

Lesson 9

Light at the Candlestick

The golden lamp stand, also known as the candlestick, was one of the most beautiful pieces of the tabernacle furnishings.

The purpose of the golden candlestick was more than merely to provide light for the priests to move about. It was to reveal. It revealed the table of shewbread, the altar of incense and the cherubim on the linen covering and the vail. The value and the meaning of the other objects in the Holy Place were illuminated by the lamp stand. Perhaps no other object associated with the tabernacle has so much quantity and variety of meaning as does this lamp stand.



The golden candlestick was made of _____ and weighed about 100 pounds. (Exodus 25:31-40).

There are no dimensions, but Jewish tradition assumes it stood about _____ feet high.

The value of the gold alone is nearly \$_____.

The _____ was the base. It has _____ branches. One branch stood vertical out of the base, and three branches extended out of each side.

There were _____ lamps on the tops of the stems. The fuel for the lamps was _____ oil.

It was located on the south wall in the _____.

When it was transported, it was covered with a _____ cloth and then badgers' skins. (Numbers 4:9-10).

The light of the candlestick represented _____ as the Light of the world.

The candlestick was in the shape of an _____ tree.



**“I am the
light of the
world: he that
followeth me
shall not walk
in darkness, but
shall have the
light of life.”
- Jesus
(John 8:12)**



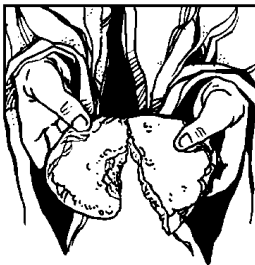
Keep the Light Burning

The schedule for servicing the candlestick corresponded to the morning and evening burnt sacrifices on the brazen altar. Every morning, exactly at 9:00 a.m., a priest, in behalf of the whole nation, would kill a lamb as a whole burnt offering. Since evening began at 3:00 p.m., that was the exact time that the afternoon burnt offering of a lamb was also offered on the altar in behalf of the whole nation. These two burnt offerings were offered at this precise time every day of the week.

While the animals were being slain at the altar, another priest would be inside the Holy Place trimming the wicks on the lamps. He would replenish the olive oil in the lamps, and if necessary replace the worn wicks.

The golden candlestick was ornamented as an almond tree with buds, blossoms and almonds.

It represented the resurrection of Christ being the first tree to bud out in the spring.



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- 1). Would we not conclude that those who do not follow Jesus Christ walk in darkness?
- 2). Is it possible for Christians to know and walk in the truth?
- 3). What great phenomenon occurred while Jesus was on the cross that proved He was the light of the world?
- 4). Which would have been more sensational, for Jesus to have stepped down from the cross, or to remain there until He was dead, to be buried and then on the third day raise Himself from the dead?
- 5). Can you honestly say that you personally know and walk in the truth?