

A Menorah Community

¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned, I saw seven golden menorot. ¹³In the midst of the menorot, I saw One like a Son of Man, clothed in a robe down to His feet, with a golden belt wrapped around His chest. ¹⁴His head and His hair were white like wool, white like snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire. ¹⁵His feet were like polished bronze refined in a furnace, and His voice was like the roar of rushing waters. ¹⁶In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came forth a sharp, two-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining at full strength. ¹⁷When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. But He placed His right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid! I am the First and the Last, ¹⁸and the One who lives. I was dead, but look—I am alive forever and ever! Moreover, I hold the keys of death and Sheol. ¹⁹Therefore write down what you have seen, what is, and what will happen after these things. ²⁰As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden menorot—the seven stars are the angels of Messiah's seven communities, and the seven menorahs are the seven communities." (Rev. 1:12-20)

Since *as it was in the beginning it shall be at the end* I am persuaded that we will have *menorah communities* in our times. I believe *Kehilat Kol Simcha* can strive to become one of those communities, don't you? What does it mean to be a *menorah community*? In my Feb. 12, 2022 message entitled **We Are to Keep It Burning Forever** I shared: "In *Parashat Tetzaveh*, *Yah Adonai's* tone has completely changed. It is no longer, SPEAK to Benei Israel but COMMAND Benei Israel: "²⁰*Also you are to command Bnei-Yisrael, that they are to bring to you pure olive oil beaten for the light, to cause a lamp to burn continually. ²¹In the Tent of Meeting, outside the curtain which is before the Testimony, Aaron and his sons will set it in order, to burn from evening to morning before Adonai. It will be a statute forever throughout their generations, on behalf of Bnei-Yisrael"* (Ex. 27:20-21)." This is no longer voluntary, it is now obligatory. There was a long-term commitment to be made. The *Menorah* that it is finished, had to burn continuously, and this required *a daily supply of Olive Oil*. They had already brought the pure olive oil needed for it to be kindled. Would *Bnei-Yisrael* step up to the plate and make a voluntary commitment to supply that oil on a daily basis from then on? BTW, are there any olive trees in the Wilderness? Obviously not! Long-term commitments are difficult to fulfill in our human nature. So we got the command!"

The *Menorah* is one of those extremely important revelations to the Body of Messiah, and even more so to *Kehilat Kol Simcha*. The *Menorah* stands alone as the one and only truly Biblical symbol of government, revelation, the nation, and the *Messiah*. Moses did not design it – *Adonai* Himself revealed to him on Mt. Sinai. Notice that this was part of *Adonai's* heavenly pattern – a representation of how things are arranged around His throne. Thus, it is not surprising that the patterns revealed in the *Menorah* will be evidently seen in all of *Adonai's* affairs with His people forever – from Exodus 25 all the way to Revelation. This will also be a pattern for business used by *Messiah Yeshua* Himself because the *Menorah* represents the *Messiah*, His work, His body, and His kingdom. More than a fish, or a scroll, or even an execution tree, the *Menorah* makes evident the eternal revelation of our *Messiah* who is the same "*yesterday, today and forever*" (Heb. 13:8).

MENORAH FEATURES

Messiah Yeshua is the *Light of the World* (John 8:12) and we are His *Menorah Body* (Matt. 5:14-15). In the Temple *Menorah* we see one central shaft since – "*I am the vine and you are the branches*" (John 15:5, Jer. 23:5), and we see the principle of *echad* – *one anointed leader* for His people. *Seven lamps* (Josh. 6:4, Zec. 4:10, Acts 6:1-4, Rev. 1:4, 3:1, 4:5, 5:6) and we see *12 Foundations / Tribes of Israel / Apostles / gates* (Genesis, Eph. 2:20, Rev. 21:14). In total we see *seventy-two adornments consisting of bowls, bulbs (knops), and flowers* (Ex. 24, Nu. 10, Isa. 25, Ez. 8, Dan. 9, Zec. 7, Luke 10): (1) on each of the *6 branches* three bowls and a knop (bulb) and a flower or $9 \times 6 = 54$ (Ex. 25:33); (2) on the *central* shaft four bowls each with a bulb (knop) and a flower or *12* (Ex. 25:34); and (3) *under each of the 6 branches* one bulb or *6* (Ex. 25:35), which equals $54+12+6=72$.

When one builds a house, the first thing that must be laid is its foundation: "*Wisdom has built her house. She has carved out her seven pillars*" (Prov. 9:1). What is the *foundation of Adonai's Wisdom*? Fortunately, Scripture gives us the answer. The foundation of the house of wisdom is: "*The fear (respect) of Adonai is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding*" (Proverbs 9:10). Thus, supporting the super-structure of the *house of*

wisdom we have seven mighty pillars, or columns. Can you see a *Menorah*-like structure supporting the house of *Adonai*'s wisdom? Coincidence, huh?

At the base of the *Menorah* are 12 facets with each decorated differently. How many tribes are in *Bnei-Yisrael*? How many apostles did *Yeshua* have? How many gates in the city in Revelation? We ourselves are built on the foundation of apostles with *Yeshua* Himself being the cornerstone (*Eph. 2:20*).

At the top of the *Menorah*, we have *seven lights*, which represent the *seven spirits of God* (*Rev. 1:4, 3:1 4:5, 5:6*) and the *Eyes of Adonai*: "*10For who despises the day of small things? These seven—which are the eyes of Adonai that run back and forth throughout the whole earth—will rejoice when they see the plumb line in Zerubbabel's hand*" (*Zec. 4:10*). We also know that the number seven represents perfection and completion.

There were *seventy prophets* appointed by Moses within the camp and *two* outside the camp (*Ex. 24:1, 24:9, Nu. 11:24*) and the number of disciples sent two by two by *Yeshua* in *Luke 10* was also 72. The number of people that served in the Sanhedrin was also seventy and two (71 + *cohen gadol representing God*).

There is a pattern for everything we do as it relates to *Messiah Yeshua* — in everything we do we should be a reflection of Him: "*For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, so that He might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters*" (*Ro. 8:29*). We in *Kol Simcha* are (by faith) one of those *Menorot* spoken of by the Apostle John in the Book of Revelation. *Yah Adonai* has commanded us to be lit with the Holy Spirit oil continually so we can *Keep this Menorah Burning Forever*. I want us together to also develop an evident *burning heart* for *Yah Adonai* and His *Messiah* this year as we strive to fulfill our calling in this season. I know we will! *Shabbat Shalom!*