

# The Incense

Exodus 30:34-38



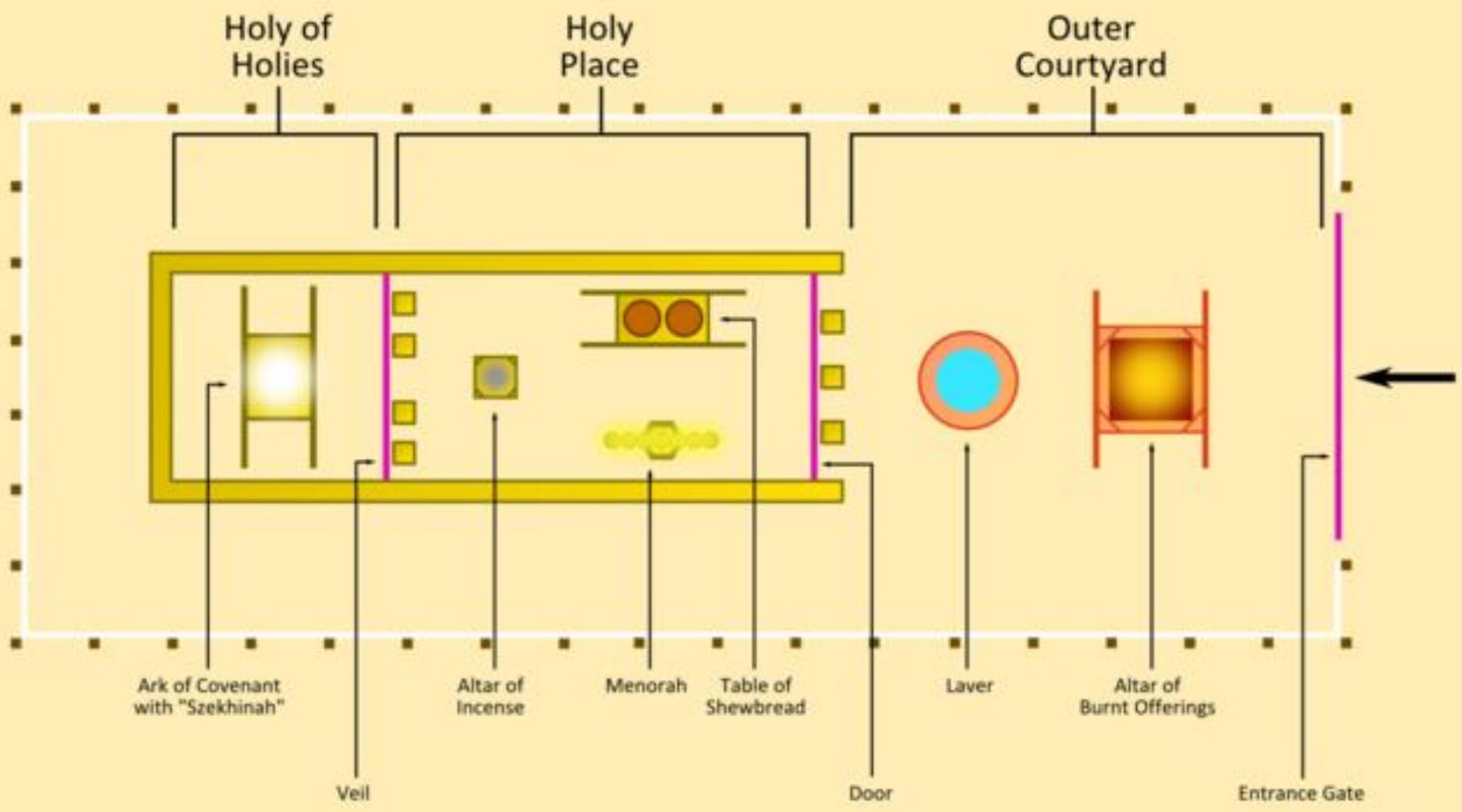
# **Incense Is A Picture Of Prayer**

## **Revelation 8:3-4**

**3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.**

**4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.**





## **Exodus 30:34-38**

**34 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take unto thee sweet spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum; these sweet spices with pure frankincense: of each shall there be a like weight:**

**35 And thou shalt make it a perfume, a confection after the art of the apothecary, tempered together, pure and holy:**

**36 And thou shalt beat some of it very small, and put of it before the testimony in the tabernacle of the congregation, where I will meet with thee: it shall be unto you most holy.**

## **Exodus 30:34-38 – continued**

**37 And as for the perfume which thou shalt make, ye shall not make to yourselves according to the composition thereof: it shall be unto thee holy for the LORD.**

**38 Whosoever shall make like unto that, to smell thereto, shall even be cut off from his people.**

**Prayers are to be reserved for God  
Prayers are to be holy**

# I. How The Incense Was Blended

## A. The stacte

### 1. *nataph*

Job 36:27-28

27 For he maketh small the drops of water: they pour down rain according to the vapour thereof:

28 Which the clouds do drop and distil upon man abundantly.



# **I. How The Incense Was Blended**

## **A. The stacte - continued**

### **2. Patience in prayer**

#### **a. Stillness**

**Psalm 46:10a**

**Be still, and know that I am God:**

#### **b. Staying power**

**Ephesians 6:18**

**Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;**

# **I. How The Incense Was Blended**

## **B. The onycha**

- 1. Unguis odoratus – Mollusk found in the Red Sea**
- 2. Shell provided an aromatic smell when burned**
- 3. Proper preparation was to crush the shell, then mix with other ingredients**



# **I. How The Incense Was Blended**

## **B. The onycha**

### **4. Contrition in prayer**

**Psalm 34:18**

**The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.**

**Psalm 51:17**

**The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.**

**Isaiah 66:2**

**For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.**

# I. How The Incense Was Blended

## C. The galbanum

1. The sap (gum) of *Ferula gummosa*
2. Dried then ground into powder
3. Smell is intense and has a sense of freshness



# **I. How The Incense Was Blended**

## **C. The galbanum**

### **4. Praise in prayer**

**Psalm 42:8**

**Yet the Lord will command his lovingkindness in the day time, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.**

**Psalm 66:20**

**Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.**

# I. How The Incense Was Blended

## D. The frankincense

1. *lebownah* = to be white
2. *Boswellia sacra* tree grows in inhospitable places
3. Nothing this world has will sustain prayer



# **I. How The Incense Was Blended**

## **D. The frankincense**

### **4. Petition in prayer**

**Philippians 4:6**

**Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.**

**1 John 5:15**

**And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.**

## **II. How The Incense Was Burned**

### **2 Chronicles 13:11**

**And they burn unto the Lord every morning and every evening burnt sacrifices and sweet incense: the shewbread also set they in order upon the pure table; and the candlestick of gold with the lamps thereof, to burn every evening: for we keep the charge of the Lord our God; but ye have forsaken him.**

**With the coals from the brazen altar of sacrifice**

# **Prayer Takes Us Into The Presence of God**

**Psalm 141:2**

**Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

How is Your  
Prayer Life?