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Though the Books of Joshua, Judges, and Samuel furnish us with no exact chronology, they still supply important chronological data which seem to indicate for the interval between the Exodus and Solomon, a period considered as extending from 430 years. For the years actually set down amount to at least 580, or, according to another computation, to 606; and though a certain deduction might be made from this sum on account of the round numbers, this deduction would scarcely do more than balance the addition required on account of the four unnumbered years. Again, in the New Testament, St. Paul, according to the received text, reckons the period from the division of Canaan among the tribes in the sixth year of Joshua (Josh. xiv.), to Samuel the prophet, at 450 years, which would make the interval between the Exodus and the commencement of the temple to be 575 years. On the whole, therefore, it seems probable that the words "in the four hundred and eighth year, &c." are an interpolation into the sacred text, which did not prevail generally before the third century of our era. (Compare 'Introduction to Judges,' p. 126.)

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stones, and hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house.
18 And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders did hew them, and the stone-squarers: so they prepared timber and stones to build the house.

CHAPTER VI.

1 The building of Solomon's temple. 5 The chamber that was in God's presence note it. 15 The cymbals, 23 The altar. 31 The doors. 36 The court. 37 The time of building it.

A ND it came to pass (in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt), in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the Lord.

2 And the house which King Solomon built for the Lord, the length thereof was three-score cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits.

3 And the porch before the temple of the house, twenty cubits was the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house; and ten cubits was the breadth thereof before the house.

4 And for the house he made windows of narrow lights.