

Chapter 20

Marie the fifter of Moyfes dieth. 2. The people murmure for lack of water, 7. Moyfes and Aaron being commanded to draw fome out of a rock, do it doutfully: 12. and for the fame are foretold that they shal die in the defert. 14. Not obtaining licence to pafse through Edom, 22. they come into Mount Hor, where Eleazar is ordained hiegh Prieft, Aaron dieth, and is mourned by the people thirtie daies.

And the children of Ifrael, and al the multitude came into the defert Sin, the firft moneth: and the people abode in Cades. And Marie died there, and was buried in the fame place. ² And when the people lacked water, they came together againft Moyfes and Aaron: ³ and being turned into fedition, faid: Would God we had perished among our brethren before our Lord. ⁴ Why haue you brought forth the Church of our Lord into the wilderneffe, that both we and our cattel fhould die? ⁵ Why did you make vs afcend out of Ægypt, and haue brought vs into this exceding naughtie place which can not be fowed, which bringeth forth neither figge, nor vines, nor pomegranates, moreouer alfo hath no water for to drinke? ⁶ And Moyfes and Aaron, the multitude being difmiffed, entring into the tabernacle of couenant, fel flatte vpon the ground, and cried to our Lord, and faid: Lord God heare the crie of this people, and open vnto them thy treafure the fountaine of liuing water, that being fatisfied, their murmuring may ceafe. And the glorie of our Lord appeared ouer them. ⁷ And our Lord fpake to Moyfes, faying: ⁸ Take the rodde, and affemble the people together, thou and Aaron thy brother, and fpeake to ^athe rocke before them, and it shal geue waters. And when thou haft brought forth water out of the rocke, al the

^a The rock fignified Chrif, the rodde his Croffe. *S. Aug. q. 35. in Num.*

multitude shal drinke and their cattel. ⁹ Moyfes therefore tooke the rodde, which was in the fight of our Lord, as he commanded him, ¹⁰ the multitude being affsembled before the rocke, and he said to them: Heare ye rebellious and incredulous: Can we out of this rocke bring you forth water? ¹¹ And when Moyfes had lifted vp his hand fricking the rocke, ^a)twife with the rodde, there came forth great plentie of water, so that the people drunke and their cattel. ¹² And our Lord said to Moyfes and Aaron: Because ^b)you haue not beleued me, to sanctifie me before the children of Ifrael, you shal not bring in these peoples into the land, which I wil geue them. ¹³ This is the water of contradiction, where the children of Ifrael quarelled againft our Lord, and he was sanctified in them. ¹⁴ In the meane time Moyfes sent messengers from Cades to the King of Edom, which should say: Thus thy brother Ifrael biddeth vs to say: Thou knowest al the labour, that hath taken vs, ¹⁵ in what maner our fathers went downe into Ægypt, and there we dwelt a great time, and the Ægyptians afflicted vs, and our fathers: ¹⁶ and in what maner we cried to our Lord, and he heard vs, and sent an Angel, that hath brought vs out of Ægypt. Loe being presently in the citie of Cades, which is in thy vttermoſt borders, ¹⁷ we beseech thee that we may haue licence to passe through thy countrie. We wil not goe through the fieldes, nor through the vineyardes, we wil not drinke the waters of thy welles, but we wil goe the common high way, declining neither to the right hand, not to the left, til we be past thy borders. ¹⁸ To whom Edom answered: Thou shalt not passe by me, otherwise I wil come armed againft thee. ¹⁹ And

^a By this the croffe is more euidently signified, which was made of two peeces of wood. *S. Aug. ibidem.*

^b Not doubting of Gods powre, but supposing it vnmete, that God should still worke miracles for so stubborne a people, they did not speake to the rock, as they were comanded, but chiding the incredulous multitude, spake to them ambiguously, & so by occasion of others finne, also offended, and for the same were punished. See *Deut. 1, v. 37. 3, v. 16. & 4, v. 21. S. Aug. q. 19. Theod. q. 38. in Num.*

the children of Ifrael faid: We wil goe by the beaten way: and if we and the cattel drinke thy waters, we wil geue thee that which is iuft: there shal be no difficultie in the price, only let vs paffe speedely. ²⁰ But he answered: Thou shalt not paffe: And immediatly he came forth to meete them with an infinite multitude, and a ftrong hand, ²¹ neither would he condescend to them defiring to grant them paffage through his borders. For the which caufe Ifrael turned an other way from him. ²² And when they had remoued the campe from Cades, they came into the mountaine Hor, which is in the borders of the land of Edom: ²³ Where our Lord fpake to Moyfes: ²⁴ Let Aaron, fayeth he, goe to his people: for he shal not enter to the Land, which I haue geuen the children of Ifrael, for that he was incredulous to my mouth, at the Waters of contradiction. ²⁵ Take Aaron and his sonne with him, and thou shalt bring them into the mountaine Hor. ²⁶ And when thou haft vnuefted the father of his vesture, thou shalt reueft therwith Eleazar his sonne: Aaron shal be gathered, and die there. ²⁷ Moyfes did as our Lord had commanded: and they went vp into the mountaine Hor before al the multitude. ²⁸ And when he had fpoyled Aaron of his vefimentes, he reuefted Eleazar his sonne with them. ²⁹ After that he was dead in the toppe of the mountaine, he went downe with Eleazar. ³⁰ And al the multitude seeing that Aaron was dead, ^amourned vpon him thirtie daies throughout al their families.

^a Mouring the dead was long before this obserued by tradition.