



THE STORY  
OF GOD'S PROMISE  
FOR ALL PEOPLE

There is a source of hope and help for you and me, a book unlike any other in all the world. It is the most quoted, most published, most translated book in human history.

Known as the Bible, this book was written by more than forty people from different walks of life, living over a period of fifteen hundred years. Yet, as if its authors were guided by an unseen hand,

there emerges from its pages one story of eternal proportions, centered around one extraordinary character...One who would deliver the world from death.

Created in cooperation with motion picture producers and distributors around the world, The HOPE brings to you a powerful dramatic overview of this incredible story...a story many have called the greatest ever told.



## THE STORY OF THE HOPE

The HOPE began with the vision for a media tool that could be used to reach people everywhere with the good news of Jesus Christ.

With over 25 years of experience in ministry through media, Mars Hill Productions launched The HOPE by seeking the input of hundreds of missionaries and ministries. These ministry partners were asked, "If such a tool is needed, then what should it look like?"

From the response, there emerged a common theme. Such a tool would indeed have a significant Great Commission impact if it met the following criteria:

- **QUALITY** - The HOPE must have the quality to reach even the most media-sophisticated cultures.
- **THE WHOLE STORY** - The HOPE must relate God's redemptive story as it has unfolded from creation to Christ.
- **CULTURALLY ADAPTABLE** - The HOPE must be sensitive to the culture in which it is being used.
- **VERSATILE AND TIME SENSITIVE** - The HOPE must be effective for evangelism and discipleship in a variety of settings. It must be brief enough to allow time for personal ministry after a viewing.

*These are the criteria that now distinguish The HOPE.*

## CULTURAL ADAPTABILITY THROUGH TECHNOLOGY



In The HOPE, storytellers provide the commentary and continuity necessary to cover an incredible amount of material in a relatively brief amount of time. At times, these storytellers appear on screen. At other times they are absent, allowing the dramatic scenes to stand on their own.

## QUALITY

How we communicate is no less important than what we communicate. Messages are often discredited because they are poorly communicated. Those who seek to represent the King of Kings must reflect His nature through the quality of their work.

Over 4 years in the making, The HOPE includes some of the world's most renowned cinematic presentations of the Bible, as well as state-of-the-art special effects. The HOPE script is the result of extensive research and consultation with prominent theologians and missiologists.

## THE WHOLE STORY, CREATION TO CHRIST

We live in a complex world with many conflicting views about God. In cultures that lack or have lost the influence of a Biblical worldview, a Gospel presentation that moves too quickly toward a decision for Christ is often ineffective.

In some Asian cultures, people do not see the need for a Savior because they have no real concept of sin. In India, people with a polytheistic worldview have been known to simply add Jesus to the list of other gods they worship.

And in post-Christian, Biblically illiterate western cultures, many people are quick to dismiss the Christian faith as a sociological phenomenon. They've yet to encounter the record and scope of God's involvement in human history.

In the Bible, God has related the plan of redemption, not as a set of spiritual truths, but as a grand story. The HOPE is a powerful presentation of this story, from beginning to end.

And because The HOPE has been digitally mastered, storytellers can easily be exchanged, so that any group of people can see and hear God's redemptive story as related by representatives of their own culture. The HOPE can be adapted for youth in inner city America, or for an unreached people group in the 10/40 Window.



## VERSATILE AND TIME SENSITIVE

The HOPE consists of 36 Events organized into 12 Chapters and 4 Sections. The entire program may be viewed in less than 80 minutes, or it may be viewed in segments over a period of days, weeks, or months.

### SECTION ONE

#### INTRODUCTION

1. The Universal Question - Is There a Purpose?
2. The Voice - Recorded for All Time in a Book

#### CHAPTER 1—IN THE BEGINNING

3. The Story Begins with God - His Attributes
4. Creation - A Reflection of God's Power and Nature

#### CHAPTER 2—THE CHOICE

5. The Tree of Life and The Tree of Knowledge
6. The Rebellion of Satan and The Creation of Hell

#### CHAPTER 3—THE DEADLY DISEASE

7. The Deception and Fall of Man
8. A Deadly Spiritual Disease Enters the World
9. The First Promise of a Deliverer

### SECTION TWO

#### CHAPTER 4—PRELUDE TO THE PROMISE

10. God Was Grieved - The Great Flood
11. The Beginning of the Nations - The Tower of Babel

#### CHAPTER 5—BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

12. The Calling of Abraham
13. Abraham Offers His Son - God Provides a Substitute

#### CHAPTER 6—PEOPLE OF THE PROMISE

14. Isaac, Jacob and Joseph - The Promise Lives
15. God Prepares Moses to Lead the Hebrew People
16. God Brings the Hebrew People Out of Slavery

#### CHAPTER 7—CALLED TO WALK IN THE WAYS OF GOD

17. God Gives the Hebrew People the Law
18. The Need for a Deliverer

### SECTION THREE

#### CHAPTER 8—THE PROMISED ONE

19. The Birth of the Promised Deliverer
20. Jesus as a Child
21. The Baptism of Jesus
22. The Temptation of Jesus

#### CHAPTER 9—THE MINISTRY OF JESUS

23. Jesus Calls His Disciples
24. The Ministry of Jesus
25. Jesus Offends the Religious Leaders

### SECTION FOUR

#### CHAPTER 10—GOD'S LOVE AND JUSTICE INTERSECT

26. Jesus States His Mission
27. Jesus Confronts the Religious Leaders
28. Jesus' Final Hours with His Disciples
29. The "Trial" of Jesus
30. The Crucifixion of Jesus

#### CHAPTER 11—HE HAS RISEN

31. The Burial of Jesus
32. The Resurrection of Jesus
33. Post-Resurrection Appearances

#### CHAPTER 12—HIS FOLLOWERS - YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER

34. The Coming of The Spirit
35. His Followers Through the Ages

#### A PERSONAL INVITATION

36. His Invitation to You

*I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened,  
so that you may know what is the hope of His calling.  
- Ephesians 1:18*

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