11. Abaphostoli nabo basebenza ngalo ngaleso sikhathi.

12. Abaphostoli abakaze baphumule ngalo.

13. UKristu akakaze alubusise.

14. Alukaze lubusiswe yinoma yiliphi igunya likaNkulunkulu.

15. Alukaze lungcweliswe.

16. Akukaze kunikwe mthetho ophoqa ukuba lugcinwe, ngakho akukona ukweqa ukusebenza ngalo. "Lapho kungekho mthetho, akukho ukweqa." KwabaseRoma 4:15. (Bheka futhi 1 kaJohane 3:4.)

17. ITestamente Elisha alikwenqabeli ndawo ukuba kusetshenzwe ngalo.

18. Ayikho inhlawulo ebekiwe yokungalugcini.

19. Asikho isibusiso esithenjisiwe sokulugcina.

20. Azikho izimiso ezinikiwe zokuthi kufanele lugcinwe kanjani. Ingabe bekuyoba kanjalo uma iNkosi ibifuna silugcine?

21. Alukaze lubizwe ngokuthi iSabatha lamaKristu.

22. Alukaze lubizwe nhlobo ngokuthi usuku lweSabatha.

23. Alukaze lubizwe ngokuthi usuku lweNkosi.

24. Alukaze lubizwe ngisho ngokuthi usuku lokuphumula.

25. Alikho igama elingcwele olwake lwabizwa ngalo. Pho kungani kufanele silubize ngokuthi lungcwele?

26. Lubizwa nje ngokuthi "usuku lokuqala lweviki."

27. UJesu akakaze alukhulume nganoma iyiphi indlela, akakaze alibize igama lalo ngomlomo wakhe, ngokwalokho okulotshiwe.

28. Igama elithi iSonto alitholakali nhlobo eBhayibhelini.

29. UNkulunkulu, noKristu, nabantu abaphefumulelwe abakaze basho ngisho nezwi elilodwa elisekela iSonto njengosuku olungcwele.

30. Usuku lokuqala lweviki lushiwo izikhathi eziyisishiyagalombili kuphela kulo lonke iTestamente Elisha. (uMathewu 28:1; uMarku 16:2, 9; uLuka 24:1; uJohane 20:1, 19; IzEnzo 20:7; 1 KwabaseKorinte 16:2)

31. Eziyisithupha kulezi zindima zikhuluma ngalo lolo suku lokuqala lweviki olulodwa.

32. UPawulu wayala abangcwele ukuba bahlole izindaba zabo zomhlaba ngalolo suku. (1 KwabaseKorinte 16:2.)

33. Kulo lonke iTestamente Elisha sinombiko womhlangano owodwa kuphela wenkonzo owabanjwa ngalolo suku, futhi nawo lowo kwakungumhlangano wasebusuku. (IzEnzo 20:5-12.)

34. Akukho nokukhomba okuncane kokuthi bake baba nomhlangano ngalo ngaphambi noma emva kwalokho.

35. Kwakungesilo isiko labo ukuhlangana ngalolo suku.

36. Kwakungekho mfuneko yokuthi kuhlephulwe isinkwa ngalolo suku.

37. Sinombiko wesenzakalo esisodwa kuphela lapho kwenziwa khona lokho. (IzEnzo 20:7.)

38. Lokho kwenziwa ebusuku—emva kwesigamu sobusuku. (Amavesi 7-11.) UJesu wakugubha ngoLwesine kusihlwa (uLuka 22), futhi abafundi ngezinye izikhathi babekwenza nsuku zonke (IzEnzo 2:42-46).

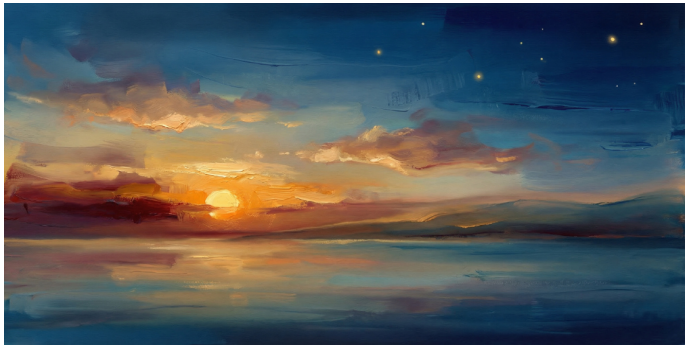
39. IBhayibheli alisho ndawo ukuthi usuku lokuqala lweviki luyisikhumbuzo sokuvuka kukaKristu. Lokhu kuyisiko labantu, eliphikisana nomthetho kaNkulunkulu. (uMathewu 15:1-9.) Ubhapathizo luyisikhumbuzo sokufa, sokungcwatshwa, nesokuvuka kukaJesu. (KwabaseRoma 6:3-5.)

40. Ekugcineni, iTestamente Elisha lithule du mayelana nanoma yikuphi ukuguqulwa kosuku lweSabatha noma ubungcwele obuthile bosuku lokuqala.

Ukuze uthole ulwazi olwengeziwe ngalokhu, noma ngamanye amaqiniso abalulekile eBhayibheli, sicela uxhumane nalaba abalandelayo:

UMBUZO NGESABATHA

AMAQINISO EBHAYIBHELI AYIKHULU



"KUNGANI kufanele sigcine usuku lweSabatha? Iyini injongo yeSabatha? Lenziwa ngubani? Lenziwa nini, futhi lenzelwa bani? Yiluphi usuku oluyiSabatha leqiniso?"

Amaqiniso EBhayibheli Angamashumi Ayisithupha Ngosuku Lwesikhombisa

Abaningi bagcina usuku lokuqala lweviki, noma iSonto. Yiliphi igunya leBhayibheli abanalo ngalokhu? Abanye bagcina usuku lwesikhombisa, noma uMgqibelo. Yimuphi umBhalo abanawo ngalokho? Nanka amaqiniso ngazo zombili lezi zinsuku, njengoba echazwe ngokusobala eZwini likaNkulunkulu:

1. Ngemva kokusebenza izinsuku eziyisithupha zokuqala zeviki edala lo mhlaba, uNkulunkulu omkhulu waphumula ngosuku lwesikhombisa. (Genesise 2:1-3.)

2. Lokhu kwaluphawula lolo suku njengosuku lokuphumula lukaNkulunkulu, noma usuku lweSabatha, ngoba usuku lweSabatha lusho usuku lokuphumula. Isibonelo: Uma umuntu ezalwa ngosuku oluthile, lolo suku luba usuku lwakhe lokuzalwa. Ngokunjalo, lapho uNkulunkulu ephumula ngosuku lwesikhombisa, lolo suku lwaba usuku lwakhe lokuphumula, noma usuku lweSabatha.

3. Ngakho usuku lwesikhombisa kumelwe luhlale lungusuku lweSabatha lukaNkulunkulu. Ungaluguqula yini usuku lwakho lokuzalwa, ulususe osukwini owazalwa ngalo, uluyise osukwini ongazalwanga ngalo? Cha. Ngokunjalo awunakuluguqula usuku lokuphumula lukaNkulunkulu uluyise osukwini angaphumulanga ngalo. Ngakho usuku lwesikhombisa lusengusuku lweSabatha lukaNkulunkulu.

4. UMdali walubusisa usuku lwesikhombisa. (Genesise 2:3.)

5. Walungcwelisa usuku lwesikhombisa. (Eksodusi 20:11.)

6. Walwenza usuku lweSabatha ensimini yase-Edene. (Genesise 2:1-3.)

7. ISabatha lenziwa ngaphambi kokuwa komuntu esonweni; ngakho alisiwo umfanekiso; ngoba imifanekiso yangeniswa kuphela emva kokuwa.

8. UJesu uthi lenzelwa umuntu (uMarku 2:27), okusho ukuthi, lenzelwa isintu sonke, ngoba igama elithi umuntu lapha alinamkhawulo; ngakho, lenzelwa abezizwe kanye namaJuda.

9. Liyisikhumbuzo sendalo. (Eksodusi 20:11; 31:17.) Njalo lapho siphumula ngosuku lwesikhombisa, njengoba uNkulunkulu enza ngesikhathi sendalo, sikhumbula leso senzakalo esikhulu.

10. Lanikwa u-Adamu, inhloko yesintu. (uMarku 2:27; Genesise 2:1-3.)

11. Ngakho ngaye, njengommeleli wethu, lanikwa zonke izizwe. (IzEnzo 17:26.)

12. Alisona isimiso samaJuda, ngoba lenziwa eminyakeni engama-2,300 ngaphambi kokuba kube khona umJuda.

13. IBhayibheli alikaze lilibize ngokuthi iSabatha lamaJuda, kodwa njalo lithi "iSabatha likaJehova uNkulunkulu wakho." Abantu kufanele baqaphele indlela abaluthuka ngayo usuku olungcwele lokuphumula lukaNkulunkulu.

14. Kubhekiselwa ngokusobala eSabatheni naseviki yezinsuku eziyisikhombisa kuyo yonke inkathi yokhokho. (Genesise 2:1-3; 8:10, 12; 29:27, 28, njll.)

15. ISabatha laliyingxenye yomthetho kaNkulunkulu ngaphambi kweSinayi. (Eksodusi 16:4, 27-29.)

16. Kwathi uNkulunkulu walibeka enhliziyweni yomthetho wakhe wokuziphatha. (Eksodusi 20:1-17.) Kungani walibeka lapho uma lalingafani neminye imiyalo eyisishiyagalolunye, bonke abavuma ukuthi ayiguquki?

17. ISabatha losuku lwesikhombisa layalwa ngezwi likaNkulunkulu ophilayo. (Duteronomi 4:12, 13.)

18. Wabe esebhala lowo myalo ngomunwe wakhe. (Eksodusi 31:18.)

19. Wawuqopha etsheni elihlala njalo, okubonisa ukuthi awusoze wabhubha. (Duteronomi 5:22.)

20. Wagcinwa ngobungcwele emphongolweni endaweni engcwelengcwele. (Eksodusi 40:20,21; 1 AmaKhosi 8:9; IsAmbulo 11:19.)

21. UNkulunkulu wakwenqabela ukusebenza ngeSabatha, ngisho nangezikhathi ezimatasa kakhulu. (Eksodusi 34:21.)

22. UNkulunkulu wabhubhisa ama-Israyeli ehlane ngoba ayelingcolisa iSabatha. (Hezekeli 20:12, 13.)

23. Liyisibonakaliso sikaNkulunkulu weqiniso, esimazi ngaso ukuthi wehlukile konkulunkulu bamanga. (Hezekeli 20:20.)

24. UNkulunkulu wathembisa ukuthi iJerusalema lalizohlala limi kuze kube phakade uma amaJuda ayengaligcina iSabatha. (Jeremiya 17:24, 25.)

25. Wabathumela ekuthunjweni eBabele ngenxa yokuliphula. (Nehemiya 13:18)

26. Wabhubhisa iJerusalema ngenxa yokwephulwa kweSabatha. (Jeremiya 17:27.)

27. UNkulunkulu umemezele isibusiso esikhethekile kubo bonke abezizwe abayoligcina. (Isaya 56:6, 7.)

28. Lokhu kusesiprofethweni esikhuluma ngokuphelele ngenkathi yobuKristu. (Bheka Isaya 56.)

29. UNkulunkulu uthembise ukubusisa bonke abagcina iSabatha. (Isaya 56:2.)

30. INkosi ifuna silibize ngokuthi "lihloniphekile." (Isaya 58:13.) Qaphelani, nina enithokoza ngokulibiza ngokuthi "iSabatha elidala lamaJuda," "ijoka lobugqila," njll.

31. Ngemva kokuba iSabatha elingcwele linyathelwe phansi "izizukulwane eziningi," kumelwe libuyiselwe ezinsukwini zokugcina. (Isaya 58:12, 13.)

32. Bonke abaprofethi abangcwele babelugcina usuku lwesikhombisa.

33. Lapho iNdodana kaNkulunkulu ifika, yalugcina usuku lwesikhombisa impilo yayo yonke. (uLuka 4:16; uJohane 15:10.) Ngalokho yalandela isibonelo sikaYise ngesikhathi sendalo. Ingabe ngeke siphephe yini uma silandela isibonelo sikaBaba kanye neNdodana?

34. Usuku lwesikhombisa lungusuku lweNkosi. (Bheka IsAmbulo 1:10; uMarku 2:28; Isaya 58:13; Eksodusi 20:10.)

35. UJesu wayeyiNkosi yeSabatha (uMarku 2:28), okusho ukuthi, ukulithanda nokulivikela, njengoba indoda iyinkosi yomkayo, ukuze imthande futhi imnakekele (1 kaPetru 3:6).

36. Walivikela iSabatha njengesimiso somusa esenzelwe okuhle komuntu. (uMarku 2:23-28.)

37. Esikhundleni sokulichitha iSabatha, wafundisa ngokucophelela ukuthi kufanele ligcinwe kanjani. (uMathewu 12:1-13.)

38. Wafundisa abafundi bakhe ukuthi ngosuku lweSabatha bangenzi lutho ngaphandle kwalokho "okuvunyelweyo." (uMathewu 12:12.)

39. Wayala abaphostoli bakhe ukuthi iSabatha kumelwe lihlonishwe ngomthandazo ngisho eminyakeni engamashumi amane emva kokuvuka kwakhe. (uMathewu 24:20.)

40. Abesifazane abesaba uNkulunkulu ababehamba noJesu balugcina ngokucophelela usuku lwesikhombisa emva kokufa kwakhe. (uLuka 23:56.)

41. Eminyakeni engamashumi amathathu emva kokuvuka kukaKristu, uMoya oNgcwele ulibiza ngokusobala ngokuthi " usuku lweSabatha." (IzEnzo 13:14.)

42. UPawulu, umphostoli wabezizwe, walibiza ngokuthi "usuku lweSabatha" ngo-A.D. 45. (IzEnzo 13:27.) Ingabe uPawulu wayengazi? Noma kufanele sikholwe abafundisi banamuhla, abathi layeka ukuba yiSabatha ekuvukeni kukaKristu?

43. ULuka, umlobi wemilando ongumKristu owaphefumulelwa nguNkulunkulu, ebhala ngisho nango-A.D. 62, ulibiza ngokuthi "usuku lweSabatha." (IzEnzo 13:44.)

44. Abezizwe abaphendukile balibiza ngokuthi iSabatha. (IzEnzo 13:42.)

45. Emkhandlwini omkhulu wamaKristu, ngo-A.D. 49, phambi kwabaphostoli nezinkulungwane zabafundi, uJakobe ulibiza ngokuthi "usuku lweSabatha." (IzEnzo 15:21.)

46. Kwakuyisiko ukuba nemihlangano yomthandazo ngalolo suku. (IzEnzo 16:13.)

47. UPawulu wayefunda imiBhalo emihlanganweni yomphakathi ngalolo suku. (IzEnzo 17:2, 3.)

48. Kwakuyisiko lakhe ukushumayela ngalolo suku. (IzEnzo 17:2, 3.)

49. Incwadi yezEnzo yodwa inombiko wokuthi wabamba imihlangano engamashumi ayisishiyagalombili nane ngalolo suku. (Bheka IzEnzo 13:14, 44; 16:13; 17:2; 18:4, 11.)

50. Akukaze kube khona ukuphikisana phakathi kwamaKristu namaJuda ngosuku lweSabatha. Lokhu kuwubufakazi bokuthi amaKristu ayesalugcina lona lolo suku amaJuda ayelugcina.

51. Kuwo wonke amacala ababembeka ngawo uPawulu, abakaze bammangalele ngokungalunaki usuku lweSabatha. Kungani bengenzanga kanjalo, uma wayengalugcini?

52. Kodwa uPawulu uqobo lwakhe wamemezela ngokusobala ukuthi wayewugcinile umthetho. "Angonanga lutho, noma ngasemthethweni wamaJuda, noma ngasethempelini, noma ngakuKesari." IzEnzo 25:8. Lokhu bekungaba yiqiniso kanjani uma wayengaligcinanga iSabatha?

53. ISabatha lishiwo eTestamenteni Elisha izikhathi ezingamashumi amahlanu nesishiyagalolunye, futhi njalo ngenhlonipho, libizwa ngegama elifanayo nelalibizwa ngalo eTestamenteni Elidala, " usuku lweSabatha."

54. Alikho nelilodwa izwi elishiwo noma kuphi eTestamenteni Elisha mayelana nokuthi iSabatha lachithwa, lasuswa, laguqulwa, noma okunye okunjalo.

55. UNkulunkulu akakaze anike muntu imvume yokusebenza ngalo. Mfundi, ngaliphi igunya osebenzisa ngalo usuku lwesikhombisa emsebenzini ojwayelekile?

56. Akekho umKristu weTestamente Elisha, noma ngaphambi noma emva kokuvuka, owake wenza umsebenzi ojwayelekile ngosuku lwesikhombisa. Thola isibonelo esisodwa esinjalo, bese siyeka ukuphikisana ngalolu daba. Kungani kufanele senze okuhlukile kunamaKristu aseBhayibhelini?

57. Akukho mbiko wokuthi uNkulunkulu wake wasisusa isibusiso sakhe noma ukungcweliswa kwakhe osukwini lwesikhombisa.

58. Njengoba iSabatha lagcinwa e-Edene ngaphambi kokuwa, kanjalo liyogcinwa phakade emhlabeni omusha emva kokubuyiselwa kwezinto zonke. (Isaya 66:22, 23.)

59. ISabatha losuku lwesikhombisa laliyingxenye ebalulekile yomthetho kaNkulunkulu, njengoba laphuma emlonyeni wakhe uqobo, futhi labhalwa ngomunwe wakhe uqobo etsheni eSinayi. (Bheka Eksodusi 20.) Lapho uJesu eqala umsebenzi wakhe, wamemezela ngokusobala ukuthi akezanga ukuzochitha umthetho. "Ningathi ngize ukuchitha umthetho noma abaprofethi." UMathewu 5:17.

60. UJesu wabakhuza kanzima abaFarisi ngokwenza imiyalo kaNkulunkulu ibe yize ngenxa yamasiko abo. (uMathewu 15:6) Ukugcinwa kweSonto nakho kuyisiko nje labantu.

NANKA AMAQINISO EBHAYIBHELI ACACILE AYIKHULU

Nanka amaqiniso eBhayibheli acacile ayikhulu ngalolu daba, akhombisa ngokungenakuphikwa ukuthi usuku lwesikhombisa luyiSabatha leNkosi kokubili eTestamenteni Elidala naseTestamenteni Elisha.

AMAQINISO EBHAYIBHELI ANGAMASHUMI AMANE NGOSUKU LOKUQALA LWEVIKI

1. Into yokuqala ebhalwe eBhayibhelini ngumsebenzi owenziwa ngeSonto, usuku lokuqala lweviki. (Genesise 1:1-5.) Lo msebenzi wenziwa nguMdali uqobo. Uma uNkulunkulu enza umhlaba ngeSonto, kungaba okubi yini ukuthi thina sisebenze ngeSonto?

2. UNkulunkulu uyala abantu ukuba basebenze ngosuku lokuqala lweviki. (Eksodusi 20:8-11.) Kungaba yiphutha yini ukulalela uNkulunkulu?

3. Akekho noyedwa kokhokho owake walugcina.

4. Akekho noyedwa kubaprofethi abangcwele owake walugcina.

5. Ngomyalo kaNkulunkulu osobala, abantu bakhe abangcwele basebenzisa usuku lokuqala lweviki njengosuku olujwayelekile lokusebenza iminyaka engama-4,000, okungenani.

6. UNkulunkulu uqobo ulubiza ngokuthi usuku "lokusebenza." (Hezekeli 46:1.)

7. UNkulunkulu akaphumulanga ngalo.

8. Akakaze alubusise.

9. UKristu akaphumulanga ngalo.

10. UJesu wayengumbazi (uMarku 6:3), futhi wasebenza umsebenzi wakhe waze waba neminyaka engamashumi amathathu. Waligcina iSabatha futhi wasebenza izinsuku eziyisithupha zeviki, njengoba bonke bevuma. Ngakho wasebenza kanzima ngeSonto izikhathi eziningi.