

## “The Temple (1): Through a Crack in the Door”

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“The greatest short coming of the human race  
is our inability to understand the exponential function.”

—Albert Bartlett

“The end will come more quickly than men expect.”

—*Great Controversy* 631

- **Looking through a crack in the door, what can we know about God’s temple in heaven?**
  - **Reality #1—That \_\_\_\_\_.**
    - Revelation 11:19—“Then God’s \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven was opened, and within his \_\_\_\_\_ was seen the ark of his covenant.”
    - Habakkuk 2:20—“The LORD is in his holy \_\_\_\_\_; let all the earth keep silent before him.”
    - Psalm 102:19—“The LORD looked down from his \_\_\_\_\_ on high, from heaven he viewed the earth.”
  - **Reality #2—That \_\_\_\_\_.**
    - Psalm 11:4—“The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD is on his heavenly \_\_\_\_\_.”
    - Ezekiel 1:25-28
    - Daniel 7:9-10
    - Revelation 4:1-6
  - **Reality #3—That \_\_\_\_\_.**
    - Revelation 5:11
    - I Kings 8:27—“The heavens, even the highest heaven, \_\_\_\_\_ you.”
  - **Reality #4—That God’s temple is his \_\_\_\_\_ for his universe and for this earth.**
    - Psalm 18:6, 9
    - Exodus 25:8, 9—“Let them make me a \_\_\_\_\_, that I may dwell among them.”
    - Roy Adams: “We should not conceive of the earthly sanctuary as a scale reproduction or replica of the heavenly reality. Rather the relationship ought to be seen primarily in terms of ‘functional correspondence,’ providing us with ‘conceptual tools and vocabulary’ . . . allowing us to speak about the unspeakable, to comprehend the incomprehensible, however dimly.” (*The Sanctuary* 64)
    - The sanctuary on earth was not a replica of heaven’s \_\_\_\_\_, but rather a detailed and dramatic portrayal of heaven’s strategic \_\_\_\_\_ to save the fallen human race.
    - A new \_\_\_\_\_ divine Mission Control Room for earth.
    - Exodus 25:22—“There, above the cover between the two cherubim that are over the ark of the Testimony, I will meet with you and give you all my \_\_\_\_\_ for the Israelites.”
    - *Desire of Ages*: “The Bible shows us God in His high and holy place, not in a state of inactivity, not in silence and solitude, but surrounded by ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands of holy intelligences, all waiting to do His will. Through channels which we cannot discern He is in active communication with every part of His dominion. But it is in this speck of a world, in the souls that He gave His only-begotten Son to save, that His interest and the interest of all heaven is centered. God is bending from His throne to hear the cry of the oppressed. To every sincere prayer He answers, ‘Here am I.’” (356)
    - [www.chrismartenson.com](http://www.chrismartenson.com)

***Mission Control is still in control!***

There is one, temple, temple, temple, sanctuary, God is seated there on his throne, throne, God is surrounded there by myriads of intelligent beings, cannot contain, Mission Control, sanctuary, architecture, mission, secondary, commands