



Evils of Wheels

The above image was taken from film footage during an expedition to the dark and murky bottom of the Red Sea. Chariots were found in a straight line exactly where we could expect Moses to have participated in the parting of the waters. Each pharaoh had made for himself a unique style of chariot wheel. In the chariot house of the pharaoh that pursued Israel was found a lone chariot up on a block with one wheel, as if it were in the process of being repaired. The chariot wheels at the bottom of the Red Sea match perfectly the style of wheel in the chariot house of this particular pharaoh. This proves the miracle and shows how God disapproved wheels. It is said that Israel walked on dry land.

This is a web address accessed in 2015 on how the chariots were found at the bottom of the Red Sea: <http://r-campbell34.tripod.com/proof/id5.html>

The command of God to not have man-made chariots is undeniable. For it is written that God caused chariots [literally - any cart that rolls on the ground] to have their axles mysteriously bound and proceed with difficulty, or to get clogged and stuck in the mud, as in Exodus 14:25. Elsewhere God demands that wheels be burned - Joshua 11:6, also verse 9. During this time in history Israel had no chariots and was told by God to hamstring the enemies' horses of war. It is in this manner that God commanded Moses to utterly destroy wheels. The prophet Isaiah, speaking for God at 31:1 says, "Woe to them that trust in chariots." Every person knows better than to trust in any wheeled contraption.

Wheel use is nonsensical. One reason for God's command to avoid wheels could have been to keep the Israelites from using the horses and chariots in their future battles and then attributing their success to having the horses and chariots, instead of attributing it to God. It seems likely that the Israelites had no horses, based on the following three verses:

In Exodus 15:1, 21 the Israelites praised God for rescuing them from the Egyptians, saying, "the horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea." God promised to destroy such inventions of pagan men, and these Egyptians are also described as riders of horses, in contrast to the Israelites. The people of God are not allowed to be in charge of man-made wheels in this world. In Deuteronomy 20:1 God tells the Israelites, "When you go to war against your enemies and see horses and chariots and an army greater than yours, do not be afraid of them." The point is that the Israelites have neither horses nor chariots, and that having horses and chariots would make them considerably more reliant on the world. In Judges 1:16-21 we see that obedience toward God is life, disobedience brings death.

Clearly, God wanted the Israelites to know they did not defeat their enemies with their own strength - Joshua 24:12. In Judges Chapter 4 we see how God placed an army of chariots, which some people might consider a great advantage, into the corrective hands of Israel at Mount Tabor. The outcome of the evil-spirited invention is clearly explained to us here. God deliberately used a weak, small army to show His power on many other occasions, most notably with Gideon - Judges 7:2-3. When is a horse ever really needed?

It is true that by the command of pharaoh wagons were sent to enslave Joseph's family, but I do not see any wheel on the ground ever kept or controlled by a person in the full favor of God. Where men of God did not destroy the wheel, God does it for them. The first historical record of the wheel in the bible is shown to be an invention of men for the purpose of ungodly warfare, in order only to brutally conquer and spoil. It is truly no different today. People speed around, rushing here and there, without much if any care towards the harm they cause, or being conscious of their terroristic violence. Wheels are suicide. It is not difficult to attribute many harmful or deadly things to the evils of wheels.

Some believe that stories like the one in Ezekiel 1:16 give allowance for wheel use. In instances like this we are seeing something otherworldly (some say a UFO), which merely has the "appearance" of a wheel, as the context shows. We are not to conclude that instances like these are earthly man-made wheels that roll on the ground.

The record of Uzzah, who was killed steadying the Ark of the Covenant, is recorded twice in the Scriptures (2 Sam. 6, 1 Chron. 13). God commanded that the bars for the Ark were always to stay in its rings, for the Ark was only to be transported while being carried by walking men. Never before this accident had the Ark been transported by wheels, the Ark had been in a pagan land, the source of evil wheels. King David was so frightened by this deadly accident that they did not immediately complete the journey and never again did they use wheels to move the Ark. It is important to note that they were also playing all kinds of ungodly musical instruments at the time of the accident, if they followed the instruction of God no such accident would ever have happened. Of course, how can there be any such thing as an accident in the first place? Such things are only negligence.

In Zechariah 9:10, God says that He will make sure there are "no chariots in Ephraim..."

Tsar (King) Solomon was prohibited 3 things. The hoarding of money, he kept for himself 666 talents of gold per day; having many wives, he had hundreds; and lastly, possessing chariots, he was the first king of Israel to wrongly keep wheels. We see that Deuteronomy 17:16-17 warns that Israelite kings must not acquire great wealth or many horses.

Chariots were well known at the time of Christ, yet He did not need one, choosing instead not to ride them, but did ride a lowly donkey. No Christian or godly man made a practice of utilizing such an abhorrent apparatus. Neither should we think that the stone rolled in front of the Lord's tomb was a wheel, for a partial roll is not a wheel. A partial roll is all that was needed. We are required to be careful in all our ways, limiting ourselves in this world to the bare minimum. For my part I am almost finished with the wheel entirely. I hate riding on wheels and hate even more seeing how these evils harass the younger ones.

There are instances where God can transport instantly, as with the case of Apostle Philip who miraculously arrived in a chariot, but it was halted quickly. It is the only occurrence

in the New Testament of earthly wheels. That chariot was controlled by pagans who were in charge of the horses. The eunuch was not operating the chariot, as he and the Apostle were reading and studying the Scriptures. This story is not suggested to be complete, so it is also very likely that Philip rebuked wheel use. By no means should this be taken as a license or permission to keep up the practice of having wheels. Let us not spite God, but only obey what is good, correct, honest and true in such matters.



Ancient fresco showing pagan chariot guards taking the eunuch

“Gathering Clouds” is an account of the life of John Chrysostom, an ancient preacher famous for his eloquence. This story speaks of an acquaintance who asked John to travel on a chariot. He gave a good reason as to why he could not. His comrade astonishingly and violently seized him. John was then taken at high speed to Constantinople. It was the only chariot ride he ever took. At the end of the journey he was forced to be the top representative of the Church. In this position he regularly preached against chariots.

During the ancient Olympics the most dangerous sport was the chariot race as can be seen at timestamp 14:55 in the documentary, *The First Olympics - blood, honor and glory*. Around 600 A.D. the Hippodrome in Olympia (where chariot races were held) was washed away when the Alpheus River changed course during a torrent. That happening was no accident; in fact it was seen as an act of God. This assisted people to reason with their common sense given by God that Christian people ought not to ever have wheels.

In Roy Robson’s book, *OLD BELIEVERS in MODERN RUSSIA*, there is a chapter on Ritual Prohibitions and the epigraph mentions “about railways.” A little further on in the chapter it continues to say that the strong Old Believers have a ritual prohibition on “using railroads” as is specified in one of their Concords in the early 1900’s.

An ancient law exists for the oldest continuously surviving Christian community in the world. It forbids being built any “road upon which a wheel can run.” In 2010 this web address attested to this fact: <http://www.chaitanya-monks.org/histories/mount-athos>

Lubok are original political drawings in Russia that began centuries ago, they were largely sarcastic. One shows some of the evils put on Russia by Peter the not so Great.

That illustration references how Peter's father had a good Christian law forbidding wheels throughout all Russia. I know that the practice of using wheels came to Russia after Peter visited England, being influenced by their, oh so sorrowful, ways of the time.

One published work titled, *Carriages and Coaches : Their history and their evolution*, tells us that, "carriage-building in the sixteenth century was for a time retarded in various places by a widespread feeling of distrust against anything that could be thought to lead to an accusation of effeminacy. Laws were passed as was the case in 1294; under Philip the Fair of France forbidding people to ride in coaches, and sharp comparisons were drawn by the satirists between the hardy horsemen of old and the modern comfort-loving individuals who lolled..." The book goes on to say, "So, too, in 1564, Pope Pius IV was exhorting his cardinals and bishops to leave the new-fangled machines to women, and twenty-four years later Julius, Duke of Brunswick, found it necessary to issue an edict ordering his 'vassals, servants, and kinsmen, without distinction, young and old,' who 'have dared to give themselves up to indolence and to riding in coaches...to take notice that when We order them to assemble, either altogether or in part, or to receive their Fiefs, or when on other occasions they visit Our Court, they shall not travel or appear in Coaches, but on their riding Horses.' More stringent is the edict among the archives of the German county of Mark, in which the nobility was forbidden the use of coaches 'under penalty of incurring the punishment of felony.' The famous Bishop Hall speaks bitterly of the 'sin-guilty' coach: That great numbers of Hackney Coaches of late time seen and kept in London, Westminster, and their Suburbs, the general and promiscuous use of Coaches there, were not only a great disturbance to his Majesty, his dearest Consort the Queen, the Nobility, and others of place and degree, in their passage through the Streets; but the Streets themselves were so pestered, and the pavements so broken up, that common passage is thereby hindered and more dangerous: Wherefore We expressly command and forbid, That, from the feast of St. John the Baptist next coming, no Hackney or Hired Coach, be used or suffered in London, Westminster, or the Suburbs or Liberties thereof..."

So, this common form of transport is really nothing less than death on wheels. Wheels threaten more than they assist. Wheels are a trap, they are gadgets and gimmicks. They are a funky way to travel, a cause of forgetting the good ways, a cause of wrong hatreds and pains, and thereby people have become a creature of the wheel and a temporal lord of the infernal engines, of the machines. We are duty bound to correct and rebuke wheels, and by all peaceful means to resist and renounce them. The forbidden things like guns and machines will be the destruction of the world. Revelation 11:18 teaches us that God will destroy those who destroy the earth. Alternative power vehicles are not improving things one iota. There are more cars than people, this extreme wickedness is absurd.

There are far more things to say, reports like this one can be easily made about other types of modern transportation. We see in Obadiah, verse 4, "If you fly like the eagle, or make your nest among the stars, I will bring down, says the LORD." So the prohibition against all aircraft and spacecraft are likewise quite unmistakable. We cannot do such things on our own. The curse has indeed started all over again because we have now, after Christ, offered evil on top of evil. These crazy and insane things multiply, but one thing is absolutely certain, the Lord Jesus Christ certainly did NOT ***"take the wheel."***