



THE GOD-GIVEN POWER OF MUSIC

TEACHINGS ON HOW GOD USES MUSIC IN OUR LIVES

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VIDEO #5 – MUSIC AND WARFARE

“Every stroke the LORD lays on them with his punishing club *will be to the music of timbrels and harps*, as he fights them in battle with the blows of his arm.” —Isaiah 30:32

the battle.

- To summon the forces and rally the army: Judges 3:27-28 When Ehud arrived there, *he blew a trumpet* in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went down with him from the hills, with him leading them. ²⁸ “Follow me,” he ordered, “for the LORD has given Moab, your enemy, into your hands.” So they followed him down and took possession of the fords of the Jordan that led to Moab; they allowed no one to cross over.
- Judges 6:34 Then the Spirit of the LORD came on Gideon, and *he blew a trumpet*, summoning the Abiezrites to follow him.
- As the army marched to war: 2 Chronicles 20:21 After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat *appointed men to sing to the LORD and to praise him* for the splendor of his holiness *as they went out at the head of the army*, saying: “Give thanks to the LORD, for his love endures forever.”

the fight.

- In battle, to receive the Lord’s help: Numbers 10:9 When you go into battle in your own land against an enemy who is oppressing you, *sound a blast on the trumpets*. Then you will be remembered by the LORD your God and rescued from your enemies.
- 2 Chronicles 13:14-15 Judah turned and saw that they were being attacked at both front and rear. Then they cried out to the LORD. *The priests blew their trumpets* ¹⁵ and the men of Judah raised the battle cry. At the sound of their battle cry, God routed Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah.
- Nehemiah 4:20 *Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet*, join us there. Our God will fight for us!
- In battle, to terrify the enemy: For Gideon, *the music and noise was the battle!* Judges 7:17 “Watch me,” he told them. “Follow my lead. When I get to the edge of the camp, do exactly as I do. ¹⁸ When I and all who are with me *blow our trumpets*, then from all around the camp *blow yours and shout*, ‘For the LORD and for Gideon.’” ¹⁹ Gideon and the hundred men with him reached the edge of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, just after they had changed the guard. *They blew their trumpets* and broke the jars that were in their hands. ²⁰ The three companies *blew the trumpets* and smashed the jars. Grasping the torches in their left hands and holding in their right hands the trumpets they were to blow, *they shouted*, “A sword for the LORD and for Gideon!” ²¹ While each man held his position around the camp, all the Midianites ran, crying out as they fled.

the victory.

- After the deliverance at the Red Sea: Exodus 15:19-21 When Pharaoh’s horses, chariots and horsemen went into the sea, the LORD brought the waters of the sea back over them, but the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground. ²⁰ Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron’s sister, *took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women followed her, with timbrels and dancing.* ²¹ *Miriam sang to them: “Sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea.”*

- All of Judges 5 is a victory song: ¹ On that day *Deborah and Barak son of Abinoam sang this song:* ² ... Praise the LORD! ³ "Hear this, you kings! Listen, you rulers! *I, even I, will sing to the LORD; I will praise the LORD, the God of Israel, in song.* ⁴ When you, LORD, went out from Seir, when you marched from the land of Edom, the earth shook, the heavens poured, the clouds poured down water. ⁵ The mountains quaked before the LORD, the One of Sinai, before the LORD, the God of Israel ... ¹² Wake up, wake up, Deborah! Wake up, wake up, *break out in song!* Arise, Barak! Take captive your captives, son of Abinoam. ¹³ The remnant of the nobles came down; the people of the LORD came down to me against the mighty."
- 2 Chronicles 20:27-29 Then, led by Jehoshaphat, all the men of Judah and Jerusalem returned joyfully to Jerusalem, for the LORD had given them cause to rejoice over their enemies. ²⁸ They entered Jerusalem and went to the temple of the LORD *with harps and lyres and trumpets.* ²⁹ The fear of God came on all the surrounding kingdoms when they heard how the LORD had fought against the enemies of Israel.
- Jephthah's daughter welcomed him home after his victories: Judges 11:34 When Jephthah returned to his home in Mizpah, who should come out to meet him but his daughter, *dancing to the sound of timbrels!*
- 1 Samuel 18:6-7 When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul *with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with timbrels and lyres.* ⁷ *As they danced, they sang:* "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands." See also 1 Samuel 21:11 and 29:5.

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