

## ~HAMSTRING (79)

- The hamstrings in quadrupeds are the back tendons above the hock of the hind legs. Hamstringing, the act of cutting these tendons, cripples the animal and renders it unfit for work or warfare.
- The arbitrariness of Jacob's sons Simeon and Levi found expression in their hamstringing bulls, likely when executing vengeance on the Hivites of Shechem.
- Simeon and Levi are brothers. Instruments of violence are their slaughter weapons. ([Genesis 49:5](#))
- Into their intimate group do not come, O my soul. With their congregation do not become united, O my disposition, because in their anger they killed men, and in their arbitrariness they **hamstrung** bulls. ([Genesis 49:6](#))
- In carrying out war operations, the Israelites **hamstrung** the horses of their enemies, on one occasion Joshua was specifically directed to do so by Yehowah.
- At this Yehowah said to Joshua; Do not be afraid because of them, for tomorrow about this time I am abandoning all of them slain to Israel. Their horses you will **hamstring**, and their chariots you will burn in the fire. ([Joshua 11:6](#))
- After that Joshua did to them just as Yehowah had said to him, their horses he hamstrung, and their chariots he burned in the fire. ([Joshua 11:9](#))
- And David went on to strike down Hadadezer the son of Rehob the king of Zobah as he was going his way to put his control back again at the river Euphrates. ([2 Samuel 8:3](#))
- And David got to capture from him one thousand seven hundred horsemen and twenty thousand men on foot, and David proceeded to **hamstring** all the chariot horses, but he let a hundred chariot horses of them remain. ([2 Samuel 8:4](#))
- And David went on to strike down Hadadezer the king of Zobah at Hamath as he was going his way to set up his control at the

river Euphrates. (**1 Chronicles 18:3**)

- Further, David captured from him a thousand chariots and seven thousand horsemen and twenty thousand men on foot. Then David **hamstrung** all the chariot horses, but he let a hundred chariot horses of them remain. (**1 Chronicles 18:4**)
- This was the simplest method of putting horses out of the battle, and after being disabled in this way, the horses undoubtedly were killed, destroyed along with the war chariots.
- By not appropriating to themselves the horses of their enemies and then using them in warfare, the Israelites would be safeguarded from being ensnared into relying on horses instead of on Yehowah for protection.
- Only he should not increase horses for himself, nor make the people go back to Egypt in order to increase horses, whereas Yehowah has said to you, you must never go back again by this way. (**Deuteronomy 17:16**)
- Woe to those going down to Egypt for assistance, those who rely on mere horses, and who put their trust in war chariots, because they are numerous, and in steeds, because they are very mighty, but who have not looked to the Holy One of Israel and have not searched for Yehowah himself. (**Isaiah 31:1**)
- The Egyptians, though, are earthling men, and not God, and their horses are flesh, and not spirit. And Yehowah himself will stretch out his hand, and he that is offering help will have to stumble, and he that is being helped will have to fall, and at the same time they will all of them come to an end. (**Isaiah 31:3**)