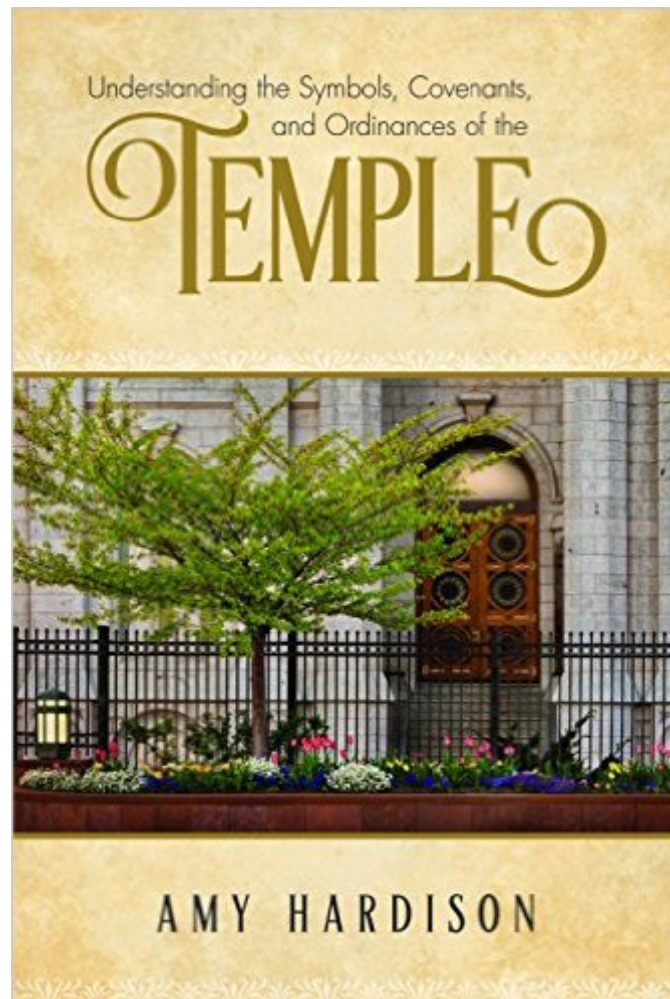


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# Understanding The Symbols, Covenants, And Ordinances Of The Temple



## Synopsis

There are few, even temple workers, who comprehend the full meaning and power of the temple endowment. Seen for what it is, it is the step-by-step ascent into the Eternal Presence. If our young people could but glimpse it, it would be the most powerful spiritual motivation of their lives!

David O. McKay Primary children sing, "I love to see the temple. I'm going there someday," but with little understanding of what happens once they get there. Even some adults attend the temple regularly without a clear concept of the instruction they receive. Using teachings of living prophets and the scriptures, along with her advanced scholarship of ancient traditions, symbols, and beliefs, Amy Hardison outlines the significance of temple design, covenants, clothing, names, and more as a means of helping Latter-day Saints better comprehend the sacred nature of the house of the Lord. Your endowment is, to receive all those ordinances in the house of the Lord, which are necessary for you, after you have departed this life, to enable you to walk back to the presence of the Father, passing the angels who stand as sentinels, being enabled to give them the key words, the signs and tokens, pertaining to the holy Priesthood, and gain your eternal exaltation in spite of earth and hell. Brigham Young

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To whom the book is written: LDS Temple patron would most benefit from reading this book. It provides ancient and modern context for the symbolism and meanings of the temple experience. One unexpected delight was the way that the author brought the atonement to life through the House of the Lord. What I was expecting: A deep, and slightly inaccessible book on the temple

practices of ancient civilizations, similar to Nibley's Temple and Cosmos, but found something accessible in the form of the fruits of the author having explored the topics thoroughly through the scriptures, history of ancient near east culture and language, and the words of modern prophets. The linguistic facets of Hebrew that gave an unexpected and delightful depth and context to difficult-to-understand words or verses of scripture. To students of the gospel, this context is generally unavailable without in study of Aramaic and Ancient Hebrew. What it really was: Yes, it is about the temple, AND it provides context and background of the temples of the ancient world in a way that deepened my understanding of and appreciation for the Atonement. You may have read Wilcox's "Believing Christ." I recall my delight when I read that and went from relating to the Atonement as a get out of jail free event to relating to it as the way for God to enable, empower, and amplify our efforts and forward our becoming beings of divine vision and word. The author relates experiences, real life examples and metaphor to dance with the reader through to discovering what is possible with a full on connection between temple covenants and life as lived powerfully. What I loved: Hardison gathered her sources from ecclesiastic, historical, cultural, linguistic, and personal sources.

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