

Winter Conference 2023/2024

The Golden Lampstands (for week of January 21, 2024)

Message Two The Golden Lampstands

- I. **The lampstand in Exodus, a picture of God's work producing a shining testimony**
 - a. **With six branches and a central shaft**
 - b. **With almond bulbs and flowers**
 - c. **Shaped like an almond tree**
 - i. **Full of life**
 - ii. **Full of the authority of life**

³¹"Then you shall make a lampstand of pure gold. The lampstand and its base and its shaft are to be made of hammered work; its cups, its bulbs and its flowers shall be of one piece with it. ³²"Six branches shall go out from its sides; three branches of the lampstand from its one side and three branches of the lampstand from its other side. ³³"Three cups shall be shaped like almond blossoms in the one branch, a bulb and a flower, and three cups shaped like almond blossoms in the other branch, a bulb and a flower—so for six branches going out from the lampstand; ³⁴and in the lampstand four cups shaped like almond blossoms, its bulbs and its flowers. ³⁵"A bulb shall be under the first pair of branches coming out of it, and a bulb under the second pair of branches coming out of it, and a bulb under the third pair of branches coming out of it, for the six branches coming out of the lampstand. Exodus 25:31-35

d. **Hammered work of one piece**

³⁶"Their bulbs and their branches shall be of one piece with it; all of it shall be one piece of hammered work of pure gold. Exodus 25:36

²²Their bulbs and their branches were of one piece with it; the whole of it was a single hammered work of pure gold. Exodus 37:22

e. **The seven lamps shed light on the space in front of the lampstand**

³⁷"Then you shall make its lamps seven in number; and they shall mount its lamps so as to shed light on the space in front of it. Exodus 25:37

f. God's divine work is to care for the shining of the lights

³⁸“Its snuffers and their trays shall be of pure gold. ³⁹“It shall be made from a talent of pure gold, with all these utensils. ⁴⁰“See that you make them after the pattern for them, which was shown to you on the mountain. Exodus 25:31–40

g. The lampstand is a symbol of the shining testimony of the Father, Son, and Spirit. The oil points to the Spirit, the gold points to the divine nature of the Father, and the shape points to the Son.