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## Horses

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## Horses.

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### HORSES WITH FIRE AND SMOKE COMING OUT OF THEIR MOUTH

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- **Revelation 9:18-19:** By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed, by the fire and smoke and sulfur coming out of their mouths. <sup>19</sup>For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails, for their tails are like serpents with heads, and by means of them they wound.

Fire smoke and sulphur coming out of the horse's mouth signifies the following two things:

1. The fury, ferocity, fierceness, savagery, rage, intensity, and severity of the battle.
2. Utter destruction, annihilation, and devastation.

These horses appeared to John in a vision, but since his description of them does not align with what is natural, and we never think of horses having power in their tails or their mouths, which means that the tails and the smoke, fire, and brimstone proceeding from their mouths is not to be taken literally, but as symbols of things to come. These symbols combine to picture an enormously powerful, destructive, and mighty army, it is a fitting description that could be applied to any army of a powerful nation such as Assyria, Babylon, Rome, but in the context of John's vision applies to a mighty army that will arise-up in the latter days.

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**The power of the horses is in their mouths:** the mouth of a horse has no power, however, in prophecy the mouth signifies, speech, which means in the context of John's vision, the words, "the power of the horses is in their mouth," refers to people gifted with skilful oratory, it signifies, people with great authority (secular and religious), speaking enticing deceptive messages and make vain promises, that lead the nations away from God and to ruin.

**The power of the horses is in their tails:** it may be said that the power of a scorpion and a wasp is in its tail for their defence, but not of horses as their tails naturally have no power, however, tails in prophecy often signify lesser nations, which means, in the context of John's vision, the words, "the power of the horses is in their tails," would refer to the lesser ungodly nations aligned to the head nation. In the book of Isaiah, it is written:

- The elder and honored man is the head, and the prophet who teaches lies is the tail. (Isaiah 9:15).

The most likely scenario of this vision of John's is that the events refer to that space of time very near to the Lord's return in glory and to the false prophet (the beast with two horns that speaks like a lamb (i.e., vainly promising peace), who by lying miracles supports the final powerful ten horned antichristian beast nations.

- **Revelation 9:17:** And this is how I saw the horses in my vision and those who rode them: they wore breastplates the color of fire and of sapphire (Jacinth in KJV) and of sulfur (brimstone in KJV), and the heads of the horses were like lions' heads, and fire and smoke and sulfur (brimstone in KJV) came out of their mouths.

**NOTE:** most scholars agree, that John had this vision in the late 1st century around 95 A.D., and history shows that the first devices identified as guns or proto-guns (i.e., pipes with gun powder) appeared in China around AD 1000, and it was not until the 13th century, that they became, "true guns," (i.e., metal barrel firearms that fired single projectiles). During the 14th century gunpowder and gun technology spread throughout Eurasia (the largest continental area on earth, comprising all of Europe and Asia, embracing 93 countries). These facts mean the following three things:

1. John would never have seen a gun fired in his life.
2. John could not sufficiently describe what he saw in vision form.
3. What John does describe signifies things he had seen, and things he had not seen.

**Breastplates the color of fire, sapphire, and sulfur (brimstone in KJV):** the word translated here as "breastplate" denotes a coat of mail that covered the body of the soldier from the neck to the thighs, which when polished, as they were, would sparkle with many different colors as the bright sun reflected off them, and as such, from a distance would give the appearance of shimmering flaming fire and sulfur. The symbolism here can embrace the following two things:

1. Multitudes of fierce and mighty warriors riding on horses and armed for battle, and by extension, warfare of any type including modern day warfare with jet fighter planes, missiles, and weapons of mass destruction.
2. The internal state of the riders' minds, being filled with wrath, fury, and set on death and destruction.

During the 15th century breastplates of armour pretty much made swords obsolete, if a soldier wished to harm a man fully clad in plate armour, he needed to use one of the following:

- A polearm (i.e., a long pole with a double-sided axe or pick head on the end of it).
- A common axe.
- A common garden pick or fighting pick.
- A war mace (i.e., a type of club that has a heavy round metal spiked ball on the end of a wooden handle to deliver strong powerful blows to the body and head).

As gunpowder weapons became better and more common and powerful plate armour declined.

**Heads of horses like lions' heads:** symbolise:

- Power, fear, and strength.

**Fire smoke and sulfur (brimstone in KJV) came out of the horses' mouths:** this carries the idea, they appeared fierce, powerful, savage, and horrifying, ready to trample underfoot and destroy anything that stood in their path.

**Horses and armed riders:** horses carry their armed rider into the battle, so they symbolise any type of vehicle that carries weapons into the battle such as chariots, catapults, siege towers, battering rams used during sieges and cannons etc., or modern-day tanks, warplanes, warships, and missiles etc.

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## SUMMING IT UP

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Looking at the horses, the riders, the fire, smoke, and sulphur (brimstone in KJV) collectively and figuratively, they can be taken to denote:

- The attack of a cavalry and discharge of ancient muskets, firearms, and cannons.
- Extreme fury, hostility, and destruction against those who stand in the path of the horse and its rider.
- False doctrine, symbolised by smoke, and blasphemy against God, Christ and against Christians.
- The enormous power, fury, and fierceness of today's rulers with massive armies, armed with modern day warships, jet fighters, missiles nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction, symbolised by the horse and rider.

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The intention of the words, "heads like lions; fire out of their mouths, smoke, and brimstone, etc.", is used to enhance the terrible horror and destruction and enormous death, that these riders and their horses bring upon those who stand in their path.

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