

Praise Music, Singing, Shouting, Clapping and Dancing In the Assembly

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(In this quick study, biblical researcher Ya'acov Natan Lawrence is not offering the reader an exhaustive treatment of this topic, but rather a quick synopsis based on his extensive research in pursuit of truth. In doing so, he has evaluated biblical, linguistic, Christian and Jewish sources.)

Scriptural Examples

☞ Praising Elohim in the Tabernacle during the time of David:

- 1Chron 16:37, 41-43

So he left there before the ark of the covenant of YHVH Asaph and his brethren, to minister before the ark continually, as every day's work required:

And with them Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest that were chosen, who were expressed by name, to give thanks to YHVH, because his mercy endureth for ever; And with them Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets (khatz-o-tzer-aw) and cymbals for those that should make a sound, and with musical instruments of Elohim. And the sons of Jeduthun were porters. And all the people departed every man to his house: and David returned to bless his house.

☞ Praising Elohim with musical instruments and singing in the Temple during the time of Hezekiah:

- 2Chron 30: 25-30

And he set the Levites in the house of YHVH with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet: for so was the commandment of YHVH by his prophets. And the Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets. And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt offering upon the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of YHVH began also with the trumpets (khats-o-tser-aw), and with the instruments ordained by David king of Israel. And all the congregation worshipped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded: and all this continued until the burnt offering was finished. And when they had made an end of offering, the king and all that were present with him bowed themselves, and worshipped. Moreover Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praise unto YHVH with the words of David, and of Asaph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped.

☞ Where is a more appropriate place to praise Yah with musical instruments, with shouts, with the dance, with a new song, with claps, and with the joyful noise than in the **congregation of the saints** and **in the temple of the King of kings**?

- Ps 149: 1-5

Praise ye YHVH. Sing unto YHVH a new song, and his praise **in the congregation of saints** (*qahal* = *assembly*). Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be

joyful in their King. Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp. For YHVH taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation. Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds.

- Ps 150:1-6

Praise ye YHVH. Praise El **in his sanctuary**: praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp. Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals. Let every thing that hath breath praise YHVH. Praise ye YHVH.

- Ps 95:1-2

O come, let us sing unto YHVH: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

- Ps. 98:1-9

<<A Psalm.>>

O sing unto YHVH a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory. YHVH hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen. He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our Elohim.

Make a joyful noise unto YHVH, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise. Sing unto YHVH with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm. With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before YHVH, the King. Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. Let the floods clap their hands: let the hills be joyful together Before YHVH; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

- Ps. 100: 1-5

<<A Psalm of praise.>>

Make a joyful noise unto YHVH, all ye lands. Serve YHVH with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that YHVH he is Elohim: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. **Enter into his gates** with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For YHVH is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

- Ps 107:32

Let them exalt (lift up) him also **in the congregation** (*qahal*) of the people, and praise (*halal* = *glory, boast, celebrate*) him **in the assembly of the elders**.

- Ps III:1

Praise ye YHVH. I will praise YHVH with my whole heart, **in the assembly** of the upright, and **in the congregation** (**gathering, assembly, multitude**).

- Ps 22:22-25

I will declare thy name unto my brethren: **in the midst of the congregation** will I praise

thee. Ye that fear YHVH, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel. For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard. My praise shall be of thee in **the great congregation**: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.

- Ps 35:18 I will give thee thanks **in the great congregation**: I will praise thee among much people.

- Ps 81:1-4

<<To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm of Asaph.>>

Sing aloud unto Elohim our strength: make a joyful noise (*ruwa = shout, alarm, cry, triumph, to shout with religious impulse, to shout for joy, to shout in triumph*) unto the Elohay of Jacob.

Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery. **Blow up the trumpet (*shofar*) in the new moon, in the time appointed (full moon), on our solemn feast day (*yom chag*)**. For this was a statute for Israel, and a law of the Elohay of Jacob.

The condition of the heart is the issue, NOT when, where or how the praising occurs! — N'tan Lawrence

