

# Life of David

A Man After God's Own Heart

## Music

- Introduction
  - The Bible is filled with music from the very beginning.
  - Music is older than the human race as it is practiced by angels...
    - ✦ when the earth was created [Job 38:4-7]
    - ✦ in the Tribulation [Rev 5:8-12]
  - A number of different terms are used in the Bible to refer to music and activity related to music...
    - ✦ זמר (zamar) – to make music, sing praises (90X in 41vv)  
זמרה (zimrah) – song, melody (6X in 6vv)  
זמיר (zamiyr) – song (6X in 6vv)
    - ✦ ענה ('anah) – to sing (10X in 10vv) [Ex 32:18; Nu 21:17;  
1 Sam 18:7; 21:11; 29:5; Ezra 3:11; Ps 119:172; 147:7; Isa 27:2; Hos 2:15]
    - ✦ רנן (ranan) – to give a ringing cry, sing for joy (52X in 52vv)
    - ✦ שיר (shiyr) – to sing (81X in 77vv) [Ex 15:1]  
שירה (shiyrah) – song (59X in 56vv) [Ex 15:1]
    - ✦ נגן (nagan) – to play a stringed instrument (16X in 12vv)  
נגינה (n'giynah) – music (9X in 7vv)
    - ✦ ᾄδω (adō) – to sing (5X in 5vv) [Eph 5:19; Col 3:16; Rev 5:9; 14:3; 15:3]  
ὕμνη (ōdē) – song (7X in same 5vv as above)
    - ✦ κιθαρίζω (kitharizō) – to play on the harp (2X in 2vv)  
κιθάρα (kithara) – harp (4X in 4vv)
    - ✦ συμφωνία (sumphōnia) – symphony, music (1X in 1v)
    - ✦ ὑμνέω (humneō) – to sing a hymn (4X in 4vv) [Mt 26:30; Mk 14:26; Acts 16:25;  
Heb 2:12]  
ὑμνος (humnos) – hymn (2X in 2vv) [Eph 5:19; Col 3:16]
    - ✦ ψάλλω (psallō) – to sing praise (5X in 4vv) [Rom 15:9;  
1 Cor 14:15; Eph 5:19; Jas 5:13]  
ψαλμός (psalmos) – a psalm (7X in 7vv)

- Development
  - Even in ancient examples of heathen literature, in particular writings in the primitive Sumerian language, there are hymns in praise of the gods.
  - The Bible indicates that instrumental music was developed in the line of Cain [Gen 4:21]. (Cain → Enoch → Irad → Mehujael → Methushael → Lamech → Jubal)
  - Music was used in the ancient world even for common purposes [Gen 31:27].
  - Interestingly, music (including poetry) was the only art developed by the Jewish people – they did not engage in painting, sculpture, etc.
  - After crossing the Red Sea, Israel’s celebration was a celebration of song [Ex 15:1-18].
  - King David ushered in something of a “Golden Age” of music in Israel [1 Chr 15:16-28].
    - ✦ In his lifetime David raised music to an exalted position in national life.
    - ✦ David was a naturally gifted musical and poetic genius.
    - ✦ David invented musical instruments [1 Chr 23:5].
    - ✦ To all of his natural gifts David added a deep devotion to the Lord.
  - David’s commandments regarding music were observed in Israel for many years [Neh 12:24].
  - Music is highlighted in the N.T. as well...
    - ✦ Jesus sang hymns with His disciples [Mt 26:30].
    - ✦ Music is the expression of God’s word dwelling richly in the heart of the believer [Col 3:16].
    - ✦ Music is expressed toward man and God [Eph 5:19].
  - Christian music should both teach and challenge others [Col 3:16].
  - Christian music should be led by the Spirit with the mind fully engaged [1 Cor 14:15]
- Conclusion
  - Music is a gift given to us by God as one aspect of worship which should be enjoyed by all believers.