

Exodus 25:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Three bowls made like unto almonds, with a knop and a flower in one branch; and three bowls made like almonds in the other branch, with a knop and a flower: so in the six branches that come out of the candlestick.

Analysis

Three branches on each side, seven total lamps (six branches plus central shaft). Seven represents completeness, perfection—the Spirit in fullness (Revelation 1:4, 4:5). The symmetrical design (three on each side of the center) shows balanced, complete illumination. The repeating pattern of bowls, knops, and flowers on each branch emphasizes that every extension of light maintains the same character—Christ's light is uniform truth wherever it shines.

Historical Context

Each branch bore almond-blossom decorations (three per branch), creating a unified artistic vision. The seven lamps required daily tending by the priests (Exodus 27:20-21), burning pure olive oil from evening until morning, ensuring perpetual light.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does the sevenfold light represent the Holy Spirit's complete illumination?
2. In what ways does Christ's light maintain consistent character wherever it shines?

Interlinear Text

כְּפִתְּרָה בְּאַפְתָּה בְּקָרְבָּן יְמִינָה וְשָׁלַשׁ הַ
Three bowls made like almonds branch in one with a knop
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בְּאַפְתָּה בְּקָרְבָּן יְמִינָה וְשָׁלַשׁ הַיְלָךְ בְּחַ
and a flower Three bowls made like almonds branch in one
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מִן כִּיאָה יְמִינָה בְּקָרְבָּן יְמִינָה וְשָׁלַשׁ הַ
with a knop and a flower H3651 so in the six branch that come
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בְּמִנְבָּה:
out of the candlestick
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