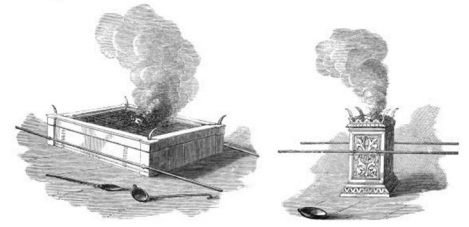


It Is Time: Run to the Horns of the Altar, Grab Them and Cling to Them

Two Altars



Altar of burnt offering

Exodus 27:1-2

¹ “Build an altar of acacia wood, three cubits high; it is to be square, five cubits long and five cubits wide. ² Make a horn at each of the four corners, so that the horns and the altar are of one piece, and overlay the altar with bronze.

Exodus 38:1-2

¹ They built the altar of burnt offering of acacia wood, three cubits high; it was square, five cubits long and five cubits wide. ² They made a horn at each of the four corners, so that the horns and the altar were of one piece, and they overlaid the altar with bronze.

Golden altar of incense

Exodus 30:1-3

¹ “Make an altar of acacia wood for burning incense. ² It is to be square, a cubit long and a cubit wide, and two cubits high—its horns of one piece with it. ³ Overlay the top and all the sides and the horns with pure gold, and make a gold molding around it.

Exodus 37:25-26

²⁵ They made the altar of incense out of acacia wood. It was square, a cubit long and a cubit wide and two cubits high—its horns of one piece with it. ²⁶ They overlaid the top and all the sides and the horns with pure gold, and made a gold molding around it.

Patterned after heaven

Hebrews 8:5

They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: “See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.”

Altar of incense and intercession

Revelation 5:8

⁸ And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God’s people.

Revelation 8:3-5

³ Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all God’s people, on the golden altar in front of the throne. ⁴ The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of God’s people, went up before God from the angel’s hand. ⁵ Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth; and there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

Revelation 9:13-16

¹³ The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the four horns of the golden altar that is before God. ¹⁴ It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.” ¹⁵ And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind. ¹⁶ The number of the mounted troops was twice ten thousand times ten thousand. I heard their number.

Strength and power

Luke 1

Psalm 75:10

...I will cut off the horns of all the wicked, but the horns of the righteous will be lifted up.

Blood on the altars

Exodus 29:10-12

¹⁰ "Bring the bull to the front of the tent of meeting, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on its head. ¹¹ Slaughter it in the Lord's presence at the entrance to the tent of meeting. ¹² Take some of the bull's blood and put it on the horns of the altar with your finger, and pour out the rest of it at the base of the altar.

Leviticus 4:7-8

⁷ The priest shall then put some of the blood on the horns of the altar of fragrant incense that is before the Lord in the tent of meeting. The rest of the bull's blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering at the entrance to the tent of meeting.

Leviticus 16:18-19

¹⁸ "Then he shall come out to the altar that is before the Lord and make atonement for it. He shall take some of the bull's blood and some of the goat's blood and put it on all the horns of the altar. ¹⁹ He shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times to cleanse it and to consecrate it from the uncleanness of the Israelites.

A place to run

Exodus 21:12-14

¹² "Anyone who strikes a person with a fatal blow is to be put to death. ¹³ However, if it is not done intentionally, but God lets it happen, they are to flee to a place I will designate. ¹⁴ But if anyone schemes and kills someone deliberately, that person is to be taken from my altar and put to death.

Adonijah

1 Kings 1:43-53

⁴³ ... "Our lord King David has made Solomon king... ⁴⁵ ...Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king at Gihon. From there they have gone up cheering, and the city resounds with it. That's the noise you hear. ⁴⁶ ...Solomon has taken his seat on the royal throne. ⁴⁷ ...the royal officials have come to congratulate our lord King David, saying, 'May your God make Solomon's name more famous than yours and his throne greater than yours!' And the king bowed in worship on his bed ⁴⁸ and said, 'Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, who has allowed my eyes to see a successor on my throne today.'" ⁴⁹ At this, all Adonijah's guests rose in alarm and dispersed. ⁵⁰ But Adonijah, in fear of Solomon, went and took hold of the horns of the altar. ⁵¹ Then Solomon was told, "Adonijah is afraid of King Solomon and is clinging to the horns of the altar. He says, 'Let King Solomon swear to me today that he will not put his servant to death with the sword.'" ⁵² Solomon replied, "If he shows himself to be worthy, not a hair of his head will fall to the ground; but if evil is found in him, he will die." ⁵³ Then King Solomon sent men, and they brought him down from the altar. And Adonijah came and bowed down to King Solomon, and Solomon said, "Go to your home."

He was made king however

Luke 19:15

...He was made king however...

Hidden faults

Psalm 19:12-13

¹²But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults. ¹³Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

Matthew 21:44

Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.

Luke 20:18

Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.

The sacrifice bound to the horns of the altar

Psalm 118:22-27

²²The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; ²³the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. ²⁵Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success! ²⁶Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you. ²⁷The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

NIV: With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

ESV: Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

NASB: Bind the festival sacrifice to the horns of the altar with cords.

Chief of sinners

1 Timothy 1:15-16

¹⁵Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life;

I want to be clean

This is easy for him