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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

**A1469 ~ Samson's birth foretold.**

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*Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.*

A sailing ship with torn sails was discovered abandoned in the tropical waters off the coast of northern Australia. Where had the crew gone? The computer on board was still running. The authorities launched a wide sea search with aircraft and ships. After a number of days finding nothing the search was called off. But the families of the three men were not prepared to give up hope of finding their loved ones alive. They hired private planes to continue flying over large areas of sea. Days later they had to admit it was useless trying any further. All their hopes had faded and gone.

At the time of today's Bible Adventure, the children of Israel had lost all hope. They had turned away again from the true and living God. They had joined in with the idol-worshipping peoples around them and worshiped false, man-made gods. So many times the Israelite people had forgotten their own loving God and paid a big price for doing so. If nations do not learn the lessons of history, they are forced to repeat them.

When the nation had first entered the Promised Land Joshua had warned them what would happen if they disobeyed the Lord. “Your enemies will be a trap and a pit to you....as painful as a whip on your back, or a thorn in your eye.” And this had happened each time they rebelled against the Lord God. When they were sorry and pleaded for God's help, He had shown great mercy. He had given them strong leaders to overcome their enemies. Then they had lived under the wise rule of each leader or judge. But soon after each judge died, they again did ‘what seemed right in their own eyes’ and turned back to idolatry. Again their enemies overcame them. This time the Philistines had conquered them. For forty years they had made life very painful and difficult for the children of Israel.

But God still cared about His people. **They** had forgotten their promises to Him but their faithful God does not change. **He** had not forgotten them. He was about to send another leader to deliver them from their enemies.

Manoah and his wife belonged to the tribe of Dan and had not gone after idols. They had been married many years but they had no children.

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Although most of His people had turned to false gods, there were always a few true followers of the Creator God. Manoah and his wife had kept their faith. For many years they had longed and prayed for a baby. And God had prepared them for this special little boy. They were ready and willing to obey. They faithfully followed everything God told them to do, both before and after, little Samson was born.

As the years passed, everyone wondered at this boy who never had a haircut. Samson never got drunk because he never drank any beer or wine. They also wondered about his great strength. They could see God’s blessing was on him and he became their leader. They started to hope he would save them from their Philistine overlords.

Are there great troubles in your life right now? Like the Israelites are you going your own way and rebelling against God? He allowed Israel's enemies to beat them so they would wake up to their wrongdoing. God may be allowing **your** troubles to turn you to Him. He does this in love because He does not want you to follow wrong paths that lead to judgment. He wants to give you spiritual blessings – blessings that will last for all eternity.

God's great enemy, Satan, will attack your trust in the True God and try to make you doubt God's goodness. The Bible book Job, tells us how Satan brought hardships to this faithful man. Job could not understand why God allowed such terrible troubles to come on him. In Chapter 19, Job said this, "I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end, He will stand on the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God - I myself will see Him with my own eyes. How my heart yearns within me!" Job's faith stood firm and Satan lost the battle.

None of us is able to make ourselves right with God by our own efforts or good works. The Bible book Isaiah, chapter 64 says, "Even our best actions are filthy through and through." So how **can** we be right with God? The book Romans, Chapter 11, says God sees each one of us is a prisoner to disobedience. We **cannot** free ourselves, so God offers His mercy to us **all**.

Jesus, God's dear Son, came from heaven to be the hope of Israel and the hope of all nations. The book 1 Peter, Chapter 3, tells us Jesus Christ, the Messiah, died for sins once for all, the **Righteous** for the unrighteous – the **Just** for the unjust – the **Innocent** for the guilty- so that He might bring us to God. Everyone who turns from his own way and comes to God through the Lord Jesus receives new spiritual life. We are no longer dead in sin. We have God's life in us. Hope is one of the three proofs of salvation – faith, hope and love. A Christian without hope is a contradiction in terms.

A famous South African Nobel Peace prize winner was asked why he was hopeful about the future. He replied that he was always hopeful. He said: A Christian is a prisoner of hope. What could have looked more hopeless than Good Friday? There is no situation from which God cannot extract good.

The book 1 Peter, Chapter 1, says: “Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of His great mercy, He gave us new life by raising Jesus Christ from death. This fills us with a **living hope**, and so we look forward to possessing the rich blessings that God keeps for His people. He keeps them for you in heaven, where they cannot decay or spoil or fade away.”

If you turn from your own way and come to God through the sacrifice Jesus made for you on the cross, He will give you eternal life. You can have this wonderful, living hope of everlasting life in God’s glorious heaven. Come to Him today!

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That was Greg Barnhill with the song ‘Looking for the Blessed Hope.’

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