

**~GALBANUM (38)**  
**(gal'ba-num)**

- A yellowish or brownish gum resin procured from certain Asian plants of the carrot, or parsley, family. There is uncertainty as to the precise kind of plant providing the **galbanum** used by the Israelites.
- The milky fluid that hardens into **galbanum** exudes from the plant stem naturally or its flow is induced by means of an incision. **Galbanum** was one of the ingredients of the incense specified for exclusive use at the sanctuary.
- And Yehowah went on to say to Moses; Take to yourself perfumes, stacte drops and onycha and perfumed **galbanum** and pure frankincense. There should be the same portion of each. (**Exodus 30:34**)
- And you must make it into an incense, a spice mixture, the work of an ointment maker, salted, pure, something holy. (**Exodus 30:35**)
- And you must pound some of it into fine powder and put some of it before the Testimony in the tent of meeting, where I shall present myself to you. It should be most holy to you people. (**Exodus 30:36**)
- And the incense that you will make with this composition, you must not make for yourselves. For you it is to continue as something holy to Yehowah. (**Exodus 30:37**)
- Whoever makes any like it to enjoy its smell must be cut off from his people. (**Exodus 30:38**)
- When burned alone it is said to give off an offensive odor, but when combined with other aromatic substances, **galbanum** increases their fragrance and makes the fragrance last longer.