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Harps and Musical Instruments

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Topics.

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TWENTY-FOUR ELDERS EACH HOLDING A HARP

- **Revelation 5:8:** 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.

Holding harps in their hands signify joy, happiness, peace, and praise, and in this context, the host of heaven being united-together adoring God for His salvation, love, and grace.

Along with many other musical instruments of praise and worship, the harp was one of the chief instruments of thanksgiving in the temple service. The harp is a perfectly made musical instruments that plays the clearest notes and enrich all other music, and as such they symbolise a devoted life of faith and love toward God and the Lord Jesus Christ. When they are referred to as, "harps of God," they signify hearts softened with joy, and love, and filled with a grateful thankfulness for God's mercy and grace.

HARPS OF GOD IN THEIR HANDS

- **Revelation 15:2:** And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire—and also those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands.

John sees those who are victorious over the ten-horned beast and who did not worship his image, or receive his mark, or adopt his ungodly practices standing on the sea of glass, holding harps. The harps they hold are called, "harps of God," because those who hold them are faithful, devoted and truly God's. The following verses show that harps and other musical instruments were used to praise and worship the LORD:

- David and all Israel were rejoicing before God with all their might, with song and lyres and harps and tambourines and cymbals and trumpets. (1 Chron. 13:8).
- 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 Chron. 15:16).
- 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; ¹³and 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, ¹⁴so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God. (2 Chronicles 5:12-14).

- At the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites in all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem to celebrate the dedication with gladness, with thanksgivings and with singing, with cymbals, harps, and lyres. (Neh. 12:27).
- Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings! (Psalm 33:2).
- Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice! (Psalm 141:2).
- Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! (Psalm 150:3).

When Solomon had finished building the House of the LORD, he assembled all the Levites, all the elders of Israel, all the heads of the tribes and all the people of Israel, in Jerusalem. He then gathered all the singers, with cymbals, harps, lyres, and other musical instruments, together with one hundred and twenty priests who were trumpeters. When their song was raised to the LORD, not only were they all heard in unison praising and thanking the LORD, for His goodness and His steadfast love that endures forever, but the House of the LORD was also filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, because the glory of the LORD filled the House of God. (2 Chron. 5:1-14).

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