

## THE TABERNACLE

### Handout

**(HEADED WEST AND ENTERING THE HOLY PLACE)**

**"THE GOLDEN CANDLESTICK," "THE TABLE OF SHEWBREAD,"  
AND "THE ALTAR OF INCENSE "**

\*\*Please remember the significance of the **COLORS** (*scarlet, blue, purple, white*) at the Eastern Gate of the Courtyard as we enter **The Holy Place** of the tabernacle through another "**HANGING**," or curtain, which is identical in appearance to the Eastern Gate Hanging. (*Remember, all of these "HANGINGS" are prophesying the **ULTIMATE "HANGING" of Jesus on the Cross.***) **HOWEVER**, there is a major difference in the pillars at **The Holy Place "HANGING,"** for they are overlaid with **GOLD** and there are **5** of them. (*There were 4 acacia wood pillars at the Eastern Gate, topped with ~~silver~~ and the bottoms covered with sockets of **brass.***) As we stand at the **Hanging** at the **entrance to The Holy Place**, the **BRASS of JUDGMENT** is now **BEHIND US--IN THE EAST--**put away by God at the **Brazen Altar**. From this point forward (**WESTWARD**) the **PRECIOUS METAL** we encounter is **GOLD! GOLD** is the metal of **GREAT WEALTH** and the **MOST VALUABLE** of the metals. **Heaven** is of **GREAT WEALTH** and **Jesus** was and is **HEAVEN'S BEST/MOST PRECIOUS**. **GOLD** is associated with gifts fit for a **KING**. The Queen of Sheba brought it to honor King Solomon in the Old Testament. The Wise Men brought it to honor the infant Jesus as "**KING** of the Jews." **GOLD** is **KINGLY!** With "scripture interpreting scripture" we also find that **GOLD** is used as a metaphor for our **FAITH**:

"But He knoweth the way that I take: when He hath **TRIED** me, I shall come forth as **GOLD**." (*Job 23:10*)

"That the **TRIAL** of your **FAITH**, being much **MORE PRECIOUS** than of **GOLD** that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ." (*1 Peter 1:7*)

It is fitting that the Bible says the **STREETS** of Heaven are paved with **GOLD**. Heaven is the final destination of those who have **WALKED** by **FAITH**, so the symbolism is found in the **GOLDEN** streets of the **FAITH-WALK** that brought us to Heaven.

As we watch the video, look closely at the **5 GOLDEN** pillars with **GOLDEN CAPITALS** (same as chapters, highest head or bands of pillars, like **CROWNS**). Again, they were **SILVER**, which is the cost of redemption, at the **EASTERN GATE**, **GOLDEN** hooks, (they were **silver** at the Eastern Gate) with the **sockets of BRASS** (same foundation as Eastern Gate). The lesson is reinforced that **judgment** is **FOUNDATIONAL** and once **judgment** has come, we begin to enter into **His** revelation of Himself, His service, and fellowship with others (in *The Holy Place*) based on that sufficiency of the **BRASS FOUNDATION of JUDGMENT!!!** The **CHANGE** from the acacia **WOOD** pillars with the **silver** chapters at the Eastern Gate **TO** the **GOLDEN** overlaid pillars and **GOLDEN** chapters at the Hanging of The Holy Place shows a **CHANGE IN STATUS!** Jesus was the perfect humanity (acacia wood) at Calvary's True **Brazen** Altar giving us **REDEMPTION** (the **SILVER** tops of the pillars). Having **FULLY SATISFIED** the claims of **HOLY JUSTICE** against sin and us, **HE** becomes the **TRUE KING** and **ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST**, as signified by the **GOLD**. We, too, then enter The Holy Place as "kings and priests unto God..." (*Revelation 1:6*). The **5** denotes the number of **GRACE** and as seen in the above scriptures, **GOLD** is associated with **FAITH**. So we enter by **GRACE** through **FAITH** on the solid **FOUNDATION** of **SIN'S JUDGMENT** at Calvary **AND, CONSEQUENTLY, OUR REDEMPTION/RANSOM!** This "HANGING" with its **5 GOLDEN** pillars illustrated the following scripture:

"For by **GRACE** are ye saved through **FAITH**; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." (*Ephesians 2:8*)

## THE GOLDEN CANDLESTICK

**Scripture Text:** "And thou shalt make a candlestick of pure **GOLD**: of **BEATEN** work shall the candlestick be made : his **SHAFT**, and his **BRANCHES**, his **BOWLS**, his **KNOPS**, (*wreath-like buttons or disks*) and his **FLOWERS** shall be of the same. And **SIX BRANCHES** shall come out of the sides of it; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side: Three **BOWLS** made like unto **ALMONDS** , with a **KNOP** and a **FLOWER** in one branch; and three **BOWLS** made like **ALMONDS** in the other branch, with a **KNOP** and a **FLOWER**: so in the six branches that come out of the candlestick. And in the candlestick shall be **FOUR BOWLS** made like unto **ALMONDS**, with their **KNOPS** and their **FLOWERS**. And there shall be a knop under two branches of the

same, and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches that proceed out of the candlestick. Their knops and their branches shall be of the same: all it shall be **ONE BEATEN work of PURE GOLD**. And thou shalt make the **SEVEN LAMPS** thereof: and they shall light the lamps thereof, that they may **GIVE LIGHT** over against it. And the **TONGS** thereof, and the **SNUFFDISHES** (*firepans, censers*) thereof, shall be of **PURE GOLD**. Of a talent of pure gold shall he make it, with all these vessels. And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount. (*Exodus 25:31-40*)

NOTE: **The Golden Candlestick** was positioned per God's instructions on the **SOUTH** side of The Holy Place. There was **NO WOOD** in **The Golden Candlestick**-- no humanity of Christ shown in it. It is **ONE piece of SOLID GOLD** because it is representing the **work of The Holy Spirit, the deity of Christ, and the Word of God** which is a **LIGHT** unto our path!

"Thy **Word** is a **LAMP** unto my feet and a **LIGHT** unto my path." (*Psalms 119:105*)

\*Also note that there were **no candlesticks** in the **Golden "Candlestick,"** but there were **LAMPS** which burned.

The Golden Candlestick was the **ONLY SOURCE OF LIGHT** in THE HOLY PLACE! There was **NO NATURAL LIGHT!**

As the priests (*with clean hands and feet from the LAVER*) tended the **Golden Candlestick**, the **Table of Shewbread**, and the **Altar of Incense** in The Holy Place, they were doing so through the **LIGHT** that was generated from the **coal off the Brazen Burnt Altar** and maintained through the **EXCLUSIVE, PURE, BEATEN OLIVE OIL**. The picture is plain: We can **DO NOTHING** in service **WITHOUT** the **SUPERNATURAL SPIRITUAL LIGHT** and **OIL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** that God gives. We can **SEE NOTHING SPIRITUALLY** without the **SUPERNATURAL SPIRITUAL LIGHT**. **Jesus IS** that **LIGHT!**

"He (*Jesus*) was the **TRUE LIGHT**, which **LIGHTETH** every man that cometh into the world." (*John 1:9*)

"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying **I am the LIGHT** of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the **LIGHT** of life." (*John 8:12*)

Seven hundred years before Christ, Isaiah prophesies of the church age when **WE** will be allowed to enter into The Holy Place and **walk in the LIGHT** that Jesus gives as our **Golden Candlestick**:

"Come ye, and let us **walk in the LIGHT** of the Lord." (*Isaiah 2:5*)

We also must have His **OIL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** to do service for Him and to have fellowship with other Christians. Notice that this unique **OLIVE OIL** was **BEATEN**, as was the **GOLD** of the candlestick. It is another picture of the **BEATEN, BRUISED MESSIAH!!!** Did you know that when Jesus was arrested He was praying in the **Olive Tree Garden** of **Gethsemane**? The word "**Gethsemane**" means "**OIL-PRESS!**"

The **Golden Candlestick** had **6** (*the number of man*) **BRANCHES** and **1** central shaft. Jesus is called "**THE BRANCH**" in Zechariah 3:8:

"...for, behold, I (*God*) will bring forth my servant the **BRANCH**."

In His earthly ministry, Jesus calls the soon-to-be-born church His **BRANCHES**:

"I (*Jesus*) am the vine (*that's the central SHAFT of the candlestick*), **YE** (*born again Christians*) are the **BRANCHES...**" (*John 15:5*)

Notice that the **Candlestick** had simulated **ALMONDS** and **FLOWERS**, which were a **symbol of the HIGH PRIESTHOOD** having been established in **AARON**. Remember? **Aaron's ROD** was the one that budded, blossomed, and bore **ALMONDS overnight** when laid before the Ark along with the challengers' rods. It was later placed **INSIDE** the **ARK OF THE COVENANT**. Jesus, as the **Candlestick**, was our **FRUITFUL HIGH PRIEST**, but as He stated during His earthly ministry, the church, His New Testament Priesthood, would also bear **FRUIT**:

"...He that abideth in Me, (*Jesus*) and I in him, the same bringeth forth much **FRUIT**: for without Me ye can do nothing." (*John 15:5*)

Aaron's rod was **DEAD WOOD** that **CAME BACK TO LIFE!!! WOW!!** It is a picture of the coming of our Great Eternal High Priest, Jesus, who would **DIE**, then be **raised to life** again. **We, like Him, are raised** to "newness of life." We **BLOSSOM** for Him!!! We **BEAR FRUIT** for Him!!! We are **ALMOND PEOPLE!!!** What beautiful and detailed pictures our Lord was painting of what Jesus would accomplish through the Cross!

The pictures God was painting with the **Golden Candlestick** were so important that in the **FINAL SUMMATION** of the Gospel in the **Book of Revelation**, the Lord **Jesus** is shown as being in the **MIDST** of **7 GOLDEN CANDLESTICKS**, which are the **7 churches** that **existed at that time** and also **representative of 7 periods** of the **future church age**:

"...And in the midst of the **seven candlesticks** one like unto the **Son of man**,..."  
(*Revelation 1:13*)

In summary, the **Golden** Candlestick represents the **KINGLY (GOLDEN)**, **BEATEN MESSIAH** who would **POUR OUT** the **OIL** of the **HOLY SPIRIT** to **LIGHT UP** His Church which, in turn, would be commissioned to **LIGHT UP THE WORLD!** The Lord God told **US**, **HIS ALMOND PEOPLE** 😊, through His Old Testament prophet Isaiah to **DO** this:

"**Arise, shine**; for **THY (YOUR) LIGHT** is come, and the **GLORY** of the **LORD** is **RISEN** upon thee (*that's YOU and ME*)."  
(*Isaiah 60:1*)

It's time to sing a song from our childhood:

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!*

*Won't let Satan blow it out, NO! I'm gonna let it shine! Won't let Satan blow it out, NO! I'm gonna let it shine! Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!*

## **THE TABLE OF SHEWBREAD (SHOWBREAD)**

**Scripture Text:** "Thou shalt also make a table of shittim (*acacia, incorruptible*) **WOOD**: two cubits shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof. And thou shalt overlay it with **PURE GOLD**, and make thereto a **CROWN** of **GOLD** round about. And thou shalt make

unto it a border of an hand breadth round about, and thou shalt make a **GOLDEN CROWN** to the border thereof round about. And thou shalt make for it **FOUR RINGS** of **GOLD**, and put the **RINGS** in the **FOUR CORNERS** that are on the **FOUR FEET** thereof. Over against the border shall the rings be for places of the **STAVES** (*poles*) to bear the table. And thou shalt make the staves of shittim (*incorruptible*) wood, and overlay them with **GOLD**, that the table may be borne (*carried*) with them. And thou shalt make the **dishes** thereof, and **spoons** thereof, and **covers** thereof, and **bowls** thereof, to cover withal: of **PURE GOLD** shalt thou make them. And thou shalt set upon the table **SHEWBREAD** before me always." (*Exodus 25:23-30*)

"And thou shalt take **FINE FLOUR**, and bake **TWELVE CAKES** thereof: **two tenth** deals shall be in one cake. And thou shalt set them in two rows, six on a row, upon the **PURE** table before the LORD. And thou shalt put **PURE FRANKINCENSE** upon each row, that it may be **on the bread** for a memorial, even an offering made by fire unto the LORD. **Every sabbath** he shall **set it in order** before the LORD continually, being taken from the children of Israel by an everlasting covenant. And it shall be **Aaron's and his sons'**; and they shall eat it in the **holy place**: for it is **most holy** unto him of the offerings of the LORD made by fire by a perpetual statute." (*Leviticus 24:5-9*)

The **Table of Shewbread** was positioned, per God's instructions, on the **NORTH** side of the Tabernacle. Although many passages of Scripture speak of "the North" as a direction from which come enemy invasions, in other passages it is used to speak metaphorically of **God's Throne** or **Heavenly City** as in the following:

"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the **CITY** of our God, in the mountain of His holiness. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion, on the sides of the **NORTH**, the **city of the great KING**." (*Psalms 48:1-2*)

Since the word "**SHEWBREAD**" means **BREAD OF THE PRESENCE** or **FACEBREAD**, it is no coincidence that God prescribed that this table be situated on the **NORTH** side, the "direction" which is associated with the **CITY** of the **Great King**.

Unlike the **SOLID, BEATEN GOLD Candlestick**, this table was made of the **incorruptible wood** and overlaid with **GOLD**. Again, this is a clear picture of Jesus, being **perfectly human** yet **"Golden" Divine**. The **DOUBLE CROWNS** on the **Table of Shewbread** declare the **"DOUBLE PORTION"** right of the **FIRSTBORN**. Jesus is the **ONLY BEGOTTEN SON** of God. He receives the **"double portion"** right and He is the **FIRSTBORN** of a **"new creation."**

As with **The Brazen Altar** in the Courtyard, this **Table of Shewbread** had rings and staves but, unlike the **Brass (JUDGMENT)** rings and poles of **The Brazen Altar**, these rings and staves were overlaid with **GOLD** --again showing the same typology of **Eternity** in the **unending RINGS** and the **STAVES (poles)** which **PIERCED** through the **RINGS**. However, the difference with the **GOLD** indicates **ETERNAL DEITY PIERCED** and sufficient as our **DAILY BREAD of LIFE**.

Some have said that the **FOUR FEET** of the table was to reflect the **FOUR FEET** of a **lamb**.

The **SHEWBREAD** itself was made of **FINE FLOUR**, which also indicates the **spotless, perfect character of the humanity** of our Lord Jesus Christ. Like the incorruptible wood, **flour** is a product of the **earth**. It was used to make the **12 LOAVES**, each loaf representing one of the tribes of Israel. The number **12** is also representative of the **GOVERNMENT** of God. The **LOAVES** had the **2/10ths** or **DOUBLE PORTION** in each loaf, which is the **"FIFTH part ADDED"** that God prescribed in one of the Levitical sacrifices. When God restores us, He doesn't bring us back to "square one." **He makes us brand NEW and even adds the FIFTH part--we shall have eternal life, never to sin again. He UPGRADES us!!!** Heaven is an **UPGRADE!!!**

NOTE: Isn't it interesting that Jesus fed the multitudes with **LOAVES** and fishes? Hmmmmm...

**Frankincense** was placed on the **top of the loaves**. Remember, **frankincense** was brought to the baby Jesus by the Wise men (*unknowingly, as a prophetic fulfillment of what the frankincense in the tabernacle was pointing to*). It was also a component of the **SWEET INCENSE** to be burned upon the **Altar of Incense** before the **Vail** of The Most Holy Place, or Holy of Holies. **Frankincense** was **NOT** a **sweet** spice, as the others in the Incense were. It was **pungent**, a **STRONG** resin

with "**fixative**" properties whose **ODOR** and **WHITE** color came forth **ONLY IN BURNING**. It brings "**longevity**" to the Incense and, therefore, is a picture of **Jesus** as the "**STRONGER MAN**" (*see Luke 11:22*) who brings "**longevity**" or **eternal life**. Jesus is the **Strong Man Who holds all things together**. In the **burning of God's judgment** upon Him at **Calvary's Brazen Altar**, He gave forth a sweet smelling savour (*odor*) to His Father. Jesus' sacrifice was as the **PURE WHITE CLOUD** of the **frankincense**. It is fitting that not only at the **Altar of Incense** do we find **frankincense**, but also that God required it to be **placed upon the loaves of Showbread**.

This **BREAD** of **HIS PRESENCE** or **FACEBREAD** was changed out on the **Sabbath** and was to be **EATEN** by the **High Priest, Aaron, and his sons IN THE HOLY PLACE**.

**Jesus** declared that He was the **LIVING BREAD** (*John 6:51*). This is a picture of the **New Testament priests**, the believers, (*us*) **FEEDING** upon Christ and His Holy Word. **Peace** (*reconciliation*) with God and **fellowship** are associated with **eating**. **WHY??** Because the **Fall of Adam and Eve** was associated with **EATING**. Remember, when Jesus walked on the Road to Emmaus, **His PRESENCE** was **not** recognized by the two **until He broke BREAD** with them. It states that then...

"their eyes were **OPENED**, and they **KNEW** Him." (*Luke 24:31*)

This eating of the **Showbread** occurred on the **Sabbath**, which is our time of **REST**--Resting from our futile labors of attempting to be righteous and resting from trying to be at **PEACE** with **GOD** in our own strength. (**IT AIN'T GONNA HAPPEN!**) **Jesus** is our **Sabbath** and we have that **REST** in Him and **FEEDING** on Him **ANY DAY OF THE WEEK!!!** We partake of that **SPIRITUAL**, unseen **frankincense** and **loaves** and appropriate all that the Showbread symbolizes for our lives. As we spiritually "eat," we are mindful of the **DOUBLE CROWNS** of that **Table of Showbread** and we receive that **Jesus Christ REIGNS OVER** our **SIN NATURE**--that we can submit to Him and have victory over the flesh nature.

Keep in mind that **SHOWBREAD** also means **FACEBREAD**. God says to **SEEK HIS FACE**:

"When thou (*God*) saidst, **SEEK ye my FACE**; my heart said unto thee, **Thy FACE, LORD, will I seek**. **HIDE NOT thy FACE** far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation. When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up." (*Psalm 27:8-10*)

**QUESTION:** What does it mean to "SEEK the **FACE** of GOD?"

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Therefore, when Jesus plainly stated that **HE** is the **LIVING BREAD**, He was saying that...

**HE IS THE FACE OF GOD...HE SHOWS US GOD!!!** The scriptures declare it:

"Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature..." (*Colossians 1:15*)

"And there shall be **NO MORE CURSE**...And they (*His servants*) shall **SEE HIS FACE**; and His Name shall be in their foreheads." (*Revelation 22:3-4*)

Remember the words to the song, "Mary, Did You Know." It says "when you've kissed that little baby, you've kissed the **FACE OF GOD**."

What a thought!!!-- God incarnate as a vulnerable infant. Yet, though He was Almighty God, just prior to the crucifixion, He willingly allowed mere mortal men, that which *He created*, to **SLAP** His precious face! Can you imagine **SLAPPING** the **FACE OF** the Omnipotent **GOD**?

As we end our look at the **Table of Shewbread**, know that there are many other aspects of it that we could discuss. However, it is important to note the similarities of what occurred at the **Table of Shewbread** in the ancient tabernacle with the **TABLE of COMMUNION** in our churches where we "eat" and "drink" in remembrance of Him. Communion is the New Testament **Table of Shewbread**! Let us remember, whenever we partake of the **Lord's Supper**, we are entering into **THE HOLY PLACE** with Him and, in so doing, may we receive the **Golden Candlestick**

**LIGHT** of revelation from Him in new and fresh ways each time we partake!  
PRAISE GOD!!!

## THE ALTAR OF INCENSE

*Scripture Text:* "And thou shalt make an **ALTAR** to burn **INCENSE** upon: of **shittim wood** shalt thou make it. A cubit shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof; **FOURSQUARE** shall it be: and two cubits shall be the height thereof: the **HORNS** thereof shall be of the same. And thou shalt **overlay it with PURE GOLD**, the top thereof, and the sides thereof round about, and the **HORNS** thereof; and thou shalt make unto it a **CROWN** of **GOLD** round about. And two **GOLDEN** rings shalt thou make to it under the crown of it, by the two corners thereof, upon the two sides of it shalt thou make it; and they shall be for places for the **staves (poles)** to bear it withal. And thou shalt make the **staves** of **shittim wood**, and **overlay them with GOLD**. And thou shalt **put it before the VAIL** that is by the **ARK of the testimony**, **before the MERCY SEAT** that is over the testimony, where I will meet with thee. And **Aaron** shall **burn thereon SWEET INCENSE every morning**: when he dresseth the lamps, he shall **burn incense** upon it. And when **Aaron** lighteth the lamps **at even**, he shall **burn incense upon it**, a **perpetual (eternal) incense** before the **LORD** throughout your generations. Ye shall offer **NO STRANGE INCENSE** thereon, **nor burnt sacrifice, nor meat offering; neither shall ye pour drink offering thereon**. And **Aaron** shall make an **ATONEMENT** upon the **HORNS** of it **once** in a year with the **BLOOD** of the **sin offering of atonements**: **ONCE** in the year shall he make **atonement** upon it throughout your generations: it is **most holy** unto the **LORD**." (*Exodus 30:1-10*)

"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: And thou shalt make it a **PERFUME**, a confection after the art of the apothecary, **TEMPERED (pulverized, beaten)** together, **PURE** and **HOLY**: 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**. 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**. Whosoever shall make like unto that, to smell thereto, shall even be **CUT OFF (destroyed)** from his people." (*Exodus 30:34-38*)

Like the **Table of Shewbread**, the **Altar of Incense** was incorruptible wood overlaid with **GOLD**. It was **CENTERED** in front of the **VAIL** before **The Most Holy Place** (or Holy of Holies).

\*It's noteworthy that it received "**CENTER STAGE**" placement--that is, the **FOCUS**.

**SWEET INCENSE** was burned on it by the priests in the **morning** and in the **evening**. The **SOURCE** of the **FIRE** for the **Altar of Incense** was a **COAL** taken from the **sacrifice** on the **BRAZEN ALTAR OF BURNT OFFERING** in the Courtyard, just as the **FIRE** for keeping the **Golden Candlestick** burning was **generated from a coal** off the **Brazen Altar**. The picture here is very plain: It is because of **THE SACRIFICE** of Calvary's **Brazen Altar** that we can enter the Spiritual realm (*The Holy Place*)--that we can "**see**" the **spiritual** by reason of the **Golden Candlestick**, that we can "**eat**" and "**handle**" the **LIVING BREAD**, that we can "**offer**" and "**smell**" the **sweet incense PRAYERS/INTERCESSION** ascending to the Throne of God, that **WE** can **BURN WITH THE FIRE OF GOD!!!** Jesus said He baptizes **US** with the **HOLY GHOST** and **FIRE!!!** It's the **FIRE** of His **sacrifice** at the Cross that is the **DIVINE GENERATOR**--the **DUNAMIS** (*power*) of God!

The **Altar of Incense** had **FOUR HORNS** like the **Brazen Altar of Burnt Offering** in the Courtyard. Remember, **FOUR** is the number of **directions** on Earth (*indicating the Gospel is for everyone--everywhere*) and **HORNS** symbolize **RULERSHIP/AUTHORITY**. The **HORNS** of the **Altar of Incense** were to be covered with the **BLOOD** of the sin offering **ONCE A YEAR** in order to make **ATONEMENT** (*i.e., at ONE ment with God*). The "**Once a year**" is prophetic of **Jesus** being offered **ONCE** for our sins--**no repeat** of the crucifixion.

"...but now **ONCE** in the end of the world hath He (*JESUS*) appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. And as it is appointed unto **men once to die**, but after this the judgment: So **Christ** was **ONCE** offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." (*Hebrews 9:26-28*)

Since the Book of Revelation (*8:3-4*) tells us that the **INCENSE** represents the **PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS**, the placing of the **BLOOD** in the Old Testament tabernacle **Altar of Incense** demonstrates that there is **NO EFFECTIVE PRAYER**

**APART FROM THE BLOOD!** Likewise, it pictures, **first and foremost**, that the **BLOOD** of Christ's sacrifice **QUALIFIES** Him to be our **INTERCESSOR** in **HEAVEN** before the **THRONE**, just as the placement of the **Altar of Incense** before the **VAIL**, which is before the "Throne" of the **Ark of the Covenant**, clearly depicts! Jesus goes **BEFORE** us as **HIGH PRIEST INTERCESSOR!**

Notice, as with the **Table of Shewbread**, the **Altar of Incense** is also designed with a **CROWN**. God is definitely driving home the fact that there will be a **KING OF KINGS!!!** This **King**, as is illustrated by the design of the **Altar of Incense**, **forever lives** to make **intercession**, to pray for those who are His, that is, **HIS KINGDOM**. (*Hebrews 7:25*)

The **SWEET INCENSE** symbolized the **SWEETNESS** of the offering of Christ as our sacrifice and the **efficacy** of His **intercession** when He prayed, "Father, **FORGIVE** them, for they know not what they do." (*Forgiveness is a **DONE DEAL** because the Father **NEVER denied** a prayer request from His Son! HALLELUJAH!*) Compared to the **SMELL** of **DEATH** in the **Courtyard**, while in **The Holy Place** standing at the **Altar of Incense**, the **SMELL** was **SWEET** and **BEAUTIFUL** in **HOLINESS**. It was a **PURE** smell. Notice the repeated use of the word "PURE" in the passage about the **Altar of Incense**. It is the **SMELL** of **LIFE** and of **ACCESS** to the **THRONE** of **GOD!** We are standing right at the **VAIL!!!** There is **ONLY ONE WAY** to the **Throne** of **GOD**, to His **MERCY SEAT**, and that is **BY WAY OF THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST** applied to the **HORNS** of the **Altar of Incense!** This is why God specified that **NO STRANGE INCENSE** could be offered and that if anyone tried it, they would be **CUT OFF** (*destroyed*) from the people. There is **NO IMITATION** for what Christ has done for us. He **alone** could obtain redemption for humanity!!!

There was also Divine Wisdom in the **SWEET spices** God chose for this unique **PURE AND HOLY PERFUME**, for each spice is a **symbol** of **Jesus Christ**. The aromatic gum of **STACTE** is associated with a "dropping," or "oozing," or "distilling." Its figurative meaning is to "**speak prophetically**" or to "**prophecy**." The **ONYCHA** is an aromatic mussel which means "concussion," or "peeling off of sound," more specifically, "**the roar of a lion**." **GALBANUM** is an odorous gum which means "fatness," or being "**the choicest part**." Clearly, **all three** of these **SWEET spices** spoke of the **SWEETNESS** of our Lord Jesus Christ. Like the **STACTE**, He spoke as no other man spoke. His was **perfect speech** and **prophetic speech**. With the

**ONYCHA**, He was and is the "**Lion of the Tribe of Judah.**" In the **GALBANUM**, He was and is "**Heaven's Best and Choicest.**" **FRANKINCENSE**, which was sprinkled on the loaves of the Shewbread, was **ALSO** part of the **PURE AND HOLY PERFUME**. As stated before, it gave the **fixative properties** which held the **composition together** and its **longevity** gave the **PERFUME long life** (eternal life). **FRANKINCENSE** was the reason the **burned incense** would **RISE** (*ascend*) as a **WHITE CLOUD**. The "**RISING**" of that **WHITE CLOUD** foreshadowed the **RISING of Jesus** following His resurrection. He appeared to His disciples and then a **CLOUD** received Him out of their sight. (*Acts 1:9*) That **ascension** was the **Purity and Holiness** of the **TRUE, PERFECT and ETERNAL PERFUME**, our **SAVIOR**, the ultimate fulfillment of the ascending cloud of the **Alter of Incense** of the ancient tabernacle.

Never may we forget that this **PURE AND HOLY PERFUME** had to be **BEATEN** before it could be offered up. This is a picture of our **BEATEN and BRUISED** Savior who became the **SWEET SMELLING SAVOUR** to our God--**SWEET** because now our God, whose longing Heart is to **SHOW** His **LOVE** (*SHOWBREAD*), to **BE LOVED** and to have **FELLOWSHIP** (*communion*) with each of us, could become **ONE** with us once again! **EDEN (PARADISE) RESTORED WITH THE 5TH PART ADDED!!!**

***DOES ANY SANE PERSON WANT TO TURN DOWN  
SUCH AN OFFER FROM A GOD LIKE THAT???***

***ALL ALMOND PEOPLE NEED TO REJOICE  
AND BE EXCEEDINGLY GLAD!***

