

# Psalm 46:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.

## Analysis

The comprehensive peace: 'He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.' Every weapon of war is destroyed--bow, spear, chariot. This anticipates Isaiah's vision of swords beaten into plowshares and Christ's ultimate peace.

## Historical Context

Ancient warfare centered on these weapons. Breaking and burning them represents not just military defeat but the end of war itself. This eschatological vision transcends any historical moment.

## Related Passages

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

1. How does this vision of universal peace inform Christian hope?
2. What is our role in anticipating God's peace while living in a violent world?

## Interlinear Text

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מִשְׁבֵּית	מַלְכָמֹת	עַד	לְצַדְקָה	בְּאֶרֶץ	קָשָׁת	שִׁבְרָה
to cease	He maketh wars	H5704	unto the end	of the earth	the bow	he breaketh
H7673	H4421		H7097	H776	H7198	H7665
וְקָצָא	עַגְלָה	וְעַגְלָה	וְיִשְׁרָאֵל	בְּאֵשׁ		
and cutteth	the spear	H5699	he burneth	in the fire		
H7112	H2595		H8313	H784		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 2:4** (Parallel theme): And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

**Isaiah 60:18** (Parallel theme): Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.

**1 Samuel 2:4** (Parallel theme): The bows of the mighty men are broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength.

**Micah 5:10** (Parallel theme): And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots:

**Isaiah 11:9** (Parallel theme): They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

**Joshua 11:9** (Parallel theme): And Joshua did unto them as the LORD bade him: he houghed their horses, and burnt their chariots with fire.

**Joshua 11:6** (Parallel theme): And the LORD said unto Joshua, Be not afraid because of them: for to morrow about this time will I deliver them up all slain before Israel: thou shalt hough their horses, and burn their chariots with fire.

**Ezekiel 39:3** (Parallel theme): And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand.

