**The Golden Altar- A Type of Prayer**

**Leviticus 16:12**-

**12**And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the before the Lord, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it within the vail:

**Revelation 8:3**-

**3**And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the .

**The altar had a bowl that held the divine fire and the incense.**

**Psalm 141:2**-

**2**Let my be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

**Revelation 5:8-**

**8**And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the , having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

**Exodus 26:31-**

**31**And thou shalt make a vail of , and , and scarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work: with cherubims shall it be made:

**Our prayers are filtered through angelic beings. God receives your prayer and sends the angels to do His will.**

**Luke 1:9-22-**

**9**According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to incense when he went into the temple of the Lord.

**10**And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense.

**11**And there appeared unto him an of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

**12**And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

**13**But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

**14**And thou shalt have and ; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

**15**For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.

**16**And many of the of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.

**17**And he shall go before him in the and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

**18**And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.

**19**And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.

**20**And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.

**21**And the people waited for Zacharias, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple.

**22**And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple: for he beckoned unto them, and remained speechless.

**Acts 12:12-**

**12**And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together .

**2 Chronicles 26:16-21-**

**16**But when he was strong, his heart was up to his destruction: for he transgressed against the Lord his God, and went into the temple of the Lord to burn incense upon the altar of incense.

**17**And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him priests of the Lord, that were valiant men:

**18**And they withstood Uzziah the king, and said unto him, It appertaineth not unto thee, Uzziah, to burn incense unto the Lord, but to the priests the sons of Aaron, that are consecrated to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary; for thou hast trespassed; neither shall it be for thine honour from the Lord God.

**19**Then Uzziah was wroth, and had a censer in his hand to burn incense: and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead before the priests in the house of the Lord, from beside the incense altar.

**20**And Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and, behold, he was leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out from thence; yea, himself hasted also to go out, because the Lord had smitten him.

**21**And Uzziah the king was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a several house, being a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the Lord: and Jotham his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land.

**The incense was a special blend.**

**Exodus 30:34-38-**

**34**And the   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:

**35**And thou shalt make it a , a confection after the art of the apothecary, tempered together, pure and holy:

**36**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 .

**37**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.

**38**Whosoever shall make like unto that, to smell thereto, shall even be cut off from his people.

**Revelation 8:2-5**

**2**And I saw the angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.

**3**And another came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

**4**And the of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

**5**And the angel took the censer, and filled it with of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.