Lesson 7: The Golden Altar of Incense

Read: Exodus 30:1-10, 34-38

The golden altar of incense, which is not to be confused with the brazen altar, sat in front of the curtain that separated the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies. This altar was smaller than the brazen altar. It was a square with each side measuring 1.5 feet and was 3 feet high. It was made of acacia wood and overlaid with pure gold. Four horns protruded from the four corners of the altar.

Discussion:

1. What were some of the rules concerning the incense on the golden altar?

2. Read Leviticus 10:1-3 about a violation of one of the rules concerning the incense. What was the consequence of that violation and what does this say about God's nature?

3. Read Psalm 141:2 and Revelations 8:3-4. What does incense represent in the Bible?

4. Read Isaiah 56:7. What does the incense say about what God wanted His dwelling place to be?

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5. Read Romans 8:34. How is the golden altar a representation of Christ?

6. Read John 14:13-14. How can we, as believers, take part in the burning of incense at the golden altar?

7. Read Leviticus 4:7. When animal sacrifices were made, the horns of the golden altar were sprinkled with blood to cleanse it from the sins of the Israelites. As you may recall, horns represent power in the Bible. How does this relate to what we have been studying about the golden altar?

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