

# Exodus 37:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he made his seven lamps, and his snuffers, and his snuffdishes, of pure gold.

## Analysis

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Seven lamps (שבעה, *shiv'ah* neroteiha) represent perfect, complete illumination—the number seven symbolizing wholeness and divine completion throughout Scripture. These lamps, filled with pure beaten olive oil and tended daily, provided continuous light in the windowless Holy Place. The seven-fold light prefigures the seven Spirits of God (Revelation 1:4, 4:5), the complete work of the Holy Spirit illuminating God's people. The menorah's light is Christ; the oil is the Spirit; the trimming is daily devotion maintaining witness.

## Historical Context

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Each lamp was a small oil cup positioned at the end of a branch (six) and atop the central shaft (one), totaling seven. Priests trimmed wicks and replenished oil daily, ensuring continuous burning. The menorah provided the only illumination for priests serving in the Holy Place, making their ministry dependent on maintaining the light.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How do the seven lamps illustrate the Holy Spirit's complete, perfect work of illumination in God's people?
2. What does the daily tending required to maintain the light teach about spiritual disciplines necessary for consistent witness?

## Interlinear Text

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<b>And he made</b>	<b>H853</b>	<b>lamps</b>	<b>H5216</b>	<b>his seven</b>	<b>H7651</b>	<b>and his snuffers</b>
H6213						H4457

  

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<b>gold</b>	<b>of pure</b>					
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