

# Job 39:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Hast thou given the horse strength? hast thou clothed his neck with thunder?

## Analysis

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God asks: 'Hast thou given the horse strength? hast thou clothed his neck with thunder?' The verb *natan* (נָתַן, given) means to give or bestow. *Gevurah* (גְּבוּרָה, strength) denotes might or power. The phrase 'clothed his neck with thunder' (*halvish tsavaro ra'mah*, הִלְבִּישׁ צָארוֹ רָעְמָה) poetically describes the horse's mane as thunderous—perhaps referring to sound of galloping or appearance of flowing mane. God's question highlights that He alone creates and endows creatures with abilities. Job cannot create or bestow attributes; he can only observe and admire divine craftsmanship.

## Historical Context

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Horses in ancient Near East were associated with warfare and royal power. Their strength and majesty impressed ancient peoples. God's question demonstrates that even magnificent creatures like warhorses—symbols of human military might—owe their attributes to divine creation. This humbles human pretensions to power and challenges Job to recognize that the God who creates horses with strength and majesty governs all with similar wisdom and care.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

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

## Study Questions

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1. How does contemplating God's creative power in animals lead to worship and humility?
2. What does the horse's God-given strength teach about recognizing divine sovereignty in all creation?

## Interlinear Text

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הֲתִיתָ	לֹס וּס	גְבוּרָה	הֲתִלַּבְתָּ יֵשׁ	צִוְּאָר וְ	רַעְמָה:
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H5414	H5483	H1369	H3847	H6677	H7483

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 147:10** (Parallel theme): He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.