

I. Define the Lampstand

Lampstand (Hebrew: Menorah)

A seven-branched lampstand made of pure gold and placed within the Holy Place of the Tabernacle.

Exodus 25:31 NLT

“Make a lampstand of pure, hammered gold. Make the entire lampstand and its decorations of one piece—the base, center stem, lamp cups, buds, and petals.

II. The Position of the Lampstand

The Lampstand stood on the south side of the Holy Place.

Exodus 26:35 NLT

Place the table outside the inner curtain on the north side of the Tabernacle, and place the lampstand across the room on the south side.

Order of Approach:

- 1. Gate**
- 2. Brazen Altar**
- 3. Brazen Laver**
- 4. Golden Lampstand**

III. The Holy Place Had No Natural Light

1 Corinthians 2:14 KJV

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

NOTE:

The Lampstand teaches that revelation comes from God alone.

IV. The Lampstand and Christ

John 8:12 NLT

Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, “I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in

darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.”

1. Truth
2. Scripture
3. Worship
4. Ministry
5. The believer's path

V. The Lampstand and the Holy Spirit

Exodus 27:20 NLT

“Command the people of Israel to bring you pure oil of pressed olives for the light, to keep the lamps burning continually.

- A. Oil throughout Scripture represents the Holy Spirit.**
- B. The Lampstand could not shine without oil.**
- C. The believer cannot function without the Holy Spirit.**

Zechariah 4:6 NLT

6 Then he said to me, “This is what the LORD says to Zerubbabel: It is not by force nor by strength, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies.

VI. The Seven Lamps

Isaiah 11:2 NLT

2 And the Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the
LORD.

- The Spirit of the Lord
- The Spirit of Wisdom
- The Spirit of Understanding
- The Spirit of Counsel
- The Spirit of Might
- The Spirit of Knowledge
- The Spirit of the Fear of the Lord

VII. The Almond Blossoms

Exodus 25:33-34

33 Each of the six branches will have three lamp cups shaped like almond blossoms, complete with buds and petals. 34 Craft the center stem of the lampstand with four lamp cups shaped like

almond blossoms, complete with buds and petals. 35 There will also be an almond bud beneath each pair of branches where the six branches extend from the center stem. 36 The almond buds and branches must all be of one piece with the center stem, and they must be hammered from pure gold. 37 Then make the seven lamps for the lampstand, and set them so they reflect their light forward. 38 The lamp snuffers and trays must also be made of pure gold. 39 You will need seventy-five pounds of pure gold for the lampstand and its accessories.

Natural fact:

The almond tree is the first tree to awaken after winter.

Jeremiah 1:11-12 NLT

11 Then the LORD said to me, “Look, Jeremiah! What do you see?” And I replied, “I see a branch from an almond tree.” 12 And the LORD said,

“That’s right, and it means that I am watching, and I will certainly carry out all my plans.”

Numbers 17:8 NLT

8 When he went into the Tabernacle of the Covenant the next day, he found that Aaron’s staff, representing the tribe of Levi, had sprouted, budded, blossomed, and produced ripe almonds!

VIII. The Hammered Gold

Exodus 25:31 NLT

31 “Make a lampstand of pure, hammered gold. Make the entire lampstand and its decorations of one piece—the base, center stem, lamp cups, buds, and petals. 32 Make it with six branches going out from the center stem, three on each side.

Isaiah 53:5 AMP

5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our guilt and iniquities; the chastisement [needful to obtain] peace and well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes [that wounded] Him we are healed and made whole.

IX. The Lampstand and the Church

Revelation 1:12-13 NLT

12 When I turned to see who was speaking to me, I saw seven gold lampstands. 13 And standing in the middle of the lampstands was someone like the Son of Man. He was wearing a long robe with a gold sash across his chest.

TAKEAWAYS

1. John saw seven golden lampstands.
2. The Lord walked among them.
3. The Lampstand becomes a picture of the Church.
4. The Church does not generate light.
5. The Church carries light.

Matthew 5:14

“Ye are the light of the world.”

X. Recap

- The Gate teaches Access.
- The Altar teaches Sacrifice.
- The Laver teaches Cleansing.
- **The Lampstand teaches Illumination.**
- The progression is intentional.