

CANDLESTICKS

ARE NOT



THE LAMPS OF FIRE

THE ISSUE

- There are some who claim that the candlesticks in Revelation chapter one are seen in Revelation chapter four. And that their presence is evidence that the church is in Heaven because they have already been raptured.
- However, the candlesticks [Gk. G3087, *luchnia*] are not the same as the lamps [Gk. G2985, *lampas*] of fire in chapter 4. See Exodus 25:31-40.
- The candlesticks represent the 7 individual churches, and the lamps of fire represent the 7 spirits of God.
- The lamps of fire are the characteristic function of the Holy Spirit during the ministry of Jesus on this earth (Is.11:2).

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REVELATION 1:12-13, 20

The vision here sees 7 individual candlesticks that represent 7 churches.

“¹²And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden **candlesticks** [Gk. G3087, *luchnia*]; ¹³And in the midst of the seven **candlesticks** [Gk. G3087, *luchnia*] one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. ... ²⁰The 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** [Gk. G3087, *luchnia*] which thou sawest are the **seven churches**.” (Rv.1:12,13,20)



7 Candlesticks = the 7 Churches

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REVELATION 4:5

There are “seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.” See Isaiah 11:2 for its likely meaning. Spirit of (1) the LORD; (2) wisdom; (3) understanding; (4) counsel; (5) power; (6) knowledge; (7) fear of the LORD. These factors are the function of the Spirit during the earthly ministry of Jesus. Of course there are not 7 Spirits of God. There is only one Holy Spirit.

“And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven **lamps** [Gk. G2985, *lampas*] of fire burning before the throne, which are the **seven Spirits of God.**” (Rv.4:5)



7 Lamps of Fire = 7 Spirits of God