



Biblical Instruments

Idiophones: pairs of similar instruments struck together

- Cymbals: מְצֻלֹת metseleth – 1Chron. 13:8;
1Chron. 15:16; Ezra 3:10; Neh. 12:27

Membranophones: drums

- Tambourine/Timbrel: תֶּפֶח toph – Gen. 31:27;
Ex. 15:20; Job 21:12; Ps. 81:2; 149:3; 150:4

Aerophones: blown/lips vibrating

- Trumpet: שֹׁפָר shophar – Josh. 6:5; 6:20;
Jdgs. 7:18; 1Kgs. 1:34; 1Sam. 13:3;
- Trumpet: σάλπιγξ salpigx – Mt. 6:2; 24:31;
1Cor. 15:52; 1Thess. 4:16; Rev. 1:10
- Flute: חָלִיל chalil – 1Sam. 10:5; Isa. 30:29
עֻגָב uggab – Job 21:12; Job 30:31;
- Flute: αὐλέω alueo – Mt. 11:17; Lk. 7:32;
1Cor. 14:7

Chordophones: strings

- Harp: נֶבֶל nebel – 1Sam. 10:5;
- Lyre: כִּנּוֹר kinnor – 1Sam. 16:16; 1Sam. 16:23
- Harp: κιθάρα kithara – 1Cor. 14:7; Rev. 14:2