

CHARITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025

ANSWERS

The Path to Holiness: Sacred Altars, Rituals, and Instructions for Sin and Divine Mercy
The Study of Exodus Chapter 30 through Chapter 34 NIV

Exodus 30: The Altar of Incense and the Census Tax

1. What is the significance of the anointing oil and incense recipes in Exodus 30:22-38?

- **Answer:** The anointing oil and incense are to be made with specific ingredients and formulas, set apart as holy. They are sacred, and anyone who misuses them or creates similar products for personal use will be cut off from the people of Israel. This highlights the importance of purity and obedience to God's instructions.
 - *Exodus 30:34-35* - "And the Lord said to Moses: 'Take sweet spices, stacte and onycha and galbanum, and pure frankincense with these sweet spices; there shall be equal amounts of each. You shall make of these an incense, a compound, according to the art of the perfumer, salted, pure, and holy.'"
 - *Exodus 30:37-38* - "But as for the incense which you shall make, you shall not make any for yourselves, according to its composition. It shall be to you holy for the Lord. Whoever makes any like it, to smell it, he shall be cut off from his people."

2. Why is a census tax mentioned in Exodus 30:11-16, and what is its purpose?

- **Answer:** The census tax is a half-shekel offering collected from every Israelite over twenty. It is used for the service of the Tabernacle and as a means of atoning for the people's lives. It also serves as a reminder of God's ownership of all the people and resources
 - *Exodus 30:12* - "When you take the census of the children of Israel for their number, then every man shall give a ransom for himself to the Lord when you number them, that there may be no plague among them when you number them." *Exodus 30:13* - "This is what everyone among those who are numbered shall give: half a shekel according to the shekel of the sanctuary (a shekel is twenty gerahs). The half shekel shall be an offering to the Lord."

3. What is the function of the bronze laver described in Exodus 30:17-21?

- **Answer:** The priests use the bronze laver to wash their hands and feet before entering the Tabernacle or offering sacrifices. This ritual purification signifies the need for personal holiness and cleanliness when approaching God's presence
 - *Exodus 30:18* - "You shall also make a laver of bronze, with its base of bronze, for washing. You shall put it between the tabernacle of meeting and the altar. And you shall put water in it."

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- *Exodus 30:19-21* - "For Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet in water from it. When they go into the tabernacle of meeting, or when they come near the altar to minister, to burn an offering made by fire to the Lord, they shall wash with water, lest they die."

Exodus 31: Divine Craftsmanship and the Sabbath Covenant

4. Who did God choose to oversee the construction of the Tabernacle?

- **Answer:** God chose Bezalel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. He was filled with the Spirit of God, possessing wisdom, understanding, knowledge, and various skills to carry out the work (Exodus 31:1-5).

5. Who was appointed as Bezalel's assistant in the work of the Tabernacle?

- **Answer:** Oholiab, the son of Ahisamak, of the tribe of Dan, was appointed to assist Bezalel (Exodus 31:6).

6. What command did God give regarding the observance of the Sabbath?

- **Answer:** God commanded that the Sabbath be observed as a sign between Him and His people for generations. It was to be a day of rest, and anyone who violated the Sabbath by working on it was to be put to death. The Sabbath was a covenant sign, a reminder of the creation and the rest God took after His work (Exodus 31:12-17).

Exodus Chapter 31 The Appointment of Artisans and the Sanctity of the Sabbath

7. Who did God appoint to oversee the construction of the Tabernacle? **Answer:** God appointed Bezalel, the son of Uri, and Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, to oversee the construction of the Tabernacle and its furnishings (Exodus 31:1-6).
8. What did God give to Moses on Mount Sinai? **Answer:** God gave Moses the tablets of the law, the Ten Commandments, written by the finger of God (Exodus 31:18).
9. Why did God command the Israelites to keep the Sabbath? **Answer:** The Sabbath was to be a sign of the covenant between God and the Israelites, a day of rest to honor Him (Exodus 31:12-17).

Exodus Chapter 32 The Golden Calf: Idolatry and Intercession

10. What sin did the Israelites commit while Moses was on Mount Sinai? **Answer:** The Israelites made a golden calf and worshiped it, saying it was the god who brought them out of Egypt (Exodus 32:1-6).

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11. How did Moses react when he saw the golden calf? **Answer:** Moses became very angry, threw down the tablets of the law, and broke them. He then burned the golden calf and made the people drink its ashes mixed with water (Exodus 32:19-24).
12. How did Moses intercede for the people after the incidence with the golden calf ?
Answer: Moses prayed to God, asking Him to forgive the people's sin and even offered to have his own name blotted out of God's book if it would save them (Exodus 32:30-32).
13. How did God respond to Moses' intercession? **Answer:** God said He would not completely destroy the Israelites but would punish them for their sin. He also promised to send an angel to lead them to the Promised Land (Exodus 32:33-34, 33:1-3).

Exodus Chapter 33 God's Presence and Moses' Intercession

14. What did Moses request from God after the incident with the golden calf? **Answer:** Moses requested that God's presence continue with the Israelites and asked to see God's glory (Exodus 33:12-18).
15. How did God respond to Moses' request to see His glory? **Answer:** God told Moses that He would show him His goodness and proclaim His name, but that Moses could not see His face, as no one could see God's face and live (Exodus 33:19-23).

Exodus Chapter 34 Renewal of the Covenant and Moses' Radiant Face

16. What was significant about the new tablets of the law Moses received in Exodus 34?
Answer: Moses received new tablets of the law after breaking the first ones in anger. God reaffirmed His covenant with the Israelites and reminded them of the commandments (Exodus 34:1-4, 28).
17. What was the visible sign of God's presence on Moses after he spent 40 days on Mount Sinai? **Answer:** After Moses spent 40 days and nights on Mount Sinai, he returned with his face shining because he had been in the presence of God. The Israelites were afraid to come near him, so Moses wore a veil over his face when speaking to them (Exodus 34:29-35).