

Chapter 16

2. **Noisome Sore:** Moral distemper and misery. (Ex. 9:8, 9; Isa. 1:6.)
8. **Blood as of a Dead Man:** Final open apostasy and alienation from God.
4. **Rivers and Fountains of Waters:** (See chap. 8:10.) These popular influences became the power of death.
7. **Altar:** Witness of the blood-shedding of saints. (Chap. 6:9.)
8. **To Scorch with Fire:** Intolerable tyranny and persecution.
12. **Euphrates:** The securing boundary of the Western prophetic power. The commercial prosperity of Babylon.
13. **Three Unclean Spirits like Frogs:** The open energy and hostility of Satan; the renewed Roman Empire as come up out of the bottomless pit; and Antichrist, a certain analogy with the evil of Cain, Balaam, and Core. [Frogs were regarded by the Greek poets as the proper inhabitants of the Stygian lake.]
16. **Armageddon:** A mystic name. (Compare Judg. 5:9, 20.)
17. **Air:** The universal moral influence that acts on man. (Compare chap. 9:2.)
18. **Voices, Thunders, Lightnings, and Earthquake:** (See chap. 8:5.)
19. **The Great City:** The public confederation of European civilization; all that was established *within* the Roman Empire.
The Cities of the Nations: All that the nations *outside* of Rome had built up politically. The *other* European centers of social life.
Babylon: (See chap. 17:5.)
20. **Islands and Mountains:** (See chap. 6:14.)
21. **Hail the Weight of a Talent:** Rapid and overwhelming incursions of hostile armies. (Joel 2:2, 9; Isa. 28:2; 30:30.)