

EXODUS CHAPTER 30

¹ "And you shall make the altar of incense of incorruptible wood. ² And you shall make it a cubit in length, and a cubit in breadth: it shall be square; and the height of it shall be of two cubits, its horns shall be of the same piece. ³ And you shall overlay its grate with pure gold, and its sides round about, and its horns; and you shall make for it a molding of gold round about. ⁴ And you shall make under its molding two rings of pure gold; you shall make it to the two corners on the two sides, and they shall be holders for the poles, so as to bear it. ⁵ And you shall make the poles of incorruptible wood, and shall overlay them with gold. ⁶ And you shall set it before the veil that is over the ark of the Testimony, wherein I will make Myself known to you from there. ⁷ And Aaron shall burn upon it fine compound incense every morning; whenever he trims the lamps he shall burn incense upon it. ⁸ And when Aaron lights the lamps in the evening, he shall burn incense upon it; a constant incense offering always before the Lord for their generations. ⁹ And you shall not offer strange incense upon it, *nor* and offering made by fire, *nor* a sacrifice; and you shall not pour a drink offering upon it. ¹⁰ And once in the year Aaron shall make atonement on its horns, he shall purge it with the blood of purification for their generations: it is most holy to the Lord."

¹¹ And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ¹² "When you take a census of the children of Israel for their number, then every man shall give a ransom for his soul to the Lord, then there shall not be among them a destruction in the visiting of them. ¹³ And this is what they shall give, as many as pass the survey, half a shekel which is according to the shekel of the sanctuary (a shekel is twenty gerahs). The half-shekel *shall be* the offering to the Lord. ¹⁴ Everyone that passes the survey from twenty years old and upwards shall give the offering to the Lord. ¹⁵ The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less than the half-shekel in giving the offering to the Lord, to make atonement for your souls. ¹⁶ And you shall take the money of the offering from the children of Israel, and shall give it for the service of the tabernacle of testimony; and it shall be to the children of Israel a memorial before the Lord, to make atonement for your souls."

¹⁷ And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ¹⁸ "Make a bronze laver, and a bronze base for it, for washing; and you shall put it between the tabernacle of witness and the altar, and you shall pour forth water into it. ¹⁹ And Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet with water from it. ²⁰ Whenever they shall go into the tabernacle of witness, they shall wash themselves with water, so they shall not die, whenever they advance to the altar to do service and to offer the whole burnt offerings to the Lord. ²¹ They shall wash their hands and feet with water, whenever they shall go into the tabernacle of witness; they shall wash themselves with water, that they die not; and it shall be for them a perpetual statute, for him and his posterity after him."

²² And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ²³ "Also take for yourself sweet herbs, the flower of choice myrrh five hundred shekels, and the half of this two hundred and fifty shekels of sweet-smelling cinnamon, and two hundred and fifty shekels of sweet-smelling calamus, ²⁴ and of cassia five hundred shekels of the sanctuary, and a hin of olive oil. ²⁵ And you shall make it a holy anointing oil, a perfumed ointment *tempered* by the art of the perfumer: it shall be a holy

anointing oil. ²⁶ And you shall anoint with it the tabernacle of witness, and the ark of the tabernacle of witness, ²⁷ and all its furniture, and the lampstand and all its utensils, and the altar of incense, ²⁸ and the altar of whole burnt offerings and all its utensils, and the table and all its utensils, and the laver. ²⁹ And you shall sanctify them, and they shall be most holy: everyone that touches them shall be hallowed. ³⁰ And you shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and sanctify them that they may minister to Me as priests. ³¹ And you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'This shall be to you a holy anointing oil throughout your generations. ³² On man's flesh it shall not be poured, and you shall not make *any* for yourselves according to this composition: it is holy, and shall be holiness unto you. ³³ Whosoever shall make it in like manner, and whosoever shall give of it to a stranger, shall be destroyed from among his people.'

³⁴ And the Lord said to Moses, "Take for yourself sweet herbs, stacte, onycha, sweet galbanum, and transparent frankincense; there shall be and equal weight of each. ³⁵ And they shall make with it perfumed incense, tempered with the art of a perfumer, a pure holy work. ³⁶ And of these you shall beat some very fine, and you shall put it before the testimonies in the tabernacle of testimony, from where I will make Myself known to you: it shall be to you a most holy incense. ³⁷ You shall not make any for yourselves according to this composition; it shall be to you a holy thing for the Lord. ³⁸ Whosoever shall make any in like manner, so as to smell it, shall perish from his people."