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**Isa 11:1**  And a **Rod** shall come forth from the stump of Yishai, and a **Sprout** from his roots shall be fruitful.

**Isa 11:2**  **The Spirit of יהוה** shall rest upon Him – **the Spirit of wisdom and understanding**, **the Spirit of counsel and might**, **the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of יהוה**,

**Isa 11:3**  and shall make Him breathe in the fear of יהוה. And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears.

**Isa 11:4**  **But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and shall decide with straightness for the meek ones of the earth, and shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and slay the wrong with the breath of His lips.**

**Isa 11:5**  And **righteousness shall be the girdle of His loins, and trustworthiness the girdle of His waist.**

**Rod**: stg’s #**H2415** “chôṭêr”, from an unused root of uncertain signification; a twig: - rod.

**Sprout**: stg’s #**H5342** “nêtser”, from **H5341** in the sense of greenness as a striking color; a shoot; figuratively, a descendant: - **branch**.

stg’s **#H5341** “nâtsar”, a primitive root; **to guard**, in a good sense (**to protect, maintain, obey**, etc.) or a bad one (to conceal, etc.): - besieged, hidden thing, keep (-er, -ing), monument, observe, preserve (-r), subtil, **watcher (-man).**

The Rod and Sprout referred to in Isaiah 11 is Yahushua Messiah, who calls Himself the Vine (John 15:1) and is the First Fruit and Holy Root (Romans 11:16). He is known prophetically as the Branch (Isa 4:2; Jer 23:5; 33:15; Zec 3:8; 6:12; from the Hebrew word ‘Tsemach’).

**Tsemach**: stg’s #**H6780** “tsemach”, from H6779; a sprout (usually concretely), literally or figuratively: - branch, bud, that which (where) grew (upon), spring (-ing).

The Menorah sets just inside and to the right of the first veil of the Dwelling Place, in the room that is called the Holy Place, alongside the Table of Shewbread and the Golden Incense Altar.

The Menorah represents Yahushua Messiah as the Light of the World (John 8:12; 9:5) and as you can see from the image above, it is also the Spirit of YHWH that goes out into all the earth. The arms of the candlestick represent the characteristics of the Sprout that was to come.

He would have the Spirit of YHWH within Him and be full of the Spirit of **wisdom and understanding**, the Spirit of **counsel and might**, the Spirit of **knowledge and of the fear of יהוה**. And, in the last day, He would judge according to righteousness and straightness only because He Himself will be Righteous and Trustworthy.

The Menorah represents one of the three tools of the Believer that help us live righteously before YHWH, without having to fear the consequences of unintentional sin.

1. The Menorah is the Spirit of Truth that will lead us into all Truth and represents Messiah, who is the Light of the World. As disciples of Messiah we are to live as the Light of the World to the world (Mat 5:14).
2. The Table of Shewbread is the Word of YHWH that nourishes us as we partake of it and represents Messiah, who is the Bread of Life (John 6:35). As His disciples we are to partake of this bread; i.e His body (John 6:51), the *Two-Part Principle* of full redemption.
3. The Golden Incense Altar is the Prayer of the Set-Apart (holy) Ones and represents Messiah, who is our Intercessor (1Jn 2:1-2).

The Spirit, the Word and Prayer, the tools of a priest in service to his Master.

Lastly, the believers were called the “sect of the Nazarenes” (Acts 24:5) because we followed Yahushua Messiah, the man from the town of Nazareth. Unfortunately, Christians translators have wrongly associated the Hebrew words ‘Natsarite’ and ‘Nazarite’

**Nazarite**: stg’s #**H5139** “נָ**ז**ר - nâzir”, from (H5144 – nazar) meaning to be aloof; separate, that is, consecrated (as prince, a Nazirite); hence (figuratively from the latter) an unpruned vine (like an unshorn Nazirite). (The translation, Nazarite, is by a false alliteration with Nazareth.): - Nazarite [by a false alliteration with Nazareth], separate (-d), vine undressed.

**Natserite**: stg’s #**H5342** “נֵ**צֶ**ר - nêtser”, from (H5341 – Natser) meaning, a sprout; in the sense of greenness as a striking color; a shoot; figuratively, a descendant: - branch.

Notice the difference in the spelling in Hebrew “נָ**ז**ר” and “נֵ**צֶ**ר”, these are clearly two different words, Nazarite referring to someone set apart for a vow, and the Natserite referring to someone from the town of Natserith.

Natserith is where the remnant of David’s bloodline lived in the time of Messiah. They were the ‘branch’ of his line from where both Yoseph and Miriam came from.

It is significant that we are referred to as the Sect of the Natserene because the root word for ‘netser’ (sprout) is ‘natzar’, which means, to guard. We, like Messiah before us, ‘guard’ the Torah of YHWH. Just as Messiah, the Sprout from Jesse, was to be “righteous and trustworthy’, so to are we, His disciples, to be righteous and trustworthy.

Righteousness has two-parts; the righteousness we receive through belief in Yahushua Messiah that justifies us from sin and death, and the righteousness in which we live through obedience to the Torah of YHWH, without additions or subtractions, just as Messiah live. We are to walk as He walked (1Jn 2:6).