

stave churches roof crests and dragon heads were common so probably were in the Viking age too. Hence the kings church in Uppsala was presumably adorned with carved and painted coiling dragons (Figure 9).

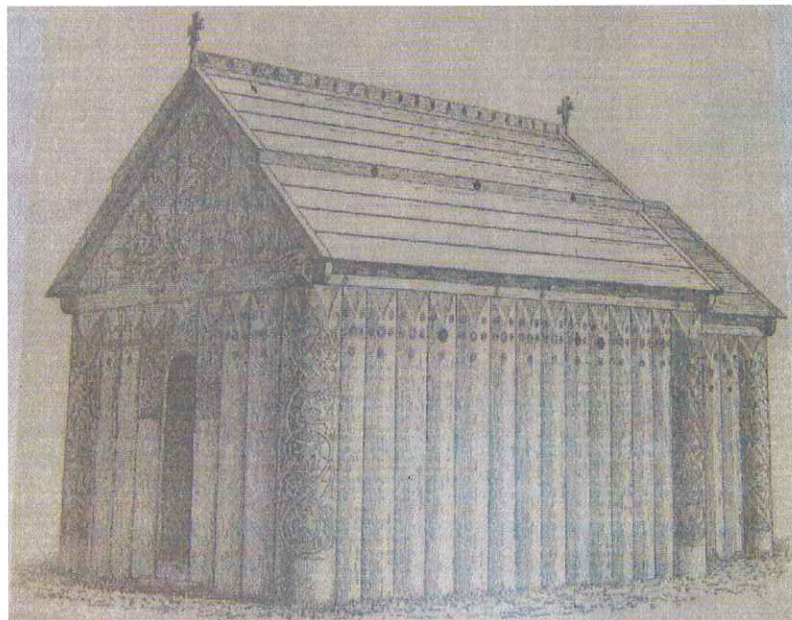


Figure 9: (top) A reconstruction of how the first church at Gamla Uppsala may have looked. The small chancel corresponds with the N3 anomaly and so is thought to have a similar structure as the Hemse stave church (bottom).