

# Exodus 35:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And oil for the light, and spices for anointing oil, and for the sweet incense,

## Analysis

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Acacia wood (shittim wood, עץ שיטים, atzei shittim) was the primary structural material, valued for its durability, hardness, and resistance to decay—fitting for furniture representing eternal truths. Though desert-grown and thorny, when overlaid with gold it pictures humanity (wood) united with divinity (gold), foreshadowing the incarnation. Only imperishable materials could represent the eternal covenant.

## Historical Context

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Acacia trees grew abundantly in the Sinai wilderness, providing accessible building material for the nomadic Israelites. Its extremely dense, hard wood resisted insect damage and warping—essential for furniture that would be assembled, disassembled, and transported repeatedly.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

1. How does acacia wood overlaid with gold illustrate the union of humanity and divinity in Christ?
2. What does God's use of locally available materials teach about His accessibility and provision?

## Interlinear Text

ולקט רת הפסיק ה לש מנו ובשניהם למא ור לש מנו

And oil for the light and spices And oil for anointing incense

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