

# Exodus 37:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he made the candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work made he the candlestick; his shaft, and his branch, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, were of the same:

## Analysis

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Bezaleel makes the candlestick (menorah, מְנוּרָה) of pure gold—beaten work (מִקְשָׁה, mikshah), hammered from one piece (approximately 75 pounds). This unity (one piece, seven branches) represents God as the singular source of light radiating through His people (Israel as seven branches, completeness). Beaten work implies suffering in formation—Christ, the Light of the World (John 8:12), was 'beaten' (Isaiah 53:5) to provide light to all. The menorah's unified construction teaches that genuine illumination flows from singular divine source, not multiple competing lights.

## Historical Context

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The menorah stood approximately 5 feet tall, weighing about 75 pounds of pure gold—the heaviest single gold item in the tabernacle. It stood in the Holy Place opposite the showbread table, providing the only light in the windowless sanctuary. Priests tended it daily with pure beaten olive oil.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

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

## Study Questions

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1. What does the menorah's beaten work (hammered from one piece) teach about Christ's suffering producing light for all?
2. How does the menorah's design (one piece, seven branches) illustrate God as singular light source radiating through His people?

## Interlinear Text

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וַעֲשֵׂה הָ	אֶת	הַמְּנֹרָה	זָהָב	טָהוֹר	מִקְשָׁה הָ
And he made	H853	he the candlestick	gold	of pure	of beaten work
H6213		H4501	H2091	H2889	H4749
וַעֲשֵׂה הָ	אֶת	הַמְּנֹרָה	יָרְכָהּ	וְקַנֶּהּ הָ	גְּבִיעֵי יְהוָה
And he made	H853	he the candlestick	his shaft	and his branch	his bowls
H6213		H4501	H3409	H7070	H1375
כַּפֹּתָיֶיהָ	וּפְרָחֶיהָ	מִמֶּנָּה	הָיוּ:		
his knops	and his flowers	H4480	H1961		
H3730	H6525				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Hebrews 9:2** (Creation): For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary.

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