



# The table and the candlestick

Session 2

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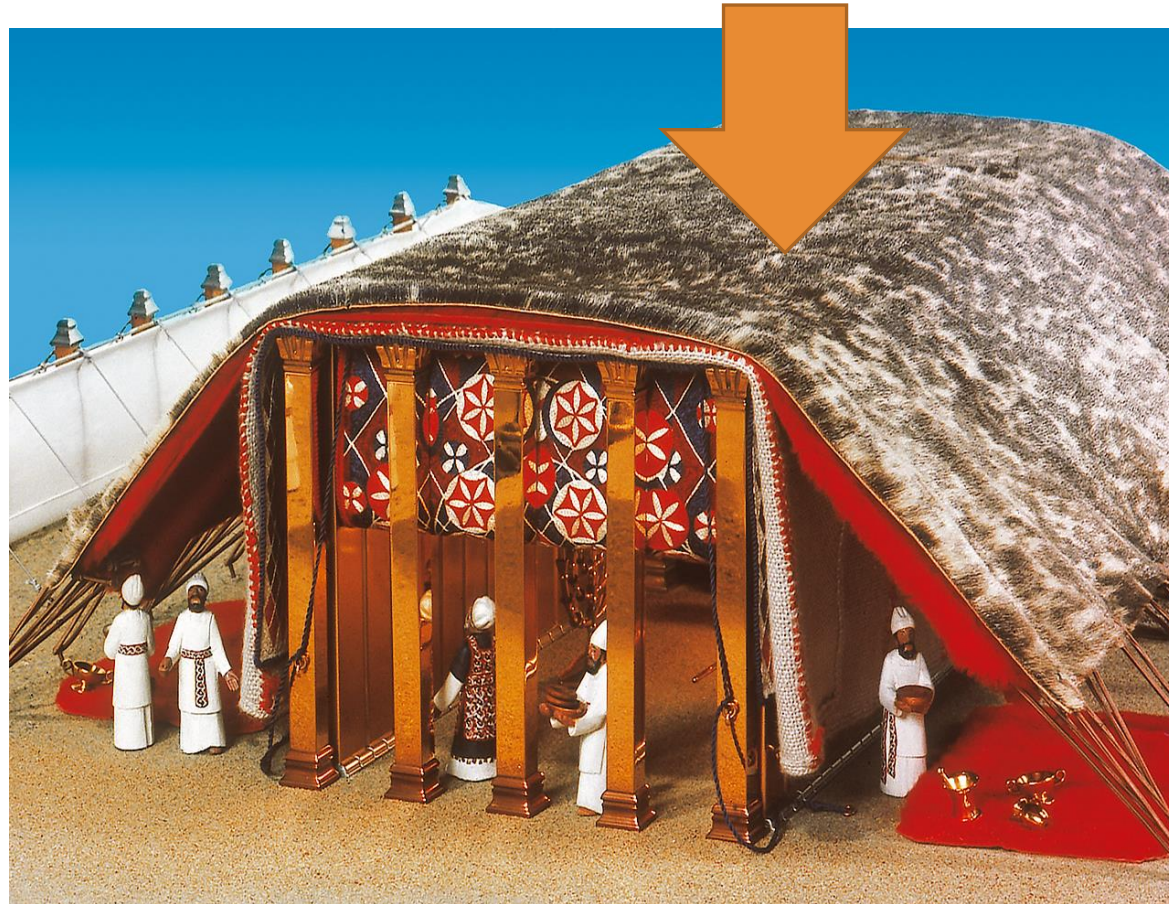
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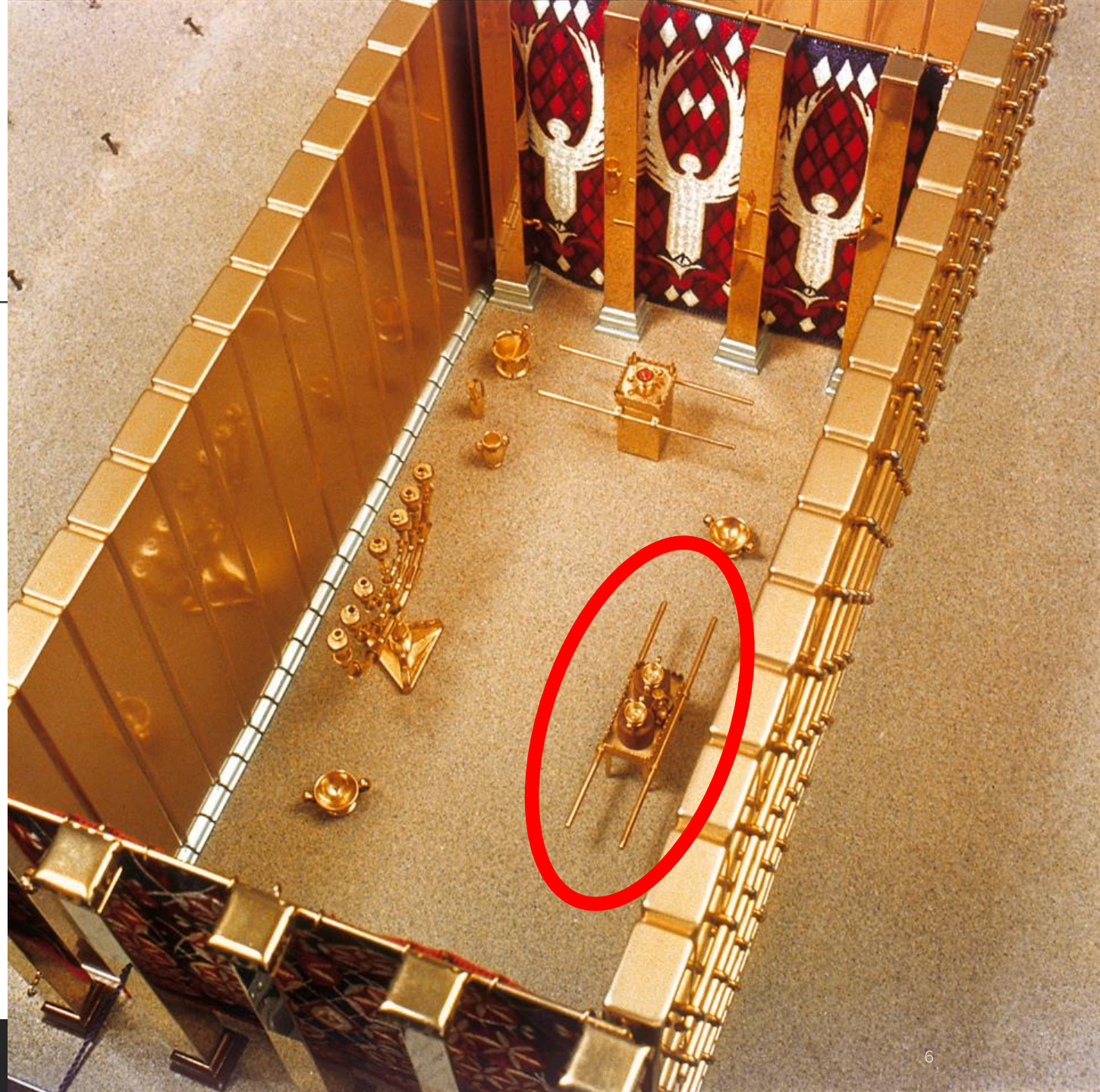
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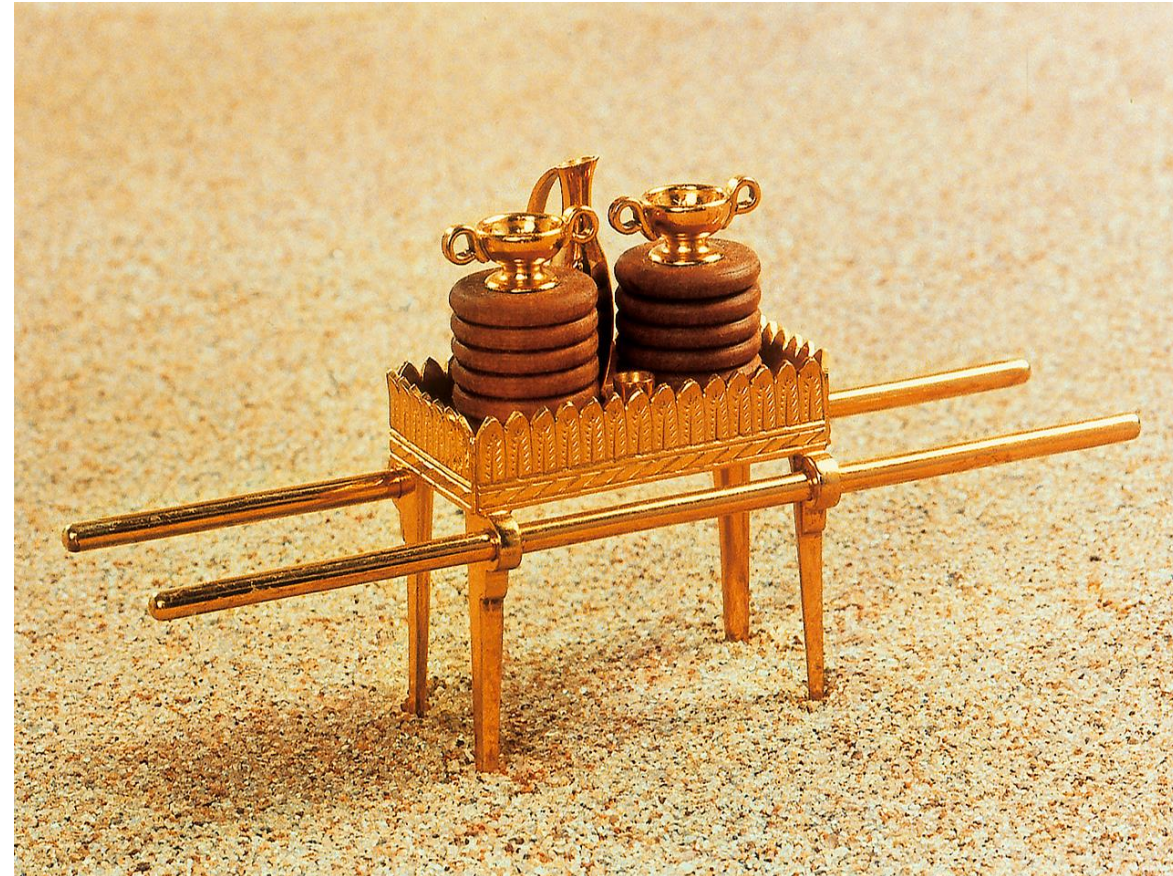
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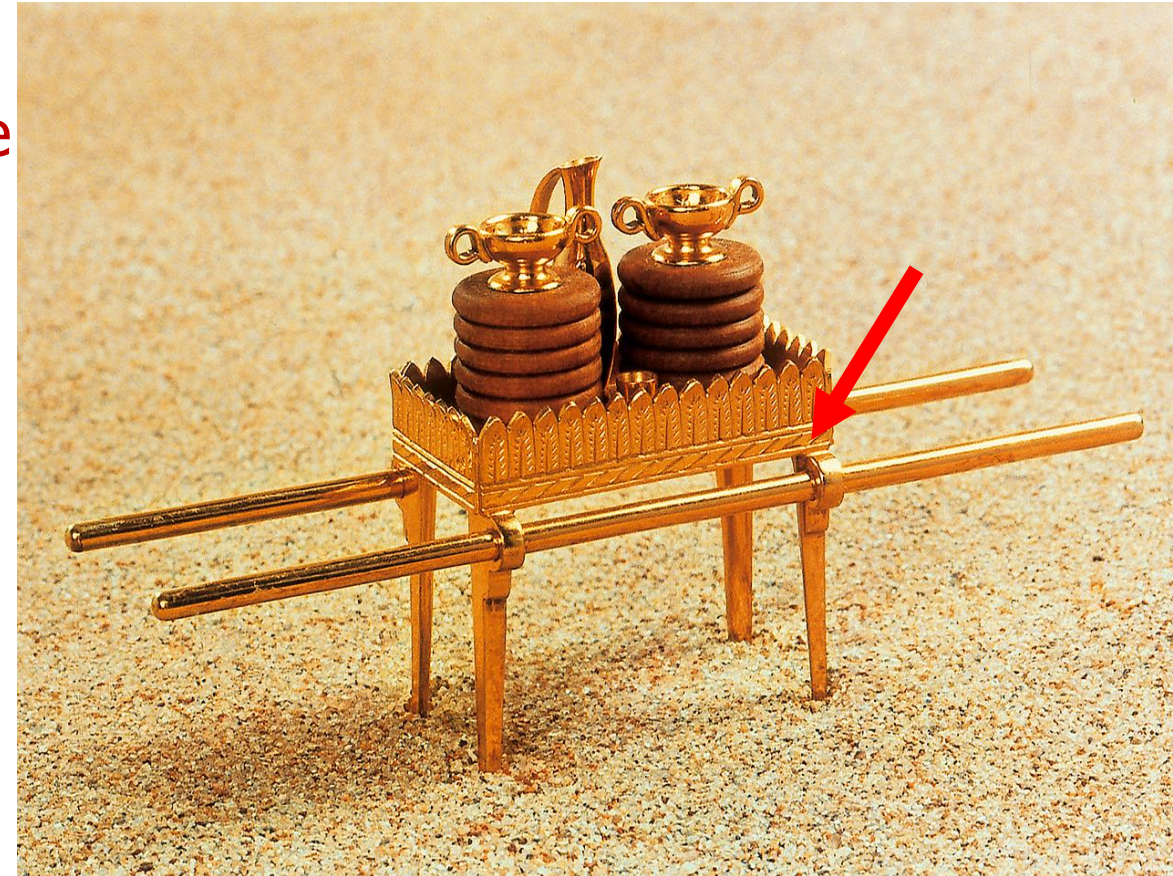


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Exo 25:24

And thou shalt overlay it with **pure gold**,  
and make upon it **a border of gold**  
round about.



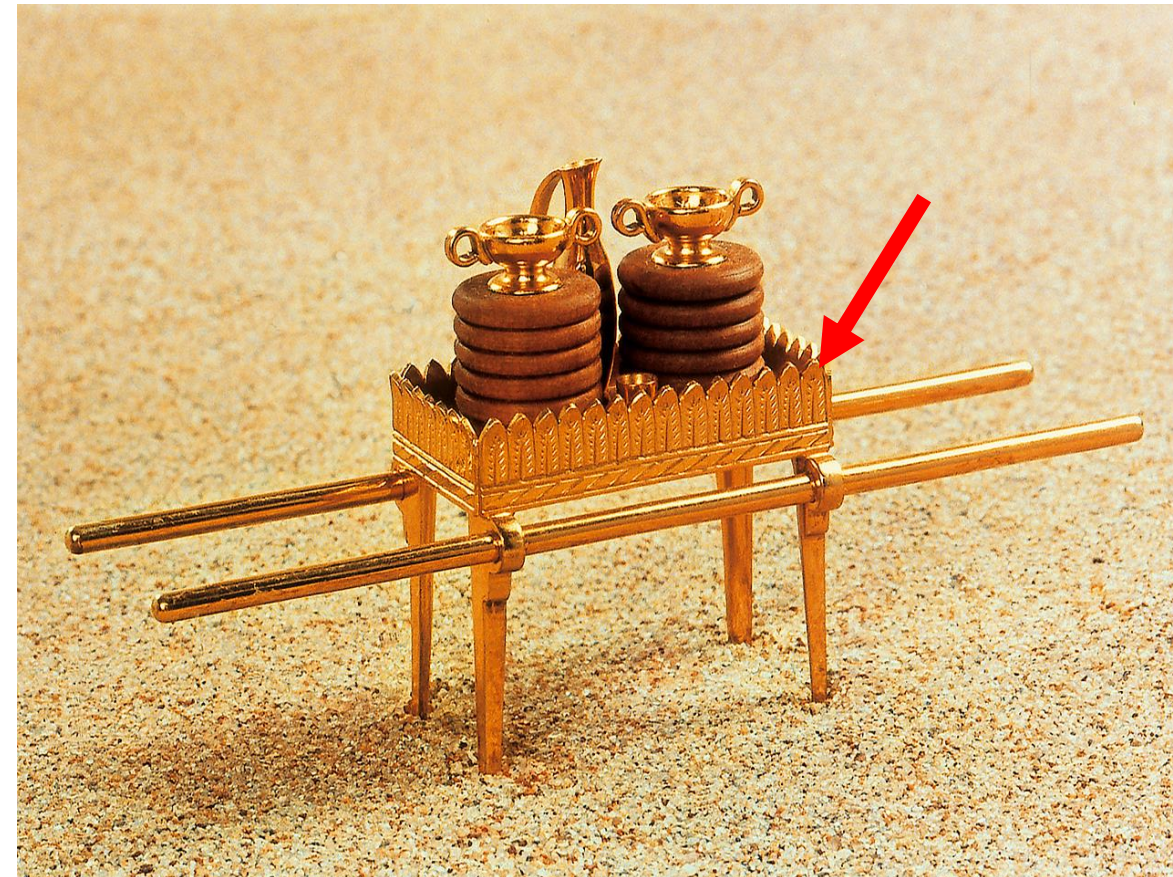


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Exo 25:25

And thou shalt make for it a **margin of a handbreadth** round about, and shalt make **a border of gold for the margin** thereof round about.



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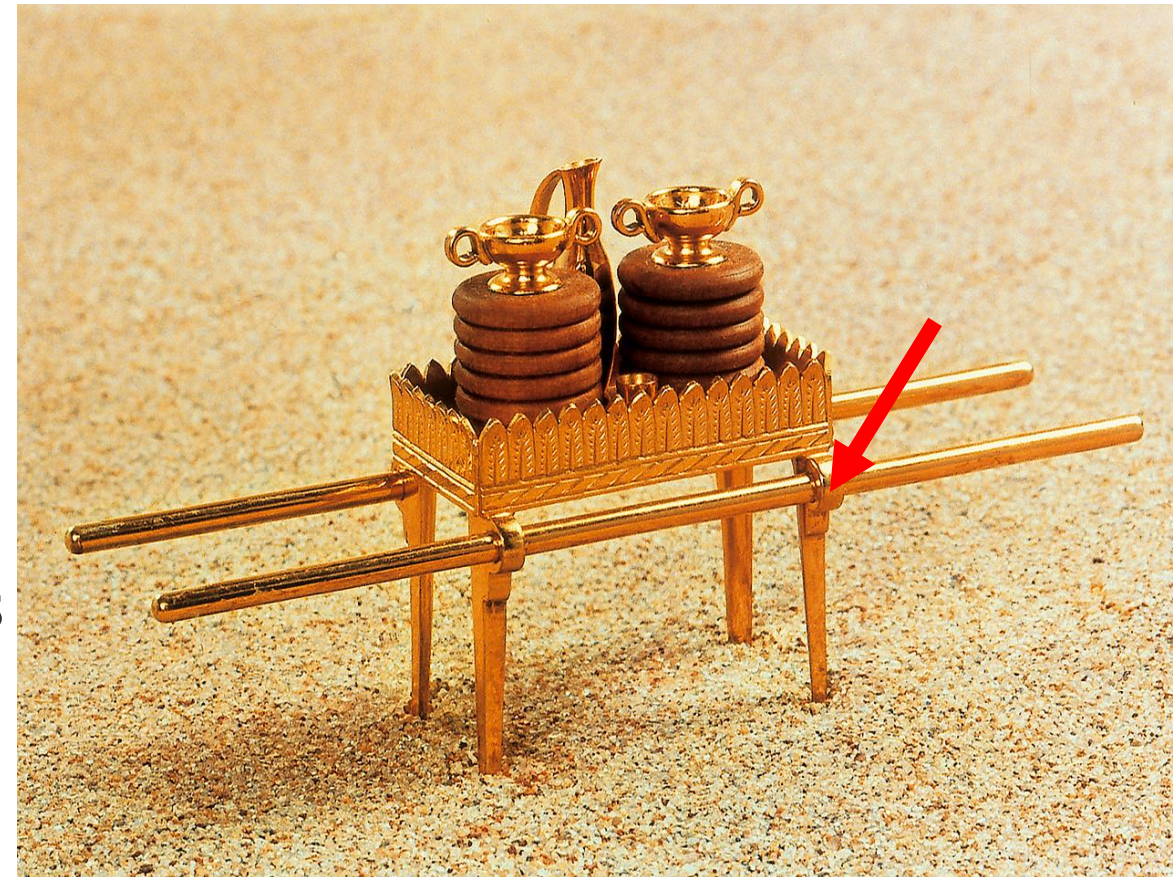
Exo 25:26

And thou shalt make for it **4 rings of gold,**

and put the rings at the **4 corners** that are on the 4 feet thereof.

Exo 25:27

Close to the margin shall the rings be, as receptacles of the **staves to carry the table.**

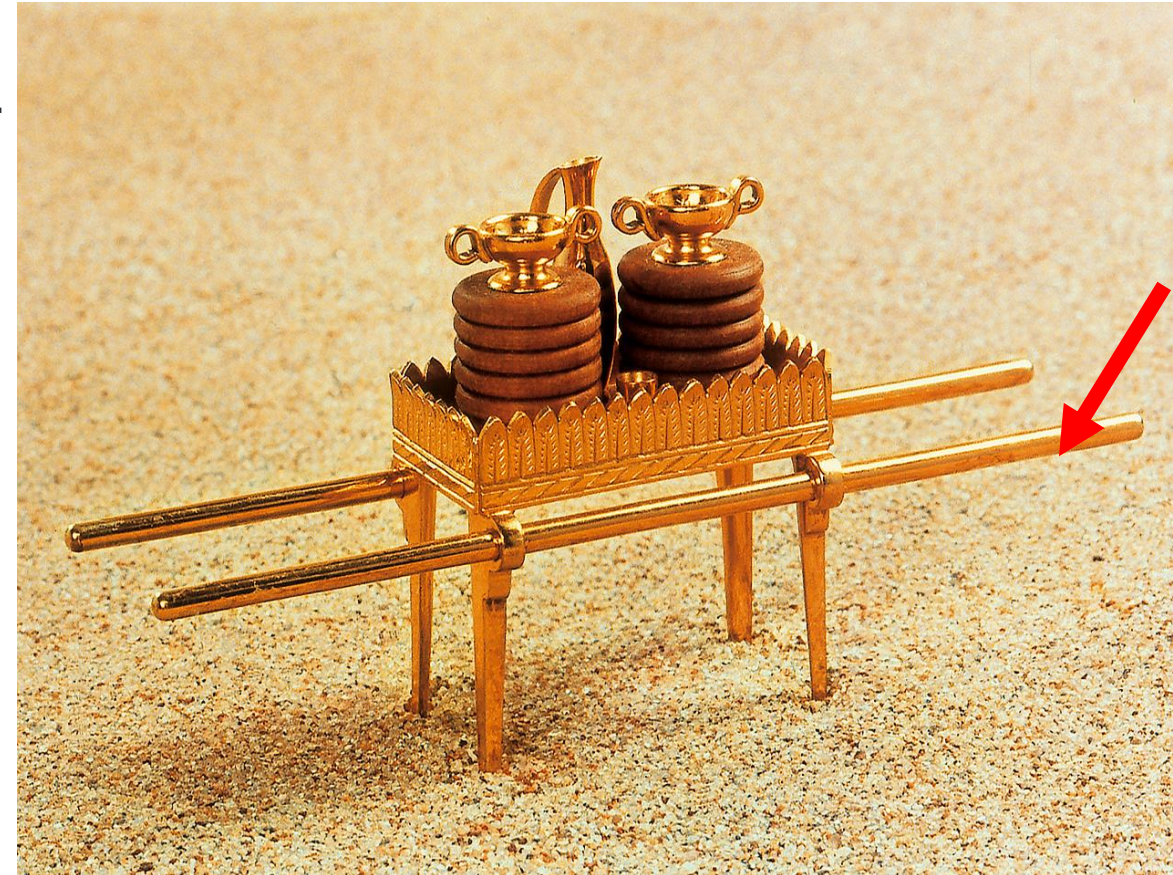


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Exo 25:28

And thou shalt make the staves of **acacia-wood**, and overlay them with **gold**; and the table **shall be carried** upon them.



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Exo 25:29

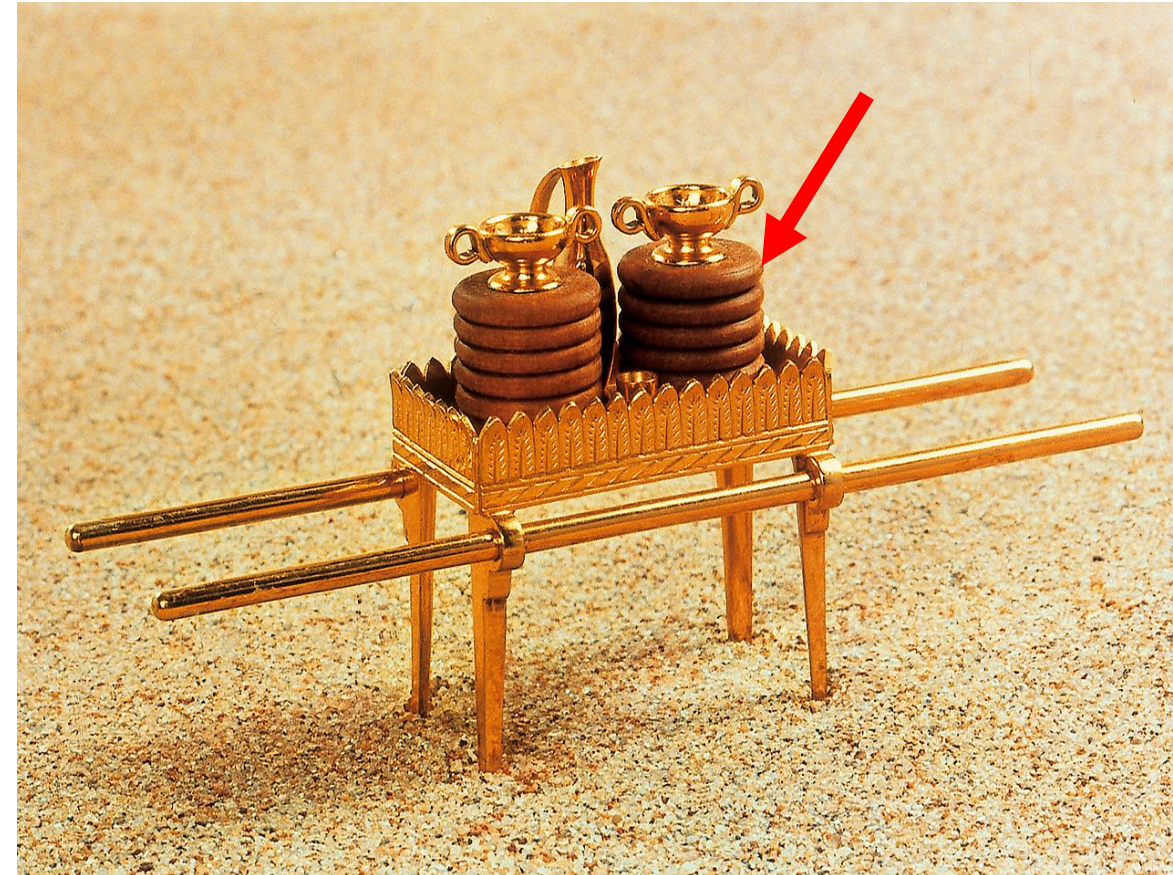
And thou shalt make the **dishes** thereof, and **cups** thereof, and **goblets** thereof, and **bowls** thereof, with which to pour out: of **pure gold** shalt thou make them.

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Exo 25:30

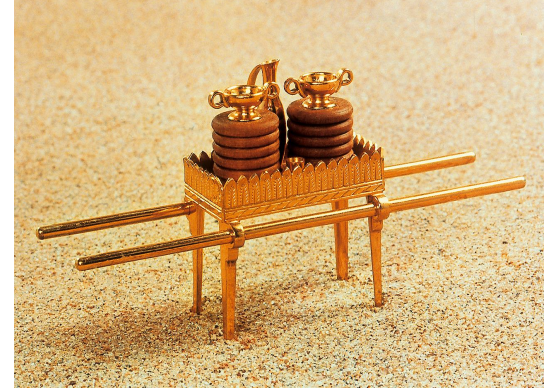
- And thou shalt set upon the **table**
- **shewbread**
- **before me**
- **continually.**



# Some open questions

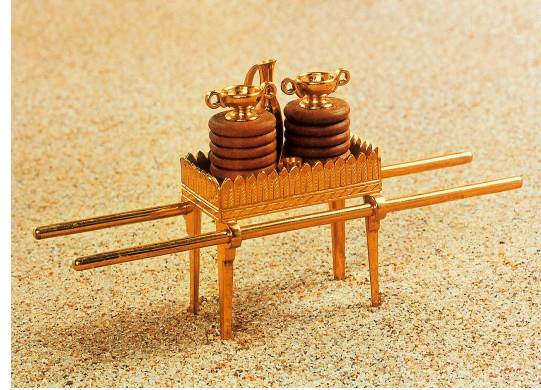
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- Where was the table to be located?
- How many breads?
- What were the breads made of?
- Would the breads be eaten?
- If so when, and by whom?
- How was the table to be transported?
- What was the purpose of the various instruments?
- How did it get its name?
- What are the different names used?
- How was the table to be transported?



# Some answers

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**Lev 24:5** And thou shalt take **fine wheaten flour**, and bake **12** cakes thereof; each cake shall be of **2 tenths**.

**Lev 24:6** And thou shalt set them in **2 rows**, 6 in a row, upon the pure table **before Jehovah**.

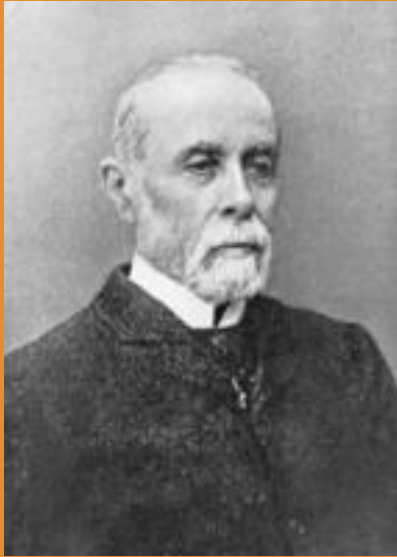
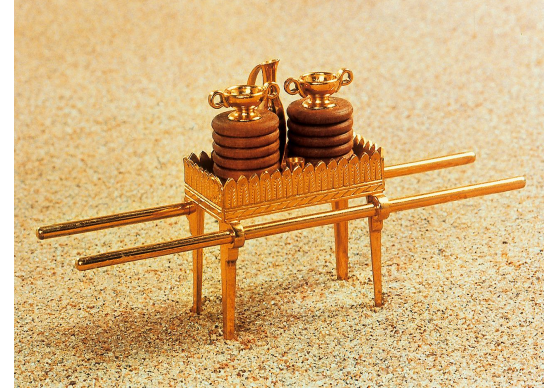
**Lev 24:7** And thou shalt put pure **frankincense** upon each row; and it shall be a bread of **remembrance**, an **offering by fire** to Jehovah.

**Lev 24:8** **Every sabbath** day he shall arrange it before Jehovah continually, on the part of **the children of Israel**: *it is* an **everlasting covenant**.

**Lev 24:9** And it shall be **Aaron's and his sons'**; and they shall **eat** it in a holy place; for it is **most holy** unto him of Jehovah's offerings by fire: *it is* an everlasting statute.

# In short

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“Israel is maintained through the night of their unbelief by virtue of who He is”.

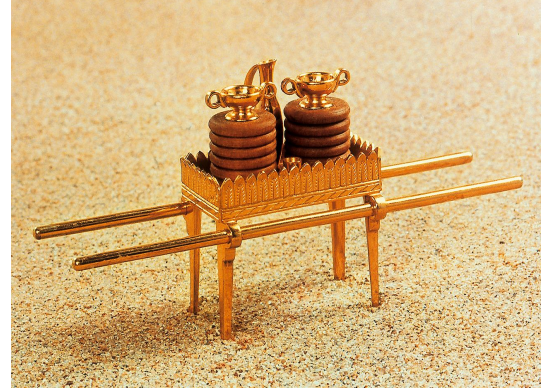
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# Transport

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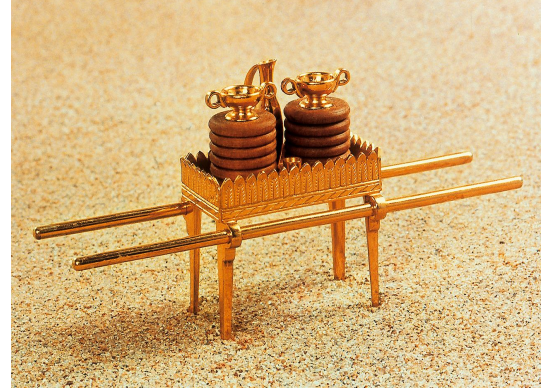


**Num 4:7** And upon the **table of shewbread** they shall spread a **cloth of blue**; and put thereon the dishes, and the cups, and the bowls, and goblets **of the drink-offering**; and the continual bread shall be thereon.

**Num 4:8** And they shall spread upon them a **cloth of scarlet**, and cover it with a covering of **badgers' skin**, and shall put its staves to it.

# Expressions

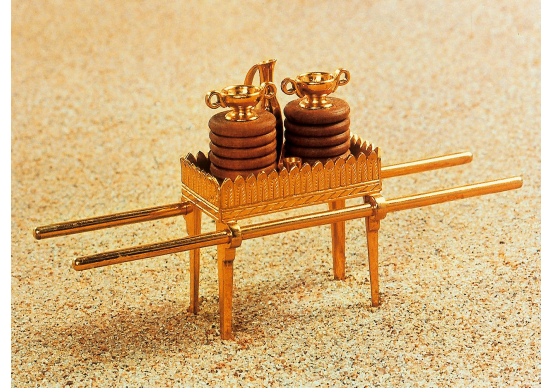
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- **showbread, or bread of face**, – it was set before the face of God, perfectly acceptable to Him.
- the **continual** bread (Num. 4:7) - it was ever before God;
- **hallowed** bread (1 Sam 21:5) – holiness connected with this presentation.
- bread of **ordering** (1 Chr. 9:32, marg.) and bread of setting forth, or **presentation** (Heb. 9:2, Gr.) - presented before God.

# Meaning

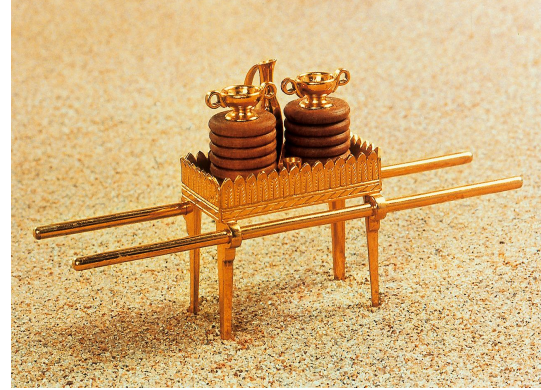
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- Christ is the table
- The table is the basis for the presentation of the people before God
- 12 breads – the entire people
- 2 rows – witness!
- Frankincense – the acceptability of Christ
- Drink offering – joy in the completed work of Christ

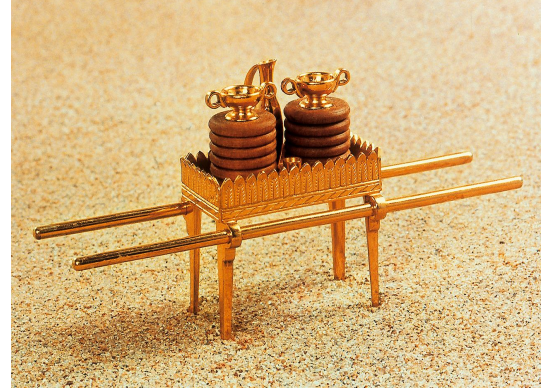
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- Main thoughts:
  - God has His people before Him
  - Presentation of the **unity** of God's people
    - 12 stones (Josh 4:3-9; 1 Kings 18:31,32)
    - 1 Cor 10:17
  - **Remembrance** (1. Cor 11:25)
  - **Weekly** (Acts 26:7)
  - Protected / **guarded** (border plus crowns!)

# Just worship!



“The **bread** which we break, is it not the **communion** of the body of the Christ?”  
(1 Cor. 10:17)

“Because we, being many, are **one loaf, one body**; for we all **partake** of that one loaf”.  
(1 Cor. 10:17)

“This do in **remembrance** of me.”  
(1 Cor. 11:24)

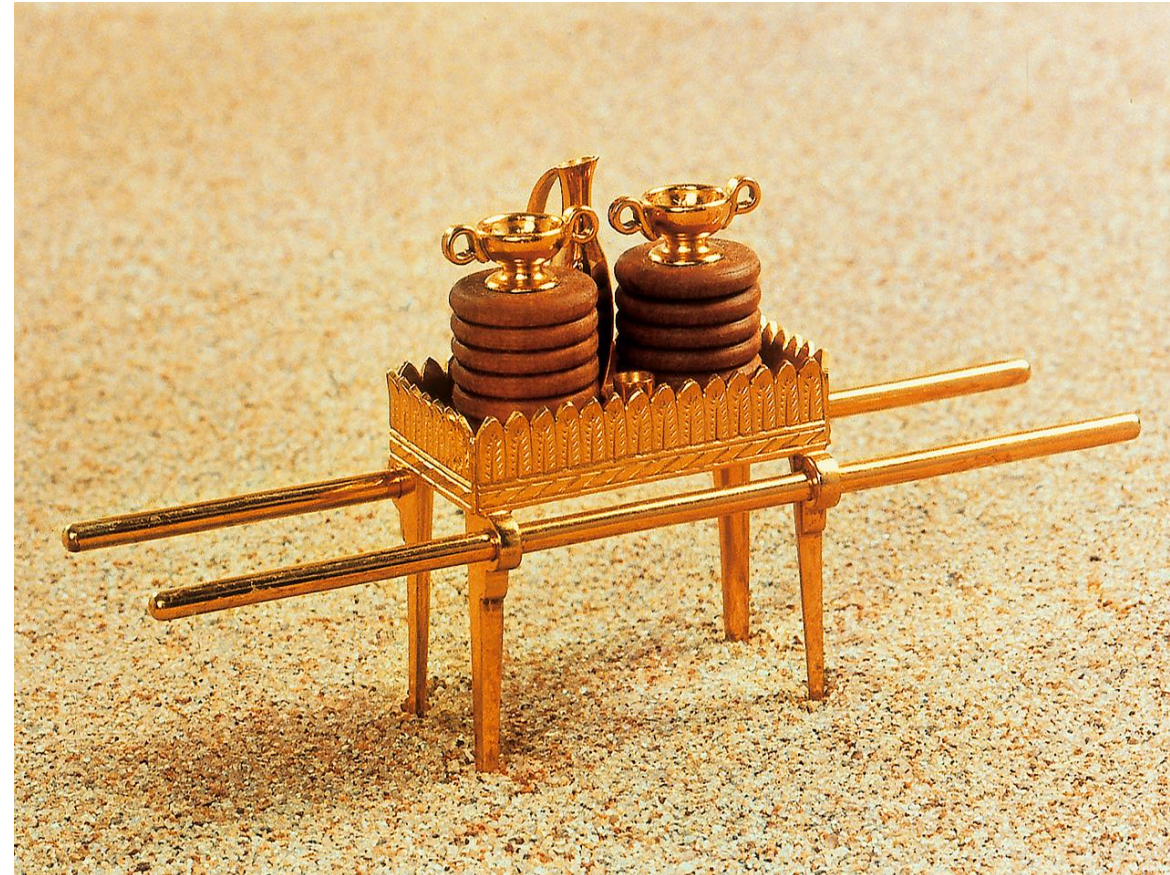
# The measurements (1)

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- 2 cubits the length thereof, and
- 1 cubit the breadth thereof, and
- 1 ½ cubits the height thereof.

Where fractions are used, multiply by 2:

- 4 – universality
- 2 – communion
- 3 – divine



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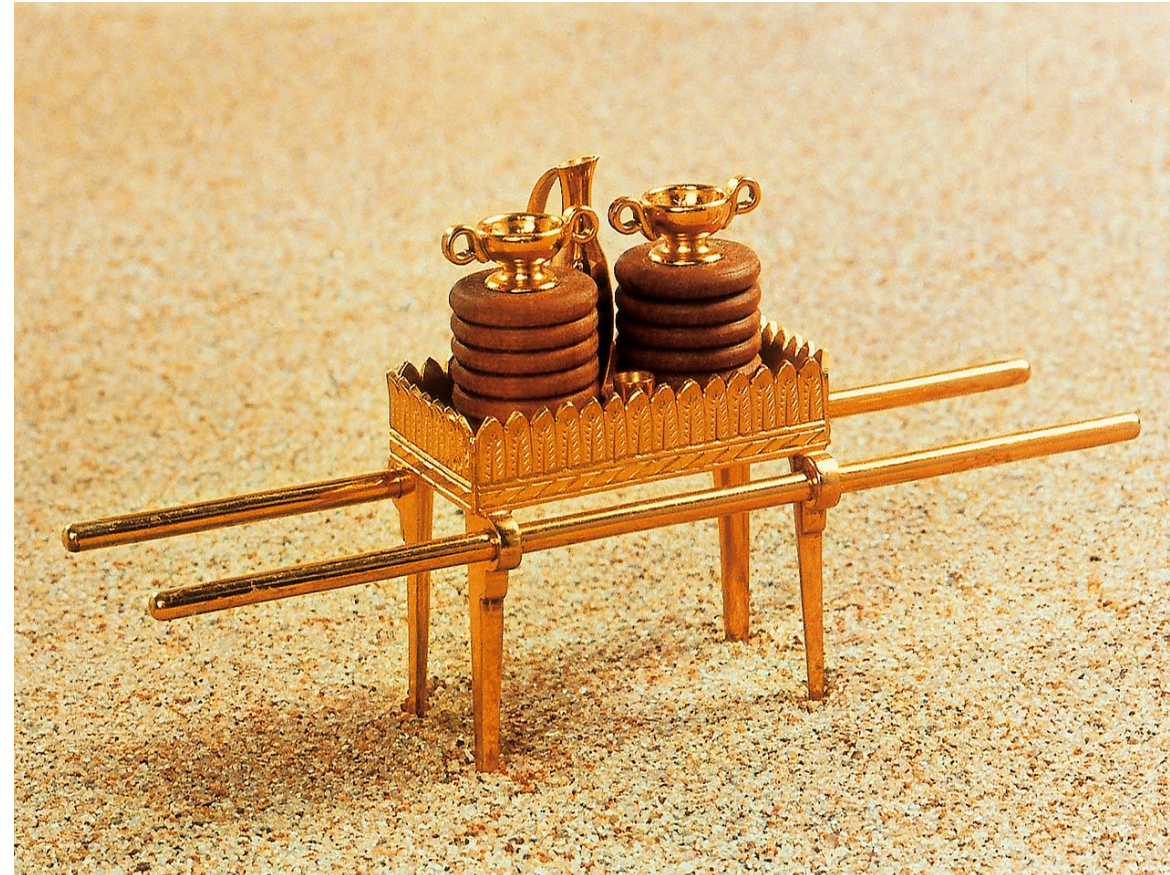
- **The height: 1 ½ cubits**

This is the same as the height of:

- The mercy seat
- The grating of network of copper of the copper altar

Hence:

- God's righteous demands
- Are met by the sacrifice
- And this is the basis for communion!



# The candlestick

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## **The menorah ( מְנוּרָה ,)**

- symbol of the Jewish people
- national emblem of Israel

## **The Arch of Titus (Arco di Tito)**

- a 1st-century AD arch,
- Via Sacra, Rome, SE of Roman Forum.
- constructed in c. 81 AD to commemorate the victory of Titus
- depicts the triumphal procession (71 AD)
- shows the menorah (candle-stick)
- It became a symbol of the Jewish diaspora.







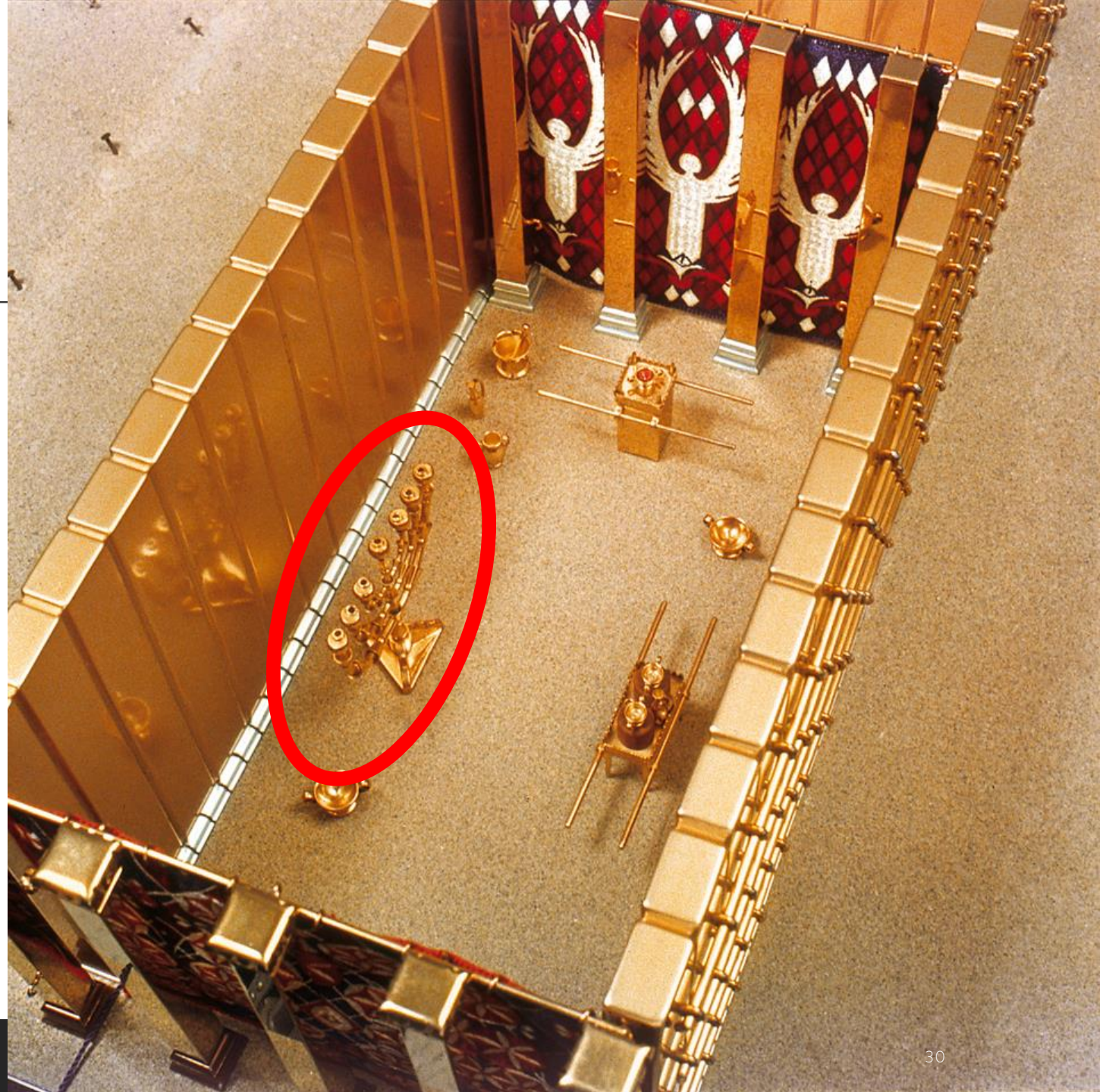


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Exo 26:35

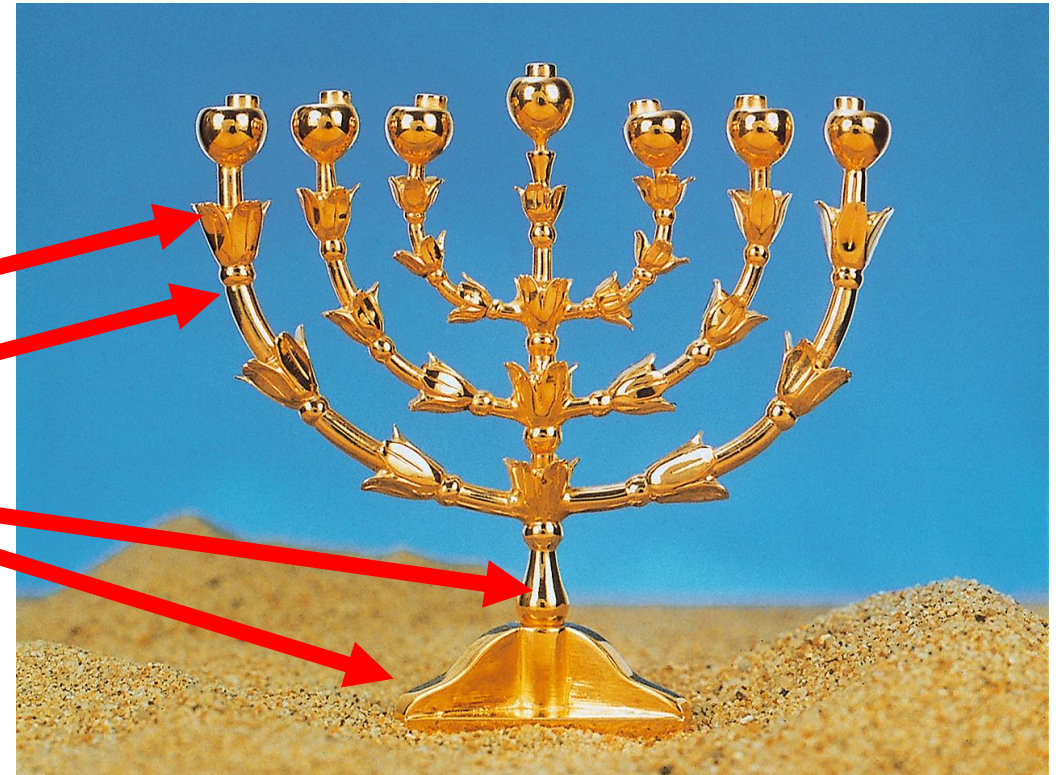
- And thou shalt set the table outside the veil,
- and the lamp-stand opposite to the table on the side of the tabernacle southward;
- and thou shalt put the table on the north side.



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**Exo 25:31** And thou shalt make a  
lamp-stand of **pure gold**;  
**of beaten work** shall the lamp-  
stand be made:  
**its base** and  
**its shaft**,  
**its cups**,  
**its knobs**,  
and **its flowers**  
shall be of the same.



# The candlestick

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Exo 25:32 And **6 branches** shall come out of the sides thereof—  
**3 branches** of the lamp-stand out of one side thereof,  
and **3 branches** of the lamp-stand out of the other side thereof;

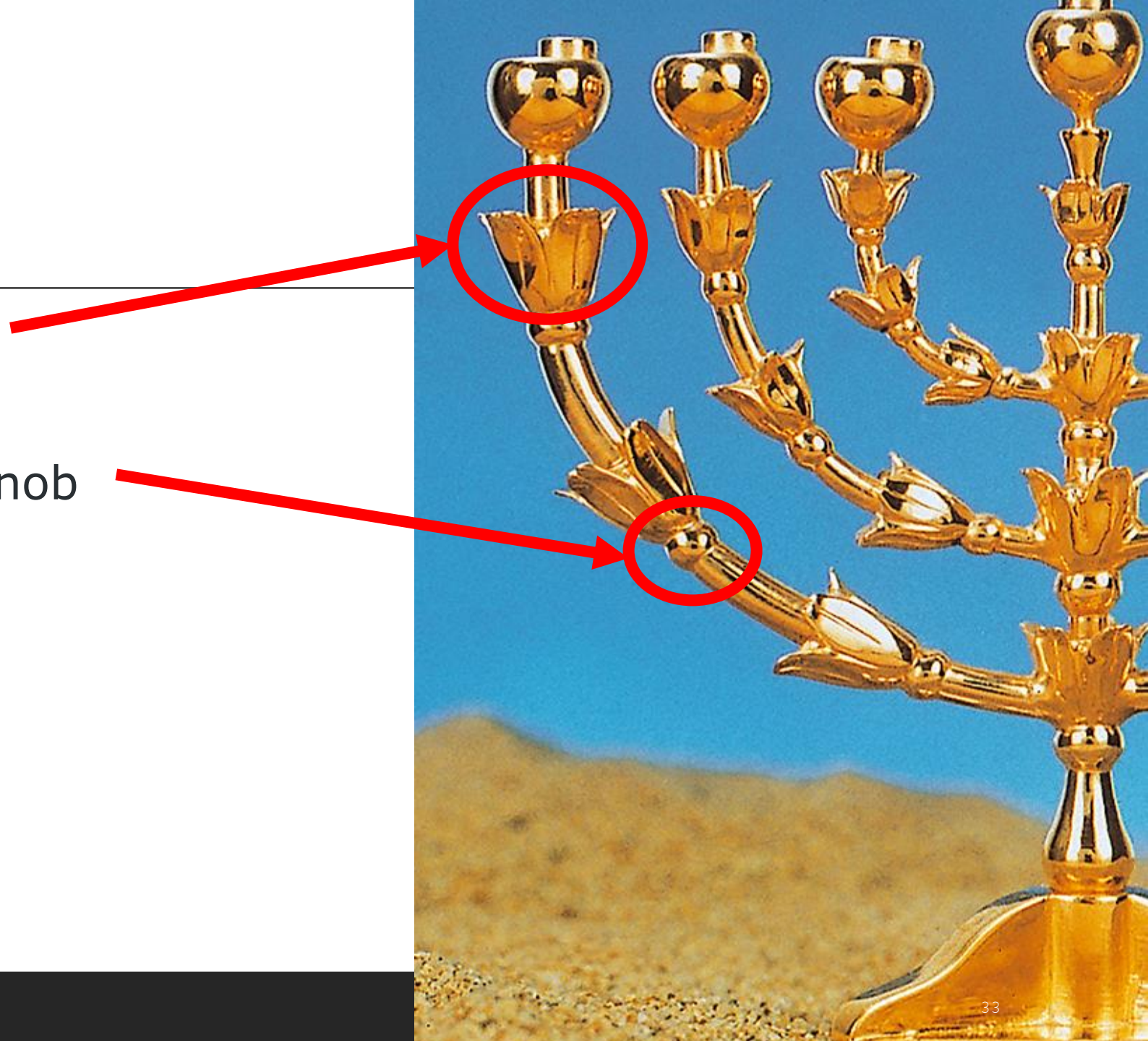




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Exo 25:33 3 cups  
shaped like almonds  
in the one branch, a knob  
and a flower...



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Exo 25:34

And in the lamp-stand 4 cups  
shaped like almonds,  
its knobs and its flowers;

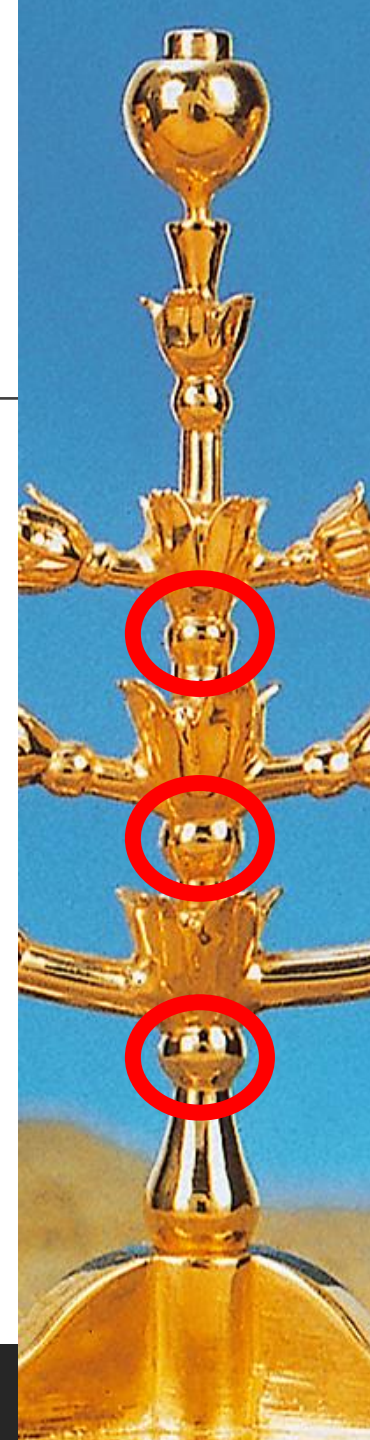


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## Exo 25:35

- a knob under 2 branches of it,  
and again
- a knob under 2 branches of it,  
and again
- a knob under 2 branches of it,  
for the 6 branches that proceed  
out of the lamp-stand.



# The candlestick

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Exo 25:36

Their knobs and their branches shall be

- of itself—
- all of one beaten work
- of pure gold.



# The candlestick

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Exo 25:37

And thou shalt make the **7 lamps** thereof,

- and they shall **light** the lamps thereof,
- that they may **shine out before it;**



# The candlestick

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Exo 25:38

and the **snuffers** (“tongs”) thereof,  
and the **snuff-trays** (snuff-dishes)  
thereof, of pure gold.

- Tongs – used to clean the lamps by taking away the deposits that gathered in the lamps and for dealing with the spent wicks.
- Snuff-dishes – trays, firepans, or dishes
  - into which the deposits taken from the lamps were placed.
  - also used to carry the fire with which to light the lamps after they were cleaned.



# The candlestick

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Exo 25:39

Of a talent of pure gold shall they  
make it, with all these utensils.

1 talent = 26 kg

Gold: £/kg: 47,372

**Value: £1.23m !**



# The candlestick

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Exo 25:40

And see that thou make them  
**according to their pattern,**  
which hath been shewn to thee  
**in the mountain.**





# The candlestick – spiritual meaning

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- Candlestick – Christ
  - He was thus the light of men, the light of the world, etc. (John 1:4; John 8:12.)
  - Never was the light of the Spirit obscured in Him....
  - But especially: Christ risen sent the Spirit (Jn 16:7)
- Gold – essential deity



# The candlestick – spiritual meaning

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- Almonds – resurrection (Num. 17:8; Jer. 1:11)
- Flowers / Knobs – fruit of resurrection (Num. 17:8)
- Oil – the Spirit (1. John 2:20)
- 7 – fullness (Rev 3:1 and Isa 11:1)
  - To give us light
  - To help us appreciate the glory of Christ



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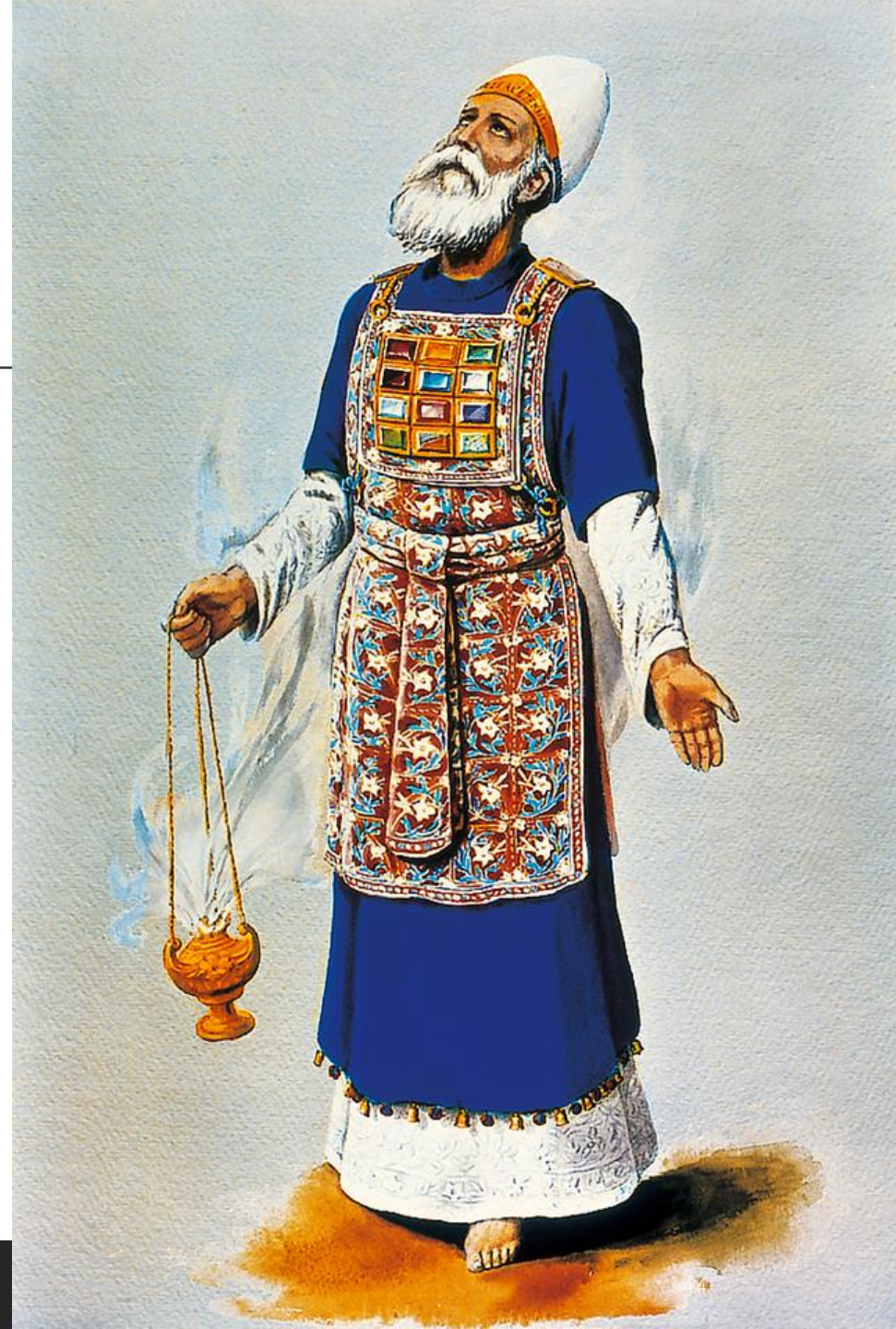
- Children of Israel had to bring olive oil (Ex. 27:20)
- In the light, the candlestick was seen (Num 8:2).



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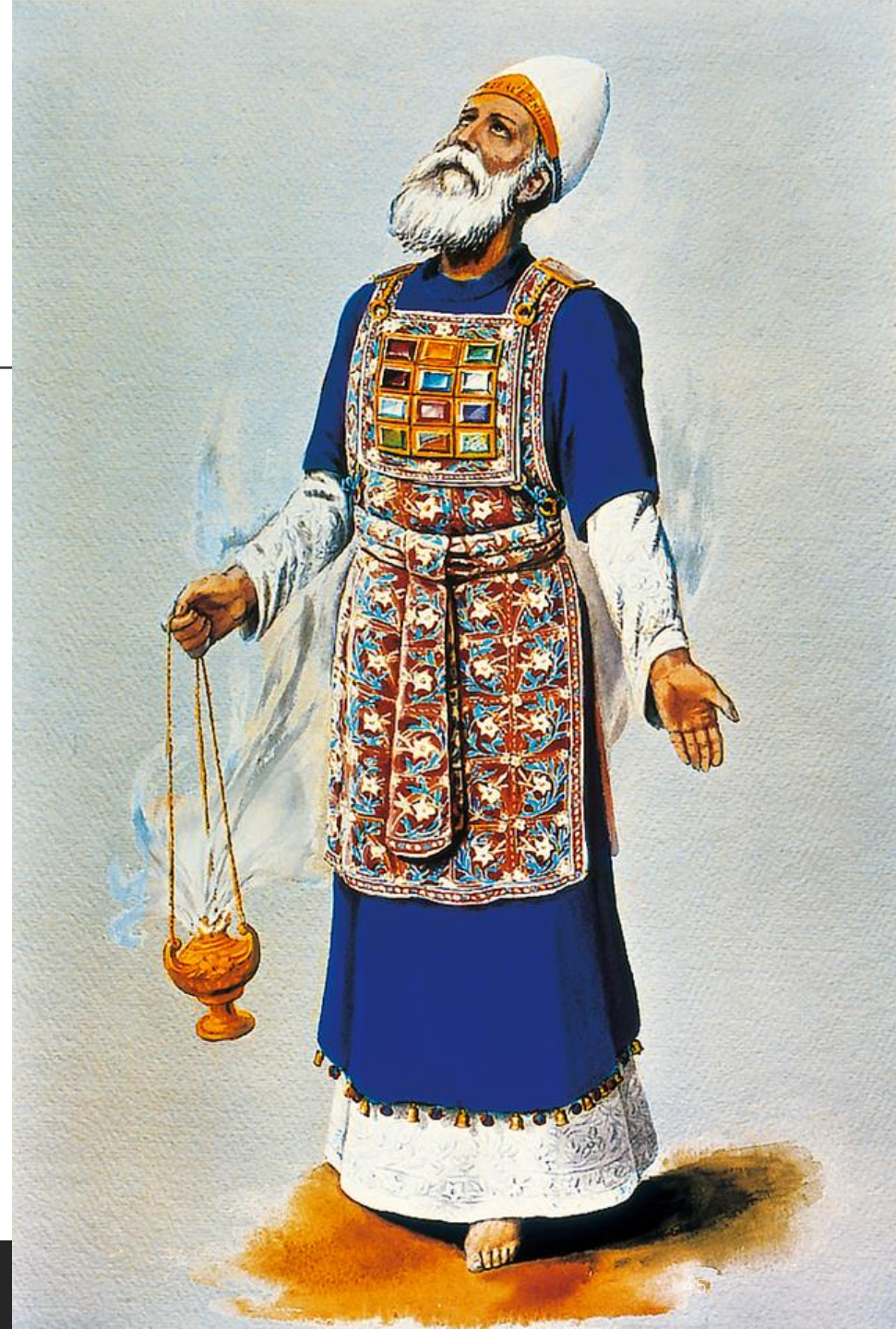
- **Aaron** was to order the lamps:
  - the light of the Spirit, maintained by the priestly care & intercession of Christ.
- He alone could use "the **snuffers** thereof, and the **snuff-dishes** thereof,"
  - both made of pure gold (v. 38.)
  - Every ray of light that shines out below, is but the answer to His priestly work



# The candlestick – spiritual meaning

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- “Trimming the lamp” did not imply that it had failed to give light;
- “the priest
  - would not let it reach that stage,
  - but removed the charred part of the wick in order that there might be a fresh portion for the oil to pass through unhindered and to supply fuel for the lamp” (S. R.).



# The candlestick – spiritual meaning

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- **Aaron and his sons shall order it from evening to morning** before the LORD (Ex. 27:21).
  - The lamp is for the night
  - All through the night of Israel's unbelief, the golden candlestick is to be ordered before the Lord.
  - The testimony to their true place is maintained by the intercession of Him whom they crucified.
  - Till He rise as sun of righteousness...

