma naye. kepha sekuphelile iminyaka emibili, ufeliksi walandelwa nguporkiyu festu; kodwa ufeliksi efuna ukubongwa ngabajuda washiya upawulu eboshiwe.

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kwathi ufestu engenile esikhundleni, wasuka ekesariya emva kwezinsuku ezintathu, wenyukela ejerusalem; abapristi abakhulu nezikhulu zabajuda base bemangalela upawulu kuye, bamncenga, bazicelela umusa ngaye wokuba ambizele ejerusalem, becebile ukumqamekela ukuba bambulale endleleni. kepha ufestu waphendula ngokuthi upawulu ugcinwe ekesariya nokuthi naye usezakuya khona masinyane; wathi: izikhulu phakathi kweni azelele nami; uma kukhona utho olubi kuleyo ndoda, aziyimangalele. kwathi esehlale nabo izinsuku ezingaphezu kweziyisishiyagalombili nokuba eziyishumi, wehlela ekesariya; ngangomuso wahlala esihlalweni sokwahlulela, wayala ukuba upawulu alethe. esefikile yena, abajuda ababehlele ejerusalem bema bemhaqile, bembeke amacala amaningi anzima, abangenakuwaqinisa, lapho upawulu eziphendulela ngokuthi: angonanga ngalutho nasemthethweni wabajuda, nasethempelini, nakukesari. kepha ufestu ethanda ukubongwa ngabajuda, wamphendula upawulu, wathi: uyathanda yini ukwenyukela ejerusalem, wahlulelwe khona phambi kwami ngalezi zinto, na? upawulu wayesethi: ngimi phambi kwesihlalo sokwahlulela sikakesari, lapho ngimelwe ukwahlulelwa khona. angenzanga okungalungile kubajuda njengalokhu nawe wazi kahle. kepha uma ngonile ngenza utho olufanele ukufa, angali ukufa; kodwa uma kungekho lutho lwalokho laba abangimangalela ngakho, akakho onganinikela kubo. ngilidlulisele kukesari. khona ufestu esekhulumele nomphakathi waphendula wathi: ulidlulisele kukesari, uzakuya kukesari. kwathi sekudlule izinsuku ezithile, u-agripha inkosi, nobernike behlela ekesariya ukuyobingelela ufestu. sebehlezi khona izinsuku eziningi,



ufestu weneka phambi kwenkosi indaba kapawulu, wathi: kukhona indoda ethile eyashiywa ngufeliksi iboshiwe; kwathi ngisjerusalema, abapristi abakhulu namalunga abajuda babika ngaye becela ukuba ilahlwe; ngabaphendula ngathi akusiwo umkhuba wamaroma ukumnikela umuntu omangalelwayo engakamiswa phambi kwabamman-galelayo, athole ithuba lokuziphendulela ngecala amangalelwe ngalo. ngakho sebebuthe lapha, angilibalanga; nangomuso ngahlala esihlalweni sokwahlulela, ngayala ukuba leyo ndoda ilethwe; basukumakala ngayo lalezo zinto ezimbi ebengizicabangile mina, kodwa babe nokuphikisana okuthile naye ngenkolo yakubo nangomuntu othile, ujesu, owafayo, asho ngaye upawulu ukuthi uyaphila. kuthe mina ngisakhohliwe ukuthi leyo ndaba ngizakuyihlola kanjani, ngathi angathanda yini ukuya ejerusalema ukuba ahlulelwe khona ngalezo zinto. kepha upawulu eselidlulisile wacela ukuba agcinwe lize lithethwe yinkosi enkulu, ngayala ukuba agcinwe ngize ngithumele kukesari. u-agripha wayesethi kufestu: nami bengithanda ukumuzwa lowo muntu. wathi: uzakumuzwa ngomuso. khona nangomuso kwafika o-agripha nobernike ngemvunulo enkulu, bangena endlini yamacala kanye nezinduna zenkulungwane nezikhulu zomuzi; ufestu wayala ukuba upawulu alethwe. ufestu wathi: nkosi, agripha, nani nonke nina madoda enikhona lapha kanye nathi, niyambona lona oluze ngaye kimi lonke uquqaba lwabajuda ejerusalema nalapha, lumemeza luthi akafanele ukuba abe esaphila. kepha mina ngabona ukuthi akenzanga lutho olufanele ukuba afe, kodwa ngenxa yokudlulisela kwakhe kukesari ngazinqumela ukumthuma. anginanto eqinisekileyo ngaye engingayilobela inkosi; ngakho ngimlethile phambi kwenu, ikakhulu phambi kwakho, nkosi agripha, ukuze kuthi sekuhloliwe, ngibe nakho engingakuloba. ngokuba mina ngokwami ngithi akuqondile, uma kuthunyelwa isiboshwa, kungakhonjwa amacala aso.

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khona u-agripha wathi kupawulu: uvunyelwe ukuba uzikhulumele. upawulu wayeselula isandla, waziphendulela wathi: maqondana nakho konke engimangalelwa ngakho ngabajuda, nkosi agripha, ngizibona nginenhlanhla, ngokuba ngizakuziphendulela namuhla phambi kwakho, ikakhulu lokhu uyisazi sawo onke amasiko nokuphikisana kwabajuda; ngalokho ngiyakunxusa ukuba ungilalele ngokubekezela. inkambo yami kwasebusheni eyaba sesizweni sakithi nasejerusalema kwasekuqaleni bonke aba-

juda bayayazi, bengazi kwasekuqaleni, uma bethanda ukufakaza ukuthi ngangihamba ngehlelo eliqinileyo lenkonzo yakithi ngingumfarisi. kepha manje ngimi ngimangalelwe ngenxa yethemba lesithembiso asenzayo ulezi-ku kubo obaba, ezithemba ukufinyelela kuso izizwe eziyishumi nambili zakithi, zikhonza ngesineke ubusuku nemini; ngalelo themba, nkosi, ngimangalelwa ngabajuda. kungani kube yinto engakholekile kini ukuthi ulezi-ku uvusa abafileyo na? kepha mina ngokwami ngangithi ngifanele ukwenza okuningi okuphambene negama likajesu wasenazareth; lokho ngase ngikwenza-ke ejerusalema; mina ngabafaka abaningi kwabangcwele ematlongweni, ngiwatholile amandla kubapristi abakhulu, nalapho bebulawa ngabalahlah ngevoti lami. nasemasinagogeni onke kaningi ngabajezisa ngibacindezela ukuba bahlambalaze; ngahlanya kakhulu ngabo, ngibazingela kwaze kwaba semizini yabezizwe. kwathi lapho ngisaya edamaseku ngamandla nangokuthunywanga ngabapristi abakhulu, emini enkulu, nkosi, ngisendleleni, ngabona ukukhanya okuvela ezulwini, kudlula ukukhazimula kwelanga, kungikhanyisela nxazonke kanye nababehamba nami; kwathi sesiwire phansi sonke emhlabathini, ngezwa izwi likhuluma kimi ngo limi lwesiheberu, lithi: sawulu, sawulu, ungizingelelani na? kulukhuni kuwe ukukhahlela ezinkandini. kepha mina ngathi: ungubani, nkosi, na? inkosi yathi: mina ngingujesu omzingelayo. kepha sukuma, ume ngezinyawo zakho; ngokuba ngibonakele kuwe ngalokho ukuba ngikumise ube yisikhonzi nofakazi walokhu kungibona kwakho nowalokhu engizakuzibonakalisa kuwe ngakho, ngikophule esizweni nakwabezizwe engikuthumela kubo ukuvula amehlo abo ukuba basuke ebunyamini, baphendukele ekukhanyeni, basuke emandleni kasathane, baphendukele kulezi-ku, ukuze bamukelise ukuthethelwela kwezono nesabelo phakathi kwabangcwelisiweyo ngokukholwa kimi. ngalokho, nkosi agripha, angibanga ngongawulaleliyo umbono wasezulwini, kodwa ngamemezela kuqala kwabasedamaseku nakwabasejerusalema, nakulo lonke izwe lasejudiya nakwabezizwe ukuba baphenduke, baguqukele kulezi-ku, benze imisebenzi efanele ukuphenduka. ngenxa yalokho abajuda bangibamba ethempelini, balinga ukungibulala. ngitholile usizo kulezi-ku ngimi kuze kube kululu suku ngifakaza kwabancane nakwabakhulu, angikhulumi lutho ngaphandle kwalokho abakukhulumile abaprofethi nomose ukuthi kuzakwenzeka, ukuthi ukristu nga ehlupheka nokuthi engowokuqala ekuvukeni kwabafileyo uzakumemezela ukukhanya kuso isizwe nakwabezizwe.

kwathi esaziphendulela kanjalo, ufestu wathi ngezwi elikhulu: pawulu, uyahlanya; ukufunda okuningi kuyakuhlanyisa. kepha upawulu wathi: angihlanyi, festu odumileyo, kodwa ngikhuluma amazwi ayiqiniso nawokuqonda. ngokuba inkosi engikhuluma kuyo ngesibindi iyazi ngalezi zinto, ngokuba angikhulwa ukuthi kukhona utho lwalokhu olufihlekile kuyo; ngokuba lokhu akwenziwanga engosini. nkosi agripha, uyakhulwa ngabaprofethi na? ngiyazi ukuthi uyakhulwa. u-agripha wathi kupawulu: kusilele kancane ungivumise ngibe ngumkristu. upawulu wayesethi: bengin-gafisa kulezi-ku ukuba, noma kukancane noma kukakhulu, kungabi wena wedwa kodwa bonke abangizwayo namuhla babe njengami, ngaphandle kwalezi zibopho. inkosi yayisisukuma nombusi nobernike kanye nababhelezi nabo; kwathi sebegudlukile, bakhuluma bodwa, bathi: lo muntu akenzi lutho olufanele ukufa noma izibopho. kepha u-agripha wathi kufestu: lo muntu ngabe ekhululwe, uma ebengalidluliselanga kukesari.

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kwathi sekunqunyiwe ukuba siye e-italiya ngomkhumbi, banikela upawulu nezinye iziboshwa ezithile enduneni yekhulu, igama layo lingujuliyu, eyebutho likakesari. sangena emkhunjini wase-adramitiyu obusuzakuya ezindaweni zangase-asiya, u-aristarku ummakedoniya wasethesalonika enathi. ngangomuso safika esidoni; ujuliyu wamphatha kahle upawulu, wamvumela ukuba aye kubahlobo bakhe, ahlunyelelwe. sasuka lapho, sagudla ngenzansi kwekhupro, ngokuba imimoya yayiphambene nathi. sesidabulile ulwandle olungasekhilikhiya nephamfiliya safika emira laselikhiya. lapho-ke induna yafumana umkhumbi wase-aleksandriya oqonde e-italiya, yasin-genisu kuwo. sesihambe kancane izinsuku eziningi saze safika kalukhuni ngasekinidu, umoya ungasivumeli, sagudla ikrethe maqondana nesalimone, sagudla lona kalukhuni, safika endaweni ethile ethiwa matheku mahle; eduze nayo kukhona umuzi waselaseya. kwathi sekudlulile isikhathi eside, sekuyingozi ukuhamba ngomkhumbi, ngokuba isikhathi senzilo sase sidlulile, upawulu wabaluleka, wathi kubo: madoda, ngiyabona ukuthi lolu hambo luzakuba nengozi nokuchithakala okukhulu, kungabi ngokwempahla nokomkhumbi kuphela kepha nokokuphila kwethu. kepha induna yekhulu yethemba umshayeli womkhumbi nomniniwo kakhulu kunalokho okwakhulunywa ngupawulu. njengokuba itheku lalingalungile ukuhlala khona ebusika, iningi labo laluleka ukuba kusukwe

khona, mhlawumbe kwenzeke ukuba bafinyelele efeniksi, itheku lasekrethe elibheke entshonalanga yaseningizimu nasentshonalanga yasenyakatho, bahlale khona ebusika. kuthe iningizimu isaphephetha kahle, bacabanga ukuthi sebetholile ababekuqondile, bakhuphula ihange, bagudla ikrethe. kepha emva kwesikhathi esingeside kwavuka kwehla kulo umoya oyisivunguvungu othiwa i-ewurakiloni; kodwa umkhumbi usududulwa ungasenakubhekana nomoya, sayeka saqhutshwa nje. kwathi sigudla ngenzansi kwesiqhingana esithiwa iklawuda, sabamba isikebhe kalukhuni; sebe sikhuphulle basebenzisa izinto zokusiza, bawuzongolozela umkhumbi ngezintambo; kuthe besaba ukuthi bazakukhahleleka esirti, behlisa izindwangu zomkhumbi, baqhutshwa kanjalo. kuthe ukuba sibhengulwe kakhulu yisiphepho, ngangomuso bachitha umthwalo; kwathi ngolwesithathu balahla izimpahla zomkhumbi ngeezandla zabo. khona-ke ilanga nezinkanyezi zingasabonakali izinsuku eziningi, nesiphepho esingesincane siqinisa njalo, lase liphela ithemba lonke lokuba singasindiswa. sekuyisikhathi eside bengasadli lutho, upawulu wasukuma phakathi kwabo, wathi: madoda, ngabe nalalela mina, kanamuka ekrethe, naphepha kule ngozi nakulokhu kuchithakala. kepha manje senginiluleka ukuba nime isibindi, ngokuba akuyikufa muntu kini, umkhumbi kuphela. ngokuba ngalobu busuku bekumi ngakimi ingelosi kalezi-ku engingowakhe nengimkhonzayo, yathi: ungesabi, pawulu; umelwe ukuma phambi kukakesari; bheka, ulezi-ku ukuphile bonke abahamba nawe emkhunjini. ngalokho yimani isibindi, madoda; ngokuba ngiyakhulwa ngulezi-ku ukuthi kuzakuba njengalokho kukhulunywe kimi. kepha simelwe ukukhahleleka esiqhingini esithile. kwathi ukuba kufike ubusuku beshumi nane sisazulazulisa elwandle lwase-adriya phakathi kobusuku, abomkhumbi bacabanga ukuthi bayasondele ezweni elithile. base bephonsa intambo yokulinganisa, bafumana kungamafatome angamashumi amabili; sebeqhubekile kancane bayiphonsa futhi, bafumana kungamafatome ayishumi nanhlanu; besaba ukuthi mhlawumbe singashayeka ezindaweni ezinamadwala, baphonsa amahange amane ngasemuva, bafisa ukuba kuse. abomkhumbi sebefuna ukubaleka emkhunjini, behlisela isikebhe elwandle ngokungathi bazakuphonsa amahange enhlokweni yomkhumbi, upawulu wathi enduneni yekhulu nasemabuthweni: uma laba bengahlali emkhunjini, ningesindiswe nina. khona amabutho anquma amagoda esikebhe, asidedela sawa. kwathi sekuzakusa, upawulu wabancenga bonke ukuba badle, wathi:

namuhla kulusuku lweshumi nane nilindile, nihlezi nizila, ningadli lutho. ngalokho ngiyancenga ukuba nidle, ngokuba lokhu kungokokusinda kwenu; akuyikulahleka unwele lwekhanda nakoyedwa phakathi kwenu. eseshilo lokho wathatha isinkwa, wabonga ulezi-ku phambi kwabo bonke, wasihlephula, waqala ukudla. base bema isibindi bonke, badla nabo. thina sonke esasisekhunjini besingabantu abangamakhulu amashumi ayisikhombisa nesithupha. sebesuthi ukudla benza lula umkhumbi belahla ukolweni elwandle. sekusile, abalazanga izwe, kepha babona itheku elithile elinesihlabathi abanquma ukuba baqhubele kulo umkhumbi, uma kungenzeka. banquma amahange bawashiya elwandle, bathukulula futhi izintambo zamaphini okuqondisa, baphakamisela emoyeni indwangu ephambili, baqonda ogwini. batheleka endaweni enolwandle nxazombili, baqhubela umkhumbi kuyo, inhloko yomkhumbi yagxumekeka, yema ingenakunyakaziswa, kepha ingasemuva laphulwa ngamandla amaza. kepha amabutho ayehlola ukubulala iziboshwa, funa ezinye zibaleke ngokuhlamba; kepha induna yekhulu ithanda ukusindisa upawulu yawavimbela enhlosweni yawo, yayala ukuba labo abakwazi ukuhlamba baziphonse kuqala emanzini, bafike emhlabathini, nabaseleyo bafike, abanye ngamapulangwe, abanye ngezinye izinto zomkhumbi. kanjaloke kwenzeka ukuba bonke baphumele emhlabathini besindile.

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kwathi sesisindile khona, sezwa ukuthi isiqhingi sithiwa imelitha. abantu bakhona basiphatha ngobubele obungavamile, ngokuba babebasa umlilo, basamukela sonke ngenxa yemvula eyayisina nangenxa yamakhaza. kepha upawulu ecaakashile ixha lezinsaba, elibeka emlilweni, kwaphuma inyoka ngenxa yokushisa, yanamathela esandleni sakhe. abantu bakhona sebebona isilwane silenga esandleni sakhe, bakhuluma bodwa, bathi: ngempela lo muntu ungumbulali othi noma esindile elwandle ukulunga akuvumi ukuba aphile. kodwa yena wasinikela isilwane emlilweni, akaze alimala. kepha babheka ukuthi usezakuvuvuka, nokuba awe phansi masinyane, afe. kepha sebebheka isikhathi eside, bebona ukuthi akafikelwa ngozi, baphenduka bathi ungulezi-ku. kwakukhona kuleyo ndawo izwe lesikhulu sesiqhingi, igama laso linguphubiliyu; yena wasamukela, wasiphatha kahle izinsuku ezintathu. kepha uyise kaphubiliyu wayelele phansi ephethwe ngumkhuhlane nemo; upawulu wangena kuye, wakhuleka,

wabeka izandla phezu kwakhe, wamphilisa. kwathi lokho sekwenzekile, beza nabanye abasesiqhingini abanezifo, baphulukiswa, basitusa ngokutusa okuningi; kwathi mhla simuka ngomkhumbi, basinika esikudingayo. emva kwezinyanga ezintathu sase simuka ngomkhumbi wase-aleksandriya owawudlulisa ubusika esiqhingini, uphawu lwawo lungolwamawele. sangena esirakhuse, sahlala izinsuku ezintathu; sasuka lapho, sagwegwesa, safika eregiyu. sekudlule usuku lwaba lunye, kwavuka ingizimu, safika ephutheyoli ngosuku lwesibili. safumana khona abazalwane, sancengwa ukuba sihlale nabo izinsuku eziyisikhombisa; kanjalo safika eroma. abazalwame sebezile ngathi basuka khona, beza ukusihlangabeza baze bafika e-aphiyo foru nasetresi thaberne; upawulu ebabona wabonga ulezi-ku, wema isibindi. sesifikile eroma, upawulu wavunyelwa ukuhlala yedwa enebutho elimlindayo. kwathi emva kwezinsuku ezintathu wabizela ndawonye kuye abakhulu babajuda; sebebuthene, wathi kubo: madoda, bazalwame, noma mina ngingenzanga lutho oluphambene nesizwe namasiko awobaba, nokho ngasuswa ejerusalem ngiyisiboshwa, nganikelwa ezandleni zamaroma; wona esengihlolile afuna ukungikhulula, ngokuba kungekho cala kimi lokuba ngife; kepha abajuda bekuphikisa, ngacindezelwa ukuba ngilidlulisele kukesari, kungesikho ukuthi ngisimangalela isizwe sakithi ngalutho. ngakho ngaleso sizathu nginibizele lapha ukuba nginibone, ngikhulume nani; ngokuba ngenxa yethemba lika-israyeli ngiboshiwe ngaleli ketanga. base bethi kuye: thina asamukelanga ncwadi ngawe evela ejudiya, akufikanga namuntu wabazalwane ukubika nokukhuluma utho olubi ngawe. kepha sithi kufanele sizwe kuwe okucabangayo, ngokuba siyazi ngaleli hlelo ukuthi liyaphikiswa ezindaweni zonke. khona sebemmisele usuku beza kuye endlini yakhe bebaningi, wabachasisela efakaza ngombuso kalezi-ku, wabaqondisa ngojesu ethathela emhethweni kamose nakubaprofethi, kusukela ekuseni kwaze kwahlwa. abanye baneliswa ngokwakhulunywayo, abanye abakholwanga; kwathi ukuba bangezواني bodwa, bamuka, upawulu esekhuluma izwi labalinye lokuthi: wakhuluma kahle umoya ongcewele ngo-isaya umprofethi koyihlo ngokuthi: hamba uye kulesi sizwe, uthi: ngokuzwana niyakuza, ningaze naqonda, nangokubona niyakubona, ningaze nabonisisa, ngokuba inhliziyu yalesi sizwe seyaba buthuntu; bezwa kanzima ngezindlebe, amehlo abo bawacimezile, funa mhlawumbe babone ngamehlo, bezwe ngezindlebe, baqonde ngenhliziyu, baphenduke, ngibaphilise. ngakho-ke makwazeka kini ukuthi le nsindiso kalezi-ku ithunyelwe kwabezizwe;

bona-ke bayakuzwa. kwathi eseshilo  
lokho, abajuda baphuma benokuphikisana  
okukhulu phakathi kwabo. kepha upawulu  
wahlala iminyaka emibili egcwele endlini  
yakhe ayiqashileyo, wamukela bonke abeza  
kuye, washumayela umbuso kalezi-ku,  
wafundisa ngaso sonke isibindi izindaba  
zenkosi ujesu kristu, enganqatshelwa  
muntu.

ekuqaleni wayekhona ulizwi, ulizwi wayekulezi-ku, ulizwi wayengulezi-ku. yena lowo wayekhona ekuqaleni kulezi-ku. konke kwavela ngaye; ngaphandle kwakhe akuvelanga lutho kukho konke okuvelileyo. ukuphila kwakukuye, ukuphila kwakungukhanya kwabantu; ukukhanya kukhanya ebumnyameni, kepha ubumnyama abukwamukelanga. kwavela umuntu ethunyiwe ngulezi-ku, igama lakhe lingujohane. lowo wezela ubufakazi ukuba afakaze ngokukhanya, ukuze bonke bakholwe ngaye. yena wayengesikho ukukhanya, kepha wayengozofakaza ngokukhanya. kwakungukhanya okuqinisekile okukhanyisa wonke umuntu, okwase kuza ezweni. wayekhona ezweni, izwe lavela ngaye; kepha izwe alimazanga. weza kokwakhe, abakhe abamamukelanga. kepha bonke abamamukelayo wabapha amandla okuba babe ngabantwana bakalezi-ku, labo abakholwa egameni lakhe, abangazalwanga ngagazi, nantando yenyama, nantando yendoda, kodwa bazalwa ngulezi-ku. ulizwi waba yinyama, wakha phakathi kwethu, sabona inkazimulo yakhe, inkazimulo njengegozelwe yedwa kuyise, egcwele umusa neqiniso. ujhane wafakaza ngaye, wamemeza wathi: nguyena lo ebengisho ngaye ukuthi: lowo ozayo emva kwami uvelile ngaphambi kwami, ngokuba wayekhona kuqala kunami.

ngokuba ekugcwaleni kwakhe samukele sonke umusa phezu komusa. ngokuba umthetho wanikezwa ngomose, umusa neqiniso kwavela ngojesu kristu. akakho oke wabona ulezi-ku; indodana ezelwe yodwa esesifubeni sikayise yiyona embonakalisile. lokhu kungubufakazi bukajohane mhla abajuda bethuma abapristi namalevi bephuma ejerusalema ukuba bambuze ukuthi: wena ungubani na? wavuma, kaphikanga, wavuma wathi: angisiye ukristu mina. bambuza bathi: uyini pho? ungu-eliya na? wathi: angisiye. ungumprofethi na? waphendula wathi: qha. base bethi kuye: ungubani na? ukuze sibaphendule abasithumileyo; uzisho ukuthi ungubani na? wathi: ngiyizwi lomemeza ehlane, ethi: lungisani indlela yenkosi, njengalokho washo u-isaya umprofethi. labo ababethunyiwe babevela kubafarisi. bambuza-ke, bathi kuye: pho, ubhaphathizelani, uma ungesiye ukristu, no-eliya, nomprofethi, na? ujhane wabaphendula wathi: mina ngibhaphathiza ngamanzi; umi phakathi kwenu eningamaziyo: yena ozayo emva kwami, omchilo wesicathulo sakhe ngingafanele ukuwuthukulula. lokho kwenzeka ebethabara ngaphesheya kweJordan, lapho ujhane wayebhaphathiza khona. ngangomuso wabona ujesu eza kuye, wathi: bheka,

iwundlu likalezi-ku elisusa izonozezwe. nguyebengisho ngaye, ngithi: emva kwami kuza umuntu owavela ngaphambi kwami, ngokuba wayekhona kuqala kunami. nami bengingamazi; kodwa ukuze abonakaliswe ku-israyeli, ngalokho ngizile ngibhaphathiza ngamanzi. ujhane wafakaza wathi: ngibonile umoya ehla ezulwini njengejuba, wahlala phezu kwakhe. nami bengingamazi, kodwa owangithuma ukubhaphathiza ngamanzi wathi kimi: lowo oyakubona umoya ehla ahlale phezu kwakhe, nguyena obhaphathiza ngomoya ongwele. mina ngibonile, ngafakaza ukuthi: lo uyindodana kalezi-ku. ngangomuso futhi wayemi ujhane nababili kubafundi bakhe. ebona ujesu ehamba, wathi: bheka, nanto iwundlu likalezi-ku. abafundi ababili bezwa ekhuluma, bamlandela ujesu. khona ujesu waphenduka, wababona belandela, wathi kubo: nifunani na? bathi kuye: rabi, okungukuthi ngokuhunyushwa: mfundisi, uhlalaphi na? wathi kubo: wozani nibone. ngakho-ke beza babona lapho ehlala khona; bahlala naye ngalolo suku; kwakungaba yihora leshumi. omunye walabo ababili abamuzwa ujhane balandela ujesu wayengu-andreya umfowabo kasimoni petru; yena wafumana kuqala umfowabo usimoni, wathi kuye: simfumene umesiya, okungukuthi ngokuhunyushwa ukristu. wamyisa kujesu; ujesu wambheka wathi: wena unguisimoni kajona; uzakubizwa ngokuthi ukhefase, okuhunyushwa ngokuthi upetru. ngangomuso wayefuna ukuya egalile, wafumana ufiliphu; ujesu wathi kuye: ngilandele. ufiliphu wayengowasebetsayida, umuzi ka-andreya nopetru. ufiliphu wafumana unathanayeli, wathi kuye: simfumene lowo aloba ngaye emthethweni umose kanye nabaprofethi, ujesu wasenazareth, indodana kajosefa. unathanayeli wathi kuye: kungase kuvele okuhle enazareth na? ufiliphu wathi kuye: woza ubone. ujesu wabona unathanayeli eza kuye, wathi ngaye: bheka, umisrayeli uqobo okungekho nkohliso kuye. unathanayeli wathi kuye: ungazelaphi na? ujesu waphendula, wathi kuye: ungakabizwa ngufiliphu, uphansi komkhiwane, ngakubona. unathanayeli waphendula wathi: rabi, uyindodana kalezi-ku, uyinkosi ka-israyeli. ujesu waphendula, wathi kuye: ukholwa ngokuba ngithe kuwe ngakubona uphansi komkhiwane na? uzakubona okukhulu kunalokho. wathi kuye: ngiqinisele, ngiqinisele ngithi kini: nizakubona izulu livuliwe nezingelosi zikalezi-ku zenyuka, zehla phezu kwendodana yomuntu.

kwathi ngosuku lwesithathu kwakukhona umshado ekhana lasegalile; wayekhona

lapho unina kajesu. nojesu nabafundi bakhe babemenyiwe emshadweni. kwathi ukuba lisweleke iwayini, unina kajesu wathi kuye: kabanalo iwayini. ujesu wathi kuye: mame, ungene ngani kokwami na? isikhathi sami asikafiki. wathi unina ezincekwini: nayikuphi akusho kini anokwenza. kwakukhona lapho izimbiza zamatshe eziyisithupha zibekwe ngesiko lokuhlamba labajuda, ziphethe yilesa naleso izilinganiselo ezimbili noma ezintathu. ujesu wathi ezincekwini: gcwalisani izimbiza ngamanzi; zazigcwalisa-ke. wayesethi kuzo: yikhani manje, niyise kumphathi wokudla; zayisa-ke. umphathi wokudla ezwa amanzi aphenduke iwayini, engazi ukuthi livelaphi, kepha izinceku ezaziwakhile amanzi bezazi, umphathi wokudla wabiza umyeni, wathi kuye: wonke umuntu ubeka iwayini elimnandi kuqala, kuthi lapha sebephuze kakhulu, akhiphe elibi kunalo; wena ugcinile elimnandi kuze kube manje. lokho ukuqala kwezibonakaliso wakwenza ujesu ekhana lasegalile ebonakalisa inkazimulo yakhe; abafundi bakhe bakholwa nguye. ngasemva kwalokho wehlela ekapernawume, yena, nonina, nabafowabo, nabafundi bakhe, bahlala khona izinsuku ezingeziningi. lalisondele iphasika labajuda; ujesu wakhuphukela ejerusalem. wafumana ethempelini abathengisa ngezinkomo nangezimvu nangamajuba, nabahlezi beshintsha imali. wayesenza inkalivasi ngezintambo, waxosha bonke ethempelini, nezimvu nezinkomo, wachitha imali yabashintshayo, wagumbuqela amatafula, wathi kwabathengisa ngamajuba: susani lokhu lapha, ningayenzi indlu kababa indlu yokuthengelana. abafundi bakhe bakhumbula ukuba kulotshwe ukuthi: ukushisekela indlu yakho kuyangidla. ngakho-ke abajuda baphendula, bathi kuye: usitshengisa isibonakaliso sini ukuba wenze lokhu na? ujesu waphendula, wathi kubo: bhidlizani leli thempeli, ngizakulivusa ngezinsuku ezintathu. ngakho bathi abajuda: leli thempeli kwaba yiminyaka engamashumi amane nesithupha lakhiwa, wena-ke uzakulivusa ngezinsuku ezintathu na? kepha wayekhuluma ngethempeli lomzimba wakhe. kuthe esevukile kwabafileyo, abafundi bakhe bakhumbula ukuthi washo njalo kubo; bakholwa ngumbhalo nezwi abelishilo ujesu. .23 kwathi esejerusalema ngephasika emkhosini, abaningi bakholwa egameni lakhe bebona izibonakaliso zakhe azenzayo; kepha ujesu yena kabethembanga ukuba abhobokelane nabo, ngokuba wayebazi bonke, nangokuba engaswele nobani amfakazele ngomuntu; wayekwazi yena okuphakathi komuntu.

kwakukhona umuntu wakubafarisi, ngunikodemu igama lakhe, isikhulu sabajuda. lowo-ke weza kuye ebusuku, wathi kuye: rabi, siyazi ukuthi ungumfundisi ovele kulezi-ku, ngokuba akakho ongenza lezi zibonakaliso ozenzayo, uma ulezi-ku engenaye. ujesu waphendula, wathi kuye: ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile ngithi kuwe: uma umuntu engazalwa ngokusha, angewubone umbuso kalezi-ku. unikodemu wathi kuye: umuntu angazalwa kanjani esemdala na? angangena ngokwesibili esiswini sikanina, azalwe, na? waphendula ujesu, wathi: ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile ngithi kuwe: uma umuntu engazalwa ngamanzi nangomoya, angengene embusweni kalezi-ku. lokho okuzelwe yinyama kuyinyama; nalokho okuzelwe ngumoya kungumoya. ungamangali ngokuba ngithe kuwe: nimelwe ukuzalwa ngokusha. umoya uphephetha lapha uthanda khona; uyaluzwa udumo lwawo, kodwa kawazi lapho uvela khona nalapho uya khona; banjalo bonke abazelwe ngumoya. unikodemu waphendula, wathi kuye: lokhu kungenzeka kanjani na? ujesu waphendula, wathi kuye: wena ungumfundisi ka-israyeli, awukwazi lokhu na? ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile ngithi kuwe: sikhuluma esikwaziyo, sifakaza ngesikubonileyo; kepha anibamukeli ubufakazi bethu. nxa nginitshelile okomhlaba, kanakholwa; ningakholwa kanjani, uma nginitshela okwasezulwini na? akakho owenyukele ezulwini, kuphela yena owehla ezulwini, indodana yomuntu. njengokuba umose waphakamisa inyoka ehlane, kanjalo indodana yomuntu imelwe ukuphakanyiswa ukuba yilowo nalowo okholwa yiyo abe nokuphila okuphakade. ngokuba ulezi-ku walithanda izwe kangaka, waze wanikela ngendodana yakhe ezelwe yodwa ukuba yilowo nalowo okholwa yiyo angabhubhi, kodwa abe nokuphila okuphakade. ngokuba ulezi-ku kayithumelanga indodana ezweni ukuba yahlulele izwe, kodwa ukuba izwe lisindiswe ngayo. okholwa yiyo kahlulelwa; ongakholwa usahlulelwe, lokhu engakholwanga egameni lendodana ezelwe yodwa kalezi-ku. ukwahlulela kuyilokhu ukuba ukukhanya kufikele ezweni, kepha abantu bathanda ubumyama kunokukhanya, ngokuba imisebenzi yabo ibimibi. ngokuba yilowo nalowo owenza bona-ra-ukukhandlela uzonda ukukhanya, akezi ekukhanyeni ukuba imisebenzi yakhe ingasolwa. kepha owenza iqiniso uyeza ekukhanyeni, ukuze imisebenzi yakhe ibonakaliswe ukuthi yenziwe kulezi-ku. ngasemva kwalokho ujesu weza nabafundi bakhe ezweni lasejudiya; wahlala khona nabo, wabhapathiza. naye ujhane wayeb-

haphathiza e-enoni eduze nesalimi, ngokuba amanzi ayemaningi lapho; beza babhaphathizwa. ngokuba uJohane wayengakafakwa etilongweni. kwase kuvela ukuphikisana phakathi kwabafundi bakajohane nabajuda ngokuhlambulula. base beza kujohane, bathi kuye: rabi, lowo owayenawe phesheya kweJordan, owamfakazelayo, bheka, uyabhaphathiza, bonke beza kuye. uJohane waphendula wathi: umuntu angelwamukele utho, uma engaluphiwanga luvela ezulwini. nina ngokwenu niyangifakazela ukuba ngathi: angisiye ukristu mina, kodwa ngithunyiwe ngaphambi kwakhe. onomlobokazi ungumyeni, kepha umhlobo womenyeni omiyo emuzwa uthokoza nokuthokoza ngezwi lomyeni. le ntokozi yami isiphelele. omelwe ukukhula yena, nginciphe mina. ovela phezulu uphezu kwakho konke; ovela emhlabeni ungowomhlaba, ukhuluma okomhlaba. ovela ezulwini uphezu kwakho konke. akubonileyo nakuzwileyo lokho ufakaza ngakho; kepha akakho owamukela ubufakazi bakhe. owamukele ubufakazi bakhe ulubekile uphawu lokuthi ulezi-ku uqinisile. ngokuba lowo ulezi-ku amthumileyo ukhuluma amazwi kalezi-ku; ngokuba akaniki umoya ngokulinganisela. uyise uyayithanda indodana, wanikela konke esandleni sayo. okholwa yindodana unokuphila okuphakade; kepha ongakholwa yindodana kayikubona ukuphila, kodwa intukuthelo kalezi-ku ihlezi phezu kwakhe.

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kwathi ukuba inkosi yazi ukuthi abafarisi bezwile ukuba uJesu wenza abafundi, ebhaphathiza abaningi kunoJohane, ingani uJesu uqobo kabhaphathizanga, kodwa kwakubhaphathiza abafundi bakhe, yamuka ejudiya, yaphindela egalile. kwakuswelekile ukuba adabule isamariya. khona wafika emzini wasesamariya ogama lawo yisikhari, eduze nesiqinti ujakobe asinika uJosefa indodana yakhe. wawukhona lapho umthombo kakakobe. ngakho uJesu ekhathele ukuhamba wayesehlala ngasemthonjeni. kwakungaba yihora lesithupha. owesifazane wasesamariya weza ezokukha amanzi. uJesu wathi kuye: ngiphuzise. ngokuba abafundi bakhe babehambile baya emzini beyothenga ukudla. khona owesifazane wasesamariya wathi kuye: yini ukuba wena ongumjuda ucele ukuphuziswa yimi engingowesifazane wasesamariya na? ngokuba abajuda abadlalani namasamariya. uJesu waphendula, wathi kuye: uma ubusazi isipho sikalezi-ku nokuthi ngubani othi kuwe: ngiphuzise, nga ucele kuye, yena nga ekunikile amanzi aphilayo. wathi kuye: nkosi, awuphethe lutho lokukha amanzi, umthombo ujulile; uwathathaphi, pho, lawo manzi aphilayo

na? kanti wena umkhulu yini kunobaba ujakobe owasinika lo mthombo, waphuza kuwo, yena kanye namadodana akhe nemihlabi yakhe, na? waphendula uJesu, wathi kuye: yilowo nalowo ophuza lawa manzi uyakubuye ome; kepha lowo oyakuphuza amanzi engiyakumnika wona kasayikoma naphakade; kepha amanzi engiyakumnika wona, phakathi kwakhe ayakuba ngumthombo wamanzi aphuphumayo, kube ngukuphila okuphakade. owesifazane wathi kuye: nkosi, ngiphe lawo manzi ukuba ngingomi, ngingabe ngiseza ukukha yakho, uze lapha. owesifazane waphendula wathi: anginandoda. uJesu wathi kuye: usho kahle ukuthi: anginandoda; ngokuba usuke waba namadoda ayisihlanu; le onayo kalokhu akusiyo indoda yakho. lokhu ukusho ngeqiniso. owesifazane wathi kuye: nkosi, ngiyabona ukuthi ungumprofethi wena. okhokho bethu babekhulekela kule ntaba; nina-ke nithi iseJerusalem indawo lapho kufanele kukhulekelwe khona. uJesu wathi kuye: sifazane, kholwa yimi, isikhathi siyeza, lapho ningasayikukhuleka kubaba nakule ntaba naseJerusalem. nina nikhuleka kweningakwaziyo, thina sikhuleka kwesikwaziyo; ngokuba insindiso ivela kubajuda. kodwa isikhathi siyeza, sesikhona namanje, lapho abakhulekayo abaqinisileyo beyakhuleka kubaba ngomoya nangeqiniso; ngokuba ubaba ufuna abakhuleka kuye abanjalo. ulezi-ku ungumoya; abakhuleka kuye bafanele ukukhuleka ngomoya nangeqiniso. owesifazane wathi kuye: ngiyazi ukuthi umesiya uyeza, othiwa ukristu; nxa esefikile yena, uyakusitshela konke. uJesu wathi: nginguye mina engikhuluma nawe. ngaleyo nkathi bafika abafundi bakhe; bamangala ngokuba ekhuluma nowesifazane; nokho akubangakho owathi: ufunani na? noma: ukhulumelani naye na? owesifazane wayeseshiya imbiza yakhe, waya emzini, wathi kubantu: wozani nibone umuntu ongitshele konke engikwenzileyo; kungebe nguye ukristu na? baphuma emzini, beza kuye. kusenjalo abafundi bamncenga bathi: rabi, yidla. kepha wathi kubo: nginokudla engikudlayo eningakwaziyo. base bekhuluma bodwa abafundi, bethi: ukhona yini omlethele ukudla na? uJesu wathi kubo: ukudla kwami kungukwenza intando yongithumileyo, ngifeze umsebenzi wakhe. anisho yini ukuthi izinyanga zisezine kufike ukuvuna na? bhekani, ngithi kini: phakamisani amehlo enu, nibone ukuthi amasimu asemhlophe, aselungele ukuvunwa. ovunayo wamukeliswa umvuzo, abuthe isithelo kube ngukuphila okuphakade ukuba ohlwanyelayo athokoze kanye novunayo. ngokuba kulokhu liqinisele izwi lokuthi: omunye uyahlwanyela,

omunye avune. mina nganithumela ukuvuna lokho eningakusebenzanga; abanye basebenzile, nina-ke ningene emsebenzini wabo. amasamariya amaningi alowo muzi akholwa nguye ngezwi lowesifazane owafakaza ngokuthi: ungitshele konke engikwenzileyo. athe ukuba eze kuye amasamariya, amncenga ukuba ahlale nawo; wahlala khona izinsuku ezimbili. bakholwa abanengi kakhulu futhi ngenxa yezwi lakhe. base bethi kowesifazane: asisakholwa ngokulanda kwakho nje, ngokuba sesizizwele ngokwethu, siyazi ukuthi lo ngempela ungumsindisi wezwe. kepha emva kwezinsuku ezimbili waphuma lapho ukuya egalile. ngokuba ujesu uqobo wafakaza ngokuthi umprofethi kaziswa ezweni lakubo. kuthe-ke ukuba afike egalile, abasegalile bamamukela bebone konke akwenzayo ejerusalem emkhosini; ngokuba nabo babezile emkhosini. ujesu wayesephinda eza ekhana lasegalile, lapho enza khona amanzi abe yiwayini. kwakukhona induna ethile yenkosi endodana yayo yayigula ekapernawume. yathi ukuba izwe ukuthi ujesu ufikile egalile evela ejudiya, yaya kuye, yamncenga ukuba ehle aphulukise indodana yayo, ngokuba yayisizakufa. ngakho-ke ujesu wathi kuyo: uma ningaboni izibonakaliso nezimangaliso, anisoze nakholwa. induna yenkosi yathi kuye: nkosi, yehla engakafi umntanami. wathi kuyo ujesu: hamba, indodana yakho iphilile. lowo muntu wakholwa yizwi alishilo kuye ujesu, wahamba. kwathi esehla, izinceku zakhe zamhlangabeza, zathi umntanakhe uphilile. wayesezibuza isikhathi aqale ngaso ukuba ngcono; khona zathi kuye: umkhuhlane umyekile izolo ngehora lesikhombisa. wayeseqonda uyise ukuthi yilona lelo hora ujesu asho ngalo kuye ukuthi: indodana yakho iphilile. wakholwa yena nendlu yakhe yonke. leso siyisibonakaliso sesibili ujesu asenza efikile egalile evela ejudiya.

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emva kwalokho kwakukhona umkhosi wabajuda; ujesu wakhuphukela ejerusalem. kukhona-ke ejerusalem ngasesangweni lezimvu ichibi elithiwa ngesiheberu ibethesda, linemipheme eyisihlanu. kwakulele kuyo abagulayo abanengi kakhulu, izimpumpu the, nezinyonga, nabashwabeneyo, belindele ukuzanyazanyiswa kwamanzi. ngokuba ingelosi yayehla izikhathi ngezikhathi, izamazamise amanzi, kuthi lowo ongene kuqala emva kokuzanyazanyiswa kwamanzi asinde esifweni sakhe, noma enasifo sini. kwakukhona lapho umuntu othile owayesegule iminyaka engamashumi amathathu nesishiyagalombili. ujesu embona

elele, azi ukuthi usenesikhathi eside enjalo, wathi kuye: uyathanda ukusinda na? ogulayo wamphendula wathi: nkosi, anginamuntu wokungifaka echibini, nxa amanzi ezanyazanyiswa; kuthi ngiseza, kwehle omunye phambi kwami. ujesu wathi kuye: sukuma, uthabathe uhla lwakho, uhambe. wayesephila masinyane lowo muntu, wathabatha uhla lwakhe, wahamba. kwakuyisabatha ngalolo suku. khona base bethi abajuda kophilisiweyo: yisabatha, akuvunyiwe uthwale uhla. wabaphendula wathi: ongiphilisiweyo nguyena othe kimi: thabatha uhla lwakho, uhambe. bambuza bathi: ngubani lowo muntu othe kuwe: thabatha uhla lwakho uhambe, na? kepha ophilisiweyo wayengazi ukuthi ungubani, ngokuba ujesu wayemukile lapho, kukhona isixuku kuleyo ndawo. emva kwalokho ujesu wamfumana ethempelini, wathi kuye: bheka, uphilisiwe; ungabe usona, funa wehlewe ngbona-rukukhandleka kunalokho. wamuka lowo muntu, watshela abajuda ukuthi ngujesu omphilisiweyo. ngenxa yalokho abajuda bamzingela ujesu, ngokuba wakwenza lokho ngesabatha. kepha wabaphendula wathi: ubaba usebenza kuze kube manje, nami ngiyasebenza. ngalokho-ke abajuda kwayikhona befuna kakhulu ukumbulala, ngokuba wayengaphulile isabatha kuphela, kodwa wabuye wathi ulezi-ku unguyise, ezenza olingana nolezi-ku. khona ujesu waphendula, wathi kubo: ngiqinisele, ngiqinisele ngithi kini: indodana ingenze lutho ngokwayo, kuphela lokho ebona uyise ekwenza, ngokuba lokho akwenzayo yena, nendodana iyakwenza kanjalo. ngokuba uyise uyayithanda indodana, uyikhombisa konke akwenzayo yena; woyikhombisa imisebenzi emikhulu kunalena ukuba nimangale. ngokuba njengalokhu uyise evusa abafileyo, abaphilise, kanjalo nendodana iyabaphilisa labo ethanda ukubaphilisa. ngokuba noyise kahluleli muntu; ukunike indodana konke ukwahlulela ukuba bonke bazise indodana, njengokuba bazisa uyise. ongayazisi indodana kamazisi noyise oyithumileyo. ngiqinisele, ngiqinisele ngithi kini: ozwa izwi lami, akholwe ngongithumileyo, unokuphila okuphakade; akayi ekwahlulelweni, kepha usephumile ekufeni, wangena ekuphileni. ngiqinisele, ngiqinisele ngithi kini: isikhathi siyeza, sesikhona namanje, lapho abafileyo beyakulizwa izwi lendodana kalezi-ku; abezwayo bayakuphila. ngokuba njengalokhu uyise enokuphila ngokwakhe, kanjalo uyiphile nendodana ibe nokuphila ngokwayo. uyiphile amandla okwahlulela, ngokuba iyindodana yomuntu. ningamangali ngalokho, ngokuba isikhathi siyeza, lapho bonke abasemathuneni beyakulizwa izwi layo, abenze ukulunga baphumele



ekuvukeni kokuphila, abenze bona-  
 ukukhandleka ekuvukeni kokulahlwa. mina  
 ngingenze lutho ngokwami; ngahlulela  
 njengalokho engikuzwayo; ukwahlulela  
 kwami kulungile, ngokuba ngingafuni eyami  
 intando kepha intando yongithumileyo.  
 uma ngizifakazela mina, ubufakazi bami  
 abuqinisile. ngomunye ofakaza ngami;  
 ngiyazi ukuthi ubufakazi angifakazela ngabo  
 buqinisile. nina nithumele kujohane, wali-  
 fakazela iqiniso. kepha mina angibamukeli  
 ubufakazi kumuntu; kodwa ngisho lokhu  
 ukuba nisindiswe. yena wayeyisibani es-  
 ivuthayo nesikhanyayo; nina-ke benithanda  
 ukuthokoza isikhashana ekukhanyeni  
 kwakhe. kepha nginabo ubufakazi obukhulu  
 kunobukajohane, ngokuba imisebenzi  
 ubaba anginike yona ukuba ngiyifeze, yona  
 le misebenzi engiyenzayo, iyangifakazela  
 ukuthi ubaba ungithumile. nobaba ongithu-  
 mileyo ufakazile ngami. anizange nizwe  
 izwi lakhe, anisibonanga isimo sakhe. nezwi  
 lakhe aninola elihleziyo phakathi kwenu,  
 ngokuba amthumileyo yena lowo anikholwa  
 nguye. nihlola imibhalo, ngokuba nithi ni-  
 nokuphila okuphakade kuyo; yiyona efakaza  
 ngami. kepha anivumi ukuza kimi ukuba  
 nibe nokuphila. mina angamukeli udumo  
 kubantu. kepha nginyanazi nina ukuthi an-  
 inalothando lukalezi-ku phakathi kwenu.  
 ngize egameni likababa, aningamukeli; uma  
 kuza omunye ngelakhe igama, niyakuma-  
 mukela yena. ningakholwa kanjani nina  
 enidumisana nodwa, ningalufuni udumo  
 oluvela kulezi-ku yedwa, na? ningaca-  
 bangi ukuthi ngiyakunimangalela kubaba;  
 ukhona onimangalelayo, umose enithemba  
 kuye. ngokuba uma benikholwa ngumose,  
 beniyakukholwa yimina, ngokuba yena  
 waloba ngami. kodwa uma ningakholwa  
 yimibhalo yakhe, niyakukholwa kanjani  
 ngamazwi ami na?

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emva kwalokho ujesu wamuka waya  
 phesheya kolwandle lwasegalile olungol-  
 wasetiberiya. samlandela isixuku esikhulu,  
 ngokuba babebona izibonakaliso azenzayo  
 kwabagulayo. ujesu wenyukela entabeni,  
 wahlala phansi khona nabafundi bakhe.  
 laliseduze iphasika, umkhosi wabajuda.  
 kuthe ujesu ephakamisa amehlo, wabona  
 ukuthi isixuku esikhulu siza kuye, wathi  
 kufiliphu: sizakuzithengaphi izinkwa ukuba  
 badle laba na? washo njalo emvinyana,  
 ngokuba yena wayekwazi azakukwenza.  
 ufiliphu wamphendula wathi: izinkwa  
 zawodenariyu abangamakhulu amabili  
 zingebanele, kube yilowo nalowo athole  
 ingcosana. omunye wabafundi bakhe,  
 u-andrea umfowabo kasimoni petru, wathi  
 kuye: kukhona umfana lapha onezinkwa

zebhali eziyisihlanu nezinhlanzana ezimbili;  
 kepha kuyini lokho kwabangingi kangaka  
 na? ujesu wathi: bahlaliseni abantu.  
 kwakukhona utshani obuningi kuleyo  
 ndawo. ahlala phansi-ke amadoda, umumo  
 wawo kungathi izinkulungwame eziyisih-  
 lanu. ujesu wazithabatha izinkwa, wabonga,  
 wayesezabela ababehlezi phansi, kanjalo  
 futhi nezinhlanzana, njengokuthanda  
 kwabo. kuthe sebesuthi, wathi kubafundi  
 bakhe: buthani imvuthuluka eseleyo, kun-  
 gachitheki lutho. base bebutha, bagcwalisa  
 iziqabetho eziyishumi nambili ngemvuthu-  
 luka yezinkwa eziyisihlanu zebhali eyasala  
 kwabadlileyo. kwathi-ke abantu bebona  
 isibonakaliso ujesu asenzayo, bathi: impela  
 lo ungumprofethi ozayo ezweni. ngakho-ke  
 ujesu azi ukuthi bazakuzi, bambambe, bam-  
 beke inkosi, wamonyukela futhi entabeni  
 yena yedwa. sekuhlwa abafundi bakhe  
 bewukela elwandle, bangena emkhunjini,  
 bawela ulwandle beya ekapernawume.  
 kwase kuhlwele, ujesu wayengakafiki kubo.  
 kwavunguza umoya omkhulu, lwavuka  
 ulwandle. khona sebegwedlile kungathi  
 amastadiyu angamashumi amabili nanhlano  
 noma amashumi amathathu, babona  
 ujesu ehamba phezu kolwandle, esondela  
 emkhunjini; bethuka. kepha wathi kubo:  
 yimina, ningesabi. khona bafuna ukum-  
 genisa emkhunjini, umkhumbi wawusufika  
 masinyane ezweni ababeya kulo. ngangomuso  
 isixuku esasingaphesheya kolwandle  
 sabona kungekho omunye emkhunjana  
 khona, sazi ukuthi ubumunye nje nokuthi  
 ujesu wayengangenanga emkhunjini kanye  
 nabafundi bakhe, kepha ukuthi abafundi  
 bakhe babewele bodwa, kodwa eminye  
 imikhunjana evela etiberiya yafika eduze  
 nendawo lapho badla khona isinkwa, inkosi  
 ibongile; isixuku sathi ukubona ukuthi ujesu  
 akakho lapho nabafundi bakhe, sangena  
 emikhunjani, naso saya ekapernawume  
 phesheya kolwandle, bathi: rabi, ufike nini  
 lapha na? ujesu wabaphendula wathi:  
 ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile ngithi kini: aningi-  
 funi ngokuba nabona izibonakaliso, kepha  
 ningifuna ngokuba nadla izinkwa, nasutha.  
 ningasebenzeli ukudla okuphelayo kepha  
 ukudla okuhlala kuze kube ngukuphila  
 okuphakade, eyakunipha khona indodana  
 yomuntu, ngokuba uyise ulezi-ku ubekile  
 uphawu kuyona. bathi-ke kuye: singenzani  
 ukuba sisebenze imisebenzi kalezi-ku na?  
 waphendula ujesu, wathi kubo: umsebenzi  
 kalezi-ku yilowo ukuba nikholwe nguye  
 amthumileyo. :29 1 joh. 3:23. ngakho  
 bathi kuye: pho, wenza sibonakaliso  
 sini ukuba sibone, sikholwe nguwe, na?  
 usebenzani na? okhokho bethu badla  
 imana ehlane njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi:  
 wabapha isinkwa esivela ezulwini ukuba

badle. ujesu wayesethi kubo: ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile ngithi kini: kwakungesiye umose owanipha isinkwa esivela ezulwini, kodwa ubaba unipha isinkwa soqobo esivela ezulwini. ngokuba isinkwa sikalezi-ku singuye owehla ezulwini, olipha izwe ukuphila. khona bathi kuye: nkosi, siphe njalonjalo leso sinkwa. ujesu wathi kubo: mina ngiyisinkwa sokuphila; ozayo kimi kasoze alamba, nokholwa yimi kasoze oma. kepha ngithe kini: ningibonile, nokho anikholwa. konke angipha khona ubaba kuyakuza kimi; ozayo kimi angisoze ngamlahlela ngaphandle. ngokuba ngehle ezulwini kungengukuba ngenze intando yami, kodwa ukuba ngenze intando yongithumileyo. lokhu kuyintando yongithumileyo ukuba konke angiphe khona ngingalahlekelwa lutho kukho, kodwa ngikuvuse ngomuhla wokuphela. ngokuba lokhu kuyintando kababa ukuba yilowo nalowo obona indodana, akholwe yiyo, abe nokuphila okuphakade; ngiyakumvusa mina ngomuhla wokuphela. khona abajuda bakhonona ngaye, ngokuba ethe: ngiyisinkwa esehle ezulwini. bathi-ke: lona akusiye ujesu indodana kajosefa, uyise nonina sibazi na? usesho kanjani, pho, ukuthi: ngehle ezulwini, na? ujesu waphendula, wathi kubo: ningakhononi phakathi kwenu. akakho ongeza kimi, uma ubaba ongithumileyo engamdonsi; mina-ke ngiyakumvusa ngomuhla wokuphela. kulotshiwe kubaprofethi ukuthi: bonke bayakuba ngabafundiswe ngulezi-ku. yilowo nalowo ozwile kubaba, wafunda, uyeza kimi. akusikho ukuthi ukhona oke wambona ubaba, kuphela ovela kulezi-ku; nguyena ombonile ubaba. ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile ngithi kini: okholwayo unokuphila okuphakade. mina ngiyisinkwa sokuphila. okhokho benu badla imana ehlane, bafa. lesi siyisinkwa esehla ezulwini ukuba umuntu adle kuso, angafi. mina ngiyisinkwa esiphilayo esehla ezulwini. uma umuntu edla lesi sinkwa, uyakuphila phakade; futhi-ke isinkwa engizakusinikela ngenxa yokuphila kwezwe siyinyama yami. base bephikisana bodwa abajuda, bethi: lo angasinika kanjani inyama yakhe, siyidle, na? khona ujesu wathi kubo: ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile ngithi kini: uma ningayidli inyama yendodana yomuntu, niphuze igazi layo, aninakuphila phakathi kwenu. odla inyama yami, aphuze igazi lami, unokuphila okuphakade; mina ngiyakumvusa ngomuhla wokuphela. ngokuba inyama yami ingukudla isibili, negazi lami lingukuphuza isibili. odla inyama yami, aphuze igazi lami, uhlala kimi, nami kuye. njengalokho ubaba ophilayo ungithumile, nami ngiphila ngobaba, lowo ongidlayo naye uyakuphila ngami. lesi siyisinkwa esehle ezulwini, kungenjengalokho okhokho benu badla imana,

bafa; osidlayo lesi sinkwa uyakuphila phakade. lokho wakukhuluma esinagogeni efundisa ekapernawume. ngakho-ke abaningi kubafundi bakhe bekuzwa lokho bathi: lilukhuni leli zwi; ngubani ongalizwa na? kepha ujesu azi phakathi kwakhe ukuthi abafundi bakhe bayakhonona ngalokho, wathi: lokhu kuyanicanula na? pho, uma nibona indodana yomuntu yenyukela lapho yayikhona kuqala, niyakuthini na? ngumoya ophilisayo, inyama ayisizi lutho; amazwi engiwakhulume kini angumoya, angukuphila. kepha bakhona abanye phakathi kwenu abangakholwa. ngokuba ujesu wazi kwasekuqaleni ukuba ngobani abangakholwa nokuba ngubani ozakumkhaphela. wayesethi: kungenxa yalokho ngithe kini: akakho ongeza kimi uma engakuphiwe ngubaba. emva kwalokho abaningi babafundi bakhe babuyela emuva, ababe besahamba naye. ngakho ujesu wathi kwabayishumi nambili: nani nithanda ukumuka na? usimoni petru wamphendula wathi: nkosi, siyakuya kubani na? amazwi okuphila okuphakade akuwe. siyakholwa, siyazi ukuthi wena ungongcwele kalezi-ku. ujesu wabaphendula wathi: mina anginikhethanga nina abayishumi nambili na? kepha omunye kini ungusathane. wayekhuluma ngojuda iskariyotho kasi-moni, ngokuba nguye obezakumkhaphela engomunye wabayishumi nambili.

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emva kwalokho ujesu wahamba egalile, ngokuba wayengathandi ukuhamba ejudiya, lokhu abajuda bebefuna ukumbulala. kwase kusondele umkhosi wabajuda, owamadokodo. base bethi kuye abafowabo: muka lapha, uye ejudiya, ukuze nabafundi bakho babone imisebenzi yakho oyenzayo. ngokuba akukho muntu owenza utho ekusithakeni, efuna yena uqobo lwakhe abe sobala. uma wenza lezi zinto, zibonakalise wena kulo izwe. ngokuba nabafowabo babengakholwa nguye. ngakho-ke ujesu wathi kubo: isikhathi sami asikafiki, isikhathi senu silungile njalo. izwe lingenzonde nina, kepha mina liyangizonda, ngokuba ngifakaza ngalo ukuthi imisebenzi yalo mibi. yenyukani nina, niye emkhosini; mina angenyukeli manje loko mkhosi; ngokuba esami isikhathi asikapheleli. eseshilo lokho kubo wahlala egalile. sebenyukele emkhosini abafowabo, naye-ke wenyuka, kungesobala kepha kungathi kungasese. khona abajuda bamfuna emkhosini, bathi: uphi yena na? kwaba khona ukukhonona okukhulu ngaye phakathi kwezixuku. abanye bathi: muhle; abanye bathi: qha, ngokuba udukisa abantu. nokho kwakungekho muntu owakhuluma

obala ngaye ngokwesaba abajuda. kuthe sekuphakathi komkhosi, ujesu wenyukela ethempelini, wafundisa. ngakho abajuda bamangala bathi: lona uyazi kanjani imibhalo engafundanga na? khona ujesu wabaphendula wathi: imfundiso yami akusiyo eyami kodwa ngeyongithumileyo. uma umuntu ethanda ukwenza intando yakhe, uzakwazi ngemfundiso noma ivela kulezi-ku noma ngizikhulumela okwami. okhuluma ngokwakhe ufuna udumo lwakhe; kepha ofuna udumo lomthumileyo lowo uqinisele; akukho ukungalingi kuye. umose kaninikanga yini umthetho na? nokho akakho kini ogcina umthetho. nifunelani ukungibulala na? isixuku saphendula sathi: unedemoni wena; ngubani ofuna ukukubulala na? ujesu waphendula, wathi kubo: mune umsebenzi engi-wenzile, niyamangala nonke. ngokuba umose uninikile ukusoka kungesikho ukuthi kuvela kumose kodwa kokhokho niyamsoka umuntu nangesabatha. uma umuntu amukela ukusoka ngesabatha ukuze kungeqiwa umthetho kamose, pho, ningithukuthelela ngokuba ngaphulukisa umuntu ngokuphelele ngesabatha na? ningahluleli ngokwamehlo, kepha yahlulelani ukwahlulela okulungileyo. base bethi abanye kwabasejerusalema: lo akusiye yini abafuna ukumbulala na? bheka, ukhuluma obala, kabasho lutho kuye. kungaba ngukuthi ababusi sebazi isibili ukuthi lo ungukristu na? kodwa lo siyamazi lapho evela khona; kepha ukristu, nxa efika, akakho owazi lapho evela khona. ngakho ujesu wamemeza efundisa ethempelini, wathi: niyangazi, niyazi futhi ukuthi ngivelaphi; mina-ke angizizelanga, kodwa ongithumileyo uqinisele, eningamaziyo nina. ngiyamazi mina, ngokuba ngivela kuye, futhi nguye ongithumileyo. ngakho bafuna ukumbamba, kepha akubangakho owambeka isandla, ngokuba isikhathi sakhe sasingakafiki. kepha esixukwini abanengi bakholwa nguye, bathi: ukristu, nxa esefikile, uyakwenza izibonakaliso eziningi kunalezo azenzileyo lona na? abafarisi bezwa isixuku sikhonona ngalezo zinto ngaye; abapristi abakhulu nabafarisi base bethuma izikhonzi ukuba zimbambe. ngakho-ke ujesu wathi: kuseyisikhshana ngikhona kini, besengimuka, ngiye kongithumileyo. niyakungifuna, ningangifumani, nalapho ngikhona, ningeze nina. ngakho abajuda bakhuluma bodwa, bathi: uzakuya ngaphi lo lapho singayikumthola na? uyakuya kwabahlakazekileyo kumagreki, afundise amagreki, na? lizwi lini leli alishoyo lokuthi: niyakungifuna, ningangifumani, nokuthi: lapho ngikhona, ningeze nina, na? kepha ngosuku lokugcina olukhulu lomkhosi ujesu wema wamemeza wathi:

uma ekhona owomileyo, akeze kimi, aphuze. okholwa yimi, njengokusho kombhalo, esiswini sakhe kuyakugobhoza imifula yamanzi aphilayo. washo lokho ngomoya abazakumamukela abakholwa nguye, ngokuba umoya wayengakafiki, lokhu ujesu wayengakakhazimuliswa. abanye besixuku sebezwa lawa mazwi bathi: lo ungumprofethi isibili. abanye bathi: lo ungukristu. kepha abanye bathi: kanti ukristu uvela egalile na? awushongo yini umbhalo ukuthi ukristu uvela enzalweni kadavide nasebetlehem, emzaneni lapho wayekhona udavide na? ngakho kwaba khona ukwahlukana ngaye esixukwini. abanye-ke kubo babethanda ukumbamba; kepha akubangakho owambeka izandla. zafika-ke izikhonzi kubapristi abakhulu nakubafarisi. bathi kuzo: animlethanga ngani na? izikhonzi zaphendula zathi: akuzange kukhulume muntu njengokuba kukhuluma lowo muntu. ngakho abafarisi baziphendula bathi: kanti nani nidukisiwe na? ukhona yini ezikhulwini nakubafarisi oke wakholwa nguye na? kodwa lesi sixuku esingawazi umthetho siqalekisiwe. wayesethi kubo unikodemu owake weza kuye engomunye wabo: konje umthetho wakithi uyamlahla yini umuntu ungakamuzwa kuqala, uze wazi akwenzayo, na? baphendula, bathi kuye: kanti nawe ungowasegalile na? phenyisisa, ubone ukuthi akuveli mprofethi egalile. base behamba, kwaba yilowo nalowo waya ekhaya.

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khona ujesu waya entabeni yeminqumo. ekuseni kakhulu wabuye weza ethempelini; abantu bonke beza kuye; wayesehlala phansi, wabafundisa. kepha ababhali nabafarisi baletha kuye owesifazane ebanjwe ephinga; sebemmise phakathi kwabo, bathi kuye: mfundisi, lo wesifazane ubanjwe esogotsheni lokuphinga. emthethweni umose wasiyala ngabanje ukuba bakhandwe ngamatshe. pho, wena uthini na? bakusho lokho bemlinga, ukuze babe nokum-mangalela. kepha ujesu wakhotama, waloba ngomunwe emhlabathini. wathi besambuza njalo, walulama, wathi kubo: ongenasono phakathi kwenu kaqale amphonse ngetshe. waphinda wakhotama, waloba emhlabathini. bathi ukuzwa lokho, belahlwa yizinhliziyi zabo baphuma ngabanye, beqalela kwabadala kwaze kwaba ngabokugcina, ujesu wasala yedwa; nowesifazane wayemi khona. ujesu wayeselulama; engaboni muntu ngaphandle kowesifazane wathi kuye: sifazane, baphi labo baman-galeli bakho na? akakho okulahlayo na? wayesethi: akakho, nkosi. wathi-ke ujesu kuye: nami angikulahlali; hamba, ungabe

usona. ngakho ujesu waphinda wakhuluma kubo, wathi: mina ngingukukhanya kwezwe; ongilandelayo kasoze ahamba ebumnyameni, kodwa woba nokukhanya kokuphila. khona bathi kuye abafaris: uyazifakazela wena; ubufakazi bakho ubuqinisile. ujesu waphendula, wathi kubo: noma ngizifakazela mina, ubufakazi bami buqinisile, ngokuba ngiyazi ukuthi ngavelaphi nokuthi ngiyaphi; kepha nina anazi ukuthi ngivelaphi nokuthi ngiyaphi. nina nahlelula ngokwenyama, kepha mina angahluleli muntu. nakuba ngahlulela, ukwahlulela kwami kungokuqinisileyo, ngokuba ngingengedwa, kodwa yimina nongithumileyo. yebo, kulotshiwe nasemthethweni wakini ukuthi ubufakazi babantu ababili bungobuqinisileyo. mina ngingozifakazelayo; nobaba ongithumileyo ufakaza ngami. base bethi kuye: uphi uyihlo na? ujesu waphendula ngokuthi: anazi nami nababa; uma beningazi mina, nga nimazi nobaba. lawo mazwi wawakhuluma ngasemphongolweni weminikelo efundisa ethempelini; akubangakho ombambayo, ngokuba isikhathi sakhe sasingakafiki. khona waphinda wathi kubo: ngiyamuka mina, niyakungifuna, nifele ezonweni zenu; lapho ngiya khona mina, ningeze nina. base bethi abajuda: imbala uzakuzibulala yini, lokhu ethi: lapho ngiya khona mina, ningeze nina, na? wathi kubo: nina ningabaphansi, mina ngingowaphezulu; nina ningabaleli zwe, mina angingowaleli zwe. ngakho-ke ngathi kini nizakufela ezonweni zenu; ngokuba uma ningakholwa ukuthi nginguye, nizakufela ezonweni zenu. base bethi kuye: wena ungubani na? wathi kubo ujesu: lokho enganitshela khona kwasekuqaleni. nginezinto eziningi enginokuzikhuluma nokwahlulela ngani, kepha ongithumileyo uqinisile, nami engakuzwa kuye ngikukhuluma ezweni. kabazanga ukuthi ukhuluma kubo ngoyise. wayesethi ujesu: nxa seniyiphakamisile indodana yomuntu, khona-ke nizakwazi ukuthi nginguye nokuthi angenzi lutho ngokwami, kodwa ngikhuluma lokhu njengokuba ubaba engifundisile. ongithumileyo unami, kangishiyanga ngedwa, ngokuba ngenza njalo okuthandeka kuye. esakhuluma lokho, abaningi bakholwa nguye. khona ujesu wathi kubajuda abase bekholiwe nguye: uma nimi ezwini lami, ningabafundi bami isibili; niyakulazi iqiniso, neqiniso liyakunikhulula. bamphendula bathi: siyinzalo ka-abrahama thina, asibonange sibe yizigqila zamuntu; wena usho kanjani ukuthi: nizakuba ngabakhululekileyo na? ujesu wabaphendula wathi: ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile ngithi kini: yilowo nalowo owenza isono uyisigqila sesono. isigqila kambe asihlali phakade endlini; kepha indodana ihlala phakade. ngakho-ke uma indodana inikhu-

lula, niyakuba ngabakhululekileyo impela. ngiyazi ukuthi niyinzalo ka-abrahama; kepha nifuna ukungibulala, ngokuba izwi lami lingenandawo kini. ngikhuluma lokho engikubonile mina kubaba; nani-ke nenza lokho enikuzwile kuyihlo. baphendula, bathi kuye: ubaba ngu-abrahama. ujesu wathi kubo: uma beningabantwana baka-abrahama; beniyakwenza imisebenzi ka-abrahama. kodwa kalokhu nifuna ukungibulala mina muntu onitshela iqiniso, engilizwe kulezi-ku; u-abrahama kakwenzanga lokho. nina nenza imisebenzi kayihlo. bathi kuye: thina asizalwanga ngokuphinga; sinobaba munye, ulezi-ku. wathi kubo ujesu: uma ulezi-ku ebenguyihlo, beniyakungithanda mina, ngokuba ngafika ngivela kulezi-ku; ngokuba angizizelanga ngokwami, kepha yena ungithumile. yini ukuba ningayizwisisi inkulumo yami na? kungokuba aninakuzwa izwi lami. nina ningabakayihlo usathane, nithanda ukwenza izinkanuko zikayihlo. yena wayengumbulali wabantu kwasekuqaleni, akemi eqinisweni, ngokuba iqiniso lingekho kuye. nxa ekhuluma amanga, ukhuluma okungokwakhe, lokhu engumqambimanga noyise wawo. kepha mina, ngokuba ngikhuluma iqiniso, anikholwa yimi. ngumuphi kini ongangelahla ngesono na? uma ngikhuluma iqiniso, anikholwa yimi ngani na? ongokalezi-ku uzwa amazwi kalezi-ku; kungakho ningezwe nina, ngokuba anisibo abakalezi-ku. baphendula abajuda, bathi kuye: asisho kahle yini ukuthi ungumsamariya nokuthi unedemoni na? ujesu waphendula wathi: anginademoni, kepha ngidumisa ubaba; nina-ke niyangidumaza. mina-ke angifuni olwami udumo; ukhona ofunayo nowahlulelayo. ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile ngithi kini: uma umuntu egcina izwi lami, akasoze akubona ukufa naphakade. bathi kuye abajuda: manje sesiyazi ukuthi unedemoni; u-abrahama wafa, nabaprofethi; wena-ke uthi: uma umuntu egcina izwi lami, kasoze akuzwa ukufa naphakade. wena umkhulu yini kunobaba u-abrahama osewafa na? nabaprofethi sebafa. uzenza bani na? ujesu waphendula wathi: uma ngizidumisa mina, udumo lwami luyize; ngubaba ongidumisayo, enisho ngaye ukuthi ungulezi-ku wenu. kanti animazanga, kepha mina ngiyamazi. uma ngithi angimazi, ningabangumqambimanga njengani. kepha ngiyamazi, ngigcina izwi lakhe. u-abrahama uyihlo wathokozela ukubona usuku lwami, walubona, wajabula. base bethi kuye abajuda: awukabi naminyaka engamashumi ayisihlanu, kanti u-abrahama usuke wambona na? ujesu wathi kubo: ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile ngithi kini: engakabikho u-abrahama, ngangikhona mina. base bethatha amatshela ukuba bamkhande. kepha ujesu wasithela,

wathi edlula, wabona umuntu owayeyimpumputhe kwasekuzalweni kwakhe. abafundi bakhe bambuza bathi: rabi, ngubani owonayo, lona noma abazali bakhe, aze azalwe eyimpumputhe na? ujesu waphendula wathi: akonanga noma yena noma abazali bakhe, kodwa ukuze kubonakaliswe kuye imisebenzi kalezi-ku. ngimelwe ukusebenza imisebenzi yongithumileyo, kusemini; buyeza ubusuku, lapho kunge-sebenze muntu. ngisekhona ezweni ngingukukhanya kwezwe. eseshilo lokho wafela amathe emhlabathini, wenza udaka ngamathe, waninda amehlo ayo ngodaka. wathi kuyo: hamba uyogeza echibini lasesilowama, okuhunyushwa ngokuthi othunyiweyo; yamuka-ke, yageza, yeza ibona. ngakho abakhelene nayo nababeyibonile phambili iyisinxibi bathi: akusiye lo owayehlezi enxiba na? abanye bathi: nguyena, abanye bathi: qha, kepha ufana naye; yena wathi: nginguye. base bethi kuye: pho, amehlo akho avulwe kanjani na? waphendula yena, wathi: umuntu othiwa ujesu wenza udaka, wagcoba amehlo ami, wathi kimi: yana esilowama, ugeze. ngaya, ngegeza, ngabona. bathi kuye: uphi yena na? wathi: angazi. bamyisa kubafarisi lowo okade eyimpumputhe. kwakuyisabatha mhla ujesu enza udaka, evula amehlo akhe. khona nabafarisi futhi bambuza ukuthi ukuthole kanjani ukubona. wathi kubo: waninda amehlo ami ngodaka, ngegeza, sengiyabona. ngakho abanye kubafarisi bathi: lona kaveli kulezi-ku, lokhu engagcini isabatha. abanye bathi: umuntu oyisoni angazenza kanjani izibonakaliso ezinje na? kwaba khona ukwahlukana phakathi kwabo. khona baphinda bathi kuyo impumputhe: wena uthini ngaye, lokhu evule amehlo akho, na? yathi: ungumprofethi. kepha abajuda abakhohlwanga ngaye ukuthi wabeyimpumputhe nokuthi usethole ukubona, baze babiza abazali bakhe lowo osethrole ukubona. bababuzwa bathi: lo uyindodana yenu enithi ngayo yazalwa iyimpumputhe na? pho, isibona kanjani manje na? abazali bakhe base bephendula bethi: siyazi ukuthi lo uyindodana yethu nokuthi wazalwa eyimpumputhe; kepha ukuthi usebona kanjani kalokhu asazi, nokuthi ngubani ovule amehlo akhe asazi; mbuzeni yena, usekhulile, uzozikhulumela yena. abazali bakhe basho lokho, ngokuba besaba abajuda. ngokuba abajuda base bevumelene ngokuthi, uma ekhona ovuma ukuba ungukristu, kakhishwe esinagogeni. ngakho-ke abazali bakhe bathi: usekhulile, mbuzeni yena. bambiza-ke ngokwesibili lowo muntu

owabeyimpumputhe, bathi kuye: mnike ulezi-ku udumo; thina siyazi ukuthi lowo muntu uyisoni. yena wayeseiphendula ethi: nokuba uyisoni angazi; kunye engikwaziyo, ukuthi bengiyimpumputhe, manje sengiyabona. bathi-ke kuye: wenzeni kuwe na? uwavule kanjani amehlo akho na? wabaphendula wathi: kade nginitshela, kepha anizwanga; nifunelani ukuzwa futhi na? niyafuna yini nani ukuba ngabafundi bakhe na? bamthuka bathi: nguwe ongumfundi wakhe, kepha thina singabafundi bakamose. siyazi ukuthi ulezi-ku wakhuluma kumose, kodwa lo asimazi lapha evela khona. waphendula lowo muntu, wathi kubo: lokhu kuyisimangaliso ukuthi nina anazi lapho evela khona, ingani uvule amehlo ami. siyazi ukuthi ulezi-ku akazizwa izoni, kodwa uma umuntu emesaba ulezi-ku, ayenze intando yakhe, uyamuzwa lowo. selokhu kwathini akuzange kuzwakale ukuthi ukhona owavula amehlo ozelwe eyimpumputhe. uma lo ebengaveli kulezi-ku, ubengenakwenza lutho. baphendula, bathi kuye: wena wazalwa ezonweni ngokwempela, wena ufundisa thina na? base bemkhiphela phandle. ujesu wezwa ukuthi bamkhiphele phandle; kwathi emfumana, wathi: uyakholwa yindodana kalezi-ku na? waphendula yena, wathi: ingubani, nkosi, ngize ngikhohle yiyo, na? ujesu wathi kuye: usuyibonile; okhuluma nawe yiyona. wayesethi: ngiyakholwa, nkosi. wakhuleka kuye. wathi ujesu: mina ngizele ukwahlulela kuleli zwe ukuba abangaboniyo babone, nababonayo babe yizimpumputhe. labo kubafarisi ababenaye bezwa lokho, bathi kuye: pho, nathi siyizimpumputhe na? wathi kubo ujesu: ukuba beniyizimpumputhe, ngabe aninasono. kepha manje nithi: siyabona; isono senu sihlezi.

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ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile ngithi kini: ongangeni ngesango esibayeni sezimvu, kodwa ekhwela ngenye indawo, lowo uyisela nomphangi. kepha ongena ngesango ungumalusi wezimvu. umlindisango uyamvulela lowo; nezimvu ziyalizwa izwi lakhe; ubiza ezakhe izimvu ngamagama, aziholele phandle. nxa esezikhiphile ezakhe zonke, uhamba phambi kwazo, izimvu zimlandele, ngokuba zilazi izwi lakhe. kepha umfokazi azisoze zamlandela, kodwa ziyakumbalekela, ngokuba zingalazi izwi labafokazi. ujesu washo lo mfanekiso kubo; kepha bona abezwisisanga ukuba kuyini lokho akukhuluma kubo. ngakho-ke ujesu wabuye wathi kubo: ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile ngithi kini: mina ngiyisango lezimvu. bonke abafike ngaphambi kwami bangamasela nabaphangi, kepha izimvu azibezwanga.

mina ngiyisango; uma umuntu engena ngami, uyakusindiswa, angene, aphume, afumane idlelo. isela kalizi kungengokweba nokubulala nokubhubhisa; mina ngize ukuba babe nokuphila, babe nakho kuchichime. ngingumalusi omuhle. umalusi omuhle uдела ukuphila kwakhe ngenxa yezimvu. okhokhelwayo engesiye umalusi, izimvu zingesisizo ezakhe, ebona impisi iza, ushiya izimvu, abaleke impisi izibhosomele, izihlakaze ngokuba engokhokhelwayo, engazinakekeli izimvu. mina ngingumalusi omuhle; ngiyazazi ezami, nezami ziyangazi, njengalokhu ubaba uyangazi, nami ngiyamazi ubaba; ngidela ukuphila kwami ngenxa yezimvu. nezinye izimvu nginazo ezingesizo ezalesi sibaya; nalezo ngimelwe ukuziletha; ziyakuzwa izwi lami, kube mhlambi munye nomalusi munye. ngalokho ubaba uyangithanda, ngokuba ngidela ukuphila kwami ukuba ngibuye ngikuthabathe. akakho ongangamuka ukuphila kwami, kodwa ngikudela ngokwami; nginamandla okukudela, nginamandla okubuye ngikuthabathe. lo myalo ngiwamukele kubaba. kwaba khona futhi ukwahlukana phakathi kwabajuda ngalawo mazwi. abanengi kubo bathi: unedemoni, uyahlanya; nimlalelelani na? abanye bathi: lawo mazwi akusiwo awomuntu onedemoni; imbala idemoni lingavula amehlo ezimpumputhe na? khona kwakungumkhosi wokuhlamlulwa kwethempeli ejerusalem, kusebusika. ujesu wayehamba ethempelini emphemeni kasolomoni. base bemhaqa abajuda bethi kuye: koze kube nini ulibazisa izinhlizyo zethu na? uma wena unokristu, sitshela ngokuchachileyo. ujesu wabaphendula wathi: nganitshelela, kodwa anikholwanga; imisebenzi engiyenzayo egameni likababa yiyona efakaza ngami. kodwa nina anikholwa, ngokuba anisibo abezimvu zami. izimvu zami ziyalizwa izwi lami; nami ngiyazazi, ziyangilandela; ngizinika ukuphila okuphakade, azisoze zabhuhla naphakade; akakho ongazihlwitha esandleni sami. ubaba onginikileyo mkhulu kunabo bonke; akakho ongazihlwitha esandleni sikababa. mina nobaba simunye. abajuda base bebuye bethatha amatshe ukuba bamkhande. ujesu wabaphendula wathi: nginitshengise imisebenzi eminingi emihle evela kubaba; yimuphi umsebenzi kulena eningikhandela wona na? bamphendula abajuda, bathi: asikukhandi ngenxa yomsebenzi omuhle kepha ngenxa yokuhlambalaza, ngokuba wena ungumuntu ozenza ulezi-ku. ujesu wabaphendula wathi: akulotshiwe yini emthethweni wakini ukuthi: ngithe: ningolezi-ku, na? uma wathi bangolezi-ku bona eleza kubo izwi likalezi-ku nombhalo ungeqiwe nithi ngaye uyise amahlukanisileyo,

wamthumela ezweni, ukuba uyahlambalaza, ngokuba ngithe: ngiyindodana kalezi-ku, na? uma ngingenzi imisebenzi kababa, maningakholwa yimi. kepha uma ngiyenza, nakuba ningakholwa yimi, kholwani yimisebenzi, ukuze nazi, niqonde ukuthi ubaba ukimi, nami ngikubaba. base befuna futhi ukumbamba, kepha waphunyuka esandleni sabo. waphinda wamuka, waya phesheya kwejordani kuleyo ndawo lapho ujhane waqala ukubhaphathiza khona, wahlala lapho. nabaningi beza kuye, bathi: ujhane nempela akenzanga sibonakaliso nasinye, kepha konke ujhane akusho ngalowo muntu kwakuqinisele. abaningi bakholwa nguye lapho.

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kwakukhona othile ogulayo, ulazaru wasebethaniya umuzi wakubo kamariya nodadewabo umarta. umariya kwakunguye owagcoba inkosi ngamafutha, wesula izinyawo zayo ngezinwele zakhe, omnewabawo ulazaru wayegula. ngakho-ke odadewabo bathumela kuye, bathi: nkosi, bheka, lo omthandayo uyagula. ujesu esekuzwile lokho wathi: lokhu kugula akusikho okokufa, kodwa kungenxa yenkazimulo kalezi-ku ukuba indodana kalezi-ku ikhazimuliswe ngakho. kepha ujesu wayebathanda omarta nodadewabo nolazaru. ngakho-ke kwathi ezwa ukuthi uyagula, wahlala futhi izinsuku ezimbili endaweni abe kuyo. emva kwalokho wathi kubafundi bakhe: asibuye, siye ejudiya. abafundi bathi kuye: rabi, abajuda basand ukufuna ukukukhanda ngamatshe; usaya futhi khona na? ujesu waphendula wathi: awakho yini amahora ayishumi nambili emini na? uma umuntu ehamba emini, akakhubeki, ngokuba ubona ukukhanya kwaleli zwe. kodwa uma umuntu ehamba ebusuku, uyakhubeka, ngokuba kungekho ukukhanya kuye. wakhuluma lokho; emva kwalokho wathi kubo: ulazaru umhlobo wethu ulele, kepha ngiyahamba ukuba ngimvuse ebuthongweni. abafundi bakhe base bethi kuye: nkosi, uma elele, uyakusinda. kepha ujesu wayekhuluma ngokufa kwakhe, kepha bona babethi ukhuluma ngokulala ubuthongo. ngakho-ke ujesu wathi kubo ngokuchachileyo: ulazaru ufile; ngiyathokoza ngenxa yenu ukuthi bencingekho, ukuze nikholwe; kepha asiye kuye. khona utomase, othiwa udidimu, wathi kubafundi abakanye naye: asihambe nathi, ukuze sife kanye naye. kwathi-ke esefika ujesu, wamfumana esenezinsuku ezine ethuneni. ibethaniya lalise-duze nejerusalem, kungaba ngamastadiyu ayishumi nanhlano. abanengi kubajuda babefikile komarta nomariya ukubakhuza ngomnewabawo. ngakho umarta esezwe ukuthi

ujesu uyeza, waya ukumhlangabeza, kepha umariya wahlala endlini. wayesethi umarta kujesu: nkosi, uma ubukhona, umnewethu nga engafanga; kepha ngiyazi nakalokhu ukuthi nokuba yini ongakucela kulezi-ku, ulezi-ku uzakunikha khona. ujesu wathi kuye: umnewenu uzakuvuka. umarta wathi kuye: ngiyazi ukuthi uyakuvuka ekuvukeni ngosuku lokugcina. ujesu wathi kuye: mina ngingukuvuka nokuphila; okholwa yimi, noma efa, wophila. nalowo ophila, akholwe yimi, kasoze afa naphakade. uyakholwa yilokho na? wathi kuye: yebo, nkosi, ngiyakholwa ukuthi wena ungukristu, indodana kalezi-ku, obezakuzi ezweni. eseshilo lokho wamuka wabiza umariya udade-wabo ngasese, wathi: umfundisi ukhona, uyakubiza. yena-ke ekuzwa lokho wasuka masinyane, waya kuye. kepha ujesu wayengakafiki emzini, kodwa wayesekuleyo ndawo umarta amhlangabeza kuyo. abajuda ababesendlini naye bemkhuzi, bebona umariya esuka masinyane ephuma, bamlandela, bathi: uya ethuneni ukuba akhale khona. umariya esefike lapho ekhona ujesu, embona, wawa ngasezinyaweni zakhe, wathi: nkosi, uma ubukhona, umnewethu nga engafanga. ngakho ujesu embona ekhala, nabajuda abafika naye bekhala, wabubula emoyeni, wakhathazeka; wathi: nimbekephi na? bathi kuye: nkosi, woza ubone. ujesu wakhala izinyembezi. ngakho-ke abajuda bathi: bheka, ukumthanda kwakhe okungakaka. kepha abanye kubo bathi: lo owavula amehlo empumputhe wayengekwenze yini ukuba yena lo angafi na? ngakho ujesu, ebubula futhi phakathi kwakhe, wafika ethuneni. lalingumhume, kwakukhona itshe phezu kwawo. wathi ujesu: susani itshe. umarta, udadewabo wofileyo, wathi kuye: nkosi, usenuka; ngokuba sezizine. ujesu wathi kuye: angishongo yini kuwe ukuthi uma ukholwa, uzakubona inkazimulo kalezi-ku, na? balisusa-ke itshe. kepha ujesu waphakamisa amehlo, wathi: baba, ngiyakubonga ngokuba ungizwile. bengazi mina ukuthi ungizwa njalo, kodwa ngenxa yesixuku esingiphahlileyo ngishilo lokho, ukuze bakholwe ukuthi nguweni ongithumileyo. esekhulume lokho wamemeza ngezwi elikhulu, wathi: lazaru, phuma. waphuma ofileyo eboshwe izinyawo nezandla ngezindwangu, ubuso bakhe bumboziwe ngeduku. ujesu wathi kubo: mthukululeni, nimeke ahambe. khona abaningi kubajuda ababezile kumariya bebona abekwenzile, bakholwa nguye. kepha abanye babo baya kubafarisi, babatshelela abekwenzile ujesu. ngalokho abapristi abakhulu nabafarisi base bemema umphakathi, bathi: siyakwenze njani na? lo muntu wenza izibonakaliso eziningi; uma simyeka njalo, bazakukholwa nguye bonke; amaroma ayakufika, asamuke

indawo nesizwe. kepha othile wabo, ukayafase, engumpristi omkhulu walowo mnyaka, wathi kubo: anazi lutho nina; aniqondi futhi ukuthi kunilungele ukuba umuntu oyedwa afele abantu, isizwe sonke singabhubhi. lokho kakushongo ngokwakhe, kodwa engumpristi omkhulu walowo mnyaka waprofetha ukuba ujesu wayezakufa ngenxa yesizwe; kungengenxa yesizwe kuphela, kepha ukuba abuthene ndawonye abantwana bakankulunklu abahlakazekileyo, babe munye. kusukela kulolo suku baceba ukuba bambulale. ngakho ujesu kabuyange esahamba obala phakathi kwabajuda, kepha wamuka lapho, waya ezweni eliseduze nehlane emzini othiwa i-efrayimi; wahlala khona nabafundi bakhe. lase liseduze iphasika labajuda; abaningi abavale emaphandleni bakhuphukela ejerusalema ngaphambi kwephasika ukuba bazihlambulule. ngakho bamfuna ujesu, bexoxa bemi ethempelini, bethi: nithini na? akayikuza nempela emkhosini na? abapristi abakhulu nabafarisi babekhiphe umyalo wokuthi uma kukhona owaziyo lapho ekhona, ababikele, ukuze bambambe.

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ngakho kuseyizinsuku eziyisithupha ngaphambi kwephasika, ujesu wafika ebethaniya, lapho wayekhona ulazaru ujesu amvusa kwabafileyo. base bemenzela ukudla khona; umarta wayephaka, kepha ulazaru wayengomunye wababehlezi ekudleni naye. umariya wayesethatha ilitra lamafutha enadi lodwa elinenani elikhulu, wagcoba izinyawo zikajesu, wesula izinyawo zakhe ngezinwele zakhe; indlu yagcwala iphunga lamafutha. kepha ujuda iskariyotho, omunye wabafundi bakhe obezakumkhaphela, wathi: yini ukuba lawa mafutha engathengiswanga ngawodenariyu abangamakhulu amathathu, kwaphiwa abampofu, na? washo lokho kungengokuba ekhathalele abampofu, kepha ngokuba eyisela, ephethe isikhwama, eba okufakwa kuso. ngakho ujesu wathi: myeke ukuba awalondolozele usuku lokumbelwa kwami. ngokuba abampofu ninabo njalo, kepha mina aninami njalo. ngakho isixuku esikhulu sabajuda sezwa ukuthi ulapho. beza-ke kungengenxa kajesu kuphela, kepha nokuba babone ulazaru abemvusile kwabafileyo. kepha abapristi abakhulu benza icebo lokuba babulale nolazaru, ngokuba ngenxa yakhe abaningi babajuda bamuka bakholwa ngujesu. ngangomuso abantu abaningi abafike emkhosini sebezile ukuthi ujesu uyeza ejerusalema, bathatha amahlamvu esundu, baphuma ukumhlangabeza. bamemeza bathi: hosiyana! ubusisiwe ozayo egameni lenkosi,

yebo, inkosi ka-israyeli. ujesu esefumene imbongolo entsha wakhwela kuyo njen-  
 gukulotshiwe ukuthi: ungesabi, ndodakazi  
 yasesiyoni; bheka, inkosi yakho iza, ikhwele  
 etholeni lembongolo. lokho abafundi bakhe  
 abakuqondanga ekuqaleni; kodwa esekhaz-  
 imulisiwe ujesu, base bekhumbula ukuthi  
 kulotshiwe lokho ngaye nokuthi babekwen-  
 zile lokho kuye. ngakho safakaza isixuku  
 esasinaye, lapho ebiza ulazaru aphume  
 ethuneni, emvusa kwabafuleyo. ngenxa  
 yalokho isixuku saya samhlangabeza,  
 ngokuba sase sizwile ukuthi wayesenzile leso  
 sibonakaliso. ngakho abafarisi bakhuluma  
 bodwa, bathi: niyabona ukuthi anisizi  
 lutho; bheka, izwe lonke liyamlandela.  
 kwakukhona amagreki athile phakathi  
 kwababenyuka ukuba bakhuluke emkhosini.  
 lawo-ke aya kufiliphu wasebetsayida lase-  
 galile, acela kuye, athi: nkosi, sithanda  
 ukubona ujesu. ufiliphu weza wamtshela  
 u-andreya. weza u-andreya nofiliphu, basho  
 kujesu. ujesu waphendula, wathi kubo:  
 sesifikile isikhathi sokuba ikhazimuliswe  
 indodana yomuntu. ngiqinisele, ngiqinisele  
 ngithi kini: uma inhlamvu kakolweni iwela  
 emhlabathini ingafi, ihlala yodwa; kepha  
 uma ifa, ithela izithelo eziningi. lowo  
 othanda ukuphila kwakhe ulahlekelwa  
 yikho, nozonda ukuphila kwakhe kuleli zwe  
 uyakukulondela ukuphila okuphakade. uma  
 umuntu engikhonza, akangilandele; nalapha  
 ngikhona mina, soba khona nesikhonzi sami.  
 uma umuntu engikhonza, ubaba uyaku-  
 mazisa lowo. kalokhu umphefumulo wami  
 ulusizi, ngizakuthini na? baba, ngisindise  
 kulo mzuzu. kodwa ngenxa yalokhu ngize  
 kulo mzuzu. baba, khazimulisa igama  
 lakho. kwase kufika izwi livela ezulwini,  
 lithi: ngilikhazimulisile, ngobuyele ngi-  
 likhazimulise. ngakho abantu ababemi  
 bezwa bathi: beliduma; abanye bathi:  
 ingelosi ikhulume kuye. ujesu waphendula  
 wathi: leli zwi alizanga ngenxa yami kepha  
 ngenxa yenu. kalokhu kungukwahlulelwa  
 kwaleli zwe; kalokhu umbusi waleli zwe  
 uzakuxoshwa. mina, nxa ngiphakany-  
 iswa emhlabeni, ngiyakubadonsela kimi  
 bonke. lokho-ke wakusho efanekisa ukufa  
 okumfanele afe ngakho. ngakho isixuku  
 samphendula sathi: sizwile emthethweni  
 ukuthi ukristu uyakuma phakade; usho  
 kanjani wena ukuthi indodana yomuntu  
 imelwe ukuphakanyiswa na? ingubani  
 le ndodana yomuntu na? wayesethi  
 kubo ujesu: kuseyisikhashana ukukhanya  
 kukhona kini. hambani nise nokukhanya,  
 ukuze ubumnyama bunganehleli. ohamba  
 ebunmyameni akazi ukuthi uya ngaphi.  
 nise nokukhanya kholwani ngukukhanya,  
 ukuze nibe ngabantwana bokukhanya.  
 washo lokho ujesu, wamuka, wasithela  
 kubo. kepha noma ebezenzile izibonakaliso

ezingaka phambi kwabo, abakhohlwanga  
 nguye ukuba izwi lika-isaya umprofethi  
 ligcwaliseke, alikhuluma lokuthi: nkosi,  
 ngubani owakholwa ngukushumayela  
 kwethu na? ingalo yenkosi yambulelwa bani  
 na? ngalokho babengekholwe, ngokuba  
 u-isaya washo futhi ukuthi: uphuphutek-  
 isile amehlo abo, wayenza lukhuni inhliziyo  
 yabo, funa babone ngamehlo, baqonde  
 ngenhliziyo, baphenduke, ngibaphulukise.  
 u-isaya wakusho lokho, ngokuba ebona  
 inkazimulo yakhe, ekhuluma ngaye. nokho  
 abaningi nasezikhulwini bakholwa nguye,  
 kodwa ngenxa yabafarisi abakuvumanga,  
 funa bakhishwe esinagogeni; ngokuba  
 babethanda udumo lwabantu kunodumo  
 lukalezi-ku. khona ujesu wamemeza  
 wathi: okholwa yimi kakholwa yimi kepha  
 ngongithumileyo. obona mina ubona on-  
 githumileyo. ngize ezweni ngingukukhanya  
 ukuba yilowo nalowo okholwa yimi angahlali  
 ebunmyameni. uma umuntu ezwa amazwi  
 ami engawalondi, lowo angimahluleli mina,  
 ngokuba angizanga ukuba ngahlulele  
 izwe, kepha ukuba ngisindise izwe.  
 ongalayo engawamukeli amazwi ami  
 unomahlulelayo; izwi engalikhuluma  
 yilona eliyakumahlulela ngosuku lokugcina.  
 ngokuba mina angikhulumanga ngokwami,  
 kodwa ubaba ongithumileyo nguye onginike  
 umyalo wokuba ngizakuthini, ngikhulumeni.  
 ngiyazi ukuthi umyalo wakhe ungukuphila  
 okuphakade. ngakho-ke lokho engikukhu-  
 lumayo ngikukhuluma njengalokho ubaba  
 angitshela khona.

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kwathi ngaphambi komkhosi wephasika  
 ujesu azi ukuthi isikhathi sakhe sesifik-  
 ile ukuba amuke kuleli zwe, aye kuyise,  
 ebathandile abakhe abasezweni wabathanda  
 kwaze kwaba sekupheleni. sekudliwa,  
 usathane esekufake enhliziyweni kajuda  
 iskariyotho kasimoni ukuba amkhphele,  
 ujesu ekwazi ukuthi uyise unikele konke  
 ezandleni zakhe nokuthi wavela kulezi-ku,  
 futhi ubuyela kulezi-ku, wasuka ekudleni,  
 wabeka izingubo zakhe, wathabatha ind-  
 wangu, wakhwica. emva kwalokho wathela  
 amanzi emcengezini, waqala ukugeza  
 izinyawo zabafundi, wazesula ngendwangu  
 abekhwice ngayo. wafika-ke kusimoni  
 petru. wathi kuye: nkosi, wena ugeza  
 izinyawo zami na? ujesu waphendula, wathi  
 kuye: lokhu engikwenzayo awukwazi manje,  
 kodwa uzakukugonda emva kwalokhu. up-  
 etru wathi kuye: awusoze wageza izinyawo  
 zami naphakade. ujesu waphendula wathi:  
 uma ngingakugezi, awunasabelo nami.  
 usimoni petru wathi kuye: nkosi, akungabi  
 yizinyawo zodwa kepha nezandla nekhanda.  
 ujesu wathi kuye: ogeziweyo kadingi lutho,



kuphela ukugezwa izinyawo, kepha ugezekile wonke. nina-ke nigezekile, kodwa angisho nonke. ngokuba emazi obezakumkhaphela kungalokho athi: anigezekile nonke. esegeze izinyawo zabo wathabatha izingubo zakhe, wabuye wahlala, wathi kubo: niyakwazi yini engikwenzile kini na? ningibiza nithi: mfundisi, nkosi; nisho kahle, ngokuba ngiyikho. uma-ke mina, inkosi nomfundisi, ngigeze izinyawo zenu, nani-ke nifanele ukugezana izinyawo. ngokuba ngininikile isibonelo ukuba nenze nani njengokuba ngenzile kini. ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile ngithi kini: incek uayinkulu kunenkosu yayo, nothunyiweyo kamkhulu komthumileyo. uma nazi lokho, nibusisiwe uma nikwenza. angikhulumi ngani nonke; ngiyabazi engibakhethileyo; kodwa nga kugcwaliseka umbhalo othi: odla isinkwa sami ungiphakamisele isithende sakhe. kusukela manje ngiyanitshela kungakenzeki ukuba, nxa sekwenzeka, nikholwe ukuthi nginguye. ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile ngithi kini: owamukela engimthumayo wamukela mina; ongamukelayo mina wamukela ongithumileyo. ujesu eseshilo lokho wakhathazeka emoyeni, wafakaza wathi: ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile ngithi kini: omunye wenu uyakungikhaphela. abafundi babhekana bengabaza ukuthi ukhulumana ngobani. kwakuhlezi ekudleni omunye wabafundi bakhe ujesu amthandayo, encike esifubeni sikajesu. usimoni petru wayesemqhwaba ethi: yisho ukuthi ubekhuluma ngobani na? yena encike esifubeni sikajesu wathi kuye: nkosi, ngubani na? ngakho waphendula ujesu, wathi: yilowo engiyakumcwilisele ucezu, ngimnike lona. eselucwilisile-ke ucezu, walunika ujuda iskariyotho. emva kacezu usathane wayesengena kuye. wayesethi kuye ujesu: okwenzayo kwenze masinyane. kepha akabakho kwababehlezi ekudleni owayekwazi lokho ukuthi ukusho ngani kuye. kepha abanye bacabanga ukuthi, ngokuba ujuda ephethe isikhwama, ujesu uthi kuye: thenga esikuswele emkhosini, noma ukuthi kabele abampofu okuthile. kuthe eseluthathile ucezu waphuma masinyane; kwakuse busuku. ngakho esephumile, ujesu wathi: kalokhu indodana yomuntu ikhazimulisiwe, nolezi-ku ukhazimulisiwe kuyo. uma ulezi-ku ekhazimulisiwe kuyo, nolezi-ku uyakuyikhazimula kuye, uyakuyikhazimulisa masinyane. bantwanyana, ngise khona nani isikhashana. niyakungifuna, nanjengalokho ngasho kubajuda ukuthi lapho ngiya khona ningeze nina, ngisho nakinina manje. ngininika umyalo omusha wokuba nithandane; njengalokhu nginithandile, nani nithandane. ngalokho bonke bayakukwazi ukuthi ningabafundi bami, uma nithandana. usimoni petru wathi kuye:

nkosi, uya ngaphi na? ujesu waphendula wathi: lapho ngiya khona, ungengilandele kalokhu; kepha uyakungilandela kamuva. wathi kuye upetru: nkosi, ngingekulandele kalokhu ngani na? ngizakudela ukuphila kwami ngenxa yakho. ujesu waphendula wathi: uzakudela ukuphila kwakho ngenxa yami na? ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile ngithi kuwe: iqhude alizukukhala, ungakangiphiki kathathu.

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inhliziyu yenu mayingakhathazeki. kholwani ngulezi-ku, nikholwe nayimi. ekhaya likababa kukhona izindlu eziningi; uma bekungenjalo, bengiyakunitshela ukuthi ngiya ukunilungisela indawo. nanxa ngiya nginilungisela indawo, ngobuye ngize, nginibuyisele kimi ukuba lapho ngikhona nibe khona nani. nalapho ngiya khona niyayazi indlela. utomase wathi kuye: nkosi, asazi lapho uya khona; siyazi kanjani indlela na? ujesu wathi kuye: mina ngiyindlela, neqiniso, nokuphila; akakho oza kubaba ngaphandle kwami. uma beningazi mina, beniyakumazi nobaba; kusukela manje niyamazi, nimbonile. ufliphu wathi kuye: nkosi, sikhombise uyihlo, kusanele. ujesu wathi kuye: isikhathi esingaka nginani, awukangazi, filiphu, na? ongibonile mina ubonile ubaba; usho kanjani ukuthi: sikhombise uyihlo, na? awukholwa ukuthi ngikubaba, nobaba ukimi, na? amazwi engiwakhulumayo mina kini angiwakhulumi ngokwami; kepha ubaba ohlezi kimi wenza imisebenzi yakhe. kholwani yimi ukuthi ngikubaba, nobaba ukimi; uma kungenjalo, kholwani ngenxa yale misebenzi. ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile ngithi kini: okholwa yimi, imisebenzi engiyenzayo mina naye uyakuyenza, nemikhulu kunale uyakuyenza; ngokuba mina ngiya kubaba. noma yini eniyakukucela egameni lami ngiyakukwenza ukuba ubaba akhazimulisiwe endodaneni. uma nicela utho kimi egameni lami, ngolwenza. uma ningithanda, niyakugcina imiyalo yami. ngiyakucela kubaba aniphe omunye umduduzi wokuba ahlale kini phakade, umoya weqiniso, izwe elingemamukele, ngokuba lingamboni, lingamazi; nina niyamazi yena, ngokuba uhlala nani, uyakuba kini. angiyikunishiya niyizintandane; ngiyeza kini. kuseyisikhashana izwe lingasangiboni, kepha niyangibona nina, ngokuba ngiphila mina, nani nizakuphila. ngalolo suku niyakukwazi nina ukuba ngikubaba, nani nikimi, nami ngikini. onemiyalo yami ayigcine, nguyena ongithandayo; ongithandayo uyakuthandwa ngubaba, nami ngiyakumthanda, ngizibonakalise kuye. ujuda, ongesiye u-iskariyotho, wathi

kuye: nkosi, kwenziwa yini ukuba uyakuzibonakalisa kithina, ungazibonakalisi kulo izwe, na? ujesu waphendula, wathi kuye: uma umuntu engithanda, uyakugcina izwi lami; ubaba uyakumthanda; siyakuza kuye, sihlale naye. ongangithandiyo kagcini amazwi ami, nezwi enilizwayo akusilo elami kepha ngelikababa ongithumileyo. ngikhulume lokho kini ngisahlezi nani. kepha umduduzi, umoya ongwele, ubaba ayakumthumela egameni lami uyakunifundisa konke, anikhumbuze konke enginitshele khona. ukuthula ngikushiya kinina, ukuthula kwami nginipha khona. akunjengokupha kwezwe ukunipha kwami. inhliziyo yenu mayingakhathazeki, ingesabi. nizwile ukuthi nganitshele ngathi: ngiyamuka, kepha ngiyabuyela kini. uma beningithanda, beniyakujabula, ngokuba ngiya kubaba, lokhu ubaba mkhulu kunami. manje senginitshele kungakenzeki, ukuze nikholwe, nxa sekwenzekile. angisayikuhluma okuningi nani, ngokuba uyeza umbusi wezwe, kepha akanalutho kimi, kodwa kungukuba izwe lazi ukuthi ngiyamthanda ubaba nokuthi ngenza njengokuba ubaba engiyalile. sukumani simuke lapha.

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mina ngingumvini owonawona, ubaba ungumlimi. yilelo nalelo gatsha elikimi, elingatheli izithelo, uyalisusa. yilelo nalelo elithela izithelo uyalihlunga ukuba lithele kakhulu. nina senihlanzekile ngezwi engikhulume kinina. hlalani kimi, nami kini. njengalokhu igatsha lingethele izithelo ngokwalo, kuphela uma lihlala emvinini, kunjalo nani, kuphela uma nihlala kimi. mina ngingumvini, nina ningamagatsha; ohlala kimi, nami kuye, lowo uthela izithelo eziningi; ngokuba ngaphandle kwami ningenze lutho. uma umuntu engahlali kimi, ulahlwa ngaphandle njengegatsha, abune; bawabuthe, bawaphonse emlilweni, ashe. uma nihlala kimi, namazwi ami ehlala kini, niyakucela enikutandayo, nikwenzelwe. ubaba uyakhazimlisiwa ngalokhu ukuba nithele izithelo eziningi, nibe ngabafundi bami. njengalokho ubaba engithandle, nami nginithandle; hlalani othandweni lwami. uma nigcina imiyalo yami, niyakhulala othandweni lwami, njengalokho mina ngigcinile imiyalo kababa ngihlala othandweni lwakhe. nginitshele lokho ukuba ukuthokoza kwami kube kini, nokuthokoza kwenu kugcwele. yilo umyalo wami wokuba nithandane, njengalokho nginithandle. akakho onothando olukhulu kunaloko lokuba adele ukuphila kwakhe ngenxa yabahlobo bakhe. ningabahlobo bami, uma nenza lokhu enginiyala ngakho. angisasho ukuthi niyizinceku, ngokuba

inceku ayikwazi ukuthi inkosi yayo yenzani, kepha ngithe ningabahlobo nina, ngokuba konke engikuzwile kubaba nginazisile khona. aningikhethanga nina, kodwa mina nginikhethile nina, nganibeka ukuba niphume, nithele izithelo, nezithelo zenu zihlale ukuba noma yini eniyakukucela kubaba egameni lami aninike khona. nginiyala ngalezo zinto, ukuze nithandane. uma izwe linizonda, niyazi ukuthi langizonda mina ngaphambi kwenu. uma beningabezwe, izwe belizakuthanda okwalo, kepha lokhu ningesibo abezwe kodwa nganikhetha mina ezweni, kungalokho izwe linizonda. khumbulani izwi enganitshele lona mina lokuthi: inceku ayinkulu kunenkosi yayo. uma bengizingele mina, nani bayakunizingela; uma begcina izwi lami, nelenu bayakuligcina. kepha konke lokho bayakukwenza kini ngenxa yegama lami, ngokuba bengamazi ongithumileyo. uma bengingafikile, ngakhuluma kubo, ngabe abanasono; kepha kalokhu kabanazaba ngesono sabo. ozonda mina uzonda nobaba. uma bengingenzanga phakathi kwabo imisebenzi engenziwanga ngomunye, ngabe abanasono, kepha kalokhu babonile, bangizonda nani nobaba. kodwa kunjalo ukuba kugcwaliseke izwi elilotshiweyo emthethweni wakubo lokuthi: bangizonda ngeze. nxa esefikile umduduzi engiyakumthumela kini evela kubaba, umoya weqiniso, ophuma kubaba, nguyena oyakufakaza ngami. nani niyafakaza, ngokuba beninami kwasekuqaleni.

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lokho ngikukhulume kini ukuba ningakhubeki. bayakunikhapha emasinagogeni, yebo, siyeza isikhathi sokuba lowo onibulalayo uyakuthi ukhonza ulezi-ku. lokhu-ke bayakukwenza ngokuba bengamazanga ubaba nami; kepha lokho ngikukhulume kini, ukuze kuthi, nxa kufika leso sikhathi, nikhumbule ukuthi nganitshele khona; anginitshelelanga lokho kwasekuqaleni, ngokuba benginani. manje ngiyamuka, ngiya kongithumileyo; akakho kinina ongibuza ukuthi: uya ngaphi na? kepha ngokuba ngikhulume lokho kini, inhliziyo yenu igcwele usizi. kodwa mina nginitshele iqiniso lokuthi kunilungele ukuba ngimuke; ngokuba uma ngingamuki, umduduzi kayikuza kini; kepha uma ngimuka, ngiyakumthumela kini. lapho esefikile yena, uyakuqondisa izwe ngesono, nangokulunga, nangokwahlulela: ngesono, ngokuba bengakholwa yimi; ngokulunga, ngokuba ngiya kubaba, ningabe nisanagibona; ngokwahlulela, ngokuba umbusi waleli zwe wahlulelwe. ngise nokuningi okokunitshele, kodwa ningekuthwale manje. kepha nxa esefikile yena, umoya

weqiniso, uzakuniholela kulo lonke iqiniso; ngokuba akayikukhuluma ngokwakhe, kodwa lokho akuzwayo uyakukhuluma, anibikele okuzayo. uyakungikhazimulisa, ngokuba uyakuthatha kokwami anibikele khona. konke ubaba anakho kungokwami; ngalokho-ke ngithe uyakuthatha kokwami, anibikele. kusezakuba yisikhashana ningabe nisangibona, kubuye kube yisikhashana ningibone, ngokuba ngiya kubaba. ngakho abanye kubo abafundi bakhe base bekhuluma bodwa, bethi: kuyini lokho akushoyo kithi ukuthi: kusezakuba yisikhashana ningabe nisangibona, kubuye kube yisikhashana ningibone, nokuthi: ngokuba ngiya kubaba, na? bathi: kuyini lokho akushoyo ukuthi: yisikhashana, na? asazi ukuba uthini. ujesu wazi ukuthi bebethanda ukumbuza, wathi kubo: niyabuzana ngalokho engikushilo ukuthi: kusezakuba yisikhashana ningabe nisangibona kubuye kube yisikhashana ningibone, na? ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile ngithi kini: niyakukhala nilile nina, kepha izwe liyakujabula; niyakuba lusizi nina, kepha usizi lwenu luyakuphendulwa lube ngukuthokoza. owesifazane, nxa esabeletha, ulusizi, ngokuba sifikile isikhathi sakhe; kepha nxa esembelethile umntwana, akabe esakhumbula ubuhlungu ngenxa yentokoza yokuba kuzelwe umuntu ezweni. nani-ke nilusizi manje, kepha ngiyakubuye nginibone, inhliziyu yenu ithokoze; intokozo yenu akakho onganamuka yona. ngalolo suku aniyikubuza lutho kimi. ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile ngithi kini: lokhu eniyakukucela kubaba egameni lami uyakuninika khona. kuze kube kalokhu anicelanga lutho egameni lami. celani, niyakwamukeliswa ukuba intokozo yenu igcwale. ngikhulume lokho kini ngemifanekiso; isikhathi siyeza, lapho ngingasayikukhuluma ngemifanekiso; kodwa ngiyakunitshela ngobaba ngokusobala. ngalelo langa niyakucela egameni lami; angisho kini ukuthi ngiyakunicelela mina kubaba; ngokuba ubaba uqobo uyanithanda, ngokuba ningithandile nina, nakholwa ukuthi mina ngavela kulezi-ku. ngavela kubaba, ngeza ezweni; ngiyalishiya futhi izwe, ngibuyela kubaba. abafundi bakhe bathi kuye: bheka, manje usukhuluma ngokusobala, awusakhulumi mfanekiso. kalokhu siyazi ukuthi wazi konke, awudingi ukuba umuntu akubuze; ngalokho siyakholwa ukuba wavela kulezi-ku. ujesu waphendula wathi: seniyakholwa manje na? bhekani, isikhathi siyeza, yebo, sesifikile sokuba nihlakazeke, yilowo nalowo aye kokwakhe, ningishiye ngingedwa; nokho angingedwa, lokhu ubaba unami. lokho ngikukhulume kini ukuba nibe nokuthula kimi. ezweni niyakuba lusizi, kepha yimani isibindi, mina ngilingqobile izwe.

ujesu wakhuluma lokho; wayesephakamisela amehlo akhe ezulwini, wathi: baba, isikhathi sifikile; khazimulisa indodana yakho, ukuze indodana ikukhazimulise wena, njengalokho uyiphile amandla phezu kwenyama yonke ukuba bonke oyiphe bona ibaphe ukuphila okuphakade. ukuphila okuphakade yilokhu ukuba bazi wena lezi-ku wedwa oqinisileyo, nomthumileyo, ujesu kristu. ngikukhazimulisile emhlabeni, ngifeze umsebenzi ongiphe wona ukuba ngiwenze. manje-ke ngikhazimulise wena baba, kuwe uqobo, ngenkazimulo ebenginayo ngikuwe, izwe lingakabikho. ngibonakalisile igama lakho kubantu ongiphe bona kwabasezweni; babengabakho, wangipha bona; baligcinile izwi lakho. sebazi ukuthi konke ongiphe khona kuvela kuwe. ngokuba amazwi ongiphe wona ngibaphile wona, bawamukela, bazi isibili ukuthi ngavela kuwe, bakholwa ukuthi wangithuma wena. ngiyabakhulekeli bona; angikhulekeli izwe kepha labo ongiphe bona, ngokuba bengabakho. konke okwami kungokwakho, nokwakho kungokwami; ngikhazimulisiwe kubona. angisekho ezweni mina, basezweni bona, mina ngiza kuwe. baba ongcwale, bagcine egameni lakho labo ongiphe bona, ukuze babe munye njengathi. lapho ngise nabo ezweni, ngabagcina egameni lakho labo ongiphe bona, ngabalonda; akakho kubo owalahleka, kuphela indodana yokulahlwa, ukuba kugcwaliseke umbhalo. sengiza kuwe kalokhu; ngikhuluma lokhu ezweni ukuba babe nokuthokoza kwami, kugcwale kubo. mina ngibanikile izwi lakho; izwe labazonda, ngokuba bengesibo abezwe, njengalokhu nami angisiye owezwe. angiceli ukuba ubasuse ezweni; kepha ngicela ukuba ubalonde kbona-ra-ukukhandleka. abasibo abezwe, njengalokhu nami angisiye owezwe. bangcwelise ngeqiniso, izwi lakho liyiqiniso. njengalokho wangithumela ezweni, nami ngibathumela ezweni. ngiyazingcwelisa ngenxa yabo ukuba bangcwelise nabo ngeqiniso. angiceli labo bodwa kepha nalabo abakholwa yimi ngezwi labo ukuba bonke babe munye, njengalokhu wena baba ukimi, nami ngikuwe, ukuba nabo babe kithina, ukuze izwe likholwe ukuthi wena ungithumile. nenkazimulo ongiphe yona ngiyiphile bona, ukuze babe munye, njengalokhu thina simunye, mina kubona, nawe kimina, ukuba bapheleliswe ebunyeni, ukuze izwe lazi ukuba wena ungithumile, wabathanda, njengalokho ungithandile. baba, ngithanda ukuba labo ongiphe bona nabo babe khona nami lapha ngikhona, ukuze babone inkazimulo yami ongiphe yona; ngokuba wangithanda, kungakasekelwa izwe. baba olungileyo, izwe kalikwazanga, kepha mina

ngikwazile, nalaba bazile ukuthi ungithumile. ngibazisile igama lakho, ngizakubazisa lona ukuba uthando ongithande ngalo lube kubo, nami ngibe kubo.

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ujesu esekhulume lawo mazwi waphuma kanye nabafundi bakhe, waya phesheya komfudlana ikedroni, lapho kwakukhona insimu angena kuyo yena nabafundi bakhe.<sup>2</sup> nojuda owamkhaphelayo wayeyazi leyo ndawo, ngokuba ujesu wayevama ukuhlangana khona nabafundi bakhe. khona ujudas, esethole isigaba samabutho nezikhonzi kubapristi abakhulu nabafarisi, waya lapho, benezihlanti nezibani nezikhali. khona ujesu ekwazi konke okuyakumehlela waphuma, wathi kubo: nifuna ubani na? bamphendula bathi: ujesu wasenazaretha. ujesu wathi kubo: yimina. ujudas omkhaphelayo wayemi nabo. kuthe-ke ukuba athi kubo: yimina, bahlela nyovane, bawa phansi. waphinda wababuzisa wathi: nifuna ubani na? bathi: ujesu wasenazaretha. ujesu waphendula wathi: nginitshelile ukuthi yimina; uma-ke nifuna mina, bayekeni laba, bahambe, ukuba ligcwaliseke izwi alishiloyo lokuthi: kulabo ongiphe bona angilahlekelwanga namunye. usimoni petru enenkemba wayihosha, wayigenca inceku yompristi omkhulu, wayinquma indlebe yokunene. igama lenceku lalingumalkusi. khona ujesu wathi kupetru: faka inkemba emgodleni wayo; angiyikusiphuza kanti isitsha anginike sona ubaba na? njalo-ke isigaba nenduna yenkulungwane nezikhonzi zabajuda bambamba ujesu, bambopha; baqala bamyisa ku-anase, ngokuba engumkhwe kakayafase obengumpristi omkhulu walowo mnyaka. ukayafase kambe nguye owaluleka abajuda ngokuthi kubalungele ukuba kufe umuntu abe munye ngenxa yesizwe. usimoni petru walandela ujesu nomunye umfundi. lowo mfundi wayaziwa ngumpristi omkhulu, wangena nojesu egekeni lompristi omkhulu; kepha upetru wayemi ngaphandle emnyango. waphuma-ke lowo mfundi omunye owaziwa ngumpristi omkhulu, wakhuluma nomlindikazi womnyango, wamngenisa upetru. intombazana elinda emnyango yayisithi kupetru: imbala nawe awusiye owabafundi balowo muntu na? wathi yena: angisiye. kwakumi khona izinceku nezikhonzi zibasile umlilo wamalahle, ngokuba kwakumakhaza, zotha; nopetru wayenazo otha. kepha umpristi omkhulu wabuza ujesu ngabafundi bakhe nangemfundiso yakhe. ujesu wamphendula wathi: ngikhulumile obala ezweni. ngezikhathi zonke bengifundisa esinagogeni nasethempelini, lapho abajuda bonke bebuthana khona, angikhulumanga lutho

ngasese. ubuzelani kimi na? buza kulabo abezwile lokho engakukhuluma kubo; bheka, bona bayakwazi engakushoyo. esasho lokho, esinye isikhonzi esasimi khona sammukula ujesu, sathi: uphendula umpristi omkhulu kanjalo na? ujesu wasiphendula wathi: uma ngikhulume kabi, fakaza ngalobo bubi; kodwa uma kukuhle, ungishayelani na? u-anase wamthumela eboshiwe kukayafase umpristi omkhulu. kepha usimoni petru wayemi otha. bathi-ke kuye: imbala nawe awusiye owabafundi bakhe na? waphika yena, wathi: angisiye. enye yezinceku zompristi omkhulu, eyisihlobo salowo ondlebe yaso upetru abeyinqumile, yathi: angikubonanga yini mina ensimini unaye na? wabuye waphika upetru; masinyane lakhala iqhude. base bekhapha ujesu kukayafase, bemyisa endlini yokwahlulela; kwakusekuseni. kepha bona kabangenanga enqabeni ukuba bangangcoli kodwa babe nokudla iphasika. khona upilatu waphumela kubo, wathi: nimthwesa cala lini lo muntu na? baphendula, bathi kuye: uma lona ebengesiye owenza bona-ra-ukukhandleka, nga singamlethanga kuwe. khona upilatu wathi kubo: mthatheni nina, nimahlulele ngomthetho wakini. bathi kuye abajuda: asivunyelwe ukubulala umuntu, ukuba kugcwaliseke izwi likajesu alishilo lapha ebonisa ukuthi uyakufa ngokufa okunjani. upilatu wabuye wangena enqabeni, wabiza ujesu, wathi kuye: wena uyinkosi yabajuda na? ujesu waphendula wathi: uzisholo lokhu wena, noma kusho abanye kuwe ngami na? upilatu waphendula wathi: kanti ngingumjuda yini mina na? isizwe sakini nabapristi abakhulu bakunikezwe kimi; wenzeni na? ujesu waphendula wathi: umbuso wami awusiwo owaleli zwe. uma umbuso wami ubungowaleli zwe, izikhonzi zami zaziyakulwa ukuba nginganikezwa kubajuda. kepha kalokhu umbuso wami awusiwo owalapha. wayesethi upilatu kuye: kanti nokho uyinkosi na? ujesu waphendula wathi: usho khona. ngiyinkosi; ngizalelwe lokho, ngafikela lokho ezweni ukuba ngifakazele iqiniso. bonke abeqiniso bayalizwa izwi lami. wathi upilatu kuye: iqiniso liyini na? eseshilo lokho wabuye waphumela kubajuda, wathi kubo: angifumani cala kuye. kepha ninesiko lokuba nginikhululele omunye ngephasika; ngakho niyathanda ukuba nginikhululele inkosi yabajuda na? khona babuye bamemeza bonke, bathi: qha lona, kodwa ubaraba. kepha ubaraba wayengumphangi.

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upilatu wayesemthatha ujesu, wamshaya. amabutho aluka umqhele wameva awufaka ekhanda lakhe, amembathisa ingubo

ebubende; aya kuye, athi: bayede, nkosi yabajuda! am mukula. upilatu wabuye waphuma, wathi kubo: bhekani, ngimkhiphela kini, ukuze nazi ukuba angifumani cala kuye. wayesephuma ujesu ethwele umqhele wameva nengubo ebubende. wathi kubo upilatu: bhekani lo muntu! bathi bembona abapristi abakhulu nezikhonzi, bamemeza bathi: mbethele, mbethele esiphambanweni! upilatu wathi kubo: mthatheni nina, nimbethele esiphambanweni, ngokuba angifumani cala kuye. kepha abajuda bamphendula bathi: sinomthetho thina; ngalo mthetho ufanele ukufa, ngokuba ezenzile indodana kalezi-ku. kuthe upilatu ezwa lelo zwi, kwayikhona esaba kakhulu, wabuye wangena enqabeni, wathi kujesu: ungowaphi wena na? kepha ujesu kamphendulanga. khona wathi upilatu kuye: awukhulumi kimi na? awazi ukuthi nginamandla okukukhulula, nginamandla futhi okukubethela esiphambanweni na? ujesu waphendula wathi: ngabe awunamandla neze phezu kwami, ukuba awuwanikwanga ngaphezulu. ngalokho-ke onginkole kuwe unesono esikhulu. ngalokho upilatu wayefuna ukumkhulula. kepha abajuda bamemeza bathi: uma ukhulula lona, awusiye umhlobo kakesari; osuka ezenza inkosi, umelene nokesari. kuthe upilatu esezwa lawo mazwi wamkhiphela ngaphandle ujesu; wahlala esihlalweni sokwahlulela endaweni ethiwa egandaywe ngamatshe kodwa ngesiheberu igabatha. kwakungolokulungisela iphasiki kungathi ihora lesithupha. wathi kubajuda: bhekani inkosi yenu. ngakho bamemeza bathi: susa, susa, mbethele esiphambanweni! wathi kubo upilatu: ngibethele inkosi yenu na? abapristi abakhulu baphendula bathi: asinankosi, ukesari kuphela. wayesemnikela kubo ukuba abethele esiphambanweni. bamthatha-ke ujesu, bahamba naye. waphuma ezithwalele isiphambano, waya endaweni ethiwa indawo yekhanda, ethiwa ngesiheberu igolgotha. bambethela khona nabanye ababili kanye naye ngalapha nangalapha, ujesu ephakathi. kepha upilatu waloba isaziso, wasibeka esiphambanweni. kwakulotshiwe ukuthi: ujesu wasenazaretha, inkosi yabajuda. khona abaningi babajuda bafunda leso sazi; ngokuba indawo leyo, lapho ujesu wabethelwa khona esiphambanweni, yayiseduze nomuzi. kwakulotshiwe ngesiheberu, nangesiroma, nangesigreki. base bethi abapristi abakhulu babajuda kupilatu: ungalobi ukuthi: inkosi yabajuda, kepha ukuba yena wathi: ngiyinkosi yabajuda. upilatu waphendula wathi: engikulobile ngikulobile. kuthe amabutho esembethele ujesu esiphambanweni, athatha izingubo zakhe, azenza izabelo ezine, kwaba yilelo nalelo butho laba nesabelo, neyembe

futhi. kepha iyembe lalingenamthungo, lalukiwe lonke kusukela phezulu. ngakho-ke akhuluma odwa, athi: asingalidabuli, kodwa asilenzele inkatho yokuthi liyakuba ngelikabani, ukuze kugcwaliseke umbhalo othi: babelana izingubo zami, benzelana inkatho ngesambatho sami. lokho-ke akwenza amabutho. kepha kwakumi ngasesiphambanweni sikajesu unina kanye nodade-wabo kanina, umariya umkakleyophase, nomariya magdalena. kuthe ujesu ebona unina nomfundi amthandayo bemi ngakhona, wathi kunina: mame, bheka indodana yakho. wayesethi kumfundi: bheka unyoko. kusukela kuleso sikhathi umfundi lowo wamyisa kwakhe. emva kwalokho ujesu, ekwazi ukuthi konke sekuphelelisiwe ukuba umbhalo ugqwaliseke, wathi: ngomile. kwakubekiwe khona isitsha sigcelelwe uviniga; khona bachoma ilula ligcelelwe uviniga othini lwehisopi, baliyisa emlonjeni wakhe. kwathi ukuba ujesu ewamukele uviniga, wathi: kufzeiwe; wagebisa ikhanda, wafa. khona abajuda, ngokuba kwakungolokulungisela, ukuze izidumbu zingahlali esiphambanweni ngesabatha, ngokuba lolo suku lwesabatha lwalulukhulu, banxusa upilatu ukuba yaphulwe imilenze yabo, basuswe. ayesezake amabutho, ayaphula imilenze yowokuqala neyomunye owayebethelwe naye. esefika kujesu, ebona ukuthi usefile, kawayaphulanga imilenze yakhe; kodwa elinye lamabutho lamgwaza ohlangothini ngomkhonto, kwaphuma masinyane igazi namanzi. obonileyo ufakazile, ubufakazi bakhe buqinisele; yena-ke uyazi ukuthi ukhuluma iqiniso, ukuze nikholve nani. ngokuba lokho kwenzeka ukuba kugcwaliseke umbhalo othi: akuyikwaphulwa thambo lakhe. futhi omunye umbhalo uthi: bayakumbheka abamgwazileyo. emva kwalokho ujesu wase-arimatheyia, engumfundi kajesu kepha ekufihla ngokwesaba abajuda, wacela kupilatu ukuba asuse isidumbu sikajesu; upilatu wavuma-ke. wayesefika, wasisusa isidumbu sikajesu. kweza nonikodemu owafika kuye kuqala ebusuku, waletha ixube lenhlaka nomhlaba kungathi amalitra ayikhulu. ngakho base besithatha isidumbu sikajesu, basisonga ngezindwangu zelineni kanye namakha njengesiko labajuda lokumbela. khona ngakuleyo ndawo, lapho wayebethelwe khona esiphambanweni, kwakukhona insimu, nasensimini kukhona ithuna elisha okwakungazange kubekwe muntu kulo. bambeka lapho-ke ujesu ngenxa yolokulungisela lwabajuda, ngokuba ithuna laliseduze.

nyama, wabona itshe lisusiwe ethuneni. khona wayesegijima waya kusimoni petru nakulowo mfundi omunye ujesu amthandayo, wathi kubo: bayisusile inkosi ethuneni, asazi lapha beyibeke khona. ngakho wayesephuma upetru nomunye umfundi, beza ethuneni. bagijima bobabili kanyekanye; kepha umfundi omunye wagijima kakhulu kunopetru, wafika kuqala ethuneni; elunguza wabona izindwangu zelineni zikhona, kepha akangenanga. khona wafika nosimoni petru emlandela, wangena ethuneni, wabona izindwangu zelineni zikhona, neduku ebelisekhanda lakhe libekiwe lingekho ezindwangwini zelineni, kepha lisongwe lilodwa kwenye indawo. khona wayesengena nomfundi omunye ofike kuqala ethuneni, wabona, wakholwa; ngokuba bebengakawuqondi umbhalo wokuthi ubefanele ukuvuka kwabafileyo. base bemuka abafundi, baphindela kubo. kepha umariya wema ethuneni ngaphandle ekhala; esakhala walunguza ethuneni; wabona izingelosi ezimbili zembethe okumhlophe, zihlezi, enye ngasekhanda nenge ngasezinyaweni, lapho isidumbu sikajese besilele khona. zona-ke zathi kuye: mame, ukhalelani na? wathi kuzo: bayithathile inkosi yami, futhi angazi ukuthi bayibekephi. eseshilo lokho waphenduka, wabona ujesu emi, kepha wayengazi ukuthi ngujesu. ujesu wathi kuye: mame, ukhalelani na? ufuna bani na? kepha yena ethi ngumphathi wensimu wathi kuye: nkosi, uma umsusile, ngitshele ukuthi umbekhephi, ngiye ngiyakumthatha mina. ujesu wathi kuye: mariya! waphenduka, wathi kuye ngesheberu: rabuni, okungukuthi: mfundisi. ujesu wathi kuye: ungangithinti, ngokuba angikenyukeli kubaba. kepha yana kubazalwane bami, ubatshale ukuthi ngenyukela kubaba noyihlo, kulezi-ku wami nolezi-ku wenu. umariya magdalena weza wabikela abafundi ukuthi: ngiyibonile inkosi, nokuthi: ishilo lokho kimi. kwathi-ke kusihlwa ngalolo suku, olokuqala lweviki, iminyango ivaliwe lapho abafundi bekhona ngokwesaba abajuda, ujesu wafika wema phakathi kwabo, wathi kubo: ukuthula makube kinina. eseshilo lokho wabakhombisa izandla nohlangothi lwakhe. base bethokoza abafundi beyibona inkosi. khona ujesu wabuye wathi kubo: ukuthula makube kinina. njengokuba uba engithume mina, nami ngiyanithuma nina. kwathi ukuba asho njalo, wabaphephetha, wathi kubo: yamukelani umoya ongcewele. enibathethelela izono zabo bathethelelewe; nenibabamba ngazo babanjiwe. kepha utomase, omunye kwabayishumi nambili, othiwa udidimu, wayengekho kubo mhla efika ujesu. ngakho-ke abanye abafundi bathi kuye: siyibonile inkosi. kepha wathi

kubo: uma ngingaboni ezandleni zayo inxeba lezipikili, ngifake umunwe wami enxebeni lezipikili, ngifake isandla sami ohlangothini lwayo, angisoze ngakholwa. emva kwezinsuku eziyisishiyagalombili abafundi bakhe babesendlini futhi, utomase enabo. ujesu wafika iminyango ivaliwe, wema phakathi kwabo, wathi: ukuthula makube kinina. wayesethi kutomase: zisa lapha umunwe wakho, ubone izandla zami; zisa isandla sakho, usifake ohlangothini lwami; ungabi ngongakholwayo kodwa okholwayo. utomase waphendula, wathi kuye: nkosi yami, lezi-ku wami! ujesu wathi kuye: ngokuba ungibonile, ukholiwe na? babusisiwe abakholwa bengabonanga. izibonakaliso ezinye eziningi ujesu wazenza phambi kwabafundi bakhe, ezingalotshiwe kule ncwadi. kodwa lezi zilotshiwe ukuba nikholwe ukuthi ujesu ungukristu, indodana kalezi-ku, nokuba nikholwe, nibe nokuphila egameni lakhe.

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emva kwalokho ujesu wabuye wazibonakalisa kubafundi ngaselwandle lwasetiberiya; wazibonakalisa kanje: kwakukhona ndawonye osimoni petru, notomase othiwa udidimu, nonathanayeli wasekhana lasegalile, nabakazebedewu, nabanye ababili kubafundi bakhe. usimoni petru wathi kubo: ngiya kodoba. bathi kuye: nathi sihamba nawe. base bephuma, bangena emkhunjini; kepha ngalobo busuku ababambanga lutho. kuthe sekusa, ujesu wayemi ogwini. kepha abafundi babengazi ukuthi ngujesu. ujesu wathi-ke kubo: bantwana, aninakhokudla na? bamphendula bathi: qha. wayesethi kubo: phonsani inetha ngakwesokunene somkhumbi, nizekuthola. base bephonsa, ababe besaba namandla ukulidonsa ngenxa yobuningi bezinhlanzi. khona lowo mfundi ujesu amthandayo wathi kupetru: yinkosi. usimoni petru, ekuzwa ukuthi yinkosi, wagqoka, ngokuba wayehamba ze, waziphonsa elwandle. kepha abanye abafundi beza ngesikebhe, ngokuba bebengekude nenhlabathi kepha kungathi izingalo ezingamakhulu amabili, bedonsa inetha lezinhlanzi. kuthe sebethumele emhlabathini, babona umlilo wamalale, nezinhlanzi zibekwe kuwo, nesinkwa. ujesu wathi kubo: lethani izinhlanzi kwenzibambe manje. wasuka usimoni petru, walihudulela emhlabathini inetha. ligcwele izinhlanzi ezinkulu, ziyikhulu namashumi ayisihlanu nantathu; noma zingako, inetha alidabukanga. ujesu wathi kubo: wozani nidle. kepha akwabakho kubafundi owaba nesibindi sokumbuza ngokuthi: ungubani wena na? bazi ukuthi yiyo inkosi. ujesu

weza, wathabatha isinkwa, wabapha, nez-  
inhlanzi futhi. lokho sekungokwesithathu  
ujesu ebonakaliswa kubafundi, esevukile  
kwabafuleyo. khona sebedlile ujesu wathi  
kusimoni petru: simoni kajona, uyan-  
githanda kunalaba na? wathi kuye: yebo,  
nkosi, uyazi wena ukuthi ngiyakuthanda.  
wathi kuye: yipha amawundlu ami. wabuye  
wathi kuye ngokwesibili: simoni kajona,  
uyangithanda na? wathi kuye: yebo, nkosi,  
uyazi wena ukuthi ngiyakuthanda. wathi  
kuye: yalusa izimvu zami. wathi kuye ngok-  
wesithathu: simoni kajona, uyangithanda  
na? upetru wadabuka ngokuba wathi kuye  
ngokwesithathu: uyangithanda na? wathi  
kuye: nkosi, wazi konke wena, uyazi ukuthi  
ngiyakuthanda. ujesu wathi kuye: yipha  
izimvu zami. ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile ngithi  
kuwe: usemusha wawugqoka, uhambe lapho  
uthanda khona; kepha nxa usumdala, uyak-  
welula izandla zakho, omunye akugqokise,  
akuyise lapho ungathandi khona. kepha  
wakusho lokho ekhomba ukufa azakumdu-  
misa ulezi-ku ngakho. eseshilo lokho wathi:  
ngilande. upetru ephenduka wabona  
umfundi ujesu amthandayo elandela, oyena  
futhi wayencike esifubeni sakhe ekudleni,  
nowathi: nkosi, ngubani ozakukukhaphela  
na? kuthe upetru embona lowo, wathi  
kujesu: nkosi, kepha lona, pho? ujesu wathi  
kuye: uma ngithanda ukuba ahlale ngize  
ngifike, kuyini kuwe na? wena landela mina.  
ngakho-ke leli zwi laphumela kubazalwane  
lokuthi lowo mfundi akayikufa. kanti ujesu  
akashongo ukuthi akayikufa kodwa ukuthi:  
uma ngithanda ukuba ahlale ngize ngifike,  
kuyini kuwe na? nguye lo mfundi ofakaza  
ngalezi zinto nokulobile lokhu; siyazi ukuthi  
ubufakazi bakhe buqinisile. kukhona  
nezinye izinto eziningi azenza ujesu; uma  
zilotshiwe zona ngazinye, ngithi nezwe lonke  
lingezonele izincwadi ezingalotshwa.

isambulo sikajesu kristu amnika sona ulezi-ku ukuba abonise izinceku zakhe izinto ezimelwe ukwenzeka masinyane, ethuma ngengelosi yakhe, esibonakalisa encekwini yakhe ujothane owafakaza ngezwi likalezi-ku nangobufakazi bukajesu kristu, konke akubonayo. ubusisiwe ofundayo nabo abawezwayo amazwi alesi siprofetho, bagcine okulotshiweyo kuso, ngokuba isikhathi siseduze. ujothane kuwo amabandla ayisikhombisa ase-asiya: makube kini umusa nokuthula okuvela kuye okhona nowayekhona nozayo, nakomoya abayisikhombisa abaphambi kwesihlalo sakhe sobukhosi, nakujesu kristu ufakazi othembekayo, izibulo labafileyo nombusi wamakholi omhlaba. kuye osithandayo nowasikhululayo ezenzeni zethu ngegazi lakhe nowasenza sibe ngumbuso nabapristi kulezi-ku uyise, kuye makube yinkazimulo namandla kuze kube phakade naphakade. amen. bhekani, uyeza namafulu, namehlo onke ayakumbona, nabo abamgwazayo, nezizwe zonke zomhlaba ziyakulila ngaye. yebo, amen. mina ngingu-alfa no-omega, kusho inkosi ulezi-ku, okhona nowayekhona nozayo, umninimandla onke. mina jothane, umfowenu nomhlanganyeli kanye nani ekuhluphekeni nasembusweni nasekubekazeleni kukajesu, ngangisiseqhingini esithiwa iphatmose ngenxa yezwi likalezi-ku nangenxa yobufakazi bukajesu. ngangikumoya ngosuku lwenkosi, ngezwa emva kwami izwi elikhulu kungathi elecilongo, lithi: lokhu okubonayo kulobe encwadini, ukuthumele kuwo amabandla ayisikhombisa, e-efesu, nasemirna, nasephergamu, nasehiyathira, nasasardesi, naselidelfiya, naselawodikeya. ngaphenduka ukuba ngibone izwi ebekihluluma nami; kuthe ngiphenduka, ngabona izinti zezibani eziyisikhombisa zegolide, nofana nendodana yomuntu ephakathi kwezinti zezibani, embethe ingubo ekhawula ezinyaweni, ezibophe ngebhande legolide ezibeleni; futhi ikhanda lakhe nezinyawo zakhe kumhlophe njen-goboya bezimvu, njengeqhwa, namehlo akhe enjengamalangabi omhlalo, nezinyawo zakhe zifana nethusi elikhazimulayo sengathi zazishiswe esithandweni, nezwi lakhe linjengenhlakomo yamanzi amaningi; futhi wayephethe izinkanyezi eziyisikhombisa esandleni sakhe sokunene, nasemlonyeni wakhe kwaphuma inkemba ebukhali esika nhlangothi zombili, nobuso bakhe bunjengelangela likhanya ngamandla alo. ngathi ukumbona, ngawa ngasezinyaweni zakhe njengofileyo; wayesebeka isandla sakhe sokunene phezu kwami, ethi: ungesabi; mina ngingowokuqala nowokugcina, nophilayo; ngangifile, bheka, sengingophilayo

kuze kube phakade naphakade, futhi nginezihluthulelo zokufa nezehayidese. ngakho-ke loba okubonileyo, nokukhona, nokuza-kwenzeka emva kwalokho. imfihlakalo yezinkanyezi eziyisikhombisa ozibonileyo esandleni sami sokunene, nezinti zezibani eziyisikhombisa zegolide yile: izinkanyezi eziyisikhombisa ziyizingelosi zamabandla ayisikhombisa, nezinti zezibani eziyisikhombisa zingamabandla ayisikhombisa.

## 2

kuyo ingelosi yebandla lase-efesu loba ukuthi: nakhu akushoyo ophethe izinkanyezi eziyisikhombisa esandleni sakhe sokunene, ohamba phakathi kwezinti zezibani eziyisikhombisa zegolide, uthi: ngiyayazi imisebenzi yakho, nemizamo yakho, nokubekezela kwakho, nokuthi kawunakubamela ababi; wabavivinyi abazisho ukuthi bangabaphostoli bengesibo, wabafumana beqamba amanga; unokubekezela, wakhuthazela ngenxa yegama lami, kawukhathalanga. kepha nginalokhu ngawe ukuthi uluyekile uthando lwakho lwakuqala; ngakho khumbula lapho uwe khona, uphenduke, wenze imisebenzi yakuqala; uma kungenjalo, ngiyeza kuwe, ngilususe uthi lwesibani sakho endaweni yalo, uma ungaphenduki. kepha unalokhu ukuthi uyayizonda imisebenzi yamanikolawu engiyizondayo nami. onendlebe makezwe lokho akushoyo umoya emabandleni. onqobayo ngiyakumnika ukuba adle kuwo umuthi wokuphila osepardisi likalezi-ku. nakuyo ingelosi yebandla lasemirna loba ukuthi: nakhu akushoyo owokuqala nowokugcina, owayefile kepha osephila, uthi: ngiyakwazi ukuhlupheka kwakho nobumpofu bakho kanti ucebile nenhlamba yabathi bangabajuda bengesibo, kodwa beyisinagoge likasathane. ungesabi lokho ozakuhlupheka ngakho. bheka, usathane uzakuphonsa abanye kini etilongweni ukuba nilingwe, futhi niyakuhlupheka izinsuku ziyishumi. thembeka kuze kube sekufeni, ngokunika umqhele wokuphila. onendlebe makezwe lokho akushoyo umoya emabandleni. onqobayo akasoze oniwa ngukufa kwesibili. nakuyo ingelosi yebandla lasephergamu loba ukuthi: nakhu akushoyo onenkemba ebukhali esika nhlangothi zombili, uthi: ngiyazi lapho wakhe khona: lapho kukhona isihlalo sobukhosi sikasathane; nokho ulibambisisile igama lami, kawuphikanga inkolo yami nasemihleni ka-antipase, ufakazi wami, othembekayo wami, owabulawa phakathi kwenu lapho usathane wakhe khona. nokho kukhona okuyingcosana enginakho ngawe, ngokuba unabo lapho ababambisisa isifundiso sikabalami owafundisa ubalaki ukuphonsa isikhubek-



iso phambi kwabantwana bakwa-israyeli sokuba badle okuhlatshele izithombe nokuba bafebe. futhi-ke nawe unabo ababambisisa isifundiso samanikolawu ngokunjalo. ngakho-ke phenduka; uma kungenjalo, ngiyeza kuwe masinyane, ngiyakulwa nabo ngenkomba yomlomo wami. onendlebe makezwe lokho akushoyo umoya emabandleni. onqobayo ngiyakumnika okwemana elifihliweyo, ngimuphe itshe elimhlophe, nasetseni kulotshiwe igama elisha elingaziwa muntu, ngolamukelayo kuphela. nakuyo ingelosi yebandla lasethiyathira loba ukuthi: nakhu ekushoyo indodana kalezi-ku enamehlo anjengamalangabi omlilo, nezinyawo zayo zifana nethusi elikhazimulayo, ithi: ngiyayazi imisebenzi yakho, nothando, nokukholwa, nokukhonza, nokubekezela kwakho, nokuthi imisebenzi yakho yokugcina miningi kuneyokuqala. kepha nginalokhu ngawe ukuthi uvumela owesifazane ujezabeli ozisho ukuthi ungumprofethikazi, afundise, adukise izinceku zami ukuba zifebe, zidle okuhlatshele izithombe; ngamnika isikhathi sokuba aphenduke, kepha kavumi ukuphenduka ekufebeni kwakhe. bheka, ngiyamphonsa embhedeni, nabaphinga naye ngibaphonsa ekhuluphekeni okukhulu, uma bengaphenduki emisebenzini yakhe; ngiyakubulala abantwana bakhe ngokufa; amabandla onke ayakwazi ukuthi nginguye openya izinso nezinhliziy, futhi ngiyakumnika yilowo nalowo wenu ngokwemisebenzi yakhe. kodwa ngithi kinina eniseleyo ethiyathira, nonke eningenaso lesi sifundiso, eningakwaziyo okujulileyo kukasathane njengabakushoyo: kangiphonsi phezu kwenu omunye umthwalo; kepha lokho eninakho, kubambisiseni ngize ngifike. onqobayo nogcina imisebenzi yami kuze kube sekupheleni lowo ngiyakumnika amandla phezu kwezizwe; uyakuzibusa ngentonga yensimbi, ziphahlazwe njengezitsha ezibunjiweyo, njengalokhu nami ngamukelisiwe ngubaba; futhi ngiyakumnika inkanyezi yokusa. onendlebe makezwe lokho akushoyo umoya emabandleni.

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nakuyo ingelosi yebandla lasesardesi loba ukuthi: nakhu akushoyo onawomoya abayisikhombisa bakalezi-ku nezinkanyezi eziyisikhombisa, uthi: ngiyayazi imisebenzi yakho ukuba unegama lokuthi uyaphila, kanti ufile. vuka ulinde, uqinise okuseleyo obekuzakufa, ngokuba angifumananga imisebenzi yakho iphelelisiwe phambi kukalezi-ku wami; ngakho-ke khumbula ukuthi wamukele wezwa kanjani, kugcine, uphenduke. ngokuba uma ungalindi, ngiyakuza kuwe njengesela, kawusoze walazi

ihora engiyakuza ngalo kuwe. kepha-ke unamagama ayingcosana esardesi alabo abangangcolisanga izingubo zabo; bayakuhamba nami bembethe okumhlophe, ngokuba bafanele. onqobayo uyakwembathiswa kanjalo izingubo ezimhlophe, negama lakhe angisoze ngalesula encwadini yokuphila, negama lakhe ngiyakulivuma phambi kukababa naphambi kwezingelosi zakhe. onendlebe makezwe lokho akushoyo umoya emabandleni. nakuyo ingelosi yebandla laselafiladelfiya loba ukuthi: nakhu akushoyo ongcwele, oqinisileyo, onesihluthulelo sika-davide, ovula kungavali muntu, novalayo kungavali muntu, uthi: ngiyayazi imisebenzi yakho; bheka, ngimisile phambi kwakho umnyango ovuliweyo, ongenakuvalwa muntu, ngokuba unamandla amancane, kanti waligcina izwi lami, kawuliphikanga igama lami. bheka, ngiyakubakhipha esinagogeni likasathane abazishaya abajuda bengesibo, kepha beqamba amanga; bheka, ngiyakubenza ukuba beze bakhuleke phambi kwezinyawo zakho, bazi ukuthi ngikuthandle. ngokuba ulilondile izwi lokubekezela kwami, nami-ke ngiyakukulonda ngehora lokulingwa eliyakufika ezweni lonke lokulinga bonke abakhileyo emhlabeni. ngiyeza masinyane; bambisisa lokho onakho, ukuze kungabikho muntu okwamuka umqhele wakho. onqobayo ngiyakumenza abe yinsika ethempelini likalezi-ku wami, futhi akasoze aphuma khona; ngiyakuloba negama likalezi-ku wami phezu akhe, negama lomuzi kalezi-ku wami, ijerusalema elisha elehla ezulwini kulezi-ku wami, negama lami elisha. onendlebe makezwe lokho akushoyo umoya emabandleni. nakuyo ingelosi yebandla laselawodikeya loba ukuthi: nakhu akushoyo u-amen, ufakazi othembekayo noqinisileyo, ukuqala kokudaliweyo kukalezi-ku, uthi: ngiyayazi imisebenzi yakho ukuthi kawubandi, kawushisi. sengathi ngabe uyabanda noma ushise. ngakho-ke njengalokhu usivivi, ungashisi ungabandi, ngiyakukuhlanza uphume emlonyeni wami. ngokuba uthi: ngicebile, kangiswele lutho, kanti kawazi ukuthi ungolusizi, nowokuhawukelwa, nompofu, nophuphuthekayo, nohamba ze; ngiyakululeka ukuba uthenge kimi igolide elihlanzwe ngomlilo ukuze ucebe, nezingubo ezimhlophe ukuze wembathe, kungabonakali ihlazo lobuze bakho nomuthi wamehlo wokugcoba amehlo akho ukuba ubone. bonke engibathandayo ngiyabasola, ngibalaye; ngakho-ke shisekela uphenduke. bheka, ngimi ngasemnyango ngingqongqotha; uma umuntu ezwa izwi lami, avule umnyango, ngiyakungena kuye, ngidle naye, naye adle nami. onqobayo ngiyakumnika ukuba ahlale nami esihlalweni sami sobukhosi, njengalokho nami

nganqoba, ngahlala nobaba esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi. onendlebe makezwe lokho akushoyo umoya emabandleni.

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emva kwalokho ngabona, bheka-ke, umnyango uvulekile ezulwini, nezwi lokuqala engalizwayo linjengecilongo likhuluma nami, lithi: yenyukela lapha, ngikutshengise okumelwe ukuba kube khona emva kwalokhu. masinyane ngaba kumoya. bheka, isihlalo sobukhosi sasimi ezulwini nohlezi phezu kwesihlalo sobukhosi; nohleziyo wayefana netshe lejaspi nesardiyo ukubukeka kwakhe, nohingo lwenkosikazi luhaqe isihlalo sobukhosi lufana nesimaragidu ukubukeka kwalo. nesihlalo sobukhosi sasihaqiwe yizihlalo zobukhosi ezingamashumi amabili nane, naphezu kwezihlalo zobukhosi kwakuhlezi amalunga angamashumi amabili nane, embethe izingubo ezimhlophe, enemiqhele yegolide emakhanda awo. nasesihlalweni sobukhosi kwaphuma imibani, namazwi, nokuduma; nezibani zomlilo eziyisikhombisa zavutha phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi, ezingomoya abayisikhombisa bakalezi-ku; nangaphambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi kukhona okunjengolwandle lwengilazi lufana nekristalu, nangaphakathi kwesihlalo sobukhosi nasekuzungezeni isihlalo sobukhosi kukhona izidalwa ezine zigcwele amehlo ngaphambili nangasemuva. isidalwa sokuqala sasifana nengonyama, nesidalwa sesibili sasifana nehole, nesidalwa sesithathu sasinobuso obunjengobomuntu, nesidalwa sesine sasifana nokhozi olundizayo. nezidalwa ezine, yilesa naleso kuzo, zinamaphiko ayisithupha; emaceleni onge ngaphakathi zigcwele amehlo; kazikhawuli imini nobusuku ukuthi: ingcwele, ingcwele, ingcwele, inkosi ulezi-ku umninimandla onge, owayekhona nokhona nozayo. kuthi lapho izidalwa zimnika inkazimulo nodumo nokubonga ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi, yena ophilayo kuze kube phakade naphakade, amalunga angamashumi amabili nane awa phansi phambi kwakhe ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi, akhuleka kuye ophilayo kuze kube phakade naphakade, aphonisa imiqhele yawo phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi, ethi: ufanele wena nkosi yethu nolezi-ku wethu ukwamukela inkazimulo nodumo namandla, ngokuba nguwana owadala izinto zonke, nangenxa yentando yakho zaba khona, zadlalwa.

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ngase ngibona esandleni sokunene sakhe owayehlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi incwadi

ilotshiwe ngaphakathi nangaphandle, inamathelisiwe ngezimpawu eziyisikhombisa. ngase ngibona ingelosi enamandla imemeza ngezwi elikhulu, ithi: ngubani ofanele ukuvula le ncwadi nokuqaka izimpawu zayo na? kwakungekho namunye ezulwini, nasemhlabeni, nangaphansi komhlaba owayenamandla okuyivula incwadi, abuke kuyo. ngakhala kakhulu ngokuba kungafunyanwanga namunye ofanele ukuyivula leyo ncwadi, abuke kuyo. omunye wamalunga wayesethi kimi: ungakhali; bheka, inqobile ingonyama yesizwe sakwajuda, impande kadavide, ukuba ivule incwadi nezimpawu zayo eziyisikhombisa. ngase ngibona ngaphakathi kwesihlalo sobukhosi nezidalwa ezine nangaphakathi kwamalunga kumi iwundlu kungathi lihlatshiwe, linezimpondo eziyisikhombisa namehlo ayisikhombisa angomoya abayisikhombisa bakalezi-ku abathunyelwe emhlabeni wonke. leza, layithabatha esandleni sokunene sakhe owayehlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi. kuthi seliyithabathile incwadi, izidalwa ezine namalunga angamashumi amabili nane awa phansi phambi kwewundlu, kuyilelo nalelo linehabhu nezitsha zegolide zigcwele imphepo eyimikhuleko yabangcwele. ahlabelela igama elisha, athi: ufanele wena ukuyithabatha incwadi nokuvula izimpawu zayo, ngokuba wahlatshwa, wabathengela ulezi-ku ngegazi lakho abavela kuyo yonke imindeni, nezilimi, nabantu, nezizwe, wabenza babe ngumbuso nabapristi kulezi-ku wethu, babuse emhlabeni. ngase ngibona, ngezwa izwi lezingelosi eziningi zihaqe isihlalo sobukhosi, nezidalwa, namalunga, nomumo wazo wawuyizigidi zezigidi nezinkulungwane zezinkulungwane, zithi ngezwi elikhulu: lifanele iwundlu elahlatswayo ukwamukela amandla nengebo, nokuhlakanipha, nokunqoba, nodumo, nenkazimulo, nesibusiso. nakho konke okudaliweyo okusezulwini, nokusemhlabeni, naphansi komhlaba, nasehlwandle, nakho konke okukukho, ngakuzwa kuthi: kuyena ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi nakulo iwundlu makube yisibusiso, nodumo, nenkazimulo, namandla kuze kube phakade naphakade. nezidalwa ezine zathi: amen, namalunga awa phansi, akhuleka.

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ngase ngibona lapho iwundlu livula olunye lwezimpawu eziyisikhombisa, ngezwa esinye sezidalwa ezine sisho njengezwi lokuduma, sithi: woza! ngabona, bheka, nanto ihhashi elimhlophe, nohlezi phezu kwalo ephethe umnsalo wanikwa umqhele, waphuma engonqobayo nokuyakunqoba. nalapho livula uphawu lwesibili, ngezwa isidalwa sesibili sithi: woza! kwase ku-

phuma elinye ihhashi elibomvu, nohlezi phezu kwalo waphiwa ukususa ukuthula emhlabeni, ukuze babulalane, wanikwa nenkemba enkulu. kuthe selivula uphawu lwesithathu, ngezwa isidalwa sesithathu sithi: woza! ngase ngibona, bheka, nanto ihhashi elimnyama nohlezi phezu kwalo ephethe isilinganiso ngesandla sakhe. ngase ngizwa kungathi izwi phakathi kwezidalwa ezine lithi: imbenge kakolweni ngodenariyu nezimbenge ezintathu zebhali ngodenariyu, kepha amafutha newayini ungakoni. nalapho livula uphawu lwesine, ngezwa izwi lesidalwa sesine sithi: woza! ngase ngibona, bheka, nanto ihhashi elimpoza nohlezi phezu kwalo, igama lakhe lalingukufa, nehayidese lalandelana naye; base benikwa amandla phezu kokwesine komhlaba ukuba babulele ngenkempa, nangendlala, nangokufa, nangezilwane zomhlaba. nalapho selivula uphawu lwesihlanu, ngabona phansi kwe-altare imiphefumulo yababebulewe ngenxa yezwi likalezi-ku nangenxa yobufakazi ababe nabo. bamemeza ngezwi elikhulu, bathi: koze kube nini, mbusi ongwele noqinisileyo, ungahluleli, uphindisele igazi lethu kulaba abakhileyo emhlabeni na? base benikwa, kwaba yilowo nalowo ingubo ende emhlophe, kwashiwo kubo ukuba baphumle isikhashana, baze baphelele abayizinceku kanye nabo nabazalwane babo ababesakubulawa njengabo. ngase ngibona lapho livula uphawu lwesithupha, kwaba khona ukuzamazama okukhulu komhlaba, nelanga laba mnyama njen-gendwangu yesaka loboya, nenyanga yonke yaba njengegazi, nezinkanyezi zezulu zawela emhlabeni njengomkhilwane uvuthulula umphobo wawo, nxa uzanyazanyiswa ngumoya omkhulu, nezulu lagoqwa njen-gomqulu wencwadi usongwa, nezintaba zonke neziqhingi zasuswa ezindaweni zazo. namakhosi omhlaba nezikhulu, nezinduna, nabacebileyo, nabanamandla, nezigqila zonke, nabakhululekileyo bacasha emihumeni nasemaweni ezintaba; base bethi ezintabeni nasemaweni: welani phezu kwethu, nisisithe ebusweni balowo ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi nasolakeni lwewundlu, ngokuba usuku olukhulu lolaka lwabo selufikile; ngubani-ke onamandla okuma na?

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emva kwalokho ngabona izingelosi ezine zimi emagumbini omane omhlaba, zibamba imi-moya emine yomhlaba, ukuze kungavunguzi moya emhlabeni, naselwandle, nakowodwa umuthi. ngase ngibona enye ingelosi yenyuka empumalanga, inophawu lukalezi-ku ophilayo, yamemeza ngezwi elikhulu kuzo izingelosi ezine ezanikwa ukuba zi-

wone umhlaba nolwandle, yathi: ningoni umhlaba, nolwandle, nemithi, size sizibeke uphawu izinceku zikalezi-ku wethu emabun-zini azo. ngase ngizwa umumo wababekwa uphawu, izinkulungwane eziyikhulu namashumi amane nane, ababekwa uphawu ezizweni zonke zabantwana bakwa-israyeli: esizweni sakwajuda babekwa uphawu abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi nambili, esizweni sakwarubeni abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi nambili, esizweni sakwagadi abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi nambili, esizweni sakwa-asheri abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi nambili, esizweni sakwanafetali abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi nambili, esizweni sakwamanase abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi nambili, esizweni sakwasimeyoni abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi nambili, esizweni sakwalevi abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi nambili, esizweni sakwa-isakare abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi nambili, esizweni sakwazabuloni abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi nambili, esizweni sakwajosefa abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi nambili, esizweni sakwabenjamini abayizinkulungwane eziyishumi nambili. emva kwalokho ngabona, bheka-ke, isixuku esikhulu ebesingenakubalwa muntu, sivela kuzo zonke izizwe, nemindeni, nabantu, nezilimi, simi phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi naphambi kwewundlu, sembethe izingubo ezinde ezimhlophe, siphethe amahlamvu esundu ngezandla zaso, samemeza ngezwi elikhulu, sithi: insindiso ngekalezi-ku wethu ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi neyewundlu! nezingelosi zonke ezazimi zihaqe isihlalo sobukhosi namalunga nezidalwa ezine zawa phansi ngobuso phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi, zakhuleka kulezi-ku, zathi: amen! isibusiso, nenkazimulo, nokuhlakani-nipha, nokubongwa, nodumo, namandla, nokunqoba makube kulezi-ku wethu kuze kube phakade naphakade. amen! elinye lamalunga lase liphendula, lithi kimi: laba abembethe izingubo ezimhlophe bangobani, bavelaphi, na? ngase ngithi kulo: nkosi yami, nguwe owaziyo. lase lithi kimi: laba yibo abaphuma osizini olukhulu, bahlanza izingubo zabo, bazeenza zaba mhlophe egazini lewendlu. ngalokho-ke baphambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi sikalezi-ku bemkhonza imini nobusuku ethempelini lakhe, nohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi uyakumisa itabernakele phezu kwabo. kabasayikulamba, kabasayikoma kabasozo bahlatswa yilanga nakushisa kuni, ngokuba iwundlu elingaphakathi nesihlalo sobukhosi liyakubelusa, libaholele emithonjeni yamanzi okuphila; nolezi-ku uyakwesula izinyembezi zonke emehlweni abo.

kuthe ukuba liluvule uphawu lwesikhombisa, kwathi du ezulwini kungathi inxenye yehora. ngase ngibona izingelosi eziyisikhombisa zimi phambi kukalezi-ku, zanikwa amacilongo ayisikhombisa. kwase kufika enye ingelosi, yema ngase-altare inesitsha segolide sempepho, yanikwa impepho eningi ukuba iyelekele emikhulekweni yabangcwele bonke phezu kwe-altare legolide eliphambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi. kwase kwenyuka esandleni sengelosi umusi wempepho nemikhuleko yabangcwele phambi kukalezi-ku. ingelosi yayisithabatha isitsha sempepho, yasigcwalisa ngomlilo wase-altare, yasiphonsa emhlabeni; kwase kuba khona ukuduma, namazwi, nemibani, nokuzamazama komhlaba. izingelosi eziyisikhombisa ezazinamacilongo ayisikhombisa zazilungiselela ukubetha. eyokuqala yayisibetha; kwase kuba khona isichotho nomlilo kuxutshaniswe negazi, kwaphonswa emhlabeni; okwesithathu komhlaba kwasha kwaqothuka, nokwesithathu kwemithi kwasha kwaqothuka, nabo bonke utshani obuluhlaza basha baqothuka. ingelosi yesibili yayisibetha; kwangathi intaba enkulu ivutha umlilo, yaphonswa elwandle; okwesithathu kolwandle kwaba yigazi, kwafa okwesithathu kokudaliweyo okwakuselwandle okuphilayo, nokwesithathu kwemikhumbi kwabhu-jiswa. ingelosi yesithathu yayisibetha; kwase kuwa ezulwini inkanyezi enkulu ivuthisa okwesibani, yawela phezu kokwesithathu kwemifula naphezu kwemithombo yamanzi. igama lenkanyezi lithiwa umhlonyane. okwesithathu kwamanzi kwaba ngumhlonyane, nabaningi kubantu bafa ngamanzi, ngokuba enziwa ababa. ingelosi yesine yayisibetha; kwashaywa okwesithathu kwelanga, nokwesithathu kwenyanga, nokwesithathu kwezinkanyezi, ukuze okwesithathu kwakho kufiphazwe, nemini ingakhanyi okwesithathu kwayo, nobusuku ngokunjalo. ngase ngibona, ngezwa ukhozi lundiza emkhathini wezulu, lumemeza ngezwi elikhulu, luthi: maye, maye, maye, maye kwabakhileyo emhlabeni ngokunye ukukhala kwecilongo lezingelosi ezintathu ezizezakubetha!

ingelosi yesihlanu yayisibetha; ngase ngibona inkanyezi ivela ezulwini, ivela emhlabeni, yanikwa isihluthulelo somgodi wakwalasha. yayisivula umgodi wakwalasha; kwenyuka umusi emgodini njengomusi weziko elikhulu, kwafiphazwa ilanga nomkhathi ngomusi womgodi. kwaphuma isikhonyane emsini, seza emhlabeni,

sanikwa amandla njengamandla abanawo ofezela bomhlaba. kwathiwa kuso masin-goni utshani bomhlaba, nanye into eluhlaza, nowodwa umuthi, kuphela labo bantu abangenalo uphawu lukalezi-ku emabunzini abo. sanikwa ukuba singababalali kepha sibahluphe izinyanga eziyisihlanu; nokuhlushwa kwabo kwaba njengobuhlungu bukafezela, nxa emqosela umuntu. ngaleyo mihla abantu bayakufuna ukufa, bangaze bakufumana; futhi bayakufisa ukufa, kepha ukufa kubabalekele. nesimo sesikhonyane sasifana namahhashi alungiselwe ukulwa, nasemakhanda aso kukhona okunjengemighele efana negolide, nobuso bunjengobuso babantu; futhi sasinezinwele ezinjengezinwele zabesifazane, namazinyo aso ayenjengawezingonyama, sinezivikelo zezifuba njengezivikelo zensimbi, nomdumo wamaphiko aso wawunjengomdumo wezinqola zamahhashi amaningi egijimela ekulweni. sasinemisila efana newawofezela inezindosi, nasemisileni yaso kukhona amandla aso okona abantu izinyanga eziyisihlanu. sinenkosi phezu kwaso, ingelosi yakwalasha, igama layo ngesiheberu lingu-abadoni, kepha ngesigreki inegama lokuthi u-apholiyoni. umaye wokuqala udlulile; bheka, kuseza omaye ababili ngasemva kwalokho. ingelosi yesithupha yayisibetha; ngezwa izwi livela ezimpondweni ezine ze-altare legolide eliphambi kukalezi-ku, lithi kuyo ingelosi yesithupha enecilongo: thukulula izingelosi ezine eziboshwe ngasemfuleni omkhulu u-ewufrathe. zase zithukululwa izingelosi ezine ezilungiselwe ihora, nosuku, nenyanga, nomnyaka, ukuba zibulale okwesithathu kwabantu. umumo wezimpi zabakhwele amahhashi wawungukuphindwa kabili kwezinkulungwane eziyishumi ziphindwe kazinkulungwane eziyishumi. nakanjalo ngabona ngombono amahhashi nabakhwele kuwo benezivikelo zezifuba, zibomvu njengomlilo nezehiyak-inte nezesibabule; namakhanda amahhashi ayenjengamakhanda ezingonyama, nasemilonyeni yawo kuphuma umlilo, nomusi, nesibabule. ngalezo zinhlu pho ezintathu kwabulawa okwesithathu kwabantu ngomlilo, nangomusi, nangesibabule, kwaphuma emilonyeni yawo. ngokuba amandla amahhashi asemilonyeni yawo nasemisileni yawo; ngokuba imisila yawo ifana nezinyoka, inamakhanda ona ngawo. kepha abaseleyo babantu abangabulawanga ngalezo zinhlu pho abaphendukanga emisebenzini yezandla zabo ukuba bangakhuleki kuwo amademoni, nezithombe zegolide, nezesiliva, nezethusi, nezamatshe, nezemithi, ezingenakho ukubona, nakuzwa, nakuhamba, futhi abaphendukanga ekubulaleni kwabo, nasekuthakheni kwabo, nasebufebeni babo, nasekwebeni kwabo.

ngase ngibona enye ingelosi enamandla yehla ezulwini yembethe ifu, nothingo lwenkosikazi lwaluphezu kwekhanda layo, nobuso bayo babunjengelanga, nezinyawo zayo zinjengezinsika zomlilo, iphethe esandleni sayo incwadi encane evulekileyo. yayisimisa unyawo lwayo lokunene phezu kolwandle nolo khohlo phezu komhlabathi, yamemeza ngezwi elikhulu njengokubhonga kwengonyama, nalapho isimemezile, imidumo eyisikhombisa yezwakalisa amazwi ayo. nalapho imidumo eyisikhombisa isikhulumile, ngase ngizakuloba; kepha ngezwa izwi livela ezulwini, lithi: namathisela ngophawu okukhulunywe yimidumo eyisikhombisa, kodwa ungakulobi. ingelosi engayibona imi phezu kolwandle naphezu komhlabathi yayisiphakamisela ezulwini isandla sayo sokunene, yafunga yena ophi-layo kuze kube phakade naphakade, owadala izulu nokukulo, nomhlaba nokukuwo, nolvandle nokukulo, yathi: akusayikubakho isikhathi, kepha ngezinsuku zezwi lengelosi eyisikhombisa, lapho isizakubetha icilongo, imfihlakalo kalezi-ku isiyakube ifeziwe, njen-galokho azazisa izinceku zakhe abaprofethi ngezindaba ezijabulisayo. izwi engalizwa livela ezulwini lase liphinda likhuluma nami, lithi: hamba uye uthabathe incwadi evulekileyo esesandleni sengelosi emi phezu kolwandle naphezu komhlabathi. ngaya kuyo ingelosi; ngase ngithi kuyo mayinginike incwadi encane. yayisithi kimi: yithabathe, uyidle uyiqede; izakubaba esiswini sakho, kepha emlonjeni wakho iyakuba mnandi njengezinyosi. ngase ngiyithatha incwadi encane esandleni sengelosi, ngayidla ngayiqeda; yayisiba mnandi njengezinyosi emlonjeni wami; nalapho sengiyidile, yababa esiswini sami. zase zithi kimi: kumelwe ukuba uphinde uprofethe ngabantu abaningi, nezizwe, nezilimi, namakhosi.

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nganikwa uhlanga lufana nenduku, kwathiwa: sukuma, ulinganise ithempeli likalezi-ku, ne-altare, nabakhulekayo kulo. kepha igceke elingaphandle kwethempeli ulishiye ngaphandle, ungalinganisi, ngokuba linikwe izizwe, nomuzi ongcewele ziyakuwun-yathela phansi izinyanga ezingamashumi amane nambili. ngiyakubanika ofakazi bami ababili ukuba baprofethe izinsuku eziyinku-lungwane namakhulu amabili namashumi ayisithupha bembethe indwangu yamasaka. labo bayiminqumo emibili nezinti zezibani ezimbili ezimi phambi kwenkosi yomhlaba. uma kukhona ofuna ukona laba, kuphuma umlilo emlonjeni wabo, udle

izitha zabo, uziqede; yebo, uma kukhona ofuna ukona laba, kumelwe ukuba abulawe kanjalo. banamandla laba okuvala izulu ukuba lingani ngezinsuku zokuprofetha kwabo, futhi banamandla phezu kwamanzi okuwaphendula igazi nawokushaya umhlaba ngezinhluho zonke, noma kungaba kangaki ngokuthanda kwabo. kuyakuthi sebebuqedile ubufakazi babo, isilo esiphuma kwalasha siyakulwa nabo, sibanqobe, sibabulale. nezidumbu zabo ziyakusala ezitaladini zomuzi omkhulu othiwa ngokomoya isodoma negibithe, lapho nenkosi yabo yabethelwa khona. abanye kubantu nabemindeni nabezilimi nabezizwe bayakuzibona izidumbu zabo izinsuku ezintathu nenxenye, bengavumi ukuba izidumbu zabo zifakwe ethuneni. nabakhileyo emhlabeni bayakujabula ngabo, bethabe, bathumelane izipho, ngokuba laba baprofethi ababili babebahluphile abakhileyo emhlabeni. kwathi emva kwalezo zinsuku ezintathu nenxenye umoya wokuphila ovela kulezi-ku wangena kubo; base bema ngezinyawo zabo, nabababonayo behlelwa ngukwesaba okukhulu. bezwa izwi elikhulu livela ezulwini, lithi kubo: yenyukelani lapha. base benyukela ezulwini ngefu, nezitha zabo zababona. ngalelo hora kwaba khona ukuzamazama okukhulu komhlaba, kwawa okweshumi komuzi, nangokuzamazama komhlaba kwabulawa abantu abayizinku-lungwane eziyisikhombisa, nabaseleyo bashaywa luvalo, bamdumisa ulezi-ku wezulu. kwadlula umaye wesibili; bheka, umaye wesithathu uyeza masinyane. ingelosi eyisikhombisa yayisibetha; kwase kuba khona amazwi amakhulu ezulwini athi: umbuso wezwe usungowenkosi yethu nokakristu wayo; iyakubusa kuze kube phakade naphakade. namalunga angamashumi amabili nane ahlezi phambi kukalezi-ku ezihlalweni zawo zobukhosi akhotama ngobuso bawo, akhuleka kulezi-ku, ethi: siyakubonga, nkosi lezi-ku, mminimandla onke, okhona nowawukhona, ngokuba uthabathe amandla akho amakhulu, wabusa; nezizwe zazinolaka, kepha kwafika ulaka lwakho, nesikhathi sokwahlulelwa kwabafileyo, nokunika umvuzo izinceku zakho, abaprofethi nabangcewele nabesabay igama lakho, abancane nabakhulu, nokubhubhisa ababhuhisa umhlaba. kwase kuvulwa ithempeli likalezi-ku elisezulwini, kwabonakala umphongolo wesivumelwano sakhe ethempelini lakhe; kwase kuba khona imibani, namazwi, nokuduma, nokuzamazama komhlaba, nesichotho esikhulu.

kwaba khona ezulwini isibonakaliso esikhulu: owesifazane embethe ilanga, nenyanga iphansi kwezinyawo zakhe, nasekhanda lakhe kukhona umqhele wezinkanyezi eziyishumi nambili, ekhulelwe wakhalala, enemihlelo esikwa ngubuhlungu bokubeletha. kwabonakala esinye isibonakaliso ezulwini; bheka, nango udrako omkhulu obomvu, enamakhanda ayisikhombisa nezimpondo eziyishumi, nasemakhanda akhe enemiqhele eyisikhombisa; umsula wakhe wadonsa okwesithathu kwezinkanyezi zezulu, waziphonsa emhlabeni. nodrako wema phambi kowesifazane obezakubeletha, ukuze kuthi nxa esebelethile, ashwabadele umntwana wakhe. wabeletha umntwana wesilisa ozakubusa izizwe zonke ngentonga yensimbi, nomntanakhe wahlwilelwa kulezi-ku nasesihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi. owesifazane wayesebalekela ehlane, lapho enendawo ayilungiselwe ngulezi-ku, ukuba bamondle izinsuku eziyinkulumgwane namakhulu amabili namashumi ayisithupha. kwase kuba khona ukulwa ezulwini; umikayeli nezingelosi zakhe balwa nodrako. nodrako walwa enezingelosi zakhe, kepha kabaze banqoba, nendawo yabo kayabe isafunyanwa ezulwini. wayeseponswa phansi udrako omkhulu, inyoka endala ethiwa umhlebi nosathane, odukisa izwe lonke, waphonswa phansi emhlabeni, nezingelosi zakhe zaphonswa kanye naye. ngase ngizwa izwi elikhulu ezulwini, lithi: kalokhu insindiso namandla nobukhosi ngokukalezi-ku wethu, nombuso ngokakristu wakhe, ngokuba uphonswe phansi ummangaleli wabazalwane bethu obamangalelayo phambi kukalezi-ku wethu imini nobusuku. nabo uqobo lwabo bamnqoba ngegazi lewundlu nangezwi lobufakazi babo, futhi abakuthandanga ukuphila kwabo kwaze kwaba sekufeni. ngalokho thokozani nina mazulu nabahlala kuwo; maye kuwe mhlabana nakuwe lulwandle, ngokuba usathane wehlele kini enolaka olukhulu, azi ukuthi unesikhathi esifushane! kuthe udrako esebona ukuthi usephonswe phansi emhlabeni, wazingela owesifazane owayezale umntwana wesilisa. owesifazane wayesenikwa amaphiko amabili okhozi olukhulu ukuba andizele ehlane endaweni yakhe lapho ondlwa khona isikhathi, nezikhathi, nenxenye yesikhathi, engekho ebusweni benyoka. nenyoka yakhwifa, kwaphuma emlonjeni wayo emva kowesifazane amanzi kunqathi umfula ukuba immukise nomfula. umhlaba wamsiza owesifazane, umhlaba wakhumisa umlomo wawo, wawumenza umfula owawukhwifa udrako ngomlomo wakhe. udrako wamthukuthelela owesifazane, wamuka, wayokulwa nabaseleyo

benzalo yakhe, labo abagcina imiyalo kalezi-ku nabanobufakazi bukajesu. [8] ngema esihlabathini solwandle.

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ngase ngibona isilo sikhuphuka elwandle, sinezimpondo eziyishumi namakhanda ayisikhombisa, nasezimpondweni zaso kukhona imiqhele eyishumi nasemakhanda aso kukhona amagama enhlamba. isilo engasibonayo sasifana nengwe, nezinyawo zazo zazinjengezibhere, nomlomo waso wawunjengomlomo wengonyama. udrako wasinika amandla akhe, nesihlalo sakhe sobukhosi, nokubusa okukhulu. elinye lamakhanda aso kungathi lalidebezwe okokufa, kepha ingozi yaso yokufa yelashwa, umhlaba wonke walandela isilo, umangala; bakhuleka kudrako, ngokuba wanika isilo amandla akhe, bakhuleka nakuso isilo, bethi: ngubani ofana nesilo, ngubani ongalwa naso na? sase sinikwa umlomo wokukhuluma izinto ezinkulu nenhlamba, sanikwa amandla okwenza lokho izinyanga ezingamashumi amane nambili. savula umlomo waso ukuhlambalaza ulezi-ku, ukuhlambalaza igama lakhe netabernakele lakhe, nabo abahlezi ezulwini. sanikwa ukuba silwe nabangcwele, sibanqobe; sanikwa futhi amandla phezu kwemindeni yonke, nabantu, nezilimi, nezizwe. bayakhuleka kuso bonke abakhileyo emhlabeni, wonke ogama lakhe lingalotshwanga encwadini yokuphila yewundlu elihlatshiweyo, selokhu kwasekelwa umhlaba. uma ekhona onendlebe, makezwe. uma ekhona oyisa ekuthunjweni, uya naye ekuthunjweni; uma ekhona obulala ngenkamba, umelwe naye ukubulawa ngenkamba. naku ukubekezela nokukholwa kwabangcwele. ngase ngibona esinye isilo siphuma emhlabeni, sinezimpondo ezimbili ezifana nezewundlu, kepha sikhuluma njengodrako. amandla onke esilo sokuqala siyawenza phambi kwaso. siyenza ukuba umhlaba nabo bonke abakhileyo kuwo bakhuleke kuso isilo sokuqala esingazi yaso yelashwa. senza nezibonakaliso ezinkulu, size senze nomlilo uphume ezulwini, wehlele emhlabeni phambi kwabantu. futhi sibadukisa abakhileyo emhlabeni ngezibonakaliso esazinikwayo ukuba sizenze phambi kwesilo, sithi kwabakhileyo emhlabeni mabasenzele umfanekiso isilo, ebesinenxeba lenkamba kepha sasinda. sanikwa futhi ukuba siwuphe umfanekiso wesilo umoya, ukuze umfanekiso wesilo ukhulume, senze futhi ukuba bonke abangakhuleki kumfanekiso wesilo babulawe. senza futhi ukuba bonke, abancane nabakhulu, nabacebileyo nabampofu, nabakhulekileyo nabayizigqila, bazibeke uphawu esandleni sabo sokunene

noma ebunzini labo ukuba angabikho ongathenga nokuba athengise, uma engenalo uphawu, igama lesilo noma isibalo segama laso. nakhu ukuhlakanipha. onengqondo makabale isibalo sesilo, ngokuba siyisibalo somuntu. nesibalo sakhe singamakhulu ayisithupha namashumi ayisithupha nesithupha.

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ngase ngibona; bheka, iwundlu limi entabeni yasesiyoni, kumi kanye nalo abayizinkulungwane eziyikhulu namashumi amane nane, benegama lalo negama likayise lilotshwe emabunzini abo. ngase ngizwa izwi livela ezulwini, linjengezwi lamanzi amaningi nanjengezwi lokuduma okukhulu; nezwi engalizwayo lalinjenge-lababetha amahabhu, bebetha amahabhu abo. bahlabelela igama elisha phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi, naphambi kwezidalwa ezine, namalunga; kepha akubangakho onamandla okufunda lelo gama, kuphela abayizinkulungwane eziyikhulu namashumi amane nane abathengiweyo emhlabeni. labo yibo abangangcoliswanga yisifazane, ngokuba bayizintombi. labo yibo abalandela iwundlu noma liyaphi. labo bathengwa ebantwini, babe lulibo kulezi-ku nakulo iwundlu, nasemlonyeni wabo akufunyaniswanga amanga; kabanasici. ngase ngibona enye ingelosi indiza emkhathini wezulu, inevangeli eliphakade ilishumayela kwabahlezi emhlabeni, nakuzo zonke izizwe, nemindeni, nezilimi, nabantu, isho ngezwi elikhulu, ithi: mesabeni ueziki-ku, nimnike inkazimulo, ngokuba ihora lokwahlulela kwakhe selfikile; nikhuleke kuye owenza izulu nomhlaba nolwandle nemithombo yamanzi. yayisilandela enye ingelosi, ithi: liwile, liwile ibabiloni elikhulu, eliphuzise izizwe zonke iwayini lolaka lobufefe balo. yalandela enye ingelosi yesithathu, ithi ngezwi elikhulu: uma kukhona okhuleka kuso isilo nomfanekiso waso, elwamukela futhi uphawu ebunzini lakhe noma esandleni sakhe, naye uyakuphuzisa iwayini lolaka lukalezi-ku elilungisiwe esitsheni solaka lwakhe, lingaxutshiwe, ahlushwe ngomlilo nesibabule phambi kwezingelosi ezingcwele naphambi kwewundlu. nomusi wokuhlushwa kwabo uyenyuka kuze kube phakade naphakade; abasenakuphumula imini nobusuku abakhuleka kuso isilo nomfanekiso waso nalowo owamukela uphawu lwegama laso. nakhu ukubekezela kwabangcwele abagcina imiyalo kalezi-ku nokukholwa ngujesu. ngase ngizwa izwi livela ezulwini, lithi: loba ukuthi: babusisiwe abafileyo abafele enkosini kusukela kulesi sikhathi. yebo, usho umoya, ukuze baphumule ekukhandlekeni kwabo; ngokuba

imisebenzi yabo iyabalandela. ngase ngibona; bheka, nanto ifu elimhlophe, naphezu kwefu kuhlezi ofana nendodana yomuntu enomqhele wegolide ekhanda lakhe nasandleni sakhe enesikela elibukhali. enye ingelosi yayisiphuma ethempelini, imezeza ngezwi elikhulu, ithi kohlezi phezu kwefu: faka isikela lakho, uvune, ngokuba kufikile isikhathi sokuvuna, ngokuba sekomile okuvunwayo komhlaba. ohlezi phezu kwefu wayeseliphonsa isikela emhlabeni; wawusuvunwa umhlaba. enye ingelosi yayisiphuma ethempelini elisezulwini, nayo inesikela elibukhali. nenye ingelosi futhi yaphuma e-altare, inamandla phezu komlilo, yamemeza ngezwi elikhulu kuyo ebinesikela elibukhali, ithi: faka isikela lakho elibukhali, ubute amahlukuzo omvini womhlaba, ngokuba izithelo zomvini zivuthiwe. ingelosi yayisiliphonsa isikela layo emhlabeni, yawuvuna umvini womhlaba, yawuphonsa esikhawweni sewayini esikhulu solaka lukalezi-ku. isikhamo sanyathelwa ngaphandle komuzi, kwaphuma igazi esikhawweni, laze lafika ematomini amahashi, liqeda amastadiyu ayinkulungwane namakhulu ayisithupha.

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ngase ngibona esinye isibonakaliso ezulwini esikhulu nesimangalisayo: izingelosi eziyisikhombisa zinezinhlupho eziyisikhombisa zokugcina, ngokuba kwapheliselwa ngazo ulaka lukalezi-ku. ngabona kungathi ulwandle lwengilazi luxubene nomlilo, nabavela ekunqobeni isilo nomfanekiso waso nesibalo segama laso bemi ngaselwandle lwengilazi, benamahabhu kalezi-ku. bahlabelela igama likamose inceku kalezi-ku negama lewundlu, bathi: mikhulu, iyamangalisa imisebenzi yakho, nkosi lezi-ku, mninimandla onke; zilungile, ziqinisele izindlela zakho wena nkosi yezizwe; ngubani ongayikwesaba, nkosi, adumise igama lakho, na? ngokuba wena wedwa ungcwele, nezizwe zonke ziyakuza zikhuleke phambi kwakho, ngokuba izenzo zakho zokulunga zibonakalisiwe. emva kwalokho ngabona, kwase kuvulwa ithempeli letabernakele lobufakazi ezulwini, kwaphuma ethempelini izingelosi eziyisikhombisa ezinezinhlupho eziyisikhombisa, zembetha ingubo yelineni ehlanzekileyo nekhazimulayo, zizibophe ezifubeni ngamabhande egolide. esinye sezidalwa ezine sanika izingelosi eziyisikhombisa izitsha zegolide, zigcwele ulaka lukalezi-ku ophilayo kuze kube phakade naphakade. ithempeli lagcwalwa umusi ovela ekukhazimuleni kukalezi-ku nasemandleni akhe; akakho owayengangena ethempelini, zingakapheleli izinhlupho eziyisikhombisa zezingelosi eziyisikhombisa.

ngase ngizwa izwi elikhulu livela ethempelini, lithi kuzo izingelosi eziyisikhombisa: hambani nithululele emhlabeni izitsha eziyisikhombisa zolaka lukalezi-ku. eyokuqala yaya-ke, yathululela isitsha sayo emhlabeni; kwase kuvela isilonda esibi esinobuhlungu kubantu abanophawu lwesilo nabakhuleka kumfanekiso waso. neyesibili yathululela isitsha sayo elwandle; lwase luba yigazi elinjengelifileyo, nakho konke okuzwayo okuphila elwandle kwafa. neyesithathu yathululela isitsha sayo emifuleni nasemithonjeni yamanzi, kwase kuba yigazi. ngezwa ingelosi yamanzi ithi: ulungile wena okhona nowawukhona, ongcewele, ngokuba wakunquma lokho, ngokuba bachitha igazi labangcewele nelabaprofethi, wabanika ukuba baliphuze igazi; bakufanele. ngase ngizwa i-altare lithi: yebo, nkosi lezi-ku, mninimandla onke, ziqinisile, zilungile izahlulelo zakho. eyesine yayisithululela isitsha sayo elangeni; lase linikwa ukubashisa abantu ngomlilo. abantu bashiswa ngokushiswa okukhulu, kepha bahlambalaza igama likalezi-ku onamandla phezu kwalezi zinhupho, kodwa abaphendukanga ukuba bamdumise. eyesihlanu yathululela isitsha sayo esihlalweni sobukhosi sesilo; nombuso waso wenziwa mnyama, baluma izilimi zabo ngenxa yobuhlungu, futhi bahlambalaza ulezi-ku wezulu ngenxa yobuhlungu babo nangenxa yezilonda zabo; kepha abaphendukanga emisebenzini yabo. eyesithupha yathululela isitsha sayo emfuleni omkhulu u-ewufurthe; kwase kusha amanzi awo, ukuze indlela ilungiselwe amakhosi avela empumalanga. ngabona kuphuma emlonyeni kadralo, nasemlonyeni wesilo, nasemlonyeni womprofethi wamanga omoya abathathu abangcolileyo, befana nezingxangxa; ngokuba bangomoya bamademoni, benza izibonakaliso, abaphuma beya emakhosini ezwe lonke ukubahlanganisela ekulweni kosuku olukhulu lukalezi-ku umninimandla onke. bheka, ngiyeza njengesela; ubusisiwe olindayo, alonde izingubo zakhe ukuba angabi ngohamba ze, baze balibone ihlazo lakhe. wayesebahlanganisela endaweni ethiwa ngesiheberu iharumagedoni. eyesikhombisa yayisithululela isitsha sayo emoyeni; kwase kuphuma izwi elikhulu ethempelini esihlalweni sobukhosi, lithi: sekwenzekile. kwase kuba khona imibani, namazwi, nokuduma, kwaba khona nokuza-mazama okukhulu komhlaba okungazange kube khona okunjalo, selokhu kwaba khona abantu emhlabeni, ukuzamazama komhlaba okukhulu kangaka. umuzi omkhulu waba yizinqamu ezintathu, nemizi yabezizwe yawa. nebabeloni elikhulu lakhunjulwa phambi kukalezi-ku ukuba alinike isit-

sha sewayini lolaka lwakhe oluvuthayo. iziqhingi zonke zabaleka, nezintaba azifunyaniswanga. isichotho esikhulu esisinda njengetalenta sivela ezulwini sehlela phezu kwabantu; abantu bamhlambalaza ulezi-ku ngenxa yohlupho lwesichotho, ngokuba uhlupho lwaso lulukhulu kakhulu.

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kwase kuza enye yezingelosi eziyisikhombisa ezazinezitsha eziyisikhombisa, yakhuluma nami, yathi: woza lapha, ngikutshengise ukwahlulelwa kwesifebe esikhulu esihlezi phezu kwamanzi amaningi; 2 afeba naso amakhosi omhlaba, nabakhileyo emhlabeni badakiswa yiyayini lobufefe baso. yayisingiyisa ehlane ngikumoya. ngabona owesifazane ekhwele isilo esibomvu, sigcwele amagama enhlamba, sinamakhanda ayisikhombisa nezimpondo eziyishumi. nowesifazane wayembethe okububende nokubomvu, evunule ngegolide nangamatshe anenani nangamaparele, ephethe isitsha segolide ngesandla sakhe, sigcwele amanyala nokungcolileyo kobufefe bakhe, nasebusweni bakhe kulotshiwe igama eliyimfihlakalo lokuthi: ibabiloni elikhulu, unina wezifebe nowamanyala omhlaba ngase ngibona owesifazane edakiwe yigazi labangcewele negazi lawofakazi baka-jesu. kuthe lapho ngimbona, ngamangala ngokumangala okukhulu. yayisithi kimi ingelosi: umangalelani na? ngizakukutshela imfihlakalo yowesifazane neyesilo esimthwelelo, esinamakhanda ayisikhombisa nezimpondo eziyishumi. isilo owasibonayo sasikhona, asisekho; kepha sesizakwenyuka, siphuma kwalasha, siye ekubhujisweni; nabakhileyo emhlabeni bayakumangala, labo abamagama abo angalotshwanga encwadini yokuphila, selokhu kwasekelwa izwe, nxa bebona isilo ukuthi sasikhona, kepha asisekho, kanti sizakuba khona. nansi ingqondo enokuhlakanipha. amakhanda ayisikhombisa ayizintaba eziyisikhombisa, lapho owesifazane ehlezi phezu kwazo. futhi zingamakhosi ayisikhombisa; ayisihlanu asewile, enye ikhona, enye ayikafiki; nanxa isifikile, kumelwe ukuba ihlale isikhashana. nesilo esasikhona, kepha esingasekho, singesishiyagalombili, sikuwo ayisikhombisa, siya ekubhujisweni. izimpondo eziyishumi owazibonayo zingamakhosi ayishumi agakamukeli umbuso, kepha amukeliswa amandla njengamakhosi ihora linye kanye nesilo. lawo anomqondo munye, anika isilo amandla nokubusa kwawo. ayakulwa newundlu, newundlu liyakuwanqoba, ngokuba liyinkosi yamakhosi nombusi wababusi, nabakanye nalo, ababiziweyo, nabakhethiweyo, nabathembekileyo. yayisithi kimi: amanzi owabonayo, lapho



shlezi khona isifebe, angabantu, nezixuku, nezizwe, nezilimi. izimpondo eziyishumi owazibonayo, nesilo, lezi ziyakusizonda isifebe, zisenze incithakalo, sibe yize, zidle inyama yaso, zisishise ngomlilo, zisiqede; ngokuba ulezi-ku ukufakile ezinhliziyweni zazo ukuba zenze umqondo wakhe, ziwenze umqondo munye, zinike isilo umbuso wazo, aze agcwaliseke amazwi kalezi-ku. owe-sifazane owambonayo ungumuzi omkhulu onombuso phezu kwamakhosi omhlaba.

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emva kwalokho ngabona enye ingelosi yehla ezulwini, inamandla amakhulu, nomhlaba wakhanyiswa ngokukhazimula kwayo. yamemeza ngezwi elinamdlala, yathi: liwile, liwile ibabiloni elikhulu, selibe yindawo yokuhlala amademoni, nendawo yokubopha bonke omoya abangcolileyo, nendawo yokubopha zonke izinyoni ezingcolileyo nezizondekayo, ngokuba izizwe zonke ziphuzile iwayini lobufebe balo, namakhosi omhlaba afebile nalo, nabathengisi bomhlaba bacebile ngamandla okutamasa kwalo. ngase ngizwa elinye izwi livela ezulwini, lithi: phumani kulo, bantu bami, ukuze ningahlanganyeli nalo izono zalo, nokuba ningamukeli okwezinhlupho zalo, ngokuba izono zalo zifinyelele ezulwini, nolezi-ku wakhumbula ukungalungi kwalo. buyiselani kulo njengalokho lona likwenzile, niphinde kabili okwemisebenzi yalo; esitsheni elalixuba kuso, xubani kabili kuso; ngokungangalakho elizidumise latamasa ngakho, linikeni ukuhlupheka nokulila okungako. ngokuba enhliziyweni yalo lithi: ngihlezi ngiyinkosikazi, angisiye umfelokazi, futhi angisoze ngabona ukulila. ngakho kuyakufika ngalusuku lunye izinhlupeko zalo, ukufa, nokulila, nendlala, futhi liyakushiswa liqedwe ngomlilo; ngokuba inkosi ulezi-ku elahlulelayo inamandla. amakhosi omhlaba ayefeba nalo ehlala ngokutamasa ayakukhala ambongoze ngalo, nxa ebona umusi wokusha kwalo, emi kude ngokwesaba ukuhlupheka kwalo ethi: maye, maye kuwe muzi omkhulu wasebabiloni, muzi onamandla, ngokuba ngehora linye nje, kufakile ukwahlulelwa kwakho! nabathengisi bomhlaba bayalikhalela, balililele, ngokuba impahla yabo ayisatshengwa muntu, impahla yegolide neyesiliva, namatshe anenani, namaparele, nelinei elicolekileyo, nokububende, nosilika, nokubomvu, kanye nemithi yonke enamakha, nezitsha zonke zamazinyo endlovu, nezitsha zonke zomuthi onenani elikhulu, nezethusi, nezensimbi, nezetshe elimhlophe, nokinamona, nokunephunga elimnandi, nempepho, namafutha okuqhola, nenhlaka, newayini, namafutha eminqumo, nempuphu ecolikileyo,

nokolweni, nezinkomo, nezimvu, namahashi, nezingqola, nezigqila, nemiphefumulo yabantu. nezithelo ezazifiswa ngumphefumulo wakho zimukile kuwe, nakho konke okunonileyo nokucwebezelayo konakele kuwe, akusoze kwabuye kufunyanwe. abathengisi balezo zinto abacethisiwe yilo bayakumela kude ngokwesaba ukuhlupheka kwalo, bekhala belila, bethi: maye, maye kuwe muzi omkhulu owawembethe ilineni elicolekileyo, nokububende, nokubomvu, uvunule ngegolide nangamatshe anenani nangamaparele! ngokuba ngehora linye nje ingebe engaka ichithekile. nabashayeli bonke bemikhumbi, nabo bonke abaya nomaphi ngomkhumbi, namatilos, nabo bonke abasebenza elwandle bemela kude, badazuluka bebona umusi wokusha kwalo, bethi: ngumuphi umuzi ofana nalowomuzi omkhulu na? base bethela uthuli emakhanda abo, badazuluka bekhala, belila bethi: maye, maye kuwe muzi omkhulu, abacebile kuwe bonke abanemikhumbi elwandle ngenxa yengcebo enqabileyo yakho, ngokuba ngehora linye nje uchithekile! thokoza ngawo wena zulu, nani bangcwele, nani baphostoli, nani baprofethi; ngokuba ulezi-ku uwahlulele, waniphindiselela kuwo.

ingelosi enamandla yafukula itshe linjengelokusila elikhulu, yaliphonsa elwandle, yathi: ngokunjalo ibabiloni umuzi omkhulu liyakuphonswa phansi ngamandla, lingabe lisafunyanwa. izwi lababetha ihabhu nelabahlabeleli nelababetha imithshingo namacilongo alisoze laphinda lizwakale kuwe, namuphi umlumbi noma owaluphi uhlobo akasoze wafunyaniswa kuwe, nomsindo wetshe lokusila awusoze wabuye uzwakale kuwe, nokukhanya kwesibani akusoze kwaphinda kukhanye phakathi kwakho, nezwi lomyeni nelomlobokazi alisoze labuye lizwakale phakathi kwakho, ngokuba izizwe zonke zidukisiwe ngokuthakatha kwakho, futhi kwafunyaniswa kuwe igazi labaprofethi nelabangcwele nelabo bonke ababebulewe emhlabeni.

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emva kwalokho ngezwa kungathi izwi elikhulu lesixuku esikhulu ezulwini, lithi: haleluya! insindiso, nenkazimulo, namandla ngokukalezi-ku wethu, ngokuba ziqinisele, zilungile izahlulelo zakhe; ngokuba isifebe esikhulu esonakalisa umhlaba ngobufebe baso, uliphindisele igazi lezinkeku zakhe esandleni naso. bathi ngokwesibili: haleluya! nomusi waso wenyuka kuze kube phakade naphakade. ayesewa phansi amalunga angamashumi amabili nane kanye nezidalwa ezine, akhuleka kulezi-ku ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi, athi: amen! haleluya! kwase kuphuma izwi esihlalweni sobukhosi,

lithi: dumisani ulezi-ku wethu nonke nina zinceku zakhe, nina enimesabayu, abancane nabakhulu. ngase ngizwa kungathi izwi lesixuku esikhulu, linjengezwi lamanzi amaningi, nezwi lokuduma okunamandla, lithi: haleluya! ngokuba inkosi ulezi-ku wethu, umninimandla onke, iyabusa. masithokoze, sethabe, futhi masimnike inkazimulo, ngokuba umshado wewundlu ufikile, nomkalo uzilungisele; wanikwa ukuba embathe ilineni elicolekileyo nelikazimulayo nelihlanzekileyo, ngokuba ilineni elicolekileyo liyizenzo ezilungileyo zabangcwele. yayisithi kimi: loba ukuthi: babusiwe abamenyelwe esidlwani somshado wewundlu.

yayisithi kimi: lawo angamazwi aqinisileyo kalezi-ku. ngase ngiwa phansi phambi kwezinyawo ukukhuleka kuyo. yayisithi kimi: musa; ngiyinceku kanye nawe nabazalwane bakho abaphethe ubufakazi bukajesu; khuleka kulezi-ku. ngokuba ubufakazi bukajesu bungumoya wokuprofetha. ngase ngibona izulu livulekile; bheka, nanto ihhashi elimhlophe nohlezi phezu kwalo obizwa ngokuthi othembekileyo noqinisileyo; uyahlulela, alwe ngokulunga. amehlo akhe angamalangabi omhlo, nasekhanda lakhe kukhona imiqhele eminingi; unegama elilotshiweyo elingaziwa mbuntu, nguyena kuphela; wembethe ingubo efafazwe ngegazi; igama lakhe ngulizwi kalezi-ku. izimpi zasezulwini zamlandela zikhwele amahhashi amhlophe, zembe the ilineni elicolekileyo, elimhlophe nelihlanzekileyo. emlonyeni wakhe kwaphuma inkemba ebukhali, ukuze ashaye izizwe ngayo; yena uyakuzibusa ngentonga yensimbi; yena uqobo uyanyathela isikhama sewayini lentukuthelo yolaka lukalezi-ku umninimandla onke. unegama lilotshiwe engutsheni yakhe nasethangeni lakhe elithi: inkosi yamakhosi nombusi wababusi ngase ngibona ingelosi imi elangeni, yamemeza ngezwi elikhulu ezinyonini zonke ezindizayo emkhathini wezulu, ithi: wozani, nibuthane esidlweni esikhulu sikalezi-ku ukuba nidle inyama yamakhosi, nenyama yezinduna, nenyama yamaqhawe, nenyama yamahhashi nenyabakhwele kuwo, nenyama yabo bonke abakhululekileyo nabayizigqila, abancane nabakhulu. ngabona isilo, namakhosi omhlaba, nezimpi zawo zibuthene ukulwa naye owayehlezi ehhashini nempu yakhe. isilo sase sibanjwa nomprofethi wamanga okanye naso owenza izibonakaliso phambi kwaso, abadukisa ngazo abamukela uphawu lwesilo nabakhuleka kumfanekiso waso; labo bobabili baphonswa besezwa echibini lomlilo elivutha isibabule. nabaseleyo babulawa ngenkemba ephuma emlonyeni wakhe owayehlezi ehhashini, nezinyoni zonke zasutha inyama yabo.

ngase ngibona ingelosi yehla ezulwini, iphetha isihluthulelo sakwalasha neketanga elikhulu ngesandla sayo. yambamba udrako, inyoka endala, ongumhlebi nosathane, yambopha iminyaka eyinkulungwane, yamphonsa-ke kwalasha, yamvalela phakathi, yamqinisa ngophawu ngaphezu kwakhe, ukuze angabe esadukisa izizwe, ize iphele iminyaka eyinkulungwane; emva kwalokho kumelwe ukuba athukululwe isikhashana. ngase ngibona izihlalo zobukhosi; bahlala kuzo, banikwa ukwahlulela; ngabona nemiphefumulo yababenqunywe amakhanda ngenxa yokufakaza ngojesu nangenxa yezwi likalezi-ku, nalabo abangakhulekanga kuso isilo nomfanekiso waso, nabangamukelanga uphawu lwesilo ebunzini labo nasesandleni sabo; baphila, babusa kanye nokristu iminyaka eyinkulungwane. abafileyo ababesele kabaphila yaze yaphela iminyaka eyinkulungwane. lokhu kungukuvuka kokuqala. ubusisiwe, ungwele onesabelo ekuvukeni kokuqala; kulabo ukufa kwesibili akunamandla, kepha bayakuba ngabapristi bakalezi-ku nabakakristu, babuse kanye naye iminyaka eyinkulungwane. nanxa isiphelile iminyaka eyinkulungwane, usathane uyakukhululwa etilongweni lakhe, aphumele ukudukisa izizwe ezisemagumbini omane omhlaba, ogogi nomagogi, azibuthele ekulweni ezimuzo wazo ungangesihlabathi solwandle. zase zikhuphukela ngaphezu kobubanzi bomhlaba, zakaka ikamu labangcwele nomuzi othandiweyo; kwehla umlilo uvela ezulwini, wazidla waziqeda; nosathane owazidukisayo waphonswa echibini lomlilo nesibabule, lapho kukhona isilo nomprofethi wamanga; ziyakuhlushwa imini nobusuku kuze kube phakade naphakade. ngase ngibona isihlalo sobukhosi esikhulu esimhlophe nohlezi kuso, obuso bakhe babalekelwa yizulu nomhlaba, akut-holelwanga indawo. ngabona abafileyo, abakhulu nabancane, bemi phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi; izincwadi zavulwa; nenge incwadi yavulwa, ngeyokuphila; nabafileyo bahlulelwa ngalokho okulotshiwe ezincwadini njengokwemisebenzi yabo. nolwandle lwakhipha abafileyo ababekulo, nokufa nehayidese kwakhipha abafileyo ababekukho, bahlulelwa yilowo nalowo njengokwemisebenzi yakhe. ukufa nehayidese kwaphonswa echibini lomlilo. lokhu kungukufa kwesibili, ichibi lomlilo. uma ekhona ongafunyaniswanga elotshiwe encwadini yokuphila, waphonswa echibini lomlilo.

ngase ngibona izulu elisha nomhlaba omusha; ngokuba izulu lokuqala nomhlaba wokuqala kudlulile, nolwandle alusekho. ngabona umuzi ongwele, ijerusalema elisha, wehla uvela ezulwini kulezi-ku, ulungisiwe njengomlobokazi ohlotshiselwe umyeni wakhe. ngase ngizwa izwi elikhulu livela esihlalweni sobukhosi, lithi: bheka, itabernakele likalezi-ku likubantu; uyakuhlala nabo, babe ngabantu bakhe, yena ulezi-ku abe nabo, azesule izinyembezi zonke emehlweni abo; ukufa akusayikuba khona; nokudabuka, nokukhala, nobuhlungu akusayikuba khona; ngokuba okokuqala kudlulile. wayesethi ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi: bheka, ngenza konke kube kusha. wathi: loba, ngokuba lawa mazwi athembekile, aqinisile. wayesethi kimi: sekwenzekile, ngase-alfa no-omega, ukuqala nokugcina. owomileyo ngiyakumphuzisa ngesihle emthonjeni wamanzi okuphila. ongobayo uyakulidla ifa lalezo zinto, futhi ngiyakuba ngulezi-ku kuye, yena abe yindodana kimi. kepha amagwala, nabangakholwayo, nabanengekayo, nababulali, nezifebe, nabathakathi, nabakhonza izithombe, nabo bonke abaqamba amanga, isabelo sabo siyakuba sechibini elivutha umlilo nesibabule, okungukufa kwesibili. kwase kufika enye yezingelosi eziyisikhombisa ezazinezitha eziyisikhombisa ezigcwele izinhlupho eziyisikhombisa zokugcina, yakhuluma nami, yathi: woza lapha, ngikukhombise umlobokazi, umkawundlu. yamuka nami ngikumoya, yaya entabeni enkulu nephakeme, yangikhombisa umuzi ongwele wasejerusalema wehla ezulwini kulezi-ku, unenkazimulo kalezi-ku; ukukhanya kwawo kwakunjengetshe elinenani elikhulu sengathi yitshe lejaspi elicwebezelayo, unogange olukhulu noluphakemeyo, unamasango ayishumi nambili, nasemasangweni kukhona izingelosi eziyishumi nambili, kulotshwe kuwo amagama angawezizwe eziyishumi nambili zabantwana bakwa-israyeli; ngasempumalanga kwakukhona amasango amathathu, nangasenyakatho amasango amathathu, nangaseningizimu amasango amathathu, nangasentshonalanga amasango amathathu. ugame lomuzi lwalunezisekelo eziyishumi nambili, naphezu kwazo amagama ayishumi nambili abaphostoli abayishumi nambili bewundlu. owayekhuluma nami wayenohlanga lwegolide ukuba alinganise umuzi, unamasango awo, nogange lwawo. umuzi umi unezinhlangothi ezine, nobude bawo bungangobubanzi bawo. walinganisa umuzi ngohlanga, amastadiyu ayizinkulungwane eziyishumi nambili, ubude nobubanzi nokuphakama kwawo kulingene. walinganisa ugame lwawo,

izingalo eziyikhulu namashumi amane nane, yisilinganiso somuntu esingesengelosi. nogange lwawo lwakhiwe ngejaspi, nomuzi wawungowegolide elihle, linjengengilazi ecwebezelayo. izisekelo zogange lomuzi zivunulisiwe ngawo onke amatshe anenani elikhulu; isisekelo sokuqala siyijaspi, esesibili yisafire, esesithathu yikhalke-doni, esesine yisimaragidu, esesihlanu yisaridonikisi, esesithupha yisardiyo, esesikhombisa yikrisolithe, esesishiyagalombili yibherile, esesishiyagalolunye yitopazi, eseshumi yikrisoprase, eseshumi nanye yihiyakinte, eseshumi nambili yi-amethiste. amasango ayishumi nambili ayengamaparele ayishumi nambili; yilelo nalelo sango ngalinye laliyiparele linye. isitaladi somuzi sasiyigolide elicwengekileyo, linjengengilazi ekhanyayo. angibonanga ithempeli kuwo, ngokuba inkosi ulezi-ku, umninimandla onke, iyithempeli lawo kanye newundlu. umuzi awudingi ilanga nenyanga ukuba kukhanye kuwo, ngokuba inkazimulo kalezi-ku iyawukhanyisa, nesibani sawo siyiwundlu. izizwe ziyakuhamba ekukhanyeni kwawo, namakhosi omhlaba aletha kuwo ubukhosi bawo; namasango awo awasoze avalwa emini, ngokuba ubusuku abuyikuba khona lapho; bayakuletha ubukhosi nodumo lwezizwe. akusoze kwangena lutho olungcolileyo kuwo nowenza amanyala namanga, kuphela abalotshiwe encwadini yokuphila yewundlu.

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wayesengikhombisa umfula wamanzi okuphila ucwebezela njengekristal, uvela esihlalweni sobukhosi sikalezi-ku nesewundlu. phakathi kwesitaladi sawo nomfula emaceleni omabili kukhona umuthi wokuphila, uthela izithelo eziyishumi nambili, uthela izithelo zawo izinyanga ngezinyanga, namaqabunga omuthi angawokuphulukisa izizwe. akusayikuba khona nokukodwa ukuqalekisa. isihlalo sobukhosi sikalezi-ku nesewundlu siyakuba kuwo, nezinceku zakhe ziyakumkhonza, zibone ubuso bakhe, negama lakhe liyakuba semabunzini azo. ubusuku abusayikuba khona; abadingi ukukhanya kwesibani nokukhanya kwelanga, ngokuba inkosi ulezi-ku iyakubakhanyisela; bayakubusa phakade naphakade. yayisithi kimi: lawo mazwi athembekile, aqinisile, nenkosi ulezi-ku wemimoya yabaprofethi iyithumile ingelosi yayo ukuzikhombisa izinceku zayo okuzakwenzeka masinyane. bheka, ngiyeza

masinyane. ubusisiwe ogcina amazwi esiprofetho sale ncwadi. mina johane nginguye owezwa nowabona lezi zinto. kuthe sengizwile, sengibonile, ngawa phansi ukuba ngikhuleke phambi kwezinyawo zengelosi engikhombisile lezo zinto. yay-isithi kimi: musa; ngiyinceku kanye nawe nabazalwane bakho abaprofethi nabagcina amazwi ale ncwadi; khuleka kulezi-ku. yathi kimi: ungavali ngophawu amazwi esiprofetho sale ncwadi, ngokuba isikhathi siseduze. ongalungile makenze njalo okungalungile, nongcolileyo makazingcolise njalo, kepha olungileyo makenze njalo ukulunga, nongcwele makazingcwelise njalo. bheka, ngiyeza masinyane, nomvuzo wami unami ukumnika yilowo nalowo njengokomsebenzi wakhe. ngingu-alfa no-omega, owokuqala nowokuphela, isiqalo nesigcino. babusisiwe abahlanza izingubo zabo ukuba bathole ilungelo labo emthini wokuphila, bangene emzini ngamasango. ngaphandle kukhona izinja, nabathakathi, nezifebe, nababulali, nabakhonza izithombe, nabo bonke abathanda nabenza amanga. mina jesu ngithumile ingelosi yami ukufakaza kini lezi zinto emabandleni. ngiyimpande nenzalo kadavide, inkanyezi yokusa ecwebezelayo. umoya nomlobokazi bathi: woza! nozwayo makathi: woza! nowomileyo makeze; othandayo makathabathe amanzi okuphila ngesihle. ngiyafakaza mina kubo bonke abezwayo amazwi esiprofetho sale ncwadi; uma ekhona owenezela kulokhu, ulezi-ku uyakwenezela kuye izinhlu pho ezilotshiwe kule ncwadi; futhi uma ekhona osusa utho kuwo amazwi encwadi yalesi siprofetho, ulezi-ku uyakususa isabelo sakhe emthini wokuphila, nasemzini ongwele, nakulokhu okulotshiwe kule ncwadi. ofakaza ngalezi zinto uthi: yebo, ngiyeza masinyane. amen. woza, nkosi jesu! umusa wenkosi yethu ujesu kristu mawube nani nonke. amen.

