

Altars in the Bible

- ➡ An altar was a platform or elevated place on which a patriarch or priest places a sacrifice as an offering to God.
- ➡ The Hebrew word for altar means “a place of slaughter or sacrifice.”
- ➡ Sometimes an altar was built as a testimony of one’s faith for future generations. Joshua 22:26-29
- ➡ The first altar in the Bible was built by Noah after the Flood (Genesis 8:20). The next several were built by Abraham. Genesis 12:7-8; 13:18
- ➡ King Saul built an altar during his conquest of the Philistines. 1 Samuel 14:35
- ➡ King David of Judah erected an altar on a threshing floor (2 Smauel 24:15-25). This site became the central place of sacrifice in the Temple after it was constructed by Solomon. 2 Chronicles 4:1
- ➡ There were pagan altars in the Old Testament as well.

