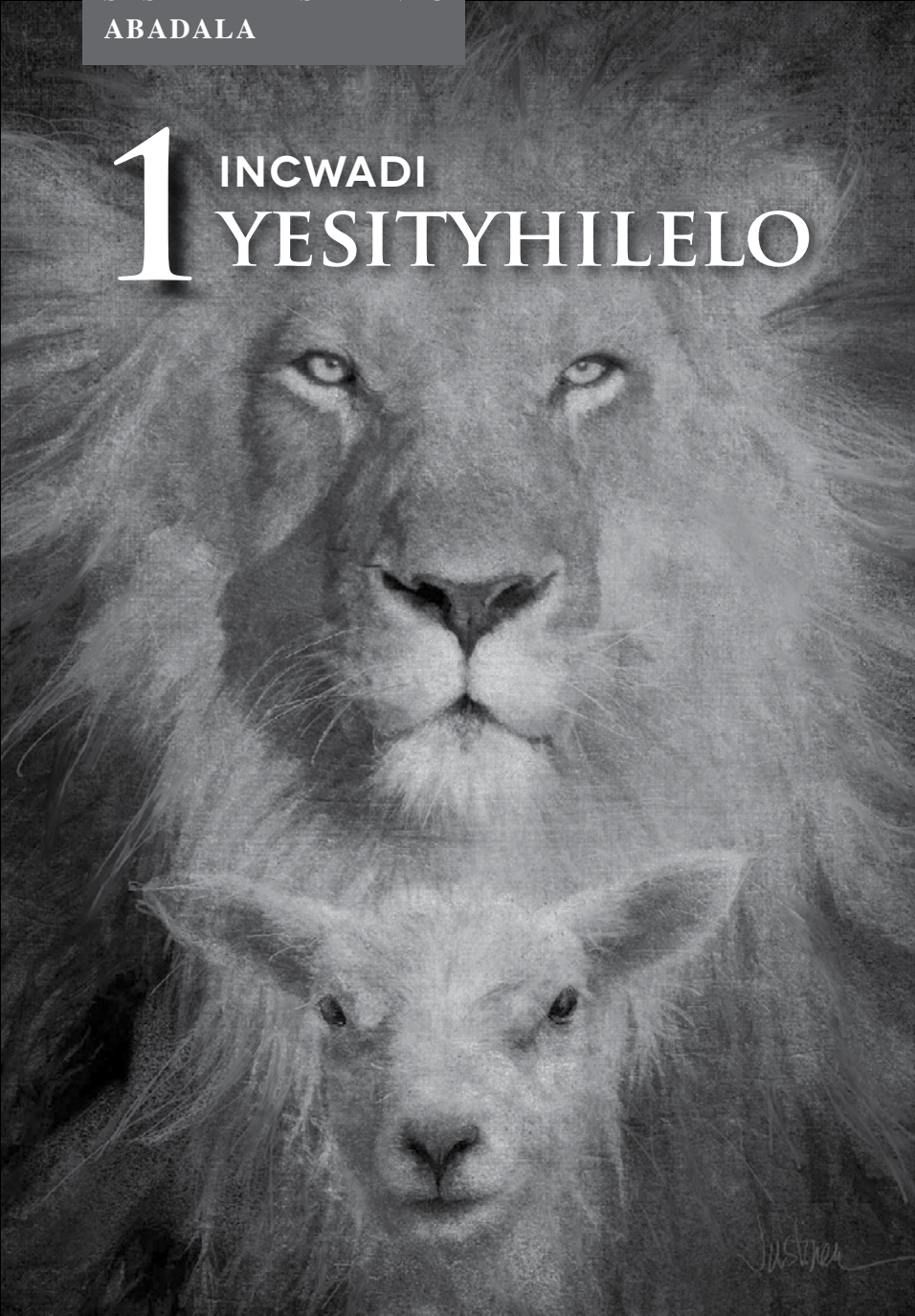


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# Iindaba Ezilungileyo Ezivela EPatimo



**P**hantse kwiinkulungwane ezimbini ezadlulayo, umpostile uYohane wayegxothelwe kwisiqithana esinamatye kakhulu sakulwandle iAegean ngenxa yobungqina bakhe obunyanisekileyo ngeendaba ezilungileyo. Ingwevu yompostile yabunyamezela bonke ubunzima bokuvalelwa kwintolongo yaseRoma. NgeSabatha ethile, wahanjelwa ngendlela ekhethekileyo nguYesu Kristu, owayeze kukhuthaza umkhonzi wakhe kwintlungu awayenayo. Kwimibono emininzi, uYesu wambonisa umfanekiso wokulandelelana kwembali yebandla kwanento abantu bakaThixo ababeza kuyifumana ekulindeleni kwabo ukubuya kweNkosi yabo.

Oko wakubonayo uYohane embonweni, wakubhala ngokuthembeka encwadini esongwayo awayinika isihloko esithi, “IsiTyhilelo sikaYesu Kristu” (IsiTy. 1:1). Incwadi awayibhalayo izeza oko uYesu abe ekwenza ezulwini kususela ukunyuka kwaKhe, noko aya kukwenza ukubuya kwaKhe. Yayijonge ukuqinisekisa amaKristu kuzo zonke izizukulwana ngobukho bukaKristu nokuwaxhasa kwaKhe ngexesha efumana izilingo zobomi bemihla ngemihla phakathi kwelizwe eliwileyo elintywile kwimbambano enkulu.

Kule kota, siza kuhla nzulu kule ncwadi. Ngenxa yokunqongophala kwendawo, asisayi kungena kwiinkcukacha ekucazululeni indima. Endaweni yoko, ngokuchukumisa nje okubanzi, siya kuqwalasela iindawo nemixholo eyintloko yale ncwadi. Abafundi baya khuthazwa ukuba bazibandakanye nokufundwayo ngokupheleleyo. Injongo kukwenza ukuba kubekho ukuqhelana nemiba ebalulekileyo yencwadi nokubona ukuba, ngokwenene,

ityhila uYesu Kristu, ubomi baKhe, ukufa kwaKhe, nolungiselelo lwaKhe ngenxa yabantu baKhe. Ukufunda kwethu IsiTyhilelo kwakhelwe phezu kwezi ngcamango zilandelayo:

1. Ukufunda kwethu IsiTyhilelo kwakhelwe phezu kwembono esekwe eBhayibhileni le yokuba iBhayibhile iphefumlelwe. Nangona izigidimi zencwadi zavela kuThixo, intetho ezithe ezo zigidimi zadluliselwa ngayo, inobuntu. Ngokusebenzisa ulwimi nemifanekiselo ephuma kwimbali yabantu bakaThixo kwiTestamente eNdala, siya kuyifumana indlela uYohane awazidlulisa ngayo ezo zigidimi.

2. Iziprofeto zesiTyhilelo zihlalutywa zisetyenziswe ngokusebenzisa indlela exhomekeke kwimbali ekuchazeni iziprofeto, nto leyo efundisa ukuba isiprofeto silandela ukuhamba kwembali, kususela kunaphakade kuse ekupheleni komhlaba. Kunokuba sifake inguqulelo esiyicingeleyo kwindima, siya kwenza unako-nako ukukhupha intsingiselo kwindima ngokwayo, sifunda ulwimi lwayo, umfanekiso ewunikayo, nendlela esetyenziswe ngayo.

3. Imo yokuhlanganiswa kwesiTyhilelo ibaluleke ngeendlela ezininzi ukuba zisetyenziswe ngenkathalo iziprofeto zencwadi. Ukuhlalutya kwethu incwadi kuza kwakhelwa kwimo yencwadi entlantlu-ntathu.:

(i) IsiTyhilelo 1:9–3:22 phambili siqwalasela imeko yamabandla emihla kaYohane; kanti ke iindima zithetha ngale meko yebandla ngokuprofeta ngalo likumaxesha awahlukeneyo embali.

(ii) IsiTyhilelo 4:1–11:18 siphinda imbali yebandla ukusuka kwixesha likaYohane kude kuse ekupheleni, sisebenzisa imifuziselo eyongeza iinkcukacha ezingaphezulu.

(iii) IsiTyhilelo 11:19–22:5 siqwalasela ngokukodwa kwixesha lokuphela.

4. Inkcazo yeziprofeto zesiTyhilelo enentsingiselo eyiyo kufuneka imiliselwe kuKristu. Incwadi yonke yabhalwa ivela ngwakwicala likaKristu. KungoKristu kuphela ethi imifuziselo nemifanekiselo yencwadi yesiTyhilelo izuze intsingiselo nokubaluleka kwayo [imifuziselo nemifanekiselo] ejonge kuyo.

IsiTyhilelo sithembisa iintsikelelo kwabo bawafundayo bawaphulaphule amazwi aso nabo bawevayo bawagcine amazwi esi siprofeto, bazigcine izinto ezibhaliweyo kuso: “Unoyolo lowo uwalesayo, kwanabo bawevayo amazwi aso isiprofeto esi, bazigcine izinto ezibhaliweyo kuso; kuba ixesha likufuphi” (IsiTy. 1:3, NKJV). Xa siyihlalutya le ncwadi niyamenywa ukuba nizifumanele izinto enidinga ukuba nizive, nizithobele, njengoko silindele ukufika kweNkosi yethu uYesu Kristu.

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