

# Psalms 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

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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

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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

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

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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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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מִשָּׁב יֵת	מִלְחָמוֹת	עַד	קֵץ הַ	הָ אֶרֶץ	קֹשֶׁת	! שִׁבַּר
to cease	He maketh wars	H5704	unto the end	of the earth	the bow	he breaketh
H7673	H4421		H7097	H776	H7198	H7665
וְקָצַץ	חֶנֶּן יֵת	עֲגָלֹת	יִשָּׂרֵף	בָּאֵשׁ:		
and cutteth	the spear	the chariot	he burneth	in the fire		
H7112	H2595	H5699	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.

