

Psalm 98:4-6

“Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises. 5 Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of a psalm, 6 with trumpets and the sound of a horn; shout joyfully before the Lord, the King.”

Verse 4

Shout joyfully: (Joyful noise in King James)

Ruwa-to mar (especially by breaking); figuratively, to split the ears (with sound), i.e. shout (for alarm or joy)

Break forth in song: (Make a loud noise in the King James)

Patsach-to break out (in joyful sound)

Rejoice:

Ranan-to creak (or emit a stridulous sound), i.e. to shout (usually for joy)

Sing praises:

Zamar-the idea of striking with the fingers; properly, to touch the strings or parts of a musical instrument, i.e. play upon it; to make music, accompanied by the voice; hence to celebrate in song and music

Verse 5

Sing:

Zamar-the idea of striking with the fingers; properly, to touch the strings or parts of a musical instrument, i.e. play upon it; to make music, accompanied by the voice; hence to celebrate in song and music

Harp:

Kinnowr-to twang; a harp: -harp

Sound: (Voice in King James)

Qowl-to call aloud; a voice or sound

Psalm:

Zimrah-a musical piece or song to be accompanied by an instrument

Verse 6

Trumpet:

Chatsotserah-a trumpet (from its sundered or quavering note)

Horn: (Cornet in King James)

Showphar-a cornet (as giving a clear sound) or curved horn

Shout joyfully: (Joyful noise in King James)

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In this psalm the psalmist encourages the use of stringed and wind instruments in joyful praise to the Lord. According to the Hebrew words used in these verses this joyful praise in song is to be LOUD. The psalmist even suggests that the sea and rivers join in this loud celebration. He writes in verses 7 & 8, *“Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell in it; 8 Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills be joyful together before the Lord...”*

Scripture references:

Psalm 95:2

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to him with psalms.

Psalm 66:1

Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth!

Psalm 100:1

Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands!

Psalm 147:7

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; Sing praises on the harp to our God...

Psalm 81:2

Raise a song (psalm) and strike the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the lute.

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