

Josephus gives of the decorations of this Temple, resemble on a large scale, those of a Mason's Lodge. He says that the distribution of the several parts of the Temple of the Jews represented all nature, particularly the parts most apparent of it, as the sun, the moon, the planets, the zodiac, the earth, the elements, and that the system of the world was retraced there by numerous ingenious emblems. These, in all probability, are what Josiah, in his ignorance, calls the abomination of the Zidonians.* Every thing, however, drawn from this Temple† and

* Smith in speaking of a Lodge says, when the Lodge is revealed to an entering Mason, it discovers to him *a representation of the World*; in which from the wonders of nature we are led to contemplate her great original, and worship him from his mighty works; and we are thereby also moved to exercise those moral and social virtues which become mankind as the servants of the great Architect of the world.

† It may not be improper here to observe, that the law called the law of Moses, could not have been in existence at the time of building this Temple. Here is the likeness of things in heaven above, and in earth beneath. And we read in 1 Kings, chap. 6, 7. that Solomon made cherubs and cherubims, that he *carved* all the walls of the house round