

FIRST VOICES

“ . . . in the land of their first inheritance . . . ”

“I speak unto you as the voice of one crying from the dust . . . ”

-prophetic words from the past-



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HOPE FOR A DELIVERER:

Most of us go to bed each night when the sun is setting; knowing that when we wake up in the morning the sun will be up and there will be day light. Sometimes the night is long and we are restless wanting the night to end, yearning for that day light. The light brings us hope of another day.

When ancient Israel was in captivity in Egypt for several hundred years they yearned for the night of their captivity to end and to be set free to see the light of deliverance. They needed a deliverer to set them free so they could escape the natural slavery they were in at that time. Their hope was realized when Moses was sent by the Great Creator to plead their case before Pharaoh to set them free. But with all his pleading Moses needed more than

the ability of a good lawyer – he needed the power and manifestations of the God of Israel.

You see God does not want his people to be held captive whether it's physically or spiritually. Sometimes we forget that, and we feel He has abandoned us. Let us look at what the Lord spoke through Isaiah the prophet:

“Wherefore, when I came, was there no man? when I called, was there none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem?”
Isaiah 50:2

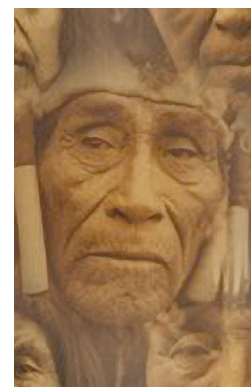
The Lord is willing and able to put into action His plan to rescue us today as he did in ages past. He was not just speaking rhetorically when He had Isaiah proclaim those words. He has the ability and unlimited power to redeem all men and women.

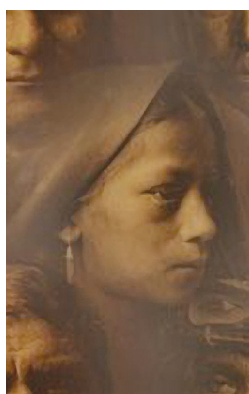
So what is his plan for the future? In particular what is the hope of the Native People of America? As we have written before we will reiterate it again; the Lord God Almighty of Israel has a plan to one day raise up a mighty Seer from among the tribes of Native Peoples who will be called to do a great work in restoring and delivering them from the night of darkness into the light of day. There is great hope in this event which we believe is not too far off.

We have no idea which Tribe or Nation this seer will be from, only The Creator knows this information right now. However, there is no doubt in our minds that the promise is true and we believe that it will happen. “And I will make him great in mine eyes; for he shall do my work. And he shall be great like unto Moses.” (2 Nephi 3:8; 570 BC)

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ancient promises for His people, He will fulfill future promises for them as well.

This is what the Lord has promised and He has not held back on His promises to Israel. Already, we see the hand of the Lord working with Jacob's son Judah (Jews) repossessing their homeland in the Middle East (State of Israel). Now it is Jacob's son Joseph's turn to have his promises fulfilled here in America. We could use your help to get this message of hope to all Native Americans!

TWO INDISPUTABLE HOPES:

When the world says, "Give up," hope whispers, "Try it one more time."

You've got to have hope. Without hope life is meaningless. Without hope life is meaning less and less.

These two quotes are from unknown sources, but carry a strong message. If you were to perform an Internet search, you would be surprised how many negative quotations there are regarding hope, as if it is meaningless. Why is that? Is there something

wrong with hope? Is it a bad thing? We're going to give you the ending of the story right now. Hope is a wonderful thing and we're going to explain why.

Often the word hope is associated with either the word faith or the word love/charity. An ancient Native American prophet said, "And see that ye have faith, hope, and charity, and then ye will always abound in good works."

(Alma 7:24; 83 BC)
These three words can be nouns (something to possess) or verbs (actions). We understand love and we speak of it as a thing to possess or as an action to perform. We know the difference between loving someone and saying I have love for someone.

Recently, of all places, the Wall Street Journal, published an article about university studies performed and how they pointed to the importance of hope in our lives. In some studies they even located the part of the brain that is activated when we feel hope.

Another ancient Native American prophet said, "Wherefore, ye must press forward with a steadfastness in Christ,

having a perfect brightness of hope, and a love of God and of all men. Wherefore, if you shall press forward, feasting upon the word of Christ, and endure to the end, behold, thus saith the Father: You shall have eternal life."
(2 Nephi 31:20; 560 BC)

Hope is our belief that we can change the future for the better, or reach a desired goal. It is what keeps us moving forward when the going gets tough, and it helps us to "get back on the horse" when we fall off or pick ourselves up and dust off the dirt when we hit the ground. According to a certain psychologist's theory, hopeful thinking is made up of three key elements: thinking in a goal-oriented way; finding different ways to achieve your goals; and believing that you can instigate change. This psychologist found that hopeful thinking is one of the biggest elements of success – more so even than intelligence, skill or previous success.

The best thing about hope is that it is a learned response, so anyone can improve their hopeful thinking by using the right goal setting, planning and motivational approaches.

To help inspire people to develop their hope, let's consider two quotes from the Ancient Native American Record (commonly called the Book of Mormon) that encourages us to be hopeful thinkers and hopeful doers.

"And now as I said concerning faith – faith is not to have a perfect knowledge of things; therefore if you have faith you hope [action] for things which are not seen, which are true."
(Alma 32:21; 75 BC)

"Wherefore, whoso believes in God might with surety hope [action] for a better world, yea, even a place at the right hand of God, which hope [quality] comes of faith, makes an anchor to the souls of men, which would make them sure and steadfast, always abounding in good works, being led to glorify God."
(Ether 12:4; 600 BC)

For the people of Israel (which includes the Jews and the Native Americans), the greatest depiction of hope is found in Ezekiel 37:1-14. This is the prophecy of God's promise to raise up his ancient covenant people considered dead – as if they were only

a pile of bones. God asks Ezekiel, “can these bones live.” And Ezekiel answers that he knows it is possible. God tells Ezekiel to speak to the dry bones and tell them to hear the word of the Lord. Not only do the bones come back together, but flesh is restored to them and the breath of life is breathed into them, and they become an exceeding great army. Does this prophecy not give you boundless hope? God finishes his words to Ezekiel, stating, “And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, And shall put my spirit in you, and you shall live, and I shall place [or restore] you in your own land: then shall you know that I the Lord have spoken it, and performed it, saith the Lord.”

Hope may begin as a dream, a dream of a better tomorrow. But active hope inspires a person to strive, to labor, to seek and to work for a better tomorrow. Without hope, nothing good would ever occur. In your lowest depression, you can hope, the hope that comes from God through his son, Jesus Christ, based on the indisputable fact that

God will accomplish the great things promised to his ancient covenant people, Jews and Native Americans.

This is the message we continually strive to convey in the pages of this journal – that there is abundant hope for the Native American. God is going to restore you to your rightful place among his covenant people and he will bless you with all that was promised to you centuries ago. Yes, that is the goal, we are promoting that message, and we are encouraging others to do the same.

“Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.” (Romans 15:13)

“The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.” (Lamentation 3:24)

Now let us look at the hope given to all mankind through Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Many see in Joseph of Egypt, son of Jacob, types and shadows (symbolism) of Jesus Christ, even though Joseph lived over 1500 years before Jesus.

We are encouraged and comforted by seeing how God foretold the coming of his son through the life of Joseph. As Joseph saved his family and relatives from the great famine, he also saved many nations, including Egypt (Genesis 41 and 42). Jesus saves his people (Israel) and people from many nations (Gentiles) through his miraculous power and his resurrection. Salvation comes through Jesus Christ. As the Son of God he is always with us and as our advocate, he pleads our case before our Heavenly Father. Our lively hope is his presence in our life, the gifts he bestows upon us, and blessings he provides for us. But it also moves us, it motivates us to do better.

This same Jesus will bring about a condition of great peace in the Americas, beginning with the Native American. His work will include the coming of a second Joseph, a Native American. This future Joseph will be like the ancient Moses, a deliver for his people, as well as a prophet and seer (that is why in this journal we call him American Indian Moses). The coming of this latter day Moses was promised by God.

Do Native Americans have something to hope for? Absolutely! Do the rest of us have something to hope for? Absolutely! Two indisputable hopes: one that has come and still is; and one that is yet to come. One a Savior, friend and advocate, the other a deliver. These are our indisputable hopes.

Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all you that hope in the Lord. (Psalm 31:24)

Blessed is the man that trusts in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. (Jeremiah 17:7)

Let Israel hope in the Lord from henceforth and forever. (Psalm 131:3)

And there is hope in your end, saith the Lord that your children shall come again to their own border. (Jeremiah 31:17)

The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the Lord will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel. (Joel 3:16)

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