

Chapter 7

Salomons palace, 2. his houfe in the foreft, 8. and the quenes houfe is built. 13. Two great brafen pillers: 23. a fea (or lauer) 27. tenne brafen feete, 38. tenne lefse lauatories, and other vefels, and implementes pertaining to the Temple, adorned vvith images of Angels, and other creatures are further defcribed.

The beginning
of the fifth age.

And his owne houfe Salomon built in thirtene yeares, and brought it to perfection. ² He built alfo the houfe of the foreft of Libanus of an hundred cubites in length, and fiftie cubites in bredth, and thirtie cubites in height: and foure fcore galleries betwen pillers of ceder: for he had cut ceder trees into pillers. ³ And he decked the whole vault with bordes of ceder, which was held vp with fiue and fourtie pillers. And one order had fifteen pillers, ⁴ fet one againft an other, ⁵ and looked one ouer againft an other, with equal fpace betwen the pillers, and ouer the pillers fquare beames in al equal. ⁶ And the porche of the pillers he made of fiftie cubites in length, and thirtie cubites in bredth: and an other porche before the greater porche: and pillers, and toppes vpon the pillers. ⁷ He made alfo the porche of the throne, wherein the feat of iudgement is; and couered it with ceder wood from the pauement vnto the toppe. ⁸ And the litle houfe, where they fate in iudgement, was in the middes of the porche of like worke. He made alfo a houfe for the daughter of Pharao (which Salomon had taken to wife) of fuch worke, as alfo this porche. ⁹ Al of chofen ftones, which were fawed by a certain rule & meafure both within & without: from the fundation to the toppe of the walles, & without vnto the greater courte. ¹⁰ And the fundation of chofen ftones, great ftones of ten or eight cubites. ¹¹ And aboue there were hewed chofen ftones of equal meafure, and in like maner of ceder. ¹² And the greater court round with three rewes of hewed ftones, and one rew of planed ceder, moreouer alfo in the inner court of the houfe of our Lord, and in the porche of the houfe. ¹³ King Salomon

also fent, and tooke Hiram from Tyre, ¹⁴ the sonne of a widow woman of the tribe of Nephtali, his father a Tyrian, an artificer in braffe, and full of wisdom, and intelligence, and skil to make all worke of braffe. Who when he was come to king Salomon, made all his worke. ¹⁵ And he cast two braffen pillers, of eightene cubites in height one piller: and a line of twelue cubites compassed both pillers. ¹⁶ He made also two litle heades, which should be put vpon the heades of the pillers, cast of braffe: fife cubites high one litle head, and fife cubites the other litle head: ¹⁷ and as it were in maner of a nette, and of cheynes knitte one to the other with maruelous worke. Both litle heades of the pillers were cast: feuen rewes of litle nettes in one litle head, & feuen litle nettes in the other litle head. ¹⁸ And finished the pillers, and two rewes round about euerie nette, that they might couer the litle heades, which were ouer the toppe of the pomegranates: in like maner did he also to the second litle head. ¹⁹ And the litle heades, that were vpon the heades of the pillers, were made as it were with lillie worke, in the porche, of foure cubites. ²⁰ And againe other litle heades in the toppe of the pillers aboue, according to the measure of the piller againft the litle nettes: and of the pomegranates were two hundred rewes round about the second litle head. ²¹ And he sette two pillers in the porch of the temple: and when he had erected the piller on the right hand, he called the name therof, Iachin: in like maner he erected the second piller, and called the name therof Booz. ²² And vpon the heades of the pillers he put a worke in maner of a lillie: and the worke of the pillers was perfected. ²³ He made also ^aa fea of founders worke of ten cubites from brimme to brimme, round in compasse, the height therof was fife cubites, and a corde of thirtie cubites did compassed it, round about. ²⁴ And the grauing vnder the brimme compassed it, ten cubites going about the lauatorie: there were two rewes of chamfered forwed grauinges cast. ²⁵ And it stood vpon twelue oxen, of which three looked to the North,

Firmnes.
In strength.

^a A vessel so called for the bignesse being a great lauatorie.

and three to the West, and three to the South, and three to the East, and the sea was over them: whose hinder partes were all hid inward. ²⁶ And the thickenes of the lauatorie was of three ounces: and the brimme therof as it were the brimme of a chalice, and the leafe of crisped lillie: it contayned two thousand ^abates. ²⁷ And he made ten brazen feete, of foure cubites in length euerie foote, and foure cubites in bredth, and three cubites in height. ²⁸ And the verie worke it selfe of the feete, was entergrauen: and entergrauinges between the ioyntures. ²⁹ And between the litle crownes and the playtes, lions, and oxen, and cherubs: and in the ioyntures likewise aboute: and vnder the lions, and oxen as it were bandes of braffe hanging downe. ³⁰ And foure wheelles at euerie foote, and axeltrees of braffe: and at foure sides as it were litle shoulers vnder the lauatorie cast, looking one against an other. ³¹ The mouth also of the lauatorie was inward in the toppe of the head: and that which appeared outward, was of one cubite all round, and together it had one cubite & a halfe: and in the corners of the pillers were diuers engraunges: and the middle enterpillers square not round. ³² The foure wheelles also, which were at the foure corners of a foote, ioyned one to an other vnder the foote: one wheele had in height a cubite and a halfe. ³³ And they were such wheelles as are accustomed to be made in a chariote: and their axeltrees and spokes, and ftrakes, and naues, all cast. ³⁴ For those foure litle shoulers also at euerie corner of one foote, were cast out of the foote and ioyned together. ³⁵ And in the toppe of the foote was a certayne roundnes of halfe a cubite, so wrought, that the lauatorie might be put thereon, hauing the engraunges therof, and diuerse caruinges of it self. ³⁶ He graued also in those fielinges, which were of braffe, and in the corners, cherubs, and lions, and palmetrees, as it were in the similitude of a man standing, that they seemed not to be engrauen, but put to round about. ³⁷ After this maner made he ten

^a *Batus* conteyneth about fīue galons: so this vessel conteyned tenne thousand galons.

feete, of one casting and meafure, & like grauing. ³⁸ He made alfo ten lauatories of braffe: one lauatorie conteyned fourtie bates, and it was of foure cubites: alfo at euerie foote, that is ten, he put fo manie lauatories. ³⁹ And he fette the ten feete, fiue on the right fide of the temple, and fiue on the leaft: and the fea he put on the right fide of the temple againft the Eaft toward the South. ⁴⁰ Hiram therefore made cauldrons, and fhoueles, and litle pottes, and perfected al the worke of king Salomon in the temple of our Lord. ⁴¹ Two pyllers, and two cordes of the litle heades, vpon the litle heades of the pyllers: and two litle nettes, to couer the two cordes, that were ouer the heades of the pyllers. ⁴² And foure hundred pomegranates in the two nettes: two rewes of pomegranates in euerie nette, to couer the cordes of the litle heades, which were vpon the heades of the pyllers. ⁴³ And tenne feete, and tenne lauatories vpon the feete. ⁴⁴ And one fea, and twelue oxen vnder the fea. ⁴⁵ And cauldrons, and fhouels, and litle pottes. Al the veffels that Hiram made to king Salomon in the houfe of our Lord, were of bright latten. ⁴⁶ In the champayne countrie of Iordan did the king caft thofe thinges in a clay ground, betwen Sacoth and Sarthan. ⁴⁷ And Salomon placed al the veffel: but for the exceding great multitude the braffe could not be weyed. ⁴⁸ And Salomon made al the veffels in the houfe of our Lord: an altar of gold, and a table, wherupon the loaves of propofition fhould be put, of gold: ⁴⁹ and candleftickes of gold, fiue on the right hand, and fiue on the leaft againft the oracle, of pure gold: and as it were litle floures, and lampes aboute of gold: and golden fnuffers, ⁵⁰ and water pottes, and fleshehookes, and phiales, and morters, and cenfars, of moft pure gold: and the hindges of doores of the inner *Sanctum fanctorum*, and of the doores of the houfe of the temple, were of gold. ⁵¹ And Salomon perfected al the worke that he did in the houfe of our Lord, and brought in the thinges that Dauid his father ^a)had fanc-

^a Had defigned and dedicated to holie vfes.

tified, filuer and gold, and the veffel, and layed them in the treafures of the houfe of our Lord.