

The Candlestick



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. 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: 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. And in the candlestick shall be four bowls made like unto almonds, with their knops and their flowers. And there shall be 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. Their knops and their branches shall be of the same: all it shall be one beaten work of pure gold.

And thou shalt make the seven lamps thereof: and they shall light the lamps thereof, that they may give light over against it. And the tongs thereof, and the snuffdishes thereof, shall be of pure gold. Of a talent of pure gold shall he make it, with all these vessels. And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount. Exodus 25:31-40

The Candlestick was a golden lampstand that held seven lamps. Although the exact dimensions are not given in the Bible, we can get an estimate of its size from the Arch of Titus in Rome which shows Roman soldiers carrying the spoils of the Temple of Jerusalem after it was captured by Titus in A.D. 70.



The lamps were trimmed and refilled with oil every morning and evening so that they were always kept burning, providing light in the Holy Place.

What was the entire Candlestick made of?
Exodus 25:31

What does gold represent?
Revelation 3:18; 1 Peter 1:7

Throughout most of history, gold has been considered the most valuable of all metals. It can represent the most valuable of the fruits of the Spirit. What did Paul describe as the greatest, most important, quality for a Christian to have?
1 Corinthians 13:13

The Candlestick was designed as a central shaft with three branches coming out of each side. What do branches represent?
John 15:5

There were parts of the Candlestick that were formed to look like flowers. Flowers develop into fruit. The almond was the fruit represented on the Candlestick. What are the fruits God wants us develop with the help of the Holy Spirit?
Galatians 5:22, 23

What level of fruit quality does He want developed in us?
Matthew 7:17; John 15:16

How many lamps did the Candlestick have?
Exodus 25:37

Seven is the number that symbolizes perfection and completeness.

What did Jesus say about Himself?
John 8:12

What does this Light do for us?
2 Corinthians 4:6

What did Jesus say was His purpose in coming into the world?
John 18:37

What did Jesus promise that the Holy Spirit would do for us?

... *he will* _____ *into all* _____ : ... John 16:13

... *he shall* _____ *all things, and bring all things to* _____ ,

whatsoever I have said unto you. John 14:26

Since we haven't seen, heard, or even imagined the deep things of God, how can we learn about them? 1 Corinthians 2:9, 10

When we are in the dark, there is much that we cannot see or know about what is going on around us. Darkness is like ignorance, not knowing or understanding reality. Satan has spread many lies about God and His ways and most people in this world are in spiritual confusion or total ignorance about God. God wants us to know the truth. The light of the Candlestick was a symbol of **knowledge and truth that come to us through Jesus and the Holy Spirit.**

What does the whole candlestick represent?
Revelation 4:5

On the Day of Pentecost, tongues of fire came down on the people of God. This is like the tongues of fire that burned continually on the Candlestick in the Holy Place. This represents the Spirit of God which brings life and light to men.

We want the Holy Spirit to be present in our lives. Ask God today to send His Spirit into your heart so you can light the corner of the world you live in.