

Chapter 12

Marie and Aaron murmur against Moyfes. 6. Whom God praiseth aboute other prophetes. 10. Marie being stricken with leprofie, Aaron confeffeth his fault. 13. Moyfes prayeth for her, and after feuen daies separation from the campe, she is restored.

Exod. 2. **A**nd Marie and Aaron spake against Moyfes, for his wife the ^{a)}Æthiopian, ² and they said: Hath our Lord spoken by Moyfes onlie? hath he not spoken to vs also in like manner? Which when our Lord had heard, (³ ^{b)}For Moyfes was the mildest man aboute al men, that dwelt vpon the earth) ⁴ immediatly he spake to him, and to Aaron and Marie: Goe forth you three onlie to the tabernacle of couenant. And when they were come forth, ⁵ our Lord descended in the pillar of a cloude, and stoode in the entrie of the tabernacle calling Aaron and Marie. Who going vnto him, ⁶ he said to them: Heare my wordes: If there shal be among you a prophete of the Lord, in vision wil I appeare to him, or in sleepe I wil speake to him. ⁷ But my seruant Moyfes is not such an one, who in al my house is most faythful: ⁸ for mouth to mouth I speake to him: and plainly, and not by riddels and figures doth he see the Lord. Why therefore did you not feare to detract from my seruant Moyfes? ⁹ And being wrath against them, he went away: ¹⁰ the cloude also departed that was ouer the tabernacle: and behold Marie appeared white with leprofie as it were snow. And ^{c)}when Aaron had looked on her, and saw her wholly couered with leprofie, ¹¹ he said to Moyfes: I beseech thee my Lord, lay not vpon vs this sinne which we haue foolishly committed, ¹² let not this woman be as it were dead, and as an abortiue that is cast forth of

^a Madianites were also called Æthiopians. *S. Aug. q. 20. in Num.*

^b The Holie Ghost forced Moyfes to vtter his owne praise, which of him self, he desired not.

^c Aaron was not publicly punished, lest thereby he had bene made cōtemptible to the people, but was otherwife chastised.

the mothers wombe. Lo now the one halfe of her flesh is deuoured with the leprofie. ¹³ And Moyfes cried to our Lord, faying: God, I befech thee, heale her. ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ Marie therefore was shut forth without the campe feuen daies: and the people moued not from that place, vntil Marie was called againe.