

The Table for Bread

23 "You shall make a **table** of **acacia wood**. Two cubits shall be its length, a cubit its breadth, and a cubit and a half its height. **24** You shall overlay it with pure gold and make a molding of gold around it. **25** And you shall make a rim around it a handbreadth wide, and a molding of gold around the rim. **26** And you shall make for it four rings of gold, and fasten the rings to the four corners at its four legs. **27** Close to the frame the rings shall lie, as holders for the poles to carry the table. **28** You shall make the poles of **acacia wood**, and overlay them with **gold**, and the table shall be carried with these. **29** And you shall make its plates and dishes for incense, and its flagons and bowls with which to pour drink offerings; you shall make them of pure gold. **30** And you shall set the **bread of the Presence** on the table before me regularly.

The Golden Lampstand

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. **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; **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. **34** And on the lampstand itself there shall be four cups made like almond blossoms, with their calyxes and flowers, **35** and a calyx of one piece with it under each pair of the six branches going out from the lampstand. **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. **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. **38** Its tongs and their trays shall be of pure gold. **39** It shall be made, with all these utensils, out of a talent of pure gold. **40** And see that you make them after the pattern for them, which is being shown you on the mountain.

INTRO: Architecture & Symbolism. Buildings designed to tell a story or strike a certain feeling. **National Archives = Temple of History.** Look at where you're sitting. This is often called the "**NAVE**" of a Church. What's it look like? Upside down ship. "Navy". **Noah's Ark.**

God's an architect as well. He laid out the plans for the tabernacle and later the temple, all with purpose of preparing and pointing his people to Jesus, who fulfilled every symbolic picture represented in Worship.

I. BREAD

- A. Table.** Acacia wood. Hard. Dry aged. Tough. Bugs.
- B. Bread of Presence.** God's Presence.
- C. "Breaking Bread".** Fellowship. Friendship.
- D. Only Priests.** Daily Bread. Ground + Baked.
- E. David ate Bread of Presence.** Ahimilech. 1Sam21

APPLICATION:

- 1. Table of Communion - All Welcome in Christ.** We have fellowship/communion with one another. *"When you come the rich eat first...NO!"* Cultural assumption. **MEGGIDO Mosaic.** Oldest Christian Church. **TABLE.** Puritans/Pilgrims = Only Pulpit & Table & a Bowl.
- 2. Eating with People = Friendship & Family.** Belonging. David and Mephibosheth. *"I'm a Dog!"* **2 Sam.9.**
- 3. Now we can all Fellowship with God through Christ.** *Not just the priests, we're all holy/righteous through Jesus. So we can all eat with Him. "Eats with sinners & tax collectors." That's us!*
- 4. Jesus is the BREAD of life.** Bread of Presence. Fellowship/Communion with Him. Broken for us!

II. LIGHT

- A. Pure gold.** Not molded, hammered/shaped.
- B. 7 Lamps.** Stems/Branches. Completeness.

ILLUSTRATION: Garden to Glory. Bible opens with a Garden Wedding and closes with a Garden Wedding.

Paradise. Trees. Light. **TREE imagery.**

- C. 7 Spirits/Sevenfold Spirit.** 7 churches in Revelation. 7 Lamps/Lamp-stands.
- D. Presence of the Spirit.** Understanding, Wisdom, Light, Knowledge, etc.
- E. Shows us the Christ/Bread/Table/Fellowship.**
- F. Practical.** Helps us do our work. Obey. Guide. Light.

APPLICATION:

- 1. Holy Spirit - of Christ.** Given that we might know and see Him daily. Understand more of Him.
- 2. Guide/Help - Obedience and Faith.** Repentance. Living in the light. **Community through Vulnerability.**
- 3. TREE - TREE** cursed the world through Adam's disobedience, a TREE redeems the world the Jesus' finished work on the Cross, and a TREE of Life will be in God's eternal Garden/Paradise when He comes again.
- 4. A Wedding Feast in a Garden** with a Great Tree (Arbor), and a **Banquet/Feast, in God's Presence with streams of water flowing all around.** Where God will say to us, take and eat what you like! Without money!

CONCLUSION/COMMUNION: "If you have seen the Light of Christ and walking in His light by faith & repentance, Come to the TABLE of Communion with Christ and His Church - Sinners Saved By Grace."