

Exodus –Part 14 (Chapter 25:31-40)

The Golden Lampstand

Exo 25:31 "Make a lampstand of pure gold. Hammer out its base and shaft, and make its flowerlike cups, buds and blossoms of one piece with them.

Exo 25:32 Six branches are to extend from the sides of the lampstand--three on one side and three on the other.

Exo 25:33 Three cups shaped like almond flowers with buds and blossoms are to be on one branch, three on the next branch, and the same for all six branches extending from the lampstand.

Exo 25:34 And on the lampstand there are to be four cups shaped like almond flowers with buds and blossoms.

Exo 25:35 One bud shall be under the first pair of branches extending from the lampstand, a second bud under the second pair, and a third bud under the third pair--six branches in all.

Exo 25:36 The buds and branches shall all be of one piece with the lampstand, hammered out of pure gold.

Exo 25:37 "Then make its **seven lamps** and set them up on it so that they light the space in front of it.

Exo 25:38 Its wick trimmers and trays are to be of pure gold.

Exo 25:39 A talent of pure gold is to be used for the lampstand and all these accessories.

Exo 25:40 See that you make them according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.

- Exodus 25:31-40 describes the design of the menorah(Gold Lampstand), symbolizing God's presence and light.
- The New Testament presents Jesus as the light of the world (John 8:12), fulfilling the symbolism of the menorah.

John 8:12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

- The menorah's(Golden Lampstand) seven lamps can be seen as a foreshadowing of the seven churches in Revelation (Revelation 1:20).

Rev 1:20 The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the **seven lampstands are the seven churches**.

- The craftsmanship of the menorah(Golden Lampstand) reflects the divine artistry seen in Christ's creation and ministry.
- The call to worship in the tabernacle connects to the New Testament emphasis on worshipping God in spirit and truth (John 4:24).

John 4:23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

John 4:24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

- The detailed instructions for the menorah highlight God's desire for order and beauty in worship, echoed in the New Testament church practices.
- While the Old Testament focuses on physical sacrifices in a specific place, the New Testament emphasizes an all-encompassing lifestyle of worship, empowered by the Holy Spirit, transcending borders and rituals, making every moment and place an opportunity to honor God.
- **Rom 12:1** Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God--this is your true and proper worship.
- **Rom 12:2** Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.