

Exodus 25:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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:

Analysis

The lampstand's organic design: shaft, branches, bowls (flower-shaped), knobs (bulbs), and flowers—like an almond tree. The almond tree was called the 'wakeful tree' (שָׁמֵד, shaqed, 'watching/wakeful') for its early blooming (Jeremiah 1:11-12), symbolizing God's watchful presence and quick response. The lampstand as a living tree represents Christ—rooted in God (shaft), branching to His people (branches), bearing fruit (flowers), providing light continually.

Historical Context

The almond tree bloomed in late winter, first to wake from dormancy. Aaron's rod that budded was almond wood (Numbers 17:8), confirming God's chosen priesthood. The lampstand's tree form connected temple worship to Eden's tree of life.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does Christ as the 'tree of light' provide both life and illumination?
2. What does God's 'watchful' (almond tree) presence mean for your daily walk?

Interlinear Text

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מִצְדָּךְ	הַ	מִצְדָּךְ	הַ	מִצְדָּךְ	הַ	מִצְדָּךְ	הַ
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