



Every farmer in Israel wanted at least one camel. If the farmer was not too poor, he always had one camel among his animals.

Do you know why the farmer wanted a camel? The camel was very good as a pack animal. He could be used for long trips to far-away places. He was faster than a horse. He could see things far off. He could smell water even before his driver. On the farm the camel could carry grain to the field. He could be hitched with the oxen to help pull the plow. He could also pull the threshing board.

The camel also gave delicious milk. One camel gave as much as 6 quarts of milk a day.

The meat of the camel is good to eat. However, the Jews did not eat this meat. People who do eat it, say it tastes like the meat of a young calf.

Every spring the camel loses his fur. Then the camel grows a new coat. The old fur comes off fast. It hangs in long pieces. The camel looks very ragged then. Men collect the fur. This long coarse hair is washed, spun into thread

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and woven into cloth. This camel's cloth is warm and strong. It is used for blankets, shawls, and coats. John the Baptist wore a camel's hair garment. (Mark 1:6)

The camel would live for 40 or 50 years. A farmer would not have to buy a camel very often.

Do you know what a farmer uses today instead of a camel?

What pulls his plow?

What carries his loads?

What gives him soft warm clothes?

What gives him milk?

What gives him meat?