

## Chapter 7

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

The beginning  
of the fifth age.

**A**nd his owne houle Salomon built in thirtene yeares, and brought it to perfection. <sup>2</sup> He built also the houle of the forest of Libanus of an hundred cubites in length, and fiftie cubites in bredth, and thirtie cubites in height: and foure fcore galleries betwen pillars of cedar: for he had cut cedar trees into pillars. <sup>3</sup> And he decked the whole vault with bordes of cedar, which was held vp with fiue and fourtie pillars. And one order had fifteen pillars, <sup>4</sup> fet one againft an other, <sup>5</sup> and looked one ouer againft an other, with equal fpace between the pillars, and ouer the pillars square beames in al equal. <sup>6</sup> And the porche of the pillars he made of fiftie cubites in length, and thirtie cubites in bredth: and an other porche before the greater porche: and pillars, and toppes vpon the pillars. <sup>7</sup> He made also the porche of the throne, wherein the feat of iudgement is; and couered it with cedar wood from the pauement vnto the toppe. <sup>8</sup> And the litle houle, where they fate in iudgement, was in the middes of the porche of like worke. He made also a houle for the daughter of Pharao (which Salomon had taken to wife) of fuch worke, as also this porche. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> And the fundation of chofen ftones, great ftones of ten or eight cubites. <sup>11</sup> And aboue there were hewed chofen ftones of equal meafure, and in like maner of cedar. <sup>12</sup> And the greater court round with three rewes of hewed ftones, and one rew of planed cedar, moreouer also in the inner court of the houle of our Lord, and in the porche of the houle. <sup>13</sup> King Salomon

also fent, and tooke Hiram from Tyre, <sup>14</sup> the sonne of a  
 widow woman of the tribe of Nephtali, his father a Tyr-  
 ian, an artificer in braffe, and full of wisdom, and intelli-  
 gence, and skill to make all worke of braffe. Who when he  
 was come to king Salomon, made all his worke. <sup>15</sup> And  
 he cast two brazen pillars, of eightene cubites in height  
 one pillar: and a line of twelue cubites compassed both  
 pillars. <sup>16</sup> He made also two little heades, which should  
 be put vpon the heades of the pillars, cast of braffe: fve  
 cubites high one little head, and fve cubites the other  
 little head: <sup>17</sup> and as it were in maner of a nette, and of  
 cheynes knitte one to the other with marvelous worke.  
 Both little heades of the pillars were cast: feuen rewes  
 of little nettes in one little head, & feuen little nettes in  
 the other little head. <sup>18</sup> And finished the pillars, and two  
 rewes round about euerie nette, that they might couer  
 the little heades, which were ouer the toppe of the pome-  
 granates: in like maner did he also to the second little  
 head. <sup>19</sup> And the little heades, that were vpon the heades  
 of the pillars, were made as it were with lillie worke, in  
 the porche, of foure cubites. <sup>20</sup> And againe other little  
 heades in the toppe of the pillars aboue, according to  
 the measure of the pillar against the little nettes: and of  
 the pomegranates were two hundred rewes round about  
 the second little head. <sup>21</sup> And he sette two pillars in the  
 porch of the temple: and when he had erected the pillar  
 on the right hand, he called the name thereof, Iachin:  
 in like maner he erected the second pillar, and called  
 the name thereof Booz. <sup>22</sup> And vpon the heades of the  
 pillars he put a worke in maner of a lillie: and the worke  
 of the pillars was perfected. <sup>23</sup> He made also <sup>a</sup>a fea of  
 founders worke of ten cubites from brimme to brimme,  
 round in compass, the height thereof was fve cubites, and  
 a corde of thirtie cubites did compass it, round about.  
<sup>24</sup> And the grauing vnder the brime compassed it, ten cu-  
 bites going about the lauatorie: there were two rewes of  
 chamfered forowed grauinges cast. <sup>25</sup> And it stood vpon  
 twelue oxen, of which three looked to the North, and

Firmnes.

In strength.

<sup>a</sup> A vessel so called for the bignesse being a great lauatorie.

three to the West, and three to the South, and three to the East, and the fea was ouer them: whose hinder partes were al hid inward. <sup>26</sup> 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 containyd two thousand <sup>a</sup>bates. <sup>27</sup> And he made ten brazen feete, of foure cubites in length euerie foote, and foure cubites in bredth, and three cubites in height. <sup>28</sup> And the verie worke it felfe of the feete, was entergrauen: and entergrauinges between the ioyntures. <sup>29</sup> And between the litle crownes and the playtes, lions, and oxen, and cherubs: and in the ioyntures likewise aboue: and vnder the lions, and oxen as it were bandes of braffe hanging downe. <sup>30</sup> And foure wheelles at euerie foote, and axeltrees of braffe: and at foure sides as it were litle shoulders vnder the lauatorie cast, looking one against an other. <sup>31</sup> The mouth also of the lauatorie was inward in the toppe of the head: and that which appeared outward, was of one cubite al round, and together it had one cubite & a halfe: and in the corners of the pillers were diuers engrauiuges: and the middle enterpillers square not round. <sup>32</sup> 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. <sup>33</sup> And they were such wheelles as are accustomed to be made in a chariote: and their axeltrees and fpokes, and ftrakes, and naues, al cast. <sup>34</sup> For those foure litle shoulders also at euerie corner of one foote, were cast out of the foote and ioyned together. <sup>35</sup> 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 engrauiuges therof, and diuerse caruiuges of it self. <sup>36</sup> He graued also in those fielinges, which were of braffe, and in the corners, cherubs, and lions, and palmetrees, as it were in the fimilitude of a man standing, that they femed not to be engrauen, but put to round about. <sup>37</sup> After this maner made he ten

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<sup>a</sup> *Batus* conteyneth about fīue galons: so this vessele conteyned tenne thousand galons.

feete, of one casting and meafure, & like grauing. <sup>38</sup> 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. <sup>39</sup> 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. <sup>40</sup> Hiram therfore made cauldrons, and fhoueles, and litle pottes, and perfected al the worke of king Salomon in the temple of our Lord. <sup>41</sup> 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. <sup>42</sup> 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. <sup>43</sup> And tenne feete, and tenne lauatories vpon the feete. <sup>44</sup> And one fea, and twelue oxen vnder the fea. <sup>45</sup> And cauldrons, and fhouels, and litle pottes. Al the veffels that Hiram made to king Salomon in the houle of our Lord, were of bright latten. <sup>46</sup> In the champayne countrie of Iordan did the king caft thofe thinges in a clay ground, between Sacoth and Sarthan. <sup>47</sup> And Salomon placed al the veffel: but for the exceding great multitude the braffe could not be weyed. <sup>48</sup> And Salomon made al the veffels in the houle of our Lord: an altar of gold, and a table, wherupon the loaues of propofition fhould be put, of gold: <sup>49</sup> 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 aboue of gold: and golden fnuffers, <sup>50</sup> 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 houle of the temple, were of gold. <sup>51</sup> And Salomon perfected al the worke that he did in the houle of our Lord, and brought in the thinges that Dauid his father <sup>a</sup>)had fanc-

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<sup>a</sup> 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.