



The most important thing to note about the lampstand is that it points to Christ, as do all the elements of the tabernacle. The Bible is from beginning to end a testimony about Christ and God's merciful plan of redemption. Praise the Lord, He has taken His children

out of the darkness and into His marvelous light. "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." (1 Peter 2:9). Jesus is in the center of the Cross. Jesus said, "You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about Me..." (John 5:39)

"A THOUSAND YEARS IS AS A DAY WITH THE LORD"



"But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements

will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed." (2 Peter 3:8-10) God speaks about 1,000 generations. Each candle represent the generations of that 1,00 years.

GOD'S TIMETABLE

From the lifespans of people in the Bible, we can come up with a fairly accurate timeline of this earth's history, which you can see below:

- Creation (4004BC) to 2004BC = Time of the Fathers (2000 years)
- Abraham (2004BC) to 4BC = Time of the Jews (2000 years)
- Christ Jesus (4BC) to 1997AD = Time of Christ and the Church (2000 years)
- Second Coming (Soon.....) = Start of Millennium Rest (1000 years)

"For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour." (Mathew 24:36-39,43,44)



THE LAMPSTAND SYMBOLIZES MANY THINGS

The Lampstand (Menorah) is conceivably the most comprehensive of all Biblical symbols. As such, it is important that believers investigate the origin, use and purpose of this symbol referenced in both Old and New Testaments. We will discover that this lampstand symbolizes many things such as the Nation of Israel, the Church, the Holy Spirit, the Word of God, the Seven Spirits of God, even the Lord Jesus Christ Himself as "The Light Of The World."

"What Is The Significance Of The Lampstand In The Bible?"



The first time we see the word lampstand in the Bible is in Exodus 25:31, "You shall make a lampstand of pure gold. The base and the shaft of the lampstand shall be made of hammered work; its cups, its calyxes, and its petals shall be of one piece with it;" God gives detailed instructions about the golden lampstand to be placed in the

tabernacle the Israelites were building. It's interesting to note just how precise God is in explaining how He wanted the lampstand to look. Since we can be assured there are no "wasted words" in the Bible, we know each detail and specification are important for some reason. The lampstand was to be made of pure gold, hammered out to the perfect accuracy of God's decree. Gold was the most valuable of all metals. Gold is often spoken of in terms of being "Tested By Fire"; the Bible compares the testing of gold with the testing of the church in 1 Peter 1:7 "So that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.." Out of testing, or refining, will come the true people of God; Job 23:10 "But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I shall come out like gold". Those who withstand the "Fire" will be purified; Numbers 31:2 "Everything that can withstand fire, shall be passed through fire, and it shall be clean. Nevertheless it shall also be purified with the water for purification; and whatever cannot withstand fire, shall be passed through the water."

The Lampstand and the Burning Bush



The designs for the Menorah were given to Moses by God in Exodus 25 instructing them to make a seven stick golden candle that looked like a bush. When it was lit in the tabernacle, it would be a constant reminder of the burning bush and of His presence.

The Lampstand Is The Symbolism Of The Tree Of Life



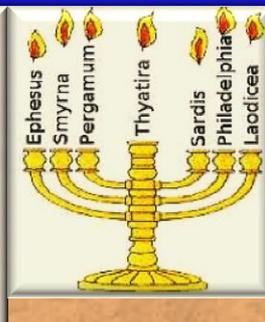
The lampstand as a whole was to be fashioned as a tree with the base and center shaft representing the trunk and with three "branches" on each side. The top of the shaft and of each branch was to be made like an open almond flower; each flower held an oil lamp. There are several passages in the Bible that speak about the almond tree,

which was always the first tree to blossom and bear fruit in the spring, as early as February. The apostle Paul calls Christ the "Firstfruits" because Jesus was the first to rise from the dead to everlasting life, and because of His resurrection all believers will also be raised 1 Corinthians 15:20-23; "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ." The Body of Christ is also represented in the branches. "Remain in Me, and I will remain in you. Just as no branch can bear fruit by itself unless it remains in the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me. I Am the vine and you are the branches. The one who remains in Me, and I in him, will bear much fruit. For apart from Me you can do nothing." (John 15:4-5)

The Lampstand Is The Symbolism Of The 7 Churches



"John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth." (Revelation 1:4)



Each branch of the Menorah represented the seven churches or congregations of Asia Minor which are symbolic of all types and streams making up the international ecclesia—or body of believers. Everything in the Temple was an earthly shadow of a heavenly reality. (Hebrews 8:5) "They offer worship in a sanctuary that is a sketch and shadow of the heavenly one; for Moses, when he was about to erect the tent, was warned, "See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain." (Hebrews 8:5)

The Seven Feasts Each Point Specifically To The Birth, Life, Death, And Final Resurrection Of Christ.

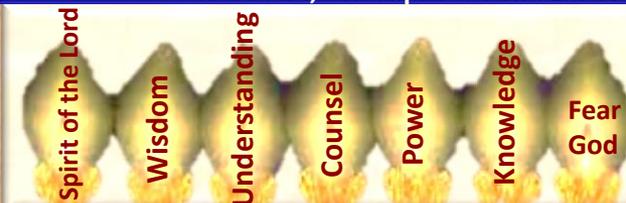


The Menorah has seven lights which remind us that seven is the number of God – He made the world in seven days. God also set up seven feasts for His people to celebrate through the year. Christ Has fulfilled 5 of the Feasts. (Passover, Unleavened, Firstfruits, Pentecost and Atonement) The Lampstand signifies the past present and the future; "I Am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, Who is and Who was and Who is to come, the Almighty." (Revelation 1:8)

What Was

What Is to Come

Jesus Said, "The Spirit Of The Lord Is Upon Me."



Isaiah 11:2, says, "The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him — the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and

of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD." When we abide in Christ we will grow in these 7 areas through the power of the Holy Spirit. "These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned." (1 Corinthians 2:10-14) At the beginning of Jesus' ministry He quoted from the book of Isaiah, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:18,19) Proverbs chapter 1 reads: "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction." Without properly respecting God and His authority as sovereign Creator, one cannot start to grasp Godly knowledge. There are many skeptics, atheists and scholars who have read the Bible, cover to cover, but still do not understand it."