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History of Christian Music Part One

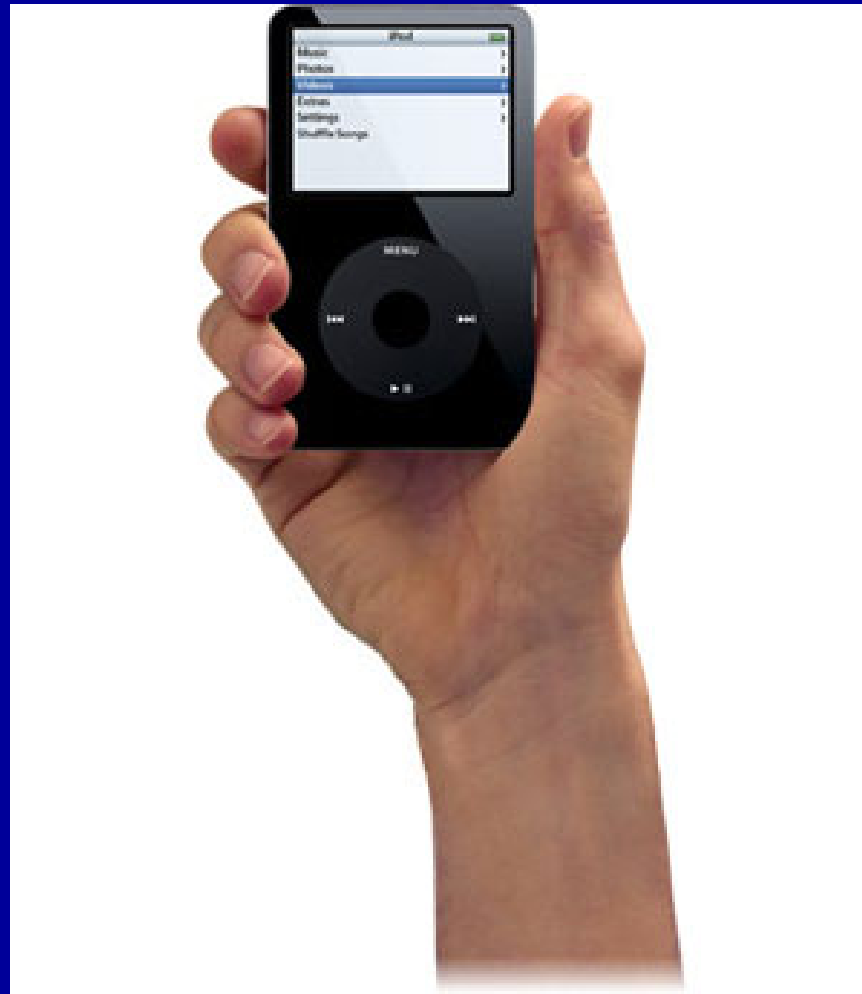
Lesson 74

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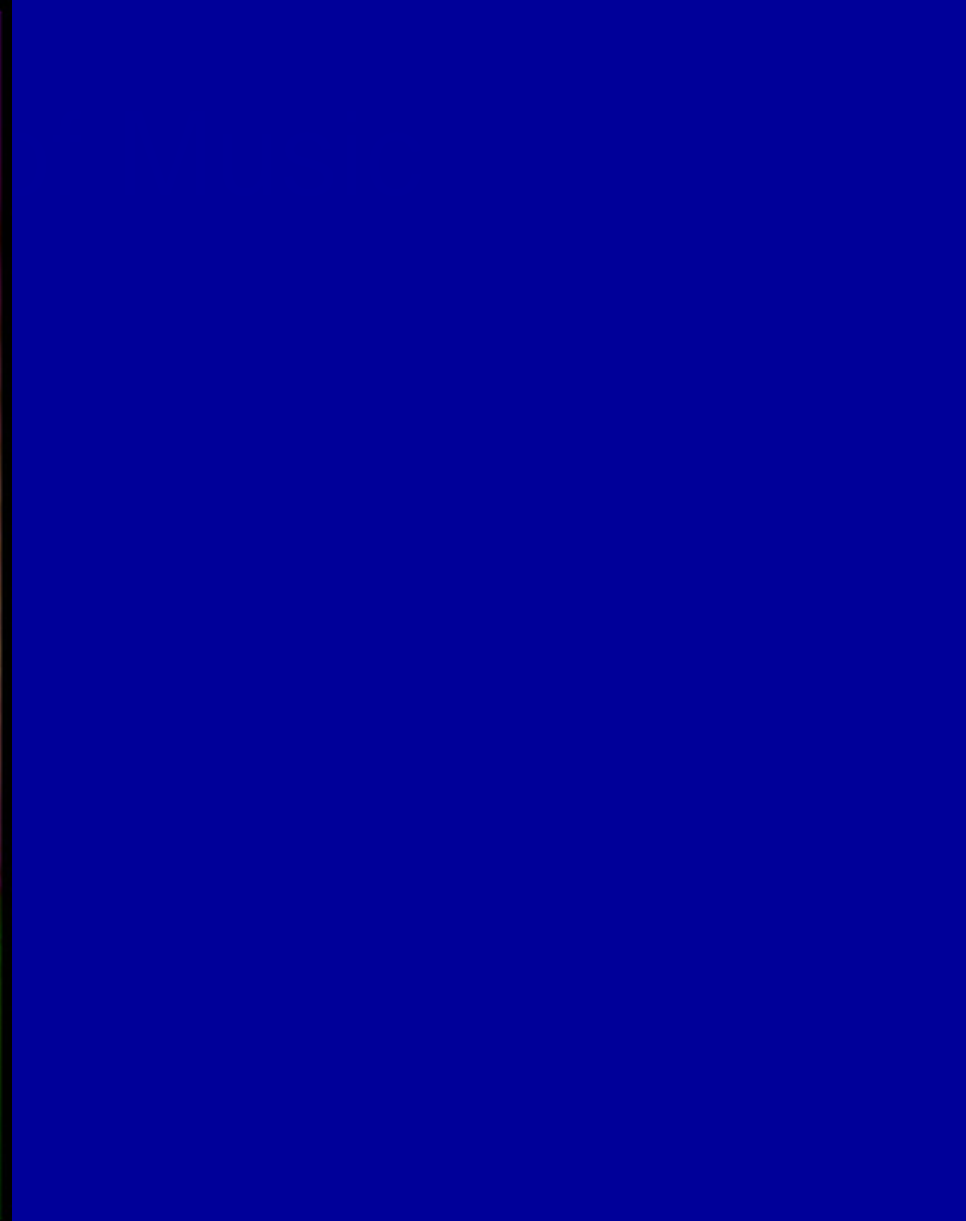


In nearly 6 years,
over 100 million sold!





Why Music?





Music Effects:



Music Effects:

- Memories



Music Effects:

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- Emotions



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- Mood



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Just how old is
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Jubal was the “father of all who play the harp and lyre”
(Gen. 4:21)

In the Old Testament:



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- Worship



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- Military





In the Old Testament:

- Worship
- Military
- Joy of Life

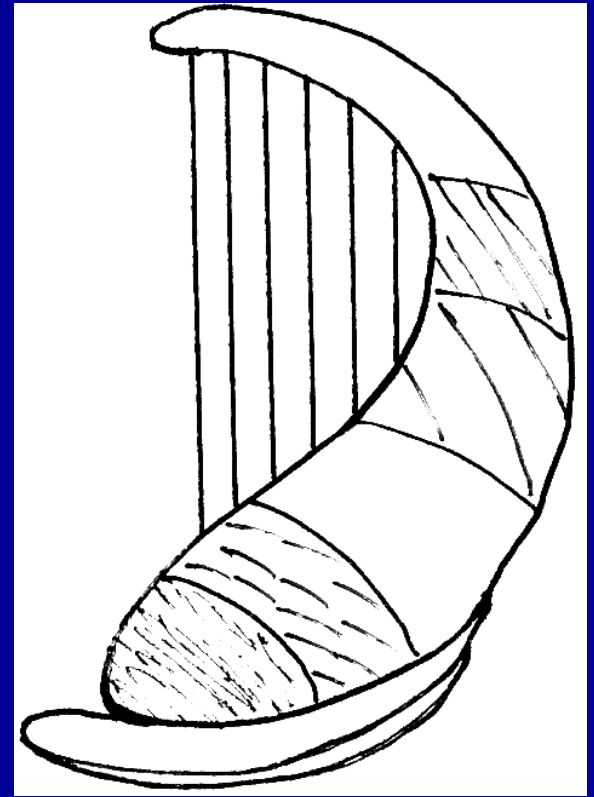
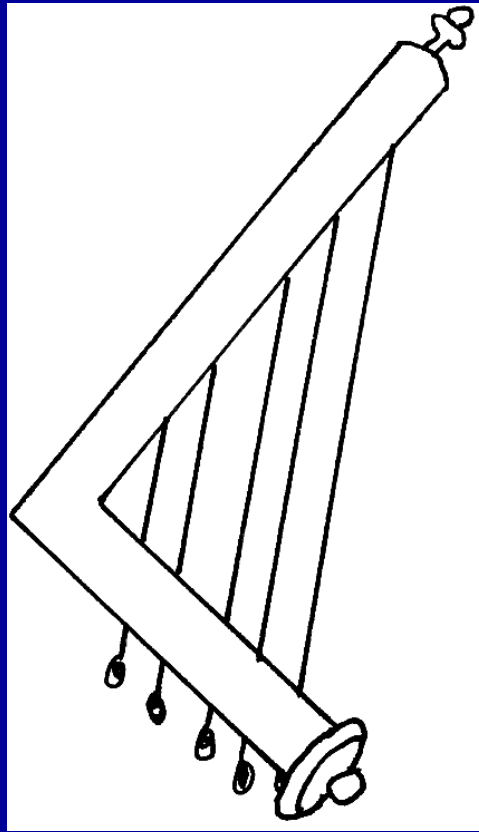
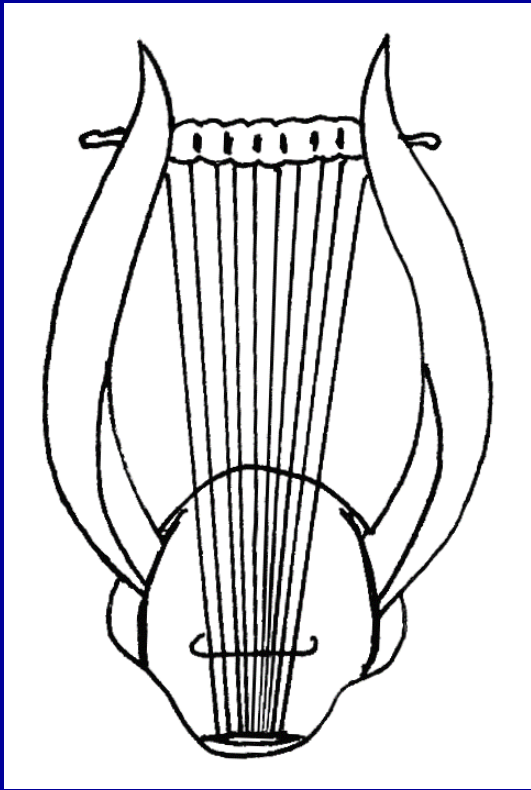


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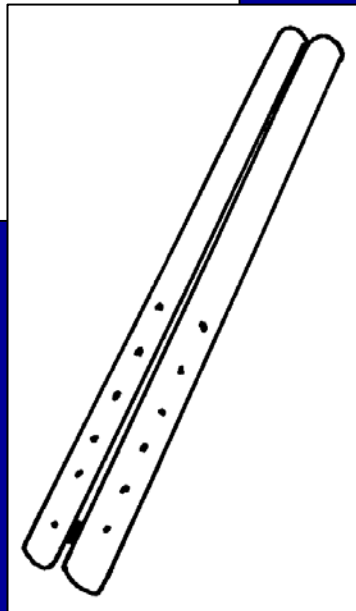
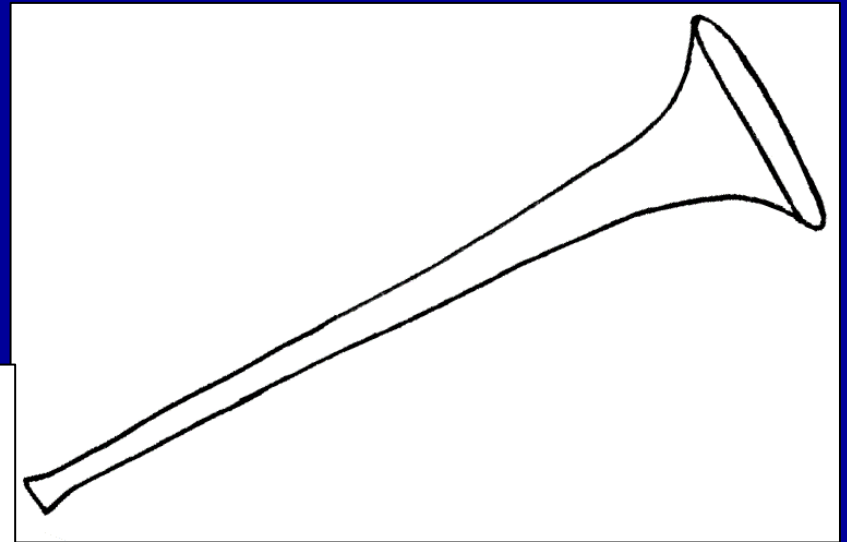
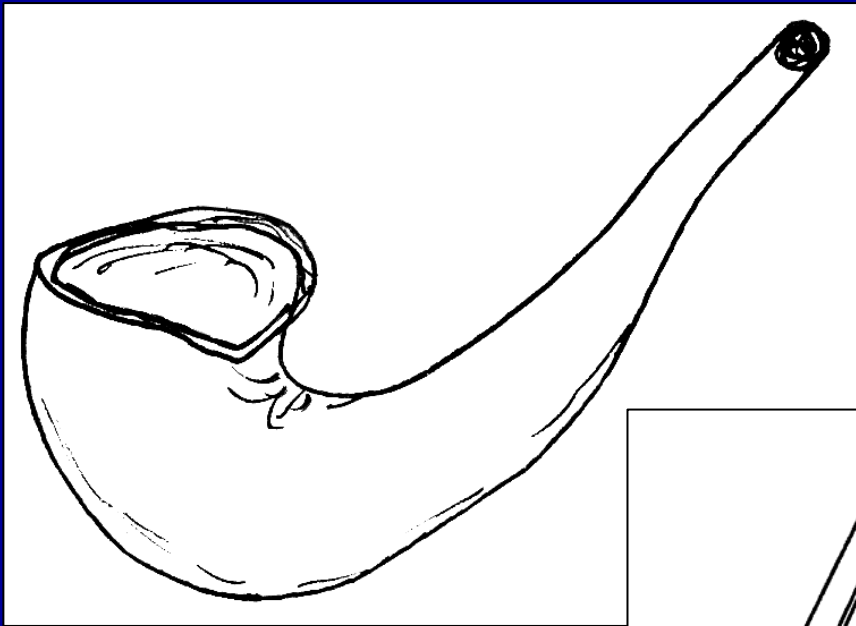
- Worship
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- Joy of Life
- David and Saul

Old Testament Instruments:

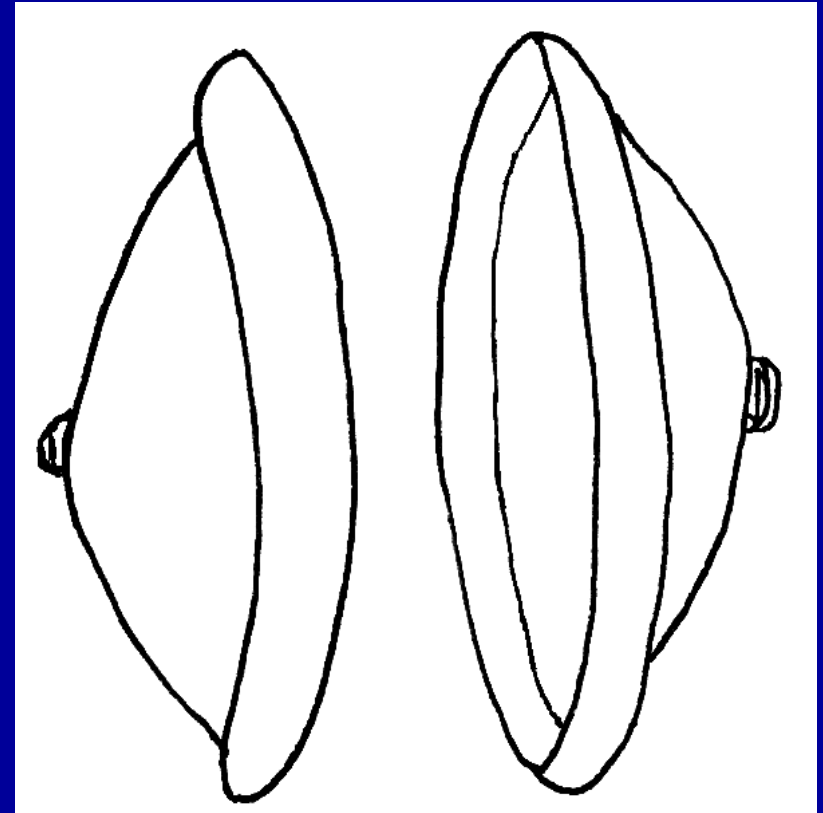
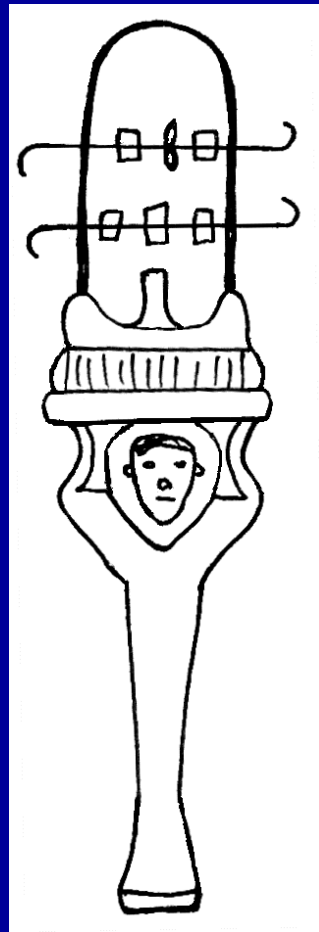
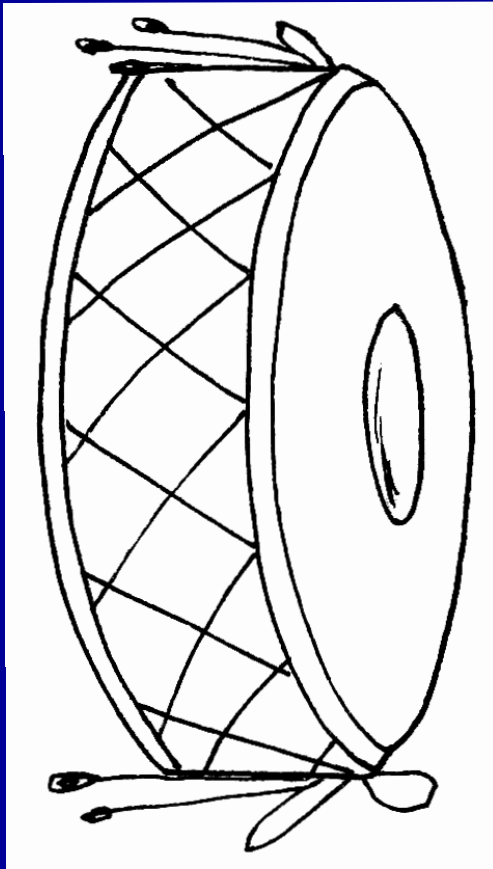
Old Testament Instruments:



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MIRIAM'S SONG OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

REPRODUCED FROM AN ORIGINAL DRAWING

Jennie Wylie, Modern British School

Many different Old Testament Songs

Psalms



Psalm 4

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**For the director of music.
With stringed instruments.
A psalm of David**

Psalms

Psalm 4

**For the director of music.
With stringed instruments.
A psalm of David**

**1 Answer me when I call to
you, O my righteous God.**

Psalms



Psalm 5

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**For the director of music.
For flutes. A psalm of David**

Psalms

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**For the director of music.
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**1 Give ear to my words, O
LORD, consider my sighing**

Psalms



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4 In your anger do not sin;
when you are on your
beds, search your hearts
and be silent.

Selah

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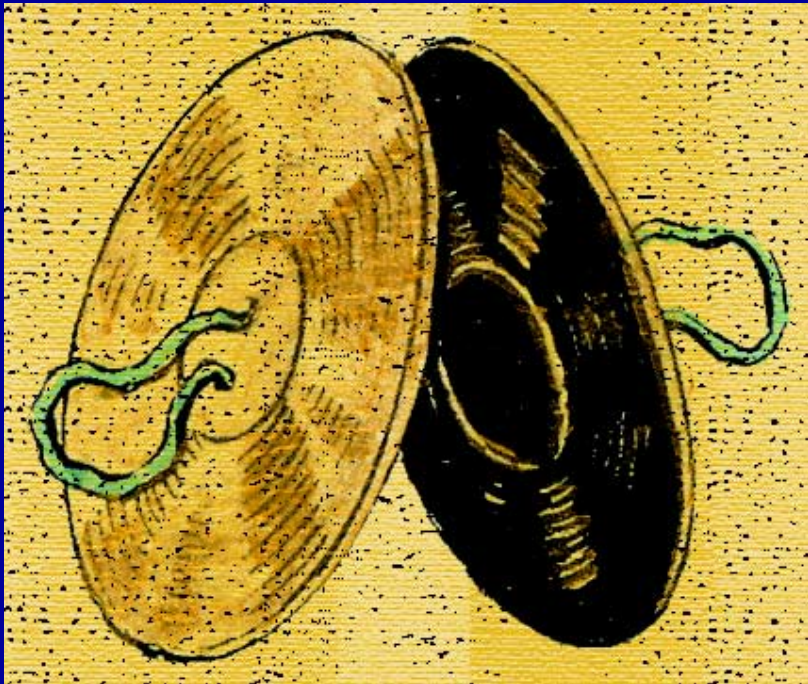
“Selah”
“Lift up”

Music in the New Testament

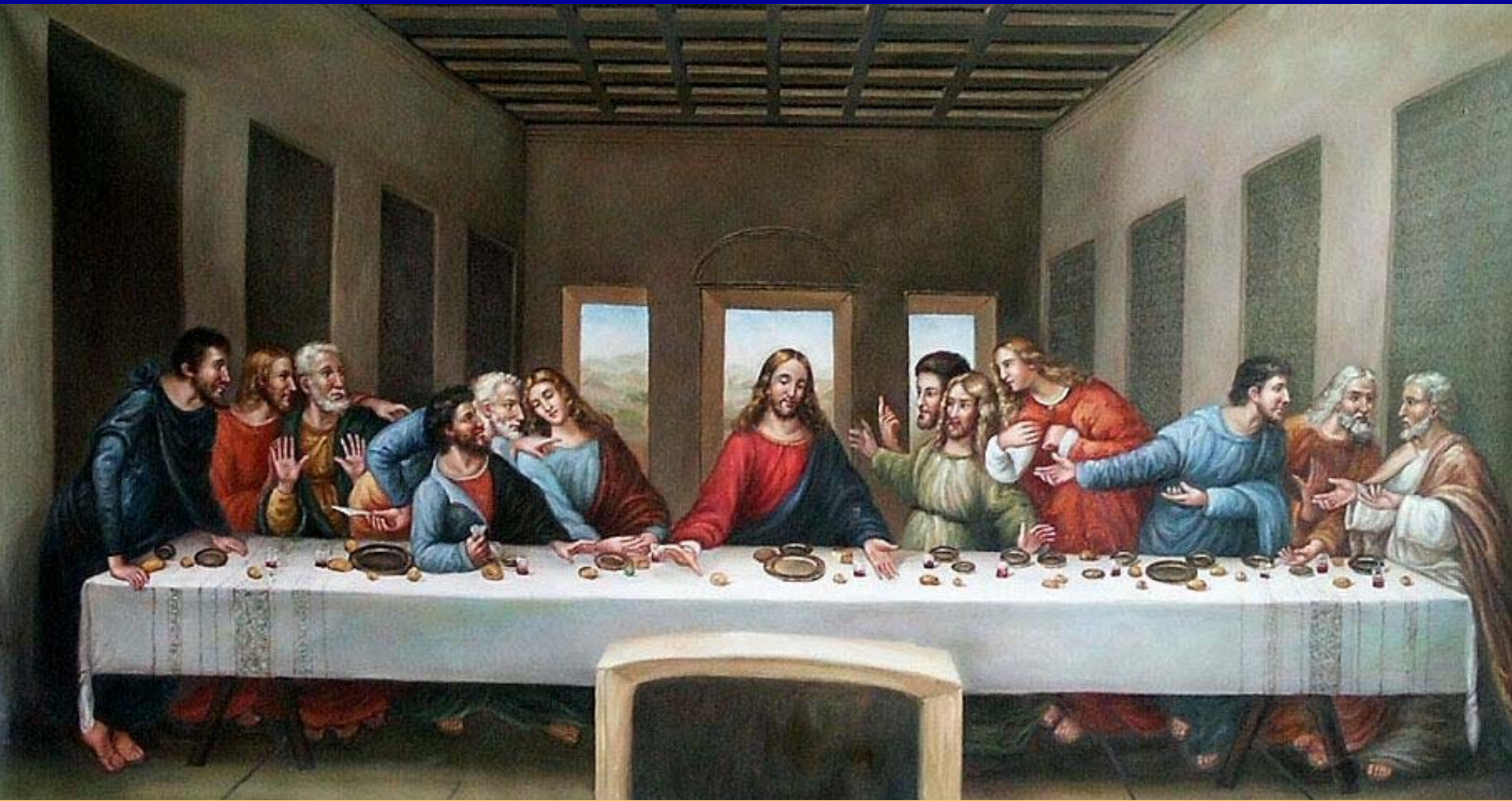


Flutes for
mourning
and play

Music in the New Testament



Got Love?



When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives

New Testament Songs



“Glory to God in the Highest”

(Luke 2:14)

New Testament Songs



The Magnificat

(Luke 1:46-55)

New Testament Songs

Ephesians 5:14

New Testament Songs

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That is why it is
said: “Wake up, O
sleeper, rise from
the dead, and
Christ will shine
on you”

Consider Revelation



The “Sound”





The “Sound”

- Think “chant”



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- No real harmony



The “Sound”

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- Some antiphony (Psalm 118)

Early Church Music

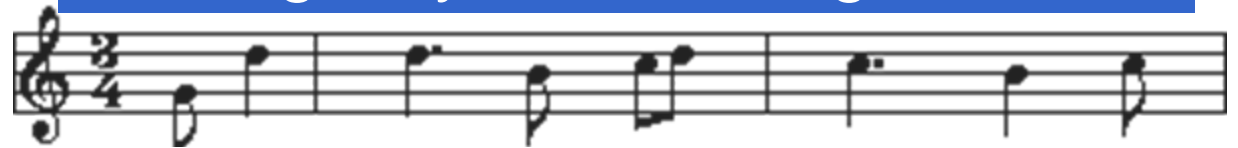


“Contemporary “
Greek sound - the
Epitaph of Seikilos

Epitaph of Seikilos



As long as you live be lighthearted



Ho-son zis phe - nou Mi den



Holos su lu-pou pros o ligon esti to

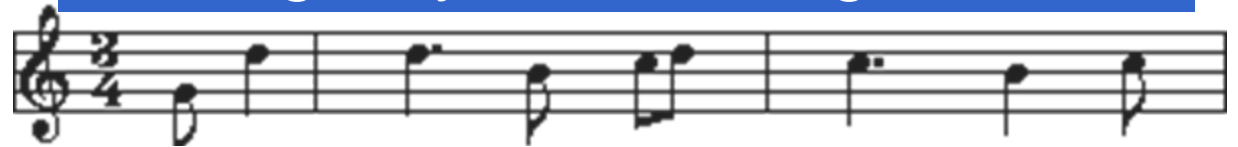


Zin to telos ho chronos apeti

Epitaph of Seikilos



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Let nothing trouble you. Life is too short

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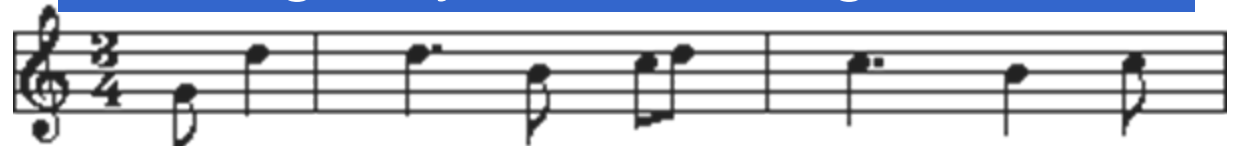


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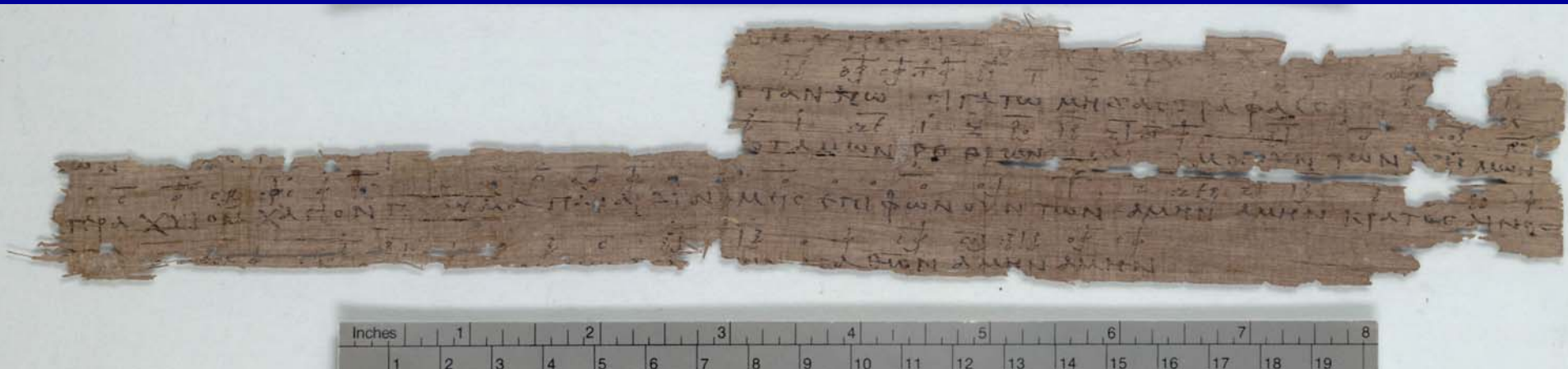
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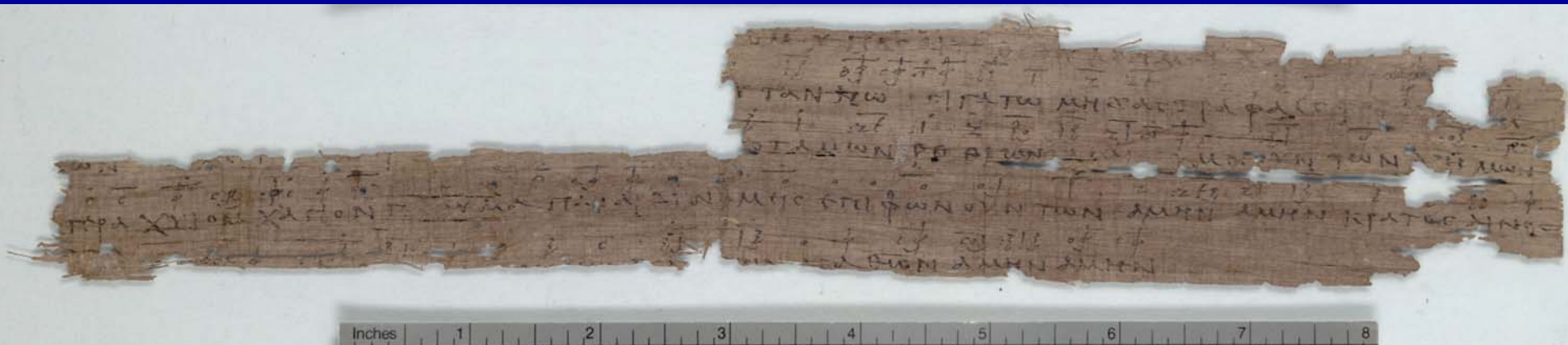
And time takes it toll.

The earliest non-Biblical Christian hymn



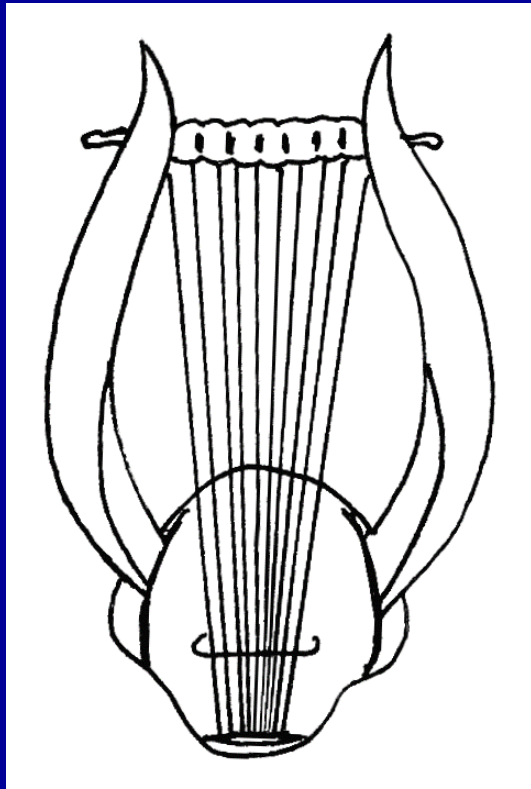
Oxyrhyncus Papyri 1786 (late 200's)

The earliest non-Biblical Christian hymn



“Let it be silent; Let the luminous star not shine; Let the winds (?) and all the noisy rivers die down’ And as we hymn the Father , the Son and the Holy Spirit, let all the powers add, ‘Amen Amen’. Empire, praise always, and glory to God, the sole giver of good things, Amen Amen.

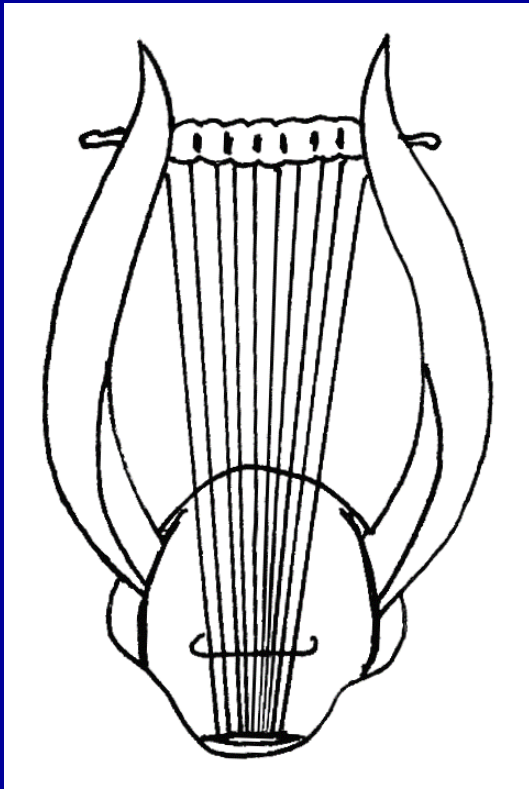
Early Church writings on Music



Ignatius of Antioch:

Your church “harmonizes with the bishop as completely as the strings with a harp”

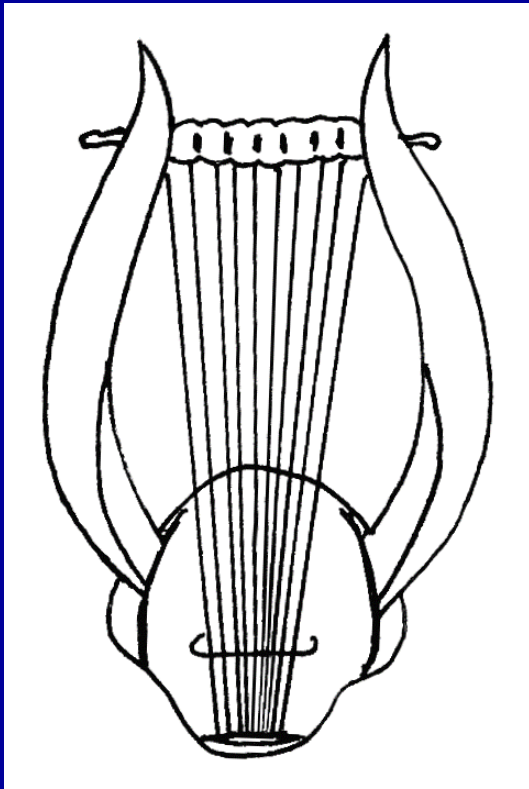
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“by your unity taking your key note from God, you may with one voice through Jesus Christ sing a song to the Father.”

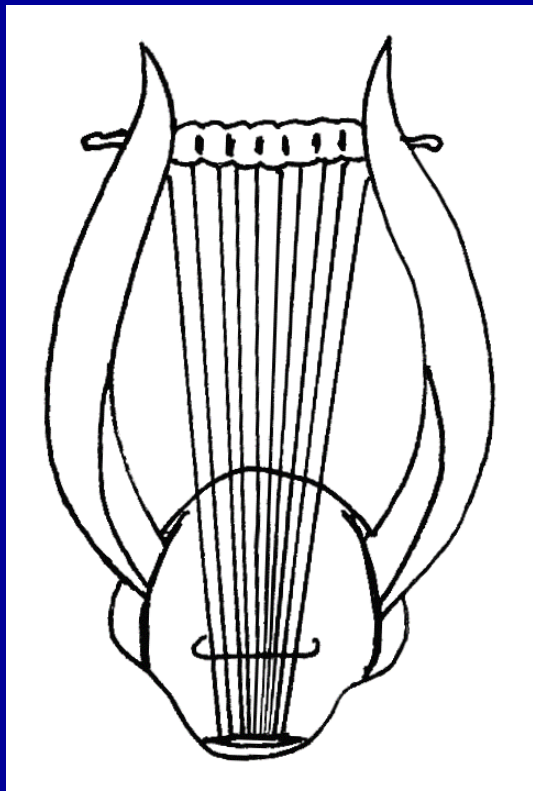
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Clement of Alexandria:

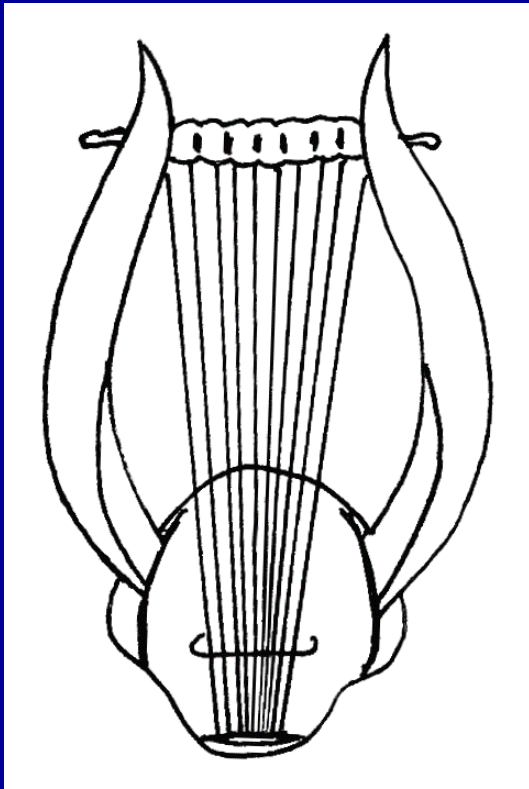
“Plucking strings ...
Godless.” The sound of
the *aulos* [flute] was
“erotic” leading to
“dancing, drunkenness
and every sort of trash”

Early Church writings on Music



Basil (375ish)

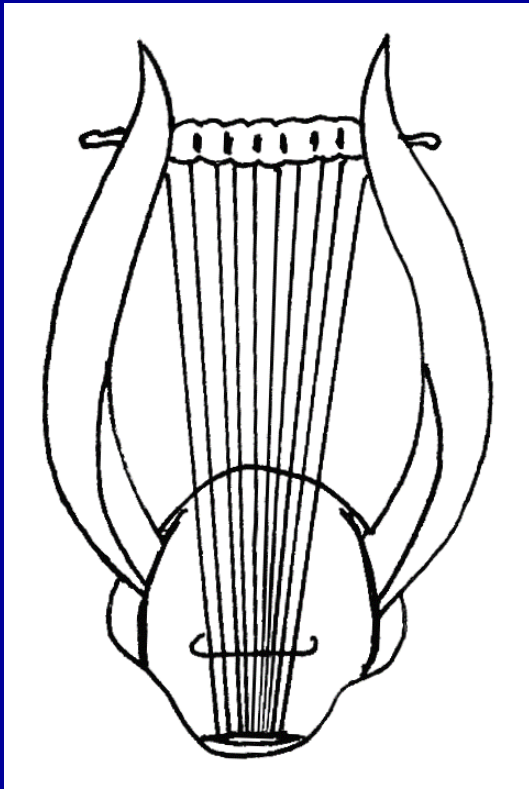
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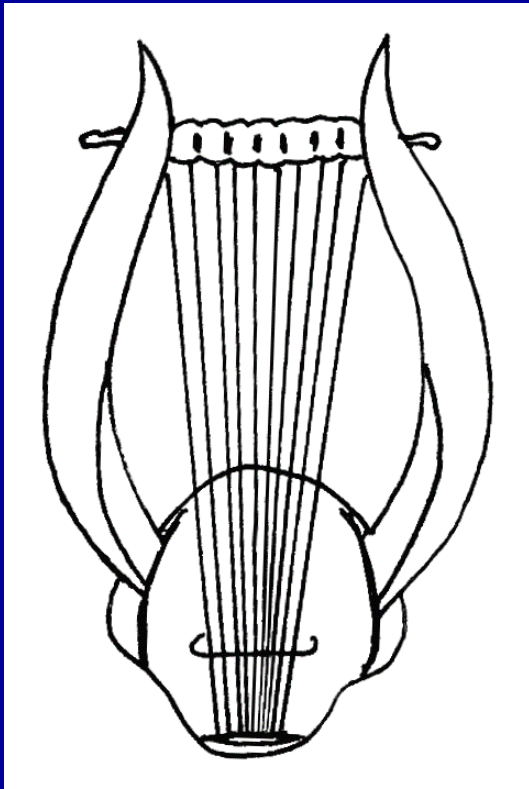
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- Singing psalms “settles one’s thoughts”
- takes away “the soul’s wrath”
- creates friendships

Early Church writings on Music



Basil (375ish)

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**BUT BEWARE OF THE WICKED
CONTEMPORARY SOUNDS! USE THE
OLDER MUSIC!**

the soul's

• creates friendships

Next week:



- Hymns, hymns and more hymns...
- Do Re Me Fa So
La Ti Do!

Points for Home

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- Songs are POWERFUL tools. Use them right!

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“Whatever you do, in word or deed, do all
in the name of our Lord Jesus”
(Col. 3:17)

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- Use songs to encourage each other as well as worship God

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“And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Eph. 5:18-20)

Points for Home

Points for Home

- Arm yourself with good Christian music for times of need!
 - David and danger (psalm 23 - “The Lord is my shepherd ...”)
 - David for others (psalm 20 - “May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble...”)