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The Fiery Roar of the Lion Over Detroit January 23, 2024 Suzi Armstrong

The Detroit Lions won another riveting playoff game in Detroit this past Sunday, and they advanced in the playoffs to determine the two teams that will play in the Super Bowl. This is such a turnaround for the Lions. They have not been a winning team for decades. The eyes of the nation and the eyes of the Lord continue to be on Detroit. Sunday, at the end of the game, I saw a camera shot of the City of Detroit as the sun was setting. It was a stunning sunset. The sky was fiery red with a large golden sun. It reminded me of the scripture in Zechariah 2.5, "And I Myself will be a wall of fire around it; declares the Lord, and I will be its glory within." In this sunset there were still vivid streaks of blue sky – and I am telling you the truth, the blue was Honolulu blue – the official blue of the Lions uniform. All of this is a sign. There is a new fire in our Lions – they are releasing a new sound, a new roar from the City of Detroit. The fiery roar of the Lion is over Detroit and is being heard throughout the nation.

Genesis 13.17 NASB

¹⁷ **Arise, walk about the land through its length and breadth; for I will give it to you.**

This is part of the prophetic picture we see with the Lions team. They rose up and became new.

NOW is the time to arise. The Heavens are open, and God is pouring out His Spirit upon us. He has expanded our capacity and opened our eyes to see. NOW is the time to arise and move. Arise and step into the fire of God, become new, release the sound of Heaven for all this nation to hear.

Arise is defined as:

- Abide.
- Confirm, be validated, proven.
- Continue, to persist.
- Decree, to be fixed, to be set.
- Get up and enjoin.
- Rouse up, stir up.
- Establish, to cause to stand.
- Strengthen.
- Build.

To arise is to come into a new position – it is a shift and taking on a new form. To see from a new perspective. It is a higher place than you were before. To arise means to let go of what would hold us back and grasp the promises and word of God – this is faith. Faith without works is dead. Arise is action, it is moving into a new form. No longer being contained in the same place but breaking out and increasing.

Philippians 3.8b-14 NASB

⁸ ...I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may **gain Christ**, ⁹ and may **be found in Him**, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is **through faith in Christ**, the **righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith**, ¹⁰ that I may **know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death**; ¹¹ in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I **press on** so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. ¹³ Brethren, I do not regard myself as having

laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: **forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,** ¹⁴ **I press on** toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

- Arising and pressing forward as you keep your eyes fixed on Jesus creates pathways in the spirit realm.
- These pathways are illuminated by God so that we can see and move forward.
- When we move forward, it brings our City forward – look at what is happening with the Lions. The Lion of Judah is roaring. Be filled with His new sound. Let go of the old.
- We arise so we can go up the mountain of God and then carry down what God has given us and release it into the City.
- Gates of opportunity are swinging open. Don't be intimidated or invalidate yourself; God's grace is on us to take our place and take our City.
- When we arise there is a burning passion that is activated in our hearts and lives that will propel us forward. Increase will come. Stature will arise and we will be a formidable force in our City.

Hebrews 12.29 TPT

²⁹ **For our God is a holy, devouring fire!**

Isaiah 29.5-6 TPT

⁵ Then suddenly, **in an instant**, your ruthless enemies will become nothing more than dust in the wind and your vile tyrants like wind-driven chaff!

⁶ She will be visited by the Lord Yahweh, Commander of Angel Armies, with **thunder, earthquake, and deafening noise, with whirlwind, tempest, and the blaze of a consuming fire!**

Psalms 68.1-4 NIV

¹ **May God arise, may his enemies be scattered; may his foes flee before him.**

² May you blow them away like smoke—**as wax melts before the fire, may the wicked perish before God.**

³ But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful.

⁴ Sing to God, **sing in praise of his name**, extol him who rides on the clouds; rejoice before him—**his name is the LORD.**

PRAYER AND DECLARATION:

Father, we thank You for this incredible sign. We thank You that You are the fire around Detroit, and there is a frequency in the fire that is for today – a new sound breaking out. It is a sound that penetrates the hearts of the people and penetrates the land. The Lion of Judah roars and the fire of God surrounds our City. The Lord's eyes burn with passion for Detroit – a City of influence and a City with great destiny for this time. Let God arise and His enemies be scattered. Let the enemies of Detroit become nothing more than dust in the wind.

We declare to Detroit Psalm 46: ⁷ **Here he comes! The Commander! The mighty Lord of Angel Armies** is on our side. **The God of Jacob fights for us! Pause in his presence.** ⁸⁻⁹ **Everyone in Detroit look! Come and see the breathtaking wonders of our God. For he brings both ruin and revival.** He's the one who makes conflicts end throughout the earth, breaking and burning every weapon of war. ¹⁰ Surrender your anxiety Detroit! Be silent and stop your striving and you will see that I am God. **I am the God above all the nations, and I will be exalted throughout the whole earth.**