

## **“Sudden Turn of Events”**

**“The former things I declared of old; they went out from my mouth, and I announced them; then suddenly I did them, and they came to pass.”**

**(Isaiah 48:3)**

### **Sudden Deliverance**

**John 6:16-21** – (16) “When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, (17) got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. (18) The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. (19) When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were frightened. (20) But he said to them, ‘It is I; do not be afraid.’ (21) Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.”

**Psalms 28:1-7** – (1) “To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit. (2) Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help, when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary. (3) Do not drag me off with the wicked, with the workers of evil, who speak peace with their neighbors while evil is in their hearts. (4) Give to them according to their work and according to the evil of their deeds; give to them according to the work of their hands; render them their due reward. (5) Because they do not regard the works of the LORD or the work of his hands, he will tear them down and build them up no more. (6) Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. (7) The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.”

### **Sudden Destruction**

**Proverbs 29:1** – “He who is often reproved, yet stiffens his neck, will suddenly (*peta – to wink*) be broken beyond healing.”

**1 Thessalonians 5:3** – “While people are saying, ‘There is peace and security,’ then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.”

## **Sudden Death**

**Ecclesiastes 9:12** – “For man does not know his time. Like fish that are taken in an evil net, and like birds that are caught in a snare, so the children of man are snared at an evil time, when it suddenly falls upon them.”

**Luke 12:13-21** – (13) “Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.’ (14) But he said to him, ‘Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?’ (15) And he said to them, ‘Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.’ (16) And he told them a parable, saying, ‘The land of a rich man produced plentifully, (17) and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ (18) And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. (19) And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry. (20) **But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’** (21) So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

## **Sudden Delight**

**2 Corinthians 5:6-8** – (6) “So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, (7) for we walk by faith, not by sight. (8) Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.”

**1 Corinthians 15:51-52** – (51) “Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, (52) in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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