

# SUDDEN HOPE X

## *SUDDENLY CAMELS!*

*<sup>63</sup> He went out to the field one evening to meditate, and as he looked up, he saw camels approaching.*

Genesis 24:63

*<sup>6</sup> Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.*

Isaiah 60:6

*<sup>13</sup> “As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem.”*

Isaiah 66:13

- I. God’s ships of the desert are coming! Reversal, restoration, reward, and recompense are on your horizon. Look up!
- II. 11 camel facts!
  - A. Camels are burden bearers.
  - B. Camels are desert animals, and can survive longer than any other animal in barren places.
  - C. Camels can weigh 1500 pounds, with the capacity of carrying 1000 pounds on their backs.
  - D. Camels have an exceptional sense of smell. They can smell water.
  - E. Camels have 34 long, sharp teeth and can eat through cactus and thorn bushes to extract liquid.

- F. Camels have humps that store fat for nourishment.
  - G. In summertime, a camel can go one week without water. In winter, two weeks.
  - H. Their eyes are protected by a double row of long, curly eyelashes that keep out sand and dust.
  - I. Camels have a unique body thermostat that adjusts to high temperatures, preserving their body fluids and blocking water loss.
  - J. Camels can comfortably travel 25 miles a day, and run up to 40 miles an hour.
  - K. Camels have cushioned rims around their hooves – broad, flat leather-like pads with two toes on each hoof. So, they cannot sink in the sand.
- III. A season of reversals is on its way to us. (Isaiah 35:1-10)

*<sup>1</sup> The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, <sup>2</sup> it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. <sup>3</sup> Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; <sup>4</sup> say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you." <sup>5</sup> Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. <sup>6</sup> Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. <sup>7</sup> The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where*

*jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.<sup>8</sup> And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it.<sup>9</sup> No lion will be there, nor any ravenous beast; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there,<sup>10</sup> and those the LORD has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.*

IV. Extraordinary exchanges are on their way to us.  
(Isaiah 61:1-7)

*<sup>1</sup> The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,<sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn,<sup>3</sup> and provide for those who grieve in Zion--to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.<sup>4</sup> They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations.<sup>5</sup> Strangers will shepherd your flocks; foreigners will work your fields and vineyards.<sup>6</sup> And you will be called priests of the LORD, you will be named ministers of our God. You will feed on the wealth of nations,*

*and in their riches you will boast. <sup>7</sup> Instead of your shame you will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace you will rejoice in your inheritance. And so you will inherit a double portion in your land, and everlasting joy will be yours.*

V. Transmutations in value are on their way. (Isaiah 60:17)

*<sup>17</sup> Instead of bronze I will bring you gold, and silver in place of iron. Instead of wood I will bring you bronze, and iron in place of stones. I will make peace your governor and well-being your ruler.*

VI. Melchizedeks are coming. (I Kings 10:1,2,10)

*<sup>1</sup> When the queen of Sheba heard about the fame of Solomon and his relationship to the LORD, she came to test Solomon with hard questions. <sup>2</sup> Arriving at Jerusalem with a very great caravan--with camels carrying spices, large quantities of gold, and precious stones--she came to Solomon and talked with him about all that she had on her mind. ... <sup>10</sup> And she gave the king 120 talents of gold, large quantities of spices, and precious stones. Never again were so many spices brought in as those the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.*

VII. Greatest of all, the camels are bringing a comfort you've never known before! (Genesis 24:67)

*<sup>67</sup> Isaac brought her into the tent of his mother Sarah, and he married Rebekah. So she became his wife, and he loved her; and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.*