

THE ANOINTING OIL

◆EXO 30: 23-24 "Collect choice spices—12 1/2 pounds of pure myrrh, 6 1/4 pounds each of cinnamon and of sweet cane, And of cassia five hundred shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, and of oil olive an hin. And thou shalt make it an oil of holy ointment, an ointment compound after the art of the apothecary: it shall be an holy anointing oil.

- **Myrrh:** a bitter herb to taste but fragrant to smell. Myrrh was used as an embalming ointment. Known for its cooling affect on the skin. Antiseptic, deodorant, stimulant, and a fungicidal agent and tonic

Cinnamon: a strong and appealing odor also of a good taste speaking of the joys of life that help us over the bitter times. Also used in the embalming ointment. Valued for its preservative qualities for meat added bonus being the strong cinnamon aroma masked the stench of aged meats. Good for Coughing, hoarseness and sore throats

- **Calamus:** a plant that scents the air. The larger it gets, the more scent it gives off. American Indians also used calamus for the treatment of a wide variety of ailments like stomach-ache, toothache and fever, and also for menstrual problems as we mature, our life gives a more fragrant witness to Christ.
- **Cassia:** grows at high elevations with purple Flowers. Used to treat cold hands and feet, weak pulse, headache, aching knees, wheezing, shortness of breath, menstrual pain, (abnormal menstrual periods), and abdominal pain with vomiting. Speaks of being a royal heir living above the circumstances of life by faith.