

## THE SHAVUOT LAMPSTAND VISION

Blake is truly one of the most gifted people in prophecy I have ever seen. He has visions almost daily of dreams and supernatural things that happen around him. One night in our midnight bible study, I was teaching them something and he said he physically saw flowers blooming all over my neck all around the base of my head. His eyes were open. The interpretation was instantly given as the Shamash candle on the seven-branched menorah, the one that has the almond blossoms right below the “face” of the bowl that holds the oil.



The almond tree was the **Tree of Life** in the Garden from which Aaron’s rod budded. It represents strength, life, eternity, power and service. The Shamash (servant) candle was the center candle of the menorah and was used to light all the rest of the lamps. Every believer is called to be like the center candle in service to the King. As a pastor and teacher, my job is to serve the light (the Word) to others that need it. In that moment, as the light was being shared from my lamp to theirs, Blake saw this vision of the flowers blooming.

This amazing moment set me up to teach them about the menorah of which they knew nothing. I explained how God told Moses exactly how to design and make it. I shared the incredible revelation that many of us have learned that He said there were supposed to be 39 pieces on one side (including the center candle) and 27 on the other. The menorah, which would be **THE** symbol of the Word of God, would have exactly 66 parts equaling the 66 books of the Bible that we have today. But not just 66 in total, but exactly 39 pieces on one side, matching the 39 books of the Old Testament, and 27 on the other, matching the New. I shared many other things about the menorah, and in that moment, the Spirit hit me and shared something with me that I had never heard or thought of before.

The center lamp, like the other lamps, was a representation of the Truth of God's Word. But it was also a representative of the Spirit because it chose to get out of its comfortable place and share its light with the other lamps. It was also the main stem of the candlestick that both had its base on the earth as well as its light reaching to the sky from which the other six branches sprouted. This "trunk" of the Tree of Life **WAS** the embodiment of both Spirit **AND** Truth. This was the Yeshua lamp. But that was not the revelation. As I sat there looking at the crude picture of the Menorah I had drawn for them, I saw, for the first time, the Seven Feast Days of the **LORD!** From one side to the other, I saw Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits, **SHAVUOT**, Trumpets, Yom Kippur and Sukkot. And which one is dead center in the middle? **SHAVUOT** (Pentecost in the Greek)!

Shavuot was **THE** completion of the center and foundation of the lampstand! Shavuot was the day that Yahweh gave the commandments (Truth) to His people on Mt. Sinai to guide them into all blessing. They were supposed to receive the Spirit on that day, as well, because they were all supposed to be priests and a royal nation. But they couldn't handle all the fireworks, so they sent Moses to be their mediator and had no idea the blessing that they would miss in the process. It would be 1200 years to the **DAY** on another Shavuot that God would finish the work of bringing the Truth and the Spirit together. In Acts chapter 2 the Spirit came down and filled the house and gave each of those who were there the "tongue" of fire over their heads. Over their candle! It was actually the Hebrew letter Shin, which looks like a tongue and is the seal of God and short for "El Shaddai," the all-consuming fire. This was the same pillar of fire that stood over the temple in the wilderness, which now stood over the new temple of the body that is in Christ!

The foundation of the entire lampstand was now complete. The Spirit and the Truth would find their resting place in Yeshua, the perfect combination of both covenants, whose feet stand on the earth and whose head reaches the heavens. He is the Servant of all that shows us how to share our light with others. Amazingly, the three branches on the left of the menorah represent the spring feast days that are connected to His first coming and the three on the right represent the fall feast days that all point to His second coming! Shavuot/Pentecost is the **CONNECTION** to both covenants, both sides of our Bible, both sides of Yahweh, both comings of Messiah and, ultimately, both sides of **US!** As believers, we need to be the perfect balance of both His Truth and righteous judgment as well as His eternal grace, mercy, and compassion. And just as the Mercy Seat of the Ark of the Covenant sits over the top of the actual Ark that contains the Law of God, so does mercy triumph over judgment. Interestingly enough, "mercy seat" in Hebrew is in the feminine form and "ark" is in the masculine. The Ark itself shows us the perfect balance of

a marriage! Its foundation is on law and covenant but is graced and topped with grace and mercy!

All of us should be striving to share our “light” with others. The question is what kind of light are we sharing? Is it weighted too heavily with law, too slanted towards grace? Is it shared as a servant or as a master? May we all humble ourselves and ask the Father to form the perfect balance of His Son in our lives with both the Truth of His Word and the Spirit behind it. The Shavuot flame is the only flame that remains when it is shared. May the world be lit on fire with the true flame of God from the servants of the Most High that are willing to come down off their perch and meet people where they are...even if they are found in the deepest dungeons of prison.

Shalom,  
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