

Chapter 3

The Temple is begunne to be built in mount Moria, the fourth yeare of Salomons reigne. 3. The forme wherof is defcribed, and the precious matter, 8. especially of Sancta fanctorum: 14. with a coftlie veile, 15. and two excellent pillers before the gate.

2. Reg. 24.

3. Reg. 6.

And Salomon began to build the houle of our Lord in Ierufalem, in mount ^{a)}Moria, which had bene fhewed to Dauid his father, in the place, which ^{b)}Dauid had prepared in the floore of Ornan the Iebufeite. ² And he began to build in the fecond moneth, in the fourth yeare of his kingdom. ³ And thefe be the foundations, which Salomon layd, to build the houle of God, of length in the firft meafure fixtie cubites, of bredth twentie cubites. ⁴ But the porch before the front, which was extended in length according to the meafure of the bredth of the houle, of twentie cubites: moreouer the height was of an hundred twentie cubites: and he did guild it on the infide with moft pure gold. ⁵ Alfo the greater houle he couered with wodden bordes of firre tree, and he faftened on plates of fine gold throughout: and he graued in it palme trees, and as it were litle chaines embracing one an other. ⁶ He paued alfo the floore of the Temple with moft precious marble, in much beautie. ⁷ Moreouer it was moft tried gold, of the plates wherof he couered the houle, and the beames therof, and the poftes, and the walles, and the doores: and he graued cherubs in the walles. ⁸ He made alfo the houle of *Sanctum fanctorum*: the length according to the bredth of the houle, of twentie cubites: and the bredth likewife of it twentie cubites: and he couered it with plates of gold, as it were fix hundred talentes. ⁹ Yea and he made nailes of gold, fo that euerie naile weighed

^a This mount *Moria*, fignifying *vifion*, was fo named by Abraham, who was there readie to facrifice his fonne Ifaac *Gen. 22.*

^b And Dauid, by the appointment of an Angel, offered there facrifice. *2. Reg. 14. 1. Par. 21.*

fiftie ficles a peece: the vpper chambers alfo he couered with gold. ¹⁰ He made alfo in the houle of *Sanctum sanctorum* two Cherubs of ftatuarie worke: and he couered them with gold. ¹¹ The winges of the cherubs were extended twentie cubites, fo that one wing had five cubites, and touched the wal of the houle: and the other hauing five cubites, touched the wing of the other cherub, ¹² In like maner the wing of the other cherub, had five cubites, and touched the wal: and his other wing of five cubites, touched the wing of the other cherub. ¹³ Therefore the winges of both the cherubs were fprede forth, and were extended twentie cubites: and they ftoode vpriight on their feete, and their faces were turned to the vtter houle. ¹⁴ He made alfo a vele of hyacinth, purple, fcarlet, and filke: & woue in it cherubs. ¹⁵ Before the doores alfo of the temple two pillers, which had five and thirtie cubites in height: moreouer their heades, of five cubites. ¹⁶ Moreouer alfo as it were litle chaynes in the oracle, & he put them to the heades of the pillers: pomegranates alfo an hundred, which he put between the litle chaynes. ¹⁷ The pillers alfo them felues he put in the entrance of the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left: that, which was on the right hand, he called Iachin: and that on the left hand, Boz.

3. Reg. 7.