

# Exodus 39:37

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The pure candlestick, with the lamps thereof, even with the lamps to be set in order, and all the vessels thereof, and the oil for light,

## Analysis

The pure candlestick (תְּנוּנָת הַתְּהָר, menorat haTahor, pure lampstand) with lamps 'to be set in order' (לְהַעֲלָת, leha'alot, lit. to cause to ascend—i.e., trimmed and filled) and oil for light provided illumination in the Holy Place. The seven lamps symbolize perfect/complete light; the pure gold signifies divine glory. The phrase 'set in order' teaches that light requires maintenance—priests daily trimmed wicks and replenished oil. Christ, the light of the world (John 8:12), gives perfect illumination. Believers, as lights (Matthew 5:14-16), require Spirit-oil to shine.

## Historical Context

The lampstand's seven lamps burned continually, requiring daily priestly tending (Exodus 27:20-21; Leviticus 24:2-4). The olive oil, pure and beaten (processed), symbolized the Holy Spirit's illumination. The Holy Place's windowless construction meant the lampstand provided the only light.

## Related Passages

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

1. How does the daily lamp tending illustrate that sustained spiritual light requires consistent spiritual disciplines?
2. What does Christ as the perfect light and believers as dependent lights teach about your witness?

## Interlinear Text

נֶר תְּאַת הַמְּנִיר הַפְּטַהְבָּה אַת הַמְּנִיר הַפְּטַהְבָּה אַת הַמְּנִיר הַפְּטַהְבָּה אַת הַמְּנִיר הַפְּטַהְבָּה

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וְמִן	שֶׁמֶן	בְּמִזְרָחָה
H853	<b>thereof and the oil</b>	<b>for light</b>

## Additional Cross-References

**Philippians 2:15** (Light): That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

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