

Priests and Kings Session 5: *“The Censer & Scepter”*



PRIESTS AND KINGS — SESSION 5 KEY POINTS:

- *Yahweh's* people are called to serve Him as priests and kings.
- Our priestly role is one of teaching others the principles of *Torah* and leading in the worship of *Yahweh*.
- In serving *Yahweh* as priests, we are also called to intercession, which is a work focused on four main areas, represented in the holy formula for Incense: purging from sin (Stacte), purity and Christ-likeness (Rose of Sharon), healing (Galbanum) and deliverance from evil (Frankincense).
- Our kingly role in Christ includes governing all within our domain according to Torah, binding and rebuking spirits to take back lives and ground from hell, and godly authority as the Children of the most High.



Key Scriptures: **Exodus 19:5-6; Revelation 1:6; 5:10**

“**Now therefore, if ye will obey My Voice indeed, and keep My Covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people: for all the earth is Mine:** And ye shall be unto Me **a kingdom of priests,** and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel... **"And hath made us kings and priests unto God...;** to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen... **"And hast made us unto our God kings and priests:** and we shall reign on the earth.”

Meaning of the Golden Censer & the Work of the Priests

Both in the Heavenly Sanctuary and in the Wilderness Sanctuary the work of intercession was closely associated with the golden censer.

According to Revelation 8:3-4, what is the purpose of the Golden Censer which is used in Heaven?

The golden censer was used in times of extremity, to interceed with **Yahweh**, when Judgment was warranted, due to sin.

According to Leviticus 16:12-13 and Numbers 16:44-48, what would a righteous use of the golden censer (signifying intercession) accomplish?



“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 Throne. **And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints**, ascended up before God out of the angel’s hand.” Revelation 8:3-4

“Then he shall take a censer full of burning coals of Fire from the Altar before **Yahweh**... And he shall put the incense on the Fire before **Yahweh**, that the cloud of incense may cover the mercy seat that is on the Testimony, **lest he die.**” Leviticus 16:12-13

“So Moses said to Aaron, ‘Take a censer and put fire in it from the Altar, put incense on it, and take it quickly to the congregation and make Atonement for them; for wrath has gone out from **Yahweh**. The plague has begun.’ Then Aaron took it as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the assembly... So he put in the incense and made Atonement for the people. And he stood between the dead and the living; so the plague was stopped.” Numbers 26:44-48





The Work of the Priesthood Represented in the Incense

The ingredients used in the holy incense for the Sanctuary all have spiritual meaning. They represent vital aspects of the priestly intercession work that we are all called to do.

What do the ingredients of holy Incense teach us about intercession?

“And *Yahweh* 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:** And thou shalt make it a perfume, a confection after the art of the apothecary, tempered together, pure and holy... it shall be unto you most holy. 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 *Yahweh*. **Whosoever shall make like unto that, to smell thereto, shall even be cut off from his people.**”

Exodus 30:34-38

| INGREDIENT | WHAT THIS IS? | SPIRITUAL MEANING |
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| <p>Stacte</p>  | <p><i>Stacte</i> is a medicinal resin from the <i>terebinth tree</i>, which was used in the Balm of Gilead.</p> | |
| <p>Onycha</p>  | <p><i>Onycha</i> is the aromatic resin from the branches of the <i>rockrose</i> bush (also known as the Rose of Sharon).</p> | |
| <p>Galbanum</p>  | <p><i>Galbanum</i> is the medicinal gum resin from the roots of the <i>Ferula gummosa</i> herb.</p> | |
| <p>Frankincense</p>  | <p><i>Frankincense</i> is the aromatic gum resin from the trunk of the <i>Boswellia</i> tree. It's oil kills bacteria/fungi.</p> | |
| <p>FOUR INGREDIENTS IN EQUAL PARTS 4 = T U REPRESENTING THE DOOR</p> | | |

Meaning of the Scepter & the Work of Kings



In Bible times, the scepter of a king indicated his power and authority over his rightful domain. It was typically the same length as a shepherd's staff and could be used similarly.

The scepter demonstrated the king's power over life and death, as is shown in the story of Esther. It also indicates the military power that a king had at his command. Further, it indicated a king's right to rule.

When accept our Calling in *Yahweh*, He bestows spiritual authority befitting a member of His Family. Use the symbol of the scepter to represent our kingly ministry:

GOVERN BY TORAH:

Deuteronomy 17:18:

CLAIM THE HEAVENLY KEYS:

Matthew 18:18-20:

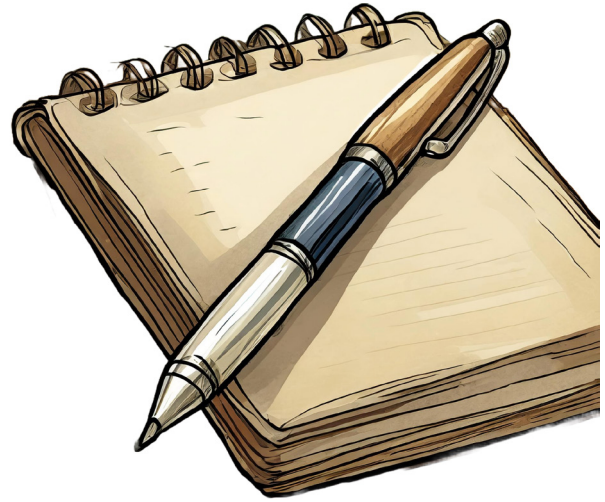
CALL THE ARMY OF HEAVEN:

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ASSURANCE OF SUPPORT:

Isaiah 41:10

Session 5 - Notes:



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Priests and Kings Session 5 - Discussion:

Getting the Point of Reference:

—Read Hebrews 7:11-24

Discussion Questions:

—Our two roles in Messiah (priests and kings) are represented in the scepter and censer. What most stands out regarding our calling from these two symbols?

—Messiah, our Example in all things, is a Priest/King after the order of Melchizedek. We also have this calling. What insights do you find regarding our priestly-kingly ministry from **Yahshua** and Melchizedek?



Discussion Scriptures:

“Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the Law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron?... For the One of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Sovereign was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek...For it is witnessed of Him, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.... This One was made a priest with an oath by the One who said to Him: 'Yahweh has sworn and will not change His Mind, ‘You are a priest forever.’ This makes Yahshua the guarantor of a better Covenant. The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but He holds His priesthood permanently, because He continues forever.”

Hebrews 7:11-24