

# Isaiah 43:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Which bringeth forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power; they shall lie down together, they shall not rise: they are extinct, they are quenched as tow.

## Analysis

God brought forth 'the chariot and horse, the army and the power'—Pharaoh's military might—only to make them 'lie down together' in death. The Hebrew 'shakav' (lie down) euphemistically describes death. The extinction imagery: 'quenched as tow' (flax)—quickly consumed. God neutralizes all opposition.

## Historical Context

The Red Sea didn't just open a path but destroyed pursuing enemies. Egypt's military power, seemed invincible, was extinguished instantly. This reminds exiles that Babylon will similarly fall.

## Related Passages

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's past judgment on Egypt encourage you facing overwhelming opposition?
2. What powerful enemies in your life need God's extinguishing intervention?

## Interlinear Text

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וְמִזְחָץ יְאֹזֶן	רֹכֶב	רֹכֶב	וְאֶל	וְאֶל	וְאֶל	וְאֶל	וְאֶל	וְאֶל	וְאֶל
Which bringeth forth	the chariot	and horse	the army	and the power	together				
H3318	H7393	H5483	H2428	H5808	H3162				
וְשָׁבְבוּ	בְּלֹא	בְּלֹא	בְּלֹא	בְּלֹא	בְּלֹא	בְּלֹא	בְּלֹא	בְּלֹא	בְּלֹא
they shall lie down	H1077	they shall not rise	they are extinct	as tow					
	H7901		H6965	H1846	H6594				
כְּבָאָה:									
they are quenched									
H3518									

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 1:31** (Parallel theme): And the strong shall be as tow, and the maker of it as a spark, and they shall both burn together, and none shall quench them.

**Psalms 118:12** (Parallel theme): They compassed me about like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.