

Timeline of Truth – Altar of Incense (Exodus 30:1-10)

Ex 25:9 "According to all that I show you, <i>that is</i> , the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make <i>it</i> ."	God Gives the Pattern to Follow
Ex 25:10-16	The Ark
Ex 25:17-22	The Mercy Seat
Ex 25:23-30	The Table of Shew Bread
Ex 25:31-40	The Lampstand
Ex 27:1-8	The Bronze Altar
Ex 30:1-10 "You shall make an altar to burn incense on; you shall make it of acacia wood. ² "A cubit <i>shall be</i> its length and a cubit its width-- it shall be square-- and two cubits <i>shall be</i> its height. Its horns <i>shall be</i> of one piece with it. ³ "And you shall overlay its top, its sides all around, and its horns with pure gold; and you shall make for it a molding of gold all around. ⁴ "Two gold rings you shall make for it, under the molding on both its sides. You shall place <i>them</i> on its two sides, and they will be holders for the poles with which to bear it. ⁵ "You shall make the poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold."	1. The <u>Design</u> of the Altar of Incense
Ex 37:25-28 He [Bezalel] made the incense altar of acacia wood. Its length <i>was</i> a cubit and its width a cubit-- <i>it was</i> square-- and two cubits <i>was</i> its height. Its horns were <i>of one piece</i> with it. ²⁶ And he overlaid it with pure gold: its top, its sides all around, and its horns. He also made for it a molding of gold all around it. ²⁷ He made two rings of gold for it under its molding, by its two corners on both sides, as holders for the poles with which to bear it. ²⁸ And he made the poles of acacia wood, and overlaid them with gold.	2. The <u>Making</u> of the Altar of Incense
Ex 30:6 And you shall put it before the veil that <i>is</i> before the ark of the Testimony, before the mercy seat that <i>is</i> over the Testimony, where I will meet with you. Ex 40:5 You shall also set the altar of gold for the incense before the ark of the Testimony, and put up the screen for the door of the tabernacle.	3. The <u>Location</u> of the Altar of Incense
Ex 30:7-8 Aaron shall burn on it sweet incense every morning; when he tends the lamps, he shall burn incense on it. ⁸ "And when Aaron lights the lamps at twilight, he shall burn incense on it, a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations.	4. The <u>Burning</u> of Incense on the Altar
Ex 30:9 You shall not offer strange incense on it, or a burnt offering, or a grain offering; nor shall you pour a drink offering on it.	5. No Other <u>Use</u> of the Altar of Incense
Ex 30:10 And Aaron shall make atonement upon its horns once a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonement; once a year he shall make atonement upon it throughout your generations. It <i>is</i> most holy to the LORD.	6. <u>Annual</u> Atonement of the Altar of Incense
Ex 40:26-27 He put the gold altar in the tabernacle of meeting in front of the veil; ²⁷ and he burned sweet incense on it, as the LORD had commanded Moses.	7. The <u>Placing</u> of the Altar of Incense
Lev 4:1-7 Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ² "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: `If a person sins unintentionally against any of the commandments of the LORD <i>in anything</i> which ought not to be done, and does any of them, ³ `if the anointed priest sins, bringing guilt on the people, then let him offer to the LORD for his sin which he has sinned a young bull without blemish as a sin offering. ⁴ `He shall bring the bull to the door of the tabernacle of meeting before the LORD, lay his hand on the bull's head, and kill the bull before the LORD. ⁵ `Then the anointed priest shall take some of the bull's blood and bring it to the tabernacle of meeting. ⁶ `The priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle some of the blood seven times before the LORD, in front of the veil of the sanctuary. ⁷ `And the priest shall put some of the blood on the horns of the altar of sweet incense before the LORD, which is in the tabernacle of meeting; and he shall pour the remaining blood of the bull at the base of the altar of the burnt offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of meeting."	8. One <u>Purpose</u> of the Altar of Incense

Rom 8:26-34 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. ²⁷ Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit *is*, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*. ²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His purpose*. ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. ³⁰ Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. ³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? *It is* God who justifies. ³⁴ Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

Heb 7:25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

1 John 2:1-2 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

John 17:1-26 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, ² "as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. ³ "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. ⁴ "I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. ⁵ "And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. ⁶ "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. ⁷ "Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. ⁸ "For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. ⁹ "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. ¹⁰ "And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹ "Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as *We are*. ¹² "While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ "But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴ "I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ "I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ "They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. ¹⁸ "As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ "And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth. ²⁰ "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; ²¹ "that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. ²² "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as *We are one*: ²³ "I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. ²⁴ "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ "O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. ²⁶ "And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare *it*, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

Rev 8:3-4 And another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer; and much incense was given to him, that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. ⁴ And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand.

9. The Spirit and the Son Intercede for Us

10. Incense Pictures the Prayer of the Saints