

webala eLondon ngesizathu semfazwe yama-Jamani ekwathi kwafika imikhosi emininzi yamajoni amhlope aseSouth Africa nawase-America. Ndid'e ndayibaqa se kusebusuku indlu yenkosikazi enobubele ethe yandiqesisel ibedi yodwa nge 4/- ngobusuku ukuze ndibe nokuphumla zonke ezo ntsuku ndandise-London. Enye into eyandithwalisa ubunzima yimali endandiyiphethe yaseAfrika kuba aymkelwa kwelo ; kufuneka umntu eye kubaguqli mali ayananise ngeyaseEngland, umcimbi ke lowo, kuba iibanki zikudele, zayne nazozixhuzula kanobom ngaloo nguqulo. Exejeni ndihambele nomAfrika ongu Nkosi Albert Makaula, inkosi yamaBaca eyazeka intokazi enwele zinde yase-yiba ngummi waphejeya. Ndifike sele lixhego umHlekazi lo elila ngokufuna ukugoduka, koko iimeko zingamvumeli. Namhla nje ndibalayo ma ndithi lo mnumzana usweleke nyakenye. Intombi yakhe uPrincess Irene Nomabaca Makaula isekho yona ; lugcadalala oluqhelezelayo, oluphila ngokuvuma (actress) ingoma eqongeni (stage). Inkosazana le income amacebo anoncedo emsebenzini wayo eyawafumana ku Dr. W. B. Rubusana u

'Diza 'dala kade be lukhwahlaza,
'Thambo 'dala kade bempqongqotha,
Mfene zandakhel' umkhanya,
Ndad' andayazi neyona
Indondele ngaphezu kwezinye ;
Ndiyeken' ndifundis' imfen' am ukuhlakula,
Ndiyay' dela lendinyana kathikolose,
Jomboja likaNopanyaza.

Ngenene umntu akalilibali iwabo nokuya se kudala eseizizweni.

EUROPE

Lide lafika ilixa lokuba ndimke eEngland ndingene endleleni eya eJerusalem. Sisuke ebusuku eLondon kwiVictoria Station saya eNewhaven, sakhwela aphoenqanaweni ecanda ulwandle lwesibini kolu hambo, iEnglish Channel, sahamba ngayo umgama weemayile ezima 35 saya kuhla eDieppe, France engentsimbi yesibini ekuseni. Kule nqanawa kubé kho nama-Afrika amnyama angasaziyo isiNgesi, ethetha isiFrentsi sodwa kuba ikhaya lise French Cameroons, eliya lizwe lisekhwapheni leAfrika eNtsonalanga. Kuthe kanti ndiya sigqibelisa ukusiva isiNgesi, kwanyanzeleka ukuba ndiphutha-phuthe entloko isiFrentsi endaphumelala ngaso iB.A. kudala, kodwa ndafika se silele izigcawu. Injalo yonke into engasetyenziwayo; isuke igqole, isinye, nokuba wawukhe walichule layo. Nd'amana ndihlekwa xa ndizama ukuthetha olu lwimi, ndiphelela ngoquhohoza ngokwesitiya-tiya seqaba lizama ukukhumsa. Yayawa goqululwayonke impahla yethu ngamapolisa afuna abathwele amacuba, notywala, nemipu, ingqelete yenz'e into yanye ngecalalayo ukubanda oku. Ekubeni be siyure ntathu emanzini, senz'e ezintlanu ngololiwe ukungena eParis, ikomkhulu lamaFrentsi,

idolophu ebantu bazigidi ezihlangu (5,000,000), apho umntu omnyama athandwayo ngabelungu. Andibanga saphuma esitisini ngokoyikela ukuduka, nakubeni sasimelwe ukulinda uloliwe onduluka emini emaqanda. Kub'e lithuba elide ukuyifumana indawo yokulinda (waiting room) kuba asibanzi ngako esi sitisi, sising'-ang'amfu sento engathi yidolophu okunokwayo, ndalikhumbula se kudala igama lesiFrentsi elithi "La salle," elithetha i "waiting room," sendigodole ndaluthiniko, ndafika lisusu kamnandi igumbi eli, ndazuza nethuba elide lokubalela usapho lwam ekhaya nala manqaku enz'e le ncwadi. Nditheng'e namaphephaendaba amaninzi esiFrentsi ngenjongo yokuhlaziya ulwazi lolu lwimi.

Ude wanduluka uloliwe iContinental Express, wanga uya phapha ukubaleka oku, esima kubé kanye emva kweeyure ezintathu nezine, ibe simanga ukusela kwakhe amanzi kuba akemi, koko uwasezelela esiswini egalelwe ezithebeni zeentsimbi ezibekwe endleleni le yakhe. Idolophu ezininzi ezinkulu uzidlul'e eqinisile njalo, kubé manyumnyezi ukubetha-bethana kwamavili akhe neziphambuka ezininzi zeenkasayiya (rails) zesitisi, kubonakale ukuthi angathi ekhe wakhubeka sife ngephanyazo sonke sibeyintlama edibeneyo. Sim'e kwiidolophu ezimbini kuphela yonke loo mini, eLa Roche, naseDijon igama elindikhumbuze iculo lesiSuthu elabalwa ngabefundisi bamaFrentsi. Ngokuswela um-

phako wendlela, ndizam'e ukuthenga ukutya kwezi zitisí ima kuzo le nqwelo, kodwa abatengisi baala ukundinika ngemali yase-England, bona befuna eyelizwe labo, mna nding'enayo, ndalamba ndayinketyenga. Ingqeley'eikhula ngokukhula sakusondela ezintabeni ezimalunga nomda welo lizwe, saya kungena ebusuku kwesikabadakazi eSwitzerland (izwe leentaba, ekude kwathiwa kuseluSuthu ngababali bee-nkwadi) apho sifike ikhephu liwambathise ngengubo emhlophe wonke umhlabá. Umisiwe uloliwe kwisitisi somda (frontier) iVallorbe, kwaphithizela kwa ngoko phakathi kwethu amapolisa axhobe imipu neesabile, ememeza esithi "*Passports, votre passeport, votre billet s'il vous plaît,*" okokukuthi *Passports your passports, your ticket if you please,*" abanye bavuswe ngetshoба besalele. Inde ke wena into yala matikiti kuba oonkabi abasazi kakuhle isiNgesi, bafunda bephinda-phinda, betolika, bephatha kuqwalasela nobuso bakho ukuba buyafana na nalo mfanekiso wakho usetikitini, bange bakhola bengakholwa. Ukusuka apho silisije kwingalo yokunene idike laseGeneva, isixeko esidume ngamabali eemfazwe zikaJulius Ceasar (zaphambi kokuzalwa kwenKosi), nendawo ekuxoxwa kuyo uxolo zizizwe zanamhla, sadlula eLausanne isixeko esaziwa ngentlanganiso enkulu yabeFundisi baseTshetshi, saya kungena ekuseni emdeni waseItaly, eDomodossola, wema uloliwe. Kungene amapolisa amaTaliyana enxibe iibatyi ezinamaqhosa amakhulu

abomvu, ekhwaza ngamagunya awoyikekayo efuna kwa iitikit zethu. Sihambe imini yonke imali endinayo isaliwa xa ndithenga ukutya, kusithiwa kufuneka eyase-Italy ngoku. Kuthe ukuze ndikhululwe kuloo ndlala kwangena umlungukazi oliNgesikazi owendele e-Austria wandibusa imvelaphi nempilo, ndaphendula ngokuzibika ukuswela into etyiwayo ngenxa yokukwaywa kwemali yam; wandivela usizi wandipha iinkozo ezilisumi ezifana neeseleni, phofu zingenaluqoqo. Ezi nkozo mna ndib'e ziiseleni kanti ziitiki zamaTaliyana ezibizwa ngokuba zii "Lira." Okunene ndifumene iziqhamo neezonka nenyama ngale mali, ndaphila. Ukujika kwelanga sidlule eVerona sehla eVenice ukulinda omnye uloliwe. Esi sixeko sakhelwe phakathi kolwandle oluneziqithi ezininzi ezihanjelwa ngamaphenyane abizwa ngegama elithi "gondola." Le Venice ngumzi obukekayo kanye ngenxa yezitrata ezinemilambo neebuloro ezininzi ekuhanjwa ngazo. Ndiwujikeleze kunene ndaqala ngokuguqla imali ebankini ukuze ndibe nokuthenga iintwana-ntwana ezivenkileni ndithetha ngezandla, njengokuba singaziwa mntu isingesi nesiFrentsi. Ukusuka apha sihamb'engololiwe osinga echwebeni laseTrieste, ekuthe sisahamba kwangena kule khareji yam amantombazana ayiqabe bomvu imilomo, athetha ngesi-Taliyane yayinxaki ukuxakana ngentetho, ada emka kukweso sintsopothi sokungavani ngolwimi, andisiya engathi athi sisiqihela

esingazi nto esi, akukho ngqondo, xa ezithe-thela. Singen'e se kuhlwile eTrieste isixeko esingange Kapa ngobukhulu nesimgama uzimayile ezili 1,064 ukusuka eLondon. Isikhephe ebendisiya kuso besibonakala apha esitisini, kodwa iindleko zokufuduselwa kuso zib'e li 15 leeseleni ngenxa yobuninzi fabathuthi sempahla. Emva kokutya (supper) ndiphumile enqanaweni ngokunqwenela ukubona eyeli lizwe iBayaskopu, ndahamba ithuba elide ndada ndayifumana. Phakathi imifanekiso ib'e nenkcazel ebalwe ngeelwimi endingazaziyo, kodwa latsho ndachulumacha igusu lamaAustria elalibetha zonke iingoma ngentloko linga jonganga ncwadini, into enqabileyo ~~loo~~ ^{lego} ntø. Ndiphum'e apha sendiyilifele indlela ebendize ngayo, ndaza nokwenza ndanduluka ngezitrata eziya kwicala elilimbi kunelo bendifanele ukuya kulo; ndaduka ngokulihlazo iiyure zombini ndingazi nokuba ndiphi na kuwanga-wanga lwedolophu engapele ndawo ezitrata ziyimityonydylolo engenamijiko. Kuthe xa se ndiza kudinwa, ndathanha nqwakaqhwa namapolisa, ndabuza isikhephe sam, ab'andiva intetho yam, kwayiloo nto nakwamanye, de ekugqibeleni ndabonana nepolisa elisaziyo isiFrentsi, landikhulula, landijikisa umva ukuya kwicala lenqanawa endiyifumene ngelinge-ni, se ndiphelelwe libongo lemifanekiso yebayaskophu.

Sinduluke eTrieste emini ngomhla we 17 kuMarch sangena kulwandle lwesithathu kolu-

hambo, iAdriatic Sea, eyahlula izwe lase Italy kwawase Albania, Yugo-Slavia ne Greece. I qanawa yayiyeyama Taliyane, ixinene ngabahambi, kodwa isonwabisa kuba umvalo webala awukho kuyo; ndaziva ndingumntu ke ngoko. Egumbini endandabelwe kulo sasingamadoda asithoba kungekho namnye kuwo othetha intetho endiyivayo kuba yayingama Juda nama Jamani, iyinkohla ukuncokola kodwa sithanda na ngomphunga. Ubusunzi babantu apha enqanaweni yayingamabinqa, inkulu kuwo intsini le mihla emini xa sincokola ngezandla ukwenzelala intwana yesi Frentsi endandisayikhumbula. Esinye isimanga kukuba abantu basetyhini kwezi zizwe abahlulwa-hlulwa kuya phi ezindlwini zokuhlamba, into leyo eyamana indothisa njengomntu owondliwe ngamasiko ama Ngesi. Ngecala lokupheka ezi ntlanga ziwasiya kude amawethu asema Ngesini, ndaye ndisitya izinto endingazaziyo ngamagama namhla kuba yonke into ibalwe ngesi Taliyane ephepheni lokutya (menu): Idinala ibizwa ngokuba yi Colazione; iintlobo zesophu izezi, Spaghetti palomodoro, Consumato, di pastina, Taglierini alla bolognese, zuppad'uova filate, Maccheroni; inyama iyi Petto di viletto farcito, Trancio di pesce fritto' manzo spiccato, spallato glasato; imifino iyi Palate arrote, legumi assortiti, insalata mista; isopollo iyi Pranzo. Yonke loo nto iyatyeka nkqi, ngokukodwa into apha abayenza ngenqholowa ibeyimityululu yemitya emide emhlophe ene Cheese

phakathi, ethi yakutshizwa ngetyuwa -yekka!

Ulwandle lona lulwe yonke le ndlela ngoloni hlobo lugqithisileyo kwiihambo zangaphambili. Ngecawa yomhla we 18 (March) simise e Brindisi ukukwhelisa abantu, kwathi xa simalunga nezwe lase Greece sayibonela kude i Mount Olympus engase-Athens, sanyathela umkhondo ka Pawulose o Ngewe apo waphukelwa ziinqanawa ehambisa i Vangeli. Ngomvulo singen'e kwi-Mediterranean Sea, ulwandle lwesi Ne kolu hambo, sabona isiqithi i Candia nedolophu yaso i Krete (Crete), sonke sigutyungelwe tu likhephu, nomoya ovela khona usiza nengqeletshutshisayo. Kwezi ntsuku zin'e inqanawa iphethuphethuke ngohlobo oloyikisayo, ngathi iza kutshona, iphatha kuwa ngelicala itsho zityibilike izitya nezitulo ziye ngapho, ithi ukubuya izibekise ngelinje icala ezo nto, ize ithi kunjalo ingene ngentloko emanzini iwakhe kanobom amanzi, ithi yakubuya apo ingene ngomsila inge ayikubuya iphinde ime ngohlobo lwayo; kwagulwa ngabantu kwa-kubi.

EGYPT.

Siy'e sangena ukumka kwomhla ngolwesi Bini (20 March) e Alexandria yase Jiphethe, idolophu ebanzi kakhulu, ebantu bakuma 500,000, ingabeentlanga ngeentlanga: Ama-Arab, ama-

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ayi kabuya

Slamsi, amaFrentsi, amaPhuthukezi, njalo-njalo. Ndifikele kwi hotele yodidi, ekuthiwa yi-Hotel Canal de Suez etsala iponti ngemini, apho kungekho lascalulo. Kuphawuleke apha ukuba abantu abanqula uMahomet ababuseli utywala ngenxa yomthetho wengqoboko yabo; ngoko ke awakho amanxila. Ndiv'e se ndithetha ndedwa ndisithi akwaba ubuKrestu obafakwa kuthi babungeniswe kunye nomthetho osivale-layo entselweni; ngeyisindile yonke inyambalala yamadoda amaAfrika anobuchopho neziphiko eziqwelileyo athe aphelela ebungenini, afa engayenzelanga nto iAfrika ngenxa yesi sibetho.

Izinxibo zamaJiphethe yimibinjo ngo-kufanayo kubafazi nakumadoda, phofu amanye amadodaanxibe intoapha engathi zibubulukhwe enobunkontyo bengwatyu ehlekisayo wakuyibona. Umbala wesi sizwe ngowamaLawu; yimilazinge (bambalwa) nje abantu abamnyama njengathi, nafo ibengamaSudani (Negro) awayevele kumazwe asezantsi ngaseNigeria. Mandingalibali ukuthi apha eAlexandria ndigul'e iintsuku zombini kwa ndisangena eHotel Canal de Suez yingqele enkulu esifubeni nasemqaleni, ndalala nzima kungekho nomntu wokundivelela nokundinceda. Kude kwabonakala ukuthi mandiziyele edolophini ndifune iyeza kwi Chemist ethile, kwathi ngokungavani ngentetho ndanya-nzeleka ukuba ndithetho ngezandla ukuyichaza imilimokhwe yokuxinana kwesifuba, kanti bandiqondisisile, bandinika inqobo yeyeza eliyincangathi ebomvu, ndakhululeka. Ndi-

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nduluk'e eAlexandria ngenjikalanga ngomhla wama 22 kuMarch ngololiwe ojunge kwicala laseNingizimu (South) onxusa umlambo iNile esiya eCairo. Ngumlambo osimanga lo; uliwaka leemayile ubude, uphuma kufuphi nedike lakubaGanda eliyiVictoria Nyanza apho kuna iimvula ezinkulu ukuze echwebeni lase-Alexandria kubonwe amanzi awo sel' ehamba phandle kweendonga zaho kuhlwayelwe phezu kwawo inqholowa eyakuvutwa akuwutha amanzi. Yiloo nto iBayibile inendawo ethi "Lahla isonka sakho phezu kwamanzi amaninzi, waye uya kusivuna emva kweentsuku eziniinzi." Xa ukhangele eMapini uyakubona ukuba lo mlambo ungena elwandle eAlexandria sowunezibaxa eziliqela; zizonke zisekhulwini, zikwangako neeblojo zaho esiziwelileyo. Kuth'e singaneno kweCairo sangena komnye uloliwe osinga kuLwandle oluBomvu (Red Sea), ulwandle Iwesihlanu koluhambo kuba olwesine beluyiMediterranean Sea. Idolophu esihle kuyo ebusuku yiKantara West, ekufuneke ibuye yahluzwa impahla yethu njengoko ingumda wokuphela kweJiphethe ukuya ePalestina (Palestine). Siliwelile ke uLwandle oluBomvu ngenqanawa, isithuba esizimayile ezimbawala, saya kuhla kwenye idolophu eyiKantara East, apho sifike silindelwe ngabantu abaninzi abaya kwa kule ntlanganiso siya kuyo eJerusalem, bona bevela ngecalala eliphuma eMonti, njengoko be ndixelile ekuqaleni kweli bali, nakumazwe

ase-Indiya, Japan, Singapore, China,
njalo-njalo.

PALESTINE.

Uloliwe uphum'e ebusuku eKantara ebaleka ezweni lase Palestine sixinene ngendlela embi kanye. Ekuseni liqal'e labonakala izwe lom-Sindisi wethu elimhlaba uthandeukuba mhlophe ngokwekalika, sabona imihlambi yeenkamela neembongolo ezithwele impahla, zimbi zingamaqegu abahambi, sabona nabalima umhlaba ngeepuluwa zemithi. Into ebe mbi kum kukungaphili lumfixane nesifuba nokudinwa kwomzimba luhambo, ndiqonda ukuba ndingxamele ukuphelelwa libongo naligugu. Umno weli lizwe uyelele kakhulu kwelase-Nxuba nelase Gafu (Graaff Reinet) ngemixa-wuka, nomqagala, noqexe, nokunyuka, njengakwiintaba zo Khahlamba (Drakensberg Mountains) ukusinga kwethu eZiyone; yacaca apha inyaniso ethethwa yi Bayibile kwindumiso 122, ivesi 3, ethi Jerusalem wena wakhiweyo

Ngokomzi ohlangeneyo wamnye
Apho zinyuka ziye khona izizwe,
Izizwe zika Yehova"

✓ kuba wonke lo mhlabu sikuwo uyanyuka kanye. Okunene sid'e sangena esitisini sase Jerusalem ngentsimbi yesithoba kusasa, igama lesiti libalwe ngeelwimi ezintathu, isi-Arab, nesi-Yiddish (isiJuda sanamhla) nesiNgesi. Aba-

phuthumi abasihlangabezileyo sifike bebaninzi, basikhwelisa ezimotweni eziye kusifaka kwiho-te egama liyi Notre Dame edla ama 25 eeseleni ngemini. NgomGqibelo (24 March) sifudu kele kwiNtaba yemiNquma (Mount of Olives) leyaa ikhankanya wa futhi eziBalweni eziNgcwele njenge ndawo awayethanda ukuthi-gu bu cala u Yesu aphumlethandaze kuyo. Yintaba enemithi emininzi yeminquma efana twaa nale yase-South Africa, ekuthe ndakuqhawula amaqabi ayo ndafika efana kanye nawasekhaya, ekubeni ndigoduk'e ndawathelekisa nawo. Loo nto yodwa ib'e nkulu kum njengobungqina bezinto eziseziBalweni. Abathunywa sale ntlanganiso bebonke bafikile kuma 250, iingabeentlanganiso neelwimi ezikumasumi amahlanu, kukho nama-Afrika aphuma eNigeria naseluGanda, izinxibo za bo nezama Indiya ziingamabala-bala abukekayo. Kule ndawo siyibonele ingase-Ntsonalanga i Jerusalem, isixeko esibantu bangama 75,000, esizindlu zakhiwe ngamatye, kwizitrata ezixinene kakhulu. Isitena asaziwa apha konke-na. La matye enza ukuba indlu idle imali eninzi; ma ndithi ukuzekelisa, indlu yomntu onjenge gqiqa ama £5,000 ukwakhiwa; yiloo nto ininzi nje imali yeehotele. Ndifumene enqabile ama Krestu; abona bantu baninzi ngabanqula u Mahomete nama Juda kaMosisi, achaseneyo nama Krestu. Andiwalibali amandla abantu abangabathwali beempahla kweli, beyithwala ngomqolo, ama-Arab nama-Juda. Kwa impahla yam ezi "trunks" nee *idla*

"suit-cases" ezinkulu ezifuna amadoda amabini ekhaya, okanye inqwedlana, apha umntu usuka afake intsonelo emiqhebeni yayo yonke ayithwale lula ngomhlana aye nokuba ku-phi nayo. Ndincame xa kuperethwe ipiyane (ingeyiyo i-organ), le yona iBunzima fuziponti ezima 800, oko kukuthi elingana neenxhowa ezine zombona; ithwalwa yindoda enye emhlana iyise iyodwa apha isiwa khona nokuba inyuka i- "opstezi" (up-stairs) yendlu. Ekucingeni kwam la mandla avela kwisikho lokulinganisa inkamela yona ithwala yonke into yeli lizwe emisebenzini: iibokisi, izikhotsi eginempahla, iinxhowa, kude kuye ematyeni okwakha izindlu endawabona ejingiswe ngeentsontelo macaleni omabini esi silo. Ngethamsanqa ndibonen'e apha nomntu endimaziyo uDoctor Hamilton Dyke endamqibela engumntwana oko ndandifunda esinaleni yaseMorija eluSuthu, engunyana womphathi wethu khona ngonyaka we 1899. Njengokuba ndibala nje namhla (1940) sel'ebuyele kweli lizwe waligqira kwelabat'swana; ngoko (1928) wayeligqira eJerusalem. Ngobubele obukhulu undijkelezise ngemoto yakhe wandisa eGetsemane, naseBetani, nase-Betelehem ngomqibelo ngomhla we 7 April, imini endiya kuyilibala ka-de. Siphum'e ngesango ekuthiwa yiJaffa Gate sehlela entla kwentlamboyeHinomeedume ngomlilo omkhulu wakudala, sabona kufuphi apha indawo ababemi kuyo abathunywa bakaSenakerib bebiza abakaHezekiya ezindongeni (11 Kum.

18) neNduli yeBunga leNkohlakalo (Hill of Evil Counsel) apha uKayafasi wayenendlu awathi amajuda abungela kuyo ukuceba uYesu. Ekusukeni apha sidlul'e kumFula weziGebenga apha oonyana bakaAnaki babemi khona (Num. 13) nalapho uDavide walwa amadabi amabini namaFilistiya (11 Sam. 5). Ngasekhohlo kwalathw'e intlambo ezahamba ngayo izilumko ezazilandela inkwenkwezi yosana uYesu, nalapho zadibana khona nabalus, kwa nechibi ezathi zisela kulo zabona isithunzi saloo nkwenkwezi yasemPumalanga eyayizikhokela zada zafika eJerusalem (Mat. 2). Kwa lapho naantso indawo awaphuma kuyo uElija oko wayebalekela eHorebe, intaba kaThixo; ithi gqi ke iBeteleheme ikhazimla, kumi phambi kwayo induli yeParadesi apha uHerode akuba oyis'e uAntigone (ngomnyaka 42 phambi kokuzalwa kweNkosi) wazakhela idolophu nobotwe lebongo, wangcwtyelwa kulo. Uksuka apha yintsimi awathi uYesu edlula kuyo ngenye imini ezihambel (litsho kambe ibali labantu noko lingekhoyo eBayibile) wabona indoda ihlwayela ii-ertyisi, wathi, "Uhlwayela nto ni na apha, mhlobo wam?" Impendulo yathi "amatye." Wathi uYesu, "Uya kuvuna amatye ke." Okunene yathi loo ndoda mhla yaza kuvuna, yafika zonke iinkozo, ebizigqibele zilungile, zijke zangamatye! Ngasekunene sikhe sema sondela inchwaba likaRakeli apha wafela khona umfazi kaYakobi esenimbeni yokuzala uBenjamin, ekumkeni kwabo eBethel

emva Kwenombe

6efudukela eHebron (Gen. 35). Le ndawo
 inqulwa ngabantu beenkolo zonke, amajuda
 kaMosisi, amaslamsikaMahomete, namakholwa
 kaKrestu, abafazi balile esimantsiyane batsho
 ngesimbonono lusizi lokuvelana nomnye
 umfazi. Singen'ile eBeteleheme siy'e kundawo
 awazalelwa kuyo uYesu, safika kumi phezu
 kwayo inzwana yetyalike ebizwa ngokuba yi-
 "Tyalike yokuZalwa kweNkosi" ("Church of
 the Nativity"). Yeyona tyalike indala kuzo
 zonke ezikhoyo ePalestina, kuba y'akhiwa
 ngexesa likaKumkanikazi uHelena, ngomnyaka
 380, yaye ikuphela kwecawa esemi njengoko
 yakhiwa yanjalo. Ineentsika ezili 16 eziqi-
 ngewe zalingana zaphakama iinyawo ezima 20
 iinye, ngelitye elibuthelezi, elimhlophe, eligude
 ngokweglassi (marble). Ngangobukhulu no-
 bunzima bazo andazi ukuba z'athwalwa njani
 na ukusiwa khona nokugxunyekwa? Usudala
 bazo yiminyaka eli 1,400; isimanga sombono,
 esi. Sifike xa ziphakathiinkonzo zesikhumbuzo
 sokufa kwenKosi kuba yayilusuku olulandela
 ulwesiHlanu oluNgcwele. Ngenxa yokufu-
 mbelana komhlaba iminyaka ngeminyaka oko
 yazalwayo inKosi, le tyalike se imi phezulu
 l'e kuyona ndawo zenzeka kuyo iziganeko
 ekungazo. Ngoko ke sinikw'e izibane zokuba
 sihle sikhanyisa [ngazo ebumnyameni] ngazo
 ebumnyameni kumanyathelo (steps) ahlayo
 amatye ukuya esitalini kanye eso wabelekelwa
 kuso umNtwana, saboniswa umkhumbi (man-
 ger) wamahase apho wayesongelwe khona



Nge kohlo yi Getesemané; ngasekunene, pam bili yi Jerusalem; nganeno ezinteneni yi
 Niaba yemi-Nguma.

ngunina, baye abafazi bethe gqolo ukulaanga ngeziphokolo (kisses) elo litye. Salathiswe nalapho iizaazi zasemPumalanga zazihleli khona mhla zasiya izipho zegolide nentlaka'mhlophe. Eso sibane ndisa sigcinile njenge sikhumbuzo sohambelo lwam apho. IBeteleheme le yabe isisixeko sakwaJuda apho bazalelwka khona oo nKosi Elimeleki, noNaomi, noBohazi, noObede, noJesse, noDavide, noYesu. Funda eBayibileni kuRute 1; 1 Sam. 16, 17; 11 Sam. 2; 23; 1 Kron. 11; Mika 5; Luka 2; Mat. 1; uzanelise.

Abafazi baseBeteleheme, phantsi kweeqhiya zentloko banxiba umnqwazana onamaqhoza athile athungelweyo ekuthiwa alatha inani lekhazi abalotyolwe ngalo. La maqhosa bwagcina ngenkathalo enkulu kunene. Kuthelekelelwka ukuba inKosi yayicinga ngawo mhla yathetha umzekeliso othi nguwuphi na umfazi ongathi enamaqhoza akhe esilivere elisumi, elahlakelwe lelinye lawo, angancumeki isibane, ayitshayele indlu, alifune ngenzondelelo ade alifumane? Kwakhona ama-Arab alapha anesiko lawo lokuthi, xa abantwana besebancinci, bavule into enkulu efana nengufo engqinqwa bangenekuyo bonke balale kunye abazali nabantwana abo bezisongele ngayo. Kuthiwa ke uYesu wayecinga ngale nto ngokuya aze enze umzekeliso othi, wathi umntu akunqonqoza endlwini yothile, waala uthile lowo ukumvulela, ekhala ngelithi umnyango sel' ewuvalile, baye abantwana bakhe belele kuye esililini sakhe.

Indlela ephuma eBeteleheme iya eHebrane indawo eyaziwa ngebali lika-Abraham owathi efuna ukunchwaba umkakhe uSara wathenga umqolomba wakwesikaMakhaphela (Machpelah) owasuka wase wuba yindawo yokunchwabesa yena ngokwakhe, noYisaka, noRebeka, noLeya, noYakobi omzimba waziswa apha uvela ejiphethe. Phezu kwalo mqolomba, namhla kumi iqakatyelikhulu letyalike yamaSlamsi eyiwanangamaJuda, aye kulilaisimbononokuyo yonke le minyaka imakhulu mahlanu imi. I-Hebron le liziko lamasifini awaye kho kwa kwixesa likaDavide: ukwenziwa kweglassi, ukuluka uboya bebokwe, ukuphaalwa kwezikhumba, ukubunjwa kweengqayi, urwebo lweziqhamo (Funda kwiNum. 13, ivesi 23). Xaulapha sowukufuphi eBerezeba (Beersheba), idolophu yokugqibela ngecalalaseZantsi (South) lelizwe lamaSirayeli, njengoko intetho eqhelekileyo yeBayibile iye ithethe ngokusuka eNtla kwesikaDan kuye eBerezeba, kodwa apha kuseluqayini kuba yindawo eyodwa enohlaza (oasis) oluławulwe ngumqwebedu wentlango.

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ISIXEKO SOKUMKANI OMKHULU.

Ukuze le mbali ihambe kakuhle ma khesichaze inkqu Jerusalem ngokupheleleyo, sandule ukubuya siphumele emaphandleni ayo.

Be sesith'e iilwimi zintathu ezisetyenziswa apha; kanti ke zazintathu kwa kudala kuba umVangeli uJohane (19, iivesi 19-20) uthi "Kekaloku uPilato wabala nombalo, wawubeka phezu komnqamlezo. Kwaye ke kubaliwe kwathiwa: uYesu wase-Nazareth, uKumkani wamaJuda. Lombalognoko into eninzi yamaJuda yawulesa; ngokuba indawo uYesu awayebethelwelwe kuyo emnqamlezweni yayikufuphi nomzi; kwaye ke kubaliwe ngesiHebere nangesiGrike nangesi-Roma."

ITEMPILE KASOLOMON.

NgolwesiBini (3 April) sinikw'e imbeko yokuboniswa isikhundla seTempile kaSolomon. IziBalo zithi eyakudala yayaakhiwe ngomthiwaseLebanone, koko ayisekho leyo; namhla kumi ityalike (mosque) yamaSlamsi kaMahomete (Mosque of Omar), inzwana ekuthiwayenye yezona zakhiwo zihle ehlabathini. Ibonakala ngokucacileyo naphaya phezu kweNtaba yemiNquma. Kwa sisangena sikhululiswe izixathula kwathiwa ma sihambe ngeenyawo okanye siqese ezamaSlamsi, ngendliso umntu ngamnye, hleze siyincholise ngobuKrestu bethu. Ubusanzi bale ndawoyale Tempile (Temple Area) ngumhlaba ozii-akile zima 35, phezu kwezo nduli zeMorija. Amabali ayo alisumi elinanye, angumangaliso onke. Naanga: (1) Yilaa ndawo uAbraham wathunywa nguThixo oko-

kuba athabathe unyana wakhe amenze idini kuyo. Funda kwiGenesis 22, iivesi 1-14. (2) Yayisisanda sokubula inqholowa yamaJebusi. (3) Yayisiikhundla seTabanekele yamhla-mnene. (4) Kulapho uDavide wamisa isibingelelo sakhe phezu kolo lwalwa lukhulu lukhoyo nangoku. (5) USolomon waakha iTempile yakhe apha eyabuya yatshatyalaliswa ngamaBabilone ngomnyaka we 1,000 phambi kozalwo lwenKosi yethu. (6) Emva koko uZerubabeli waakha eyakhe iTempile. (7) Wamisa eyakhe uHerode wexesa likaYesu emva koko. (8) Yadilizwa leyo nguTitusi. (9) Yavuswa nguHadriane, yena eyimisela isithixo esinguJupitere, kodwa yadilizwa ziintsaBa zakhe ngomnyaka wama 277 ezelwe uYesu. (10) Kwaakhiwa ityalike ngoku ngu-Justiniane ngomnyaka wama 530, umfo owayvela eByzantiume, kodwa (II) amaSlamsi kaMahomete ayithimba ngomnyaka wama 600 yayeyawo unanamhla, kuba elawo ibango lithi uMahomete umnt' akaThixo wayelapha, wada ekupheleni kobomi bakhe wanyuselwa ezulwini ehleli, ekhwel'e phezu kwenkabi yakhe ebomvu yehase lobu-gqi (magic), waza watshonela phezulu emafini unangoku. Naaso ke isizathu *ekabani* sokuba thina sifike kuphethe wona kule ndawo, nomnqua ingowawo. Ngenxa yokufumbe-lela kwomhlaba ethubeni leminyaka ngeminyaka, neenkulungwane ngeenkulungwane, ulwalwa lwamhla-mnene lwestibingelelo sika-Abraham selukwindawo esezantsi emakuhiwe

ngezibane kumabanga (steps) amatye, lubonakale ulwalwa olu lusesithoko-thokweni sobumnyama. Yayilapha laa Tempile uYesu wayesaku sumayela futhi kuyo, ukuze ngenye imini abukuqe iitafile zaBaananisi beemali, ababethe abaŋwebi ngenziniya (kutshiwo ngomnye umbalisi). Yindawo eyaba soloko isisazulu esiraqwe zizakhiwo ezininzi. Lilapha iSango eliHle (The Golden Gate) awangena ngalo uYesu ngobugoja ekhokele isihlwele sabalandeli. Imbalu yokubulwa kwenqholowa ikwiziKronike zokuqala, isahluko sama 21; eyemithi eyasetyenziswa nguSolomon ikwinewadi yokuqala yooKumkani, 5, iivesi 8-10. Malunga nebali likaMahomete, amaSlamsi athi igama lehase lakhe lalinguBarukhe ("Um-Bane") inkabi eyayinamaphiko okubaba, neyababa ngawo ukuze iye kutsho phezulu ezulwini!

INCHWABA LENKOSI.

INchwaBa lenKosi yenze yeZona ndawo zifunwa ukubonwa ngabantu abahambele iJerusalem; lona ligqunywe ngumthunzi we-Cawa enkulu yamaTshetshi egama lithi "ITyalike yeNchwaBa eliNgcwele" (The Church of the Holy Sepulchre) emi phezu kwendulana yeGologota, iKalvari, imelene nendawo awaxhonywa kuyo ekuthiwa linchwaBa likaJosefu waseArimateya. Phantsi kwayo, naphezulu nasemacaleni ziintunja ngeentunja

zokuhamba kwaabantu emnyameni emiqolombeni eyenz'iwa kumaxesa ngamaxesa kwelithuba leenkulungwane zimbini ekuthe kulo wasenxa umhlabba, kwadilizwa futhi ziimfazwe. Amabandla ngamabandla aqhuba iinkonzo zawo ngaxesa nye apha: elamaFranciscans libedesa ngesiLatin, elamaGrike ngesiGrike, elamaKoptiki ngesiJiphethe, aphamba-phambane amazwi abo okucula nokuthetha kuba bonke bagumbini linye, batsho ngesivube-vube. NamaAbyssinia alapha phezu kophahla ngebango lokuba azalwa nguSolomon nge-Kumkanikazi yaseΣeba, yaye ityeya yoCebano yamandulo yafhlwa ndaweni ithile ezweni lawo ekwathi mhla yafika eAfrika waba uYehova uwalahlile amaSirayeli wafaka ama-Abyssinia endaweni yawo ebukumkanini bakhe.

INTABA YEMINQUMA.

Intaba yemiNquma nayo ineembali zayo: Kudala kwakukho ifisini lokwenza amafutha akhanywa kule mithi. Iyodwa imithi esibozo emikhulu, imixanduva eziyu ngathi ngamatye, ebudala buziinkulungwane. Umntu walapha uyalatha ngomnwe indawo awathi kuyo uJudasi wayingcatsha inKosi ngokuyaanga, athi naantsi. Imithi le nokuba asiyiyo kanye leya uYesu wayesakuphumla phantsi kwayo, yinzala yayo. Umhlabba wale minquma wayamene nehlathana leGetsemane. "Ngelo

xesa ufika uYesu nabo kumhlatyana ekuthiwa yiGetsemane; athi kubafundi, Hlalani phantsi apha, ndikhe ndiye kuthandaza phaya." (Mat. 26 ivesi 36). Nathi siy'e eGetsemane ngobusuku bolwesiNe obandulela ulwesiHlanu oluNgcwele, saya kuthandaza ithuba elide sicinga mhla uYesu wathandaza ubusuksu bonke esezintlungwini zokulindela ukubulawa kwakhe ngengomso. Umhlabba walapha unbala elimhlophe. Ndiwukhile ngenxhowana ndawugcina ndada ndagoduka nawo; usekum unanamhla.

Ukusuka eGetsemane ukuya edolphini eJerusalem umntu uqala awele umfulana weKidrone okhankanya futhi eBayibileni kuba nguwo owahlula induli yemiNquma kwidolophu le. Inkolo yamaJuda namaSlamsi ithi umgwebo wokugqibela uya kusingathelwa kule ntlanjana yeKidrone; amanzi ayo anganelia kwisihlambo sikaJehosafate. Enye indawo ebalulekileyo luDonga lweziJwili (The Wailing Wall), okanye iLongwe leziLilo, olubude bungamanyathelo (yards) ama 50, umphakamo uzinyawo (feet) ezima 60; lw'enziwa ngamatyekazi amakhulu ekuthe ezimfantenzi zawo kwada kwamila incha, namarabe, notyuthu. Kuthiwa oludonga luyintsalela eyasiyeka kwiTempile okuya yayidilizwe ngu-Titus. AmaJuda ke eza apha ukuba kulilela ukubanga kobukumkani bukaSirayeli, nokutshabalala kobundanga-ndanga nobukhazi-khazi babo safamlibe. Isiko lokulila lisiko elidala

emaJudeni, nelivakala futhi kwiTestamente enDala: Funda kuMika 1, ivesi yesi 8, "Ngoko ke ndiya kumbambazela, ndibombo-loze; ndiya kuhamba ndibunyulwe, ndasiywa ndi-ze; ndiya kukhala njenge mpungutye. ndilile njenge nciniba." (I will make a wailing like the dragons and mourning as the owls: Ndiya kwenza isimema esifana nesezinyobolokondwane nesinqhala esifana nesezikhova). Funda kuIsaya 59, iivesi 10-11: "Siyaphutha-phutha njengemfama eludogeni; siya phutha-phutha njenga bangenamehlo; sikhubeka emini enkulu ngathi kungonchwalazi, phakathi kwabaxhamla ubomi ngathi singabafleyo. Siya vungama njengebere sonke siphela; sidumzela sidumzele njenga mahofe kabuhlungu."

Ngalo nyaka wohambelo lwam umLungiseli wamaTshethi eJerusalem yayingu Bishop MacInnes (osel' eswelekile namhla), umntu onobubele, kakhulu, nowathabatha inkxamleko ukusisonisa esi sixeko sakhe. Wasalathisa ichibi leSiloam, esithi ikufuphi apha indawo awazalelwu kuyo uSamuweli nenchwaba lakhe; nentlambo eyiHinome eyayinomlilo omkhulu wesikhohlakali sakudala uMoloki; nendawo apha wazixhoma khona emthini uJudasi; nendlu kaDavide okanye inxowa layo; nodonga luka Uzziah noluka Nehemiya olunezibakala ezisemi okoko; nenkundla elathethwa kuyo ityala likaYesu nguPilato ukuze agwetywe; nechibi leBetesayida; nesango labaPostile

ekuthiwa leliHle. Ngenye imini 'usihambise endleleni yamatye ebizwa ngokuña yiNdlela yoSizi (Via Dolorosa) apha wanyathela khona umSindisi ngeentsuku zokumangalelwu kwa-khe. NgeCawa yomhla 1 April usikhokele wasisa kwindlela ephuma ngaseBetani sa-hamba singumkhoko, ngomkhondo awayekhwele ngawo etholeni lembongolo uYesu, esandlalelwu amahlamvu osundu, uhambo olwaluyinkonzo, umntu ahambe ethandaza, engancokoli nosecaleni lakhe. IBetani le izimayile ezintathu endleleni esinga eJeriko. Ukusuka khona sinyuk'e iqhina elide ngendlela eyenziwe phakathi kwamatye amhlophe aphantse ukungathi ngamaqhekeza ekalika; ubuso bethu bukhangele eNtshonalanga ngecala leJerusalem, intaba yemiNquma ikwingalo yasekunene. Ngenxa yobunzima beqhina, sihambe sibeka iphika, kodwa kwakho mthunywa uthile osel' eyindoda eqinileyo inobuthaka bentliziyo, si, bon'e igileka isiwa iphelelwu ngamandla (fainting). Ibange usizi le nto, kwemiswa, wathantanyiswa wada wa buya waxomoloza, kwahanjwa, yena etyhalwa emqolo yenyi indoda ekwakhulile, mna ndancedisa ukutyhala loo ndoda sada saligqiba iqhina. Kuthe xa sivela phezu komfula weKidrone kwisihlambo sikaJehosafate, umkhoko wemiswa, wathi uBishop MacInnes kulapho uYesu waqala khona ukukhwela embongolweni etshayeletwa ngabantwana abavuma ingoma engu "Hosana." Siqhubele