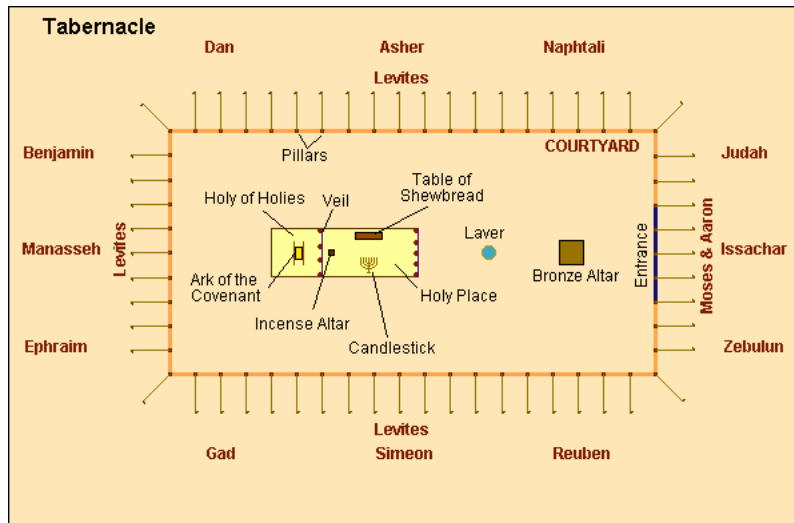


Doctrine of the Lampstand

1. The lampstand is also called the candlestick.
2. The lampstand, like all of the implements of the Temple and **Tabernacle**, was a training aid to teach doctrine to all who would come and listen to the Levite priest.



2. The lampstand was made of gold to a detailed specification.

Exo 25:31 "Make a lampstand of pure gold and hammer it out, base and shaft; its flowerlike cups, buds and blossoms shall be of one piece with it.

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 37:17 They made the lampstand of pure gold and hammered it out, base and shaft; its flowerlike cups, buds and blossoms were of one piece with it.

Exo 37:18 Six branches extended from the sides of the lampstand--three on one side and three on the other.

Exo 37:19 Three cups shaped like almond flowers with buds and blossoms were on one branch, three on the next branch and the same for all six branches extending from the lampstand.

Exo 37:20 And on the lampstand were four cups shaped like almond flowers with buds and blossoms.

Exo 37:21 One bud was 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 37:22 The buds and the branches were all of one piece with the lampstand, hammered out of pure gold.

Exo 37:23 They made its seven lamps, as well as its wick trimmers and trays, of pure gold.

Exo 37:24 They made the lampstand and all its accessories from one talent of pure gold.

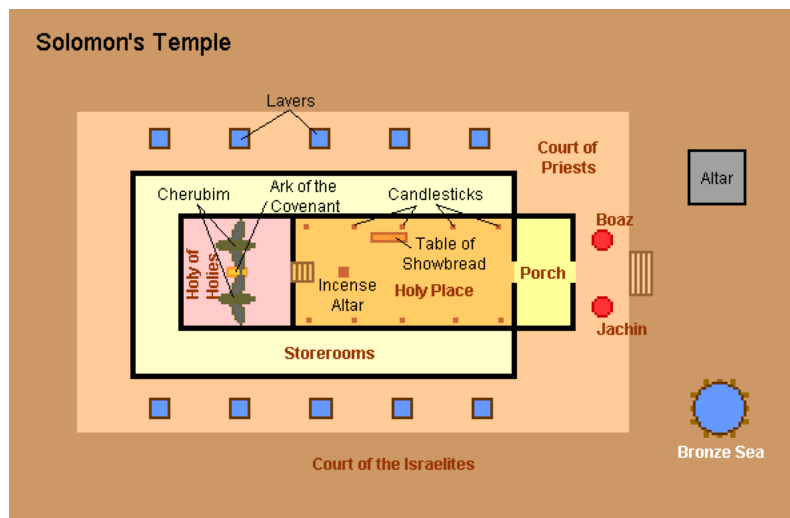
4. There were seven branches with six of the branches joined to a central branch centered in middle of the seven, i.e., there were three on each side of the central branch.

4.1. The central branch represents our Lord Jesus Christ.

4.2. The six branches represent mankind.

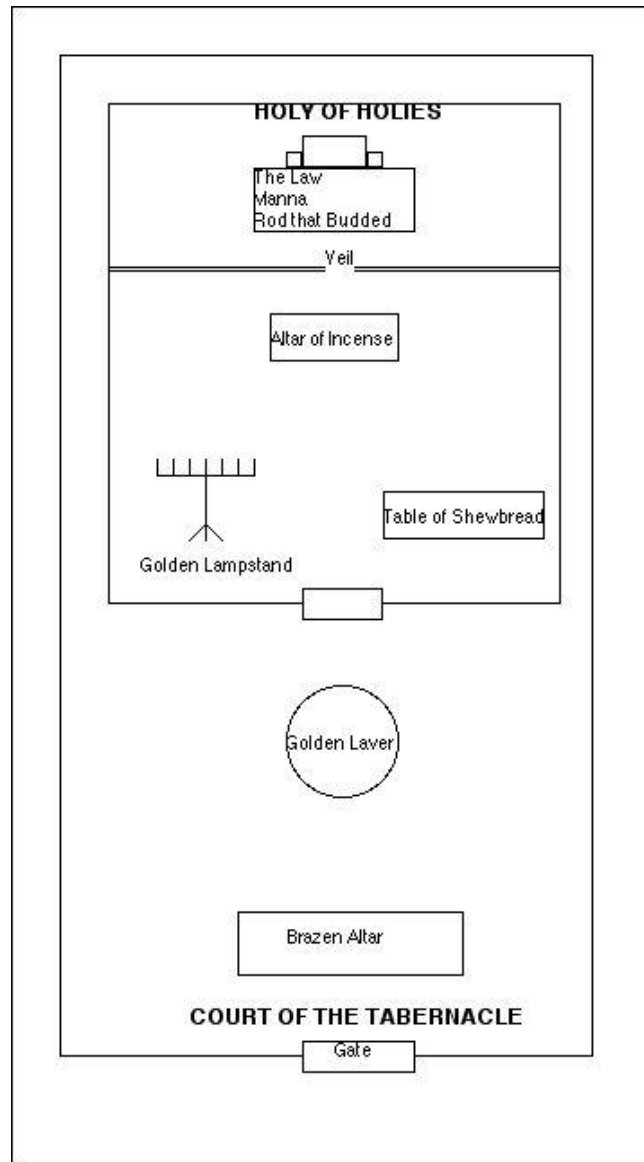
4.3. The six branches joined to the central branch represent the believer joined in union with Christ.

5. Christ is the light of the world and the only light found in the Tabernacle or **Temple**; a symbol of Christ as the Light of the World.



Joh 1:5 The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.
 Joh 1:6 There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John.
 Joh 1:7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe.
 Joh 1:8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.
 Joh 1:9 The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

5.1. The Holy Place represents the believer's world and the Holy of Holies represents Heaven.



5.1.1 The courtyard or outer court represents the world of the unbelievers.

5.2. The only light in the Holy Place comes from the lampstand.

5.3. Jesus is, as noted, the Light of the world.

Joh 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.

6. Each of the six branches has a light, and we are little lights, witnesses to the world.

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

Mat 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

6.1. The same is true for us in the Church Age.

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

7. The central branch received its energy from a pot of oil built into the lamp.

7.1. The oil represents the Holy Spirit, who would sustain Christ during his incarnation.

8. The six branches also had sources of oil, and represent the sustaining ministry of the Holy Spirit for each of us.

9. Let me provide a schematic of the Tabernacle and then I want to provide a few points about oil as it is used in Scripture. As you review the schematic, keep in mind the outer court represents the world and the Holy Place represents the believer in the world being supported by logistical grace--the table of showbread and Christ as the light of the world. The golden censor represents the prayers of the believer priest--a sweet smell to God. The Holy of Holies represents heaven where God sits on His throne. There are many other doctrines taught by the accouterments of the Tabernacle/Temple but beyond the purview of our study.

9.1. Oil provides light, thereby revealing things.

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

9.2. Oil was used for healing, and the Holy Spirit heals, both physically and spiritually.

Luk 10:34 - And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

9.3. Oil was used in the ancient world:

9.3.1. To eliminate friction - so does the Holy Spirit in our lives.

9.3.2. For a source of energy - so does the Holy Spirit for our production of Divine Good.

9.3.3. By athletes for invigoration - so the Holy Spirit for us.

9.3.4. To adorn and make beautiful - so the Holy Spirit for us.

9.3.5. To polish and remove rough edges - so the Holy Spirit for us.

10. The wick draws the oil from the lamp, and is burned. The wicks were removed by the priest, and placed in a golden box.

10.1. The wicks represent divine good.

10.2. The principle is also established by the removal of the wicks that there must be continual production from the oil, just as we cannot rest on our laurels, we must keep taking in the Word, in order to keep on producing Divine Good.

11. Other figurative uses of the word lamp:

11.1. The Word of God.

Psa 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Pro 6:23 For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

11.2 God's sovereignty and deliverance.

Gen 15:17 And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces.

Isa 62:1 For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth.

11.3 David's leadership of Israel.

2Sa 21:17 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah succored him, and smote the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David swore unto him, saying, Thou shalt go no more out with us to battle, that thou quench not the light of Israel.

11.4 Divine guidance.

2Sa 22:29 For thou art my lamp, O Lord: and the Lord will lighten my darkness.

Psa 18:28 For thou wilt light my candle: the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness.

11.5. The Spirit of the Lord.

Pro 20:27 The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

12. In conclusion then the Light of the World, Who is Jesus is the only light in the Tabernacle and/or Temple.

13. The sustaining ministry to Christ by God the Holy Spirit is also portrayed in this teaching liturgy of the lampstand.

14. In our verse the "seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth" represent God the Holy Spirit in His mission to glorify the Incarnate Christ; furthermore such representation teaches that He the Lamb possesses the power of the divine precursor and facilitator - God the Holy Spirit.

15. As the grand old preacher J. Vernon has said "As lamb He is Savior; as lamb He is judge." But Jesus could not have done it alone; He was aided and abetted by "God the Holy Spirit sent forth by the Father into all the earth."