

## Chapter 16

1 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple telling the seven angels, "Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God." 2 So the first angel went and poured out his bowl on the earth, and harmful and painful sores came upon the people who bore the mark of the beast and worshiped its image.

As established in chapter 15, these vials would start after the formation of the earth beast in 1776.

2) Which beast in Chapter 13 is the beast with a mark?

2) Read Deuteronomy 28:15-24. In the 1700-1800s, what would have been the two prevailing sins of the earth beast?

2) Do you think the mark of the beast, or the pursuit of money, was a primary contributor of slavery?

2) Read Isaiah 1:4-17. Verse 15, how much blood was spilled to change the laws of slavery?

2) Read Leviticus 13:18-23 Is there a comparison of a nation riddled with Indian Reservations looking like spots of leprosy?

2) Do you think the earth beast has repented so it could be declared clean?

3 The second angel poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became like the blood of a corpse, and every living thing died that was in the sea.

3) In chapters 8 & 9 a third of the sea meant a third of the Roman Empire. Now we have the beast of the sea. How much of this beast will suffer bloodshed?

### HISTORICAL CONNECTION: French Revolutionary Wars

4 The third angel poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of water, and they became blood. 5 And I heard the angel in charge of the waters say, "Just are you, O Holy One, who is and who was, for you brought these judgments. 6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and you have given them blood to drink. It is what they deserve!" 7 And I heard the altar saying, "Yes, Lord God the Almighty, true and just are your judgments!"

*4) If you looked at the map that showed the path that Attila the Hun took when he attacked the springs and rivers (in chapter 8), they are in eastern Europe north of Italy. There were three wars in that area, the Austro-Prussian War of 1866 which led to the dissolution of the German Confederation. The Sardinian War, where the kingdom of Sardinia declared war on the Habsburgs. Then the Revolution of 1848 was a bloody war that the Hungarian government declared independence from the Habsburgs in 1849. The Habsburgs ruled the Holy Roman Empire from 1440 until the empire's dissolution in 1806. The Habsburgs were heavily involved with the Inquisition, particularly through the control of Spain and the Spanish Inquisition, where the blood of the saints and prophets were shed.*

8 The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and it was allowed to scorch people with fire. 9 They were scorched by the fierce heat, and they cursed the name of God who had power over these plagues. They did not repent and give him glory.

8) Who would be the sun - the most powerful man in Europe.

*8) Napoleon was the most powerful person in Europe at this time, he declared himself emperor in 1804 and takes the imperial crown from the hands of Pope Pius VII and places it on his own head. The bowl was poured out on the sun, which was Napoleon, and the scorching was done by the papacy. Starting in 1814, the French Empire was attacked by the Sixth Coalition and his rule ended with the Battle of Waterloo in 1815, which was the scorching of fierce heat. Pope Pius VII excommunicated Napoleon and had him arrested. He was forced to abdicate for the second and final time and was exiled to the island of Saint Helena where he died. The House of Bourbon was restored to power and led to the increase of power of the Catholic church.*

10 The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in anguish 11 and cursed the God of heaven for their pain and sores. They did not repent of their deeds.

10) Darkness is severe oppression, similar to the black horse in chapter 6. The Papal States were the seat of Rome. See what Napoleon did to the papacy in 1798.

*The throne of the beast is where the woman in chapter 17 sits. We find in that the Catholic church is the harlot/woman and in the 1800s she is seated on the Papal States. The Reformation had started to chip away at the power and implied authority of the Popes and the Papal States. Napoleon had attacked the papacy, taken their power and did damage to their authority as well. Italy went through a unification process in the 19th century, and the Papal States were annexed to Italy in 1870. That annexation put an official end to the Papal States, and the popes were in limbo. They were still recognized as leaders of the Roman Catholic church, but had no place of rule. Gnawing their tongues is a biblical term for intense complaining, or verbal disputing. The complaints of the popes were brought forward as the "Roman Question" starting in 1870, where they objected to the Italian seizure of Rome and the Papal States.*

12 The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, to prepare the way for the kings from the east.

12) The Ottoman Empire had control of the Euphrates. Research the fall of this once mighty empire falls and compare it to the words "dried up."

13 And I saw, coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs. 14 For they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty. 15 ("Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!") 16 And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

13) In chapter 13, which beast performs signs?

13) At the turn of the 1900s, which end-times prophecy would take hold with this beast, giving credence to the name "false prophet?"

14) Look up Propaganda in World War I and see how news was used to alter opinion. Could you com

14) In the frog plague in Exodus 8, how far did the frogs infiltrate the homes of the people?

HISTORICAL CONNECTION: Look up images of WWI Propaganda Posters

15) Read Matthew 24:38-44 If the war movement was romanticized, would people be prepared for the loss of life and destruction?

15) Read John 10:10, what 3 things will Jesus do at his coming in the early 1900s?

Steal	The Great Depression devastates the US and Europe
Kill	The Spanish Flu spreads through the military, causing some to die even within hours of getting infected...one taken, one left
Destroy	How badly was the continent of Europe destroyed by WWI

16) When was the literal war at Meggido? (Meggido means Har-Meggido/Armageddon)

17 The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple, from the throne, saying, "It is done!" 18 And there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, and a great earthquake such as there had never been since man was on the earth, so great was that earthquake. 19 The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell, and God remembered Babylon the great, to make her drain the cup of the wine of the fury of his wrath. 20 And every island fled away, and no mountains were to be found. 21 And great hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, fell from heaven on people; and men, they blasphemed God for the plague of the hail, because the plague was so severe.

17) Read Acts 22:22-24

18) How did the level of intensity increase after the bowl was thrown into the air?

19) Look up a map of Europe in 1914 to see how it was divided into 3 parts.

19) The great city would have been the countries of Europe, how did they fall?

19) The last Roman Catholic emperor was Charles I of Austria was exiled in 1919, the papacy was confined to the Vatican, which is now controlled by the Red Dragon Beast in chapter 17 and 20

20) From biblehub: *Islands in the Bible often symbolize isolation, remoteness, and the far reaches of the earth.* The islands fled away with the fall of imperialism and the dividing up of nations with the League of Nations

21) The great hailstones were from WWII. The 2 atomic bombs were the signs of the beast in Chapter 13, and thought of as a righteous judgement, but wasn't, so it blasphemed God.

*From Plough.com: Father George Zabelka, a Catholic chaplain with the U.S. Air Force, served as a priest for the airmen who dropped the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945, and gave them his blessing. Days later he counseled an airman who had flown a low-level reconnaissance flight over the city of Nagasaki shortly after the detonation of "Fat Man." The man described how thousands of scorched, twisted bodies writhed on the ground in the final throes of death, while those still on their feet wandered aimlessly in shock – flesh seared, melted, and falling off. The crewman's description raised a stifled cry from the depths of Zabelka's soul: "My God, what have we done?" Over the next twenty years, he gradually came to believe that he had been terribly wrong, that he had denied the very foundations of his faith by lending moral and religious support to the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Zabelka died in 1992, but his message, in this speech given on the 40th anniversary of the bombings, must never be forgotten.*