

Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer: We looked last week at the Holy Oil, Holy Bread, and The Holy Name of God. We did not get very far in the outline so we will take up again with the Holy Oil:

1. The Menorah was the light in the Holy place just before the veil. We learned the people were to furnish the priests with the oil and it was to be beaten out of olives and strained to be a clear pure oil. Olives do not produce year round everywhere so they would need to make up enough oil so the Lampstand light never went out. During time of war and priests being slack the lamp went out. Eli let the lamp go out when Samuel was a child and later the Ark of the Covenant was captured and Eli died as a result. The oil and the Lampstand represented the Light of the Word of God. Psalm 119:105, 130, 2Peter 1:19-21.
2. Israel as a nation was to be a light to show the world God but they failed in this; their light symbolically went out.
3. Jesus taught that He is The Light of the World. John 14: He is the Way, truth, light. Jesus taught those who believe in Him are the lights also. Rev. 1:12 the 7 Churches of Asia Minor are Lampstands and if they failed to do what they are called to do and what the Word teaches them to do they could be in danger of Christ removing their light.
4. Eph. 5:8 and Philippians 2:13-16. Let's look at these scriptures: and 1st John 1:3-7.
5. #2. The Holy Bread on the golden table in the Holy Place was placed 12 loaves of Bread baked with fine flour representing the 12 tribes. Replaced by the Priests on the Sabbath and they sliced off a portion to burn unto God and they could eat the rest; but they must eat it in the Holy Place. Israel was represented by the 12 loaves the Priests would see daily as they served in the holy place. Their garments had jewels on the border that represent the 12 tribes. And the high priest wore a breastplate with 12 larger stones representing them on His heart. The Tribe of Levi was chosen of the 12 to be the Levites and Priesthood and the High Priest a direct descendant of Aaron. Colossians 3:1-4 we are represented in Christ and promised the resurrection and glorified body like His Body. Philippians 3:21.

6. The Nation worked together as co-laborers with God when they supplied the priests all they needed for sacrifice and offerings to God. The Church today is a body of believers who are co-laborers with God as we minister to the world at large: Witnesses, teachers, prayer warriors, examples, inviters to come to church or to read a passage etc. like planting seeds in a broadcast manner and watering it and weeding it and reaping it as it produces for God. Christ willingly laid down His life for us and we represent Him to the world today. Let's look at 2Cor. 5:17-21 we as believers are given the Ministry of reconciliation and committed unto us the Word of reconciliation. (The Gospel) Now we are the Ambassadors for Christ meaning we represent Him to others. We appeal to men to be saved on behalf of God who will for those who receive the Message we give remove their sins and iniquities through the Word of reconciliation. So we pray you in Christ stead Be reconciled to God through faith in Jesus Christ. Because Christ was made the sin offering for us; He who knew no sin, became sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God In Christ. We have the evidence of The Spirit within us which is the earnest that God will finish in us the work He that He began.
7. #3 The Holy Name of God Lev. 24:10-23 A visual illustration of the severity of Blasphemy against the name of God. Exodus 20:7 Lev. 19:12 they were well taught the Importance of God' Name. At first God revealed Himself as Elohim: God in Gen.1:1 EL or ELAH meaning Strength or Strong One (All Powerful) combined with ALAH meaning to swear an oath revealing Faithful to what He Says. This is a Plural Noun as revealed in Gen. 1:26 Let Us Make man...v.27 unity beginning is Gen. 2:4, 2:7, 2:8 etc He is revealed as JEHOVAH ELOHIM The LORD GOD. The Second Primary name of GOD is JEHOVAH meaning The self-existent one. The Eternal one. The one who is and the one who will become Havah. This is the redemptive name of Deity. #3. The third primary name of God. Lord defined as Adonai Lord but if LORD is spelled with all capital letters it is Jehovah. There are many compound names of God. Such as Jehovah Raah The Lord is my Shepherd, Jehovah Shalom the lord our Peace. Revealing what He does. Jehovah rapha Heals.