

Exodus 35:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The hangings of the court, his pillars, and their sockets, and the hanging for the door of the court,

Analysis

The candlestick (הַמְנוּרָה, menorah) provided the only light in the Holy Place, symbolizing God as the source of all illumination and truth. Its design—one central shaft with six branches—represents God's perfect light radiating through His people (Israel as seven branches, the complete number). Beaten from one piece of gold (31:8), it pictures unity and purity. Christ declared Himself the light of the world (John 8:12), and believers are called to be lights bearing witness to Him (Matthew 5:14-16).

Historical Context

The menorah weighed approximately 75 pounds of pure gold and stood about 5 feet tall. Its design included almond blossoms, knops (bulbs), and flowers—decorative elements reflecting the tree of life. It required daily tending with pure beaten olive oil.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does the menorah's design (one piece with seven branches) illustrate both God's unity and His intention for His people to radiate His light?
2. In what ways does the daily tending of the lamps teach about the need for continuous spiritual maintenance and walking in the light?

Interlinear Text

אֵת	קַלְעֵי י	הַחֲצָרָה:	אֵת	עַמֻּדָיו	וְאֵת	אֲדָנֶיהָ
H853	The hangings	of the court	H853	his pillars	H853	and their sockets
	H7050	H2691		H5982		H134
וְאֵת	מִסְכַּן	שַׁעַר	הַחֲצָרָה:			
H853	and the hanging	for the door	of the court			
	H4539	H8179	H2691			

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