

### **“A Brilliant Pointer Toward the True Light”**

The “Immanuel Principle” is particularly clear in the symbol of the golden lampstand. Do we see how Jesus Christ perfectly fulfills what is being represented? Let’s not miss the other important truth pictured in the Menorah.

#### Exodus 25-40

The Instructions given for the Tabernacle by God (chs. 25-31)

The Covenant Broken, then in Mercy Renewed (32-34)

The Construction of the Tabernacle according to God’s plan (35-40)

+ *Do we live like we are independent, autonomous beings? Or have we understood that we are dependent, created beings with a Good God who instructs us in the way of life?*

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#### The Lord reveals to Moses instructions for His dwelling among His people (25-31)

- + From the Most Holy Place to the Holy Place, then the outer court
  - + Three important pieces of furniture found in the sanctuary
  - + The LORD keeps His covenant promises
- † What love and mercy for the Lord God to call a people to Himself, redeem them and dwell among them!
- + God delights to meet with His people and designs a sanctuary for us to enjoy communion with Him.

#### The Lampstand (25:31-36, 38-39)

- the materials
  - the shape
  - the ornaments decorating it
  - the care of it
- ▶ *WHAT DOES THIS REPRESENT?*
- † Do we see a picture of the tree of life?
- † Paradise had been lost, do we desire to regain that sacred space and time?
- † Do we understand that without the Lord we walk in darkness?

#### The Oil for the Seven Lamps (27:20-21)

- “pure beaten olive oil”

- provided by the people
- it is to be kept burning from evening to morning (see also Lev. 24:1-4)
- ▶ *WHAT IS BEING COMMUNICATED HERE?*

† The Living God never sleeps (Ps. 121:4)

### **The placement of the Lampstand**

- + Ex. 25:37 & 26:35
- + Ex. 27:21 & Leviticus 24:3-4
- + Outside the veil
- + Before the LORD
- + Aaron and his sons shall tend it
- ▶ God's dwelling place, our meeting place
- ▶ The role of the priests

† **Exalt Jesus our Great High Priest!**

† **Do you understand how much we need the Light of Life?!**

### **Ex. 37:17-24 The blueprint followed exactly**

- ★ Our Lord designed a beautiful, ornamental lampstand that demanded great artistic skill to fashion. What place do we have for using those kind of creative gifts from God for His glory and the blessing of others?

***Do you see how Jesus is the true light of life?***

***Have you experienced the Holy Spirit illuminating your heart?***

***What difference does it make when you read God's Word?***