

The Construction of the Menorah

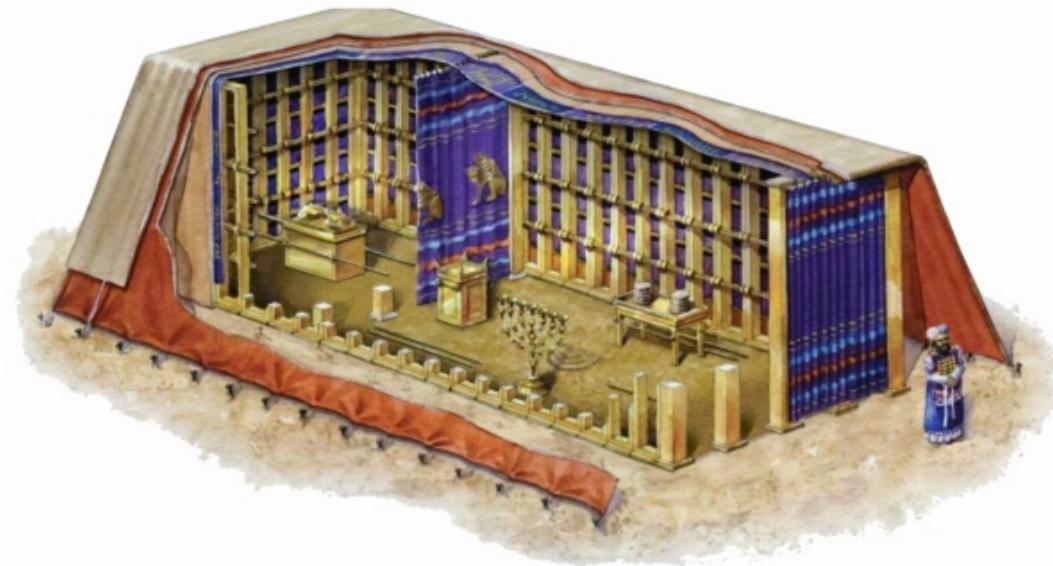
God instructed the House of Israel to build a seven-branched lampstand of pure gold (Ex 25:31-40).

The shape reminds of a flowering tree of life. On each of the six side arms were 3 golden almond blossoms and together with the 4 on the center shaft, there were exactly **22** almond blossoms. Between the **22** flowers, there are **21** connections. From the lowest flower to the top flower on the shaft to the 6 lamps, there are $3 \times 8 + 3 = 27$ connections, and together with the highest connection from the top flower on the shaft to the middle lamp, there are a total of **28** (4×7) connections. Together they are **50** parts + **7** lamps.



The almond tree is the first tree in Israel, which awakes from its winter sleep to life and blooms. Therefore, the white almond blossom is a symbol of life and purity. God paid attention to the details from the very beginning; for he commanded that every single almond blossom on the Menorah should consist of three parts, namely, the cups, buds and blossoms (petals). Together they are $3 \times 22 = 66$ single flower parts.

The Menorah stood in the Tabernacle and in Solomon's Temple. The Menorah stood also in the Temple of Herod in Jerusalem when Jesus was crucified.



In the year **66** AD began the Jewish-Roman War. In **70** AD was the temple in Jerusalem destroyed by the Romans. After more than 10 years the Arch of Titus in Rome was created, showing the removal of the Menorah, whose shape was outlined, however inaccurate.



The biblical Menorah is a reference to the Bible, the light to the world

The Menorah has a symbolism for eternity, for there is a clear correlation between the construction of the Menorah and the structure of the Bible. This is especially evident at 3 points:

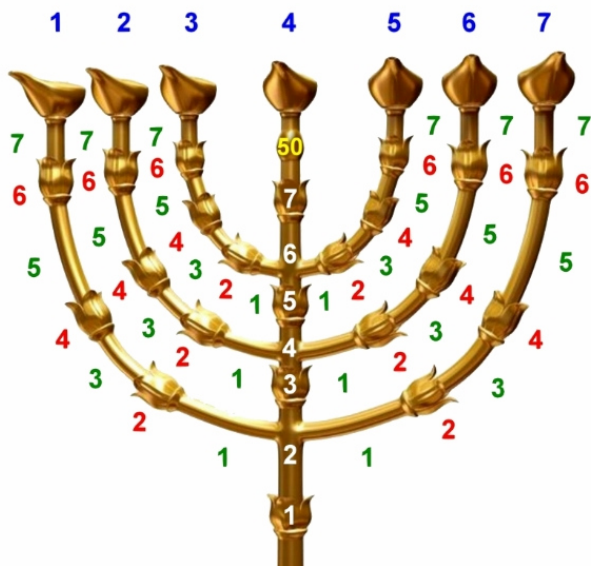
1. THE 49 SCROLLS OF THE BIBLE: The Hebrew alphabet has **22** letters and the Greek has **27** letters (in total there are **22+27=49** letters). The Menorah has **22** almond blossoms and the OT has been written on **22** scrolls. The **22** almond flowers on the Menorah are a symbol of the **22** scrolls of the Old Testament (the basis of the Bible). The Menorah has $3 \times 8 + 3 = 27$ connections from the lowest to the top flower of the shaft toward the 6 lamps (the 6 is the number of man) and the NT was written on **27** scrolls. The **27** connections stands for the **27** books of the NT. Together, there are **22+27=49** scrolls of the Bible.



OLD TESTAMENT						
OT OLD COVENANT	1 LAW	1 LAW	Genesis	1	1	1
			Exodus	2	2	2
			Leviticus	3	3	3
			Numbers	4	4	4
			Deuteronomy	5	5	5
	2 PROPHETS	2 FORMER	Joshua	6	1	6
			Judges	7	2	7
			1/2 Samuel	8	3-4	8-9
		4 MINOR	1/2 Kings	9	5-6	10-11
			Isaiah	10	7	12
			Jeremiah	11	8	13
			Ezekiel	12	9	14
			Hosea	13	10	15
			Joel	14	11	16
			Amos	15	12	17
	3 WRITINGS	5 WISDOM	Obadiah	16	13	18
			Jonah	17	14	19
			Micah	18	15	20
			Nahum	19	16	21
		6 FESTIVAL	Habakkuk	20	17	22
			Zephaniah	21	18	23
			Haggai	22	19	24
7 REVELATION		Zechariah	23	20	25	
		Malachi	24	21	26	
		Psalms (5)	25	1-5	27-31	
3 PARTS	7 SUB-PARTS	Proverbs	26	6	32	
		Job	27	7	33	
		Song of Songs	28	8	34	
			16	9	35	
			17	10	36	
			18	11	37	
			19	12	38	
			20	13	39	
			21	14	40	
			22	15	41	
			22	16-17	42-43	
			22	39 or 43	3 x 12	
			22	BOOKS	NAMES	

NEW TESTAMENT							
NT NEW COVENANT	1 GOSPELS	1 GOSPELS	Matthew	1	1	1	
			Mark	2	2	2	
			Luke	3	3	3	
			John	4	4	4	
	2 ACTS	2 ACTS	Acts of the Apostles	5	5	5	
			Romans	6	1	6	
	3 EPISTLES	3 PAUL TO THE 7 CHURCHES	1 Corinthians	7	2	7	
			2 Corinthians	8	3	8	
			Galatians	9	4	9	
			Ephesians	10	5	10	
			Philippians	11	6	11	
			Colossians	12	7	12	
			1 Thessalonians	13	8	13	
		2 Thessalonians	14	9	14		
		4 PAUL TO THE HEBREWS	4 PAUL TO THE HEBREWS	Hebrews	15	10	15
				1 Timothy	16	11	16
	2 Timothy			17	12	17	
5 PAUL TO THE 3 BROTHERS	6 GENERAL	Titus	18	13	18		
		Philemon	19	14	19		
		James	20	15	20		
		1 Peter	21	16	21		
		2 Peter	22	17	22		
		1 John	23	18	23		
4 REVELATION	7 REVELATION	2 John	24	19	24		
		3 John	25	20	25		
		Jude	26	21	26		
		Revelation	27	1	27		
4 PARTS	7 SUB-PARTS	27 SCROLLS	27	27 BOOKS	3 x 7 NAMES		

"Your **WORD** is a **LAMP** to my feet and a **LIGHT** to my path" (Psalm 119,105)



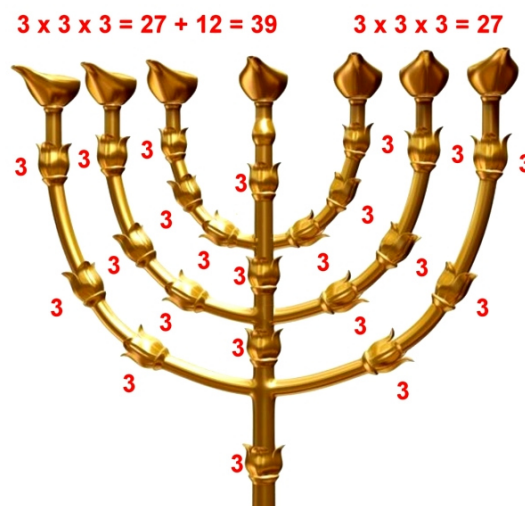
The Menorah has **22** almond blossoms and **27** connecting parts; together they are **22+27=49** parts. On the shaft there are 7 parts and on all 6 side arms as well. They are therefore exactly **7x7=49** parts of the Menorah.

The Bible was written on **22** (OT) plus **27** (NT) scrolls; together they are **22+27=49** scrolls. The 49 symbolizes the complete conclusion and final completeness of the Word of God: **7x7=49**.

However, the Menorah still has a connection from the uppermost almond blossom at the shaft to the middle lamp. This symbolizes the most important part, or the most important book of the Bible, namely the **Book of Life**. **49+1=50**

2. THE 7 PARTS OF THE BIBLE: The Menorah has **7** lamps and the Bible consists of **7** parts. Each of these parts symbolizes a lamp, for the Word of God is the light for our dark world. The 7 parts are: 1. Law, 2. Prophets, 3. Writings, 4. Gospels, 5. Acts of the Apostles, 6. Epistles, and 7. Revelation of Jesus Christ.

3. THE 66 AND 70 BOOKS OF BIBLE: Each almond flower consists of 3 parts (cups, buds and blossoms/petals). Together they are $3 \times 22 = 66$ almond blossom items. On the center shaft are 4 almond blossoms with a total of **12** flower items. On the left side of the Menorah, there are $3 \times 3 \times 3 = 27$ flower parts on the 3 arms. The 12 flower parts on the stem plus the 27 flower parts on the left side are a reference to the basis of the Bible, namely the $12 + 27 = 39$ books of the OT. The other $3 \times 3 \times 3 = 27$ flower items on the right side of the shaft indicate the **27** books of the NT. In addition, there are exactly $3 \times 7 = 21$ connections between the **22** almond blossoms. The Old Testament was written on **22** scrolls, but it contains a total of **39** individual books. The New Testament was written on **27** scrolls, and here each scroll corresponds to a single book. The entire Bible was written on **49** scrolls and contains **66** individual books.



A lamp also has the wick and the olive oil. There are therefore $3 \times 7 = 21$ lamp items. The 22 almond blossoms with the 27 connecting parts together produce 49 items and with the 21 lamp items the total number is **70** ($10 \times 7 = 70$). Since the Psalms originally consisted of 5 books, the total number of the Bible is **70** books. Interestingly, Josephus himself described that the Menorah consisted of 70 parts. However, we do not know exactly how they counted. In addition, we do not know whether the construction of the Temple Menorah was exactly according to the Bible's instructions (Ex 25:31-40) or changed by the priests.

The symbol and meaning of the numbers

The Bible was written on **49** scrolls (**22** + **27**), but it contains **39** + **27** = **66** books. Since the Psalms originally consisted of 5 books, there are altogether **70** books.

Both views are correct. The numbers **49** (7×7), **66** (3×22) and **70** (10×7) symbolize the complete conclusion and completeness of the Word of God. There are Christians who believe that the **66** is related to the number 666 (number of the Beast). But this is a great error, for the 66 has nothing to do with it, but it means 3 times 22 (22 Hebrew letters), which is a very positive number of the Old Testament closeness of the books. The OT also contains **36** (3×12) and the NT **21** (3×7) book names. No scroll and no book may be removed or added.

The number **22**:

- **22** Almond blossoms of the Menorah
- **22** Letters in the ancient Hebrew alphabet
- **22** Scrolls of the Old Testament

The number **27**:

- **27** Connections in the flowering area of the Menorah
- **27** Letters in the ancient Greek alphabet (with digamma, koppa, sampi)
- **27** Scrolls of the New Testament

The Biblical Menorah has:

- **7** Lamps (with wick and oil it is $3 \times 7 = 21$ items)
- **21** Connecting parts between the 22 almond blossoms
- **22** Cups buds and blossoms = $3 \times 22 = 66$ Flower items:
- **66** Flower items: 12 on shaft + 27 on the left side = **39** + **27** on the right side
- **27** Connections between the flowers and 6 lamps ($3 \times 8 + 3 = 27$)
- **28** Connections from beginning of flowering to all 7 lamps ($3 \times 8 + 4 = 28$)
- **49** Flowers and compounds in the flowering area ($22 + 27 = 49 = 7 \times 7$)
- **50** Flowers and connections to all 7 lamps ($22 + 28 = 50 = 7 \times 7 = 49 + 1$)

The Book of Life

When the tree of life blossoms, it has exactly 49 parts from the lowest to the highest flower on the shaft to the 6 lamps (6 = number of man). This symbolizes the Bible ($22+27=49$ scrolls with the $39+27=66$ or **70** books). However, the most important detail is still missing, namely the piece from the top flower to the middle lamp. It symbolizes the "**Book of Life**" ($49+1=50$) and the perfect communion with God. As in the counting of the days until Pentecost ($49+1$) and in the counting of the years up to the year of jubilee ($49+1$), so also indicates the uppermost part of the Menorah ($49+1$) the complete conclusion and the new beginning.

The Menorah is a reference to the Word of God. God speaks to us through the scrolls of the Bible; His word is the light in this world. However, the **50th** ($49+1$) section to the Central Lamp is a symbol of the **BOOK OF LIFE** and the eternal direct contact with Yahweh / Jesus.

The Menorah symbolizes Jesus

- Let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of **JESUS CHRIST**... this man stands here before you whole... Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved (Acts 4:10-12).
- In the beginning was the **WORD**, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the **LIGHT** of all mankind. The **LIGHT** shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that **LIGHT**, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the **LIGHT**; he came only as a witness to the **LIGHT**. The true **LIGHT** that gives **LIGHT** to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. The **WORD** became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth (John 1:1-14).
- **I** am the **LIGHT** of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the **LIGHT** of life (John 8:12).
- **I** am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me (John 14:6).
- And behold, **I** am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work (Rev 22:12).

The light of the Menorah symbolizes:

1. **JESUS**: he is the light of the world, because he is the love in person, the word and the savior
2. The **HOLY SPIRIT**: without the oil, there is no light and no illumination
3. The **BIBLE**: 7 parts, 49 scrolls with 66/70 books = the word of God = the light in this dark world
4. The **BOOK OF LIFE**: eternal life (Rev 3:5, 20:12-15), and our way of life, as a light in this world (Mt 5:13-16)

The Menorah is not a normal lampstand; it is a miracle, just as the Bible itself is also a miracle.

Why did God allow the Menorah to be removed from the Temple?

Is God not able to protect His people? God can protect His people; this is not a problem for him. However, the sins of Israel were the reason why God had not prevented the destruction of Jerusalem and the robbery of the Menorah by [1.] the **Babylonians** (586 BC), [2.] the **Greeks** (Seleucid Empire, 169 BC), and [3.] the **Romans** (AD 70). Israel did not obey the commandments of God and even rejected Jesus: the Word, the Light, the Savior, the Messiah (Mt 27:20-66; John 1:9-11). The prophets of the Old Testament predicted the coming and the life of Jesus in every detail. Nevertheless, Israel has ignored and twisted these many passages from the Bible (OT).

Even the followers of Jesus were also persecuted, expelled and cruelly killed by the Jews as so-called "apostates and seduces" (John 20:19, Acts 2:1-4:31, 5:17-42; Acts 7; 8:1-3, 12:1-5, 14:4-7,19). Paul said: "Let it be known to all of **you** and to all the **people of Israel** that by the **name of Jesus Christ** [= the Messiah] of Nazareth, whom **you** [= the Jews, by the hand of the Romans] crucified, whom God raised from the dead - by him this [healed] man is standing before you well" (Acts 4:10). It was not the Christians who killed the Jews, but the Jews who killed Christians first and before that, they led Jesus (their own relative and the Light of the World) to execution by the Romans. A converted Christian, on the other hand, must not do violence to anyone and certainly not to the people to whom our Lord Jesus (the Saviour) came. Christians should not judge the Jews, but love them, because the salvation of the whole world (Jesus) came from this people (John 4:22); of the family of Jesus (Zech 2:8). Without the Hebrews, we would not have a single book of the Bible.

The rejection of Jesus was Israel's greatest sin ever. Israel has eliminated the "**light of the world**" through the Romans (John 8:12; 14:6). Therefore, God allowed the "**light of the Menorah**" to be removed from its people for 2,000 years and hidden by the Romans. In 70 AD, almost all Jews were expelled from their homeland and dispersed throughout the world. The ancient prophets knew it and predicted it in detail in their books. Israel again did not want to listen to the commandments and warnings of God. It rejected **the light (Jesus)** instead of being proud of him, so it had to bear the consequences in exile among all the peoples of the world and suffer in the **deepest darkness of the world**. In the Diaspora, the Israelites longed for God's protection, which was guaranteed to their fathers by God, before they fell away from God and His commandments.

However, since the end of the Second World War, the Jews have been able to return to their land and no nation can destroy Israel, because the protective hand of God is again above Israel. The prophets of the Old Testament also predicted this exactly.

This generation (born after 1948 or 1967) will not pass away until Jesus (the Messiah) returns (see Mt 24:32-35; the fig tree is a symbol of Israel). Only then will Jesus' light and love shine on the world and there will be no more wars and no more suffering. But first several prophecies from the book of Revelation have to be fulfilled. And the nations of the world will gather against Israel until **Yeshua ha-Mashiach** (Jesus, the Messiah) will visibly return to earth and save Israel.

Many people seek the ancient **Menorah** from the Temple of Herod. However, it would be better if they were to seek **Jesus Christ**, for **he is the true meaning behind the Menorah**. What is the use of a perishable physical chandelier when denying the true spiritual eternal light? Whoever wants to see the Light of the Menorah for all eternity must follow Jesus and go the path of love and willingness to help others. Otherwise, his name will not be written in the **BOOK OF LIFE**.

Source of the text and images: <https://menorah-bible.jimdofree.com/english/structure-of-the-menorah/>

22 Scrolls OT = 22 Almond flowers of the Menorah
 27 Scrolls NT = 27 Connections of the Menorah
 49 Scrolls Bible = 49 Flowers+Connect. Menorah (22+27)

39 Books OT = 39 Flower units on the shaft+on left side
 27 Books NT = 27 Flower units on right side of the shaft
 66 Books Bible = 66 Flower units of the Menorah (39+27)

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22+27=49 36+27=66 49+21=70 + Book of Life

THE 49 SCROLLS AND 70 BOOKS OF THE BIBLE																																																											
THE BIBLE	1 BIBLE	2 COVENANTS	7 REVELATION	1 x 7 = 7 PARTS	49 7 x 7 = 49 SCROLLS	66 or 70 (3x22 or 7x10) BOOKS	3x12 +3x7 NAMES	1	2	3																																																	
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Bible + Menorah
 7 Parts of the Bible
 7 Lamps of the Menorah

 22 Letters Hebrew alphabet
 22 Scrolls of the OT
 22 Almond flowers Menorah
 27 Letters Greek alphabet
 27 Scrolls of the NT
 27 Connections Menorah
 49 Letters Hebr. + Gr. alph.
 49 Scrolls of the Bible
 49 Flowers + Connect. M.

 39 Books of the OT
 39 Flower units shaft + left
 27 Books of the NT
 27 Flower units right side
 66 Books of the Bible
 66 Flower units of Menorah

 21 Prophets of the OT
 21 Epistles of the NT
 21 Book names of the NT
 21 Connect. between 22 flowers
 21 Lamp units

 66 = 22x3 Books of the Bible
 70 = 10x7 Books of the Bible
 + Book of Life

OLD TESTAMENT							
OT OLD COVENANT	1 LAW	1 LAW	Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	
		2 FORMER	Joshua Judges 1/2 Samuel 1/2 Kings	6 7 8 9 10 11 12	6 7 8 9 10 11 12	6 7 8 9 10 11 12	
	2 PROPHETS	3 MAJOR	Isaiah Jeremiah Ezekiel Hosea	8 9 10 11 12	8 9 10 11 12	8 9 10 11 12	8 9 10 11 12
		4 MINOR	Joel Amos Obadiah Jonah Micah Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah Haggai Zechariah Malachi	13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26	13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26	13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26	13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26
		5 WISDOM	Psalms (5) Proverbs Job	27-31 32 33	27-31 32 33	27-31 32 33	27-31 32 33
		3 WRITINGS	6 FESTIVAL SCROLLS	Song of Songs Ruth Lamentations Ecclesiastes Esther	34 35 36 37 38	34 35 36 37 38	34 35 36 37 38
	3 PARTS	7 REVELATION	Daniel Ezra Nehemiah 1/2 Chronicles	39 40 41 42-43	39 40 41 42-43	39 40 41 42-43	39 40 41 42-43
7 SUB-PARTS		22 SCROLLS	39 or 43 BOOKS	3 x 12 NAMES			

NEW TESTAMENT							
NT NEW COVENANT	1 GOSPELS	1 GOSPELS	Matthew Mark Luke John	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	
		2 ACTS	Acts of the Apostles	5	5	5	5
	3 EPISTLES	3 PAUL TO THE CHURCHES	Romans	6	6	6	6
			1 Corinthians 2 Corinthians Galatians Ephesians Philippians Colossians 1 Thessalonians 2 Thessalonians	7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14	7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14	7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14	
		4 PAUL TO THE HEBREWS	Hebrews	15	15	15	15
		5 PAUL TO THE BROTHERS	1 Timothy 2 Timothy Titus Philemon	16 17 18 19	16 17 18 19	16 17 18 19	16 17 18 19
	4 REVELATION	7 REVELATION	James 1 Peter 2 Peter 1 John 2 John 3 John Jude	20 21 22 23 24 25 26	20 21 22 23 24 25 26	20 21 22 23 24 25 26	20 21 22 23 24 25 26
4 REVELATION			Revelation	27	27	27	27
4 PARTS	7 SUB-PARTS	27 SCROLLS	27 BOOKS	3 x 7 NAMES			