

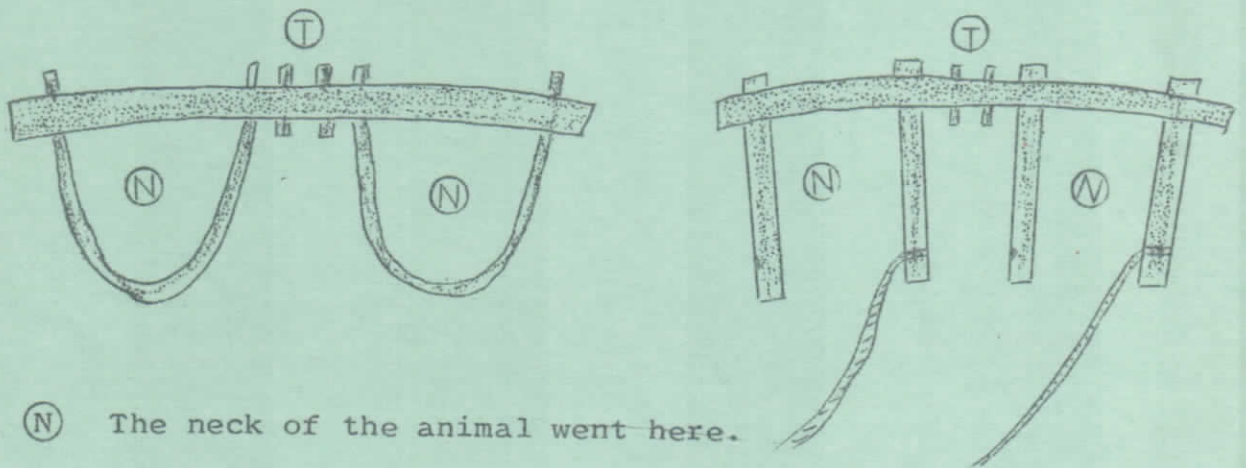


A yoke is part of the harness of the ox.

The yoke is used to do 2 things:

1. The yoke fastens the two animals to each other. These animals then can work together.
2. The yoke fastens the animals to the "tongue" of the cart or plow. Then the animals can pull the load in the cart.

A yoke is usually made of wood. It may have leather straps also. See these two pictures of different kinds of yokes.



(N) The neck of the animal went here.

(T) The "tongue" of the cart or plow went here.

TURN CARD OVER

DO YOU HAVE A YOKE?

A yoke is part of the harness of the ox. It fastens the ox to the load he is supposed to pull.

Sometimes men and women are fastened to some big load. People might say that a king puts a heavy yoke on his people. This kind of king would make the people work very hard. He punishes them if they do not work hard for him. It seems as if the people are like the oxen. They are tied to a big job. The king is making them do this work.

When the people of Israel were taken as prisoners to the far-off land of Babylon, Jeremiah said that the King of Babylon had put a 'yoke of iron' on the necks of God's people. (Jeremiah 28:14)

What did Jesus say about His yoke? (Read Matthew 11:29 and 30 in your Bible)

What did Paul say about a yoke? (Read II Corinthians 6:14 in your Bible)