

# Music In The New Testament Church

# OLD TESTAMENT

- Temple worship included instruments  
**2 Chronicles 29:25-28 (p 524)**
- David used instruments of music  
**2 Samuel 6:5 (p 356)**  
**1 Chronicles 25 (p 486)**
- The Psalms  
**Psalm 149 (p 724)**  
**Psalm 150 (p 725)**



Musical Instruments

# NEW TESTAMENT

The Jews of the First Century were very familiar with the use of instruments of music; however, not one reference is given in NT scripture of the early disciples of Christ using any instrument of music in their worship!

**SINGING IS THE ONLY EXAMPLE!**

# NEW TESTAMENT

**1 Corinthians 14:15 (p 1322)**

**Ephesians 5:19 (p 1346)**

**Colossians 3:16 (p 1355)**

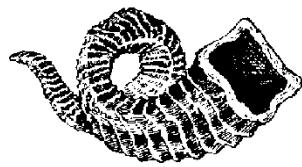
**Hebrews 2:12 (p 1374)**

**James 5:13 (p 1389)**

**Romans 15:9 (p 1308)**

**THE EARLY CHURCH SANG PRAISES  
TO GOD IN THEIR ASSEMBLIES**

# WHEN DID IT BEGIN



Ram's Horn - Trumpet

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TODAY

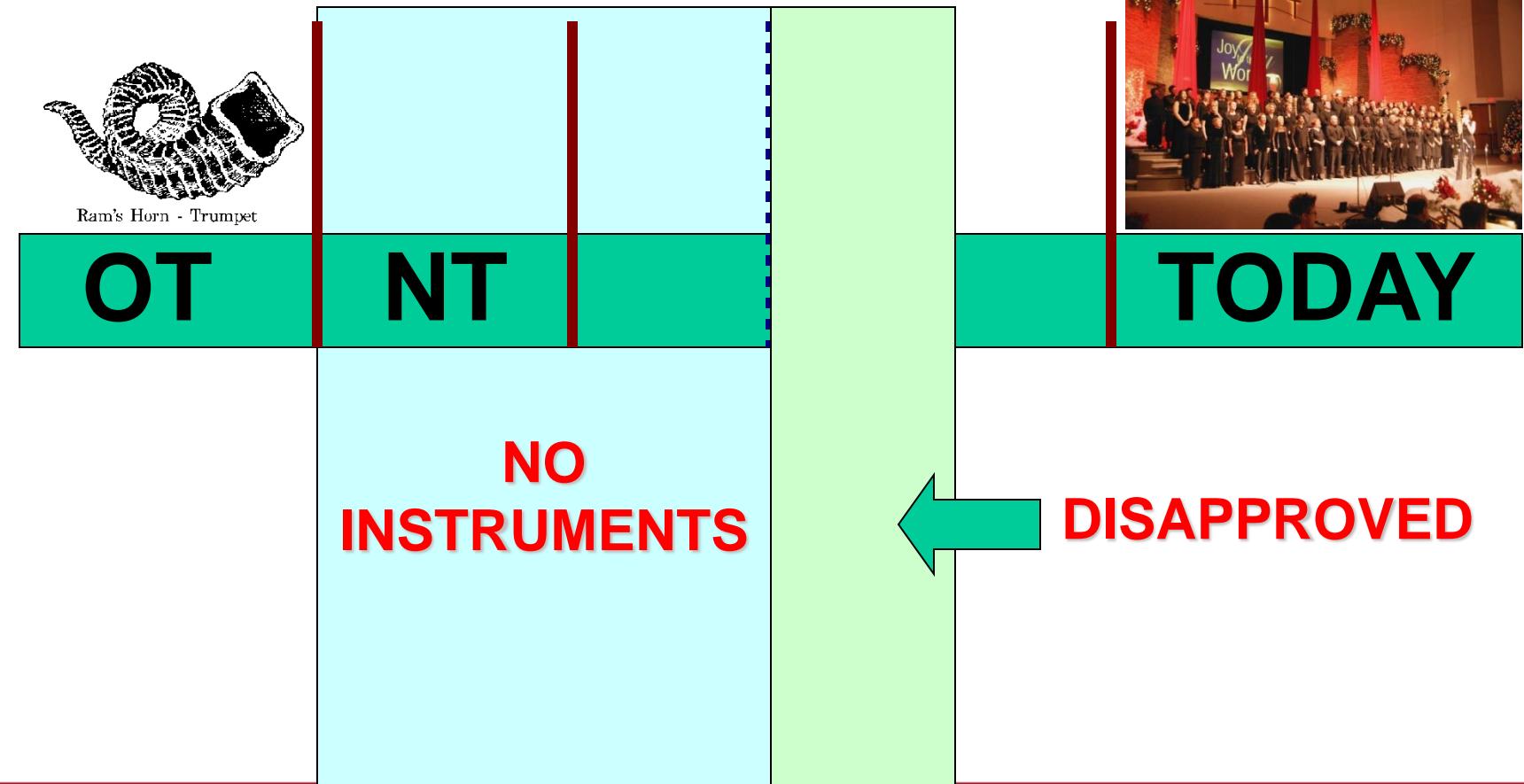
Organ introduced

Pope Vitalian 666/670AD

COUNCIL OF TRENT 1545-1563

So great was the opposition even as late at the 16<sup>th</sup> Century that it would have been abolished by the council of Trent but for the influence of the Emperor Ferdinand

# WHEN DID IT BEGIN



# EARLY CHURCH FATHERS

"Our church does not use musical instruments, as harps and psalteries, to praise God withal, that she may not seem to Judaize." (*Thomas Aquinas*)

"Musical instruments were not used. The pipe, tabret, and harp here associate so intimately with the sensual heathen cults, as well as the wild revelries and shameless performances of the degenerate theater and circus..." (*Augustine 354 A.D.*)

# EARLY CHURCH FATHERS

"Leave the pipe to the shepherd, the flute to the men who are in fear of gods and intent on their idol worshipping. Such musical instruments must be excluded from our wingless feasts, for they are more suited for beasts and for the class of men that is least capable of reason than for men."

*(Clement of Alexandria 190 A.D.)*

# RELIGIOUS LEADERS

Musical instruments in celebrating the praises of God would be no more suitable than the burning of incense, the lighting up of lamps, and the restoration of the other shadows of the law. The papists, therefore, have foolishly borrowed this, as well as many other things, from the Jews. Men who are fond of outward pomp may delight in that noise; but the simplicity which God recommends to us by the apostle is far more pleasing to Him.

(JOHN CALVIN - Presbyterian)

# RELIGIOUS LEADERS

“What a degradation to supplant the intelligent song of the whole congregation by the theatrical prettiness of a quartet, bellows, and pipes! We might as well pray by machinery as praise by it.”

(CHARLES SPURGEON - Baptist)

# RELIGIOUS LEADERS

“Music, as a science, I esteem and admire; but instruments of music in the house of God I abominate and abhor. This is the abuse of music; and here I register my protest against all such corruptions in the worship of the Author of Christianity.”

(ADAM CLARKE - Methodist)

# RELIGIOUS LEADERS

"... John Wesley, who was a lover of music, and an elegant poet, when asked his opinion of instruments of music being introduced into the chapels of the Methodists said, in his terse and powerful manner, 'I have no objection to instruments of music in our chapels, provided they are neither heard nor seen.' **(Quoted from ADAM CLARKE)**

**"The church rings with the noise of trumpets, pipes and dulcimers; and human voices strive to bear their part with them. Men run to the church as to a theatre, to have their ears tickled."** (MARTIN LUTHER)



# WHY I.M. IS WRONG

- Everything must be according to the authority of Jesus Christ  
*Colossians 3:17 (p 1355)*
- There is no EXAMPLE, COMMAND or NECESSARY INFERENCE of any kind to establish ...

*Matthew 28:18 (p 1150)*

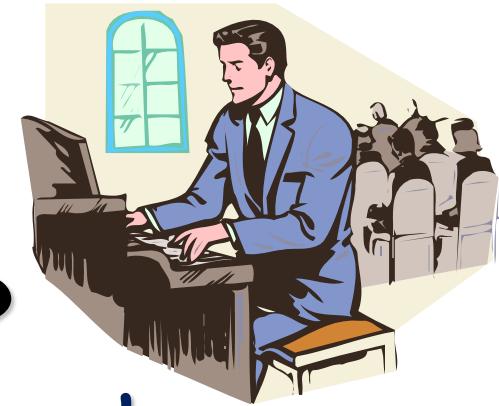
*Matthew 21:23-27 (p 1137)*

BY WHAT  
AUTHORITY?

Matthew 21:23-32

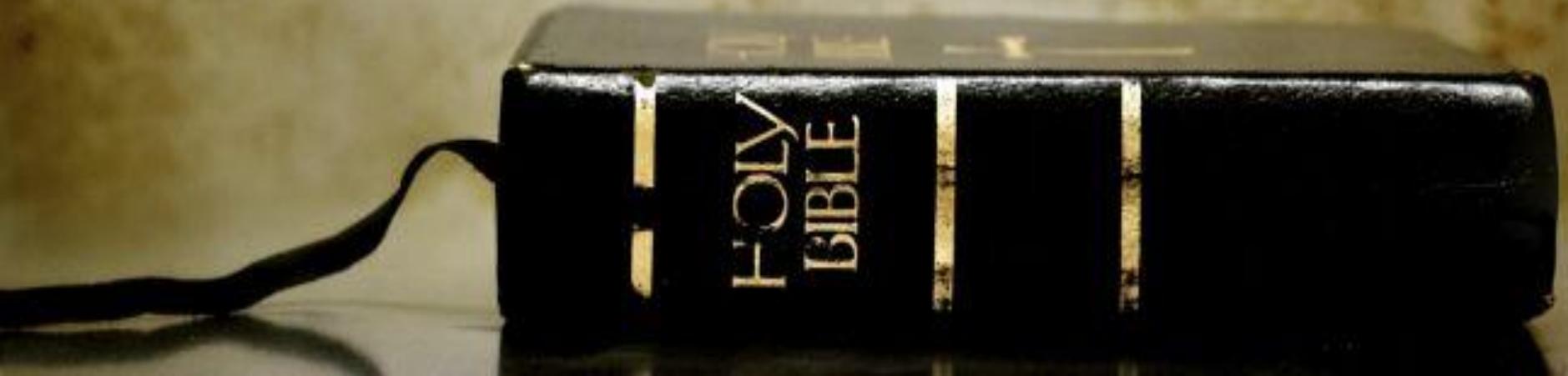
# DANGERS

- But I like it  
*"Behold I thought"*
- Does it make a difference?  
Ask Nadab & Abihu; Achan; Uzzah
- The Bible does not say NOT to ...  
*Silence of Scripture is LOUD!*
- A matter of obedience  
**Matthew 7:21 (p 1118)**



AS MOSES WAS DIVINELY INSTRUCTED  
WHEN HE WAS ABOUT TO MAKE THE  
TABERNACLE. FOR HE SAID, "SEE THAT  
YOU MAKE ALL THINGS ACCORDING  
TO THE PATTERN SHOWN YOU ON  
THE MOUNTAIN."

HEBREWS 8:5 (P 1378)



# Acts 2:38

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Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.