

Musings about light and the menorah, LeGrand Baker

Last Sunday I read, with understanding, 3 Ne 12: I give unto you to be a light
 Zion built on a hill
 Menorah lights the house
 Menorah is also how one prays

Menorah

tree at garden
 tree as cross
 tree as source of light
 Christ with Nephi
 Christ: "I give unto you to be...."
 "Tasted the light"
 Prayer as a source of light
 lights in a circle of light
 Can give / be light

Where is light at the Council?

Throne of God is light
 Ezekiel's wheels
 Ezekiel's description of the throne.

Enoch's description of the throne
 It is not at the top, but at the center of all things (looks up and down)

Adoni is light born from light

Intelligence = Light of truth
 Abraham 1: 1-4 (how he became a noble and great one)

Jehovah organizes matter (Kolob for the gods, and also the gods as children)
 (no scriptural reference)

Kolob is a temple ("nearest to me"), and also has a temple with God's throne in it
 Throne-room in temple - Ephesians 1
 Covenants in Ephesians 1 (all spiritual blessings)
 That throne is different from the one Ezekiel saw

Christ anointed as "tree" - Psalm 45
 Council ordained to teach intelligences, Alma 12-13

Abraham 3:22 → God selects rulers

Psalm 82 – Instructions to the Council

Organized spiritual earth - Abraham 4-5 (Adam)

Jehovah overcomes evil in spirit world (1 Ne 20)

Promises made by and about Joseph Smith (1 Ne 20 - 21)

Worlds without number created (Moses 1:32-41)

We wait to be born on this physical earth (John Taylor, *Mormon*)

Organized physical earth - Moses 2-4

The tree of life in the garden

The menorah in the temple of ancient Israel

Tree of light

Symbolic of Christ as light and life (tree of life)

Symbolic of olive tree (anointing tree)

“I give unto you to be a light unto this poeple”

How to become a light (Beatitudes)

1) Follow the brethren

2) Faith

Humility (repent)

Holy Ghost

Baptism by fire and Holy Ghost

3) Sacrifice of broken heart and contrite spirit, come to the temple, anointed to become kings and priests

4) Temple work for the dead (includes coronation ceremony)

5) Meek = keep eternal covenants made at the Council.

(Psalm 37:6-11 + Psalm 25: 8-15)

(“And he [the Lord] shall bring forth thy righteousness as a light” Psalm 37:6)

6) Hunger and thirst after righteousness (tree of life + zedek)
Be filled with Holy Ghost

7) Merciful – necessary quality of sacral kingship

8) Pure in heart see Christ

9) Peacemakers – Adoption, coronation as king,
new name “child of God.”

10-12) Persecution to those who own the Kingdom of Heaven

13) Salt = missionary work

14-16) I give unto you to be a light to this people

Zion

Menorah

Pray to receive answers
That they may see your good works
And glorify your Father who is in heaven.

“Hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father”
(Rev. 1:6)

In the world after death:

Isaiah 61 : New name is “trees of righteousness...”

D&C 138 : “They were among the noble and great ones who were
chosen in the beginning to be rulers in the Church of God.”
(v. 55)

“These the Lord taught, and gave them power to come forth,
after the resurrection from the dead, to enter into his
Father’s kingdom, there to be crowned with immortality
and eternal life.” (v. 51)

John sees Christ as the Menorah in the temple. (Rev. 1:13-18)

After resurrection

The Holy City

Tree of life in the Holy City (Revelation 22, and Ezekiel 47)

God is its light, and its temple (Rev. 21:22-23)