

Leviticus 24

Jesus

- **NT Metaphors for Jesus**

1. Living Water
2. True Vine
3. Good Shepherd
4. Door
5. Gate
6. **Light of the World**
7. **Bread of Life**

OT is a Physical Representation of a NT Spiritual Truth
Warnings and Encouragements

1 Corinthians 10:11 ...all these things [OT narratives] happened ...as **examples**, and they were **written for our admonition** [awareness/warning]...

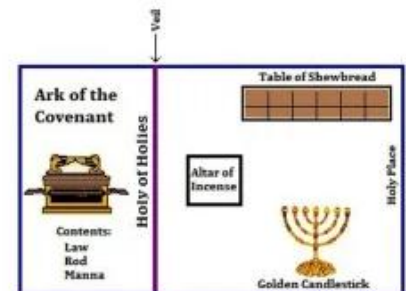
Romans 15:4 ...whatever things **were written before** were written for our **learning**, that we through the **patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.**

If we are patient in our study of the OT we will find Jesus and we find hope. [NJC]

Lev 24 is here to give us Hope
Jesus the Light of the World/Our Bread of Life

I. Tabernacle Lamps C.f. Ex 25

1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 2 "Command the children of Israel that they bring to you **pure oil** of pressed olives **for the light**, to make the lamps **burn continually**. 3 **Outside the veil** of the Testimony, in the tabernacle of meeting, Aaron shall be in charge of it from evening until morning before the LORD **continually**; it shall be a statute forever in your generations. 4 He shall be in charge of the lamps on the **pure gold lampstand** before the LORD continually.



Seven Lamps kept burning w/in the Holy Place
Holy Place located Outside the Veil of the Holy of Holies

- **12 Tribes:** Provide pure pressed olive oil for priests

Golden Lampstand held the Oil supplying the 7 Golden Lamps
Oil: Type of the Holy Spirit of Jesus. Anointing. Joy

Isaiah 11:2 [Of Messiah] The **Spirit of the Lord** shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of **wisdom** and **understanding**, The Spirit of **counsel** and **might**, The Spirit of **knowledge** and of the **fear of the Lord**.

Zechariah 3:9 [Omnipresent/Omniscient Spirit of God] ...behold, the stone That I have laid before Joshua: **Upon the stone are seven eyes.**

Revelation 1:4b [John] ...Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the **seven Spirits** who are before His throne

Revelation 3:1 ...These things says He who has the **seven Spirits of God**

Revelation 4:5 ...Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the **seven Spirits of God.**

Revelation 5:6 And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the **seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.**

Seven signifies perfection, totality, and completion. Therefore, the "sevenfold Spirit" does not mean there are seven distinct spirits but represents the single, unified Holy Spirit operating in Absolute Perfection and Divine Completeness. [GQ]

Pure Olive Oil to supply the Seven Lamps
Burning Continually

- Aaron given Charge:
 - **Keeping:** Making sure a continual burning evening to morning
 - **Trimming:** Maintaining the wicks of the Lamps...

1 Samuel 3:3 ...before the **lamp of God went out** in the tabernacle...the Lord called Samuel.

- **The Type:** Lamp in the Holy place was put out for maintenance
- **The Reality:** God is the Everlasting Light as e.g. Holy of Holies...

Holy of Holies No lamps/windows. God Himself was the Light beyond the Veil
Jesus is the Light of the World

- **What is Light?**

A form of electromagnetic radiation composed of tiny packets of energy called photons traveling as *both waves and particles* traveling at 186,282 miles per second. Light exists well beyond what we can see.

Before Creation...God is Light
Before the Sun and Moon...God is Light

- **Genesis 1**
 1. **First Day:** Let there be Light
 2. **Fourth Day:** Sun, moon, stars
 3. **Before the First Day: God is Light**

1 John 1:5 ...God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

- No sin
- No deceit
- No falseness

1 Timothy 6:14b ...Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, 15 which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone has immortality, dwelling in **unapproachable light**, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.

The kābôd
Shekinah Glory of God

- Burning Bush
- Pillar of Fire
- Mt. Sinai
- Tabernacle
- Temple
- Incarnation
- Mount of Transfiguration

John 1:14 And the Word became 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.

Light of God broke into the Darkness of Man at the Incarnation

John 1:4 In [Jesus] was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

Isaiah 9:2 The people who walked in darkness Have **seen a great light**; Those who dwelt in the land of the **shadow of death**, Upon them **a light has shined**

In Jesus is Life. That Life is the Light of every man
Jesus Light reveals every man's need for Jesus Life

John 8:12 [Light enables us to see] **"I am the light of the world.** He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the **light of life.**"

John 9:5 As long as I am in the world, **I am the light of the world.**

John 12:35 [Following His Light gives us direction] **Walk while you have the light**, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going.

- Jesus ascended to the Father and now says...

Matthew 5:14 **You are the light of the world...**

Revelation 1:20 ...**seven lampstands** which you saw **are the seven churches.**
[Composite of THE CHURCH]

The Spirit-filled Church is the Light of the World
Fulfilling our Purpose is to Shine His Light

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Jesus is the Light of the World
Jesus is the Light of Heaven

Isaiah 60:19 "The sun shall no longer be your light by day, Nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you; But the Lord will be to you an everlasting light, And your God your glory.

Just as before the First Day of Creation
The only Light and all we need will be Jesus Himself

Revelation 21:23 [New Jerusalem]The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of **God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.** 24 And the nations of those who are saved shall **walk in its light**, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.

Revelation 22:5 There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the **Lord God gives them light.** And they shall reign forever and ever.

Jesus is the Light given to all men
Light brings Revelation. Revelation demands Decision..

John 3:19 [Light/Revelation through Incarnation]...this is the condemnation, that the **light has come into the world**, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But **he who does the truth comes to the light**, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

Romans 1:18 [Light/Revelation through Creation] For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who **suppress the truth in unrighteousness**, 19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,...[Scientists are without excuse]

Light/Revelation/Responsibility
Walk in the Light of God's Revelation

1 John 1:7 But if we **walk in the light** as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

You are Light... Walk as Light

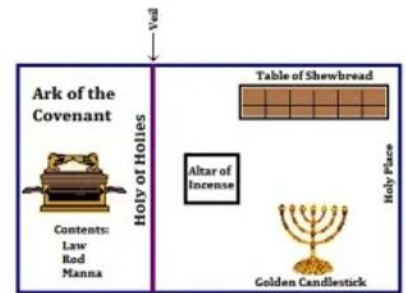
Ephesians 5:8 For you were once darkness, but now you are **light in the Lord**. Walk as **children of light** for the fruit of the Spirit is in all **goodness, righteousness, and truth, finding out what is acceptable to the Lord ...**

The OT is a Physical Representation of NT Spiritual Truths

Golden Lampstand supporting Seven Lamps fueled by Pure Oil
The Holy Spirit of Jesus bringing Light through His Church to Crash the Darkness

II. Tabernacle Bread C.f. Ex 25

5 "And you shall take fine flour and bake **twelve cakes** with it. Two-tenths of an ephah shall be in each cake. 6 You shall set them in two rows, six in a row, on the pure gold table before the LORD. 7 And you shall put **pure frankincense** on each row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, an offering made by fire to the LORD. 8 **Every Sabbath** he shall set it in order before the LORD continually, being taken from the children of Israel by an everlasting covenant.



Tabernacle Bread: AKA Showbread. Bread of Presence. Lit. the Bread of the Face.
Speaking of the Presence of God/Fellowship w/Jesus

- **Opposite the Golden Lampstand** in the Holy Place
- **Set in Order Continually:** 12 Loaves/2 Rows of 6

The two aspects of this were a symbol of God's desired relationship with His people. God wants a proper, ordered relationship with His people (set in order). God also wants a continual, unbroken relationship with His people continually. [Guzik]

Frankincense: Fragrance of Jesus on the Cross
Fragrance of His people to God as we walk in Sacrificial Obedience

- Eaten in the Holy Place/Replaced every Sabbath

9 And it shall be for Aaron and his sons, and they shall eat it in a holy place; for it is most holy to him from the offerings of the LORD made by fire, by a perpetual statute."

OT is a Physical Representation of a NT Spiritual Truth
Jesus is our Sustenance : Give us this day...

Matthew 26:26 ... Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; **this is My body.**"

Feed upon Jesus and His Word
Ingesting and Becoming One with Jesus

John 6:35 And Jesus said to them, "**I am the bread of life ...48 I am the bread of life ... 53** Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. 54 Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. 55 For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. 56 He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. 57 As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. 58 This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your

fathers ate the manna, and are dead. **He who eats this bread will live forever.” ... 60** Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, **“This is a hard saying; who can understand it?”** 61 When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, **“Does this offend you? ...66** From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. 67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, **“Do you also want to go away?”** 68 But Simon Peter answered Him,

“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life”

Table of Showbread speaks of Jesus and His desire for us to partake of Him. We come to church to eat...not be entertained [NJC]

Tabernacle Bread
Presence of God/Fellowship w/Jesus our Bread of Life/Our Sustenance

III. Penalty for Blasphemy

10 Now the son of an Israelite woman, whose father was an Egyptian, went out among the children of Israel; and this Israelite woman's son and a man of Israel fought each other in the camp. 11 And the Israelite woman's son **blasphemed the name of the LORD** and cursed; and so they brought him to Moses. (His mother's name was Shelomith the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan.)

- Israelite woman marries an Egyptian man
- The son Blasphemes the Living God; lit attacks with words.

Why did the son of the Egyptian man Curse the True God

Rabbi's say **he was the son of the Egyptian whom Moses slew**, and that attempting to pitch his tent among those of the tribe of Dan to which he belonged by his mother's side, he was prevented by a person of that tribe as having **no right to a station** among them who were true Israelites both by father and mother. In consequence of this **they say he blasphemed the name of the Lord.** [Clarke]

Command: Do not be Unequally Yoked
Response 99%: In my case I'm sure it will work out

Pain/Consequences: Worse than you can even imagine
God said no/You said yes/Here you are

- Brought him to Moses for judgment
- **Penalty:** Unclear as he was a foreigner

Q. Does the Law in Deut. apply to Foreigners?

12 Then they put him in custody, that the **mind of the LORD might be shown to them.** 13 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 14 **“Take outside the camp him who has cursed; then let all who heard him lay their hands on his head, and let all the congregation stone him.**

Therefore, the law applied to a foreigner. "It was a principle of justice and of mercy. Its first emphasis is upon the fact that those who enter the Kingdom of God, and enjoy its privileges, must be governed by its laws.... To enter that Kingdom is to renounce all other lordships, and to accept its laws." [Morgan]

- **Suspicion of a Crime:** First Establish/Then Execute

Deuteronomy 17:6 Whoever is deserving of death shall be put to death on the testimony of **two or three witnesses**; he shall not be put to death on the testimony of one witness. 7 The **hands of the witnesses shall be the first against him** to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. So you shall put away the evil from among you.

- **Mat 18:20** Wherever 2-3 are gathered for judgment I am there

Verdict: Guilty. Penalty: Congregation shall stone him. Why?
Sin was against God *and* the entire congregation...

15 "Then you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying: '**Whoever curses his God shall bear his sin.** 16 And whoever **blasphemes** the name of the LORD shall surely be **put to death**. All the congregation shall certainly stone him, the stranger as well as him who is born in the land. When he blasphemes the **name of the LORD**, he shall be put to death.

Whoever curses God; i.e. Blasphemes the NAME of the LORD
Shall bear his sin: Jews took this very seriously re the NAME

Many religiously observant Jewish people also would not write the name of God, because if that paper were destroyed, it might be considered blasphemy or taking the name of the LORD in vain. So, they would write Adonai ("Lord") instead of Yahweh. Instead of "God," they would write "G-d." They would refer to God with names like "the Name" instead of saying "God."

Jesus identifies the Spirit of the Law
Rejecting the only Savior

Mark 3:28 Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they may utter **29** but **he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness**, but is subject to **eternal condemnation** ...

Denying the Holy Spirit's revelation of who Jesus is and our need for Him is blasphemy of the Holy Spirit. IOWs Dying w/out the only one who can save you

17 'Whoever **kills any man** shall surely be **put to death**. 18 Whoever kills an animal shall make it good, animal for animal.

- **Word of God:** Differentiating the value of Human life over Animal life

19 'If a man causes **disfigurement** of his neighbor, as he has done, so shall it be **done to him**— 20 **fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth**; as he has caused disfigurement of a man, **so shall it be done to him**. 21 And whoever kills an animal shall restore it; but whoever **kills a man shall**

be put to death. 22 You shall have the **same law** for the stranger and for one from your own country; for I am the LORD your God.' "

vv 19-22 A Restraint on Cruelty not a License for it
IOWs The Penalty must fit the crime/Not go beyond

- Same Law for Stanger/Israel

2 Corinthians 3 of the Old Covenant
Ministry of Death written on Cold Stone, No wiggle room

Jesus identifies the Spirit of the Law/Heart of God
The better way of forgiveness...IOWs you don't have to retaliate...

Matthew 5:38 "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' 39 But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, **turn the other to him also.**

- Back the Blasphemer...

23 Then Moses spoke to the children of Israel; and they took outside the camp him who had cursed, and **stoned him with stones.** So the children of Israel did as the LORD commanded Moses.

Ministry of Death written on Cold Stone, No wiggle room

Hebrews 12:18 For you have **not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest,** 19 and the **sound of a trumpet** and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore. 20 (For they could not endure what was commanded: "And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be **stoned or shot with an arrow.**" 21 And so **terrifying was the sight that Moses** said, "**I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.**"

Old Covenant: Obey and live. Disobey and die
Cold/Hard/Immovable as the Stone it was Written on

Hebrews 7:22 ...by so much more **Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant.**

Do we take God's Grace for Granted?

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works,** which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Titus 2:13 [We are...] looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, [Desired response] **zealous for good works.**

Jesus the Light of the World. Bread of Life!