



THE *ALTAR*



WHAT IS AN *ALTAR?*

- Hebrew word is "*mizbeach*", formed from the verb (*zevach*) for "slaughter"
- It literally means "slaughter place"
- Altars are associated as places of worship where Israelites bring their offerings to the Lord
- In the New Testament, the Greek noun "*thysiasterion*" is used for the altar of God
- It is derived from the verb (*thysiazō*) which mean sacrifice



BRONZE ALTAR



<https://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/bs-tabernacle-altar/>

GOLD ALTAR



<https://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/bs-tabernacle-altar-incense/>

SOLOMON'S



TEMPLE

<https://bible.art/meaning/2-chronicles-4%3A19>

AN
ALTAR IS A MEMORIAL OF
THANKSGIVING





NOAH

“Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. The Lord smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: “Never again will I curse the ground because of man, even though every inclination of his heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures as I have done.”

GENESIS 8:20-21



ABRAHAM

“The Lord appeared to Abram and said “To your offsprings I will give this land. So he built an altar there to the Lord who had appeared to him. From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord. Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.”

GENESIS 12:7-9



ABRAHAM

“When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, Abraham, Abraham!’ Here I am, he replied.

GENESIS 22:9-14



ABRAHAM

“Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.”

GENESIS 22:9-14



ISAAC



From there he went up to Beersheba. That night the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bless you and will increase the number of your descendants for the sake of my servant Abraham."

GENESIS 26:23-25



JACOB

There he set up an altar and called it El Elohe Israel. (God of Israel)

GENESIS 33:20





JACOB



Then God said to Jacob, "Go up to Bethel and settle there, and build an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you were fleeing from your brother Esau." So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, "Get rid of the foreign gods you have with you, and purify yourselves and change your clothes. Then come, let us go up to Bethel, where I will build an altar to God, who answered me in the day of my distress and who has been with me wherever I have gone."

GENESIS 35:1-4



JACOB



So they gave Jacob all the foreign gods they had and the rings in their ears, and Jacob buried them under the oak at Shechem. Then they set out, and the terror of God fell on the towns all around them so that no one pursued them. Jacob and all the people with him came to Luz (that is, Bethel) in the land of Canaan. There he built an altar, and he called the place El Bethel, because it was there that God revealed himself to him when he was fleeing from his brother.

GENESIS 35:5-7

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AN
ALTAR IS THE PLACE OF
REPENTANCE





LEVITICUS 1-7

Burnt offering

Grain offering

Fellowship offering

Sin offering

Guilt offering



The act of offering sacrifices on the altar symbolized the acknowledgement of his holiness and the readiness to obey Him.



2 SAMUEL 24:18-25

- David took a census that displeased God, and a plague came upon Israel.
- God instructed him to build an altar
- God answered David's prayer and the plague was stopped. The people were healed
- The act of building an altar marked David's repentance, worship and his willingness to obey the Lord's command



A place of

SURRENDER
WORSHIP
CONSECRATION

AT THE *ALTAR*

I'M THE *SACRIFICE!*

