MEBREWS. Xe   
   
 AUTHORIZ ED VERSION R ED, AUTHORIZED VERSION.   
 ark of the covenant overlaid round | the ark of the covenant   
 overlaid round about with   
 hFrod-ss35 about with gold, wherein was "a} | gold, wasthegolden   
   
   
 word rendered “ cexser” by A. V. in Tevit. is, Not only the New Test, writings, but   
 is a shallow basin, in which the the Old Test. also, Isa. 6, speak of a   
 st on the day of atonement was to heavenly altar, which is the antitype   
 e from the incense-altar the there of the earthly. Considering the   
 Besides which, it is speci- fact that this antitypical altar belonged   
 's nor wasit kept in the Holy: to the Holy of into which Christ en-   
 of holies. Indeed it conld not have been, tered throngh the torn veil, it obvions   
 or the high priest would have been obl for our Writer to reckon the typical altar   
 to fetch it from thence before burning in- also among the things belonging to the   
 cense in it, is most improhable. Of y of holies. Our second question then   
 these, the firstanentioned objection is not whether our Writer is justified, having   
 Gecisive ; for Writer is speaking, not of this motive, in reckoning’ the altar of in-   
 Mosaic usage only, but of several things cense among the furniture of the Holy of   
 outside the provisions of the luw itself and holies. And our answer is, Entirely so:   
 thus onr explanation of any difficulty the following considerations have weight :   
 not be songht in the provisions of the law a) that the altar of incense, hy Exod. xxx.   
 only, but also in subsequent Jewish usage. 6, xl. 5, is to be placed before the ark of   
 If now, influeneed by the above diffienl- the covenant, or before the Capporeth   
 ties, we adopt the interpretation “altar [mercy-seat], ie. in the middle between   
 of incense,” a difficulty arises, certainly the eandlestick on the vight and the table   
 not less than any of those adduced above. of shewbread on the left, so that place is   
 On the one hand the word having ut subordinate to the ark of the eovenant:   
 first sight seems to admit of no other b) that on the day of atonement, it, as   
 meaning than a local one, “ containing.” wall as the merey-seat, was sprinkled with   
 clism with wherein was above the blood of the sin-offering: e) that   
 a s to demand this, and the fact. 1 Kings vi. 22, as well as by our Writer,   
 that the other things mentioned are be- it is reckoned to the Holy of holies, being   
 ‘yond question intended to be iz, not merely there culled the altar belonging to the   
 jlonging to, the Holy of holies. On sanctuary [A, V. “the altar that was by   
 this, see more below. ing it as the oracle”). ‘The solution to be gathered   
 our first impression, we are startled by from this Would be, that the altar of in-   
 the fict, that the altar of incense eas cense, being appointed by the Mosaic ordi-   
 not in the Holy of holies, but owtside it. mince to stand in immediate contiguity to   
 Hence Bleck, De Wette, and Limmemann, the veil separating the Holy of holies, and   
 suppose that the Writer has fallen into a being destined in its use especially for the   
 mistake, and Bleek infers this he service of the Holy of olies [for this, not-   
 1s not an inhabitant of Palestine, but an withstanding the objection brought b;   
 andrine. But as Delitzseh obser Delitzsch, might have weight ; the exterk   
 er he were, he must have been altar of burnt-offering did not belong in   
 yerfect monster of ignorance, to have fallen any such strict sense to the sanctuary and   
 nto any such error. “ Then,” continues merey-seat}, and being described in more   
 Delitzseh, “ since we eannot submit him to, than’ one place of Seripture [e. g. Exod.   
 such an imputation, is there any intent see 1 Metre EN oem ge a   
 which our Writer may have had, indueing the sunetuary, is taken by the Writer as   
 him to ascribe the altar of incense to the appertaining to the Holy of holies: he’   
 Holy of holies, notwithstanding that he choosing, thus to deseribe it, the some-   
 knew its local situation to be in Holy what ambiguous word having, and not   
 eP” There is such an intent, recog- “wherein was,” as before. Thave thus given   
 nized even by Bleek him: «The Au- both views of the solution to be sought :   
 s Bleck, and after him Tholuck, and will now state the result. 1) Oneither   
 he Holy of holies, irrespective of iypothesis, having cannot be kept to its   
 the veil, us of the heavenly sane- stricter meaning of containing. For neither   
 tuary, and had also a motive to incl the censer nor the incense-altar was kept   
 it the altar of inceuse, whose off in the Holy of holies. 2) ‘The language of