





Music In The Bible

A classical painting depicting a busy ancient city street scene. In the foreground, a woman in a blue and green dress plays a lyre. To her right, a man in a red and blue robe plays a flute. In the center, a man in a white and purple robe carries a large, ornate golden structure on his back. To the right, a man in a blue robe plays a flute. In the background, a woman in a purple and yellow dress plays a lyre. The scene is filled with people in various activities, including a man in a blue and white robe playing a lyre. The background shows a city with buildings and a large structure with a golden dome. The overall scene is a vibrant and detailed depiction of ancient life.

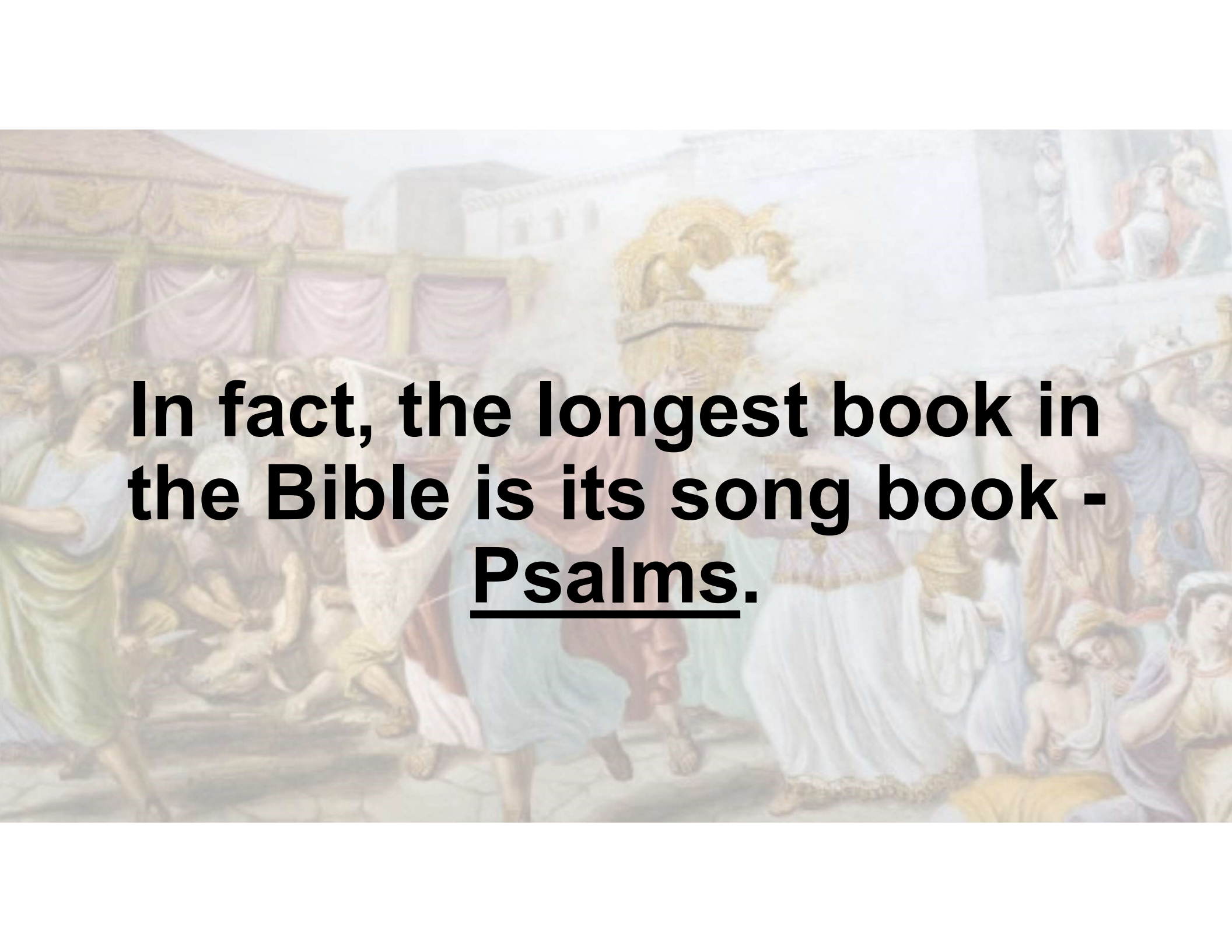
**Music is an inherent
part of every society**



Since music is such an important part of life, it should not be surprising that the Bible says much about it



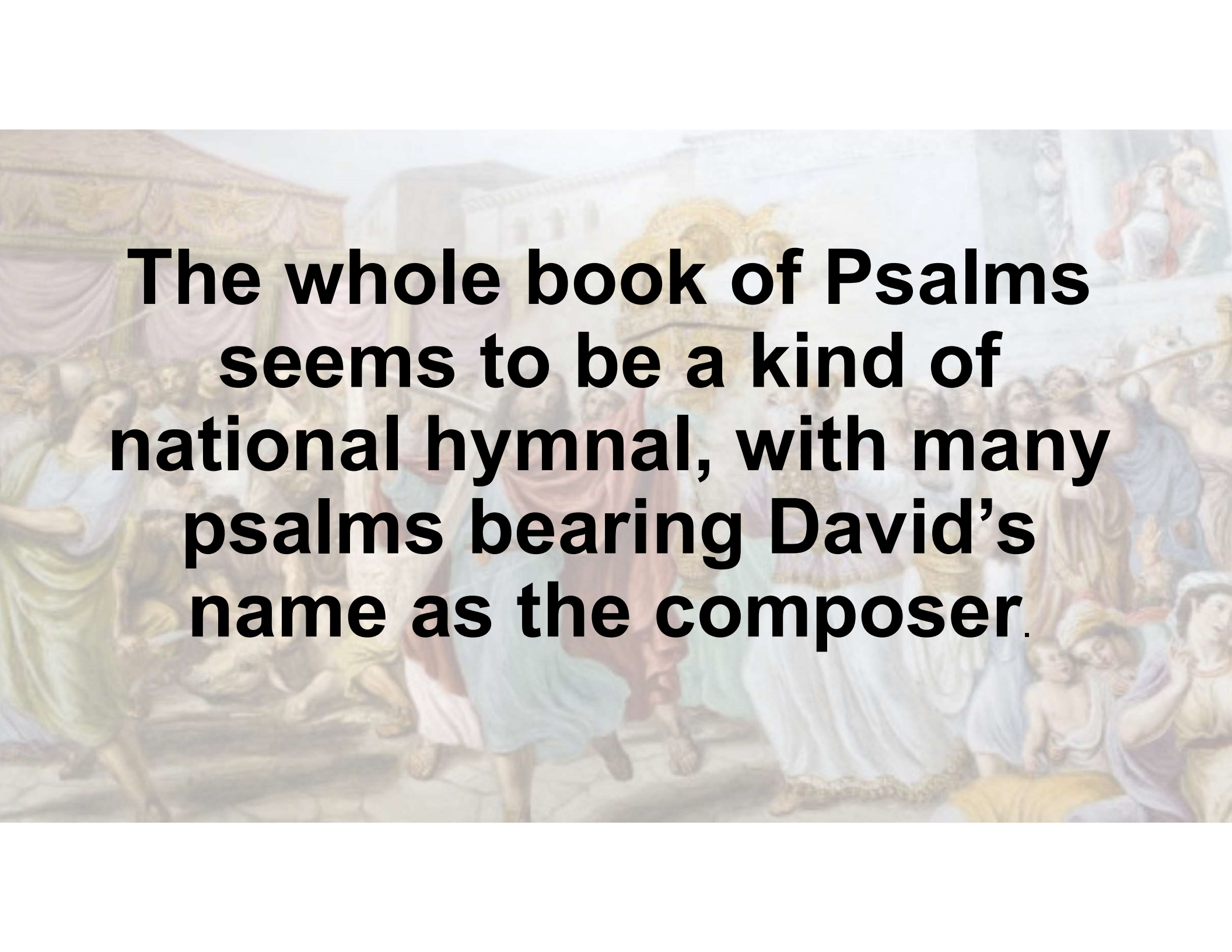
**There are at least 145
references to music in
the Bible**

A classical painting depicting a religious procession. In the center, a golden chariot or throne is being carried by several men. A crowd of people, including women in long dresses and children, surrounds the chariot. The background shows a building with a balcony where more figures are visible. The overall scene is filled with movement and activity, suggesting a significant event or festival.

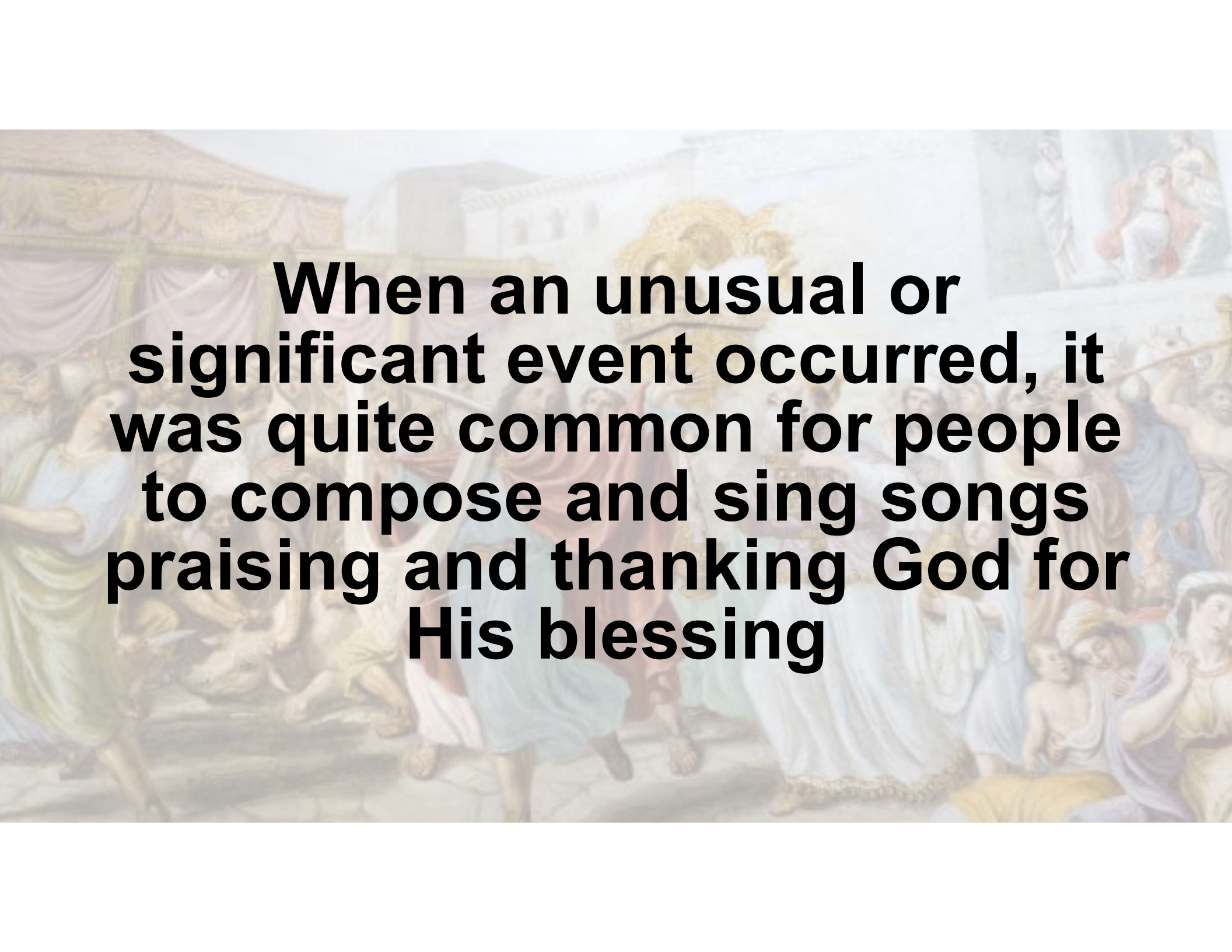
**In fact, the longest book in
the Bible is its song book -
Psalms.**



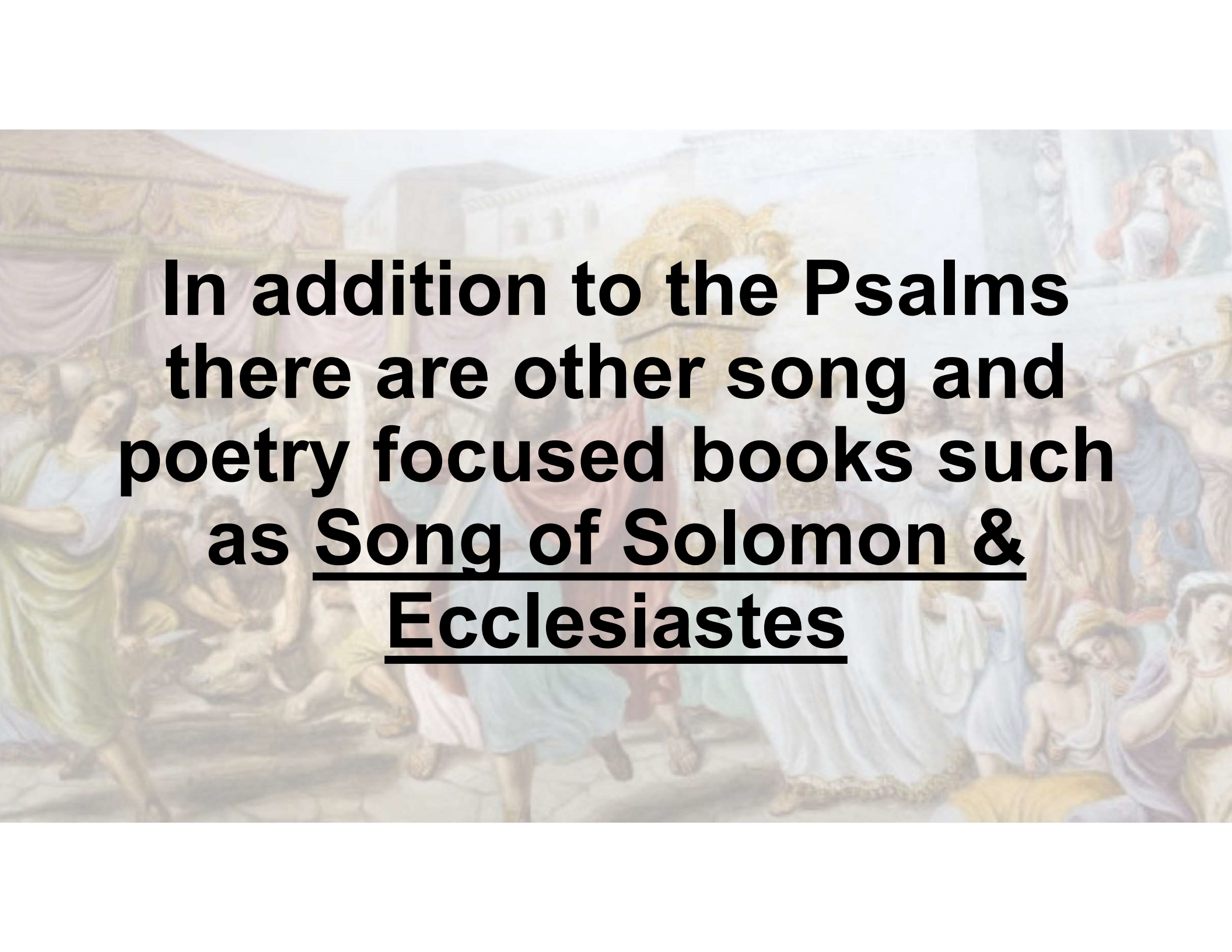
Psalms accounts for over 7 percent of the Old Testament



**The whole book of Psalms
seems to be a kind of
national hymnal, with many
psalms bearing David's
name as the composer.**



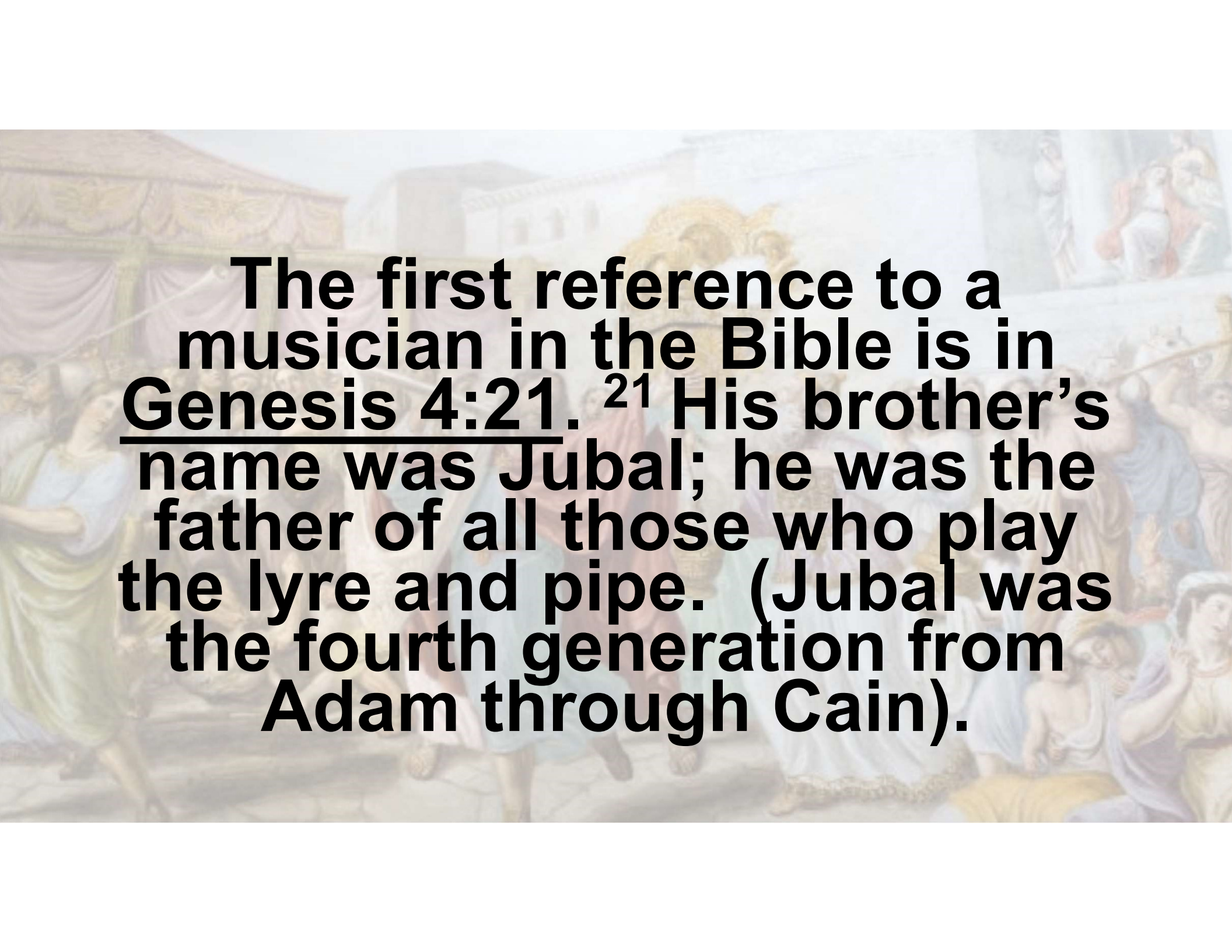
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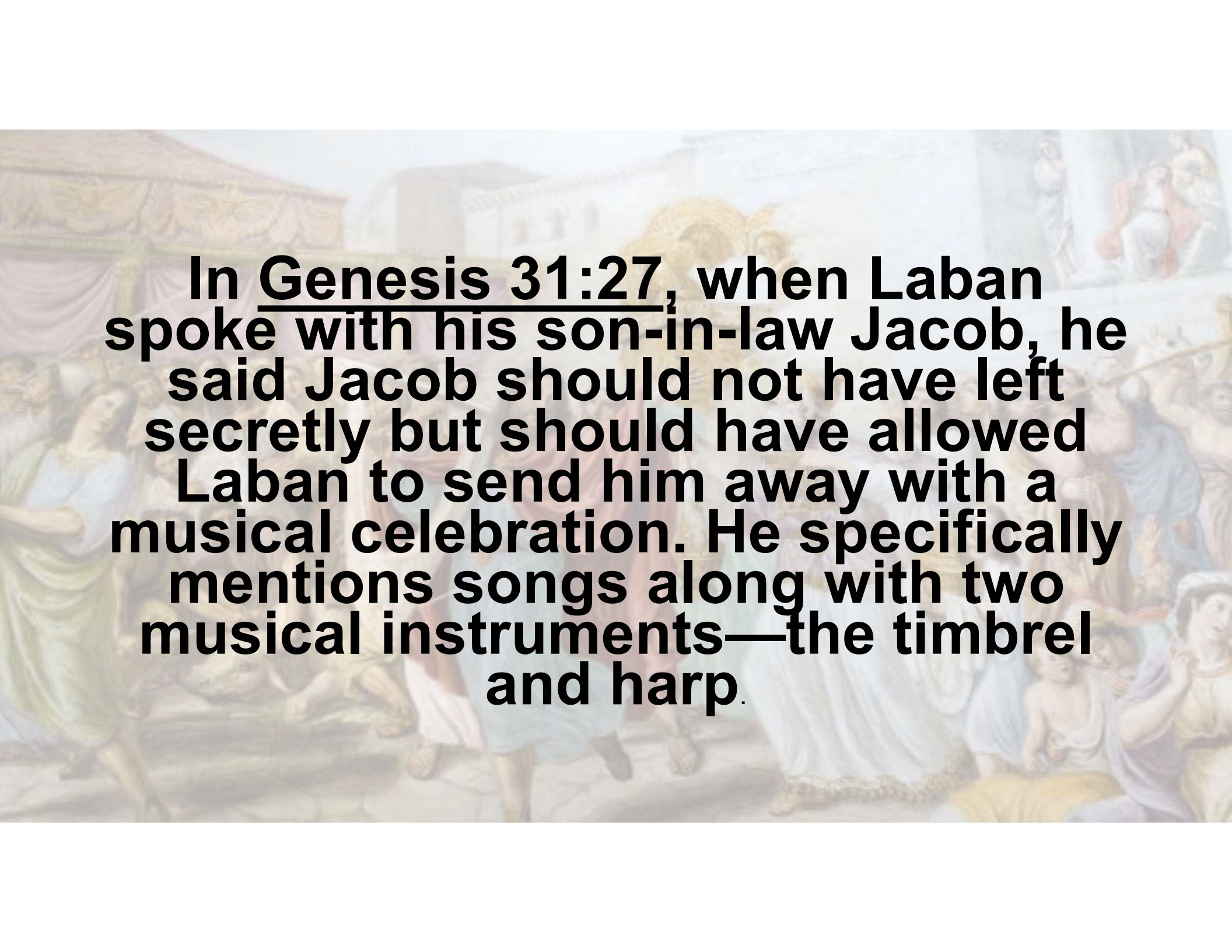
**In addition to the Psalms
there are other song and
poetry focused books such
as Song of Solomon &
Ecclesiastes**



MUSIC IN THE OLD TESTAMENT



The first reference to a musician in the Bible is in Genesis 4:21.²¹ His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe. (Jubal was the fourth generation from Adam through Cain).

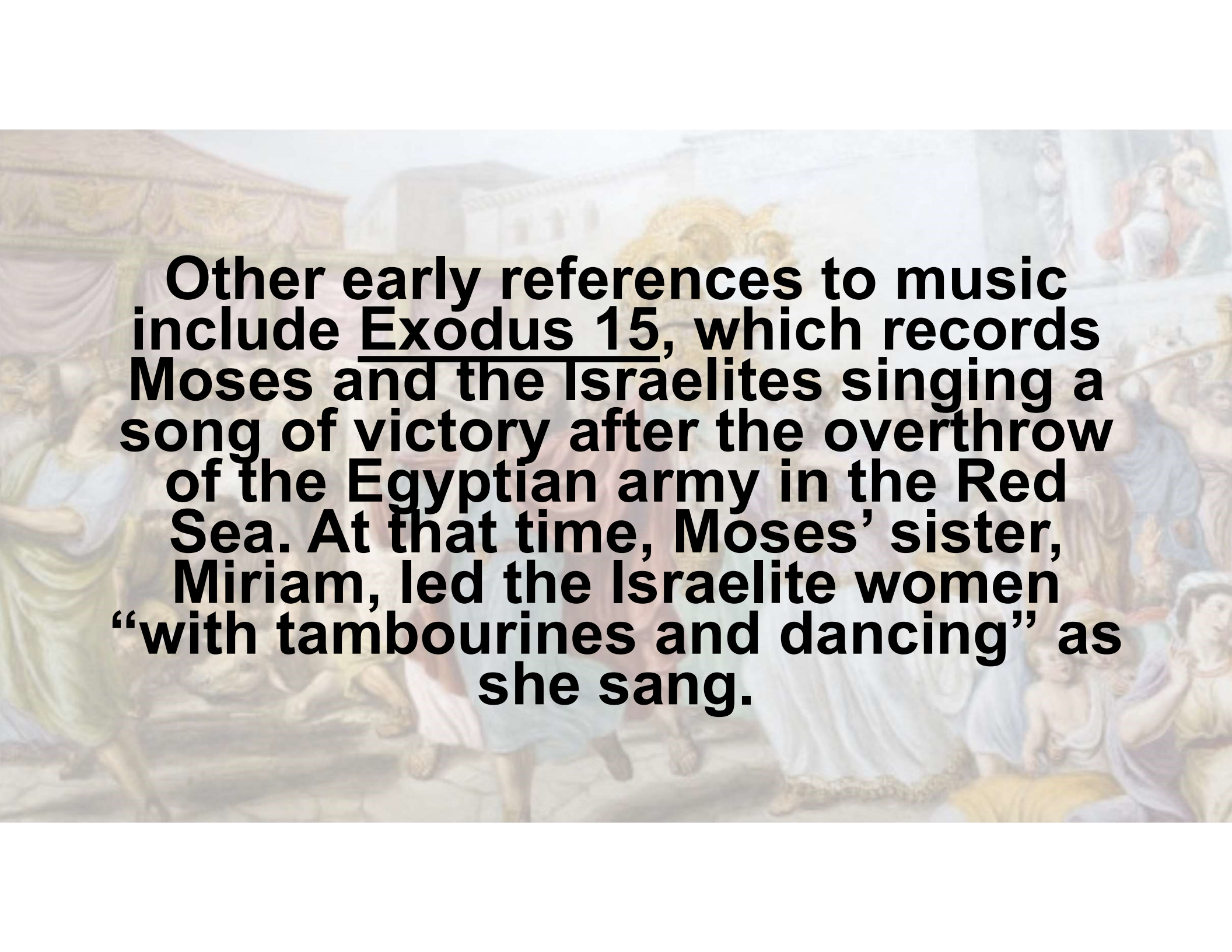


In Genesis 31:27, when Laban spoke with his son-in-law Jacob, he said Jacob should not have left secretly but should have allowed Laban to send him away with a musical celebration. He specifically mentions songs along with two musical instruments—the timbrel and harp.

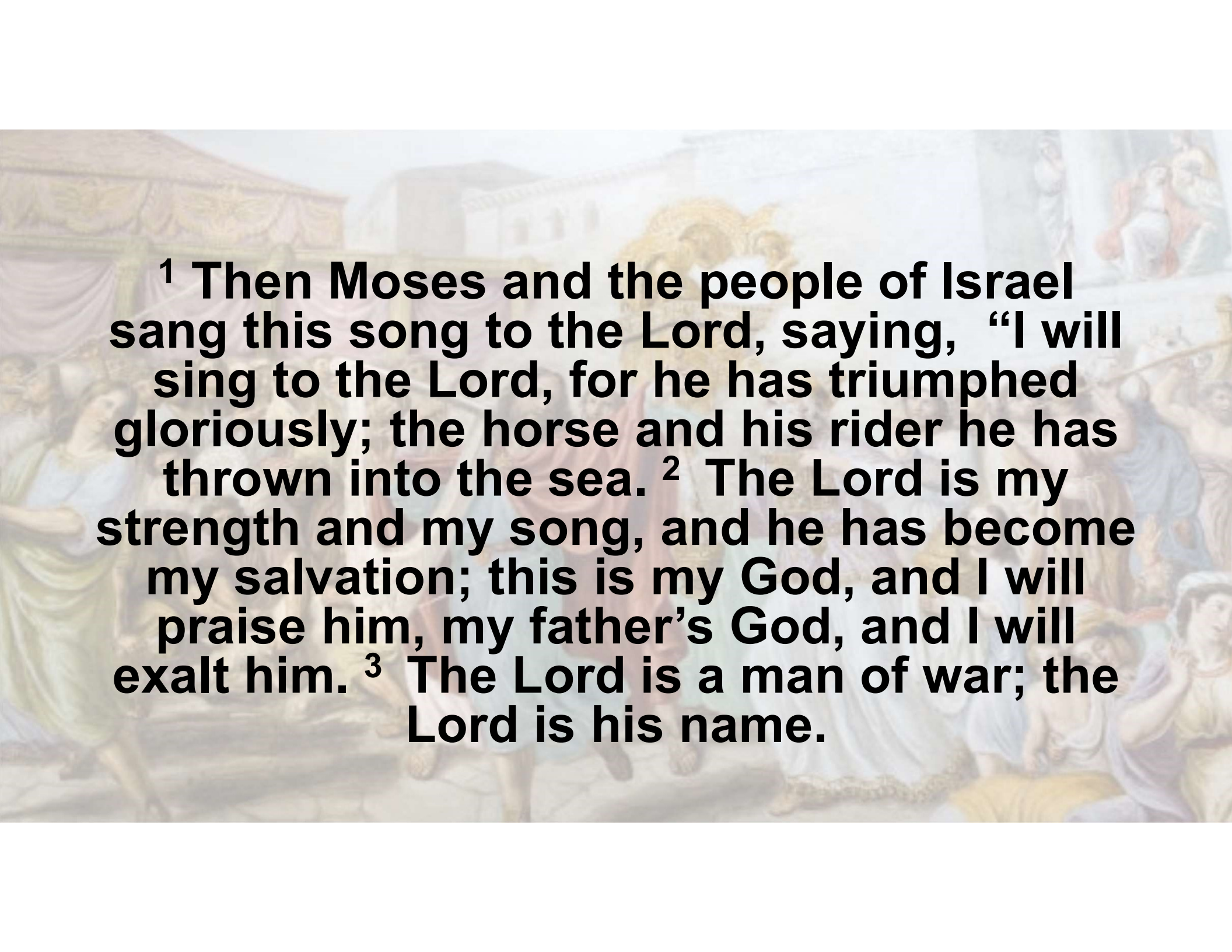


**Genesis 31:27 New
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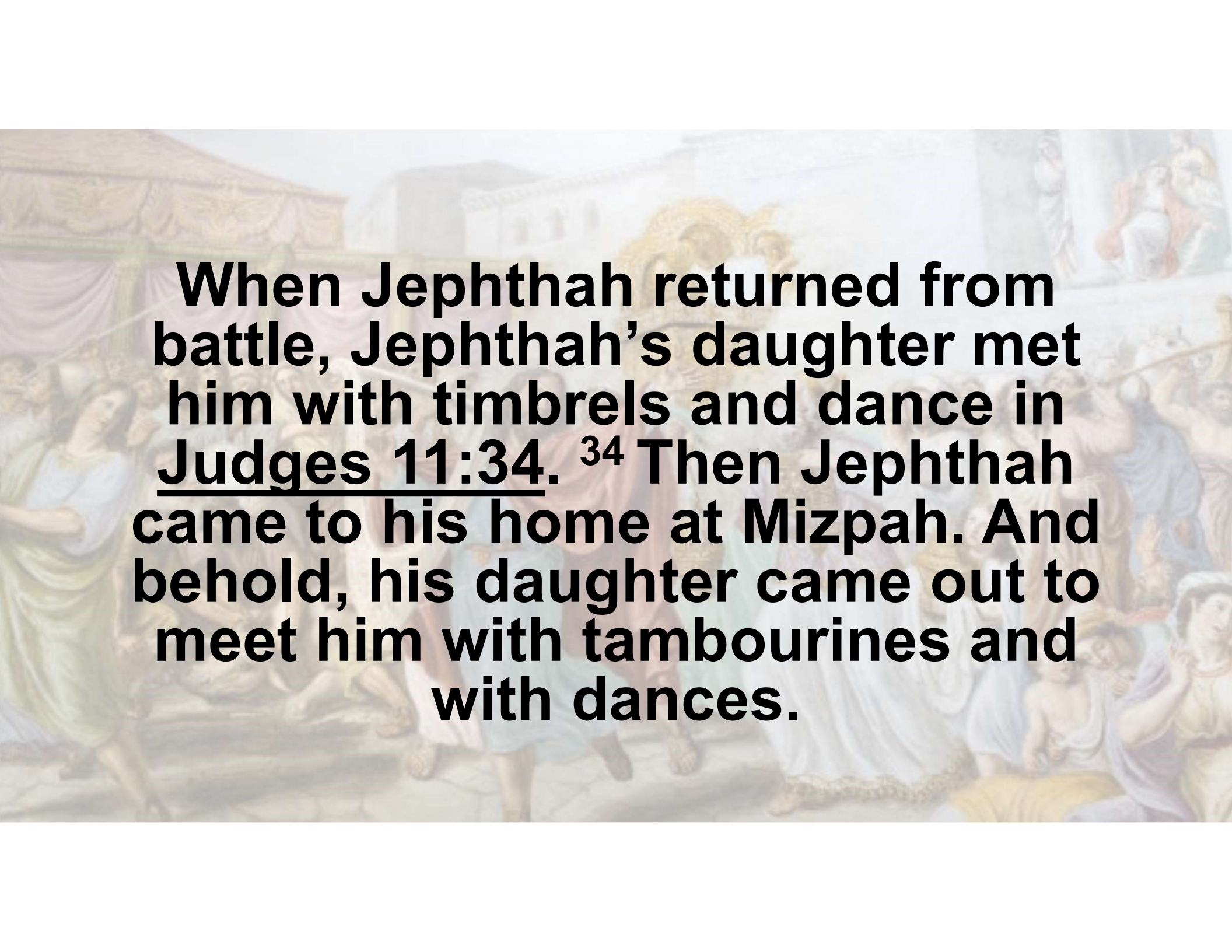
²⁷ Why did you run off secretly and deceive me? Why didn't you tell me, so I could send you away with joy and singing to the music of timbrels and harps?



Other early references to music include Exodus 15, which records Moses and the Israelites singing a song of victory after the overthrow of the Egyptian army in the Red Sea. At that time, Moses' sister, Miriam, led the Israelite women “with tambourines and dancing” as she sang.



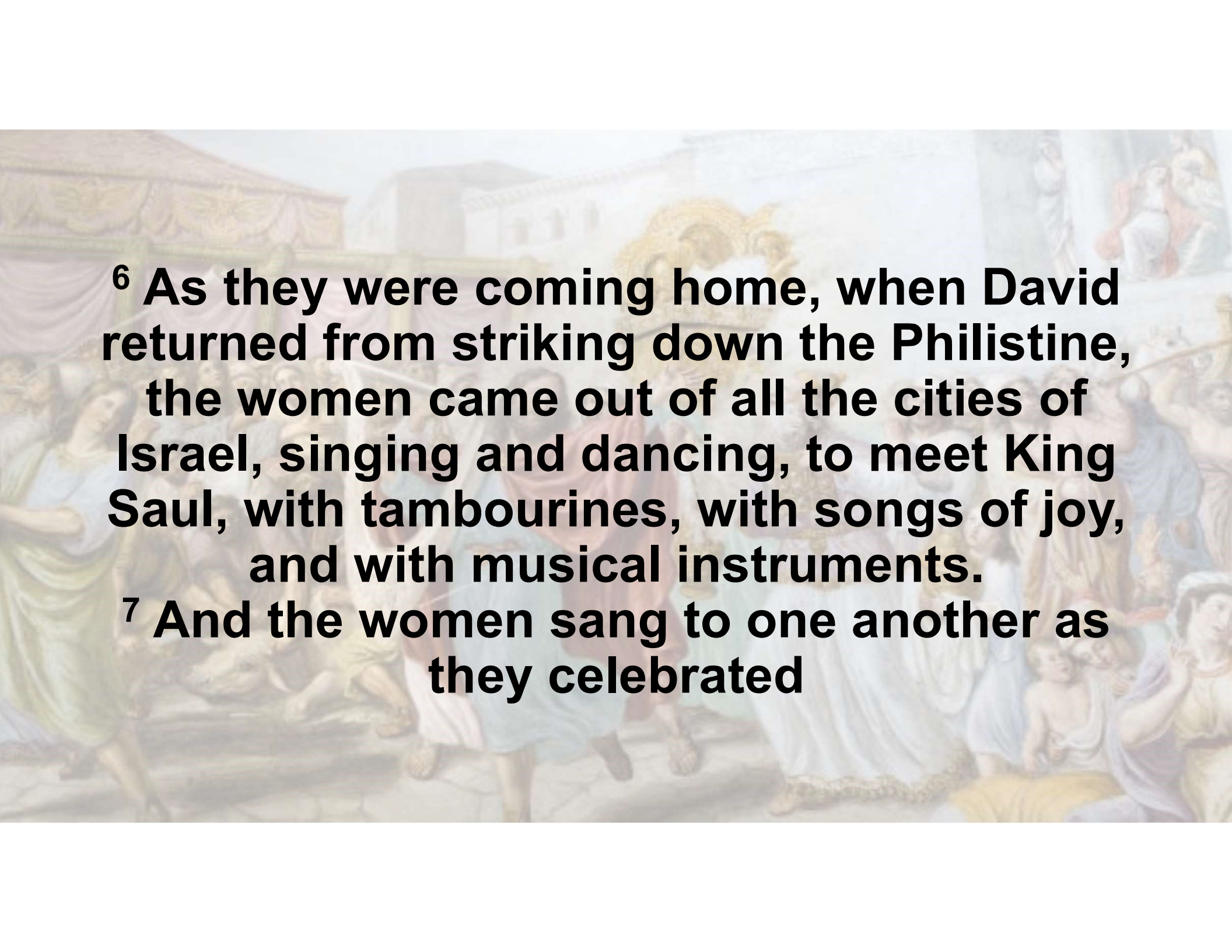
¹ Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying, “I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. ² The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him. ³ The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is his name.



When Jephthah returned from battle, Jephthah's daughter met him with timbrels and dance in Judges 11:34.³⁴ Then Jephthah came to his home at Mizpah. And behold, his daughter came out to meet him with tambourines and with dances.



**King David's victories were
also celebrated in song in
1 Samuel 18:6–7**

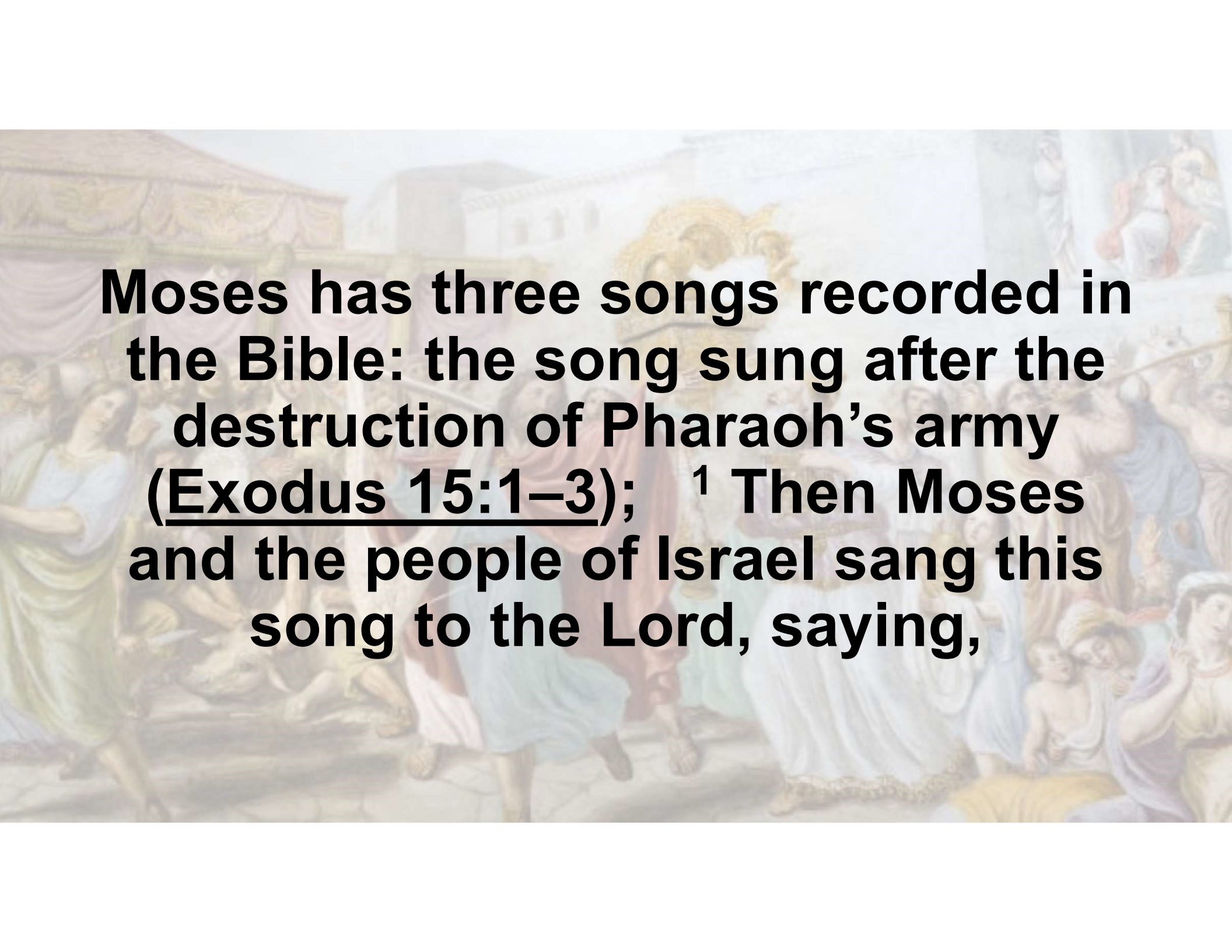
A classical painting depicting a scene of celebration. In the center, a man in a white tunic and a golden crown (King David) is being carried on a golden litter. He is surrounded by a large crowd of people, including women in colorful dresses (blue, green, pink) who are dancing and playing tambourines. The background shows a cityscape with buildings and a large tent or canopy on the left. The overall atmosphere is one of joy and triumph.

⁶ As they were coming home, when David returned from striking down the Philistine, the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with songs of joy, and with musical instruments.

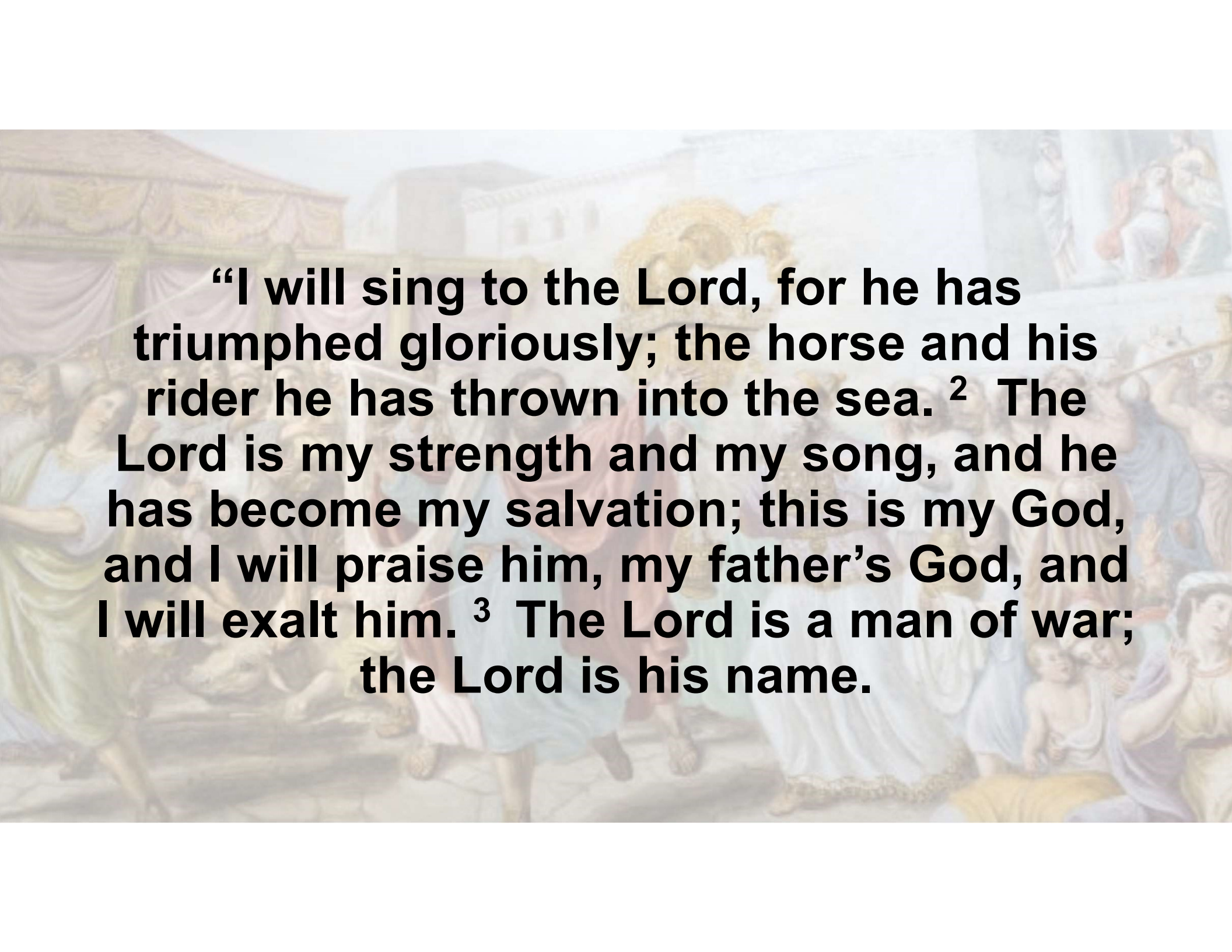
⁷ And the women sang to one another as they celebrated



**Two of the Old Testament's
most important figures
wrote songs: Moses and
David**



Moses has three songs recorded in the Bible: the song sung after the destruction of Pharaoh's army (Exodus 15:1–3); ¹ Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying,



“I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. ² The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him. ³ The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is his name.



A second Moses song:

A song recounting the faithfulness of God and the rebelliousness of Israel, which he sang before all the people just before his death (Deuteronomy 32:1–43);

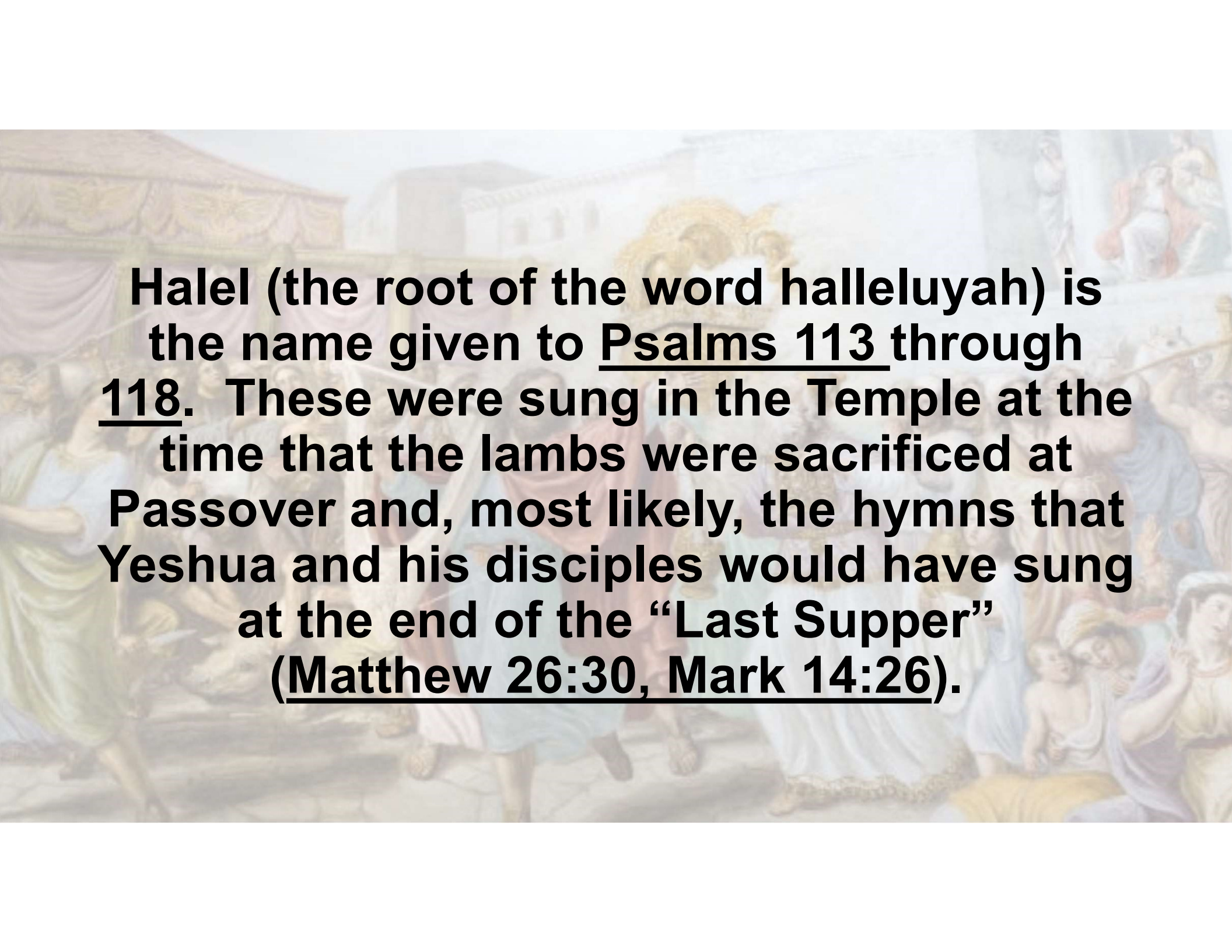
“Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak, and let the earth hear the words of my mouth. ² May my teaching drop as the rain, my speech distill as the dew, like gentle rain upon the tender grass, and like showers upon the herb. ³ For I will proclaim the name of the Lord; ascribe greatness to our God!



And a third Moses song:

A prayer recorded in Psalm 90. ¹ A Prayer of Moses, the man of God. Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

² Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. ³ You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"

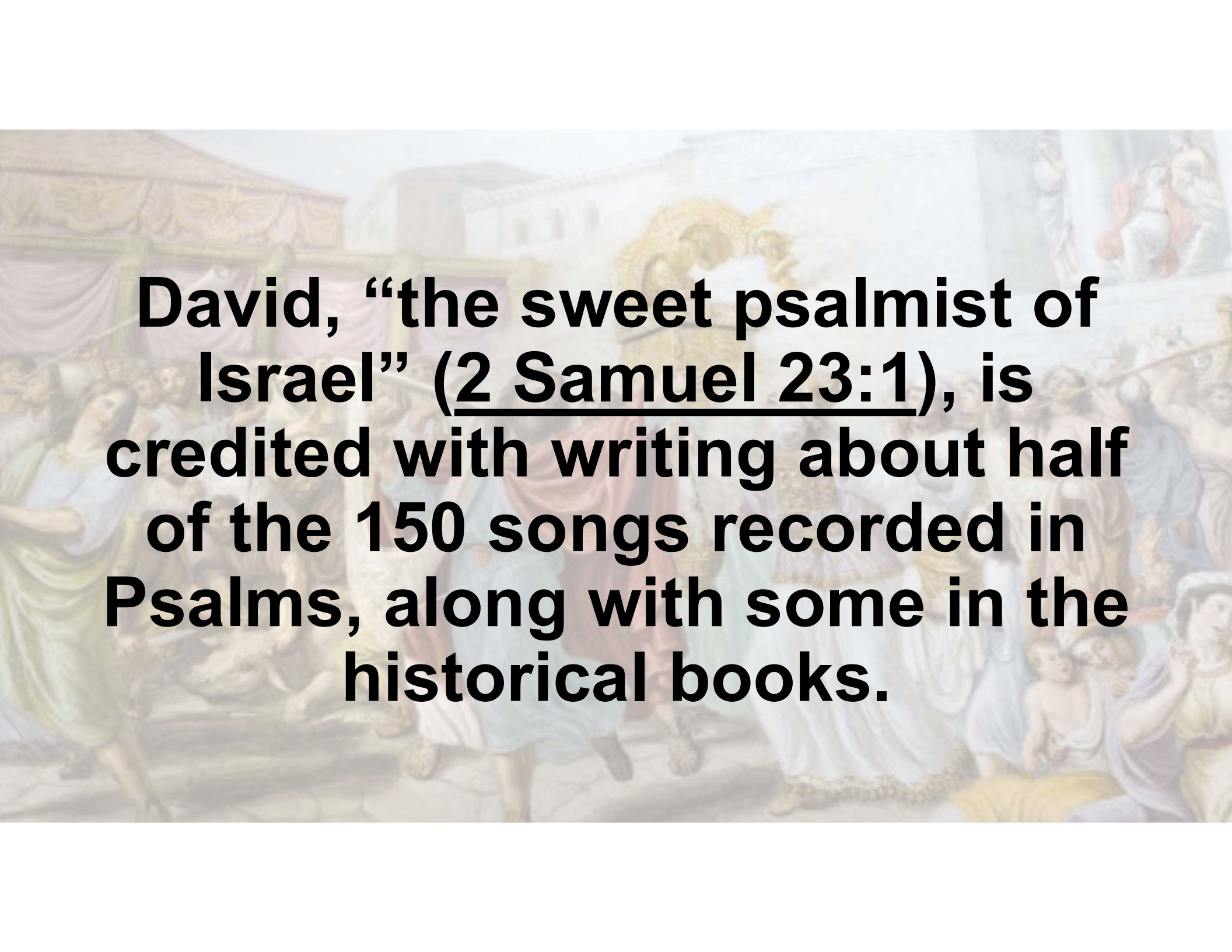


Halel (the root of the word halleluyah) is the name given to Psalms 113 through 118. These were sung in the Temple at the time that the lambs were sacrificed at Passover and, most likely, the hymns that Yeshua and his disciples would have sung at the end of the “Last Supper” (Matthew 26:30, Mark 14:26).



In 2 Samuel 6:5 we see the musical celebration as the Ark is moved:

⁵ David and all Israel were celebrating with all their might before the LORD, with castanets, harps, lyres, timbrels, sistrums and cymbals.




David, “the sweet psalmist of Israel” (2 Samuel 23:1), is credited with writing about half of the 150 songs recorded in Psalms, along with some in the historical books.

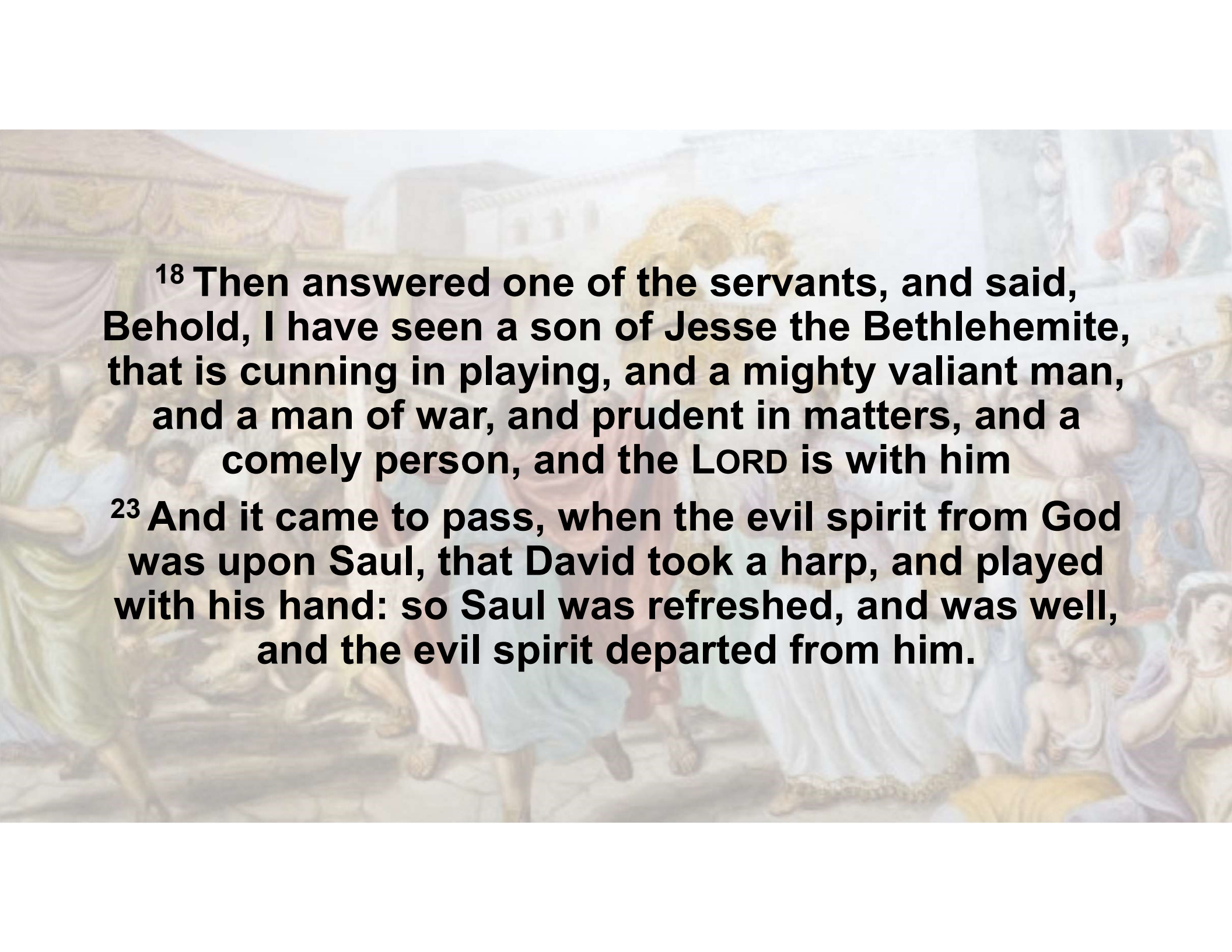


2 Samuel 23:1 King James Version

²³ Now these be the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, and the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel,




**David was the official
musician in Saul's court
(1 Samuel 16:14–23)**



¹⁸ Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the LORD is with him

²³ And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took a harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.



During David's own reign, he organized the Levitical musicians, and 1 Chronicles 15:16 and 23:5 record that more than one in ten Levites in temple service were musicians.

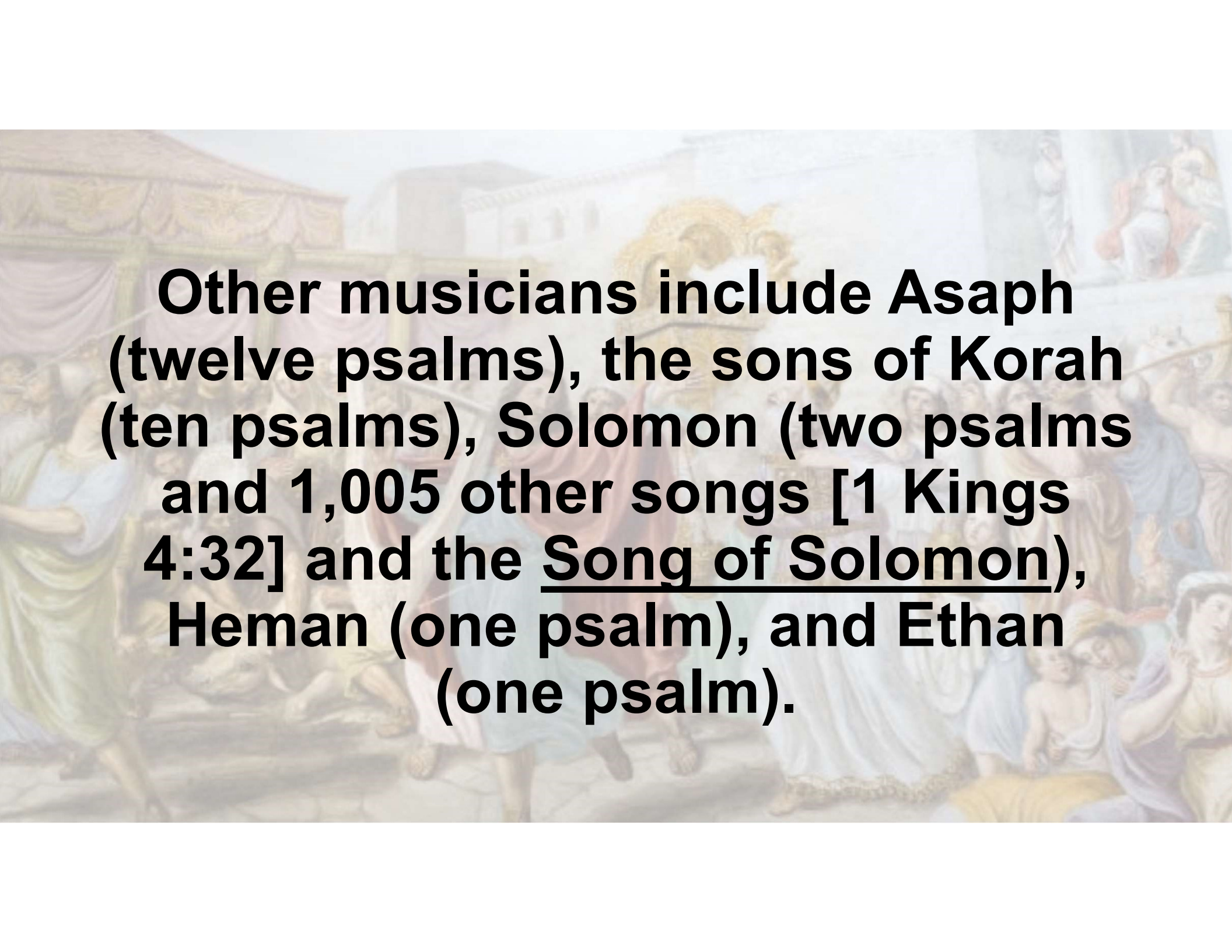


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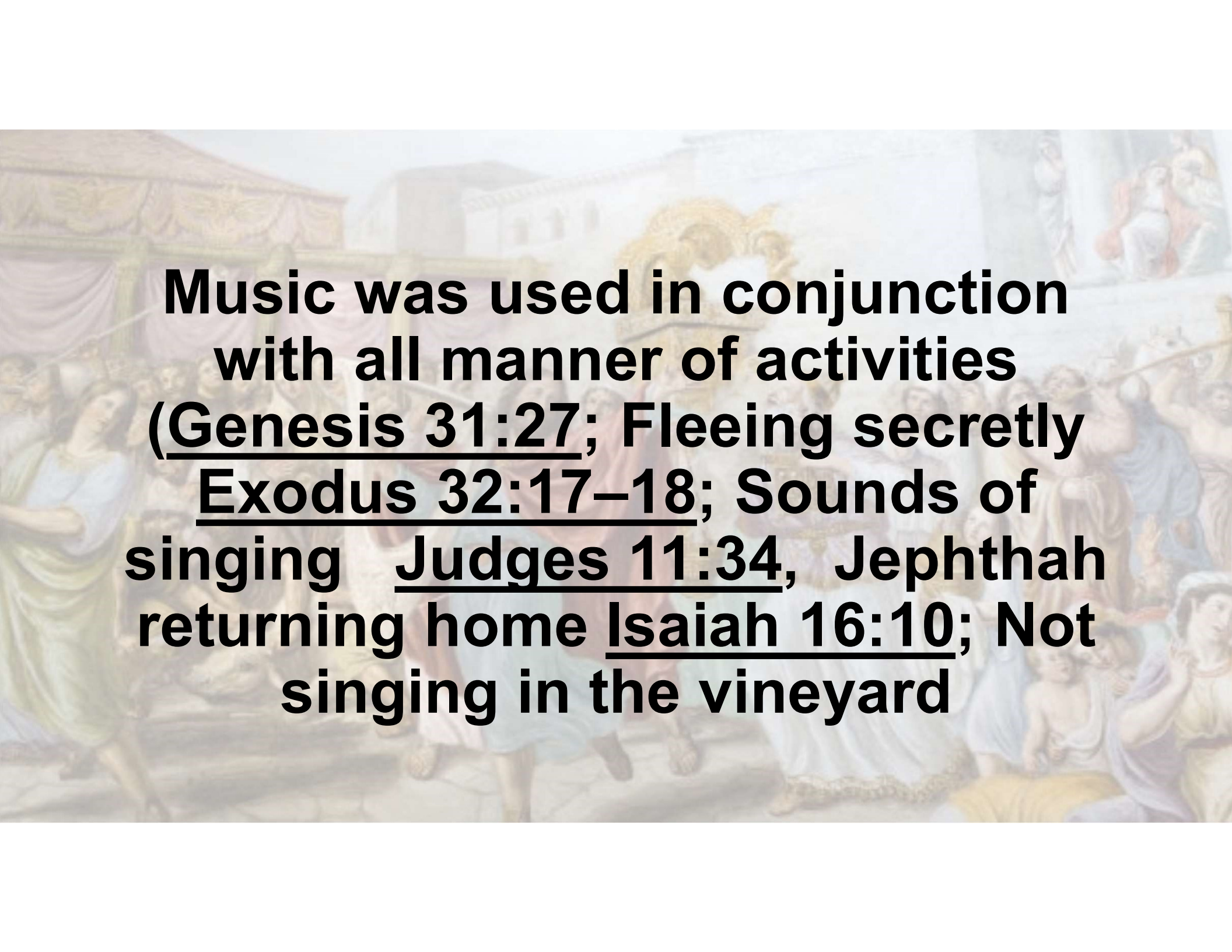
¹⁶ David told the leaders of the Levites to appoint their fellow Levites as musicians to make a joyful sound with musical instruments: lyres, harps and cymbals.

1 Chronicles 23:5


⁵ Four thousand are to be gatekeepers and four thousand are to praise the LORD with the musical instruments I have provided for that purpose.”




Other musicians include Asaph (twelve psalms), the sons of Korah (ten psalms), Solomon (two psalms and 1,005 other songs [1 Kings 4:32] and the Song of Solomon), Heman (one psalm), and Ethan (one psalm).



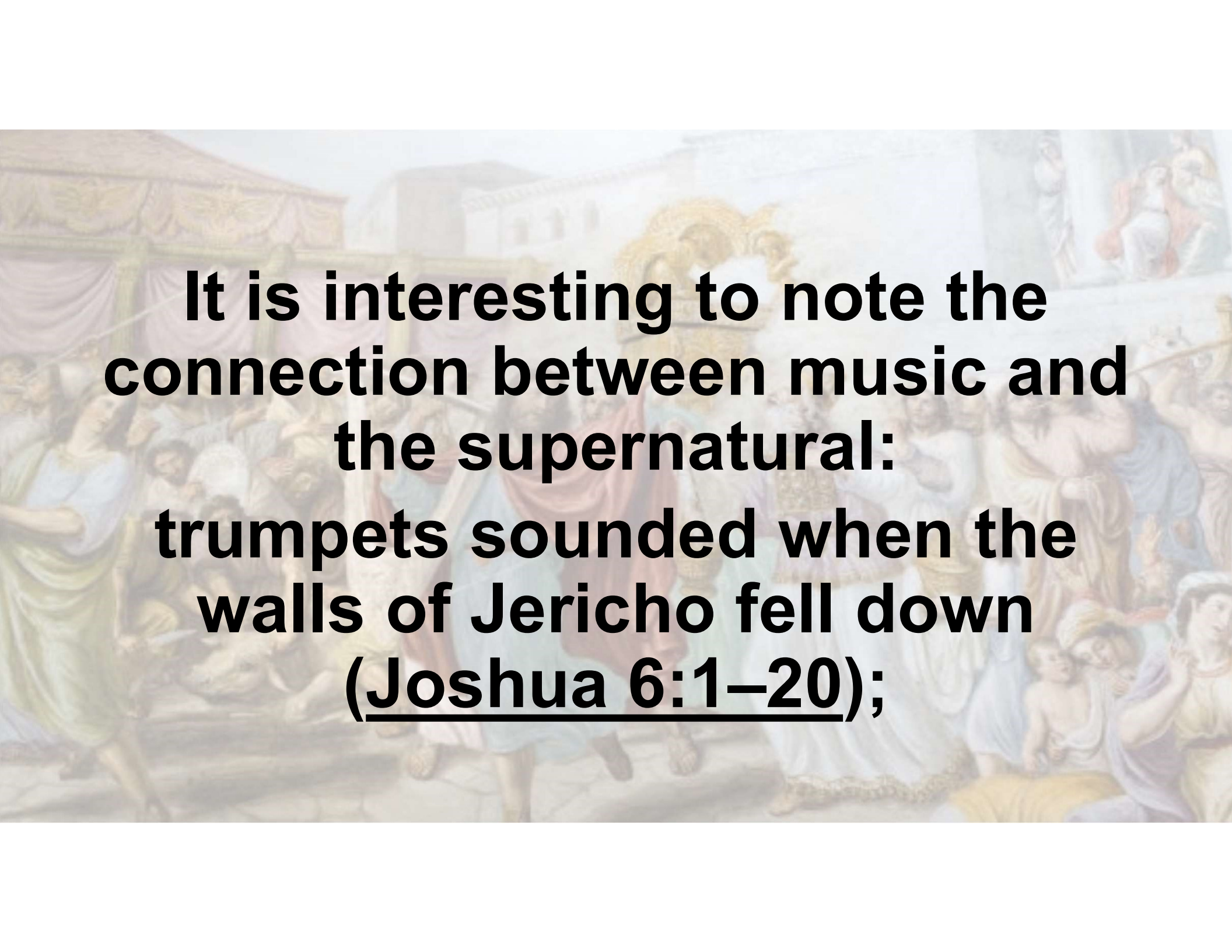
**Music was used in conjunction
with all manner of activities
(Genesis 31:27; Fleeing secretly
Exodus 32:17–18; Sounds of
singing Judges 11:34, Jephthah
returning home Isaiah 16:10; Not
singing in the vineyard**



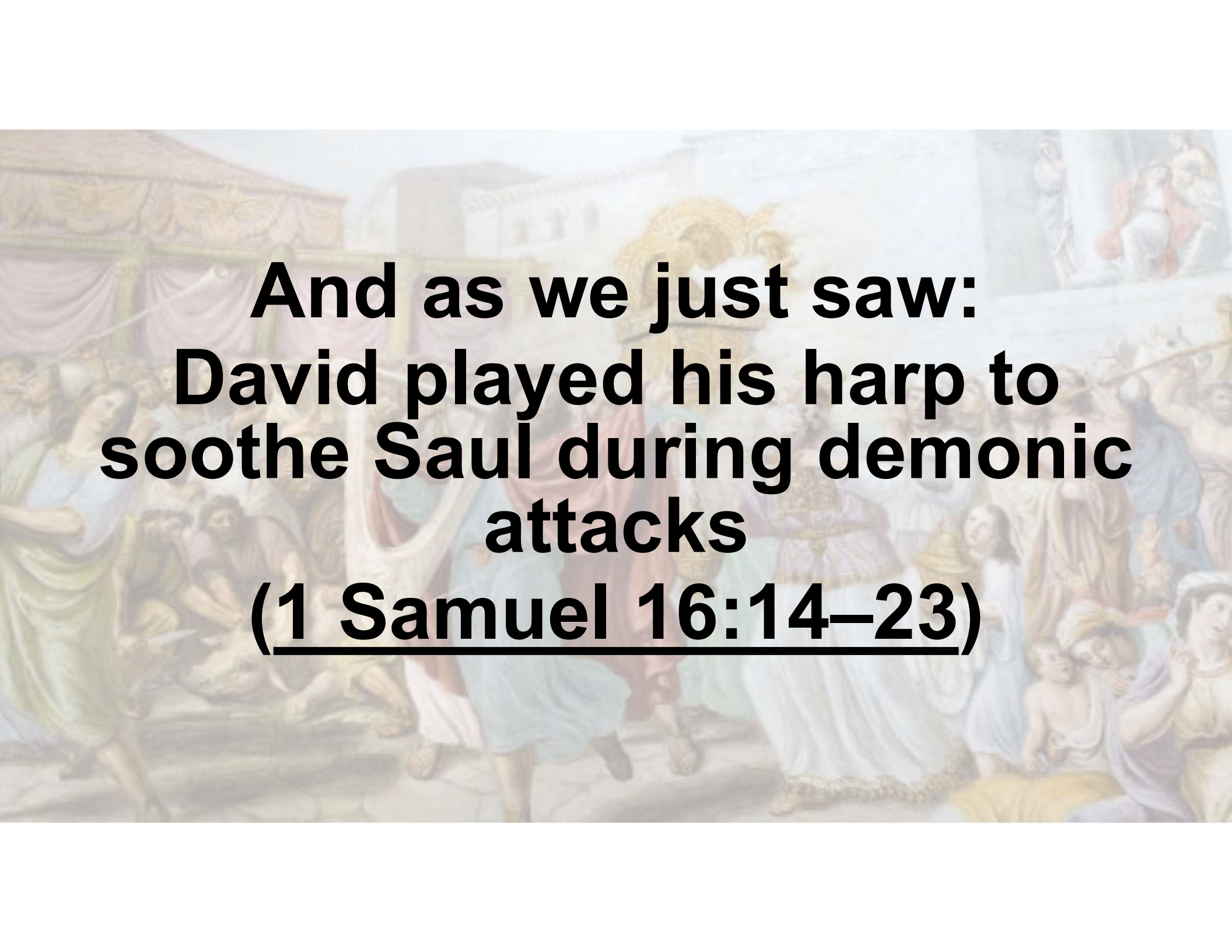
Music was used at coronations
(1 Kings 1:39–40;
2 Kings 11:14;
2 Chronicles 13:14; 20:28),



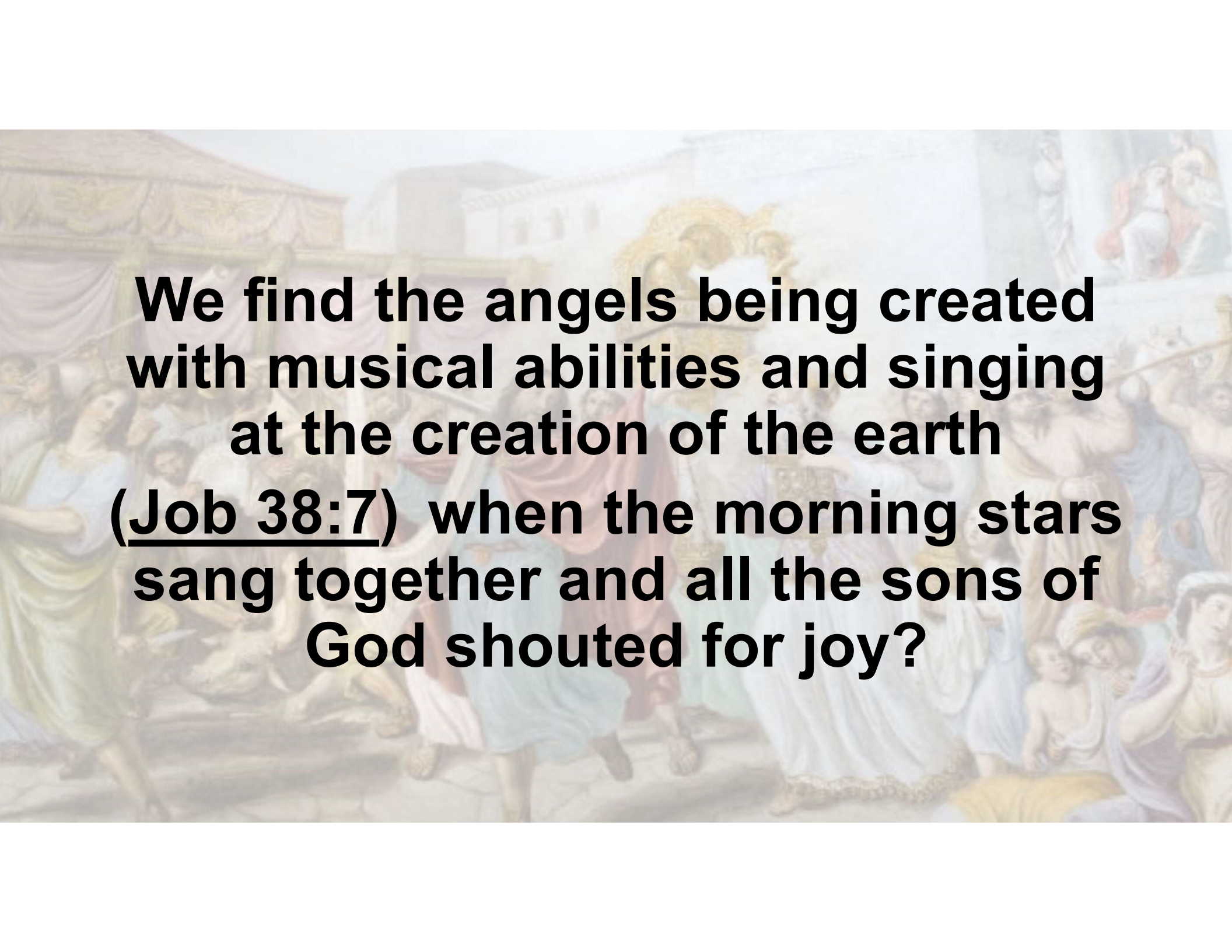
**Music was used during events
in the royal court
(2 Samuel 19:35;
Ecclesiastes 2:8),
and at feasts
(Isaiah 5:12;
24:8–9).**



It is interesting to note the connection between music and the supernatural: trumpets sounded when the walls of Jericho fell down (Joshua 6:1–20);



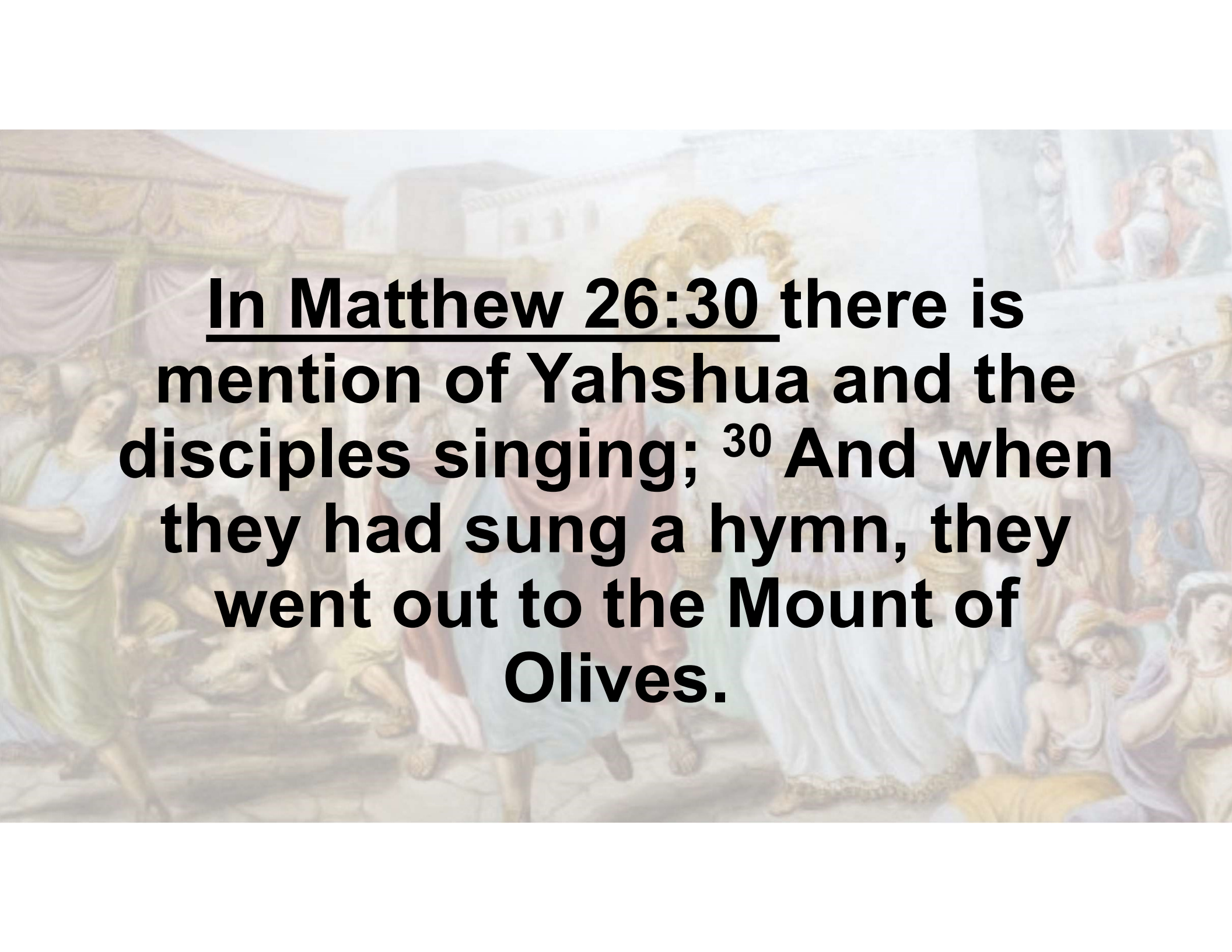
**And as we just saw:
David played his harp to
soothe Saul during demonic
attacks
(1 Samuel 16:14–23)**



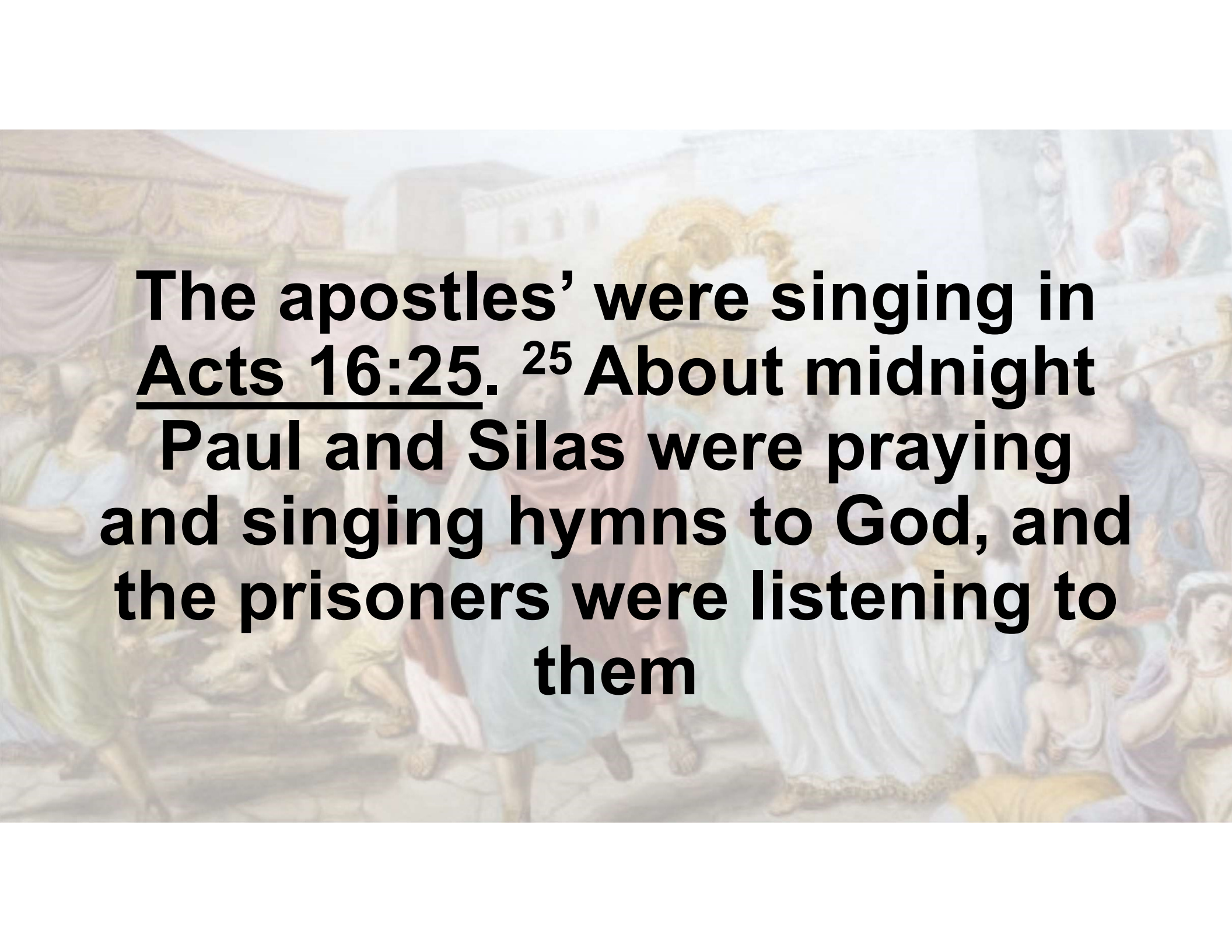
**We find the angels being created
with musical abilities and singing
at the creation of the earth
(Job 38:7) when the morning stars
sang together and all the sons of
God shouted for joy?**



MUSIC IN THE NEW TESTAMENT



In Matthew 26:30 there is mention of Yahshua and the disciples singing; ³⁰ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.



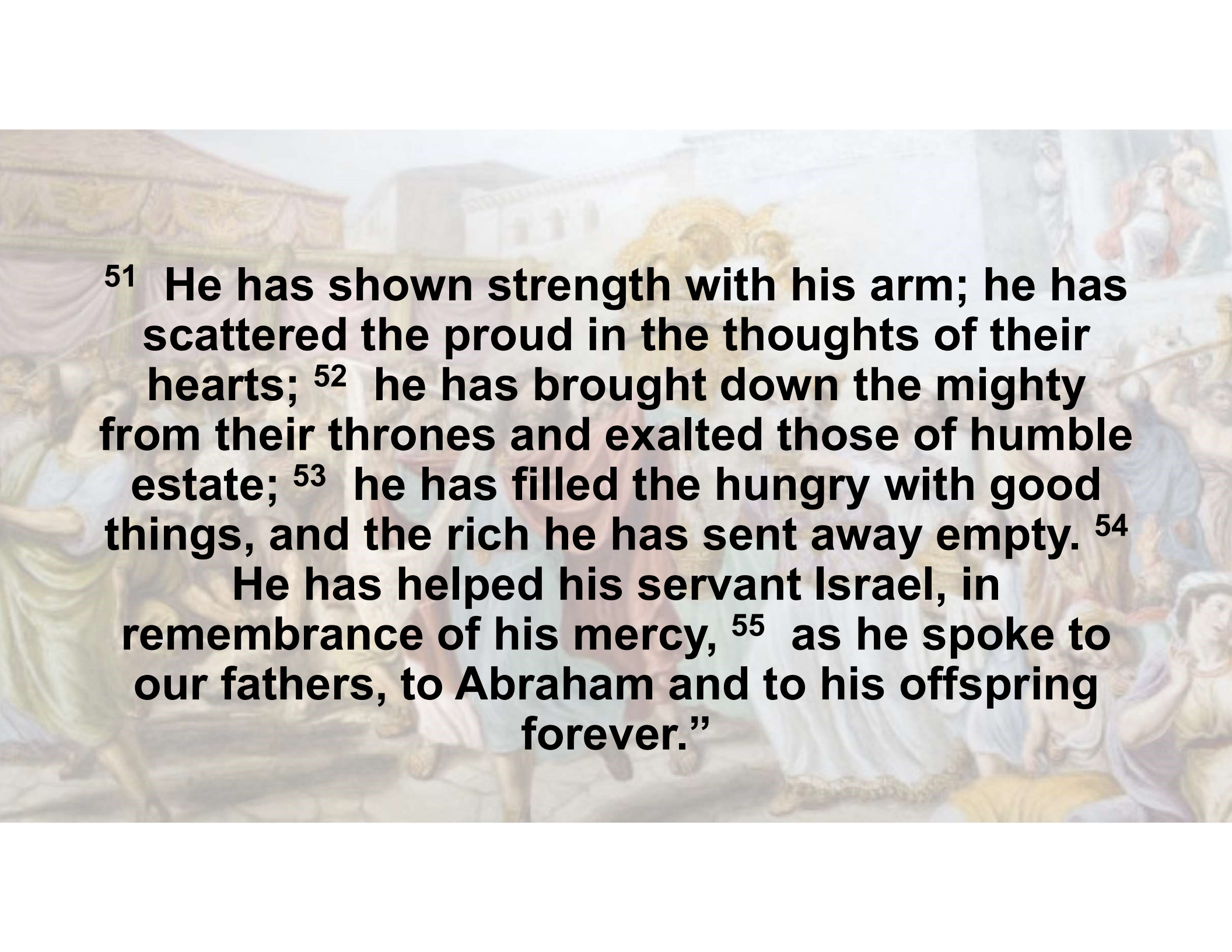
The apostles' were singing in Acts 16:25.²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them



Many people also consider Mary's *Magnificat* in Luke 1:46–55 as a song being sung

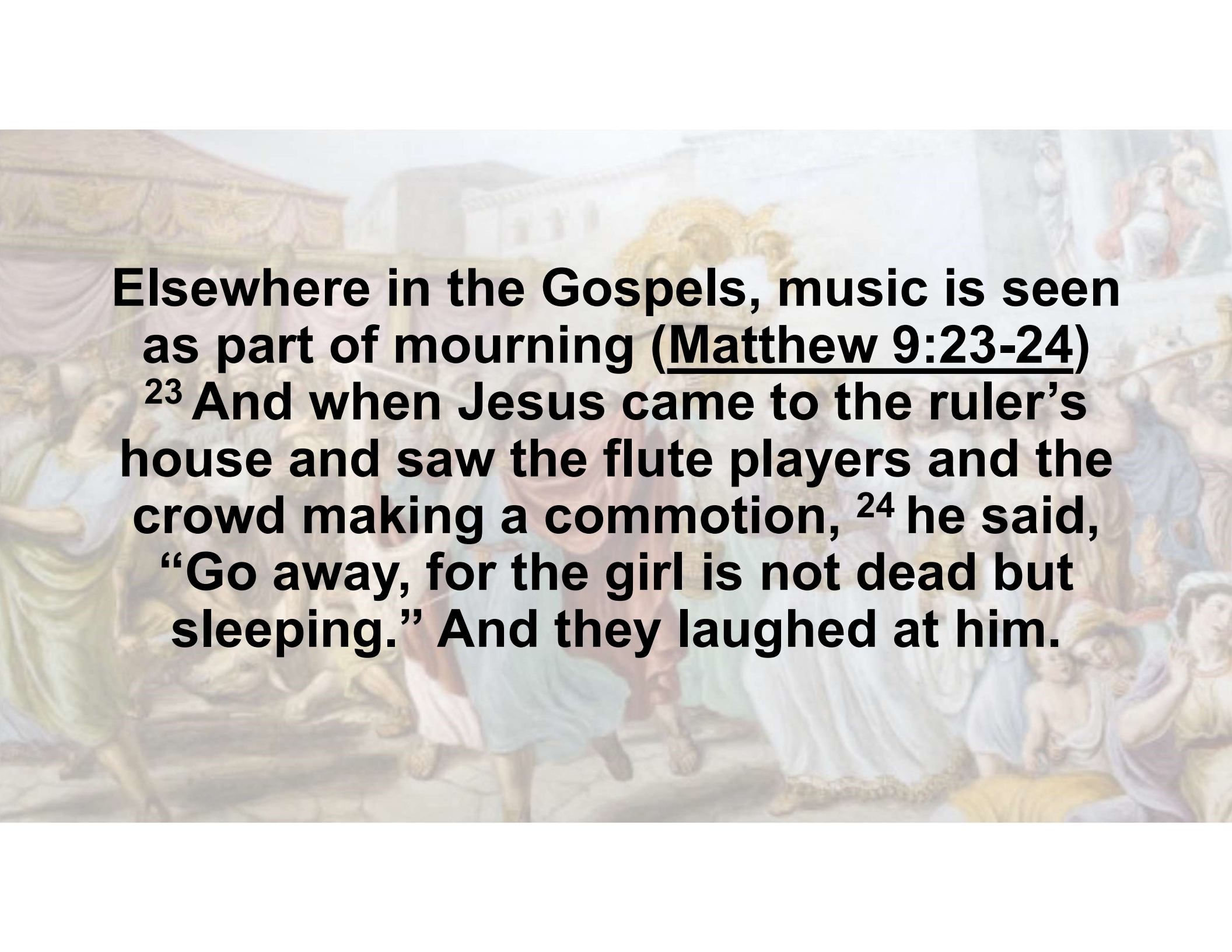
The Magnificat

⁴⁶ And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷ my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for
he has looked on the humble estate of his
servant. For behold, from now on all
generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹ for he who
is mighty has done great things for me, and
holy is his name. ⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those
who fear him from generation to generation.

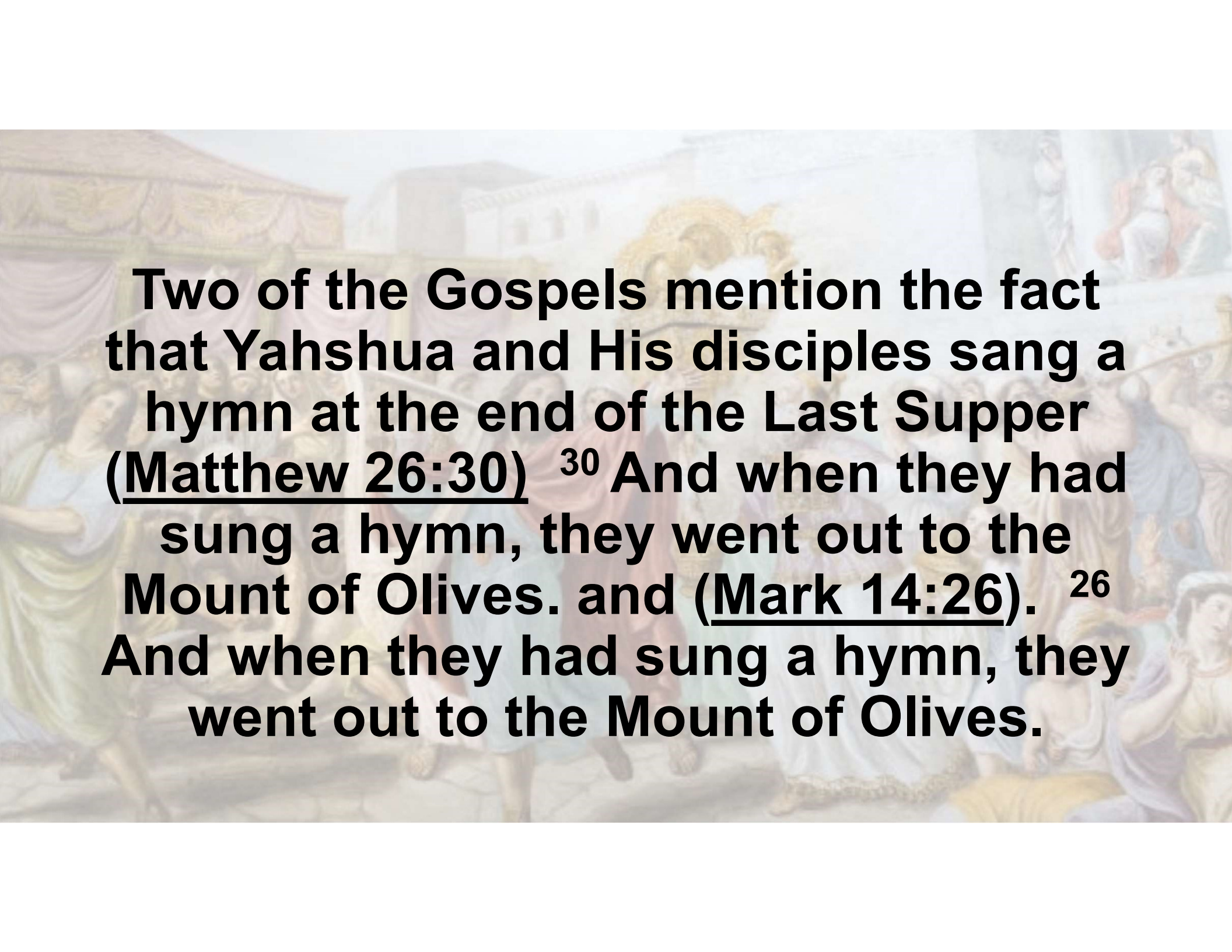


⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; ⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. ⁵⁴

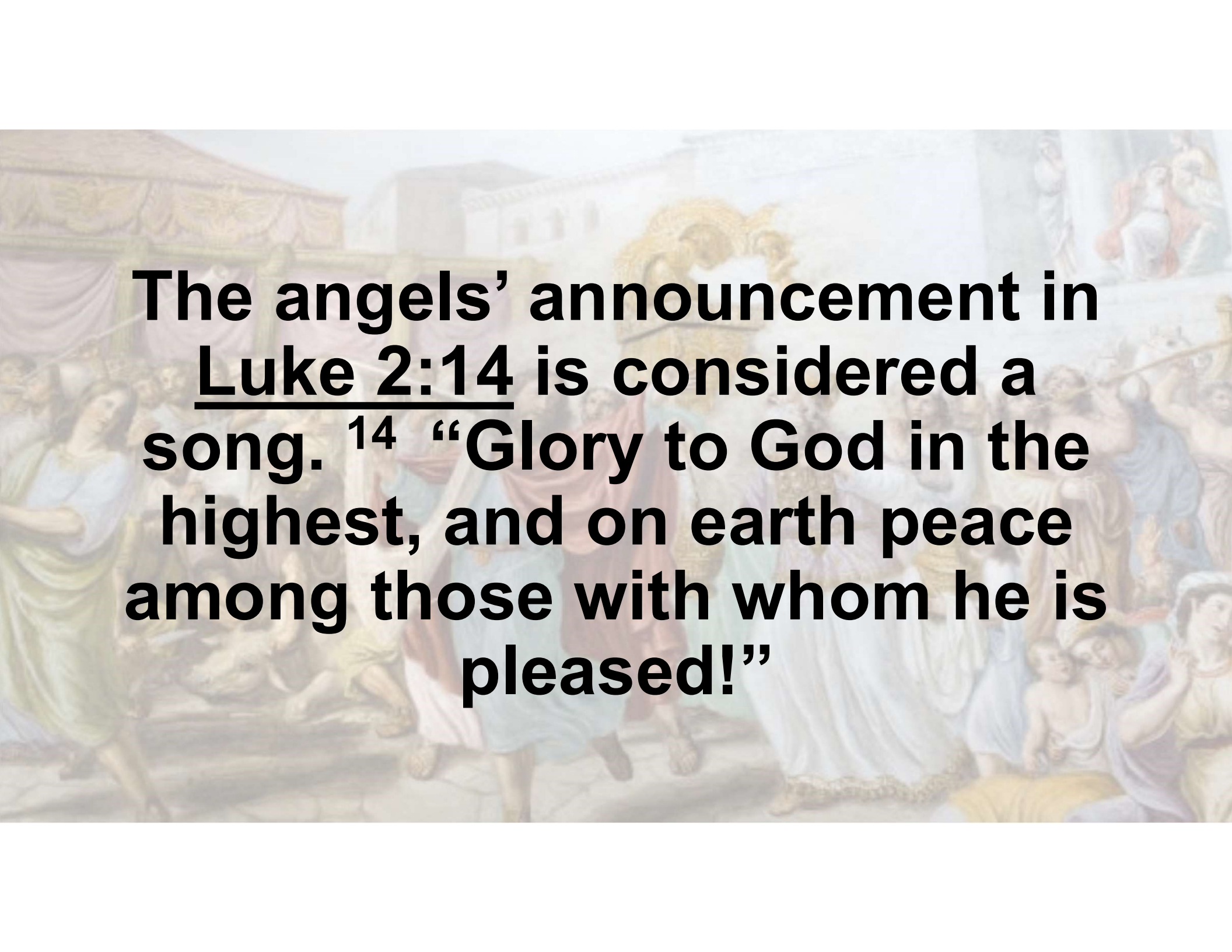
He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”




**Elsewhere in the Gospels, music is seen as part of mourning (Matthew 9:23-24)
²³ And when Jesus came to the ruler's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him.**



Two of the Gospels mention the fact that Yahshua and His disciples sang a hymn at the end of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:30)³⁰ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. and (Mark 14:26).²⁶ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.



The angels' announcement in Luke 2:14 is considered a song. ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”




In Luke 15:25 , The flute players and the crowd are making a commotion, and celebration



The church is commanded to communicate with each other “with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord”,¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart
(Ephesians 5:19)

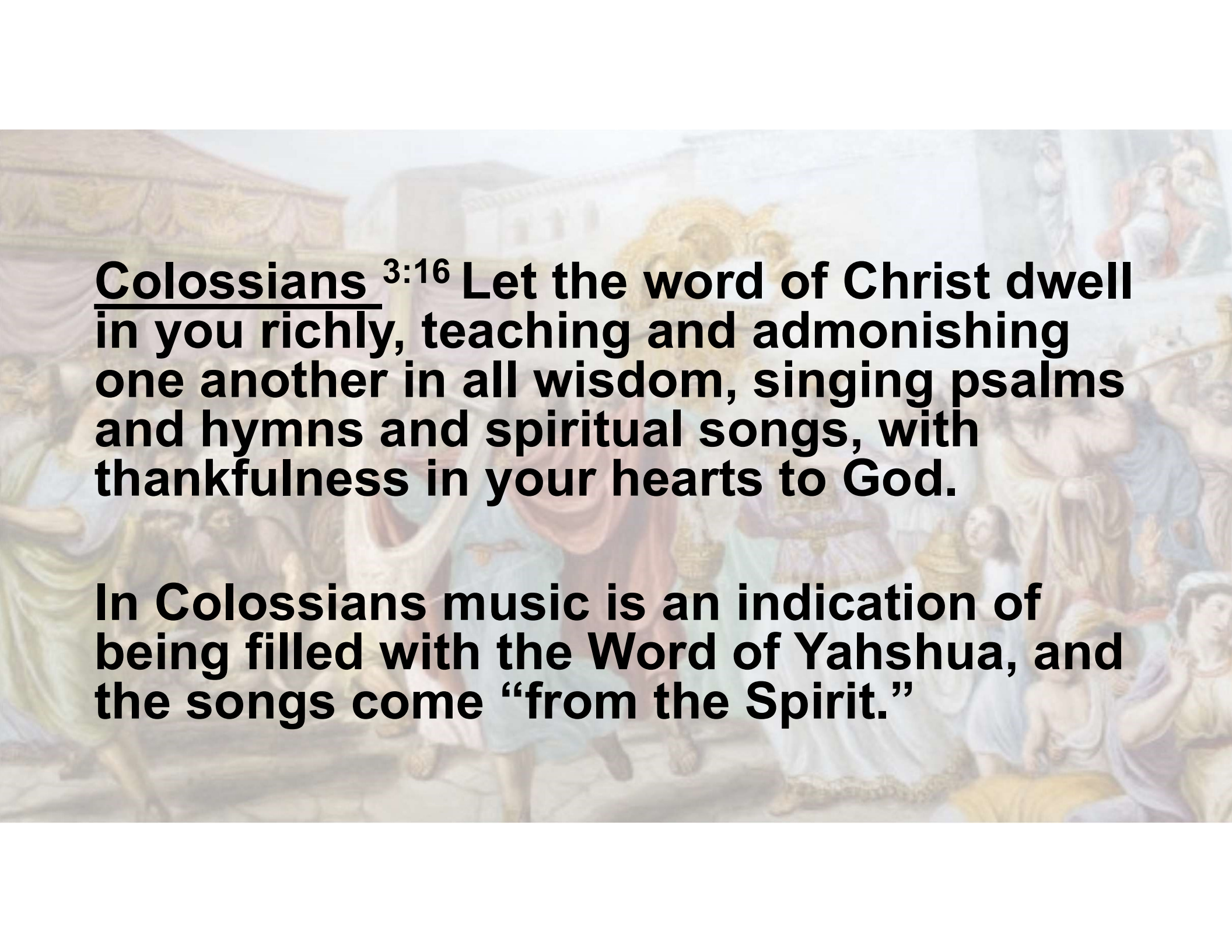


**Paul gave instructions
regarding the use of music
during Christian gatherings
in Ephesians 5:19 and
Colossians 3:16.**



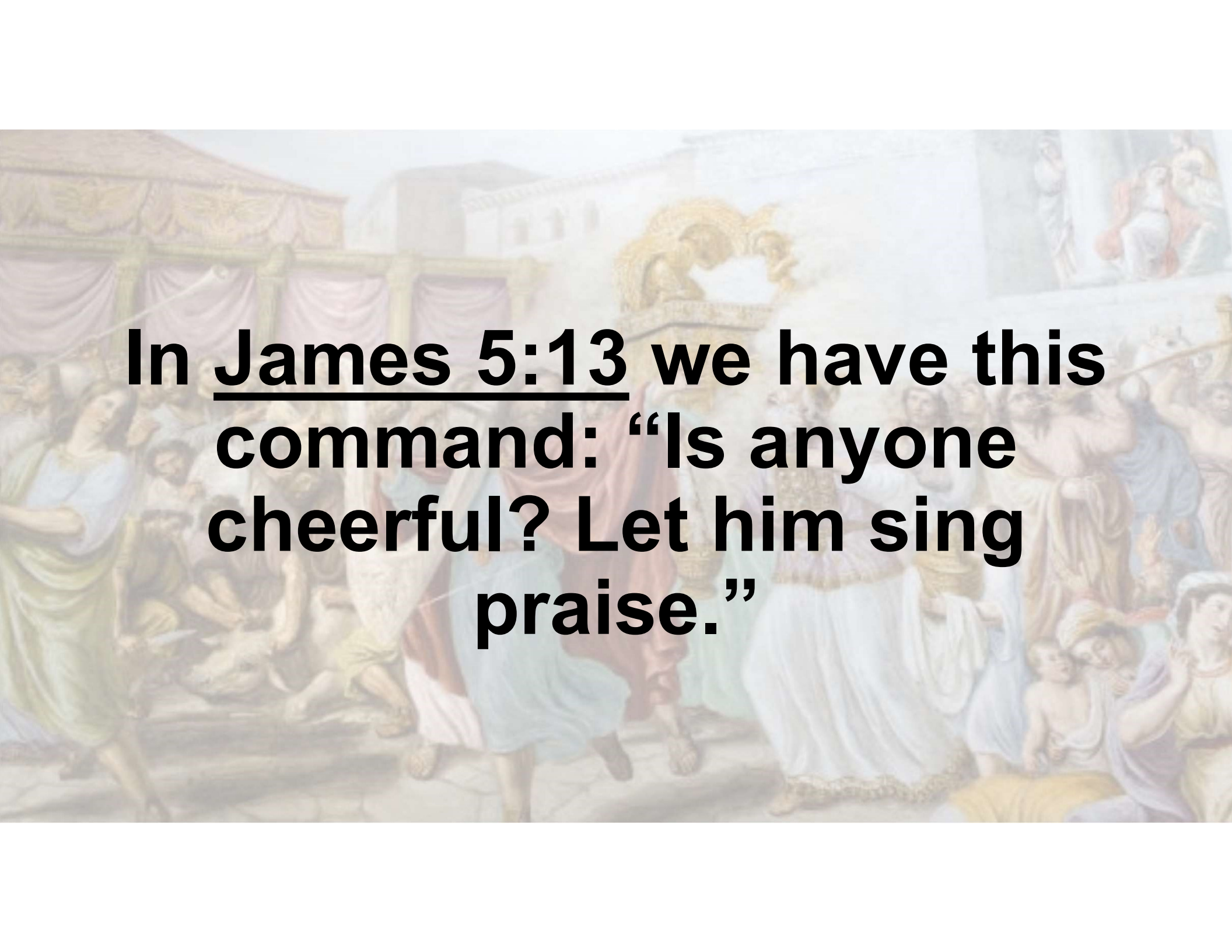
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**Here In Ephesians we see that
addressing each other with hymns
and songs is an indication of being
Spirit-filled.**

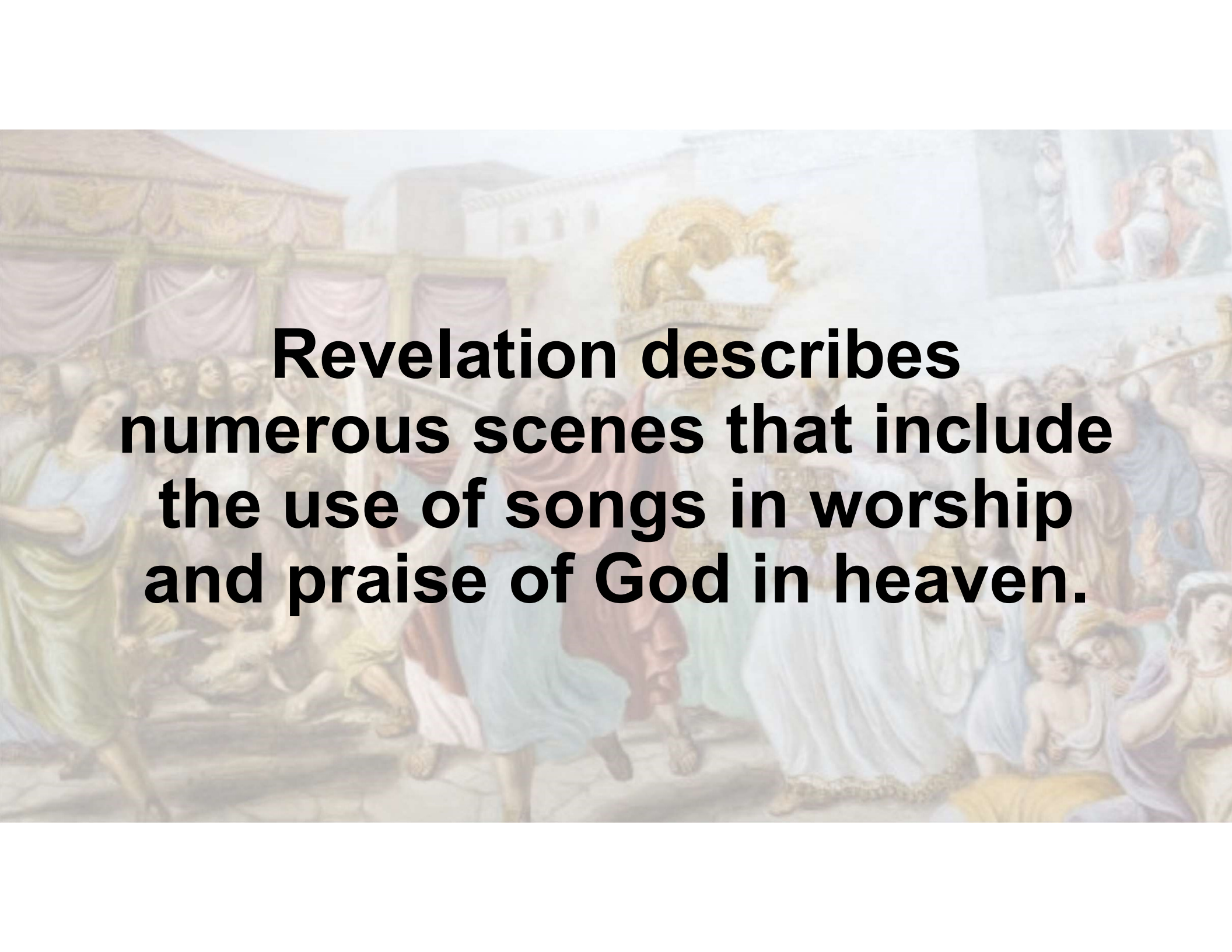


Colossians ^{3:16} Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

In Colossians music is an indication of being filled with the Word of Yahshua, and the songs come “from the Spirit.”

A classical painting depicting a religious scene, possibly the Resurrection. In the center, a figure is being raised from a tomb. A crowd of people, including men, women, and children, surrounds the scene, some appearing to be in a state of awe or joy. The background shows a building with a large archway. The overall style is characteristic of 17th or 18th-century European religious art.

In James 5:13 we have this command: “Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.”

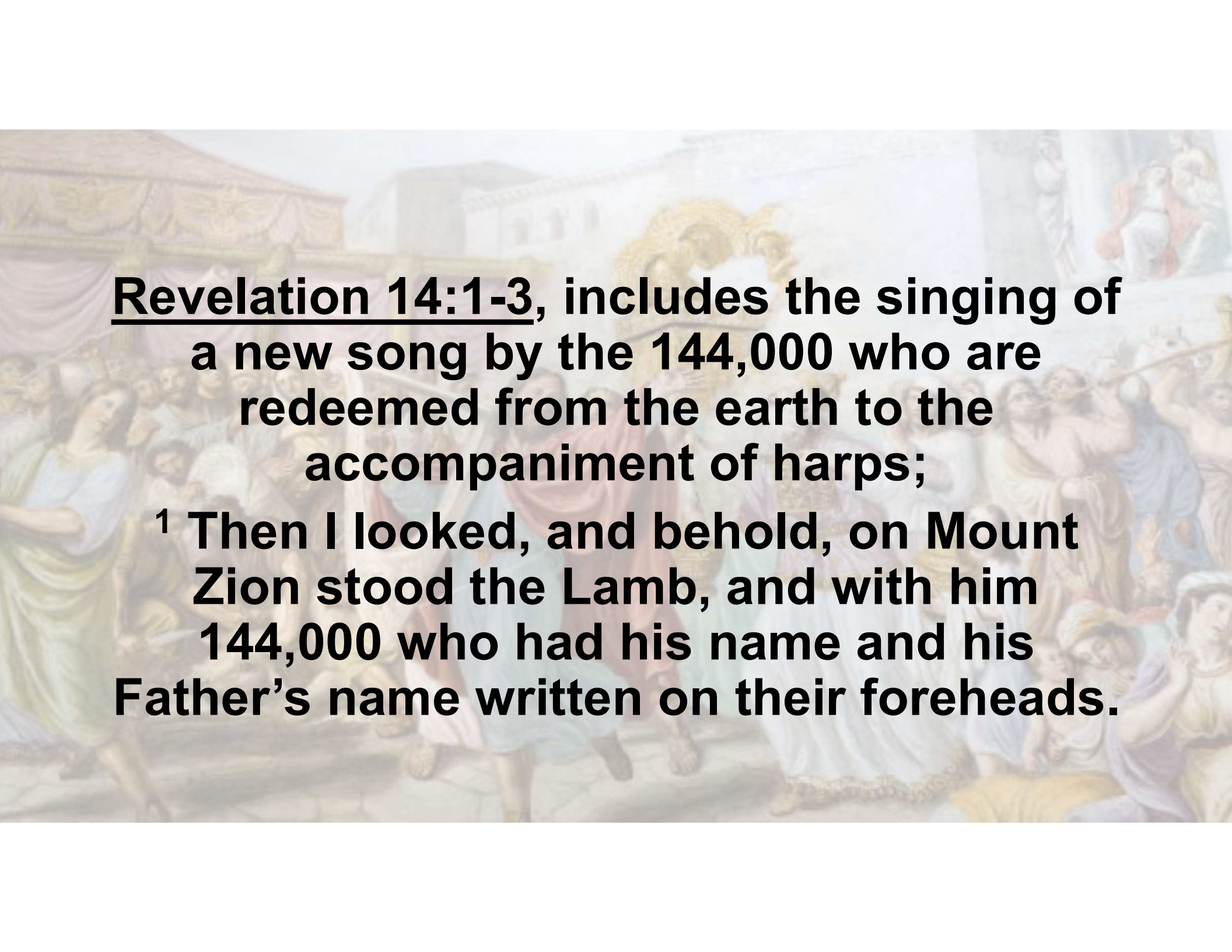
A classical painting depicting a heavenly scene. In the center, a figure is seated on a golden throne, surrounded by a crowd of figures in various poses of worship and praise. The scene is set within a grand, ornate building with classical architectural elements. The overall atmosphere is one of divine glory and celestial celebration.

Revelation describes numerous scenes that include the use of songs in worship and praise of God in heaven.



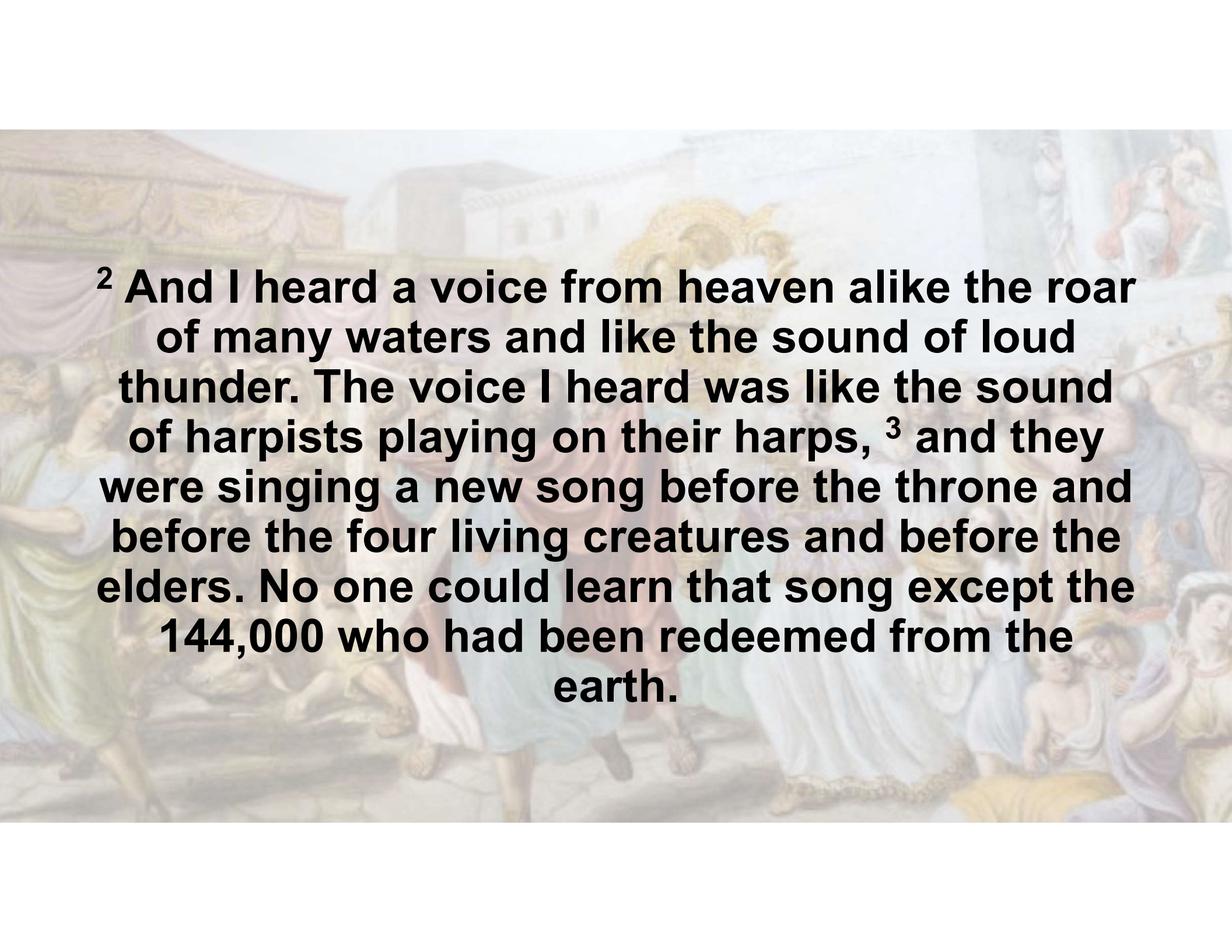
**We have song lyrics recorded in
Revelation 5,**

**And they sang a new song, saying,
“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to
open its seals, for you were slain, and by
your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people
and nation, ¹⁰ and you have made them a
kingdom and priests to our God, and they
shall reign on the earth.”**

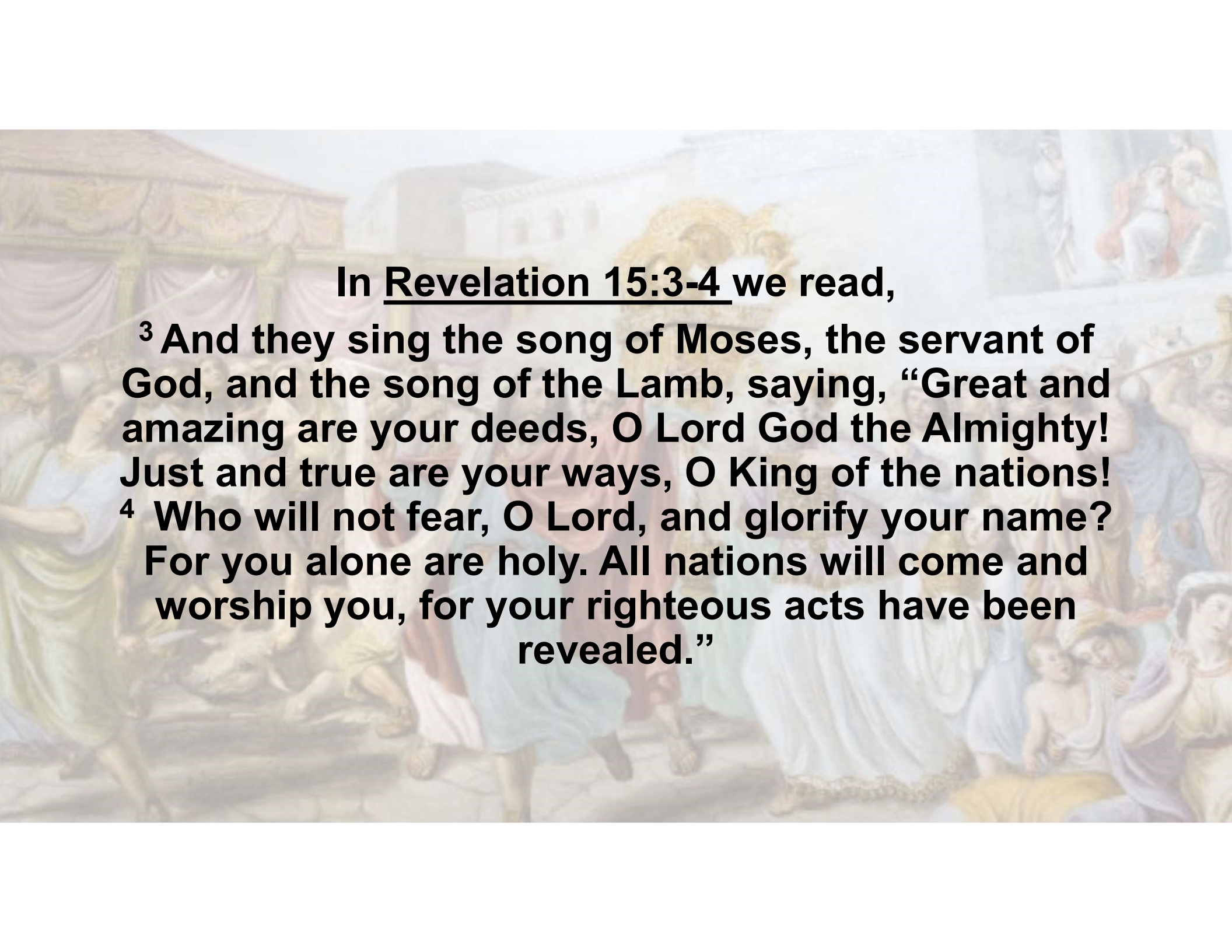


Revelation 14:1-3, includes the singing of a new song by the 144,000 who are redeemed from the earth to the accompaniment of harps;

¹ Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.



² And I heard a voice from heaven alike the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder. The voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps, ³ and they were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth.



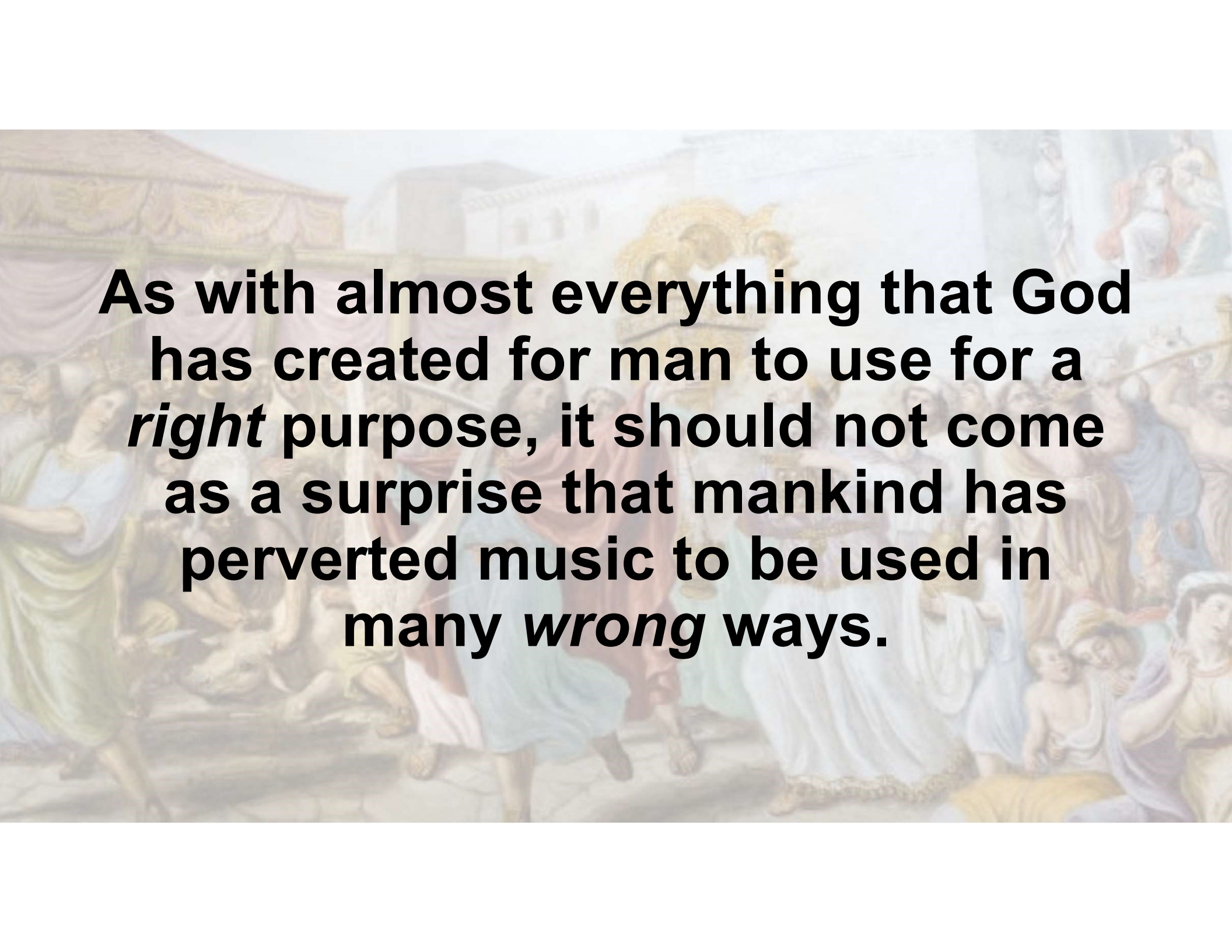
In Revelation 15:3-4 we read,

³ And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, “Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!

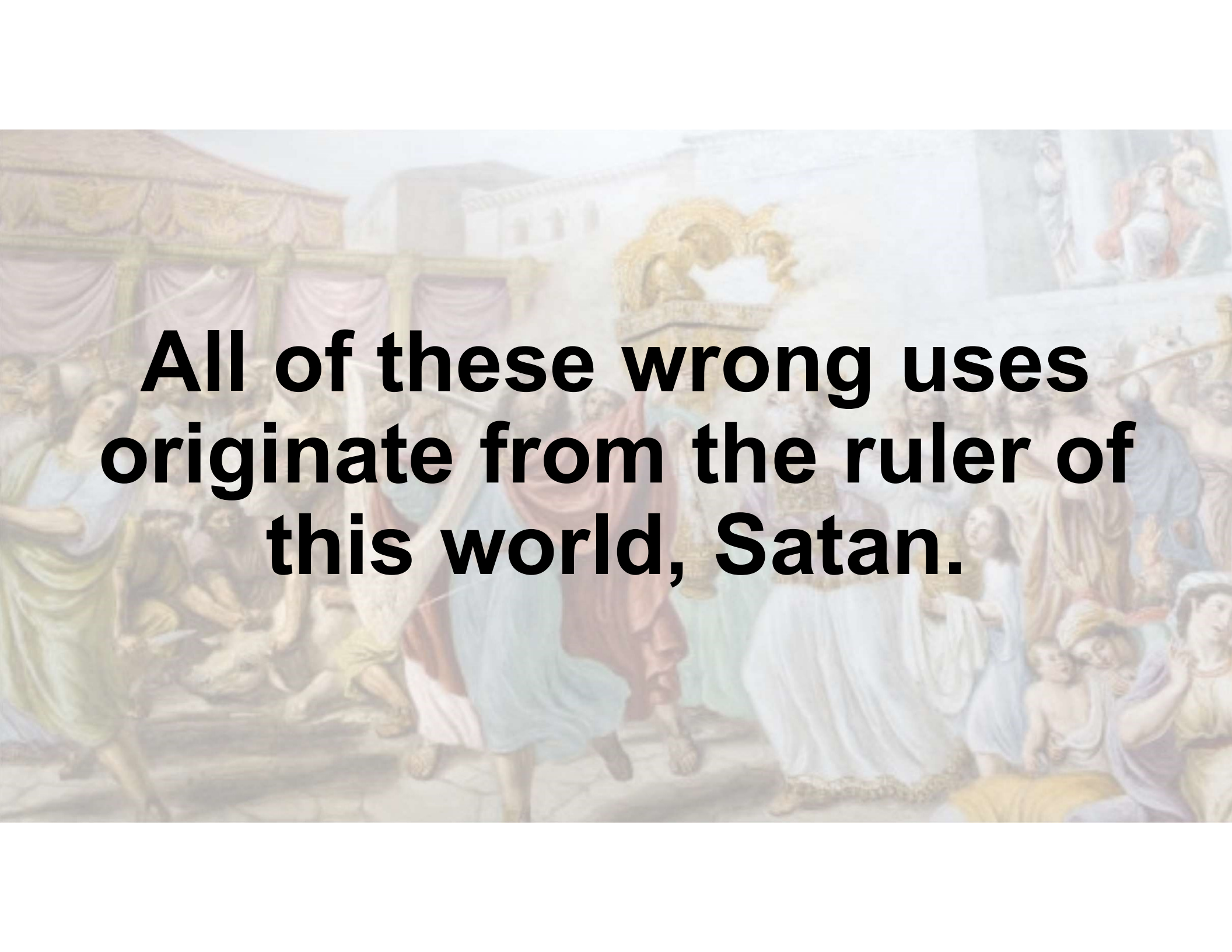
⁴ Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

A classical painting depicting a religious scene, possibly the Presentation of the Virgin Mary. The central figure is a woman in a white and gold robe, seated on a throne or altar, holding a child. She is surrounded by a crowd of people in various poses, some playing musical instruments. The background shows a building with a statue on a balcony. The overall style is Baroque or Rococo.

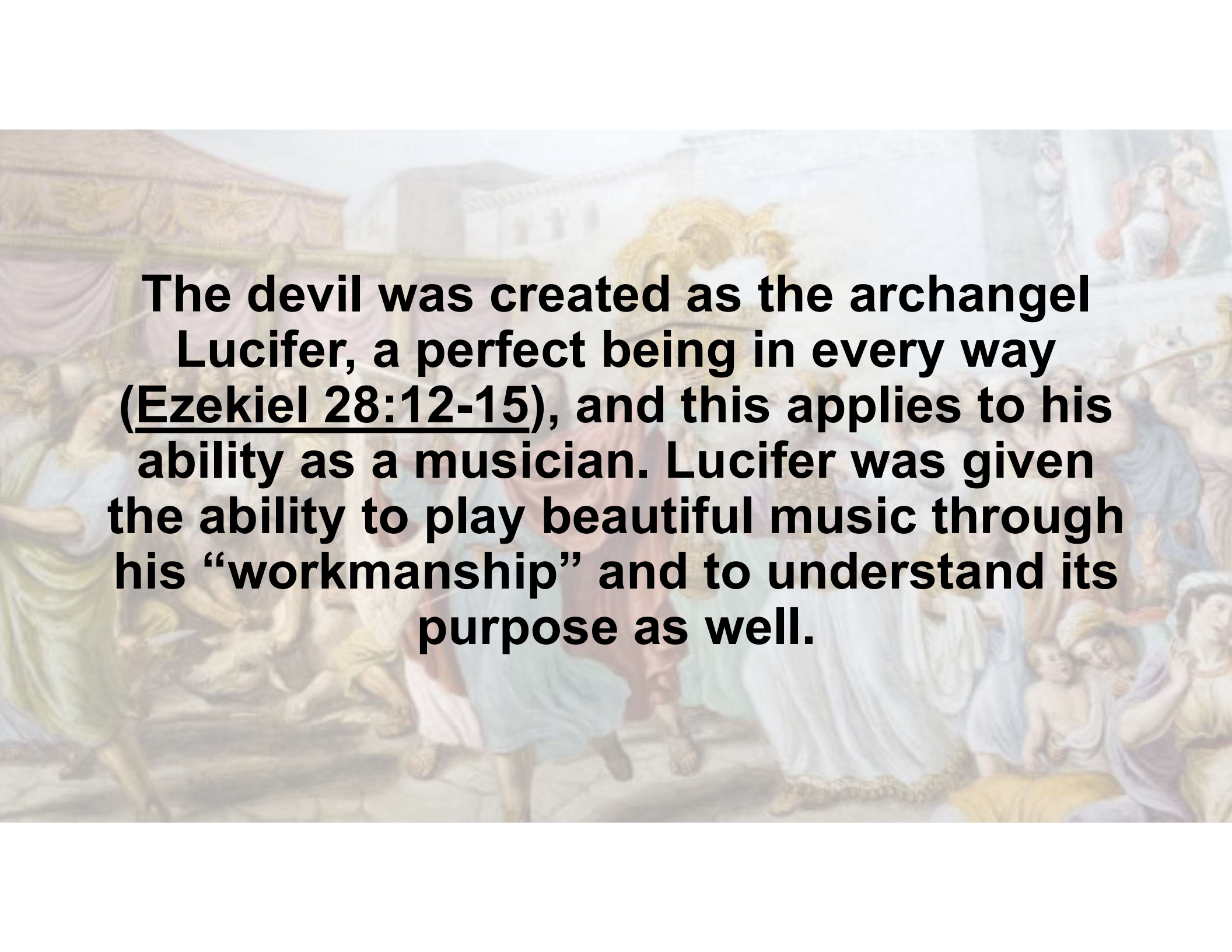
THE IMPROPER USE OF MUSIC



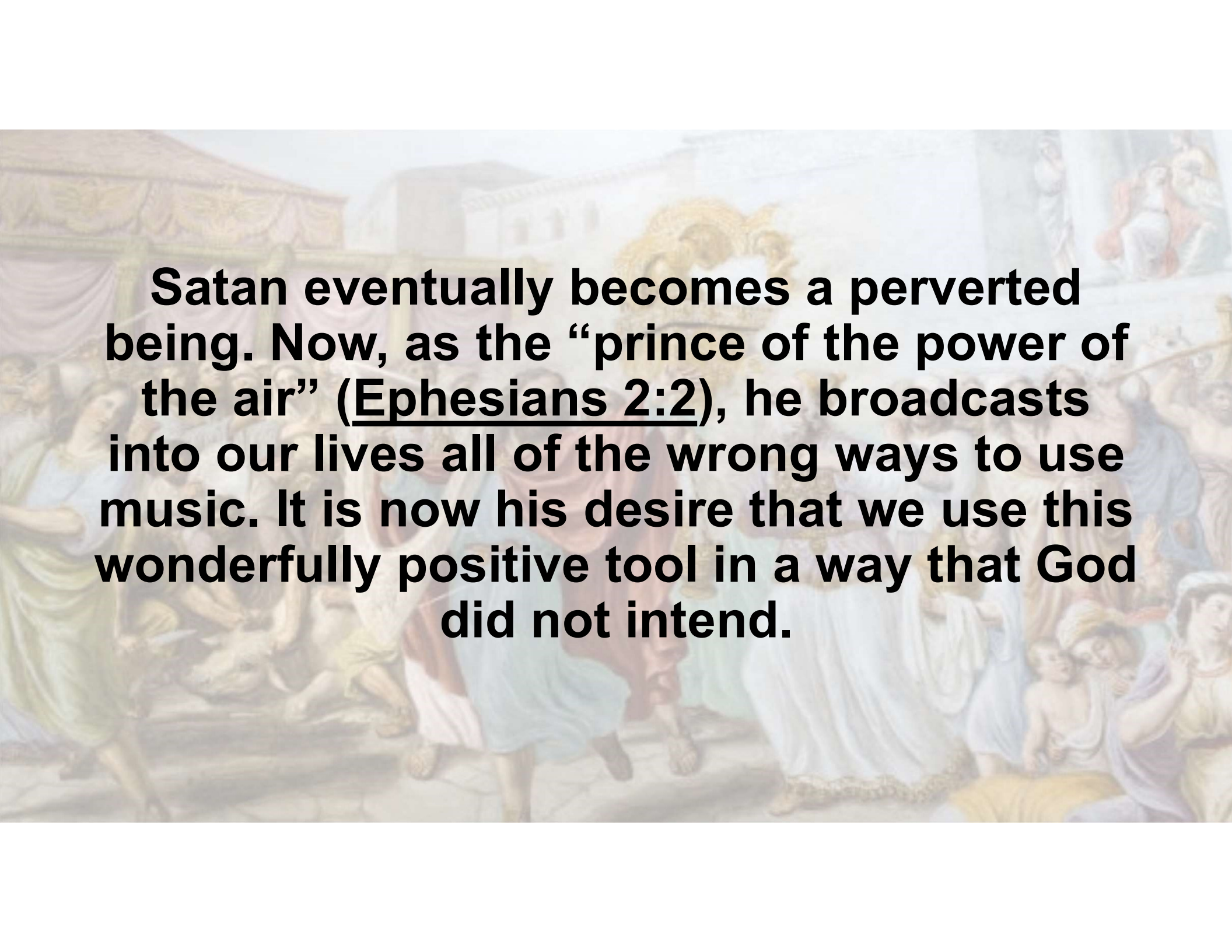
As with almost everything that God has created for man to use for a *right* purpose, it should not come as a surprise that mankind has perverted music to be used in many *wrong* ways.

A classical painting depicting a scene of judgment or punishment. In the center, a figure is seated on a throne, surrounded by a crowd of people. The scene is set in a grand, ornate building with a large, arched entrance. The figures are dressed in rich, colorful garments, and the overall atmosphere is one of dramatic tension and moral consequence.

**All of these wrong uses
originate from the ruler of
this world, Satan.**




The devil was created as the archangel Lucifer, a perfect being in every way (Ezekiel 28:12-15), and this applies to his ability as a musician. Lucifer was given the ability to play beautiful music through his “workmanship” and to understand its purpose as well.



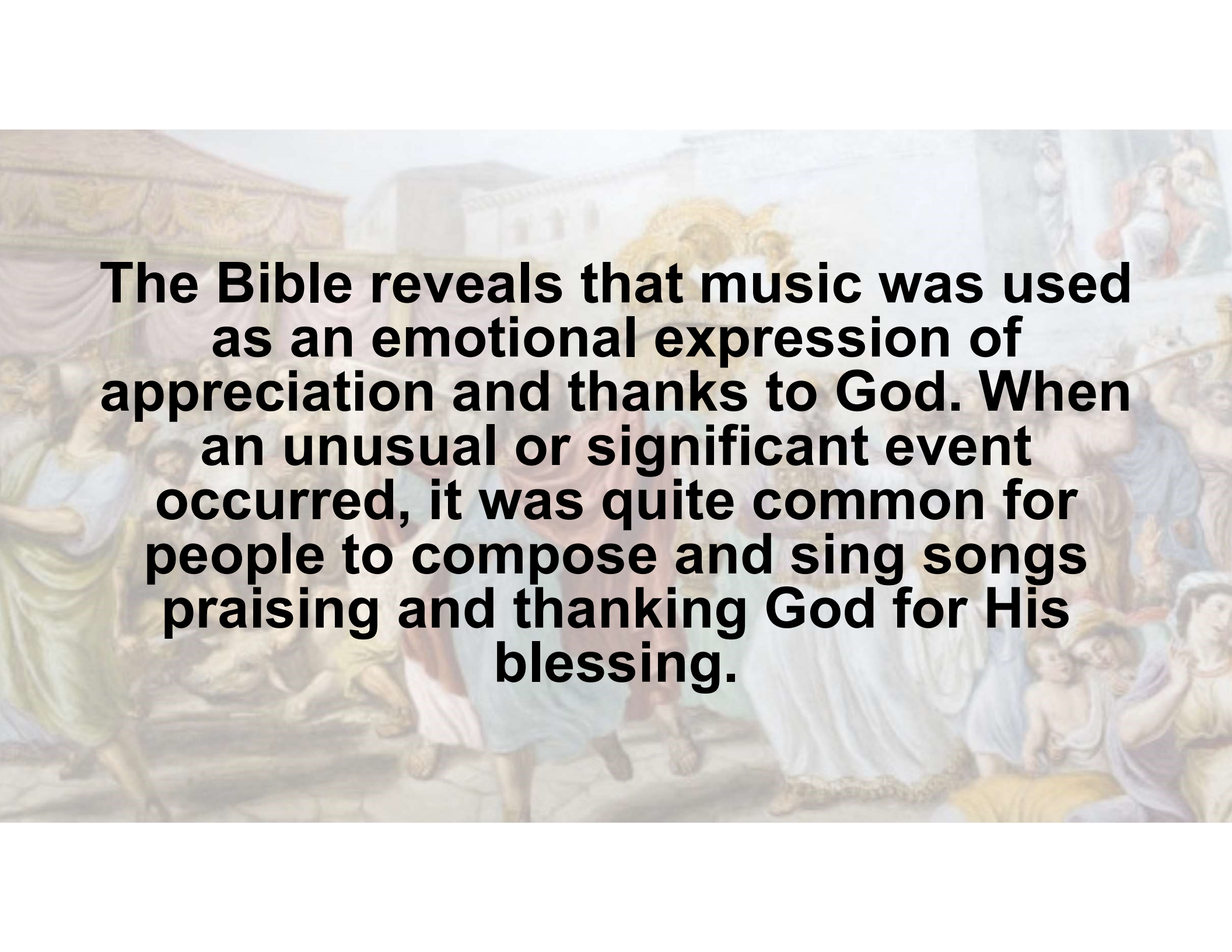
Satan eventually becomes a perverted being. Now, as the “prince of the power of the air” (Ephesians 2:2), he broadcasts into our lives all of the wrong ways to use music. It is now his desire that we use this wonderfully positive tool in a way that God did not intend.



SUMMARY



As we've seen, the Bible is full of music and musical references from cover to cover.



The Bible reveals that music was used as an emotional expression of appreciation and thanks to God. When an unusual or significant event occurred, it was quite common for people to compose and sing songs praising and thanking God for His blessing.



Both the Old and New Testaments address music and strongly support its use in worship.



The extensive list of actual songs found in the Old Testament indicates the importance and value God places on creative musical expression.



Music's use in worship is valuable and can honor God in a special way.

A classical painting depicting a religious scene, possibly the Adoration of the Kings. In the center, a baby lies in a golden manger, surrounded by figures. A crowd of people in traditional attire surrounds the manger, some kneeling in prayer. The background shows a building with a statue on a pedestal. The overall scene is filled with a sense of reverence and devotion.

Music is a communication tool, and a Spirit-filled Christian is a singing Christian.

How Music in the Bible has been used:

To Praise God

To Thank God

To Celebrate Victories

Illustrate Faithfulness In God

As A Prayer

As Part Of A Sacrifice

Celebrate A Person's Return

At Coronations

For Mourning

At Feasts

At Royal Events

As A Supernatural Event

To Soothe A Demonic Attack

As A Way Of Communication

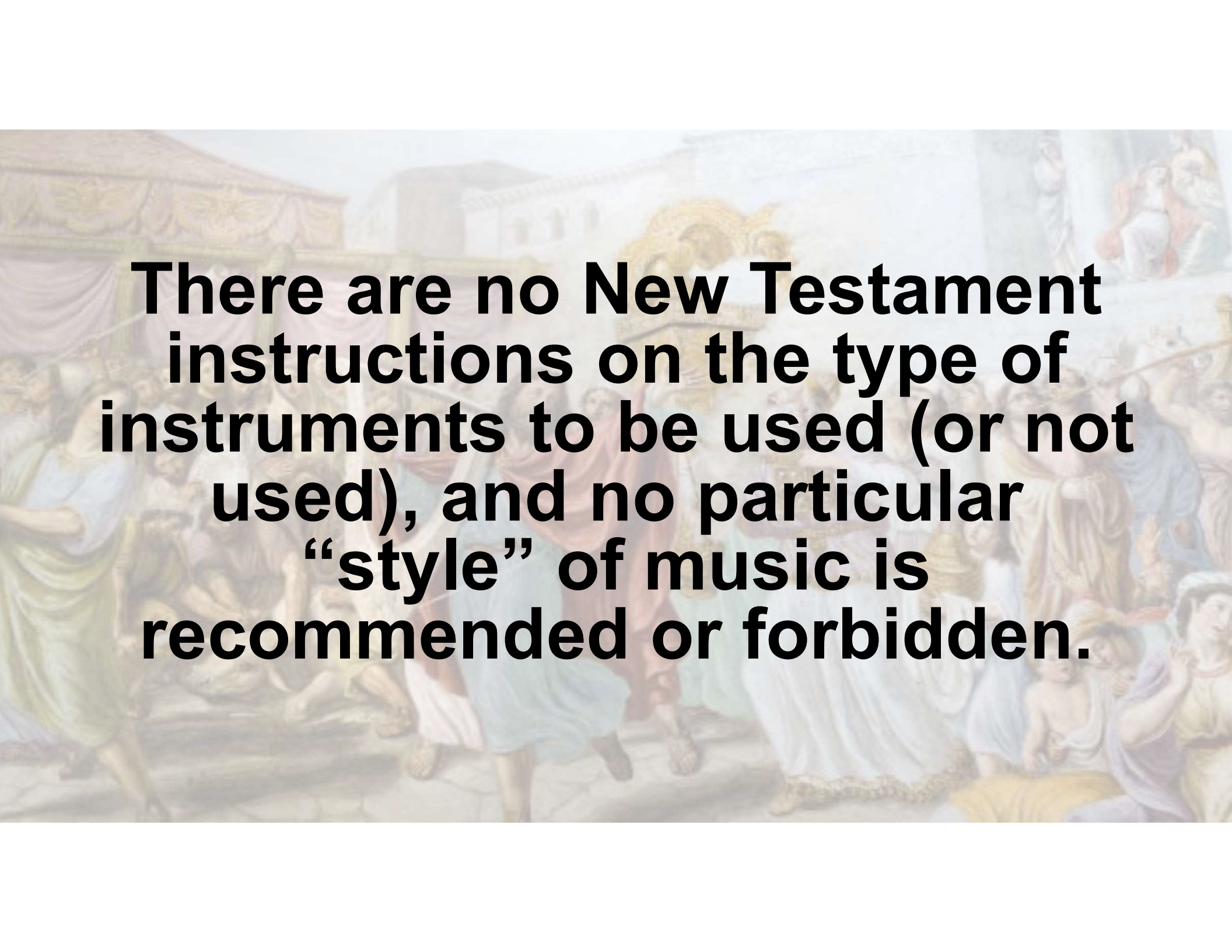
As Part Of A Daily Routine

To Describe End-Time Events

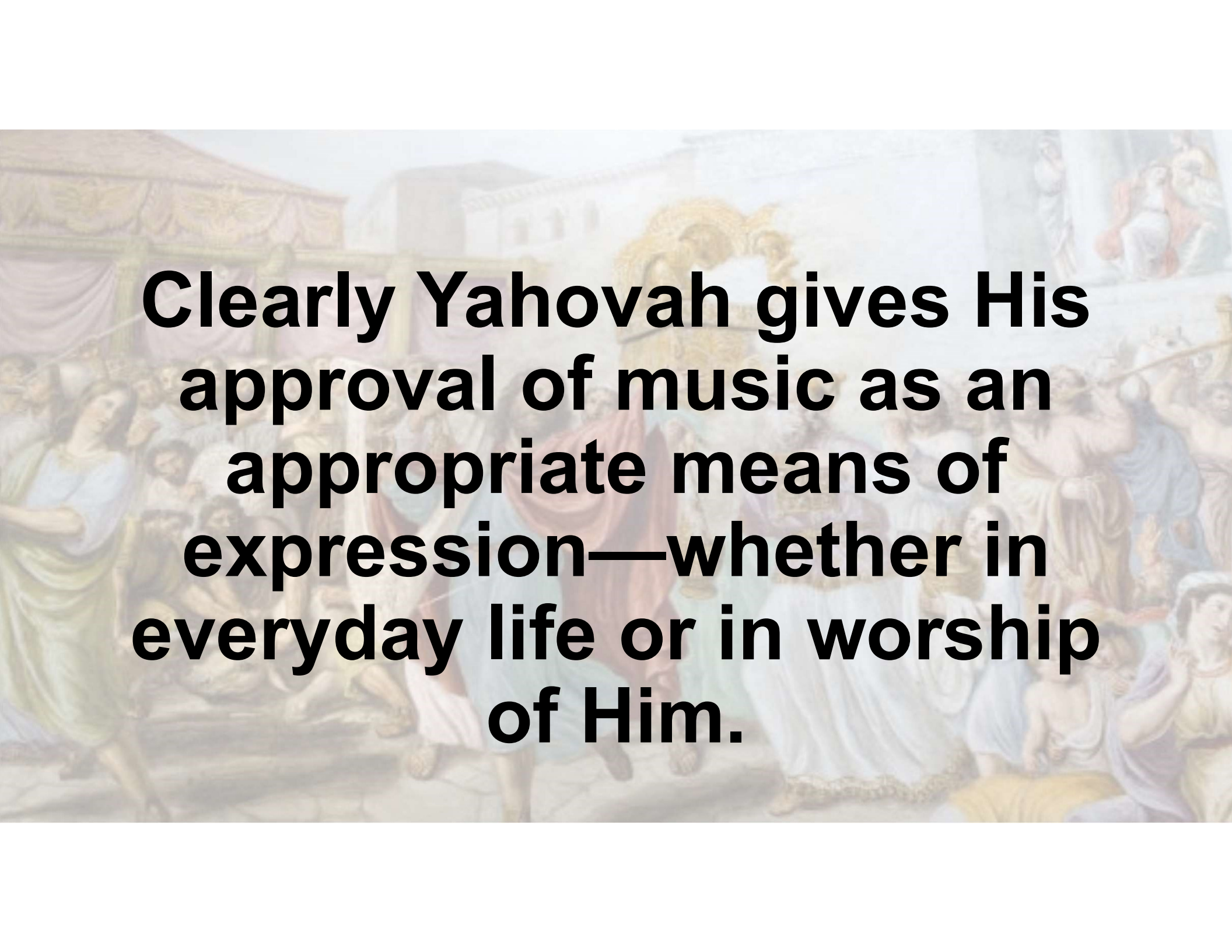
As Indication Of Being Spirit Filled



**Beware of music created by
Satan designed to pervert
Yahova's intended use**



There are no New Testament instructions on the type of instruments to be used (or not used), and no particular “style” of music is recommended or forbidden.



Clearly Yahovah gives His approval of music as an appropriate means of expression—whether in everyday life or in worship of Him.



**The simple command is to
sing “to God with gratitude
in your hearts”
(Colossians 3:16)**

For further scriptural references see the following 100 Bible Verses about Music

[Psalm 105:2](#) ESV / 449 helpful votes

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

[Ephesians 5:19](#) ESV / 426 helpful votes

Addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,

[Psalm 150:1-6](#) ESV / 400 helpful votes

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! ...

[Psalm 104:33](#) ESV / 374 helpful votes

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

[Psalm 95:1](#) ESV / 350 helpful votes

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

[Colossians 3:16](#) ESV / 252 helpful votes

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.

[James 5:13](#) ESV / 206 helpful votes

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.

[Psalm 71:23](#) ESV / 142 helpful votes

My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have redeemed.

[Ecclesiastes 7:5](#) ESV / 134 helpful votes

It is better for a man to hear the rebuke of the wise than to hear the song of fools.

[Psalm 100:1-5](#) ESV / 134 helpful votes

A Psalm for giving thanks. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

[Proverbs 25:20](#) ESV / 127 helpful votes

Whoever sings songs to a heavy heart is like one who takes off a garment on a cold day, and like vinegar on soda.

[Philippians 4:8](#) ESV / 117 helpful votes

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

[Psalm 135:3](#) ESV / 98 helpful votes

Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

[2 Chronicles 5:13](#) ESV / 98 helpful votes

And it was the duty of the trumpeters and singers to make themselves heard in unison in praise and thanksgiving to the LORD), and when the song was raised, with trumpets and cymbals and other musical instruments, in praise to the LORD, “For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever,” the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud,

[1 Corinthians 15:33](#) ESV / 94 helpful votes

Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.”

[Amos 6:5](#) ESV / 92 helpful votes

Who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,

[Psalms 40:3](#) ESV / 89 helpful votes

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

[Revelation 14:3](#) ESV / 87 helpful votes

And they were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth.

[Hebrews 2:12](#) ESV / 86 helpful votes

Saying, “I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

[Psalms 98:1-8](#) ESV / 86 helpful votes

A Psalm. Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! ...

[Job 21:12](#) ESV / 80 helpful votes

They sing to the tambourine and the lyre and rejoice to the sound of the pipe.

[1 Corinthians 14:15](#) ESV / 79 helpful votes

What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also.

[Psalms 57:7](#) ESV / 79 helpful votes

My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast! I will sing and make melody!

[Psalms 95:2](#) ESV / 75 helpful votes

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

[Psalms 33:1-4](#) ESV / 75 helpful votes

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright. Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings! Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts. For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

[Daniel 3:15](#) ESV / 70 helpful votes

Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?"

[1 Samuel 16:23](#) ESV / 68 helpful votes

And whenever the harmful spirit from God was upon Saul, David took the lyre and played it with his hand. So Saul was refreshed and was well, and the harmful spirit departed from him.

[Psalm 150:4](#) ESV / 66 helpful votes

Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

[Psalm 144:9](#) ESV / 65 helpful votes

I will sing a new song to you, O God; upon a ten-stringed harp I will play to you,

[Psalm 68:4](#) ESV / 65 helpful votes

Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him!

[Amos 5:23](#) ESV / 64 helpful votes

Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

[Acts 16:25](#) ESV / 62 helpful votes

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them,

[Psalm 87:7](#) ESV / 61 helpful votes

Singers and dancers alike say, "All my springs are in you."

[Psalm 98:5](#) ESV / 57 helpful votes

Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

[Isaiah 5:12](#) ESV / 52 helpful votes

They have lyre and harp, tambourine and flute and wine at their feasts, but they do not regard the deeds of the LORD, or see the work of his hands.

[Psalm 13:6](#) ESV / 52 helpful votes

I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

[**2 Chronicles 7:6**](#) ESV / 48 helpful votes

The priests stood at their posts; the Levites also, with the instruments for music to the LORD that King David had made for giving thanks to the LORD—for his steadfast love endures forever—whenever David offered praises by their ministry; opposite them the priests sounded trumpets, and all Israel stood.

[**Exodus 15:1**](#) ESV / 48 helpful votes

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying, “I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

[**Matthew 26:30**](#) ESV / 47 helpful votes

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

[**Psalms 135:1**](#) ESV / 44 helpful votes

Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD, give praise, O servants of the LORD,

[**Psalms 45:1**](#) ESV / 44 helpful votes

To the choirmaster: according to Lilies. A Maskil of the Sons of Korah; a love song. My heart overflows with a pleasing theme; I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

[**1 Chronicles 23:5**](#) ESV / 44 helpful votes

4,000 gatekeepers, and 4,000 shall offer praises to the LORD with the instruments that I have made for praise.”

[**Isaiah 30:32**](#) ESV / 42 helpful votes

And every stroke of the appointed staff that the LORD lays on them will be to the sound of tambourines and lyres. Battling with brandished arm, he will fight with them.

[**Isaiah 30:29**](#) ESV / 42 helpful votes

You shall have a song as in the night when a holy feast is kept, and gladness of heart, as when one sets out to the sound of the flute to go to the mountain of the LORD, to the Rock of Israel.

[Ezra 3:10](#) ESV / 42 helpful votes

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.

[1 Chronicles 15:22](#) ESV / 42 helpful votes

Chenaniah, leader of the Levites in music, should direct the music, for he understood it.

[Exodus 15:20](#) ESV / 42 helpful votes

Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and dancing.

[Matthew 9:23](#) ESV / 41 helpful votes

And when Jesus came to the ruler's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion,

[Daniel 3:7](#) ESV / 41 helpful votes

Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshiped the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

[Psalms 92:3](#) ESV / 41 helpful votes

To the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

[Revelation 5:8](#) ESV / 40 helpful votes

And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

[**Hebrews 13:15**](#) ESV / 40 helpful votes

Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

[**Luke 15:25**](#) ESV / 40 helpful votes

“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing.

[**Mark 14:26**](#) ESV / 38 helpful votes

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

[**Ezekiel 33:32**](#) ESV / 38 helpful votes

And behold, you are to them like one who sings lustful songs with a beautiful voice and plays well on an instrument, for they hear what you say, but they will not do it.

[**Psalms 149:3**](#) ESV / 38 helpful votes

Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

[**Psalms 101:1**](#) ESV / 38 helpful votes

A Psalm of David. I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to you, O LORD, I will make music.

[**2 Chronicles 29:25-28**](#) ESV / 38 helpful votes

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. The Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets. Then Hezekiah commanded that the burnt offering be offered on the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song to the LORD began also, and the trumpets, accompanied by the instruments of David king of Israel. The whole assembly worshiped, and

the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded. All this continued until the burnt offering was finished.

[1 Chronicles 25:1](#) ESV / 38 helpful votes

David and the chiefs of the service also set apart for the service the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who prophesied with lyres, with harps, and with cymbals. The list of those who did the work and of their duties was:

[Judges 11:34](#) ESV / 38 helpful votes

Then Jephthah came to his home at Mizpah. And behold, his daughter came out to meet him with tambourines and with dances. She was his only child; besides her he had neither son nor daughter.

[Psalms 19:14](#) ESV / 37 helpful votes

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

[Revelation 14:2](#) ESV / 34 helpful votes

And I heard a voice from heaven like the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder. The voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps,

[Psalms 149:1-3](#) ESV / 34 helpful votes

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly! Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King! Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

[Psalms 42:1](#) ESV / 34 helpful votes

To the choirmaster. A Maskil of the Sons of Korah. As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.

[2 Chronicles 23:13](#) ESV / 34 helpful votes

And when she looked, there was the king standing by his pillar at the entrance, and the captains and the trumpeters beside the king, and all the people of the land rejoicing and blowing trumpets, and the singers with their musical instruments leading in the celebration. And Athaliah tore her clothes and cried, "Treason! Treason!"

[1 Chronicles 15:16](#) ESV / 34 helpful votes

David also commanded the chiefs of the Levites to appoint their brothers as the singers who should play loudly on musical instruments, on harps and lyres and cymbals, to raise sounds of joy.

[1 Kings 1:40](#) ESV / 34 helpful votes

And all the people went up after him, playing on pipes, and rejoicing with great joy, so that the earth was split by their noise.

[2 Samuel 19:35](#) ESV / 34 helpful votes

I am this day eighty years old. Can I discern what is pleasant and what is not? Can your servant taste what he eats or what he drinks? Can I still listen to the voice of singing men and singing women? Why then should your servant be an added burden to my lord the king?

[Psalm 92:1-3](#) ESV / 33 helpful votes

A Psalm. A Song for the Sabbath. It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

[Daniel 3:5](#) ESV / 32 helpful votes

That when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up.

[Judges 5:3](#) ESV / 32 helpful votes

"Hear, O kings; give ear, O princes; to the LORD I will sing; I will make melody to the LORD, the God of Israel.

[Revelation 5:9](#) ESV / 31 helpful votes

And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,

[Isaiah 24:8](#) ESV / 31 helpful votes

The mirth of the tambourines is stilled, the noise of the jubilant has ceased, the mirth of the lyre is stilled.

[Psalms 4:1](#) ESV / 31 helpful votes

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A Psalm of David. Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

[1 Chronicles 25:7](#) ESV / 31 helpful votes

The number of them along with their brothers, who were trained in singing to the LORD, all who were skillful, was 288.

[2 Samuel 6:5](#) ESV / 31 helpful votes

And David and all the house of Israel were making merry before the LORD, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

[Psalms 59:1](#) ESV / 29 helpful votes

To the choirmaster: according to Do Not Destroy. A Miktam of David, when Saul sent men to watch his house in order to kill him. Deliver me from my enemies, O my God; protect me from those who rise up against me;

[2 Chronicles 9:11](#) ESV / 29 helpful votes

And the king made from the algum wood supports for the house of the LORD and for the king's house, lyres also and harps for the singers. There never was seen the like of them before in the land of Judah.

[2 Chronicles 5:12](#) ESV / 29 helpful votes

And all the Levitical singers, Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun, their sons and kinsmen, arrayed in fine linen, with cymbals, harps, and lyres, stood east of the altar with 120 priests who were trumpeters;

[Psalm 149:6](#) ESV / 28 helpful votes

Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,

[Matthew 11:17](#) ESV / 27 helpful votes

“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’

[Isaiah 23:16](#) ESV / 27 helpful votes

“Take a harp; go about the city, O forgotten prostitute! Make sweet melody; sing many songs, that you may be remembered.”

[Isaiah 16:10](#) ESV / 27 helpful votes

And joy and gladness are taken away from the fruitful field, and in the vineyards no songs are sung, no cheers are raised; no treader treads out wine in the presses; I have put an end to the shouting.

[Psalm 81:1-16](#) ESV / 27 helpful votes

To the choirmaster: according to The Gittith. Of Asaph. Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob! Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp. Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day. For it is a statute for Israel, a rule of the God of Jacob. He made it a decree in Joseph when he went out over the land of Egypt. I hear a language I had not known: ...

[Job 30:31](#) ESV / 27 helpful votes

My lyre is turned to mourning, and my pipe to the voice of those who weep.

[Ezra 3:11](#) ESV / 27 helpful votes

And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD, “For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel.” And all the

people shouted with a great shout when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

[2 Chronicles 29:27](#) ESV / 27 helpful votes

Then Hezekiah commanded that the burnt offering be offered on the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song to the LORD began also, and the trumpets, accompanied by the instruments of David king of Israel.

[Genesis 4:21](#) ESV / 27 helpful votes

His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe.

[Psalms 8:1-9](#) ESV / 26 helpful votes

To the choirmaster: according to The Gittith. A Psalm of David. O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. ...

[1 Chronicles 15:16-22](#) ESV / 26 helpful votes

David also commanded the chiefs of the Levites to appoint their brothers as the singers who should play loudly on musical instruments, on harps and lyres and cymbals, to raise sounds of joy. So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; and of his brothers Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari, their brothers, Ethan the son of Kushaiah; and with them their brothers of the second order, Zechariah, Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, and Mikneiah, and the gatekeepers Obed-edom and Jeiel. The singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, were to sound bronze cymbals; Zechariah, Aziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah, and Benaiah were to play harps according to Alamoth; ...

[Jeremiah 31:4](#) ESV / 24 helpful votes

Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines and shall go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.

[**Psalm 68:32-35**](#) ESV / 24 helpful votes

O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, Selah to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice. Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies. Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

[**Psalm 47:7**](#) ESV / 24 helpful votes

For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

[**2 Chronicles 35:15**](#) ESV / 24 helpful votes

The singers, the sons of Asaph, were in their place according to the command of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer; and the gatekeepers were at each gate. They did not need to depart from their service, for their brothers the Levites prepared for them.

[**Genesis 31:27**](#) ESV / 24 helpful votes

Why did you flee secretly and trick me, and did not tell me, so that I might have sent you away with mirth and songs, with tambourine and lyre?

[**Psalm 147:7**](#) ESV / 22 helpful votes

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!

[**Psalm 89:1**](#) ESV / 22 helpful votes

A Maskil of Ethan the Ezrahite. I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

[**Psalm 54:1**](#) ESV / 22 helpful votes

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A Maskil of David, when the Ziphites went and told Saul, "Is not David hiding among us?" O God, save me by your name, and vindicate me by your might.

[1 Chronicles 25:6](#) ESV / 22 helpful votes

They were all under the direction of their father in the music in the house of the LORD with cymbals, harps, and lyres for the service of the house of God. Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman were under the order of the king.

[Revelation 5:8-9](#) ESV / 21 helpful votes

And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,

