

## **“The New ADVENTure: Hope and Waiting”**

### **Script 1**

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**What** In this modern-day, funny Advent skit, Moses, Obadiah, Malachi, and Jeremiah gather to discuss the "something new" that is prophesied in Jeremiah 31:31.

Themes: Christmas, Advent, Hope, Prophets, Prophecy, Messiah

**Who** Moses  
Obadiah  
Malachi  
Jeremiah

**When** Just before the birth of Jesus

**Costumes and Props** Tunics or robes for Prophets,  
Table full of scrolls  
A door for prophets to enter is helpful, but not necessary

**Why** Jeremiah 31:31

**How** If needed, the script can be written on the scrolls and the actors can reference their lines while perusing over the scrolls. Each prophet has their own characteristics and idiosyncrasies that should be played whenever possible. Obadiah is “normal.” Moses is wise, serious and respected. Moses is always seated. Malachi is stoic and formal, but he tries to help. His cries of “BEHOLD” can vary according to the situation, but he should be loud in quiet moments. Jeremiah is emotional, sensitive, and often cries.

The excitement of something new and the mystery of the Father’s actions is the most important aspect of the skit.

**Time** Approximately 4 minutes

*Scene opens. Moses is sitting at a table full of scrolls, studying them. Moses enters hurried and excited.*

**Obadiah:** Moses, I've been looking for you. Have you heard? Is it true?

**Moses:** Hello, Obadiah. Depends on what you are referring to.

**Obadiah:** What they're saying...that something big is going down.

**Moses:** *(sighs deeply) (pauses)* I'm not sure. Something is always happening I suppose.

**Obadiah:** But this time...it's trending.

*Moses sits in silence and slowly looks at Obadiah, confused.*

**Obadiah:** It's a 21st century term that means...well, never mind. Think of it as a bombshell.

*Moses calmly open hands, gesturing that he doesn't understand.*

**Obadiah:** Man, you have to get ahead of the times. *(returning to the point)* They are saying that the Father is doing something never done before. Like making a new King or some kind of miracle something.

**Moses:** *(returning to study)* It's hard to know what the Father's plans are.

**Obadiah:** But they are saying it's bigger than ever! He's already sent angels down to Earth! This might be bigger than fire from Heaven! It's going to be an adventure!

**Moses:** Angels? After so much time? This is very big news. What could He be planning?

*Malachi enters loudly. Moses and Obadiah are mildly startled.*

**Malachi:** BEHOLD! Something important is occurring!

**Moses:** If what Obadiah says is true...

**Malachi:** BEHOLD! It's true! Angels have been dispatched to Earth.

**Moses:** *(genuinely surprised)* How long has it been since... *(starts looking through scrolls)*

**Malachi:** BEHOLD! It has been 400 years since any record that the Father has spoken to anyone, through a prophet or an angel! BEHO—

**Obadiah:** *(cutting off Malachi by giving him a scroll)* Malachi, just BE quiet and HOLD this for a second.

**Moses:** Four hundred years of silence...and all of a sudden, He skips prophets altogether and sends angels? *(referring to the scroll)* This is unprecedented...Jeremiah!

**Malachi:** *(loudly)* You are mistaken! This is Obadiah, not Jeremiah!

**Moses:** *(startled, then irritated, but calmly)* I was saying...Jeremiah wrote about something new. Call Jeremiah please.

**Malachi:** BEHOLD! It was I who was mistaken, not Moses, for I understood Obadiah was being addressed, however...

**Obadiah:** *(interrupting)* Just go please!

**Malachi:** *(steps to door and calls)* Jeremiah is summoned!

**Obadiah:** *(to Moses)* I feel like he was chosen for volume, not illumination.

*Jeremiah and Malachi enter. Jeremiah is wiping his eyes.*

**Obadiah:** Jeremiah were you weeping again?

**Jeremiah:** I wasn't weeping! You were weep—

**Malachi:** Jeremiah was crying in the garden earlier!

**Jeremiah:** Hey!

**Moses:** Well, you did just try to deceive a prophet. I mean...*(shrugs)*

**Obadiah:** We think something big is happening. It's been 400 years since God has spoken through any prophet. And he's already sent angels. We want to know why.

**Moses:** Our people have suffered these last centuries. And now the most powerful empire the world has ever seen has taken over the land we all loved. The people are losing hope.

**Jeremiah:** *(trying to hold back tears, speaking in a high pitch)* Angels? It's just so beautiful...

**Obadiah:** Come on, Jeremiah? Really? Get it together!

**Jeremiah:** *(wiping away tears, voice back to normal)* You're right. This is big. *(thinks in silence, then calmly proposing an idea)* Maybe it's time.

**Moses:** Time?

**Obadiah:** Time for God's restaurant idea? The most delicious chicken sandwich, delivered efficiently from heaven with a smile?

**Malachi:** The name should be "The place for the eating of fried chicken between two pieces of bread and an exquisite selection of sauces that also serves Holy fries, because they have holes in them!"

**Moses:** That's a terrible name.

**Jeremiah:** Most definitely not time for that. I meant that it might be time for the new covenant. It's probably the most important thing I wrote about. Look at what I wrote (*searches for specific scroll and begins reading*).

"I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers."

Later on I wrote:

"I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people..."

And then my favorite part:

"...for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

**Moses:** (*in awe*) That **would** be something new. I set up the sacrificial system: you sin, you sacrifice, He forgives.

**Obadiah:** But a new covenant would change that. The Father could just forgive sins and relate to people in a whole new way.

**Moses:** I wish we could know for sure what this is all about. Jeremiah, what exactly does the new covenant look like?

**Jeremiah:** Well, it means that...um...I guess...

**Malachi:** Jeremiah does not know!

**Jeremiah:** (*upset at Malachi*) Really?

**Obadiah:** (*matter-of-factly*) He's a prophet. He tells the truth.

**Jeremiah:** Ok fine! I don't know!

*All prophets ponder for a moment.*

**Malachi:** *(breaking the silence by yelling loudly)* BEHOLD!  
*All prophets are startled.*

**Obadiah:** *(holding his heart)* Good thing I can't die again!

**Malachi:** *(grabs scroll and begins to read)* "I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly, the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the Lord Almighty."

If Jeremiah's surmise is correct, the Father may be preparing a messenger to announce the new covenant. Everything would be altered!

**Obadiah:** The Father has given people incredible gifts over time, like Samson, Solomon, Deborah, and Elijah. Maybe the angels went to announce that, like a new warrior or priest or something.

**Moses:** It's possible. *(sighs)* I don't think we have enough information to know for sure. Let's keep looking. We may have to wait to see what more the Father does. *(pause)* After 400 years of nothing, could He really be ready to start a new covenant? If so, how is He going to establish something new after all this time? *(sighs)* That's enough for now, brothers. We will look more later. At least we know we have some kind of hope again.

*Lights fade.*