

## Chapter 12

*Marie and Aaron murmur againft Moyfes. 6. Whom God praifeth aboute other prophetes. 10. Marie being ftricken with leprofie, Aaron confeffeth his fault. 13. Moyfes prayeth for her, and after feuen daies feperation from the campe, she is reftored.*

*Exod. 2.* **A**nd Marie and Aaron fpake againft Moyfes, for his wife the <sup>a)</sup>Æthiopian, <sup>2</sup> and they faid: Hath our Lord fpoken by Moyfes onlie? hath he not fpoken to vs alfo in like manner? Which when our Lord had heard, (<sup>3</sup> <sup>b)</sup>For Moyfes was the mildeft man aboute al men, that dwelt vpon the earth) <sup>4</sup> immediatly he fpake to him, and to Aaron and Marie: Goe forth you three onlie to the tabernacle of couenant. And when they were come forth, <sup>5</sup> our Lord defcended in the pillar of a cloude, and ftoode in the entrie of the tabernacle calling Aaron and Marie. Who going vnto him, <sup>6</sup> he faid to them: Heare my wordes: If there fhall be among you a prophete of the Lord, in vifion wil I appeare to him, or in fleepe I wil fpeake to him. <sup>7</sup> But my feruant Moyfes is not fuch an one, who in al my houfe is moft faythful: <sup>8</sup> for mouth to mouth I fpeake to him: and plainly, and not by riddels and figures doth he fee the Lord. Why therefore did you not feare to detract from my feruant Moyfes? <sup>9</sup> And being wrath againft them, he went away: <sup>10</sup> the cloude alfo departed that was ouer the tabernacle: and behold Marie appeared white with leprofie as it were fnow. And <sup>c)</sup>when Aaron had looked on her, and faw her wholly couered with leprofie, <sup>11</sup> he faid to Moyfes: I befech thee my Lord, lay not vpon vs this finne which we haue foolifhly committed, <sup>12</sup> let not this woman be as it were dead, and as an abortiue that is caft forth of

<sup>a</sup> Madianites were alfo called Æthiopians. *S. Aug. q. 20. in Num.*

<sup>b</sup> The Holie Ghofte forced Moyfes to vtter his owne praife, which of him felf, he defired not.

<sup>c</sup> Aaron was not publikly punifhed, left therby he had bene made cōtemptible to the people, but was otherwife chaftified.

the mothers wombe. Lo now the one halfe of her flesh is deuoured with the leprofie. <sup>13</sup> And Moyfes cried to our Lord, faying: God, I befech thee, heale her. <sup>14</sup> To whom our Lord answered: If her father had fpitte vpon her face, ought she not to haue bene ashamed feuen daies at the leaft? Let her be feperated feuen daies without the campe, and afterwards she shal be called againe. <sup>15</sup> Marie therefore was shut forth without the campe feuen daies: and the people moued not from that place, vntil Marie was called againe.