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Who were Aholiab and Bezaleel?

Question

Those who presided at the First Or Holy Temple were Moses, Aholiab and Bezaleel, but who were Aholiab and Bezaleel?

Explanation

The book of Exodus tells the story of the time the Lord spoke to Moses and told him how the Jews were to live, he taught them how to pray, and he also gave instruction in how a moving temple to his glory was to be built and thus the tabernacle was formed.

The Lord also gave Moses instruction in the colours to be used in the fabric of the Tabernacle. Those colours were Red, Purple and Blue. Or Blue, Purple and Scarlet depending on which version of the Bible you read.

These colours were said to represent the elements. Red for fire, Purple for the sea as the blood of shellfish dyes it, and Blue for the sky. The lord chose Aholiab and Bezaleel, names from our ritual but only mentioned at the dining table, to prepare and sew the cloth for the tabernacle.

Like Hiram Abif they were skillful craftsmen and were two of the three Grand Originals.

Part of a lecture on the Royal Arch Secrets by E.Comp. Kerry Parkes, P.Prov.D.G.D.C.