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Detailed answer

Praise be to Allaah.

Imaam Ibn al-Qayyim (may Allaah have mercy on him) said in his section on the animals owned by the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him):

Of camels he had al-Qaswaa', and it was said that she was the camel on which he made his Hijrah; and al-'Adbaa' and al-Jad'aa'. Were al-'Adbaa' and al-Jad'aa' one and the same, or two different camels? There is some difference of opinion concerning this. Al-'Adbaa' was the camel who had never been defeated in a race, then a Bedouin came on a young camel, which beat her in a race. This upset the Muslims, but the Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "When Allaah raises the status of something in this world, He inevitably brings it down again." At the battle of Badr, the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) took as booty a dromedary which had belonged to Abu Jahl and had a silver ring in its nose. He took it to be sacrificed on the day of al-Hudaybiyah in order to annoy the mushrikeen.