

Psalms 98:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King.

Analysis

With trumpets and sound of cornet (בְּחִצְצֹרֹת וְקוֹל שׁוֹפָר, bakhatzotzerot veqol shofar)—two distinct instruments: the silver chatzotzrah (trumpet) used by priests for temple rituals (Numbers 10:2), and the ram's horn shofar used for festivals, warfare, and coronations. Together they represent priestly ministry and royal authority.

Make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King (הָרִיעוּ לִפְנֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ יְהוָה, hariu lifnei hamelekh YHWH)—hariu means to shout triumphantly, to sound the battle cry of victory. This is not quiet reverence but exuberant celebration **before the LORD, the King**. The royal title hamelekh YHWH (the King, Yahweh) recalls the psalm's enthronement theme.

The combination of priestly trumpets and royal shofar, liturgical instruments and victory shouts, shows worship encompasses both ordered reverence and unrestrained joy. Christ unites both: our great High Priest and conquering King.

Historical Context

Temple worship featured silver trumpets blown by Aaronic priests (2 Chronicles 5:12-13). The shofar announced new moons, jubilee years, and military victories. This verse reflects Israel's festal assemblies where both instruments heralded God's kingly presence.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does acknowledging 'the LORD, the King' change the nature of our worship from entertainment to royal audience?
2. What would it look like to combine reverent order with joyful exuberance in your worship?
3. In what ways is Christ both our Priest (trumpet) and King (shofar)?

Interlinear Text

בְּחִצֵּי צְרוּת	וְקוֹל	שׁוֹפָר רַ	הַ רִ יַעוֹ	לִפְנֵי יוֹ	הַמֶּלֶךְ
With trumpets	and sound	of cornet	make a joyful noise	before	the King
H2689	H6963	H7782	H7321	H6440	H4428

יְהוָה:
the LORD
H3068

Additional Cross-References

Revelation 19:16 (Kingdom): And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

2 Chronicles 29:27 (Kingdom): And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt offering upon the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of the LORD began also with the trumpets, and with the instruments ordained by David king of Israel.

2 Chronicles 15:14 (References Lord): And they swear unto the LORD with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets.

