

# 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

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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' (אֲזֵיזָה, 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

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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

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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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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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
מִנֶּכֶּה 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	
מִנֶּכֶּה הַ	מִצַּד הַ	הַשֵּׁנִי:			
of the candlestick	out of the sides	out of the other			
H4501	H6654	H8145			