



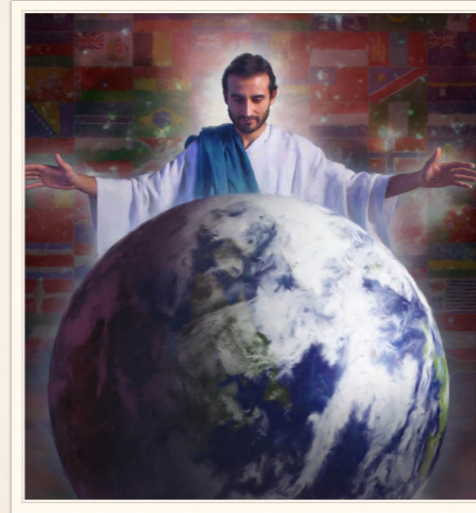


Safety is often considered a place of refuge like a home, shelter or “sanctuary”. *Mikdash* is the Hebrew word most often translated as sanctuary and it can be translated also as Holy place, chapel, hallowed part.

I was told a recent story of the Caldor fire where the crown fire had jumped over and missed a valley that was being protected by firemen attending to spot fires and clearing debris. The firemen saved the homes in the valley while the firestorm passed on overhead. The news around the world bears of calamitous times.

WHEN WILL IT
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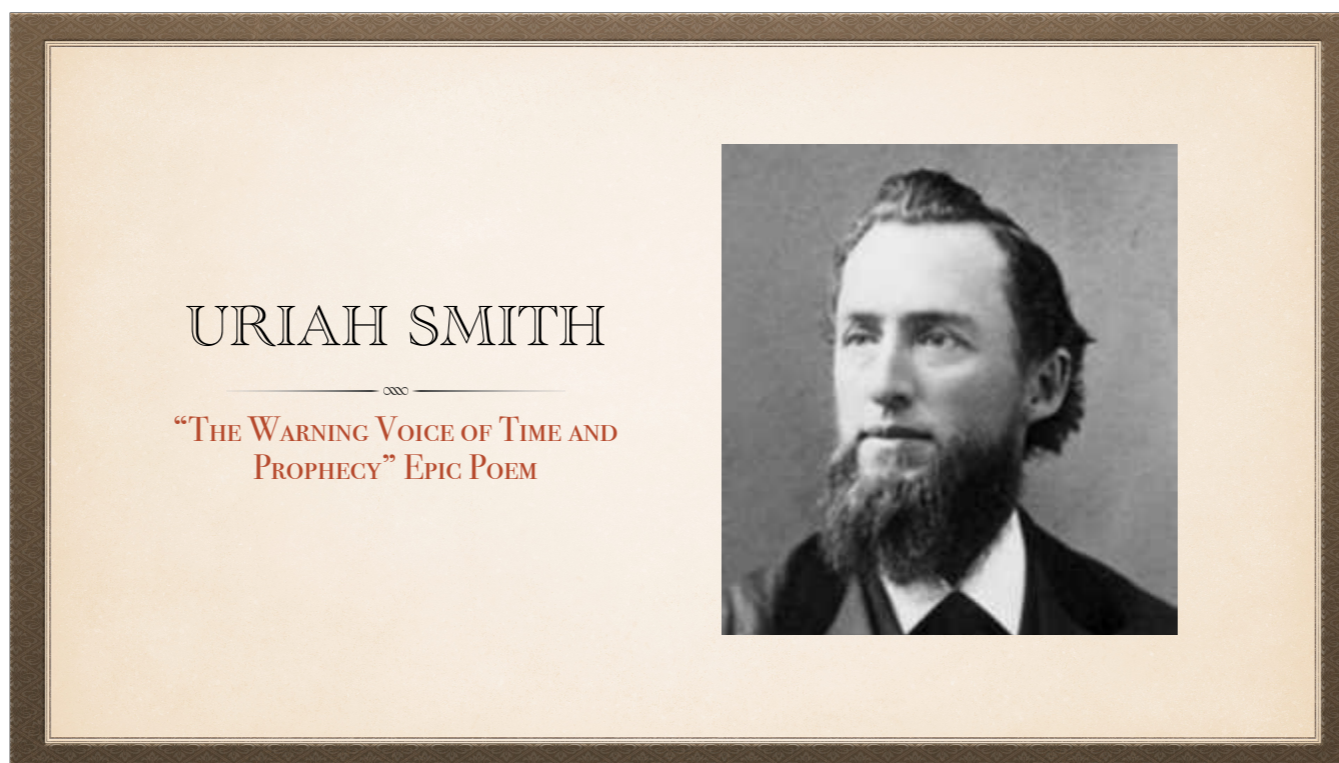
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In several issues of the Review and Herald in 1853, Uriah Smith wrote a 35,000 word poem seeking to establish confidence in the integrity of the Millerite Movement and the validity of 1844 as the termination of the 2,300 days.

KEY NAMES IN SDA SANCTUARY HISTORY

- ❖ Uriah Smith
- ❖ Whites
- ❖ J.N. Andrews
- ❖ A. F. Ballenger
- ❖ M. L. Andreasen
- ❖ D. Ford
- ❖ R. Davidson
- ❖ R. Gane



According to Roy Adams' 1981 dissertation- Three Approaches to the sanctuary doctrine are adopted by Adventists largely based on the writings of Smith, Ballenger & Andreasen

THE PATTERN OF HOLINESS

- ❖ God is merciful enough to reveal Himself to us.
- ❖ We can only imagine how holy God is.
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HOLY GOD MEETS UNHOLY MAN



“And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.” (Exodus 25:8 NKJV)

“So I will make My holy name known in the midst of My people Israel, and I will not let them profane My holy name anymore. Then the nations shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.” (Ezekiel 39:7 NKJV)



“I want to do what pleases you, my God. Your law dominates my thoughts.” (Psalms 40:8 NET)

❖ “Mercy and truth have met together;
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Symbolism in the Holy Place of our heart:

Altar of Sacrifice - Calvary and the death of Jesus

Laver - The Resurrection of Jesus, symbolized by Baptism

Shewbread- Bible Study, feeding on Jesus as the Bread of Life

Lamp stand - witnessing, testifying to the redeemer's love

Incense - Prayer

GOD DESIGNS THE ARK

- ❖ Exodus 25:10-22
- ❖ measured $2\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ cubits (i.e. c. $\times\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet or c. 1.22 m x 76 cm x 76 cm)
- ❖ The whole was covered with gold and was carried on poles inserted in rings at the four lower corners.
- ❖ Only Levites carried it; always covered outside the tabernacle.



Plan of the Ark of the Covenant - Exodus 25:10-22

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Kitchen, K. A. "Ark of the Covenant." Ed. D. R. W. Wood et al. New Bible dictionary 1996 : 80. Print.

ITEMS OF THE ARK

- ❖ Mercy Seat - “propitiation” - as in “Yom Kippur” - Solid Gold, no wood insert
- ❖ Kippur - “atonement”
- ❖ Shekinah Glory - “Shekinah means the presence or nearness of God to His people.”

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Kāpar; a primitive root; to cover (specifically with bitumen); figuratively, to expiate or condone, to placate or cancel: — appease, make (an atonement, cleanse, disannul, forgive, be merciful, pacify, pardon, purge (away), put off, (make) reconcile(-liation).

Shekinah Glory - “Shekinah means the presence or nearness of God to His people.” — Horn, Siegfried H. SDA Bible Dictionary 1979 : 1020. Print.

Cherubim - Angels representing those in the presence of God



“which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron’s rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant;” (Hebrews 9:4 NKJV)

Tablets of Stone - Second Set carved by Moses

Blue Sapphire written on both sides - according to Jewish rabbinic sources

Original Stone Tablets Discovered - Biblical History Daily Archaeology Journal

Manna - Never Spoiled

“And Moses said to Aaron, “Take a pot and put an omer of manna in it, and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your generations.”” (Exodus 16:33 NKJV)

Aaron's Rod

“And the LORD said to Moses, “Bring Aaron’s rod back before the Testimony, to be kept as a sign against the rebels, that you may put their complaints away from Me, lest they die.”” (Numbers 17:10 NKJV)

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SDABC - The ark and the mercy seat constituted the very heart of the sanctuary. Above the mercy seat was the Shekinah, the symbol of the divine presence. The tables of the law within the ark testified to the fact that God’s kingdom is founded on an immutable standard of righteousness (Ps. 97:2), which even divine grace must respect. Grace cannot be dispensed on terms which “make void the law” (Rom. 3:31). When sin is pardoned, the law’s claim against the sinner must also be satisfied. The very purpose of the gospel is to secure for the sinner the forgiveness of his sins, by faith in a means that does not “make void the law,” but “establishes” it. While the tables within the ark testified against the people, the mercy seat pointed to a way in which the claims of the law could be met and the sinner saved from death, the penalty of the law. On the basis of law alone there can be no reunion between God and man, since sin separates us from Him (Isa. 59:1, 2). The blood-sprinkled mercy seat must intervene, for it is only on the ground of Christ’s mediation on our behalf that we can draw near to God (Heb. 7:25). — SDA Bible Commentary on Ex. 25:10-22

RITUAL AND CEREMONY

- ❖ Ritual and Ceremony; daily and annually - Leviticus 16; 23
- ❖ Daily Offerings - Sins transferred to the Sanctuary
- ❖ Annual Ceremony cleansed the Sanctuary - Lev. 16:16-17



“So he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions, for all their sins; and so he shall do for the tabernacle of meeting which remains among them in the midst of their uncleanness. There shall be no man in the tabernacle of meeting when he goes in to make atonement in the Holy Place, until he comes out, that he may make atonement for himself, for his household, and for all the assembly of Israel.” (Leviticus 16:16-17 NKJV)

STORIES OF THE ARK

- ❖ God's Glory fills the Sanctuary
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HOLINESS; THE MYSTERY OF ETERNITY



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SDABC on Isaiah 6 “God sought to impress upon the mind of Isaiah a concept of His holiness, in order that the prophet should keep this attribute of the divine character constantly before His people, that they might thereby be encouraged to put away their sins and aspire to holiness.”

UNAPPROACHABLE LIGHT

❖ “I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate, that you keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which He will bring about at the proper time — He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.” (1 Timothy 6:13–16)

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

❖ “The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!””

❖ (Revelation 4:8)



Yet, we are called to be holy, just as our heavenly Father is holy - “For I am the LORD your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” (Leviticus 11:44 NKJV)

THE SANCTUARY IS A MEETING PLACE BETWEEN UNHOLY MAN
AND HOLY GOD.

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EXODUS 25:22



“And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.”

(Exodus 25:22 NKJV)

THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

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CLEANSING AND
RESTORATION
OF THE RELATIONSHIP



Yom Kippur/ Day of Atonement

Leviticus 16

Bull for High Priest; goat for the people; Incense and blood “inside the veil” applied to the mercy seat and to the horns of the altar of Incense

“For on that day the priest shall make atonement for you, to cleanse you, that you may be clean from all your sins before the LORD. It is a sabbath of solemn rest for you, and you shall afflict your souls. It is a statute forever.” (Leviticus 16:30–31 NKJV)

ATTITUDE OF THE CONGREGATION

- ❖ Sabbath of Rest
- ❖ Humble Yourselves



Attitude of the people:

“It is a sabbath of solemn rest for you, and you shall afflict your souls. It is a statute forever.” (Leviticus 16:31 NKJV)

““On exactly the tenth day of this seventh month is the day of atonement; it shall be a holy convocation for you, and you shall humble your souls and present an offering by fire to the LORD.” (Leviticus 23:27 NAS95)

““If there is any person who will not humble himself on this same day, he shall be cut off from his people. “As for any person who does any work on this same day, that person I will destroy from among his people. “You shall do no work at all. It is to be a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwelling places.” (Leviticus 23:29–31 NAS95)

GOD ALONE CAN MAKE US HOLY

- ❖ “I will cleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me, and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned and by which they have transgressed against Me.” (Jeremiah 33:8)

no amount of ritual by man can make us holy!

JESUS IS THE ONLY ETERNAL HOPE OF THE WORLD.

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HEBREWS 8:1-5





For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore it is necessary that this One also have something to offer. For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law; who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, “See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.”” (Hebrews 8:1–5 NKJV)

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“Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.” (Hebrews 7:25 NKJV)

“For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight— if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.” (Colossians 1:19–23)

Appeal Story: Ladder Plus Man’s Body

The Sailor’s Home, in Liverpool, was once on fire at night and a great cry of “Fire!” was raised. When the people assembled they saw in the upper stories some men crying for help. The fire escape did not nearly reach where the men were. A long ladder was brought and put against the burning building; but it was too short.

A British sailor in the crowd soon rushed up the ladder, balanced himself on the uppermost round with his foot, and seized the windowsill with his hands, and shouted: “Quick men, scramble over my body, on the ladder, and down you go.” One by one the men came down until all were saved, and then the sailor came down, his face burnt, his hair singed, and his fingers blistered; but he had saved the men. That ladder went a long way; but before the men could be saved it needed the length of a man.

—Charles Leach

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Appeal & Prayer

