

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), knops (bulbs), and flowers—like an almond tree. The almond tree was called the 'wakeful tree' (אֲזֵזִי, 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

וְשֵׁשׁ הַ	קָנִי י	יֵצְא ים	מִצַּד הַ	וְשִׁלְשָׁה	קָנִי י
And six	branches	shall come	out of the sides	and three	branches
H8337	H7070	H3318	H6654	H7969	H7070
מִנֶּחֱ הַ	מִצַּד הַ	הָאֶחָד	וְשִׁלְשָׁה	קָנִי י	
of the candlestick	out of the sides	out of the one	and three	branches	
H4501	H6654	H259	H7969	H7070	
מִנֶּחֱ הַ	מִצַּד הַ	הַשֵּׁנִי:			
of the candlestick	out of the sides	out of the other			
H4501	H6654	H8145			