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Colors

Gold – The King's Candlesticks

In the scriptures there is a strong correlation between the color or metal, gold, and the subject of kings or kingdoms. The candlestick in the scriptures is a lamp stand to give light in the holy place.

Rev. 1:12 "And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; 13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle."

In verse 20 the seven golden candlesticks are defined for us as the seven churches. Thus the golden candlestick in the scriptures is a picture or representation of God's church. In Ex. Chapter 25 the golden candlestick is introduced to us as one of the pieces of furniture found in the tabernacle. It had six branches and a main stem. Within these seven branches or stem were seven lamps. Each branch had three bowls made like unto almonds and the main stem had four bowls. This was a total of 22 bowls within the candlestick. Each bowl had a knop and a flower. To trim and clean the lamps there were tongs and snuffdishes. All the candlestick was made out of beaten gold. Gold is the metal of royalty. The church is made up of people who have been made kings unto God and over the church is the King of kings. Beaten gold speaks to us of suffering in the trials and afflictions of life, as the scriptures teach us that we must thru much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God. The lamps give light in the tabernacle. No man lighteth a candle and put it under a bushel, but put it upon a candlestick that it may give light unto all that are in the house. So it is in God's church, the members of the church have been lighted by Jesus Christ (John 1:9) and they are to let their light so shine before men that they may see their good works and glorify God. The church is also a place of spiritual growth as denoted by the knops, flowers, and almonds. Tongs bring out the wick so that the candle will burn brighter and the snuffdishes are used to remove the refuse from the wick. So it is that the gospel reproveth, rebukes, and instructs us in the church. There are twenty two bowls and the bible number 22 is associated with the subject of the word of God. Thus in the church we feed from the word of God which provides the oil for the lamp to burn brightly in the house.

John saw one standing in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks. Christ is described to as being in the midst of several things:

1. Matt. 18:20 "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."
2. Luke 2:46 "And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions."
3. Luke 24:36 "And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you."
4. John 19:18 "Where they crucified him, and two others with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst."
5. John 20:19 "Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you."
6. Acts 2:22 "Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:"
7. Heb. 2:12 "Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee."
8. Rev. 4:6 "And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind."
9. Rev. 5:6 "And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth."
10. Rev. 7:17 "For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."

From the above verses we can conclude that Christ is situated in the midst of the church, in the midst of the disciples, in the midst of the redemption of God's elect, in the midst of the throne of God, in the midst of the people, in the midst of the discussions of the word of God, and in the midst of the church singing praises. Thus Christ is not a bystander in the activities of his people, but is an active and leading participant in those activities.