

The Incense

Exodus 30:34-38



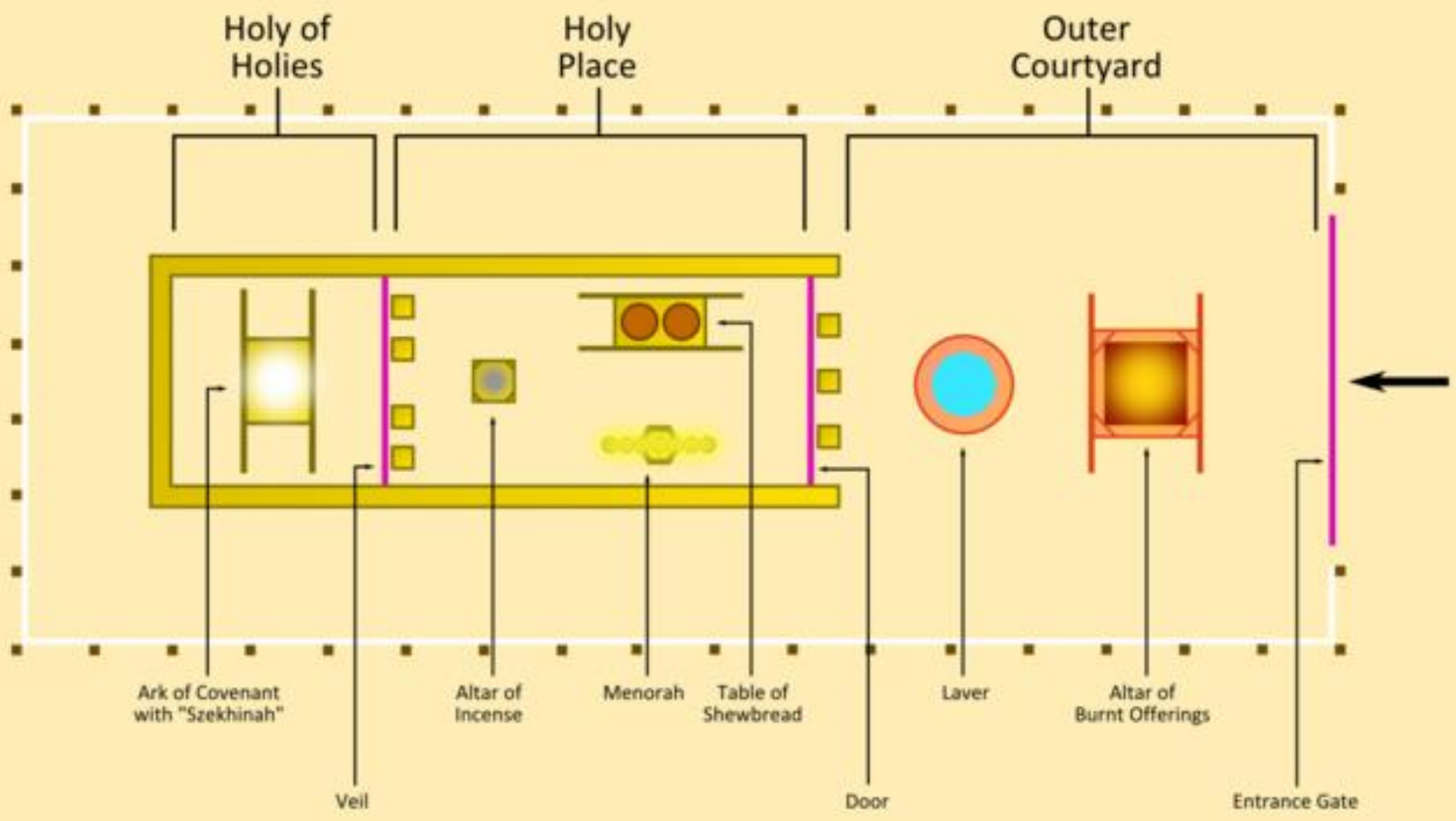
Incense Is A Picture Of Prayer

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?