

Worship in the Old Testament



Lev 1:9

“offering by fire of a soothing aroma to the Lord.”

Instrumental Music In Worship

A Biblical Survey

THESIS:

- History of Musical Instruments
- The Restoration Principle
- Temple Worship & Instruments

An OT Historical Survey

The *Intercessory* *Prayer of Moses*

Exodus 32

Part Two

Tonight: 5:00 p.m.



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Next Sun. 3/29/15

Hermeneutics and the Instrument

“Sola Scriptura”

Latin: “Scripture Only”



Join us for our Annual Spring Singing!

Friday night - April 10 - 7:00 p.m.

How Deep The Father's Love

Friday April 10th 7:00pm to 8:30pm

At the

Kirkland Church of Christ

10421 NorthEast 140th st.

Kirkland, WA 98034

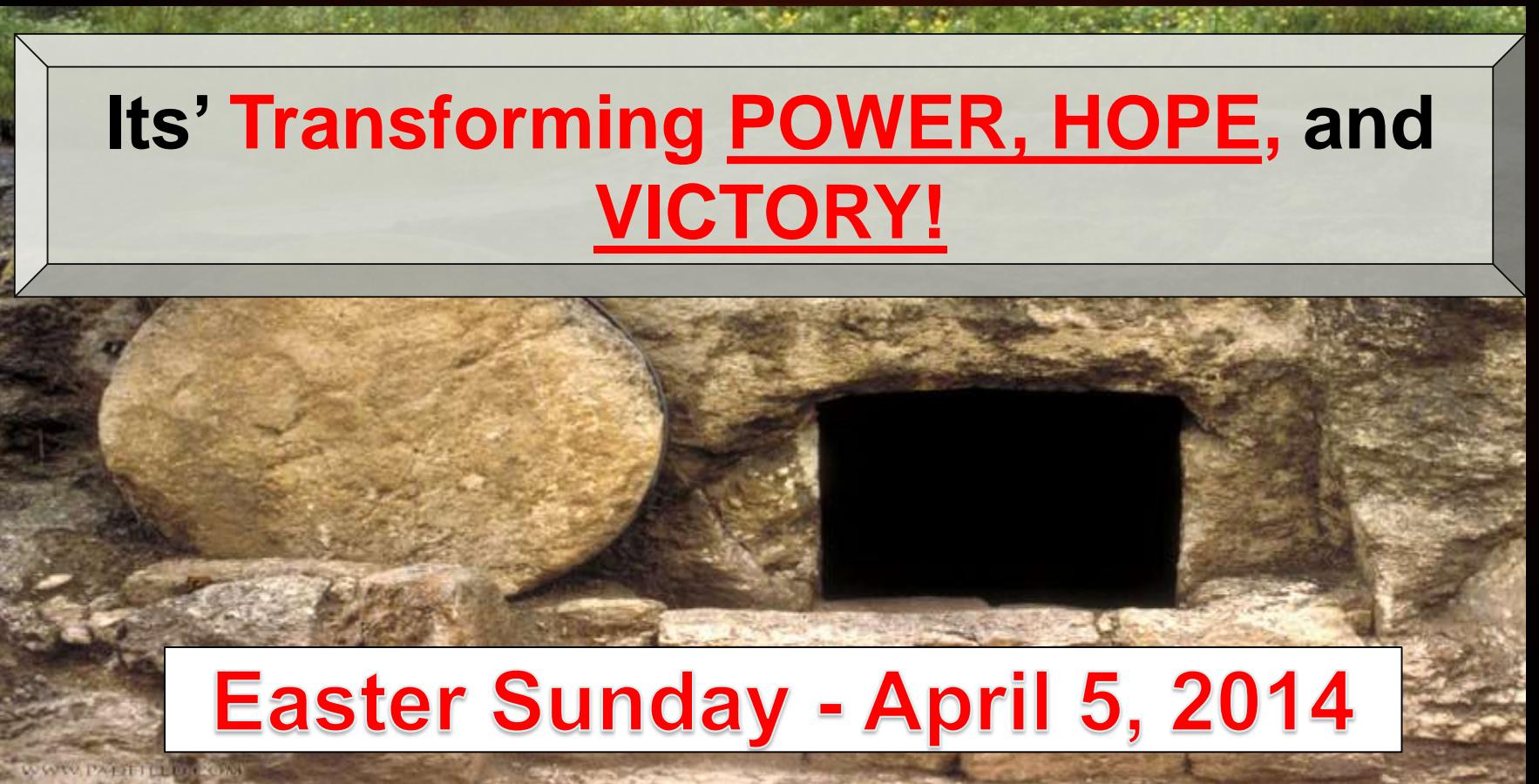
An Acapella Singing Event





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THE
RESURRECTION

Its' Transforming POWER, HOPE, and
VICTORY!



Easter Sunday - April 5, 2014

HISTORY

- Moses and the Tabernacle
(Num 10:1-10).
 - Silver *Trumpets*
 - Only the *priests* (10:8).
 - Only on *authorized occasions* (10:10).

Numbers 10:10

“On the day of your gladness also, and at your appointed feasts and at the beginnings of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings. They shall be a reminder of you before your God: I am the LORD your God.”

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Moses David
(1440 BC) (1010 BC)



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1 Chronicles 16: 4-6

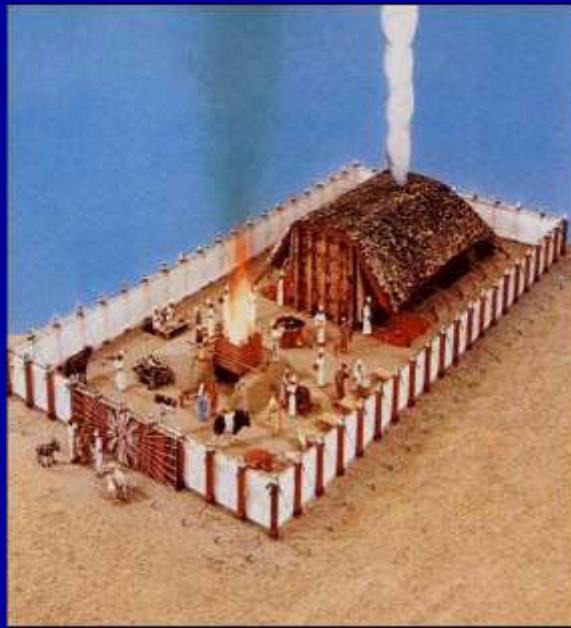
“Then he appointed some of the Levites as ministers before the ark of the LORD, to invoke, to thank, and to praise the LORD, the God of Israel. They were to play harps and lyres; Asaph was to sound the cymbals, and Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests were to blow trumpets regularly before the ark of the covenant of God.”

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David
(1010 BC)

Solomon
(970 BC)



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1 Chronicles 23:4

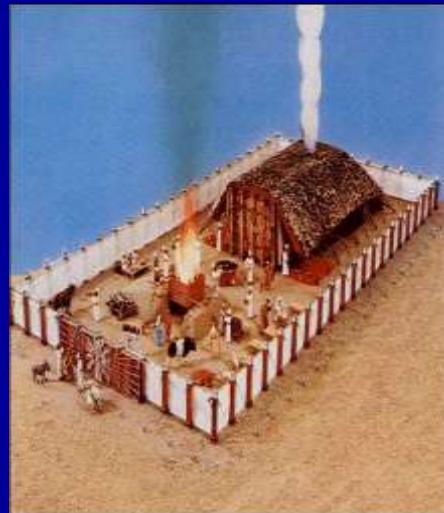
4 "Twenty-four thousand of these," David said, "shall have charge of the work in the house of the LORD, 6,000 shall be officers and judges, 54,000 gatekeepers, and 4,000 shall offer praises to the LORD with the instruments that I have made for praise."

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THE RESTORATION PRINCIPLE

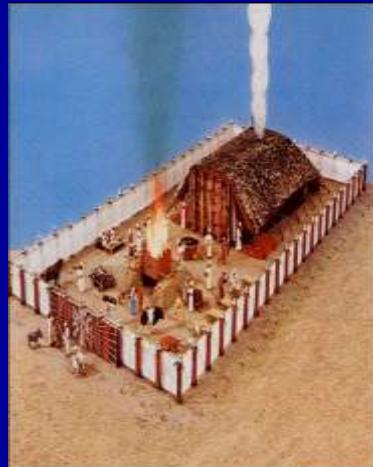
- Jehoida – 2 Chron. 23:18
- Hezekiah – 2 Chron. 29:25-29
- Josiah – 2 Chron. 34:4-5
- Ezra – Ezra 3:10
- Nehemiah –Neh 12:24,35,45ff

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David
(1010 BC)



Solomon
(970 BC)



Hezekiah
(700 BC)



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2 Chronicles 29:25

25 And he stationed the Levites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, harps, and lyres, according to the commandment of David and of Gad the king's seer and of Nathan the prophet, for the commandment was from the LORD through his prophets.

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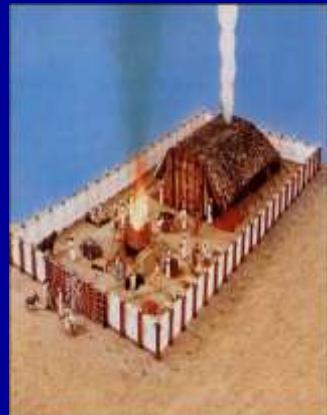
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Solomon
(970 BC)

Hezekiah
(700 BC)

Return
(520 BC)



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Ezra 3:10

“And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, the priests in their vestments came forward with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the LORD, according to the directions of David king of Israel.”

Nehemiah 12:24

“And the chiefs of the Levites were brought in . . . with their brothers who stood opposite them, to praise and to give thanks, according to the commandment of David the man of God, watch by watch.”

Summary

- Israel used instruments because God told them to.
- For the first 400 years, the only instruments God told them to use were two silver trumpets.
- For the next thousand years, they only used what David commanded them to use by God's command.

TEMPLE WORSHIP

- Instruments were tied to the sacrificial system/temple.
- Special Psalms were written to “Praise God in His sanctuary” (Ps 150:1b).
- Instruments were not used outside the temple.

Worship: Orthodox Synagogues

“Services in orthodox synagogues are conducted entirely in Hebrew, with the exception of the sermon. Furthermore, singing is not accompanied by a choir or musical instrument.”

<http://www.jfind.co.uk/articles/Orthodox-Reform-Synagogues.aspx>

Moving to the New Testament

- Change in covenant = change in worship (Heb 7:12, 8:13).
- Jesus replaced the temple system through His death (Col 2:14).
- The temple in the NT is the church, built on Jesus (Heb 13:15).

Everett Ferguson – “A Cappella Music.” pg 31

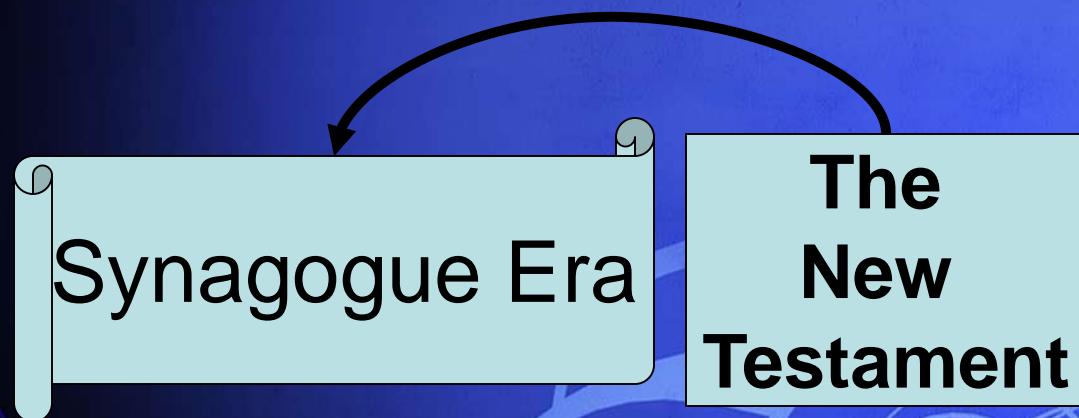
“Early Christianity saw the sacrificial system and temple worship as superseded by the sacrifice of Christ. When the Levitical priesthood and the sacrificial cults were abolished, naturally its accompaniments were, too.”

The NT Speaks of Singing, Not Instruments

- 1 Cor. 14:15 - I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also.
- James 5:13 - Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.
- Col. 3:16 - Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Should We Just Assume They Were Used?

500 yrs



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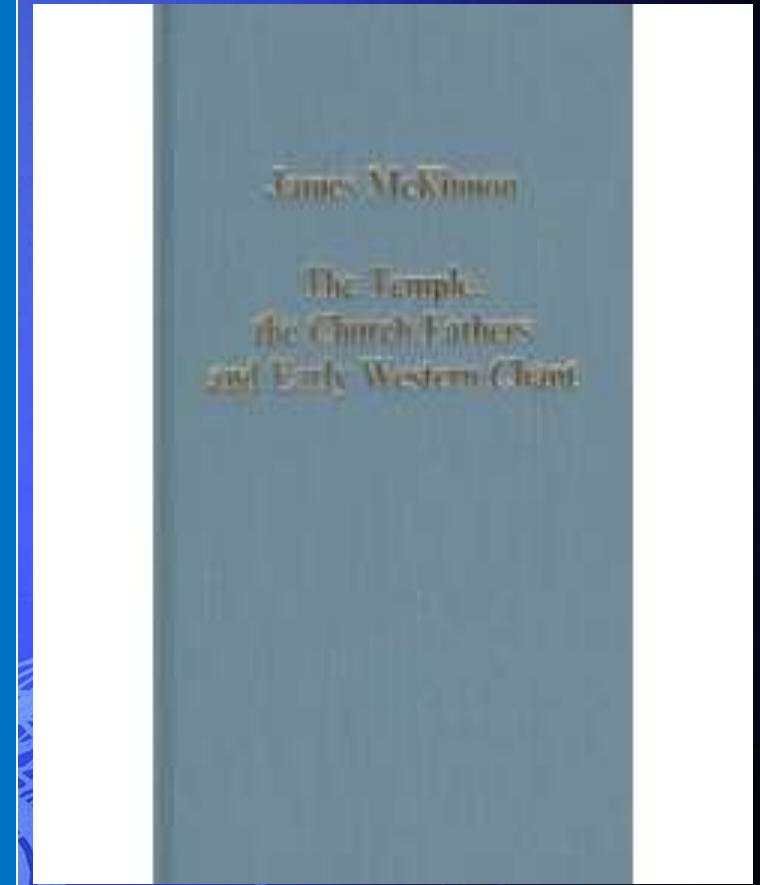
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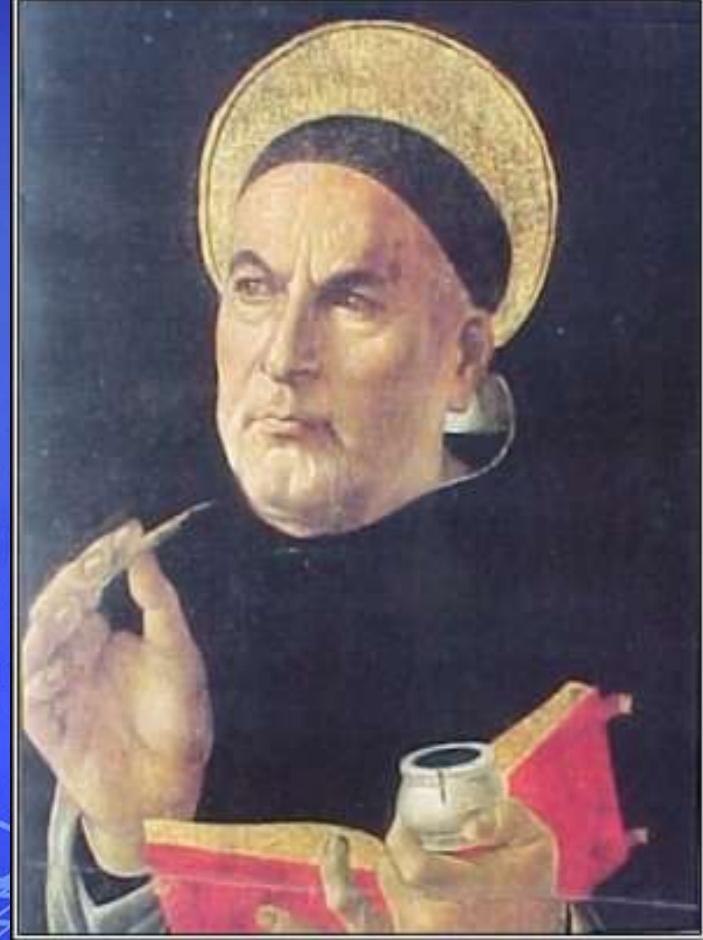
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“The antagonism which the Fathers of the early Church displayed toward instruments has two outstanding characteristics: vehemence and uniformity.” (James McKinnon, *The Temple, the Church Fathers and Early Western Chants*)



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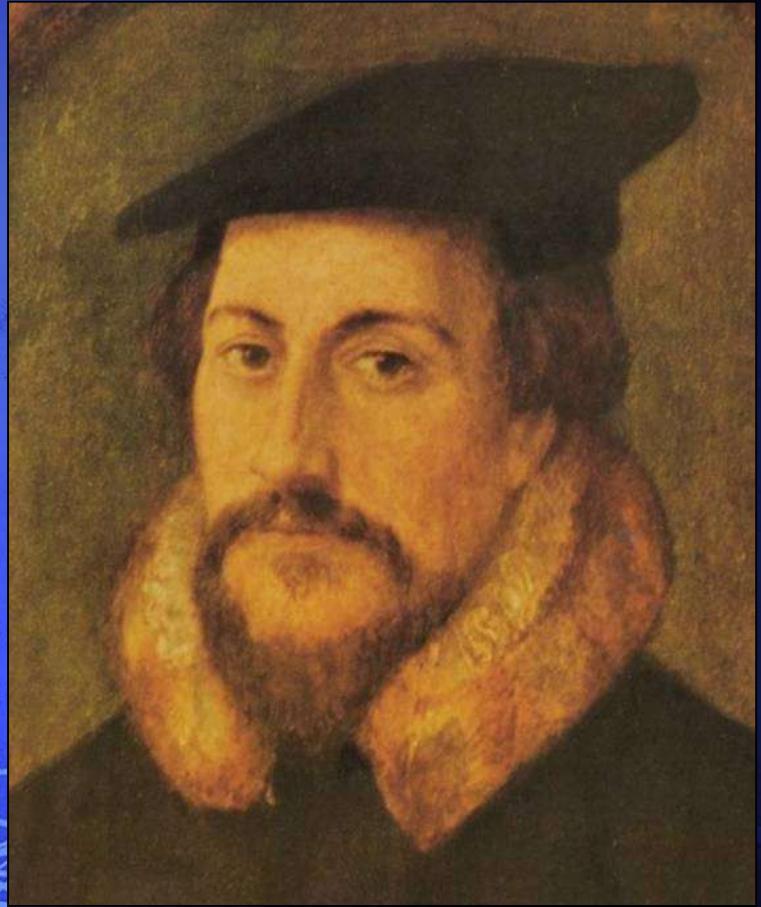
“The Church does not use musical instruments such as the harp or lyre when praising God, in case she should seem to fall back into Judaism.”



Thomas Aquinas
(AD 1225-1274)

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“Musical instruments would be no more suitable than the burning of incense, the lighting of lamps, and the restoration of the other shadows of the law.”



John Calvin
(AD 1225-1274)

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