

Sanctuary Steps

#4 The 7 Branch Candlesticks

Revelation 4:5

“From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. Before the throne, **seven lamps were blazing**. These are the **seven spirits of God**.” (In the margin it says, “Or *the sevenfold Spirit*.”)

Zechariah 4:1-7

“Then the angel who talked with me returned and awaken me, as a man is wakened from sleep. He asked me, “What do you see?” I answered, “I see a solid gold **lampstand** with a bowl at the top and seven lights on it, with **seven channels** to the lights. Also there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.” I asked the angel who talked with me, “What are these, my lord?” He answered, “Do you not know what these are?” “No, my lord,” I replied. So he said to me, “This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: ‘**Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit**,’ says the Lord Almighty. “What are you, O mighty mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground. Then he will bring out the capstone to shouts of ‘God bless it! God bless it!’ ””

Isaiah 11:1-5

“A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. **The Spirit of the Lord** will rest on him— **the Spirit of wisdom** and of **understanding, the Spirit of counsel** and of **power, the Spirit of the knowledge** and **fear of the Lord** — and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not **judge** by what he sees with his eyes, or **decide** by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will **judge** the needy, with justice he will give **decisions** for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.”

Proverbs 8:1, 8-14

“Does not **wisdom** call out? Does not **understanding** raise her voice? All the words of my mouth are just; none of them is crooked or perverse. To the **discerning** all of them are right; they are faultless to those who have **knowledge**. Choose my instruction instead of silver, **knowledge** rather than choice gold, for **wisdom** is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her. ‘I **wisdom**, dwell together with prudence; I possess **knowledge** and **discretion**. To **fear the Lord** is to

hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech. **Counsel** and sound **judgment** are mine; I have **understanding** and **power**.”

Proverbs 9:1, 4, 10, 11

“**Wisdom** has built her house; she has set up its **seven pillars**. ‘Let all who are simple come in here!’ she says to those who lack **judgment**. The **fear of the Lord** is the beginning of **wisdom**, and **knowledge** of the Holy One is **understanding**. For through me your days will be many, and years will be added to your life.”

Galatians 5:22, 23

“But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”