

Exodus 25:31-32, 38-40

“You are to make a menorah of pure gold. It is to be made of hammered work: its base, shaft, cups, ring of outer leaves and petals are to be of one piece with it. It is to have six branches extending from its sides, three branches of the menorah on one side of it and three on the other. Make seven lamps for the menorah, and mount them so as to give light to the space in front of it...

Its **tongs** and trays are to be of pure gold. The menorah and its utensils are to be made of a talent of pure gold. See that you make them according to the design being shown you on the mountain.

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(*mel'kochayim*)



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Exodus 37:23 And he made its seven lamps and its **tongs** and its trays of pure gold.

Numbers 4:9 And they shall take a cloth of blue and cover the menorah for the light, with its lamps, its **tongs**, its trays, and all the vessels for oil with which it is supplied.

1 Kings 7:49 ...the menorahs of pure gold, five on the south side and five on the north, before the inner sanctuary; the flowers, the lamps, and the **tongs**, of gold;

2 Chronicles 4:20-21 ...the menorahs and their lamps of pure gold to burn before the inner sanctuary, as prescribed; the flowers, the lamps, and the **tongs**, of purest gold;

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. ² Above Him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is Adonai of Hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!" ⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, Adonai of Hosts!" ⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with **tongs** from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips. Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." ⁸ And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

נֵר לְרַגְלִי דְבָרְךָ וְאוֹר לְנִתְיָבְתִי:

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Revelation 11:5 And if anyone would harm them, fire pours from their mouth and consumes their foes. If anyone would harm them, this is how he is doomed to be killed.

Jeremiah 23:29 "Is not My word like fire?" declares Adonai...

Jeremiah 1:9 Then Adonai stretched out His hand and touched my mouth, and Adonai said to me, "Behold, I have put My words in your mouth."

Jeremiah 5:14 Therefore thus says Adonai, the God of hosts: "Because you have spoken this word, behold, I am making My words in your mouth a fire, and this people wood, and the fire shall consume them."