

## **Incense for Worship**

Exodus 30:1,7-9,27,35,37:"You shall make an altar to burn incense upon; of acacia wood shall you make it. And Aaron shall burn fragrant incense on it; every morning when he dresses the lamps he shall burn it, and when Aaron sets up the lamps in the evening, he shall burn it, a **perpetual incense** before the LORD throughout your generations. You shall offer no unholy incense thereon, nor burnt offering, nor cereal offering; and you shall pour no libation thereon. and the table and all its utensils, and the lampstand and its utensils, and the altar of incense, and make an **incense** blended as by the perfumer, seasoned with salt, pure and holy; And the **incense** which you shall make according to its composition, you shall not make for yourselves; **it shall be for you holy to the LORD.**

Leviticus 16:12-13 "He is to take a censer full of burning coals from the altar before the LORD and two handfuls of finely ground fragrant incense and take them behind the curtain. He is to put the incense on the fire before the LORD, and the smoke of the incense will conceal the atonement cover above the Testimony, so that he will not die."

1 Kings 3:3: Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father; only, he sacrificed and burnt **incense** at the high places.

2 Chronicles 2:4: Behold, I am about to build a house for the name of the LORD my God and dedicate it to him for the burning of **incense** of sweet spices before him, and for the continual offering of the showbread, and for burnt offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths and the new moons and the appointed feasts of the LORD our God, **as ordained for ever** for Israel.

Malachi 1:11: For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name is great among the nations, and in every place **incense** is offered to my name, and a pure offering; for my name is great among the nations, says the LORD of hosts.

*(\*\*NOTE - Here is an Old Testament prophecy about the Catholic Mass, which is being continually offered around the world every hour of every day.)*

Sirach 45:16: He chose him out of all the living to offer sacrifice to the Lord, **incense** and a pleasing odor as a memorial portion, **to make atonement for the people.**

Matthew 2:11: and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and **frankincense** and myrrh.

*(\*\*NOTE - The 3 gifts offered by the 3 Wisemen tell us exactly who Jesus is - Gold is for a king, incense is used for worship, and myrrh is used as a burial spice.)*

Luke 1:9-11: according to the custom of the priesthood, it fell to him by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn **incense**. And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of **incense**. And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of **incense**.

Revelation 5:8: And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and with golden bowls full of **incense**, which are the prayers of the saints;

*(\*\*NOTE - Here we see how our prayers go through intermediaries, the 24 elders in heaven, before they are presented to God in the form of incense.)*

Revelation 8:3-4: And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer; and he was given much **incense** to mingle with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar before the throne; and the smoke of the **incense** rose with the prayers of the saints from the hand of the angel before God.

*(\*\*NOTE - Here we see how the angels put incense into the golden bowls of the saints, so that our prayers can rise to God in the form of incense.)*

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