

~ONYCHA (31)
(on'y-cha)

- **An ingredient of the incense designated exclusively for sanctuary use.**
- **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)**
- **Some believe that **onycha** may have been derived from the closing valves of certain shellfish. However, since this ingredient was used for a sacred purpose, others consider it to have been a vegetable product instead of something obtained from an unclean animal.**