

ERECTING ALTARS ALONG THE WAY

1. Altars were allowed to be erected before Temple worship was established
2. Laws concerning the erection of an altar Exodus 20:22-26

THE FIRST ALTAR ABRAM SET UP

1. Location
 - a) Shechem Genesis 12:7
 - b) Entering into the land of Canaan Genesis 12:7
2. Reasons
Not stated

THE SECOND ALTAR ABRAM SET UP

1. Location
 - a) Bethel on the west
 - b) Ai on the east Genesis 12:8a
2. Reason for erecting an altar
 - a) He built an altar to the LORD Genesis 12:8b
 - b) And called on the name of the LORD Genesis 12:8c
 - c) In response to God's word to him Genesis 12:7
3. Returning to this altar
 - a) (He returned) to the place of the altar which he had made there at first Genesis 13:4a
 - b) And there Abram called on the name of the LORD Genesis 13:4b

THE THIRD ALTAR ABRAM SET UP

1. Location
 - a) Terebinth trees in Mamre which are in Hebron Genesis 13:18a

b) And built an altar there to the LORD

Genesis 13:18b

2. Reasons

a) To call upon the name of the LORD

b) In response to God's Word to him

Genesis 13:14-17

LAWS CONCERNING ERECTION OF ALTARS

Exodus 20:22-26

1. No idols

Exodus 20:22-23

2. An altar of earth

Exodus 20:24

3. An altar of stone

Unhewn stone

Exodus 20:25

4. No steps

Exodus 20:26

FUNCTION OF THE ALTAR

1. Man's part

To offer sacrifice

Exodus 20:24

2. God's part

In every place where I record My name, I will come to you and I will bless you

Exodus 20:24