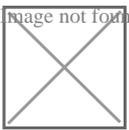


Candlestick

(Exodus 25:31-40)

Exodus 25:31-40 — 31 And thou shalt make a candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work shall the candlestick be made: his shaft, and his branches, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, shall be of the same. 32 And six branches shall come out of the sides of it; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side: 33 Three bowls made like unto almonds, with a knop and a flower in one branch; and three bowls made like almonds in the other branch, with a knop and a flower: so in the six branches that come out of the candlestick. 34 And in the candlesticks shall be four bowls made like unto almonds, with their knops and their flowers. 35 And there shall be a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches that proceed out of the candlestick. 36 Their knops and their branches shall be of the same: all it shall be one beaten work of pure gold. 37 And thou shalt make the seven lamps thereof: and they shall light the lamps thereof, that they may give light over against it. 38 And the tongs thereof, and the snuffdishes thereof, shall be of pure gold. 39 Of a talent of pure gold shall he make it, with all these vessels. 40 And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was showed thee in the mount.

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Introduction

The candlestick is the second most costly (the Ark of the Covenant is first) and most elaborately constructed of all the sacred vessels of the Tabernacle. It was made out of a talent of pure gold beaten with hammers until it assumed its proper shape. The seven bowls on the tops of the branches were supplied with pure oil which burned continually.

The Gold

Made with a talent of gold, the Candlestick weighed about 75-110 lbs. and would be worth \$1.5 - \$2.1 million in gold today.

Gold is a type for Divinity.

Psalm 45:9,13 — 9 Kings' daughters were among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir. 13 The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold.

Revelation 3:18 — I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

Job 23:10 — But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

Christ, The True Light

John 8:12 — Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

John 9:5 — As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

John 1:9 — That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

2 Corinthians 4:6 — For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Church, The Light

Matthew 5:14 — Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

Ephesians 5:8 — For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

- A Relative Picture is Seen in Revelation Chapter 1

Revelation 1:12 — And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

Revelation 1:13 — And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

Revelation 1:20 — The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are

the seven churches.

Study carefully Revelation 1 and you will find a relative picture with Jesus defining the 7 candlesticks as the seven churches (in Asia).

These seven churches represent the whole church from Pentecost to the Rapture. In Revelation 1, we have a marvelous picture of the Glorified Christ in the midst of His Church. As High Priest, He is there to trim the wicks and replenish with the oil of the Holy Ghost.

The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is seen in both oil and the fire.

- oil Luke 4:18; Hebrews 1:9; Isaiah 61:3; Psalm 92:10; Psalm 104:15; Matthew 25:3-10
- fire John 15:26; (Spirit of Truth; Illumination) Acts 2:3

The Word

Psalm 119:105, 130 — 105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. 130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

2 Peter 1:29A —

The Light

A. Only in God is there light.

Only gold and oil were used in the making of the candlestick.

B. There was no natural light in the Holy place.

We cannot see or understand God by natural means. God alone can illuminate our mind and bring revelation of Himself.

Proverbs 3:5 1 Corinthians 2:14

C. The High Priest kept the candlestick supplied with oil continually.

With snuff dishes he removed the burnt matter that the light should shine undimmed. Christ is our Great High Priest who exercises His High Priestly care over His Church. He gives the baptism of the Holy Spirit. He walks in the midst of His Church to replenish with oil, and trim

the wicks. The light was always to burn.

D. The Wicks Speak of Humanity

The wicks set forth our humanity which must be submerged in the oil of the Holy Ghost. Always remember that the precious Hand that is trimming the wick is "nail scarred"! The tongs and snuff dishes were of gold also, for the whole matter was a direct result of Divine operation.

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