

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

August 27 2025

Exodus 30:7-10

Introduction:

1. Exodus 30 begins with the design and location of the altar of incense.
 - a) **The design:** a cubit square and two cubits high. (Ex. 30.1-5)
 - b) **The location:** *"before the veil"* in the Holy Place. (Ex. 30.6)
2. In verses 7-10, 34-38 we read about details of the incense and its preparation.

I. RECIPE

- A. It was something only Aaron and his descendants could burn.
 1. **Exodus 30.7:** *"Aaron shall burn"* (Num. 16.39,40)
 2. Uzziah was punished for burning incense. (2 Chr. 26.16-20)
 3. Why was Zacharias able to burn incense? (Luke 1.5-11)
- B. It was composed of specific ingredients.
 1. **Exodus 30.7:** *"Aaron shall burn on it sweet incense"*
 2. "Sweet" (sam): Literally, fragrant, aroma, smell. (cf. 2 Cor. 2.14-16)
 3. **Exodus 30.34:** Four main ingredients. (cf. Jer. 6.20)
- C. It was made according to a specific process.
 1. **Exodus 30.35:** *"You shall make of these an incense"*
 2. The incense was to be *"a compound according to the art of the perfumer, salted, pure, and holy"* (v. 35). Preserved and without impurities.
 3. **Exodus 30.36:** *"And you shall beat some of it very fine"*

II. REGULATIONS

- A. When was Aaron to offer incense?
 1. **Exodus 30.7:** *"every morning; when he tends the lamps"*
 2. **Exodus 30.8:** *"And when Aaron lights the lamps at twilight"*
 3. **Exodus 30.8:** *"a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations."* (cf. Ex. 29.38,39,42)
- B. How was Aaron to offer it?
 1. **Exodus 30.9:** *"You shall not offer strange incense on it"*
 - a) "Strange" (zorah): foreign, alien, outside, profane. The idea is that it is foreign to God's specific commands.
 - b) **Leviticus 10.1-3:** *"offered profane fire...which He had not commanded"*
 2. **Exodus 30.9:** No other offerings were to be made. (Deut. 31.21; Ps. 139.1-4)
- C. It was made for a specific purpose.
 1. **Exodus 30.10:** Burned once a year for atonement.
 2. **Exodus 30.37:** *"You shall not make any for yourselves"* (cf. Ex. 30.32,33)
 3. **Exodus 30.37,38:** *"It shall be to you holy for the Lord"*