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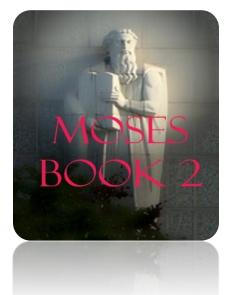
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Where is Sinai? Is it where we see on most maps; or is it in Midian (modern Saudi Arabia) where Moses lived for years, where he saw the burning bush? And is it the same place where Paul went in Arabia after his Damascus experience; where he received teaching directly from the risen Lord? The sea of Edom Is where those of Esau resettled along the Red Sea named after their father Esau whose name means: red.

The Altar of Incense.

- <sup>1</sup>You are to make an altar to burn incense on: make it of acacia wood.
- <sup>2</sup> It must be square, 18 inches its length, and 18 inches its width; and 36 inches its height: its horns will be one piece with it.
- <sup>3</sup>Overlay its top with pure gold, and its sides all around, and its horns; and make a top of gold all around.



- <sup>4</sup> Make two gold rings for it under its top, on its sides make holders for the poles to carry it with.
- <sup>5</sup> Make the poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold.
- <sup>6</sup> Place the alter in front of the curtain by the ark of the testimony in front of the mercy seat that is over the testimony -- where I will meet with you.
- <sup>7</sup> Aaron will burn fragrant incense every morning: when he tends the lamps, he will burn incense on it.
- <sup>8</sup> When Aaron lights the lamps at evening, he will burn incense -- a perpetual incense before the Lord throughout your generations.
- <sup>9</sup>On it, you must not offer illicit incense, or a burnt grain offering; on it you must not pour a drink offering.
- <sup>10</sup>Once a year, with the blood of the sin offering Aaron will make atonement on its horns: the altar is especially holy to the Lord; it throughout your generations he is to do it.

The Atonement Money,

- <sup>11</sup> The Lord spoke to Moses, saying,
- <sup>12</sup> When you take a census of the children of Israel to register them, each man must pay a ransom for his life to the Lord as they register. Then no plague come on them as they register.
- $^{13}$  Everyone who is registered must pay half a shekel according to the shekel of the sanctuary: (20 gerahs = 1 shekel:) This half shekel is an offering to the Lord.

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- <sup>14</sup>Each man who is registered, from twenty years old and older, must give this offering to the Lord.
- <sup>15</sup> The wealthy will not give more; the poor will not give less than half a shekel, when they give an offering to the Lord, to atone for your lives.
- <sup>16</sup> Take the atonement price of the children of Israel, and use it for the service of the Tent of the assembly; that it be a reminder to the children of Israel before the Lord, to atone for your lives.

The Bronze Basin.

- <sup>17</sup> The Lord spoke to Moses, saying,
- <sup>18</sup> You will make a laver of bronze, and its stand also of bronze for washing: set it between the Tent of the assembly and the altar, and put water in it.
- <sup>19</sup> Aaron and his sons must wash their hands and feet there:
- <sup>20</sup> when they enter the Tent of the assembly, or approach the altar to minister by burning a food offering to the Lord, they must wash with water, so they will not die;
- <sup>21</sup> They must wash their hands and feet, so they will not die: this is a permanent statute for them, for Aaron and his descendants throughout their generations.

The Anointing Oil,

- <sup>22</sup> The Lord spoke to Moses, saying,
- $^{23}$  Take for yourself the finest spices, of pure myrrh 12  $\frac{1}{2}$  pounds, five hundred shekels, and of fragrant cinnamon 6  $\frac{1}{4}$  pounds half as much, even two hundred and fifty shekels, and of 6  $\frac{1}{4}$  fragrant cane two hundred and fifty shekels,
- <sup>24</sup> and 12 ½ of cassia five hundred shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, and a gallon of olive oil:
- <sup>25</sup> Prepare from these a holy anointing oil, a fragrant blend, the work of a perfumer; it will be holy anointing oil.
- <sup>26</sup> With it, you will anoint the Tent of the assembly, and the ark of the testimony,
- <sup>27</sup> the table and all its utensils, the lampstand and its utensils, the altar of incense,
- <sup>28</sup> the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the layer and its stand.

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- <sup>29</sup> And you will set them apart, that they may be most holy: whatever touches them will be holy.
- <sup>30</sup> And you will anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may serve Me as priests.
- <sup>31</sup> And speak to the children of Israel, saying, This will be a holy anointing oil to Me throughout your generations.
- <sup>32</sup> It must not be used for just anyone's body, and you must not make anything like its formula: it is holy, and it must be holy to you.
- <sup>33</sup> Whoever mixes anything like it, or puts some on the wrong person, will even be cut off from his people.
- <sup>34</sup> And the Lord said to Moses, Take fragrant spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum; the spices and pure frankincense are to be in equal measures:
- <sup>35</sup> Prepare expertly blended incense from these seasoned with salt, pure and holy:
- <sup>36</sup> and grind some of it into fine powder, and put some of it in front of the testimony in the Tent of the assembly, where I will meet with you: it will be to you most holy.
- $^{37}$  And as for the incense you make, do not make any for yourselves using its formula. It is to be holy for the Lord / belonging wholly to the Lord.
- <sup>38</sup> Whoever makes something like it, just to smell its fragrance, will even be cut off from his people.

We are grateful to God that the Saudi govt has preserved the Mountain of Moses.

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How long was Israel in Egypt?