

Power of Instruments – Lucifer’s Roll in Music

Is it OK for Christians to listen to secular music if the lyrics aren’t bad? That’s a question that many pastors and youth pastors have attempted to answer through the years. I’ve always been unsatisfied with the reasoning, but in this two-part series, you will have an absolutely solid Biblical answer with understanding. I promise. Not only that, but this series will stir you up with excitement about praising the Lord.

Before we go back to the beginning of music, I want to share something serious for us to think about. If we spend enough time thinking, we all know at least one person who was transformed by music.

(Tell a story about someone transformed by music or share my real story below)

I wanted to share what powerful effect music has on people, so that no one falls into the same ditch as this man has just done. He was born again, baptized in the Holy Spirit, a tither, a regular church attender, a giver, and a Bible reader. He came from a background of growing up in the Catholic Church and listening to demonic heavy metal music, but he gave his life to Christ and made a radical change. As time went on, some 10 plus years later, he found out that a couple of the bandmembers of his favorite metal band got saved. A warning bubbled up in my spirit to tell this man, “*Just because they got saved doesn’t make their music OK to listen to. Proceed with caution and use wisdom when listening to what they have to say.*” These band members may have a regenerated spirit, which is none of our business to judge, but they didn’t allow the Holy Spirit to touch their soul (their mind, will, and emotions). They stayed under their original band name and continued to collect money from what the devil built in their lives, and this man slowly followed them on a path back towards hell. Along the way, this man picked up his old bands again. He started getting backstage passes to meet these people and buying their expensive memorabilia. The demonic rage that had been cleaned out of him had returned. This man, who’d never even had a speeding ticket, was recently incarcerated. After some time, he was released, but later that same evening of his release, he returned right back to jail. He decided to have a fresh start and one month later back to jail. This reminds me of the Sunday School song, “*Be careful little ears what you hear.*”

Some may say, “*He was never saved to begin with!*” That deep discussion is for another time, but the Bible says in **1 Corinthians 12:3**,

Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

This situation that happened with the backslidden man has to do with putting junk into his soul, particularly music which penetrates the soul faster than anything else humans can generate. We all know someone that non-Christian music has affected, especially as teenagers. They started listening to a band or singer and then they’re wearing a different style of clothing, an attitude change, or even using different words.

That’s why I feel quite passionately about sharing on the topic of **music without lyrics**. Most Christians can already spot good and bad lyrics, but we will briefly journey to that topic at a later time. The first part of this series is about how Lucifer fits into all of this, and then we’ll talk about what anointed Christian music can do for you. That will be a very exciting topic, so make sure you have a notebook with you. Let’s jump right into scripture!

Ezekiel 28:13

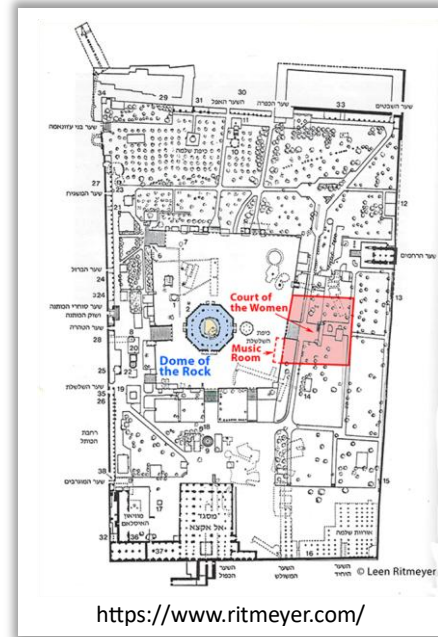
You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering:

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.

Before we dig into the issue of Lucifer, it’s important to point out the ever-popular teaching of how Lucifer was the head of praise and worship in Heaven. I just don’t see that in the Word, and I have never seen it. I’ve looked at this verse in Hebrew, and I’m still not seeing that popular teaching in the Word. When I learned how

to study years ago, and I took a look again while writing this, one of the tips to help ministers is often to, “*read Biblical commentary.*” That’s where I think these unbiblical teachings get passed around like wildfire. Is it possible that he was the head praise and worship leader? YES! But does the Bible actually say that? **NO!** Most likely, he was not a praise and worship leader because something else is going on here.

Now you’re wondering, “*Where did the idea of a praise and worship leader originate?*” According to Google, “*The title and role of ‘worship leader,’ as it is known in contemporary churches, largely began in the 1970s within the North American Evangelical and Charismatic movements. It emerged as a new church office during the rise of contemporary praise and worship music, often tied to efforts to engage the baby boomer generation.*” In years past, the only history I was able to find is that Marth Luther, not to be confused with Martin Luther King, but the man who challenged the Catholic Church, encouraged congregations to sing some songs in the early 1500s. The set up of our church service praise and worship is very modern. While ancient Hebrews do sing and dance as part of their celebrations, it wasn’t part of their torah readings. There was a special room for music next to the Court of the Women. With that in mind...



Back to Ezekiel. "**Workmanship**" can also mean "**craftmanship.**" "**Timbrels**" means "**tambourines,**" but I imagine that they’re some type of spectacular tambourines. Some translations of the Bible take the Hebrew word "**tofe**" (tambourines) and translate it to "**settings,**" referring to stones set in jewelry. The problem with this theory is that the same word "**tofe**" is used for what Miram, the sister of Moses, took to play after the parting of the Red Sea. Unless you believe she took jewelry settings in her hand to sing to the Lord, then what Lucifer had in him are tambourines. In reference to the **pipes**, the Hebrew word "**neqeb**" is used, which means "**bezel,**" or a pipelike setting around an object. Using the Bible to interpret this, it seems to mean that the stones and gold covered him as part of his clothing. Think of it like the **breastplate of stones worn by the high priests** who entered the Holy of Holies. That might be a small idea of how Lucifer was adorned. All the stones that the Bible mentions that Lucifer was wearing are in the high priest’s breastplate, with the exception of turquoise. Later on, you’ll see that Lucifer was a type of high priest. As for his tambourines, it could be inside or outside. There is no definite indication from Scripture whether they were internal or external. We can only speculate. The bezels could have held the precious stones. When he played the tambourines and created music, it’s possible that the light of God shone through Lucifer from the bezels (pipes or caverns) and lit up the stones as the music played. Again, this is all speculation, but that would be a beautiful stunning sight to see.

Isaiah 14:13-14

¹³For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; ¹⁴I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’

From this verse, we see Lucifer was not in Heaven when he said these things in his heart. He was most likely on Earth or the moon, but that’s a discussion for another time. Stars in the Bible also refers to angels, especially in reference to Satan. In Revelations 12:24, John talks about Satan’s tail drawing one-third of the stars of Heaven and being cast down to Earth. "**Congregation**" means "**appointed time, season, or meeting place.**" One of the most misunderstood verses in the Bible is here where Lucifer said, “*I will be like the Most High.*” Lucifer did not say he WOULD BE God, or he would be a god, he said he would be, “**LIKE GOD!**” If you read “**like**” in Hebrew, the word "**damah**" means "**likeness, similitude, resemble, or compare.**” Pastors, teachers, and ministers keep saying that Satan is stupid. No, God didn’t make a stupid angel, no not one! Intelligence without sound wisdom makes people seem stupid. Lucifer corrupted his wisdom with pride (Ezekiel 28:17). Lucifer knew He couldn’t kill or overthrow God. He had a *different* unwise, yet intelligent plan.

Who is like God? Let’s go back to **Genesis 1:26,**

Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

Man is *like* God. It wasn't God that Lucifer wanted to be, but a man! You might be wondering what this has to do with musical instruments, everything! We're getting there!

In **Psalm 8:5**, we're told our position,

For You have made him a little lower than ~~the angels~~ Elohim, And You have crowned him with glory and honor.

If you look **angels** up in Hebrew, it says, “**ELOHIM**” which mean **GODS**. Elohim is the triune God, the trinity, God in 3 parts. Ancient Hebrew doesn't have any lower-case letters or even periods or commas. They just wrote. We would all do very well as Hebrew scribes. This word "ELOHIM" is **translated as "God" 2,346 times**, and as "**angel**" **only once** here in this scripture. What's actually happening here is that the person or team doing the translation determined that we were made a little lower than the angels. That's right, they didn't like this verse, so they changed it. **The Hebrew says Elohim**. If we were made a little lower than the angels, then why are they here to serve us? Exactly, let's believe the original Hebrew, not the English that didn't start showing up until almost the 1400s.

Lucifer said: Throne above the ~~stars~~ angels of God

Man has: Dominion over the angels (Psalm 8:5)

Lucifer said: Sit on the ~~mount~~ mountain of the congregation at the appointed time

Lucifer said: Ascend into Heaven

Man is: Raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places (at the appointed time) in Christ Jesus, (Eph 2:6)

Lucifer said: Ascend above the heights of the clouds

Man can: Spiritually come boldly to the throne of grace, which is far above the clouds, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:16)

Lucifer said: I will be like the Most High

Man: We ARE like the Most High (Gen 1:26)

Now that we see that Lucifer wasn't trying to be God, but he was trying to be a man, it's easier to see what he was really doing in **Ezekiel 28:14, 16**

¹⁴ You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones.

¹⁶ And I destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the fiery stones.

The fiery stones have to be prophetic stones. If we search the clues, the answer is there. **Lucifer got a glimpse of the future**, which was man, in those fiery stones on the mountain of God. He didn't see the entire future, otherwise he would have been able to stop it. You might think, "*Whoa whoa whoa... wait... what?*" Yes. Go back and look at **what Lucifer said. It's all the prophetic and the future**. God's throne was already above the planets, the stars, and the angel stars. He said, "*sit on the mountain at the appointed time*." The mountain actually belonged to God; it would be far-fetched to believe He didn't ever sit on His own throne on His own mountain. What would be the appointed time that God sits on His throne? That's not written in the Bible. Isaiah said he saw the Lord sitting on His throne in chapter 6, verse 1, so it can't even be still to come. **He saw what would eventually be man seated with Jesus, but he obviously had no idea when or how**. Let's read that part again from Isaiah 14:13, **I will also sit on the mount of the congregation**, or mountain of the appointed time. Again, we can clearly see this is the seating of someone else other than God that Lucifer wants to be.

I know this is a lot to take in today. When we look at scripture in the light of what it actually says as opposed to what we were taught, we sometimes see something very different!

What really happened here is that Lucifer was walking back and forth in the fiery prophetic stones and saw a glimpse of the future. He saw the creation of the Earth, and how it was meant for Adam. Lucifer wasn't residing in Heaven; again, his throne or place was most likely on the Earth or moon. Because of his great splendor and position as Jesus' personal angel, he may have thought the Earth and all the inhabitants would always be beneath him in beauty and position. Don't forget that the plant and animal kingdoms are beneath the angels. We see both trees and animals respond to the spiritual realm, such as in the instances when Balam's donkey responded to an angel, and when a fig tree responded to Jesus' words.

You might be thinking, "*Did you just say Lucifer was Jesus' personal angel?*" The Bible says this in **Isaiah 14:12**,

"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!

Angels are referred to as sons of God, and Jesus is referred to as the "*Bright and Morning Star*," as we see in **Revelations 22:16**

"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."

Now, Jesus has a new personal angel. Obviously, Lucifer has been replaced. If it's too wild of a notion to think such things as that Lucifer was Jesus' personal angel, that he was not the praise and worship leader, and that he was looking into the prophetic, then let's go back to **Revelations 19:10**. The ending of the verse confirms Jesus and prophecy are synonymous,

For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

In Greek, the word used for "**testimony**" is "**marturia**," which means, "**witness, evidence, testimony, reputation.**"

Now we can see **Lucifer felt his position was threatened by Adam**, because Adam would be between him and Elohim (God in 3 parts) and particularly Jesus. Imagine for a moment that the company you worked for brings in a new person that knows absolutely nothing, while you know the exact operation of the company. To make matters worse, this new person is dressed head to toe in the company's best and here you thought your company's jacket was the absolute best. Icing on the cake, now they will be permanently above you. This is why demons passionately enjoy getting people offended over positions. This is why it's important to act in love and never puff yourself up over position or be offended when you're lowered in position. Putting all the scriptures together, we see the demons probably sided with Lucifer to gain what they thought was a better position as well. Perhaps maybe helping Lucifer rule over Earth. As for beauty, Lucifer probably emanated the glory of God only during the prophetic announcements while Adam was created to be clothed in His glory.

Instead of Lucifer heading to the Earth or the moon and writing beautiful music to sing the prophecy to announce the creation of Adam, he decided to go "*testify*" to Yahweh in the court of Heaven. His **complaint** is recorded in **Hebrews 2:5-8**

⁵ For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels. ⁶ But one (certain one) testified in a certain place, saying:

**"What is man that You are mindful of him,
Or the son of man that You take care of him?**

**⁷ You have made him a little lower than the angels;
You have crowned him with glory and honor,
And set him over the works of Your hands.**

⁸ You have put all things in subjection under his feet."

David also picked up this “*testimony*” while spending time with the Lord and wrote about it in the **Psalms**. You might think, “*No, the author of Hebrews means David when he said, ‘one testified.’*” If the author of Hebrews was referring to David, he would have respectfully used David’s name or referred back to scripture with “*It is written,*” but he did not. The word “*one*” is *tis* in **Greek**, a **definite pronoun**, and is translated as **someone, anyone, certain one, thing**. The NASB translates *tis* 6 times as **whatever** and 4 times as **whoever**. This is clearly not a term of respect, especially if he was referring to David or Scripture. Remember the verse breaks and numbers weren’t added in until over a thousand years later. Read it again, “**For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels. But one certain (angel) testified in a certain place (the court of Heaven),**”

Are you still not fully convinced the author of **Hebrews** refers to Lucifer? The answer is in **Psalm 8:4-6**

⁴ What is man that You are mindful of him,
And the son of man that You visit him?

⁵ For You have made him a little lower than ~~the angels~~ Elohim,
And You have crowned him with glory and honor.

⁶ **You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands;
You have put all things under his feet,**

“**You have put all things under his feet.**” David COULD NOT SAY THIS! This is not written in the past tense, as if David is saying this to the Lord. Elohim (God in 3 parts), put everything under Adam’s feet. He had dominion over all the Earth. When he sinned against God, he lost his dominion. We don’t see any dominion being given back to man until the disciples received some dominion from Jesus in **Luke 10:19**, when they exclaimed how the demons were subject unto them. Demons weren’t previously subject to them! We, as people, didn’t fully get dominion back until Jesus was seated at the right hand of the Father, and we were seated with Him. This is the reason why the Old Testament is full of war and bloodshed. They didn’t have spiritual dominion over enemies. Enemies had to be physically stopped. In the New Testament, we have spiritual dominion given back and because of it we live under grace. That’s why Paul tells us not to war in the flesh, but in the spirit. The wars weren’t because of man’s inability to love like God. There was no authority over the enemy (**Luke 10:19**).

Back to Psalms, if the Lord says something, it’s as good as done. He said in **Isaiah 55:11** that His Word doesn’t return void, and It will produce fruit. Lucifer saw it in the stones of fire, and he knew it was as good as done. So, apparently, Lucifer didn’t receive a satisfying response from God and decided to implement his own objective to thwart the Lord’s plan. Again, you may be taken back by these new thoughts on scripture. But there is something that we fail to understand with our modern western mindset, **YOU DO NOT QUESTION THE KING**. We see the Lord God of Heaven as our loving Father that we can speak with concerning whatever subject we like at any time. We have never been prohibited to question government or authority; matter of fact we are encouraged to question them. Our minds aren’t trained to think like the ancient world, or even in line with the Bible. Those of us living in the free world never see these scriptures as a problem. Matter of fact, we sing them in a song!

The Song: Friend of God
Who am I that you are mindful of me
That you hear me when I call
Is it true that you are thinking of me

We sing that song questioning God in our worship, because **we think nothing of it**. But what does the Bible say about questioning God?

Isaiah 45:9-10

9 ... Shall the clay say to him who forms it, ‘What are you making?’ Or shall your handiwork say, ‘He has no hands’? 10 Woe to him who says to his father, ‘What are you begetting?’ ...

Isaiah gives us an idea about these types of questions in the ancient world. **When ancient readers with a middle eastern mindset read these verses, they more easily understood that the certain angel was protesting by questioning God.** For us, we need the dishonor pointed out, study the scriptures, weigh the situation, and pray over the thought. Truth be told, for most of us it doesn't feel wrong to question our Maker. Isaiah has to explain to us modern thinkers it's wrong to question God in the scoffing sense of, "*Why was I born?*" Now is a great time to repent if you've done that. Just keep smiling and looking straight ahead. It's ok to ask why in the sense of, "*What's The Plan You have for my life?*" But not in a negative useless sense, "*What did you do this for?*" It's more in the attitude as opposed to the actual words.

Back to using Isaiah's point, you don't question The King!

Now that we see this was Lucifer's protest, we can see he didn't lack intelligence. The Bible tells us his wisdom was corrupted. **Ezekeil 28:17** says of him,

You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor;

Corrupted wisdom can make a person appear to be stupid, and we see here that angels are no exception.

Ezekeil 28:14

You were the anointed cherub who covers

Covering in this sense is like **shade** or a **hat**. What was Lucifer covering? The Earth, as we saw from his "*I will...*" statements, he wasn't stationed in Heaven. Once he walked in the fiery stones in Heaven and caught a glimpse of the future; he would go back to the moon or somewhere above the Earth. He would play his prophetic tambourine music and sing the prophetic announcement of what he had seen in the stones. When he played his instruments and sang the prophetic song outside the Earth, it would hit the firmament, the metallic-water canopy covering the Earth, and the sound would travel all the way around the Earth.

Instead, Lucifer convinced one-third of all the angels he could be *like* The Most High. *He* could have Adam's position once he played the prophetic music and sang the song over himself. He most likely promised the other angels a place of position under him on Earth, with his new-found dominion. The "*I will...*" statements we read above was the song he sang over himself. Also, don't forget Lucifer recently watched Elohim (Father, Jesus, and The Holy Spirit) create the Earth with Words, and it most likely was first seen by Lucifer in the fiery stones. **He took part in the power of prophecy and prophetic music. That's far worse than a praise and worship leader.** I usually hear it taught, "*Satan was the praise and worship leader in Heaven. He wants to steal your praise and worship for God and take it for himself.*" No, that wouldn't be bad at all. In this case, we can completely ignore Satan easily. **What he has been implementing is far worse!** You'll see in the **next study why Satan is perfectly happy** that we think he's the ex-praise and worship leader of Heaven and is just after our worship.

After he plays his music and sings the song over himself, he falls to Earth like lightening. We see this issue brought up again when the Lord God has to sentence Adam, Eve, and Satan in the garden in **Genesis 3:15**

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

We know "**her Seed**" is **Jesus**, and we know **Satan's seed is the prophecy of man** that he sang over himself. Satan taking the dominion from Adam is part of his musical prophecy. It was his plan all along, and he was seeking to do it all along.

I'm glad you made it through this study without running out the door. This was some deep thinking and possibly quite a bit of uprooting of what you normally hear. I occasionally still catch myself believing common interpretations that aren't actually Biblical and need corrected. For this reason, I often pray for wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Christ.

The next study will be on music without lyrics, and we'll take a look at what people with instruments are created to do and how music affects us. The Holy Spirit has opened up some scriptures and it will be amazing! You'll never look at praise and worship the same. Bring a notebook and a friend that plays an instrument or just loves praise and worship. I promise they will not be bored or disappointed!

Homework:

- Meditate (fancy way to say deeply think) about today's scriptures and how The Holy Spirit opened them up
- Pray for wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Christ in your own personal life and Bible reading time

Prayer Points:

- Thank You, Father, for these revelations in your Word. Please keep sharing them with us, because we enjoy when you open your Word up so that we better understand it
 - As we meditate on this study and re-read these scriptures, please plant Your word deep in our heart so that confusion doesn't take the seeds away from us
 - We ask that You help us protect the seed, so that after next week's study we will be able to produce fruit and fruit to share with others
 - Thank You for creating us, loving us, and forgiving us if we questioned You, especially when we were hurt or down, about why we were created
 - Please start to reveal The Plan that you have laid out for our lives, so that we can walk in it and honor you with the gifts and talents You have given us
 - Thank You for your continuous flow of love and forgiveness, and always having plans to bring us up to a higher place in Christ
- In Jesus' Name, Amen!