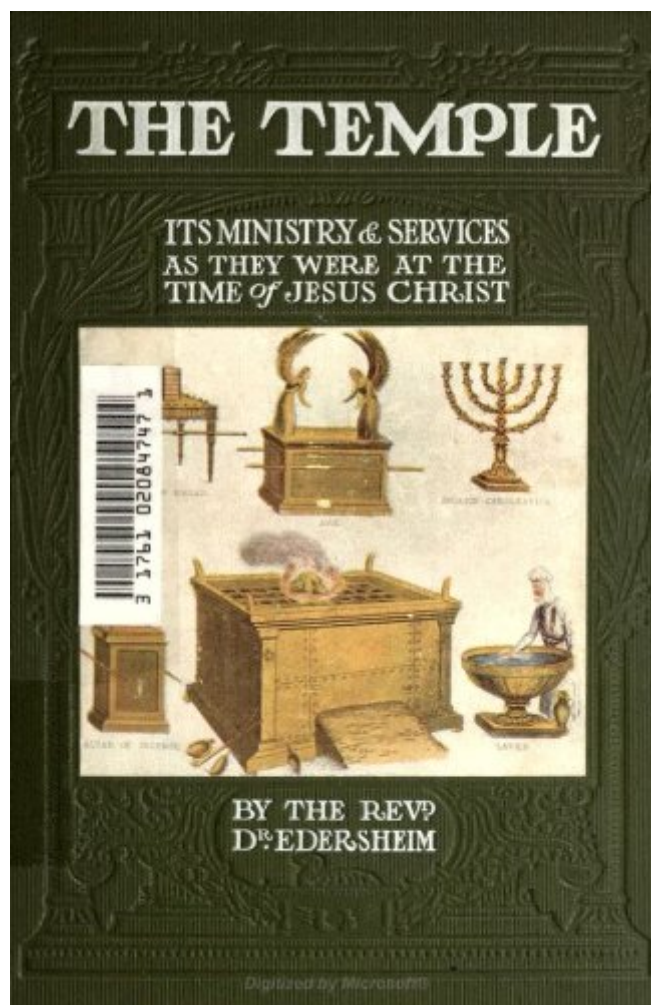


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The Temple- Its Ministry And Services



Synopsis

Alfred Edersheim - (1825-1889), Anglican Biblical scholar Edersheim was a scholar and writer on the traditions of the Jewish faith and Life of Christ. He was born March 7th, 1825 in the city of Vienna, Austria. His parents Marcus and Stephanie Beifuss were of the Jewish faith. In Vienna he studied in the gymnasium and University of Austria. Around 1845 he moved to Pesth, Hungary where he met John Duncan and other Presbyterian ministers, who were chaplains to Scottish workmen building a bridge over the Danube River. Under their influence he became a Christian and came to Scotland with Dr. Duncan. In 1843 he entered New College until 1844. In 1846 he entered the Presbyterian ministry and thereafter preached for a year as a missionary to the Jews and Germans at Jassy in Rumania. He came to Old Aberdeen Church in 1848 and remained for twelve years. Here he translated several German theological books into English and wrote his History of the Jewish Nation from the Fall of Jerusalem to the reign of Constantine the Great. "Reverend Alfred Edersheim was the second minister of Free Church known then as Old Machar Free Church. After twelve years at Free Church, Alfred's health started failing, he resigned and moved to Torquay in the county of Devon, England. In 1861, he gathered a congregation and in 1862 they built St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Torwood Gardens, Torquay. Because of deteriorating health problems he had to resign from St. Andrews and moved to Bournemouth a spa on the south coast. In 1875 he became an Episcopalian and ordained a deacon and priest in the Church of England. For a year he was the (unpaid) curate of the Abbey Church, Christ Church, Hants, near Bournemouth. In 1876 he became vicar of Loders, Dorsetshire; resigning in 1883, moving to Oxford, where he was select preacher to the University from 1884-86. Because of his health condition he eventually moved to Menton, France where he passed away March 16th, 1889. His publications as author, translator, editor, and contributor to dictionaries and serial works, are very numerous. Perhaps the best-known and best known are The History of the Jewish Nation from AD 70-312 (1857); The Jubilee Rhythm of St. Bernard, and other Hymns (1866); The Golden Diary of Heart-Converse with Jesus in the Psalms (1874), The Temple: its Ministry and Services as they were in the Time of Jesus Christ (1874); Sketches of Jewish Social Life in the days of Christ (1876); The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah (1883, 2 vols); Prophecy and History in relation to the Messiah, (Warburtonian Lectures, 1880-84) 1885; The History of Israel from the Sacrifice on Carmel to the Death of Jedhu (1885.)

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Edersheim gives helpful cultural background information to what pilgrims did and saw at each of the religious festivals celebrated by Jews in Jesus day. Our cursory reading of the gospels of Jesus words at some of these festivals without the details of what visual sights were going on-- provided by Edersheim-- could cause Bible students to miss the connection of Jesus words about being "the light of the world" and the concept of being the living water in John 7. It also helped me to see the expansion of celebrative practices at the festivals that expanded the basic requirements as stated in the scriptures.

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A detailed description of Herod's Temple and the ministries of the Jewish priests.

In this book, Edersheim does a brilliant job of organising the various details of first century worship in the Jewish temple, making it accessible to the modern reader. The first few chapters describe the physical setting and furnishing of Jerusalem and the temple. After providing that, Edersheim systematically explains the various categories of offerings (burnt offerings, sin offerings, peace offerings, &c.) and the Jewish festival cycle. He relies both on the commandments as given in the torah, and the subsequent traditions which grew up in post-exilic Jewish worship to explain things as they were when the New Testament was written. When appropriate, some space is devoted to differences of opinion amongst the various rabbinical schools. Numerous footnotes referencing scripture and various tracts in the Mishnah are provided, but so many as to be distracting. The only real criticism I have of the book is that it is over 100 years old. One suspects that research within the last century might expand or clarify sections. Also, monetary equivalents are given relative to British Pounds Sterling of the 19th century; not particularly helpful. I would also offer a caveat. I bought mine used, and did not get the edition with the pictures and illustrations - so be careful to make sure you get the edition you intend. All things considered, it's a must-have book for anyone who wants to understand the numerous temple references in the New Testament.

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