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GROUP STUDY GUIDE

The Tabernacle: The Menorah

Use with the full teaching and a Bible. Read or watch first, complete the questions, then discuss and apply. For family study, an adult can select suitable portions and accept spoken answers.

Test the teaching's explanations against the cited passages. Keep the answer key and facilitator notes separate when distributing learner pages.

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Teaching summary

The menorah was a gold lampstand that illuminated the enclosed sanctuary. Exodus describes a central stem with six branches, almond-blossom decoration, and seven lamps fueled by olive oil. The lampstand and its utensils were made from a talent of gold.

The teaching reads the lampstand imagery in Zechariah alongside the eyes of YHWH. God sees good and evil and knows the trials of his people. This connection encourages honest living and trust in his attentive care.

Light also draws people toward God. The lesson connects this theme with the return of God's people and with Messiah, who is the light of the world. Coming to Yeshua involves receiving the light rather than hiding wrongdoing.

Yeshua calls his disciples the light of the world. Our good works should make the Father known, not advertise our own importance. The teaching applies the menorah's illuminating purpose to a community that serves and points others toward God.

Revelation explicitly identifies its seven lampstands as seven congregations, with Yeshua in their midst. The lesson connects that image to the Tabernacle's lampstand. The images are related, but Revelation's seven lampstands are not simply the seven lamps on one physical menorah.

The lesson concludes by inviting us to come to Messiah and shine his light. We can turn from wrongdoing, practice what is good and true, and make our witness helpful to others. God's seeing, Messiah's light, and the community's good works form the teaching's main line of thought.

Summary points

- Menorah means lampstand.
- The gold lampstand had seven lamps and almond-blossom decoration.
- Olive oil supplied the lamps' fuel.
- The teaching connects the lamps in Zechariah with God's watchful eyes.
- God sees both evil and good.
- Yeshua is the light of the world.
- Light exposes wrongdoing and invites an honest response.
- Good works should glorify the Father.
- Revelation identifies seven lampstands with seven congregations.
- Our witness should guide others toward God rather than ourselves.

Fill in the blank

Use the teaching and the cited Bible passages. Equivalent wording is welcome when it expresses the same meaning.

Basic

1. The Hebrew word menorah means _____.
2. The lampstand was made of pure _____.
3. The menorah had _____ lamps.
4. Its cups were shaped like _____ blossoms.
5. The lamps burned olive _____.
6. Yeshua says he is the light of the _____.

Challenging

1. Zechariah 4:10 describes seven as the _____ of YHWH.
2. Proverbs says God's eyes watch both the evil and the _____.
3. John 3 says people may avoid the light lest their works be _____.
4. Yeshua says our good works should bring glory to the _____.
5. Ephesians tells believers to walk as children of _____.
6. Revelation 1:20 identifies the seven lampstands as seven _____.

Group discussion

Discuss respectfully and support answers from the passages. Use these lines for brief notes or a notebook for longer responses.

1. What was the menorah's practical purpose, and what details does Exodus actually specify?

2. How can God's watchful eyes bring both challenge and comfort?

3. How does Messiah's light call for a response?

4. What is the difference between shining light and seeking attention for ourselves?

5. What does Revelation explicitly say about its lampstands, and what connection does the teaching draw?

6. How can our group become a more helpful light?

Answer key

For the leader or parent. Answers follow the teaching and the passages. Accept equivalent wording that expresses the same meaning.

Basic

1. lampstand

The Menorah, opening explanation

2. gold

Exodus 25:31

3. seven (also: 7)

Exodus 25:37

4. almond

Exodus 25:33-34

5. oil

Exodus 27:20-21

6. world

John 8:12

Challenging

1. eyes

Zechariah 4:10

2. good

Proverbs 15:3

3. exposed

John 3:20

4. Father

Matthew 5:16

5. light

Ephesians 5:8

6. churches (also: congregations, assemblies)

Revelation 1:20

Facilitator notes

These responses give direction for discussion. They are not a test of identical wording. Invite participants to explain the passages and consider a faithful practical response.

1. It supplied light inside the enclosed sanctuary. Exodus specifies gold, six branches from the central stem, almond-blossom forms, and seven lamps. The stated talent includes the lampstand and utensils, so a precise weight for the lampstand alone should not be assumed.

Exodus 25:31-40; 27:20-21

2. God sees hidden wrongdoing, but also sees faithfulness, suffering, and need. The lesson calls for honesty and confidence in his care rather than either concealment or despair. We should not reduce his care to a guarantee of immediate relief.

Proverbs 15:3; 1 Peter 3:12; Psalm 11:4-7

3. Yeshua offers the light of life and reveals what darkness hides. Coming to him includes receiving him, turning from evil, and living truthfully before God. The light both exposes and welcomes.

John 1:9-13; 8:12; 3:19-21

4. Yeshua directs good works toward the Father's glory. The lesson compares this with a lamp that illuminates the dwelling rather than showcasing itself. Helpful service and truthful conduct should make God's goodness visible.

Matthew 5:14-16

5. Revelation identifies the seven lampstands as seven congregations and places Yeshua among them. The teaching relates their witness to the menorah's light. Keep that connection distinct from saying the visions describe the identical physical object.

Revelation 1:12-13, 20

6. We can turn from practices that conceal or excuse wrongdoing, grow in goodness and truth, and serve needs visibly without self-promotion. The goal is to help others move toward Messiah and give glory to the Father.

Ephesians 5:8-14; Matthew 5:14-16

Put it into practice

Choose one response to the passages. What will we do, and when will we revisit it? Share only what you are comfortable sharing.