

Chapter 16

Vpon the pouring out of the feuen cups of Gods wrath, on the land, the sea, the fountaines, the feat of the beaft, Euphrates, and the aire; there arife fundrie plagues in the world.

And I heard a great voice out of the temple, faying to the feuen Angels: Goe, and poure out the feuen vials of the wrath of God vpon the earth. ² And the firft went, and poured out his vial vpon the earth, & there was made a cruel & very fore wound vpon men that had the character of the beaft: and vpon them that adored the image thereof.

³ And the fecond Angel poured out his vial vpon the fea, and there was made bloud as it were of one dead: and euery liuing foule died in the fea.

⁴ And the third poured out his vial vpon the riuers and the fountaines of waters: and there was made bloud. ⁵ And I heard the Angel of the waters, faying: Thou art iuft, ô Lord, which art, and which waft, the holy one, becaufe thou haft iudged thefe things: ⁶ ^{a)} becaufe they haue fhed the bloud of the Saints and Prophets, & thou haft giuen them bloud to drinke. For they are worthie. ⁷ And I heard another, faying: Yea Lord God omnipotent, true and iuft are thy iudgements.

⁸ And the fourth Angel poured out his vial vpon the funne, and it was giuen vnto him to afflict men with heat and fire: ⁹ and men boiled with great heat, and ^{b)} blaſphemed the name of God hauing power ouer thefe plagues, neither did they penance to giue him glorie.

¹⁰ And the fift Angel poured out his vial vpon the feat of the beaft: and his Kingdom was made darke, and they together did eate their tongues for paine: ¹¹ and they blaſphemed the God of heauen becaufe of their

^a The great reuenge that God wil doe at the later day vpon the perfecutours of his Saints.

^b The defperate and damned perfons ſhal blaſpheme God perpetually. Which ſhal be fuch only as doe not repent in this life.

paines and wounds, and ^{a)}did not penance from their workes.

¹² And the fixt Angel poured out his vial vpon that great riuer Euphrates: and dried vp the water thereof that a way might be prepared to the Kings from the rifting of the funne.

¹³ And I faw from the mouth ^{b)}of the dragon, and from the mouth of the beaft, and from the mouth of the falfe-prophet ‘three’ vncleane fpirits in manner of frogs.

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¹⁴ For they are the fpirits of Diuels working fignes, and they goe forth to the Kings of the whole earth to gather them into battel at the great day of the omnipotent God.

Apoc. 3.
2. Cor. 5, 3.

¹⁵ Behold I come as a theefe: Bleffed is he that watcheth, & keepeth his garments, that he walke not naked, and they fee his turpitude. ¹⁶ And he fhall gather them into a place which in Hebrew is called *Armagedon*.

The hil of theeues, by S. Hierō interpretation.

¹⁷ And the feuenth Angel poured out his vial vpon the aire, and there came forth a loud voice out of the temple from the throne, faying: It is done. ¹⁸ And there were made lightnings, and voices, and thunders, and a great earth-quake was made, fuch an one as neuer hath been fince men were vpō the earth, fuch an earth-quake, fo great. ¹⁹ And ^{c)}the great citie was made into three parts: and the cities of the Gentils fel. And Babylon the great came into memorie before God, to giue her the cup of wine of the indignation of his wrath. ²⁰ And euery Iland fled, and mountaines were not found. ²¹ And great haile like a talent came downe from heauen vpon men: and men blaſphemed God for the plague of the haile: becaufe it was made exceeding great.

Ier. 25, 15.

^a See *chap. 9. v. 20. in the margent.*

^b The dragon is the Diuel: the beaft, Antichrift, or the focietie whereof he is head: the falfe-prophet, either Antichrift himſelf, or the companie of Heretikes and feducers that follow him.

^c The citie or cōmon-wealth of the wicked deuided into three parts: into infidels, Heretikes, and euil Catholikes. This citie is here called Babylon, whereof fee the *Annot. vpon the next chapter, v. 5.*