

THE TABERNACLE IN THE WILDERNESS

Part 5: 'The Holy Place And The Lampstand'

Reading: Numbers 8:1 - 4

Introduction

- The '*Holy Place*' was only for the priests to enter.
- A rectangular chamber 10 x 10 x 20 cubits: 2,000 cubits cubed.
- Sides of acacia wood overlaid with gold.
- A veil at the far end concealed the '*Holy of Holies*'.
- The '*Holy Place*' was home to –
 - (i) the Lampstand (Menorah);
 - (ii) the Table of Showbread; and
 - (iii) the Altar of Incense.

1 The MAKING of the Lampstand

- No Biblical measurements.
- Tradition: 5 feet tall and 3½ feet wide.
- Constructed from solid piece of gold weighing 43 Kg.
- Central stem from which protruded 6 branches.
- At top of stem and branches an oil lamp was placed.
- All parts counted together made 66.

2 The MAINTENANCE of the Lampstand

- Lamps never to go out. [Exodus 27:20]
- Wicks trimmed and oil replenished each day. [Exodus 30:7]

3 The MEANING of the Lampstand

Remember: The Tabernacle and Furnishings are Types/Pictures.

(i) The Lord Jesus Christ

- Made of precious gold. [1 Peter 2:7]
- Seven lamps: 7 is the number of perfection.
Christ is Perfect Man and Perfect God.
- Made of '**beaten**' or '**hammered**' gold.
For Christ's work to be realized,
He was beaten beyond belief.
[Matthew 26:67]; [Matthew 27:26]; [Isaiah 52:14]
- '**I am the Light of the world**'. [John 8:12]

(ii) The Scriptures of Truth

- Sixty-six parts made a whole Lampstand,
Sixty-six Books make a complete Bible. [Psalm 119:105]
- His Word chases away the darkness of ignorance and error.
- Satan is constantly attempting to extinguish the lamps.
- '**post tenebras lux**'.

(ii) The Believer and the Church

- See [Matthew 5:14] and [Revelation 1:20]
- Shine where God has placed you.
- We shine in three ways –
 - a) by making known His Gospel;
 - b) by being upright in character (trim the wicks and have a constant supply of fresh oil);
 - c) by doing good to all. [Matthew 5:14]

Finally –

- Everything in the Holy Place is by design – not by accident.
- The 2,000 cubits cubed is a picture of the church age.
Imagine no Lampstand in the Holy Place!
- He has called us to light up our age.

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