**The Golden Altar- A Picture 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 .

**It was an altar for “sweet incense” that represents “the prayers of the saints”**

**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.

**Revelation 8:3-5-**

**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.

**The incense was burned on the Golden altar at the time of the morning sacrifice and evening sacrifice.**

**Exodus 30:7-8-**

**7**And Aaron shall burn thereon sweet every morning: when he dresseth the lamps, he shall burn incense upon it.

**8**And when Aaron lighteth the at even, he shall burn incense upon it, a perpetual incense before the Lord throughout your generations.

**The Brazen altar and the Golden altar are linked together.**

**Leviticus 16:18-**

**18**And he shall go out unto the altar that is before the Lord, and make an for it; and shall take of the blood of the bullock, and of the blood of the goat, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about.

**Romans 12:1-2-**

**1**I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

**2**And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that , and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

**Hebrews 13:15-**

**15**By him therefore let us offer the of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

**Fire.**

The incense was stored on the Table in the Most Holy Place. It had no smell until it was “released” by fire.

**Leviticus 10:1-2-**

**1**And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and strange fire before the Lord, which he commanded them not.

**2**And there went out fire from the  , and devoured them, and they died before the Lord.