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Numbers Chapter 7 And 8 The Levites And The Lampstand

Last week we spoke about the Nazirite vow and what it meant and how expensive that it was to go through and how important that it was for a person taking a Nazirite vow to stay completely within the confines of what Yehovah had laid out for that person to do and not do. And we mentioned the differences between the vow of a woman verses the vow of a man and why there was a difference between the two.

We also touched on the fact that we see this Nazirite vow being facilitated by the Apostle Paul at the Temple in Acts chapter 21 when he was directed by James and the Elders in Jerusalem to take four men to the Temple and pay for their expenses so that they could make their offerings at the Temple and shave their heads at the end of their vows. And we also talked about the fact that all of these sacrificial offerings will once again be re-established after the return of our Messiah according to the writings of the prophets.

And we also spoke about the Aaronic vow that was put in place by Yehovah and given to Aaron and his sons to bless the people of Israel with the Name of Yehovah God. And we spoke in some detail about how important it is to actually pronounce the name of Yehovah during that blessing because the blessing in of itself was all about putting the name of Yehovah upon his people. Once again... letting them know... and making sure that they were all well aware of who it was that was blessing them.

This week we'll be taking a look at not only how Yehvoah God blessed the house of Israel... but how the house of Israel once again reciprocated that love back to Yehovah God. Once again... just as we've said so many different times throughout

all of our teachings... “love” is a two-way street my friends. It always has been and it always will be. Love does not just come from one party, at least not if there is going to be a union between the two parties. If a union is to be established between two parties, then love must be reciprocal. If one loves... and one gives but the other does not love... and continues to take without giving in return... then there can be no real union between the two. And this is exactly what we see here in the 7th chapter of the book of Numbers.

In the 7th chapter of the book of Numbers we’ll see the house of Israel giving back to Yehovah a plethora of gifts in order to let him know that the blessings that he had just given to them by putting his name upon them was appreciated by not just one tribe but by all 12 tribes of the house of Israel. And to better see that reciprocation of love... let’s take the time to now turn to the book of Numbers and let’s read the book of Numbers for ourselves so that we can know exactly what it does say and just as importantly what it does not say. Let’s turn to the book of **Numbers E1**

Offerings at the Tabernacle's Consecration

Num 7:1 On the day when Moses had finished setting up the tabernacle and had anointed and consecrated it with all its furnishings and had anointed and consecrated the altar with all its utensils,

Num 7:2 the chiefs of Israel, heads of their fathers' houses, who were the chiefs of the tribes, who were over those who were listed, approached

Num 7:3 and brought their offerings before the LORD, **six wagons and twelve oxen, a wagon for every two of the chiefs, and for each one an ox.** They brought them before the tabernacle.

Num 7:4 Then the LORD said to Moses,

Num 7:5 “Accept these from them, that they may be used in the service of the tent of meeting, and give them to the Levites, to each man according to his service.”

Num 7:6 **So Moses took the wagons and the oxen and gave them to the Levites.**

Num 7:7 Two wagons and four oxen he gave to the sons of Gershon, according to their service.

Num 7:8 And four wagons and eight oxen he gave to the sons of Merari, according to their service, under the direction of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

Num 7:9 **But to the sons of Kohath he gave none, because they were charged with the service of the holy things that had to be carried on the shoulder.**

Num 7:10 **And the chiefs offered offerings for the dedication of the altar on the day it was anointed; and the chiefs offered their offering before the altar.**

Num 7:11 **And the LORD said to Moses, “They shall offer their offerings, one chief each day, for the dedication of the altar.”**

Num 7:12 He who offered his offering the first day was Nahshon the son of Amminadab,

of the tribe of Judah.

Num 7:13 And his offering was one silver plate whose weight was 130 shekels, one silver basin of 70 shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

Num 7:14 one golden dish of 10 shekels, full of incense;

Num 7:15 one bull from the herd, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;

Num 7:16 one male goat for a sin offering;

Num 7:17 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

Num 7:18 On the second day Nethanel the son of Zuar, the chief of Issachar, made an offering.

Num 7:19 He offered for his offering one silver plate whose weight was 130 shekels, one silver basin of 70 shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

Num 7:20 one golden dish of 10 shekels, full of incense;

Num 7:21 one bull from the herd, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;

Num 7:22 one male goat for a sin offering;

Num 7:23 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Nethanel the son of Zuar.

Num 7:24 On the third day Eliab the son of Helon, the chief of the people of Zebulun:

Num 7:25 his offering was one silver plate whose weight was 130 shekels, one silver basin of 70 shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

Num 7:26 one golden dish of 10 shekels, full of incense;

Num 7:27 one bull from the herd, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;

Num 7:28 one male goat for a sin offering;

Num 7:29 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Eliab the son of Helon.

Num 7:30 On the fourth day Elizur the son of Shedeur, the chief of the people of Reuben:

Num 7:31 his offering was one silver plate whose weight was 130 shekels, one silver basin of 70 shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

Num 7:32 one golden dish of 10 shekels, full of incense;

Num 7:33 one bull from the herd, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;

Num 7:34 one male goat for a sin offering;

Num 7:35 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Elizur the son of Shedeur.

Num 7:36 On the fifth day Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, the chief of the people of Simeon:

Num 7:37 his offering was one silver plate whose weight was 130 shekels, one silver basin of 70 shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

Num 7:38 one golden dish of 10 shekels, full of incense;

Num 7:39 one bull from the herd, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;

Num 7:40 one male goat for a sin offering;

Num 7:41 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

Num 7:42 On the sixth day Eliasaph the son of Deuel, the chief of the people of Gad:

Num 7:43 his offering was one silver plate whose weight was 130 shekels, one silver basin of 70 shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

Num 7:44 one golden dish of 10 shekels, full of incense;

Num 7:45 one bull from the herd, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;

Num 7:46 one male goat for a sin offering;

Num 7:47 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

Num 7:48 On the seventh day Elishama the son of Ammihud, the chief of the people of Ephraim:

Num 7:49 his offering was one silver plate whose weight was 130 shekels, one silver basin of 70 shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

Num 7:50 one golden dish of 10 shekels, full of incense;

Num 7:51 one bull from the herd, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;

Num 7:52 one male goat for a sin offering;

Num 7:53 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Elishama the son of Ammihud.

Num 7:54 On the eighth day Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, the chief of the people of Manasseh:

Num 7:55 his offering was one silver plate whose weight was 130 shekels, one silver basin of 70 shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

Num 7:56 one golden dish of 10 shekels, full of incense;

Num 7:57 one bull from the herd, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;

Num 7:58 one male goat for a sin offering;

Num 7:59 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats,

and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

Num 7:60 On the ninth day Abidan the son of Gideoni, the chief of the people of Benjamin:

Num 7:61 his offering was one silver plate whose weight was 130 shekels, one silver basin of 70 shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

Num 7:62 one golden dish of 10 shekels, full of incense;

Num 7:63 one bull from the herd, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;

Num 7:64 one male goat for a sin offering;

Num 7:65 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Abidan the son of Gideoni.

Num 7:66 On the tenth day Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, the chief of the people of Dan:

Num 7:67 his offering was one silver plate whose weight was 130 shekels, one silver basin of 70 shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

Num 7:68 one golden dish of 10 shekels, full of incense;

Num 7:69 one bull from the herd, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;

Num 7:70 one male goat for a sin offering;

Num 7:71 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

Num 7:72 On the eleventh day Pagiel the son of Ochrán, the chief of the people of Asher:

Num 7:73 his offering was one silver plate whose weight was 130 shekels, one silver basin of 70 shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

Num 7:74 one golden dish of 10 shekels, full of incense;

Num 7:75 one bull from the herd, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;

Num 7:76 one male goat for a sin offering;

Num 7:77 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Pagiel the son of Ochrán.

Num 7:78 On the twelfth day Ahira the son of Enan, the chief of the people of Naphtali:

Num 7:79 his offering was one silver plate whose weight was 130 shekels, one silver basin of 70 shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

Num 7:80 one golden dish of 10 shekels, full of incense;

Num 7:81 one bull from the herd, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering;

Num 7:82 one male goat for a sin offering;

Num 7:83 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Ahira the son of Enan.

Num 7:84 This was the dedication offering for the altar on the day when it was anointed, from the chiefs of Israel: twelve silver plates, twelve silver basins, twelve golden dishes,

Num 7:85 each silver plate weighing 130 shekels and each basin 70, all the silver of the vessels 2,400 shekels according to the shekel of the sanctuary,

Num 7:86 the twelve golden dishes, full of incense, weighing 10 shekels apiece according to the shekel of the sanctuary, all the gold of the dishes being 120 shekels;

Num 7:87 all the cattle for the burnt offering twelve bulls, twelve rams, twelve male lambs a year old, with their grain offering; and twelve male goats for a sin offering;

Num 7:88 and all the cattle for the sacrifice of peace offerings twenty-four bulls, the rams sixty, the male goats sixty, the male lambs a year old sixty. This was the dedication offering for the altar after it was anointed.

Num 7:89 And when Moses went into the tent of meeting to speak with the LORD, he heard the voice speaking to him from above the mercy seat that was on the ark of the testimony, from between the two cherubim; and it spoke to him.

Once again, the reciprocation of love can be seen here in the book of Numbers not just individually but corporately as well. Yehvoah was not the only one giving. And even though Yehovah's gifts were greater than theirs... the house of Israel at that time was more than ready to give to the Elohim that had put his name upon them by proving out their good works through obedience so that the Elohim of Israel would know that they were indeed his children and that he was indeed their God.

Today in our time there are those standing behind today's modern-day pulpits who have no concept of what the biblical definition of "love" even is. To them it's all about being once saved always saved and turning God's word into "do as thou wilt is the whole of the law". For them it's all about taking, receiving and being blessed and a god that knows no justice and never gets angry, a god that winks in the eye of sin and transgression because he loves them so much more than he did the prophets who came before them including his only begotten Son who all gave their very lives enduring to the end and conquering over the evil of this world.

They teach that they are saved by the grace of God through faith but... their definition of both "grace" and "faith" are so horribly disfigured and twisted through their own man-made philosophical theologies, denominational dogmas and traditions that they barely have any resemblance of the true "grace" and "faith" found within the context of our God breathed Scripture.

"Grace" to them is something that they demand from a God that they have created

for themselves. An unjust God who knows nothing of justice and right and wrong or good and evil. A God that knows only love and nothing else and who never gets angry or runs out of patience. A God whose words are nothing but a curse. A God who stumbles from the left to the right. A God that changes from yesterday today and tomorrow. A God who has taken a back seat to the Son that he had sent. A God who has retired and is sunbathing in Tahiti and has nothing more to do with his children because he has established a King over them to become their new god. And this new god has established for himself his own Sabbaths and his own feast days and celebrates his own birthdays and has made it all about himself thinking to change the times and the law just as Daniel had prophesied that the beast would do in Daniel chapter 7 verse 25.

I tell you the truth my friends... today's modern day denominational empires could learn a whole lot from the book of Numbers that we are reading from here today. It's too bad that they have erased it from their teachings and have treated it so maliciously and handled it so carelessly. This word of Yehovah God that has been set in infamy forever and throughout our generations by the one true Most High Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob means little if anything to those who believe the lie and think in their small minds that they will be rescued out of the coming persecution that our Messiah has already warned us that we must endure through to the end just as he did if we are to receive the salvation that he promised.

Here in the book of Numbers we see Yehovah God blessing the house of Israel and we immediately see the house of Israel blessing Yehovah God in return with all that they could muster in order to let him know that his mercy and his grace and his love was indeed worth reciprocating. But the greatest gift of all gifts that they gave... was the gift of obedience. Because it is written that the biblical definition of the love of God is that we keep his commandments and that his commandments are not burdensome to us. It has always been through obedience that God knows who does and who does not love him. Faith and love are indeed synonymous. And it is written that our faith fuels our good works. Just as the Apostle James tells us in James chapter 2... faith without works is dead. Just as the body apart from the spirit is dead... so too is faith without works... dead. And where do we find the biblical definition of the love of God by the way? We find the biblical definition of the love of God in the New Testament in 1st John chapter 5 verse 3. **(scrn 1)**

The Biblical Definition of The Love of God:

1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

1Jn 5:3 **For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments.** And his commandments are not burdensome.

Is this what your Pastor is teaching?



Obedience is what our Father in heaven seeks because he knows that it is through obedience that the heart truly speaks, and love is truly shown.

And at the same time on the other side of that coin... you can give him all the burnt offerings you want, and give all the wave offerings that you want and all of the sin offerings the guilt offerings and peace offerings that you want... but if the obedience of a broken spirit and a contrite heart are not first given... then all of these material mechanical things mean nothing and are once again brought to naught. There is absolutely no point in honoring him with our lips while our hearts are far from him.

And so you see, it's not just about obedience alone. Your heart must be in it. You must want to be obedient, and your obedience must not be a burden to you. True love is indeed keeping our Fathers commandments because we love him which causes them not to be a burden to us but a joy to do and to keep. This is the love that our Father is seeking and this is the love that he knows is true.

What do people give to Yehvoah today to show them their love? Do they give as the house of Israel gave? I tell you the truth my friends... God's people have been robbing God for generations and have been supporting nothing but jackals with their

hard-earned money who could care less about the truth of Yehovah God's word. If they give anything at all... they give what is left over and not the first of the fruits of their labor but the last. They give their leftovers not their first fruit. It's a shame how far we have fallen. It's a shame how a man of God must live today in our time. It's a shame how little God's people today actually care and actually show the love that has been freely given to them.

As it has always been the few who do all that they can to make up the difference for the many who selfishly hoard what they have for themselves. There is truly nothing new under the sun. But here in the book of Numbers chapter 7 we see an example of what the house of Israel was meant to be. We see an obedient and joyful people. We see the priests and the workers of the Tabernacle and Yehovah God's word well provided for, as the whole community... the whole body works together to become one body who are not only individually blessed... but also corporately blessed because of what they do as a body. They love not only their Father in heaven... but they love each other which is the second greatest commandment.

And so, it's important to take a close look at all that they had given in Numbers chapter 7 verses 84 through 88 to once again see how the house of Israel reciprocated their love and appreciation for the blessing that Yehovah had just given them. **E2**

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This dedication offering was a significant offering that the house of Israel had amassed and brought before Yehovah because of their obedience and love, and it was at that time that we see in verse 89 that Moses had gone into the tent of meeting to speak with Yehvoah God and he heard the voice of Yehvoah speaking to him

from above the mercy seat that was on the ark of the testimony from between the two cherubim. And once again... I just want to make mention of the fact that the ark of the testimony is indeed called the “ark of the testimony” and not the “ark of the 10 commandments”. His testimony that included those ten instructions were the index of his Law... his spoken word and everything that he had commanded his chosen set apart people. And that testimony today has been horribly twisted and misunderstood by many of our modern-day Pharisees today who have watered them down and mixed and mingled them with their own philosophies, theologies, dogmas, and traditions.

This “testimony” of Yehovah God when understood properly encompassed every word of Yehvoah God. And this is why it was written that man does not live by bread alone... but by **every word**... by **every word**... that proceeds from the mouth of Yehvoah God. Not just some words... not just half of his words... but by **every word** that proceeds from the mouth of God. And we must remember that it was this exact Scripture that our Messiah himself used against the Devil when he was trying to tempt him. Yeshua Jesus took this Scripture from Deuteronomy chapter 8 verse 3. And it was these Scriptures that came from the book of Deuteronomy that our Messiah used to do battle with the Devil that caused the Devil to flee from him.

Moving forward, I’d like for us to also take the time to read Numbers chapter 8, because Numbers chapter 8 follows right along the same lines as chapter 7. And so, let’s now move forward by reading Numbers chapter 8 for ourselves so that we can know exactly what it says and just as importantly... what it does not say. **Numbers chapter 8 E3**

The Seven Lamps

Num 8:1 Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

Num 8:2 “Speak to Aaron and say to him, When you set up the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light in front of the lampstand.”

Num 8:3 And Aaron did so: he set up its lamps in front of the lampstand, as the LORD commanded Moses.

Num 8:4 And this was the workmanship of the lampstand, hammered work of gold. From its base to its flowers, it was hammered work; according to the pattern that the LORD had shown Moses, so he made the lampstand.

Cleansing of the Levites

Num 8:5 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

Num 8:6 "Take the Levites from among the people of Israel and cleanse them.

Num 8:7 Thus you shall do to them to cleanse them: sprinkle the water of purification upon them, and let them go with a razor over all their body, and wash their clothes and cleanse themselves.

Num 8:8 Then let them take a bull from the herd and its grain offering of fine flour mixed with oil, and you shall take another bull from the herd for a sin offering.

Num 8:9 And you shall bring the Levites before the tent of meeting and assemble the whole congregation of the people of Israel.

Num 8:10 When you bring the Levites before the LORD, the people of Israel shall lay their hands on the Levites,

Num 8:11 and Aaron shall offer the Levites before the LORD as a wave offering from the people of Israel, that they may do the service of the LORD.

Num 8:12 Then the Levites shall lay their hands on the heads of the bulls, and you shall offer the one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering to the LORD to make atonement for the Levites.

Num 8:13 And you shall set the Levites before Aaron and his sons, and shall offer them as a wave offering to the LORD.

Num 8:14 "Thus you shall separate the Levites from among the people of Israel, and the Levites shall be mine.

Num 8:15 And after that the Levites shall go in to serve at the tent of meeting, when you have cleansed them and offered them as a wave offering.

Num 8:16 For they are wholly given to me from among the people of Israel. Instead of all who open the womb, the firstborn of all the people of Israel, I have taken them for myself.

Num 8:17 For all the firstborn among the people of Israel are mine, both of man and of beast. On the day that I struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I consecrated them for myself,

Num 8:18 and I have taken the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the people of Israel.

Num 8:19 And I have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron and his sons from among the people of Israel, to do the service for the people of Israel at the tent of meeting and to make atonement for the people of Israel, that there may be no plague among the people of Israel when the people of Israel come near the sanctuary."

Num 8:20 Thus did Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the people of Israel to the Levites. According to all that the LORD commanded Moses concerning the Levites, the people of Israel did to them.

Num 8:21 And the Levites purified themselves from sin and washed their clothes, and Aaron offered them as a wave offering before the LORD, and Aaron made atonement for them to cleanse them.

Num 8:22 And after that the Levites went in to do their service in the tent of meeting before Aaron and his sons; as the LORD had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so they did to them.

Retirement of the Levites

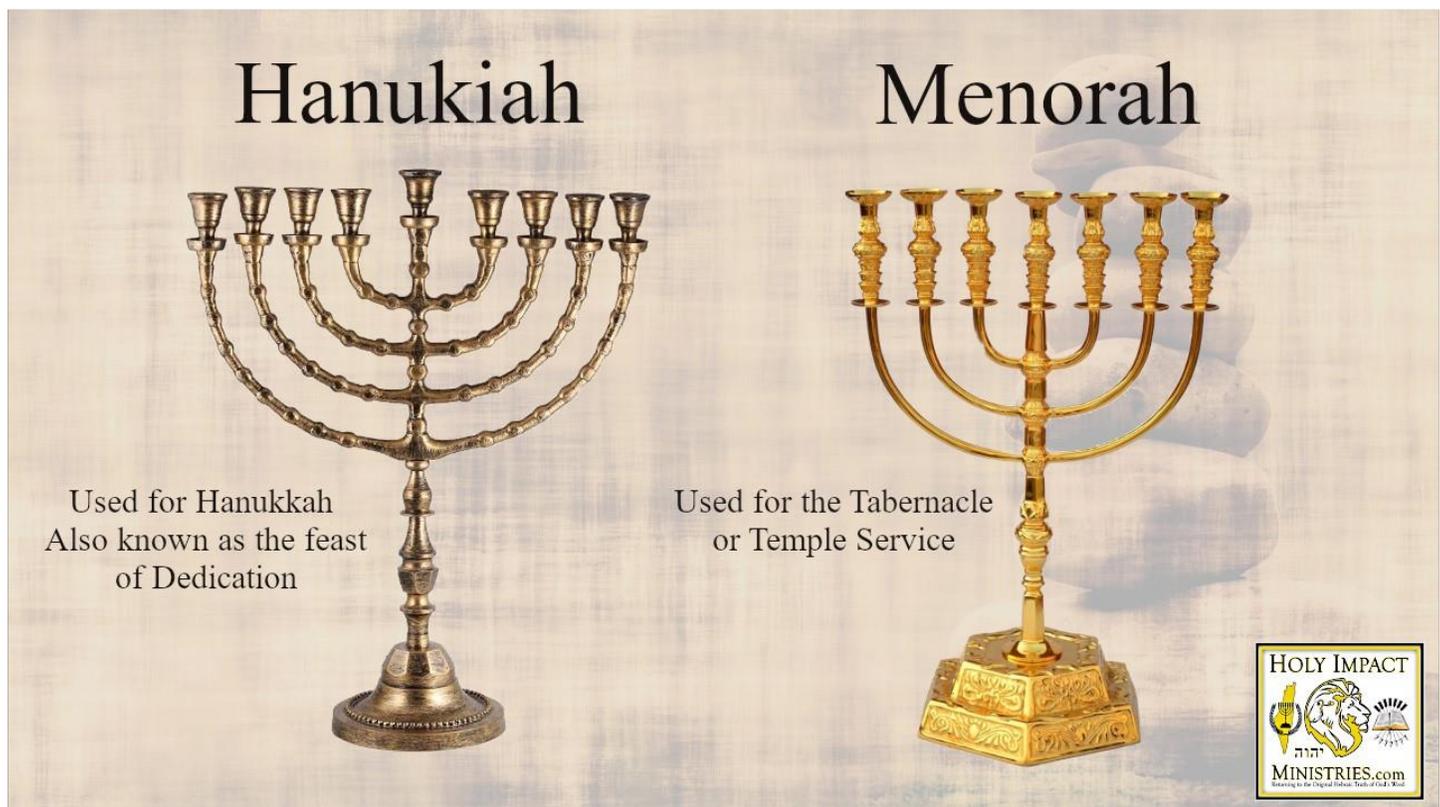
Num 8:23 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

Num 8:24 "This applies to the Levites: from twenty-five years old and upward they shall come to do duty in the service of the tent of meeting.

Num 8:25 And from the age of fifty years they shall withdraw from the duty of the service and serve no more.

Num 8:26 They minister to their brothers in the tent of meeting by keeping guard, but they shall do no service. Thus shall you do to the Levites in assigning their duties."

The first thing that we see mentioned in chapter 8 are the seven lamps of what is known as the Menorah. In fact, the word "candlestick" here in our English Bibles comes from the original Hebrew word "menorah" which means lampstand. (scrn 2)



One thing that I would like to explain before we get to far is the difference between a Menorah and a Hanukiah. The Hanukiah that you see on the left side of this picture is used to celebrate Hanukkah also known as the "Feast of Dedication" that our Messiah was indeed at and did indeed attend in John chapter 10 verses 22 and 23. The very word Hanukkah means "dedication". It has 9 oil lamps at the top of it because they are used to celebrate the eight days that it took the Temple to be cleansed from the desecration of Antiochus Epiphanes during the days of the Maccabees. The center oil lamp was used to light all of the others. The center lamp is known as the "shamash" which once again has to do with obedience (hearing and obeying).

The Menorah on the other hand was the original lampstand commanded by Yehvoah God to light the sanctuary of the Tabernacle and the Temple that we see here in Numbers chapter 8. It only has 7 oil lamps as Yehovah had commanded. The main difference between the Hanukiah and the Menorah is that the Menorah is God ordained and sanctified whereas the Hanukiah is a man-made lampstand not used for Temple service, but to remember the eight days that it took to cleanse the Temple and to restore it back to service after it had been desecrated by a tyrannical ruler.

And so, the “Lampstand” that we’re reading about here in the book of Numbers is the Menorah and not the Hanukiah. Another thing that I will also mention is that it is difficult at best to even get an original representation of what the original Menorah would have looked like. Almost none of today’s pictures and re-creations of the Menorah are as Yehovah had commanded. And so, I’d like us to go back and see what the original Menorah would have looked like as opposed to the pre-manufactured Menorahs that we see depicted in most pictures today. And to do that I’d like us to turn to **Exodus 25:31-40 E4**

The Golden Lampstand

Exo 25:31 “You shall make a lampstand of pure gold. The lampstand shall be made of hammered work: its base, its stem, its cups, its calyxes, and its flowers shall be of one piece with it.

Exo 25:32 And there shall be six branches going out of its sides, three branches of the lampstand out of one side of it and three branches of the lampstand out of the other side of it;

Exo 25:33 three cups made like almond blossoms, each with calyx and flower, on one branch, and three cups made like almond blossoms, each with calyx and flower, on the other branch—so for the six branches going out of the lampstand.

Exo 25:34 And on the lampstand itself there shall be four cups made like almond blossoms, with their calyxes and flowers,

Exo 25:35 and a calyx of one piece with it under each pair of the six branches going out from the lampstand.

Exo 25:36 Their calyxes and their branches shall be of one piece with it, the whole of it a single piece of hammered work of pure gold.

Exo 25:37 You shall make seven lamps for it. And the lamps shall be set up so as to give light on the space in front of it.

Exo 25:38 Its tongs and their trays shall be of pure gold.

Exo 25:39 It shall be made, with all these utensils, out of a talent of pure gold.

Exo 25:40 And see that you make them after the pattern for them, which is being

shown you on the mountain.

And so as you can see... most Menorah's today do not truly resemble the commanded Menorah or "Lampstand" that Yehvoah God had commanded the house of Israel to manufacture to his specifications and I would like us to once again make note of the fact that Yehvoah God was extremely concerned with them creating this Menorah as per his instructions as Moses had been shown on the Mountain.

Today's man-made copies of the Menorah are for the most part made from a gold color and not from once piece of pure gold. They do not have the calyxes or the flowers on them and for all intents and purposes they have no oil reservoirs that would have been needed to burn the beaten olive oil that fueled them. And when it's all said and done... today's cheep replicas of the Menorah are simply put... "cheep replicas" that hardly do justice to what the original Menorah would have looked like or how it would have actually been used.

But this Menorah... this candlestick was indeed extremely important, and this is why Yehovah wanted it to be created in all of its splendor as he had instructed and shown Moses on the Mountain. We must remember that the Menorah or lampstand gave light to the whole sanctuary. It is written that our Messiah is the light of the world. The reason that there were seven lamps built into the lampstand clearly points to the seven assemblies written about in the first three chapters of the book of Revelation. The number seven also always representing Yehovah God's holiness. We must remember that Yehovah rested on the 7th day. It was he and he alone that created the seventh day Sabbath so that we would not only remember... but acknowledge him as the creator of the heavens and the earth. And this is why it is written that his 7th day Sabbath is a sign between him and his chosen set apart people. As we read throughout our God breathed Scripture, we find that the number seven always represents completeness and wholeness.

The number seven symbolizes the obedience of a person who keeps Yehovah's seventh day Sabbath and is marked with a sign between him and them. This very day of rest is literally woven into the fabric of the universe itself and all of creation and this is just one of the reasons that Yehvoah God has commanded his people to keep this most sacred day of the week holy to him and to use it as a day of rest as he did, and to keep it in remembrance of him forever and throughout our generations.

And so, this Menorah... this lampstand is extremely unique in not only it's creation

but also in what it stands for as it gives light to an otherwise dark sanctuary and we could get into a whole study into the Menorah itself and how it is used throughout the Scripture but for times sake simply know this... the lampstand that is spoken of here in the Torah... the first five books of the Bible is indeed another shadow picture... another symbol... another duality of reality that was put into place to not only teach us... but to remind us of the light of the world who is our Messiah and the truth that he came to re-establish with mankind so that mankind could once again return to the Creator that mankind had so long ago been banished from because of his disobedience.

And we must remember that this light that the lampstand gave to the sanctuary was not needed by Yehovah God. It was given for the benefit of men. Yehvoah has no need of light that comes from a fire or the light of day. **Psalms 139:11-12 (scrn 3)**

The Darkness Is Not Dark To You..

Psa 139:11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,"

Psa 139:12 even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.



It is written that our Father in heaven dwells in thick darkness in 1st Kings chapter 8 verse 12. And it is written that he has made darkness around him his canopy, thick clouds, a gathering of water in 2nd Samuel chapter 22 verse 12. And right here in Psalms chapter 139 we're told that there is no such thing as darkness to Yehvoah our Father and why? Because once again my friends... God is not a man. Yehvoah is a Spirit, and he is seeking those to worship him in Spirit and in Truth. And it

should not surprise us that God can see in the darkness as though it were the day. Even many of the animals and beasts of the field that he created can see clearly in the dark so why not Yehovah.

What we're missing here is once again the metaphor that light and darkness represent. Yehovah, his prophets, and even his Son and his Apostles all used darkness and light as a metaphor... a parable if you will that would explain the difference between truth and deception. Light and darkness were used as examples to teach us the importance of being enlightened with the truth rather than being destroyed with the deception of darkness. Listen closely to what is written in the book of **John 3:18-21 (scrn 4)**

The Light of Truth vs The Deception of Darkness

Joh 3:18 **Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.**

Joh 3:19 **And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil**

Joh 3:20 **For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.**

Joh 3:21 **But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."**



You see, Yehovah has no physical boundaries when it comes to light or darkness or day or night. The concept of the light of day verses the darkness of night is simply being used to help us understand the difference between the truth and deception.

If you have the truth... your body is full of light which is the truth. But... if you do not have the truth in you... then your body is full of darkness which is a representation of deception and ignorance. In fact, it is written that in the new Kingdom there will be no sun to give us light because the light of Yehvoah God will

be all the light that we will need. **Revelation 22:3-5 (scrn 5)**

They Will Need No Light of Lamp Or Sun!

Rev 22:3 No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.

Rev 22:4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

Rev 22:5 And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.



You see, the day is coming when even we will not need the light of a lamp or the sun that gives light by day. We will be much like our Father in heaven able to see in the darkness just as in the light of day. We must remember that the only thing keeping us from seeing in the darkness of night is our human eyeballs. Our human eyes were not created to see in the dark of night for a reason and that reason is so that Yehvoah God could once again teach us the difference between truth and deception. And it is this limitation that we have as human beings that does indeed help us to understand the difference between obedience and transgression... truth and deception... right and wrong... clean and unclean... holy and unholy.

And so, once again this lampstand that stood within the sanctuary was a representation of the light... the truth... that would come into the world to lead the world out of the darkness which represents sin and disobedience and transgression.
1st Peter 2:6-10 (scrn 6)

Out of The Darkness And Into His Marvelous Light!

1Pe 2:6 For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

1Pe 2:7 So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,"

1Pe 2:8 and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

1Pe 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1Pe 2:10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.



This lampstand that stood in the sanctuary of Yehvoah God and gave light to the men who entered into it to serve Yehovah God was indeed another representation... another shadow picture, another duality of reality that pointed directly to our Messiah and the perfect seven lamps that gave that light to the sanctuary would represent the perfect word of Yehvoah God that would go forth from that light that would be given to the world.

That lampstand was made out of one single piece of gold that was hammered into what it was created to be. And even the olive oil that fueled it was beaten olive oil. Not crushed olive oil the way olive oil was normally created... but beaten olive oil. And it was because of this beaten olive oil... that the lamp was able to give the light that it was given by Yehvoah God to give.

The pure gold... the beautiful flowers... the hammered work, and the beaten olive oil all came together to give light unto the men who served Yehovah with love and obedience within this sanctuary.

Today in our time, it's past time that we learn the lesson of the lampstand that stood in the sanctuary of Yehvoah our Father in heaven. It's past time that we too partake of the light that comes from the beaten olive oil of that lampstand who shed his

innocent blood to pay for our transgressions and to lead us back to the light of truth.

It's past time to wake up and to turn back and to repent and to see how far we have fallen from what we were first called to. Listen closely to what our Messiah tells the assembly in Ephesus in the book of **Revelation 2:3-7 (scrn 7)**

I Will Remove Your Lampstand!

Rev 2:3 I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary.

Rev 2:4 But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.

Rev 2:5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.

Rev 2:6 Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

Rev 2:7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.



If we do not repent and turn back to his Father's spoken word, he will indeed remove our lampstand. The very lampstand that gives us the light of truth and even the truth that we have been given will be taken from us. The "Nicolaitans" represent the deception and the darkness and the work of those who hide the truth from us that we should also hate.

And once again, we clearly see the commandment to "conquer". To conquer what? To conquer the deception that the Nicolaitans are working so hard to spread throughout our ranks. These very "Nicolaitans" were written about in the book of Jude. They were and are... certain people who have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Yeshua Hamashiach. They are alive and well my friends and are right now as we speak standing behind the majority of today's modern day denominational pulpits.

And so, the question then becomes... is the light of the lampstand... that perfectly created lampstand still standing within your sanctuary? Remember it is written that we are the Temple of Yehvoah God. Is that lampstand still giving us the light that we need to fill our sanctuaries? Or has it dimmed... or even been removed from us? And if so... should we not turn back and take advantage of the free gift that has been given to us... the free opportunity to take hold of that lampstand and to re-light that lampstand and to cling to that lampstand and the light that it shares with us?

If you are breathing in and out the breath of life given to you by Yehvoah God himself... it's not too late. But it will be the moment that your soul is required of you. The day that our Messiah returns to do his Father's bidding we will be found standing on whatever side of the fence that we have chosen. The sheep will be separated from the goats, the wheat from the tares and the tares will be bundled and burned... while the wheat will be gathered together into the barn.

Which side of the fence are we standing on today? Are we sheep... or goats... wheat... or tares? Do we stand in the light of the lampstand, or do we stand in the darkness of ignorance and disobedience and the deception of our adversary?

Today my friends is the day to choose whom it is that we will serve... my hope and my prayer is that before our time is up that we will have all... chosen wisely.

But as for now as we close the books for this evening... I will do as I always do... and I will once again ask that everyone within the sound of my voice would please take what you have heard here this evening to your own prayer closet. Bow your head and bend your knee and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you have heard here this evening be true or not.

Ask, seek, and knock on his door and on his door alone, and the proper door will be opened to you. And if you will do that... and if you will stay the course to the end... you and I will surely walk through the gates of his soon coming kingdom together.