

## Frankincense and Myrrh in the Bible

EXODUS 30: <sup>1</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses: You shall make an altar on which to offer incense . . . . <sup>2</sup>It shall be one cubit long, and one cubit wide, and two cubits high . . . . <sup>3</sup>You shall overlay it with pure gold . . . . <sup>4</sup>And you shall make two golden rings for it, and they shall hold the poles with which to carry it. . . . <sup>6</sup>You shall place it in front of the curtain that is above the ark of the covenant. . . . <sup>7</sup>Aaron shall offer fragrant incense on it every morning when he dresses the lamps, . . . a regular incense offering before the LORD throughout your generations. . . . <sup>9</sup>You shall not offer unholy incense on it. . . .

<sup>22</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses: <sup>23</sup>Take the finest spices: of liquid myrrh five hundred shekels, and of sweet-smelling cinnamon half as much, that is, two hundred fifty, and two hundred fifty of aromatic cane, <sup>24</sup>and five hundred of cassia . . . ; <sup>25</sup>and you shall make of these a sacred anointing oil . . . . <sup>26</sup>With it you shall anoint the tent of meeting and the ark of the covenant, . . and the altar of incense; . . . <sup>30</sup>You shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, in order that they may serve me as priests. <sup>31</sup>You shall say to the Israelites, "This shall be my holy anointing oil throughout your generations. <sup>32</sup>It shall not be used in any ordinary anointing of the body, and you shall make no other like it; it is holy, and it shall be holy to you. <sup>33</sup>Whoever compounds any like it or puts any of it on an unqualified person shall be cut off from the people."

<sup>34</sup>The LORD said to Moses: Take sweet spices with pure frankincense (an equal part of each), <sup>35</sup>and make an incense blended as by the perfumer, seasoned with salt, pure and holy; <sup>36</sup>and you shall beat some of it into powder, and put it before the covenant<sup>Ⓜ</sup> in the tent of meeting where I shall meet with you; it shall be for you most holy. <sup>37</sup>When you make incense according to this composition, you shall not make it for yourselves; it shall be regarded by you as holy to the LORD. <sup>38</sup>Whoever makes any like it to use as perfume shall be cut off from the people.

Song of Solomon 3:6 Who is this that cometh out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense?

Matthew 2:11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh.

John 19:39-40 And there came also Nicodemus, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, . . . Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.

Meanwhile, in the Qur'an: Hazrat Abdullah bin Jaffer narrates that Rasulullah said, "You shall fumigate your houses with Olibanum (frankincense) and Thyme."

and a Hadith from almukhalifeen: "Use frankincense, for it invigorates the heart | with courage and it is a remedy for forgetfulness."