

Tambourines or is it Timbrels?

Interesting Facts:

- The **tambourine** has documentation that they were used in ancient civilizations like; India, Greece, China, Egypt and Rome.
- On rare occasions, eighteenth century composers used **tambourines** in their operas but, not until the nineteenth century did they become more popular.
- The Salvation Army was instrumental in bringing back the use of **tambourines** as praise instruments in their “Timbrel Brigades”.
- Dodie V. Sarchet-Waller from Hong Kong developed the **tambourine** praise patterns and “Timbrel Praise” in the 1980’s, which is widely used today.
- Today the **tambourine** is classified as a percussion instrument and used to maintain rhythm in the orchestra section.



Praise him with tambourines and dancing!
Praise him with flutes and strings!
Let everything that has breath praise Adonai!
Hallelujah! Psalm 150: 4 & 6 (CJB)

Biblical References:

- Hebrew word for Tambourine/Timbrel: **TOPH** (Strong's #8596)
- Hebrew word for using the Tambourine/Timbrel: **TAPHAPH** (Strong's #8608)



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The first instance of the word Tambourine/Timbrel/Tabret used in scripture is found in:

- *Genesis 31:27 why did you flee in secret and deceive me and not tell me? I would have sent you off with joy and singing to the music of **tambourines** and lyres.*

NOTE: Depending on what translation of the Bible you read the word tambourine, timbrel or tabret will be used. These are 3 distinct and separate instruments but very similar in size and use. The word lyre can also be defined as tambourine in some instances in scripture.

Scriptures:

CELEBRATION

- *2 Samuel 6:5 Then David and all the house of Israel played music before the LORD on all kinds of instruments of fir-wood, on harps, on stringed instruments, on **tambourines**, on rattles, and on cymbals.*
- *1 Chronicles 13:8 Then David and all Israel played music before God with all their might, with singing, on harps, on stringed instruments, on **tambourines**, on cymbals, and with trumpets.*
- *Job 12:12 they sing to the **tambourine** and harp, and rejoice to the sound of the flute.*
- *Ezekiel 28:13 You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: the sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your **timbrels** and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created. (The word timbrel(s) is actually TABRETS, in this scripture reference.)*

DANCE (WORSHIP ARTS)

- *Exodus 15:20 and Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a **timbrel** in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.*
- *Judges 11:34 and Jephthah came to Mizpah unto his house; and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with **timbrels** and with dances...*
- *Psalms 68:25 the singers went before, the players on instruments followed after; among them were the damsels playing with **timbrels**.*



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- *Psalm 81:2 Take a psalm, and bring hither the **timbrel**, the pleasant harp with the psaltery.*
- *Psalm 149:3 let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the **timbrel** and harp.*
- *Psalm 150: Praise him with the **timbrel** and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs*
- *Jeremiah 31:4 again I will build you and you shall be rebuilt, O virgin of Israel! You shall again be adorned with your **tambourines**, and shall go forth in the dances of those who rejoice. (The word tambourine(s) is actually TABRETS in this scripture reference.)*

WARFARE

- *Exodus 15:20 and Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a **timbrel** in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.*
- *Isaiah 30:32 and in every place where the staff of punishment passes, which the LORD lays on him, it will be with **tambourines** and harps; and in battles of brandishing He will fight with it. (The word tambourine(s) is actually TABRETS, in this scripture reference.)*
- *1 Samuel 18:6 Now it had happened as they were coming home, when David was returning from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women had come out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with **tambourines**, with joy, and with musical instruments.*
- *1 Samuel 10:5 after that you shall come to the hill of God where the Philistine garrison is. And it will happen, when you have come there to the city that you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place with a stringed instrument, a **tambourine**, a flute, and a harp before them; and they will be prophesying.*

WEAPONS

Tambourines are weapons in the hand of the worshiper when used in spiritual warfare.

- *Psalm 144:1 blessed be the LORD my Rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle.*



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- *Isaiah 30:32 and in every place where the staff of punishment passes, which the LORD lays on him, it will be with **tambourines/tabrets** and harps; and in battles of brandishing He will fight with it.*

Whether we use a TABRET, TIMBREL or a TAMBOURINE it is all the same thing; a spiritual weapon of war that Satan knows very well. The scripture reference in Ezekiel 28 is speaking about Satan. He was a beautiful Cherub and had instruments built within him (tabrets & pipes).

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Whether you warfare praise with; tambourines, timbrels or tabrets, they are to be used with authority and spiritual discernment. They are a weapon of deep intercession and powerful warfare. Know this! –with every strike of the tambourine it is administering a spiritual blow or a wound to the enemy of our souls. Beloved, the enemy sees you coming from afar and he knows that YOU are a warrior for God. So, as warriors, we are cancelling any demon assignments against us or someone else with our spiritual weapons as well as removing demons from our midst.

**Ephesians 6:12 for we do not wrestle against
flesh and blood, but against principalities,
against powers, against the rulers of the
darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of
wickedness in the heavenly places.**

The above scripture puts things into context. Even though we cannot see what is taking place in the heavenlies remember, your warfare is not carnal it is MIGHTY IN GOD. You are pulling down strongholds and spiritual darkness with your prophetic warfare. Stand strong... the atmosphere will SHIFT!

HALLELUJAH! Give God Praise!

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