

The Biblical Museum of Rev. Leendert Schouten

Leendert Schouten (1828-1905), the founder of the Bijbels Museum in Amsterdam, was a dergyman at the time when the Dutch Reformed Church was leading the way in church life. Leendert Schouten was not only a passionate and typical representative of 19th Century clerical culture, but also a passionate collector. He built up an impressive collection of Hebrew Antiquities and archeological and Egyptian artifacts, all related to the Bible.

The Biblical Museum of Rev. Leendert Schouten was widely known. Central and famous elements in his collection were the replica's of the Tabernacle, the Temple of Jerusalem and the extraordinary model of the Tempel Mount in Jerusalem, made by Conrad Schick. This unique collection reflects not only 19the Century theological thought. The museum was also rooted in a community for whom the Christian religion was part of their identity and every-day life.





























