

A photograph of two brown horses standing in a grassy field. The horse on the left is facing forward, while the one on the right is facing right. They are behind a wire fence. The background shows a line of trees and a clear sky.

In Biblical times, horses were a sign of wealth and strength. Kings tried to obtain large quantities of horses and chariots to spearhead their militaries. Kings perceived strength in having these horses and chariots. God, however, did not tell the kings of Israel to trust in horses. In fact, in Deuteronomy 17, God told the Israelites that their kings were not to get large quantities of horses. Without many horses they could not have many chariots. Why did God tell them this?

The Israelites were to trust in God. God setup Israel as an example to the nations around them. They were to be different, set apart by the God they serve. We also should not trust in wealth, or our country's military strength. Our trust is in God alone! His might far outpaces anything!

How different are God's ways than our ways!

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

Psalm 20:7