

1. Music was highly valued:

1 Kings 10:12 - The king used the almuqwood to make supports for the temple of the LORD and for the royal palace, and to make harps and lyres for the **musicians**.

2 Chronicles 5:12 - All the Levites who were **musicians**-Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun and their sons and relatives-stood on the east side of the altar, **dressed in fine linen** and playing cymbals, harps and lyres. They were accompanied by 120 priests sounding trumpets.

2. Music was a full-time responsible ministry:

1 Chronicles 6:31-32 - They ministered with **music** before the tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting, until Solomon built the temple of the LORD in Jerusalem. They performed their duties according to the regulations laid down for them.

1 Chronicles 9:33 - Those who were **musicians**, heads of Levite families, stayed in the rooms of the temple and were exempt from other duties because they were responsible for the work day and night.

3. Music was wide and varied:

1 Chronicles 15:16 - David told the leaders of the Levites to appoint their brothers as singers to sing joyful songs, accompanied by **musical** instruments: lyres, harps and cymbals.

Psalms 33:2 - Praise the LORD with the harp; make **music** to him on the ten-stringed lyre.

Psalms 45:1 - My heart is stirred by a noble theme as I recite my verses for the king; my tongue is the pen of a skillful writer. (**David was the first emcee. Serious!**)

Psalms 68:25 - In front are the singers, after them the **musicians**; with them are the maidens on tambourines.

4. Music had meaning and was a form of worship:

Psalms 144:9 - I will sing a new song to you, O God; on the ten-stringed lyre I will make **music** to you..

Psalms 147:7 - Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make **music** to our God on the harp.

Ephesians 5:19 - Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make **music** in your heart to the Lord,

5. Music was associated with fighting for God:

Isaiah 30:32 - Every stroke the LORD lays on them with his punishing rod will be to the **music** of tambourines and harps, as he fights them in battle with the blows of his arm.

6. God wants more than music – he wants your heart:

Amos 5:23 - Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the **music** of your harps.

7. Music was both practiced (see above point 2) and improvised:

Amos 6:5 - You strum away on your harps like David and improvise on **musical** instruments.

8. It is Biblical to have a worship leader:

Habakkuk 3:19 - The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights. For the director of **music**. On my stringed instruments.

9. In battles and celebrations:

Exodus 32:18 - Moses replied: "It is not the sound of victory, it is not the sound of defeat; it is the sound of singing that I hear."

Psalms 149:3 - Let them praise his name with dancing and make **music** to him with tambourine and harp.