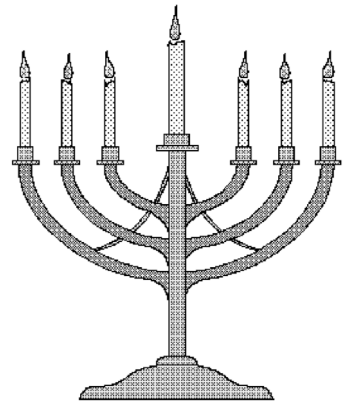


**Tabernacle Treasures - The Golden Candlestick - Perception - Exo. 25:31-40, 27:20-21, & Lev. 24:1-4**

As we have been studying, the Tabernacle had 3 basic divisions: **The Outer Court (94%), the Inner Court (The Holy Place, 4%), and the Holiest Place (The Holy of Holies, 2%)**. Once you enter the Outer Court, the first thing you come to is the **Brasen Altar**, which represents **Propitiation**. The next piece of furniture is the **Brasen Laver**, which represents **Purification**. At the altar, we are justified, but at the laver, we are sanctified! Tonight, we are entering The Holy Place, and looking over to the left-hand side. The Outer Court had natural light coming in, but the Holy Place is enclosed by a curtain, and needed some type of light. The only way the priests could see anything inside the Holy Place was because of the light shining from the **Golden Candlestick**, which represents **Perception**. The purpose of the candlestick was to give light. Light represents what is good, pure, holy, and true. John 3:19. Only the believer can enter into light and fellowship and communion with God. **The Outer Court** represents the flesh (the body), the world, and Jesus; **The Holy Place** represents the spirit of man, the Church, and the Holy Ghost; **The Holiest Place** represents the soul, Heaven, and God the Father.

**1. The Illumination of the Candlestick - The Light, Exo. 25:37 & Lev. 24:2**

Where does Light come from? Gen. 1:1-3, 16. The Sun represents Jesus, and He always shines. The Moon represents the Church, as she is merely a reflection of the Sun! The Stars represent the individual Christians. John 9:5; John 8:12; Mat. 5:14-16; Rev. 1:9-13, 17-20; 2:1; 3:20. The seven candlesticks are the seven churches. Isa. 11:1-2. During the Church Age, Jesus went from *walking in the midst* to *being on the outside knocking*. How? Rev. 2:4-5. It is a slippery slope away from God the moment you leave your first love and begin loving someone or something more than you love God! We need to **Remember** the honeymoon type of love we once had for Jesus, and **Repent**, or else He will come and **Remove** the light! We are getting used to the dark, and it is darker now than it ever has been because the lights have quit shining! 2 Cor. 4:4; Prov. 4:18.



**2. The Ingredient of the Candlestick - The Oil, Exo. 27:20 & Lev. 24:2**

All throughout the Bible, the oil is a type of the Holy Ghost! Mat. 25:1-13. The only difference between the wise and the foolish virgins was one word, *oil*. They all had on wedding garments, they all looked and acted just alike, they were all there for the same purpose, but only half of them had the oil. Rom. 8:9. At the midnight hour, it isn't going to matter who has the biggest house, the fanciest car, the most money, but what will matter is whether or not you've got the oil! Laws of Magnetic Field Illustration. Saul & David's anointing. 1 Sam. 10:1; 16:1, 7, 11-13. That's the one! That's my giant killer! He's got the ability, he's got the potential, and he's even going to get the opportunity - but that's not enough - he needs the oil! The *horn of oil*, not a *vial of oil*. It was God-made, not man-made. The Law of the Cleansing of the Leper. Lev. 14:10-18. Everywhere the blood went, the oil went! *Be of sin the double cure - save from wrath and make me pure!*

**3. The Instructions for the Candlestick - The Continual Burning, Exo. 27:21 & Lev. 24:3-4**

It was the priests' duty evening and morning to keep the lamp trimmed and burning by putting in fresh olive oil. Psa. 92:10; Eph. 5:18; Acts 4:31, 6:5, 7:55, 11:24. We need to be FILLED with the Spirit. Daily the priests removed any dead material from the wick that might prevent the light from shining brightly. Christians are the wick of God, standing between the oil and the light. When the light is shining brightly, the wick is not seen, but if the light goes out, only the black charred wick is noticed. If our wick is defective, the oil of the Spirit is unable to flow through us, causing the light of Christ to flicker dimly and finally die out. When a wick is not trimmed, it does not burn well, the light isn't efficient, and the globe gets dirty and black. What we need more than anything in these Last Days is a fresh touch from God, to keep our lamps trimmed and burning, and our light shining bright for the Lord Jesus Christ! 1 John 1:7.