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Numbers

Ten

Ten Candlesticks

2 Chr. 4:7 "And he made ten candlesticks of gold according to their form, and set them in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left." In the description of the building of the temple and the furnishings thereof, we read about how Solomon made ten candlesticks of gold. According to Rev. chapter 1 the candlestick is emblematic of the Lord's church: Rev. 1:20 "The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches."

As we have previously proven, the number ten is associated with the laws and commandments and authority of God. God designed the church so that she would manifest the laws, commandments and authority of God as we read in 1 Tim. 3:15, "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

Since the church is the pillar and ground of truth, she is to support (pillar) and be the foundation of truth. In this manner, the church upholds the laws, commandments, and authority of God. One of the identifying marks of the church is that she does this very thing. A so-called church that ignores the laws, commandments and authority of God and says, "we will eat our own bread and wear our own apparel, only let us be called by thy name to take away our reproach," is not a true New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ.