

Chapter 3

An Altar is built for sacrifice. 4. The feast of Tabernacles solemnly celebrated. 8. And in the second year (after their returne) the Temple is founded with great ioy of the people, and mourning of some.

And now the seventh moneth was come, and the children of Israel were in their cities: the people therefore was gathered together as it were one man into Ierusalem. ² And Iosue the sonne of Iosedec rose vp, and his brethren the Priestes, and Zorobabel the sonne of Salathiel, and his brethren, and they built the altar of the God of Israel, that they might offer on it holocaustes, as it is written in the law of Moyse the man of God. ³ And they placed the altar of God vpon his feete, the people of the lands round about putting them ^ain feare, & they offered vpon it holocaust to our Lord morning and euening. ⁴ And they made the solemnitie of tabernacles, as it is written, and holocaust euery day by order according to the præcept, the worke of the day in his day. ⁵ And after these thinges the continual holocaust, as wel in the Calendes, as in al the solemnities of our Lord, that were consecrated, and in al wherein there was offered voluntarily a gift to our Lord. ⁶ From the first day of the seventh moneth they began to offer holocaust to our Lord: moreouer the temple of God was not yet founded. ⁷ And they gaue money to hewers of stones and to masons: meate also and drinke, and oyle to the Sidonians and Tyrians, that they should bring cedar trees from Libanus to the sea vnto Ioppe, according to that which Cyrus the king of the Persians had commanded them. ⁸ And in the second yeare of their coming to the temple of God in Ierusalem, the second moneth, began Zorobabel the sonne of Salathiel, and Iosue the sonne of Iosedec, and the rest of their brethren the Priestes,

^a Notwithstanding the terrour of infideles, Gods seruantes tooke courage to offer sacrifice.

and the Leuites, and al that were come from the captiuitie into Ierufalem, and they appoynted Leuites from twentie yeares and vpward, that they fhould haften forward the worke of our Lord. ⁹ And Iofue ftood and his fonnes, and his brethren, Cedmihel, and his fonnes, and the children of Iuda, as it were one man, that they might be infant vpon them, that did the worke in the temple of God: the fonnes of Henadad, and their fonnes, and their brethren Leuites. ¹⁰ The temple therfore of our Lord being founded by the mafons, the Prieftes ftood in their attyre with trumpettes: and the Leuites the children of Afaph in cymbals, to prayfe God ^{a)}by the handes of Daudid the king of Ifrael. ¹¹ And they fang together in hymnes, and confeffion to our Lord: Befcaufe he is good, becaufe his mercie is for euer vpon Ifrael. Al the people alfo made a fhoute with a lowde crie in praying our Lord, becaufe the temple of our Lord was founded. ¹² Verie manie alfo of the Prieftes and the Leuites, and the princes of the fathers, & the ancients, that had feene the former temple, when they faw this temple founded, ^{b)}they wept with a lowd voyce: and manie fhouting in ioy, lifted vp their voyce. ¹³ Neither could anie man difcerne the voice of the crie of them that reioyced, and the voice of the weeping of the people: for one with an other the people fhouted with a lowd crie, and the voice was heard far of.

^a By the ordinance of Daudid. *1. Par. 25.*

^b By their weping they testified that the new temple was not fo excellent as the former. And therfore Aggeus prophecie (*c. 2.*) can not be vnderftood of this temple, but of the Church of Chrif. *S. Aug. li. 18. ciuit, c. 45.*