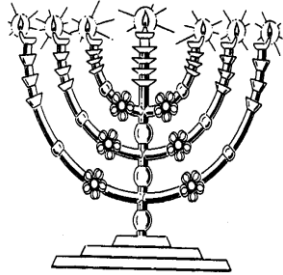


D) The Lampstand (Ex 25:31-40)



Exodus 25:31-40 “Then you shall make a lampstand of pure gold. The lampstand *and* its base and its shaft are to be made of hammered work; its cups, its bulbs and its flowers shall be *of one piece* with it. ³² “Six branches shall go out from its sides; three branches of the lampstand from its one side and three branches of the lampstand from its other side. ³³ “Three cups *shall be* shaped like almond *blossoms* in the one branch, a bulb and a flower, and three cups shaped like almond *blossoms* in the other branch, a bulb and a flower—so for six branches going out from the lampstand; ³⁴ and in the lampstand four cups shaped like almond *blossoms*, its bulbs and its flowers. ³⁵ “A bulb shall be under the *first* pair of branches *coming* out of it, and a bulb under the *second* pair of branches *coming* out of it, and a bulb under the *third* pair of branches *coming* out of it, for the six branches coming out of the lampstand. ³⁶ “Their bulbs and their branches *shall be of one piece* with it; all of it shall be one piece of hammered work of pure gold. ³⁷ “Then you shall make its lamps seven *in number*; and they shall mount its lamps so as to shed light on the space in front of it. ³⁸ “Its snuffers and their trays *shall be* of pure gold. ³⁹ “It shall be made from a talent of pure gold, with all these utensils. ⁴⁰ “See that you make *them* after the pattern for them, which was shown to you on the mountain.

The Lampstand

- It was to be made of 94 pounds of solid gold.
- It was fashioned with a center stem and six branches, three on a side, coming out from the sides.
- Several different almond-blossom, flower and branch shapes in its design were present.
- It had snuffers and trays for maintaining it.
- It was placed opposite of the Bread of the Presence.
Exodus 40:24 Then he placed the lampstand in the tent of meeting, opposite the table, on the south side of the tabernacle.
- It was actually depicted on the Arch of Titus in Rome following the destruction of Jerusalem.
- It is referred to as the *Menorah* of God.



The Lampstand was a copy and shadow of Christ and the Spirit.

The Copy and Shadow: It was symbolic of the perfect light of God.

- There were seven flames on the menorah. *Numbers 8:2 “Speak to Aaron and say to him, ‘When you mount the lamps, the seven lamps will give light in the front of the lampstand.’ ”*
- Seven is the perfect number of God.
 - It was the number of days of His creation. *Genesis 2:2 By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.*
 - It was the number for perfect praise. *Psalms 119:164 Seven times a day I praise You, Because of Your righteous ordinances.*
 - It was the number for perfect forgiveness. *Matthew 18:21-22 Then Peter came and said to Him, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?”²² Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.*
 - It was considered perfect purity. *Psalms 12:6 The words of the LORD are pure words; As silver tried in a furnace on the earth, refined seven times.*
- In like manner, the Lampstand was considered the perfect light for the Bread of the Presence.

The Reality: Jesus is the Christian’s perfect light.

- John 1:4 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.
- John 8:12 "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life."
- 2 Corinthians 4:6 For God, who said, “Light shall shine out of darkness,” is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.
- Revelation 21:23 And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.

The Copy and Shadow: The Lampstand was powered with a superior energy source.

- Leviticus 24:2 “Command the sons of Israel that they bring to you clear oil from beaten olives for the light, to make a lamp burn continually.
- This oil was squeezed out of the olive and was a pure, high quality clean burning fuel, not like the conventional oil which was smoky and cloudy.

The Reality: Jesus was empowered by the Holy Spirit.

- It was prophesied that the Spirit would be poured out on Jesus. *Isaiah 11:2 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.*
- Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit at baptism, which gave Him the power. *Luke 3:21-22 Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, “You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased.”*
- Peter confirms this again in Acts 10:38 *“{You know of} Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and {how} He went about*

doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the devil; for God was with Him.”

- Jesus Himself said to the Jews in John 10:25 “I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father's name, these bear witness of Me.”
- John 14:11 “Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves.
- Jesus was endowed and empowered with the pure strength of the Spirit.

The Copy and Shadow: Only the priests could be in the presence of the light of the Lampstand.

- Exodus 27:21 “In the tent of meeting, outside the veil which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall keep it in order from evening to morning before the LORD; *it shall be* a perpetual statute throughout their generations for the sons of Israel.

The Reality: The priestly saints are in the light of Christ.

- Revelation 1:6 and He has made us *to be* a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.
- 1 Peter 2:9 But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR *God's* OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;
- Ephesians 5:8 “...for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light...”

The Copy and Shadow: The Lampstand was to burn continually.

- Ex 27:20 “You shall charge the sons of Israel, that they bring you clear oil of beaten olives for the light, to make a lamp burn continually.
- Leviticus 24:4 “He shall keep the lamps in order on the pure *gold* lampstand before the LORD continually.

The Reality: The light of Jesus is continually with the church.

- It was Jesus in the midst of the seven lamps of Revelation. *Revelation 1:12-13* *Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands; and in the middle of the lampstands I saw one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash.*
- Revelation 22:5 “...because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever.
- Philippians 1:6 *For I am* confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

A word of warning: Revelation 2:5 ‘Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent.

Shine, Jesus, Shine #290

Lord the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us:

Shine on me, shine on me.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance,
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness:

Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.