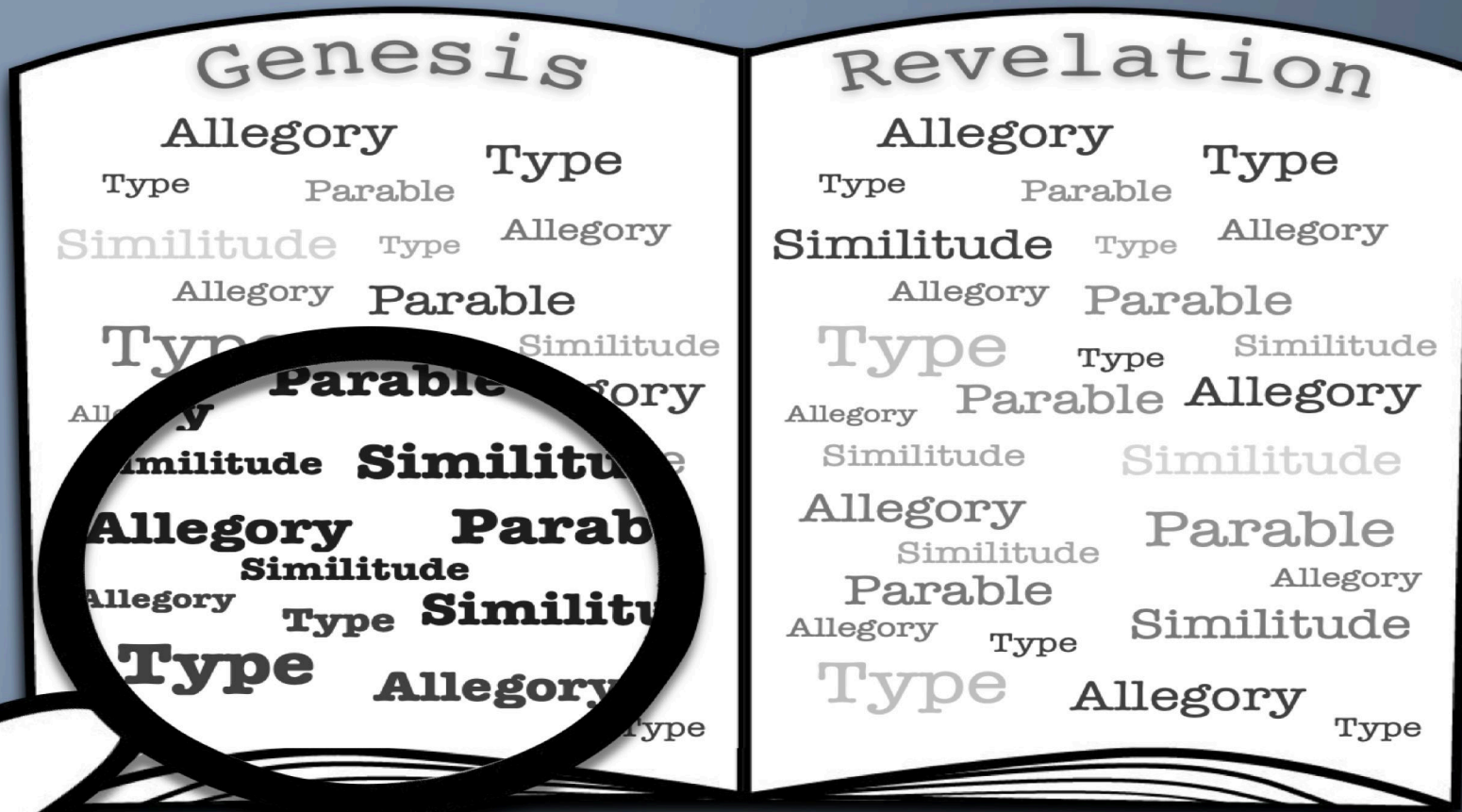


# Reasoning out of the Scriptures by Allegory & Type



Study 7

The Tabernacle class 3 - The Holy Place

# THE TABERNACLE

## The Doctrine of God Manifestation

“The Tabernacle was the appointed center of worship in Israel. The plans for its construction came from God (Exo 25:40), the workmen that formed it were specially endowed with wisdom and skill (Exo 35:30-35), and the materials were taken ‘out of’ Egypt, as Israel left to be baptized in the Red Sea (1Cor 10:1-2), on the way to the Promised Land.

“All this was of the greatest significance, for the Tabernacle was more than a center for divine worship; it was a parable of what God desired to see developed in those who came before Him in worship... The Tabernacle, therefore, was a parable ‘a figure for the time then present’ (Heb 9:9), foreshadowing the principle of God-Manifestation in flesh.

“The word ‘Tabernacle’ comes from the Hebrew *mishkan*, and signifies *Dwelling Place*.”—*Expositor*, pg 492

# Class Three—The Holy Place

Exo 25:23-30

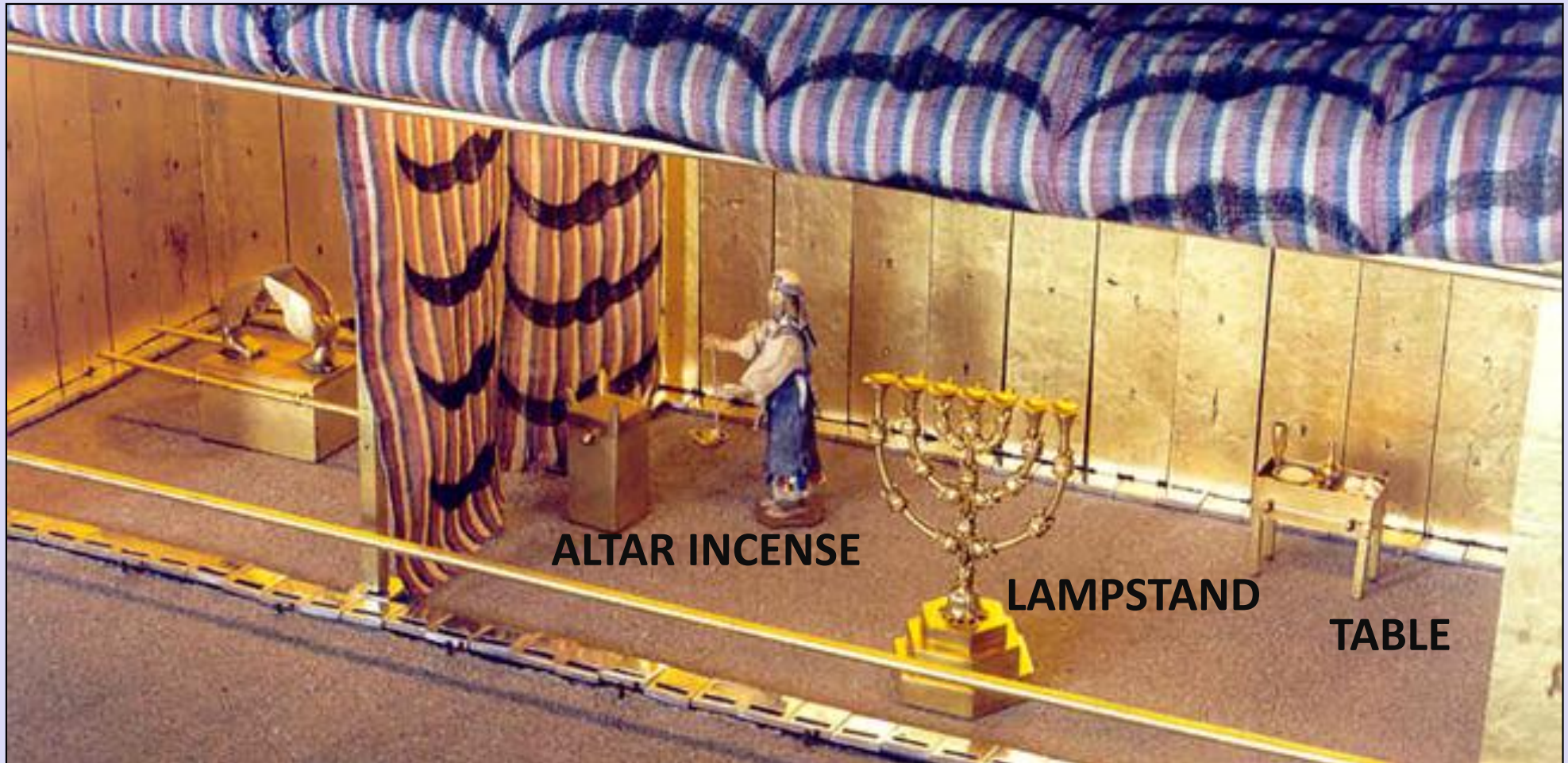
John 17:6 “I HAVE MANIFESTED THY NAME UNTO THE MEN which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word”

Joh 17:4 “I HAVE GLORIFIED THEE ON THE EARTH: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do”



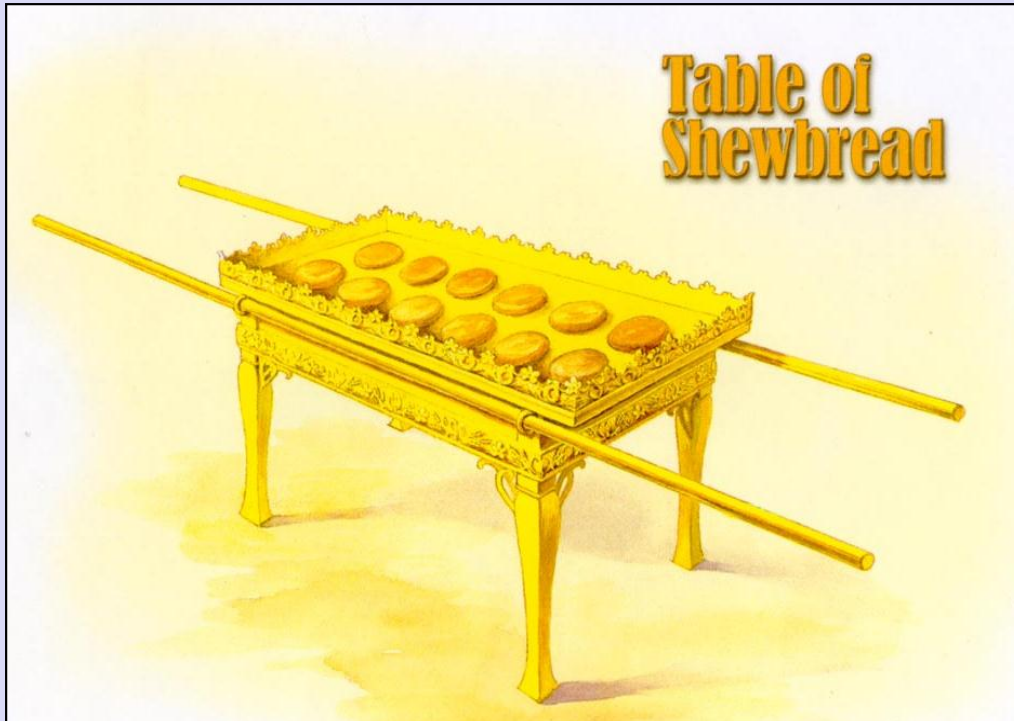
Joh 1:14 “And the Word was made flesh, and DWELT AMONG US, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth”

# The Holy Place



**Exo 40:22-26 “And he put THE TABLE in the tent of the congregation... And he put the CANDLESTICK in the tent of the congregation, over against the table... And he put the GOLDEN ALTAR in the tent of the congregation”**

Exo 25:23 Thou shalt also make a table of shittim wood: *two cubits shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.*



**Table—Heb. “spread forth.”** It represents the place where the saints assemble in fellowship to remember “the bread of life.”

**1Cor 10:21** “Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of *the Lord's table*, and of the table of devils”

**Luk 22:20-21** “This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you. But, behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me *on the table*” (John 13:28-29)

- The Table of Shewbread was ***not large***. It was ***much smaller*** than the altar of burnt offering in the outer court. What does this mean?

○ The “table” was only about 3-ft. L x 2-ft. W. This demonstrates that “fellowship” has never been about “large numbers.” The masses have never been interested in Truth; and we must never lower the requirements of the Truth in attempts to accommodate a so-called larger “fellowship.” *Even within a small fellowship troubles exist.*

□ “As a table, therefore, it was not large. In fact, the very measurements imply limitation, suggesting exclusiveness in fellowship...Attendance at the table of Yahweh implies personal responsibility to conform to the spiritual etiquette required of those invited to partake thereof” —*HPM, Expositor, pg. 324*  
(1John 1:3)

Mat 7:13-14 “Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: *Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it*” (Mat 9:37)

Act 2:42 “And THEY CONTINUED STEDFASTLY IN THE APOSTLES' DOCTRINE *and fellowship*, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers”

Exo 25:24 And thou shalt overlay it with *pure gold*, and make thereto a *crown of gold* round about.

**Pure Gold**—faith purified by trial. *The Epistles of John, which largely deal with fellowship state: “TRY the spirits, whether they be of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world”—1John 4:1.*

1Pet 1:6-7 “That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, THOUGH IT BE TRIED WITH FIRE, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ”

Job 23:10 “But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold” (Pro 17:3)

Exo 25:25 And thou shalt make unto it *a border of an hand breadth round about*, and thou shalt make a golden crown to the border thereof round about.

**Handbreadth**—reminder of mortality, and the need for redemption.

Psa 39:4-5 “Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee”

**Crown—saints must remember the reward for overcoming difficulty, including those that pertain to trials associated with fellowship.**

**Jam 1:12 “Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him”**

**Rev 2:10 “Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life”**

**2Tim 4:7-8 “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing”**

- **The “crown” is the ultimate victory of faith (1John 5:4); for Christ and his brethren. This is the promise of the Holy Scriptures—**

**Heb 2:7 “Thou madest (Jesus) a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands”**



Exo 25:26 And thou shalt make for it *four rings of gold*, and put the rings **IN THE FOUR CORNERS** that *are* on the four feet thereof.

Exo 25:27 Over against the border shall *the rings be for places of the staves to bear the table*.

Exo 25:28 And *thou shalt make the \*staves* of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold, *that the table may be borne with them*. \*Heb. “*part of the body, alone*”—*individual members!*

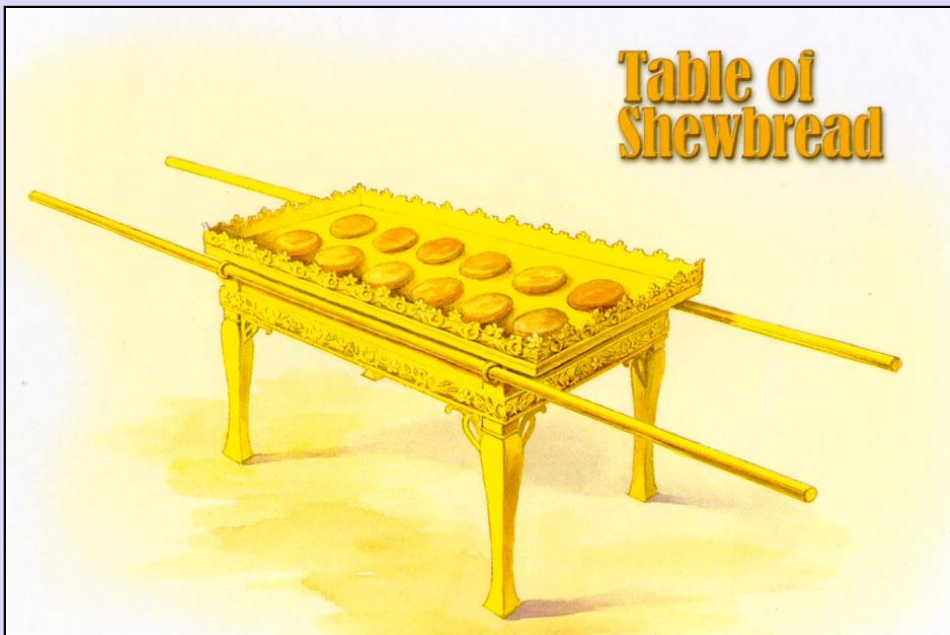
**Four Corners—fellowship for Jew and Gentile in Christ (Gal 3:26-29)**

**Act 10:11-12** “(Peter) saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet *knit at the FOUR CORNERS*, and let down to the earth: Wherein were *all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth*” (Rev 7:1)

**Rings and Staves—individuals elevating the Fellowship for transport in “the ecclesia in the Wilderness” (Act 7:38). Anticipating the Kingdom the bread was eaten and replaced on the “Sabbath” (Lev 24:8; Heb 4:1-11)—eat it new with Christ in the Kingdom of God (Mat 26:26-29).**

Exo 40:22 And he put **THE TABLE** in the tent of the congregation, *upon the side of the tabernacle northward*, without the vail.

Exo 40:23 And *he set the bread in order upon it before the LORD*; as the LORD had commanded Moses.



Psa 75:6-7 “For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. *But God is the judge*: he putteth down one, and setteth up another” **See: Lev 1:11**

The name of Dan means “to judge, judgment.” It was the tribe appointed to the *northern* position in the encampment of Israel (Num 2:25). The “table of the Lord” is for personal judgment/inspection.

**Northward—reps. Judgment**

Eze 38:6 “Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of *the north quarters*, and all his bands” (Jer 1:14; 4:6; 31:8; 46:20; 50:9)

1Cor 11:27-32 “Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink *this* cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. *But let a man examine himself*, and so let him eat of *that* bread, and drink of *that* cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, NOT DISCERNING THE LORD'S BODY. For this cause many *are* weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. *For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged*. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world”

- **The standard is the Word of God, by which we are inspected—**  
John 12:48 “He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: *the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day*” **(The Law is the Judge Exo 21:1; 24:3)**

**Exo 25:30** And thou shalt set upon *the table shewbread*  
**BEFORE ME ALWAYS.**

**Shewbread—Heb. means bread of “presence or faces.” It represents a conscious awareness of Yahweh’s presence in the ecclesia (Rev 2:1).**

Lev 24:5 And thou shalt take fine flour, and *bake twelve cakes thereof*: \*TWO TENTH DEALS shall be in one cake.

Lev 24:6 And thou shalt set them in *two rows, six on a row*, UPON THE PURE TABLE before the LORD.

Lev 24:7 And thou shalt put pure frankincense upon *each row*, that it may be on the bread *for a memorial, even* an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

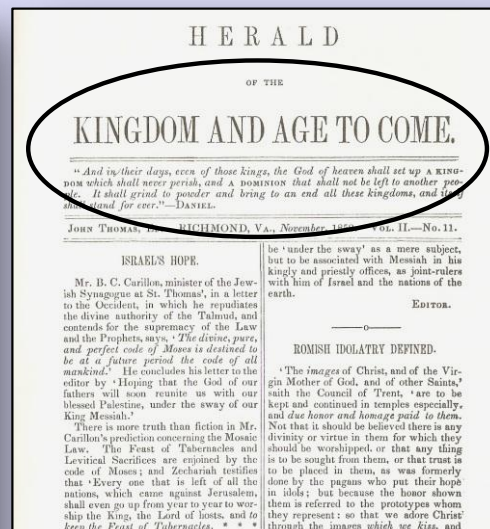
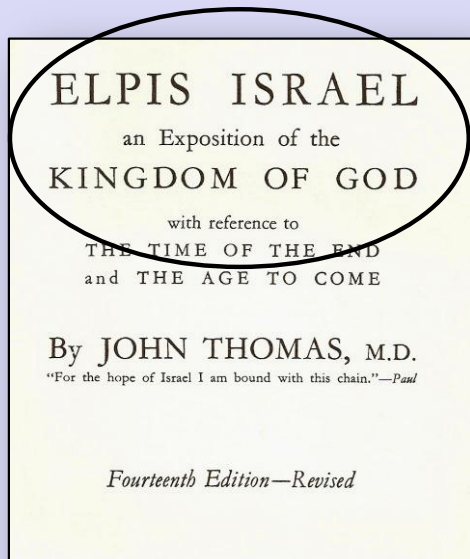
Lev 24:8 EVERY SABBATH he shall set it in order before the LORD continually, *being taken* from the children of Israel by an everlasting covenant.

Lev 24:9 And *it shall be Aaron's and his sons'*; and they shall eat it in the holy place: for it is most holy unto him of the offerings of the LORD made by fire by a perpetual statute.

*\*(two tenth deals: firstfruits Lev 23:13,17)*

**Twelve—number of Israel: basis of fellowship. Those “In Christ” are the “Israel of God” (Gal 6:15-16); graft into the Abrahamic root of Israel (Rom 11; Gal 3:26-29); “the commonwealth of Israel” (Eph 2:12-21<sup>1</sup>)**

# THE HOPE OF ISRAEL: THE TRUTH



Bro Thomas styles the Kingdom of God, past and future: "the Hebrew Kingdom."  
Eureka Vol. 1, pg. 217-225.

**"The kingdom which he will establish will be the kingdom of Israel restored, in the territory formerly occupied" —BASF XXI**

**"It is named ELPIS ISRAEL, or Israel's Hope; for the kingdom of which it treats is that which is longed for by all intelligent Israelites, and for which, said Paul, 'I am bound with this chain.' Elpis Israel's subject matter is national, not sectarian. It treats of a nation, and of its civil and ecclesiastical institutions in a past and future age."**

**Two Rows, Six on a Row**—six is the number of man or all flesh (Gen 1:26-31; Rev 13:18); and hence, “two rows” representing both Jew and Gentile, the two classes of humanity that make up the “twelve baskets full” (Mar 6:43).

**Exo 38:1** And he made **THE ALTAR OF BURNT OFFERING** of shittim wood: *five cubits* was the length thereof, and *five cubits* the breadth thereof; *it was* foursquare

**Exo 25:23** Thou shalt also make **A TABLE** of shittim wood: *two cubits shall be* the length thereof, and *a cubit* the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof

- **The Altar of Burnt Offering was considerably larger than the Table of Shewbread. This speaks volumes: telling us personal sacrifice, which is a daily event, takes precedence over the ecclesia.**
- **A study of Timothy and Titus will reveal that God’s intended emphasis for ecclesial strength is the *personal conduct* of the brethren, not the technical arrangements of the ecclesial. Paul’s inspired epistle to the Corinthians is another example. Ecclesial appointments are based one’s personal life (1Tim 3:5).**

□ “Where do we look for the indications of THE REAL STATE OF THE ECCLESIA? The answer is, IN THE INDIVIDUAL LIVES OF THE BRETHERN AND SISTERS. Let us follow them in their dispersion during the week, and ask how they act when thrown upon their own resources. What do they do with their leisure time and surplus money? How do they transact their business and do their work? Do they continue instant in prayer, abounding therein with thanksgiving? Are they ‘ready to do every good work’? Or, does *the Word of God go neglected in their houses while they bestow all their energies on business or work, or friends or family, or pleasure?* Have they no likeness to Christ, who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister? Do they not realize that they are strangers and pilgrims, and stewards of the goodness of God, and that stewardship relates to their private selves and their private affairs. And if they are not found faithful in these ‘least’ things, they will not be accounted worthy of that calling with which they have been called”—R. Roberts (*Mat 25:1-13*)<sub>14</sub>

**Aaron and his sons shall eat it in the Holy Place—as mentioned previously, this represents Christ and his brethren. The Law was quite specific that the “memorial bread” was to be eaten “in the holy place.” There are no private assemblies as a substitute for coming together as an ecclesia for breaking of bread—**

**Heb 10:24-25 “Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: *Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching”***

**Act 20:7 “*And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight”***

- The phrase “come together” is used directly for the assembly of the saints as an ecclesia (1Cor 11:18-20, 33; 14:23; Acts 1:6; 2:44 “all that believed were together”).**
- Such members are dependent upon one another as different “parts” of the entire “body” to the edification and profit of “all” (1Cor 12).**



**Unleavened Cakes of Fine Flour**—the bread was to be free from “malice and wickedness” and filled with “sincerity and truth” (1Cor 5:8). While it is true, the removal from fellowship is intended bring about repentance (1Tim 1:20; 1Cor 5:5), it is not the only reason. Removal from fellowship is also a scriptural principle involving the need to halt corrupting influences (remember the table’s small size)—

**1Cor 5:5-11** “To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, *that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.* Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that *a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened...* I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat” (*Gal 5:9*)

***Cutting off hand or foot that offends for the body (Mat 5:30)***

**Exo 25:31** And thou shalt make a *candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work* shall the candlestick be made: HIS SHAFT, and *his branches*, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, SHALL BE OF THE SAME.

**Rev 1:12-13,20** “And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot... The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candle sticks which thou sawest are the seven churches”



**Golden  
Candlestick**

***Lampstand—  
feminine gender***

**Shaft**—the word “shaft” is translated as “*all the souls that came out of the LOINS of Jacob*” (Exo 1:5; Gen 46:26). The “branches” are the offspring produced by the “shaft” or “loins.” Both the SHAFT and the BRANCHES—*Christ and his brethren*—“shall be of the same.”

**Exo 25:32** And **SIX** *branches shall* COME OUT *of the sides of it;*  
**THREE** *branches of the candlestick out of the one side, and*  
**THREE** *branches of the candlestick out of the other side:*  
**Exo 25:33** Three bowls made like unto almonds, *with* a  
knop and a flower in one branch; and three bowls made  
like almonds in the other branch, *with* a knop and a flower:  
*so in the six branches that come out of the candlestick.*

**Six Branches**—these “six branches” (number of man—*ecclesia*) apart from the completing “shaft” of seven are merely flesh (*Christ in the “midst” of the seven lampstands*—Rev 2:1). Christ warned if the *ecclesia* became fleshly, he would remove their light (Rev 2:5).

**Out of the side**—As Eve was formed “out of the side” of Adam (Gen 2:22), the *ecclesia* was formed out of the “deep sleep” sacrifice of the “last Adam” (John 19:34; 1Cor 15:45 cp, Eph 5).

**Three**—*ecclesia* is related to Christ by principle of death to the old man, and resurrection of the new man (Rom 6; Mat 12:40; Act 10:40).  
Each side: Jew and Gentile (Gal 3:26-29).

**Seven: THE NUMBER THAT MARKS THE ECCLESIA OF THE APOCALYPSE, AS WELL AS PAUL'S EPISTLES—*Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians.***

**Rev 2:1 “These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, *who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks*”**

- **Seven is the number of completion (Gen 2; Heb 4); and therefore represents the complete body of Christ. Note: Christ as the main “shaft” out which the “six branches” are fed, is in the midst of the seven ecclesias; and he alone can extinguish the flame if an ecclesia’s works are evil. If Christ Jesus is not the center and primary purpose and focus of the ecclesia, it becomes a fleshly (six) “church” and is no longer begotten from his sacrificial “side.”**

**Rev 2:4-5 “I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast *left thy first love*. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do THE FIRST WORKS; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and *will remove thy candlestick out of his place*, except thou repent”**

- ***It is notable both Daniel and Revelation begin with the state of brethren in their present temporal environment, before detailed prophecy is addressed.***<sup>19</sup>

- **Branches cannot survive without identifying with the shaft—**  
**Joh 15:1-8** “I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every **branch** in me that beareth not **fruit** he taketh away: and every **branch** that beareth **fruit**, he *purgeth* it, that it may bring forth more **fruit**. Now ye are *clean* through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the **branch** cannot bear **fruit** of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye *are* the **branches**: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much **fruit**: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a **branch**, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much **fruit**; so shall ye be my disciples”

- **The “Almonds and Flowers” of fruit and life were an important aspect of the Lampstand (Exo 25:33-34). The principle is that there is life related to the sacrifice and servitude required by the Truth.**

Exo 25:35 *And there shall be a knop under two branches of the same...according to the six branches that PROCEED OUT OF the candlestick.*

Exo 25:36 Their knops and their branches shall be of the same: *all it shall be one beaten work of pure gold.*

Exo 25:37 And thou shalt make *the SEVEN LAMPS thereof: and they shall light the lamps thereof, that they may give light over against it.*

Exo 25:38 And the tongs thereof, and the snuffdishes thereof, *shall be of pure gold.*

Exo 25:39 *Of a talent of pure gold shall he make it,* with all these vessels. **(like the Mercy Seat all of one piece: Exo 37:7)**

**Proceed out of—lampstand is an extension of the Shaft (Act 20:28)!**  
**It shall be ONE beaten work of pure gold—**Heb 2:10-11 “For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren”

**ONE beaten work of pure gold—brethren joined with Christ in Gold, which is ONLY produced by “fiery trial” (1Pet 1:6-7; Pro 17:3; Job 23:10).**

**1Pet 4:12-13 “Beloved, *think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you...* But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy”**

**The ecclesia-Lampstand is an environment for this divine purpose—**

***Christ exhorted Laodicea to “buy of me gold tried in the fire” Rev 3:18***

**1Cor 11:18-19 “For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that *there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it.* FOR THERE MUST BE ALSO HERESIES AMONG YOU, THAT THEY WHICH ARE APPROVED MAY BE MADE MANIFEST AMONG YOU”**

**The word “APPROVED” appears seven times in Scripture, and is translated “tried” (Jam 1:12)! Israel’s history was filled with trouble within. All of Paul’s epistles to different ecclesias addressed some element of error. Likewise the ecclesias of the Apocalypse. Yahweh permitted the influence of false prophets and teachers to withstand the doctrine of Jeremiah, Christ and others in their respective days (Joh 6:68-70).<sup>22</sup>**

□ “In all the ‘times of the Gentiles’ the saints are a mixed community, in which are found fish of all sorts, good, bad, and indifferent...In our generation, as in that of the apostles, the ecclesia, or general assembly of the many, who are called, is composed of these heterogeneous (*diverse*) materials. It has been thus in all generations before and since Satan, in the days of Job, mingled with the Sons of the Deity, when they presented themselves in the Divine presence (Job 1:6). The satanic element has ever been among them with its "depths as they speak" (ch. 2:24), corrupting and perverting the weak. *In the wisdom of the Deity, Satan has been permitted to practise, and to deceive the hearts of the simple, who are ‘ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth’ (2Tim 3:7), without judicial interference.*” —*John Thomas*

- Deu 13:1-10 God permits such to test our genuineness
- 2Pet 2:1-3 From among the brethren false teachers arise
- Acts 20:29-30 From among elders perverse speakers arise
- 2Tim 3:13-17 Apostle urges trust in the Word of God
- Heb 12:1-3 Christ is the standard of enduring in faith



□ **“The truth as it is in Jesus is entrusted to the ecclesia, or House of the Deity...The members of this house are held responsible and accountable for their relations to this, as a treasure committed to them to be contended for earnestly, and to be upheld at all hazards, in their day and generation. This house being furnished with vessels of all sorts, some to honor and some to dishonor, the truth receives a characteristic treatment at the hands of each sort...From these premises it is inevitable that, as Paul says, ‘there must be heresies among you’. They are permitted to exist, though not approved. Their existence arouses the flagging energies of sterling and faithful men... It sets them to contending more earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints (Jude 2), which manifests them as the approved...(1Cor. 11:19; Col. 1:23). This manifestation of the approved after this process is one reason why Yahweh keeps silence, and permits Satan to continue their operations among the Sons of the Deity, without any present judicial interference”**

**—Eureka, John Thomas**

- Consider the error in the seven “golden lampstands” of the Apocalypse: the Nicolaitans (2:6,15), false Jews (2:9), doctrine of Balaam (2:14), teaching of Jezebel (2:20), blind and naked (3:17). *Yet, among each was a faithful remnant.*
  - “God permits the uprising of false teachers to prove those who have the truth, that they may show themselves worthy of the Kingdom. All will be tested or proved in some way or other... The testing is designed to purify characters for the Kingdom. Under trial Abraham demonstrated his worthiness to receive the promises made conditionally to him at the beginning of his pilgrimage (see Gen. 22:1). It not only assisted to perfect his character, but was an open witness and example of his faith to all” —*HP Mansfield*
  - 2Tim 2:14-25 Note Paul’s warning to Timothy
  - Rom 16:17-18 Controversial offenders deceive some
- Gal 1:6-7 “I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ” (Gal 5:12; 2The 1:6)

□ “This ministration of the Spirit, and this presence of divine authority in the ecclesias, continued during the days of the apostles, and the generation next ensuing. *After that, an apostasy arose in the apostolic community, after the analogy of the case of Israel, in their first settlement of Canaan; who ‘served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that out-lived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the Lord that he did for Israel’ (Judges 2:7).* The apostasy prevailed more and more, as the Apostles, by the Spirit, predicted would be the case (2 Timothy 4:1–4; 2:17), until all trace of primitive truth disappeared, and the Spirit of the Lord was withdrawn from all association with an empty Christian name.” —*R. Roberts, Ecclesial Guide*

1Joh 4:1-3 “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that *spirit* of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world”

## The Lampstand—TWO ASPECTS: (1) its structure, (2) its contents

**Lev 24:1-4** “And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, *Command the children of Israel, that they bring unto thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamps to burn continually. Without the vail of the testimony, in the tabernacle of the congregation, shall Aaron order it from the evening unto the morning before the LORD continually: it shall be a statute for ever in your generations. He shall ORDER (“arrange”) the lamps upon the pure candlestick before the LORD continually”* (Aaron—Christ: High Priest)

□ **“The lamps were the only form of light in the holy place...so it is the RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH MEMBER OF THE ECCLESIA to contribute to the general light of knowledge applied. If the light went out, the priest walked in darkness”—Expositor HPM, pg 494**

**Olive Oil—the symbol for Israel: Rom 11:24** “If thou wert cut out of the *olive tree* which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good *olive tree*: how much more shall these, which be the natural *branches*, be grafted into their own *olive tree*?”

***Psa 119:105 “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path”***

***Psa 43:3 “O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles”***

***Pro 6:23 “For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life”***

***1Sam 3:1-3 “And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision. And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see; And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down”***

- **David was a “lamp in Israel” (2Sam 21:17). Paul was a “light” to the Gentiles (Acts 13:47). A individual enlightened does not just illuminate ourselves; others benefit. Remember, the altar of burnt offering (personal) was much larger than the table of shewbread (fellowship). This has relationship to how the Lampstand was fed and sustained its light—**

**Exo 27:20** And thou shalt command the children of Israel, that they bring thee *pure oil olive beaten for the light*, to cause the lamp to burn always.

**Pure oil olive beaten for the light**—literally and symbolically, extracting “pure oil” from very hard “olives” requires intensive labor and effort. It is not an easy process, but one that requires “study” and “labor” to produce! The root word is translated “crushed” (Lev 22:24), “stamped” (Deu 9:21), and “broken in pieces” (Isa 30:14).

☐ “The only light we can have at present is *the light of illuminated brains*, and this is not a fixed light, but A LIGHT THAT REQUIRES CONSTANT RENEWAL BY DAILY SUPPLIES OF THE OIL OF THE WORD. ‘Order the lamps upon the pure candlestick from the evening unto the morning before the Lord continually’ is the type. Nothing less than the daily reading of the Word can answer to this type...It emphasizes the declaration of David: ‘The entrance of thy words giveth light’ (Psa 119:130)” —*Law of Moses, pg 128*

***Lampstand replenished every morning and evening (Exo 30:7-8)!*** <sup>29</sup>

**Gold—result of faith tried and purified.**

- **“The lampstand, the most beautiful, and most elaborate of all pieces of furniture, was not cast in a mould, nor made in sections and assembled together, but was beaten into its form and beauty out of a solid piece of gold!” —*HPM, Expositor, pg 327***
- **“The light was caused by the combustion of oil supplied to the lamps...the candlestick does not represent the word of the Lord in the abstract, but that word as incorporate in living believers...It is manifest that the word of the Lord can have no operative existence apart from living reflectors. Inspiration itself is but the intelligence of God apart from a living medium. And when this inspiration, acting through the prophets and apostles, had incorporated itself in writing, the writing was not in itself the light, but the mere means of the light when it enters into the knowledge and understanding of living believers” —*Law of Moses***
- **The brightness varied from one ecclesia to the next, depending on the knowledge and walk of its individual members (Rev 3:4)**

- **Light**—not only knowledge, but an accompanying lifestyle. The Word must become a “light unto our path” and “instruction in the way of life”—

**Joh 8:12** “Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, *I am the light of the world: he that FOLLOWETH ME shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life*” (Jhn 11:9-10)

**Eph 5:8** “For ye were sometimes darkness, but now *are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light*”

**1Jn 1:5-7** “This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, *that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and DO NOT THE TRUTH: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin*”

**Act 20:7-8** “And upon the first *day* of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread...*And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together*”



**Luke 24:25-32** “(v. 27) Beginning at Moses and All the prophets, he expounded unto them in ALL the Scriptures the things concerning HIMSELF... (v. 30) And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread and blessed it and brake it, and gave to them. AND THEIR EYES WERE OPENED, and they knew him, and he vanished out of their sight. (v. 32) They said one to another, *Did not our heart BURN within us, while he talked with us by the way and Opened to us the Scriptures*”?

- The word “burn” is the same as “light a lamp” (Mat 5:15). And “let your lights be burning” (Luke 12:35). And “burning as it were a lamp” (Rev 8:10). *The context is “understanding” of the Law and Prophets as they related to the Lord Jesus Christ.*
- The “light” of a Lampstand or ecclesia has everything to do with a correct understanding of Christ Jesus as a fulfillment of the Law and Prophets. He is the shaft that feeds the branches! He is “the light of the knowledge” of God (2Cor 4).

**Exo 25:40** *And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount.*

**Lev 24:4** He shall *order* (Heb “*arrange*”) *the lamps* upon the **PURE CANDLESTICK** before the **LORD** continually.

Flesh is inclined to slowly deviate from the “order” or “arrangement” of the Lampstand, which Yahweh strictly warned must be exactly after the pattern He Himself has prescribed. This is how the “pure” Lampstand of an ecclesia gradually becomes a church. Just consider all of the programs, fellowship, and organizations the Christadelphian community has now adopted that mimic that of the churches.

- From our “youth” activities and names, how we proclaim “the gospel,” to the way in we conduct our ecclesial and fraternal gatherings (*even the words we use to describe them*).

From doctrine to lifestyle, the brotherhood has often adopted things that are not necessarily after the careful “order” that Yahweh has warned us to “look that” we make according to His “pattern.” This is a sober warning that would not have been issued, unless it was a snare.

**Exo 25:40** *And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount.*

**This warning is mentioned again in Num 8:1-4**

**Num 8:1-4** “**And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto Aaron, and say unto him, When thou lightest the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light over against the candlestick. And Aaron did so; he lighted the lamps thereof over against the candlestick, as the LORD commanded Moses. And this work of the candlestick was of beaten gold, unto the shaft thereof, unto the flowers thereof, was beaten work: according unto the pattern which the LORD had shewed Moses, so he made the candlestick**”

- **Heb 8:1-5** states the Tabernacle served as an “example and shadow of heavenly things.” Therefore, “Moses was admonished of God” to “make all things according to the pattern shewed thee in the mount.”
- It is foolish to believe we can modify the Divine Pattern and still maintain the pure oil in the pure golden lampstand—ecclesia.<sup>34</sup>

**Exo 40:4** And thou shalt bring in the table, and *set in order the things that are to be set in order upon it*; and thou shalt bring in the CANDLESTICK, and light the lamps thereof.

**Set in Order**—this language is used by the apostle concerning the need to very careful organization of the ecclesia of God—

**Tit 1:1,5** “Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness... For this cause left I thee in Crete, *that thou shouldest SET IN ORDER the things that are wanting*, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee”

**1Cor 11:34** “And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. *And the rest will I SET IN ORDER when I come*”

**Acts 6:1-8** Men of honest report among them to oversee the ecclesia

**Exo 18:13-27** Able men, men of Truth selected to judge ecclesia

**1Cor 11:1-34** Men to lead ecclesia, women in silence (1Cor 14:34)

**1Tim 3:1-16** Elder spiritual men with spiritual wives to lead ecclesia

**1Cor 12:1-31** All members of ecclesia to be honored the same (Eph 4:1-16; Rom 12:4-9) 35

**Titus 2:1-8** Younger brethren to learn from aged men and women