

TORAH, GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS
NUMBERS 8 – SETTING UP THE CANDLESTICK

Say - Welcome to Sabbath School class. Let's bow our head and ask God for understanding as we continue our study of the book of Numbers. In this chapter we see the setting up of the Candlestick or Lampstand in the sanctuary. God is our light/truth today and in the future when the New Jerusalem comes down to earth there will be no sun or moon or night for God and Christ will be our light.

Say - Here is how the Bible tells us about the New Jerusalem ²³And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof (God's people will shine too; no need for the sun.). ²⁴And the nations (children) of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it (All come to visit God, Christ and His bride.). ²⁵And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. (This is after the 2nd resurrection.) Revelation 21:23-25

Say – God has always given His people light ²¹And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night: ²²He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people” Exodus 13:21-22.

Say – In the tabernacle God said ²⁰And thou shalt command the children of Israel, that they bring thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamp to burn always. ²¹In the tabernacle of the congregation without the vail, which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall order it from evening to morning before the LORD: it shall be a statute for ever unto their generations on the behalf of the children of Israel” Exodus 27:20-21.

Say – What it will be like to be under a righteous King; David was an example of a righteous King ³The God (Jehovah, Jesus Christ) of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God. ⁴And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain” (It will be a pleasant experience.) 2 Samuel 23:3-4.

Say – “For thou wilt **light** my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my (spiritual) darkness” Psalm 18:28. “The LORD is my **light** and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” Psalm 27:1. ⁹For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light (Light is an emblem of all blessings given by God to gain more knowledge.)” Psalm 36:9. “**Thy word is a lamp** unto my feet, and a **light** unto my path” Psalm 119:105.

Say – “Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for **light**, and **light** for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter (Sin is bitter but seems sweet for a time.)!” (How could anyone think like this; it is because they do not know the Truth of God.) Isaiah 5:20.

Say – “¹⁶The people which sat in (spiritual) darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up. ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” Matthew 4:16-17. (Christ did not begin His ministry until He had overcome Satan and His message was the same as from the beginning of time, Genesis 4.)

Say – “¹⁴Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid” Matthew 5:14. (Only those that walk in the light not the darkness walk to God’s Law just like Jesus; Christ is saying, “Be like Me” and not in secret; Keep my Sabbath and Holy Days and the world will know it.)

Say – Christ said “⁷⁹To give light (Truth) to them that sit in (spiritual) darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace (In the way of righteousness, the Law of God and put it in the heart/mind of the people.)” Luke 1:79.

Say – “Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the **light** of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in (spiritual) darkness, but shall have the **light** of life” (If we follow God we will have eternal life; we are to come out of this world and follow Him only.) John 8:12.

Say – “⁶For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness (The knowledge of God’s truth and salvation.), hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.” 2 Corinthians 4:6-7. “For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye **light** in the Lord: walk as children of **light**: (Only the Law of God can tell us what is light and darkness”.) Ephesians 5:8. “Ye are all the children of **light**, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness (as most people are)” I Thessalonians 5:5.

Say – “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous **light** (We are a light to the world when we walk in God’s law.)” I Peter 2:9.

Say – As you can see there is so much on Christ as our light; remember the Candlestick or Lampstand pointed to Christ, the “light of our world and the “Light of (eternal) Life” John 8:12.

Numbers 8

Say – The setting up of the lights of the sanctuary. Go to Leviticus 24 and read verses 1-9 on the Candlestick. Also go to Exodus 25 and at the bottom of page 9 there is more information about the Candlestick through the remainder of the lesson. The Bible tells us “²⁰My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: ²¹Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck. ²²When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee. ²³**For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:**” Proverbs 6:20-23.

¹And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

²Speak unto Aaron (Only Aaron was to light the lamps.) and say unto him, When thou lightest the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light over against the candlestick.

³And Aaron did so; he lighted the lamps thereof over against the candlestick, as the LORD commanded Moses.

⁴And this work of the candlestick was of beaten gold, unto the shaft thereof, unto the flowers thereof, was beaten work: according unto the pattern which the LORD had shewed Moses, so he made the candlestick. (See Exodus 25:31 “³¹And thou shalt make a candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work shall the candlestick be made: his shaft, and his branches, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, shall be of the same”).

⁵And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

⁶Take the Levites from among the children of Israel, and cleanse them.

⁷And thus shalt thou do unto them, to cleanse them (take a bath, purify them): Sprinkle water of purifying upon them, and let them shave all their flesh, and let them wash their clothes, and so make themselves clean. (Many people come to church unshaved, sweaty and dirty. This was symbolic of when we come before God; must be clean in the art of love to Him; we don't come stinking in the love chamber; put on fragrance. We must repent before God of our sins also.)

⁸Then let them take a young bullock with his meat offering, even fine flour mingled with oil, and another young bullock shalt thou take for a sin offering.

⁹And thou shalt bring the Levites before the tabernacle of the congregation: and thou shalt gather the whole assembly of the children of Israel together:

¹⁰And thou shalt bring the Levites before the LORD: and the children of Israel shall put their hands upon the Levites: (an ordination)

¹¹And Aaron shall offer the Levites before the LORD for an (symbolically offer a wave) offering of the children of Israel, that they may execute the service of the LORD.

¹²And the Levites shall lay their hands upon the heads of the bullocks: and thou shalt offer the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering, unto the LORD, to make an atonement for the Levites. (The Levites had to be purified before leading the people.)

¹³And thou shalt set the Levites before Aaron, and before his sons, and offer them for an offering unto the LORD.

¹⁴Thus shalt thou separate the Levites from among the children of Israel: and the Levites shall be mine.

¹⁵And after that shall the Levites go in to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation: and thou shalt cleanse them, and offer them for an offering.

¹⁶For they are wholly given unto me from among the children of Israel; instead of such as open every womb, even instead of the firstborn of all the children of Israel, have I taken them unto me.

¹⁷For all the firstborn of the children of Israel are mine, both man and beast: on the day that I smote every firstborn in the land of Egypt I sanctified them for myself.

¹⁸And I have taken the Levites for all the firstborn of the children of Israel.

¹⁹And I have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron and to his sons from among the children of Israel, to do the service of the children of Israel in the tabernacle of the congregation, and to make an atonement for the children of Israel: that there be no plague among the children of Israel, when the children of Israel come nigh unto the sanctuary. (That is what the Levites are there for to serve Israel not to lord over them and live high and mighty. The Levites were to be under the priests and to assist them in the service of the Tabernacle.)

²⁰And Moses, and Aaron, and all the congregation of the children of Israel, did to the Levites according unto all that the LORD commanded Moses (not church doctrine but God's teaching,) concerning the Levites, so did the children of Israel unto them.

²¹And the Levites were purified, and they washed their clothes; and Aaron offered them as an offering before the LORD; and Aaron made an atonement for them to cleanse them.

²²And after that went the Levites in to do their service in the tabernacle of the congregation (tent of meeting) before Aaron, and before his sons: as the LORD had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did they unto them.

²³And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

²⁴This is it that belongeth unto the Levites: from twenty and five years old and upward they shall go in to wait upon the service of the tabernacle of the congregation:

²⁵And from the age of fifty years they shall cease waiting upon the service thereof, and shall serve no more: (in the tabernacle)

²⁶But shall minister with their brethren in the tabernacle of the congregation, to keep the charge, and shall do no service. Thus shalt thou do unto the Levites touching their charge.

MEMORY VERSE

For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

Proverbs 6:23

BELOW IS THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR TOTS

THE CANDLESTICK OR LAMPSTAND POINTED TO CHRIST WHO IS THE
"LIGHT OF THE WORLD AND LIGHT OF LIFE" JOHN 8:12

GOD HAS ALWAYS GIVEN HIS PEOPLE LIGHT "AND THE LORD WENT BEFORE THEM (the 12 tribes of Israel) BY DAY IN A PILLAR OF A CLOUD, TO LEAD THEM THE WAY; AND BY NIGHT IN A PILLAR OF FIRE, **TO GIVE THEM LIGHT**; TO GO BY DAY AND NIGHT: HE TOOK NOT AWAY THE PILLAR OF THE CLOUD BY DAY, NOT THE PILLAR OF FIRE BY NIGHT, FROM BEFORE THE PEOPLE" Ex. 13:21-22

IN THE TABERNACLE GOD SAID "AND THOU SHALT COMMAND THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, THAT THEY BRING THEE PURE OIL OLIVE BEATEN FOR THE LIGHT, **TO CAUSE THE LAMP TO BURN ALWAYS**. Exodus 27:20

THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION WHOM SHALL I FEAR? THE LORD IS THE STRENGTH OF MY LIFE; OF WHOM SHALL I BE AFRAID. Psalm 27:1

GOD TELLS US "THY **WORD IS A LAMP** UNTO MY FEET, AND A **LIGHT UNTO MY PATH**" Psalm 119:105

YOU (God) ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD; A CITY THAT IS SET ON A HILL CANNOT BE HID. Matthew 5:14 IN THIS VERSE CHRIST IS SAYING "BE LIKE ME" AND NOT IN SECRET; KEEP MY SABBATH AND HOLY DAYS AND THE WORLD WILL KNOW IT.

"THEN SPAKE JESUS AGAIN UNTO THEM, SAYING, **I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**: HE THAT FOLLOWETH ME SHALL NOT WALK IN DARKNESS, BUT **SHALL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE**" John 8:12

JESUS IS SAYING IF WE FOLLOW GOD WE WILL HAVE ETERNAL LIFE; WE ARE TO COME OUT OF THIS WORLD AND FOLLOW HIM ONLY.

FOR YE WERE SOMETIMES DARKNESS, BUT NOW YE **LIGHT IN THE LORD; WALK AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT**. Ephesians 5:8

YE ARE ALL THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT (truth of God), AND THE CHILDREN OF THE DAY: WE ARE NOT OF THE NIGHT, NOR OF (spiritual) DARKNESS. IThessalonians 5:5

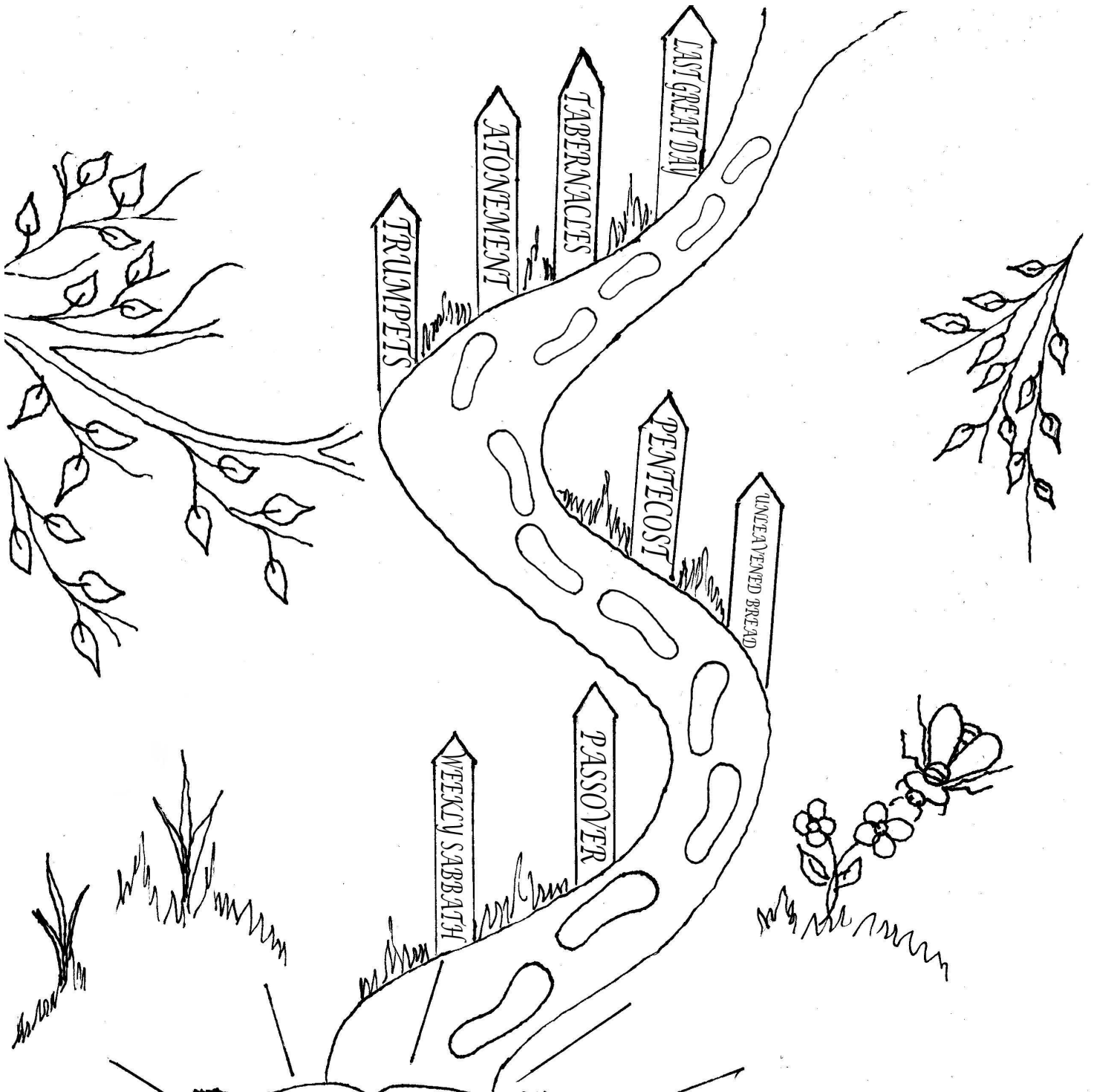
GOD TELLS US WHAT IT WILL BE LIKE TO BE UNDER A RIGHTEOUS KING; DAVID WAS AN EXAMPLE OF A RIGHTEOUS KING "THE GOD OF ISRAEL SAID, THE ROCK OF ISRAEL SPAKE TO ME, HE THAT RULETH OVER MEN MUST BE JUST, RULING IN THE FEAR OF GOD.

AND HE SHALL BE AS THE LIGHT OF THE MORNING, WHEN THE SUN RISETH, EVEN A MORNING WITHOUT CLOUDS; AS THE TENDER SPRINGING OUT OF THE EARTH BY CLEAR SHINING AFTER RAIN. (It will be a pleasant experience and in the Kingdom of God, Jesus will be our King of Kings and Lord of Lords.) 2 Samuel 23:3-4

GOD TELLS US ABOUT THE NEW JERUSALEM WHICH WILL COME DOWN AFTER THE 1000 YEAR KINGDOM OF GOD AND AFTER THE 2ND RESURRECTION.

AND THE CITY HAD NO NEED OF THE SUN, NEITHER OF THE MOON, TO SHINE IN IT: **FOR THE GLORY OF GOD DID LIGHTEN IT, AND THE LAMB (Jesus) IS THE LIGHT THEREOF.** Revelation 21:23

NOW YOU KNOW WHY THE CANDLESTICK OR LAMPSTAND PICTURED JESUS; "THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD AND THE LIGHT OF LIFE"
JOHN 8:12



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