

The 2 Witnesses

Rev.11

Secular/Religious (Anti-Papal)

312AD

1572AD

1685AD

1789AD

1260yrs

Rev.11:3

Rev.12:16

Woman & Earth

3 ½ days (105yrs)

1598AD

Edict of Nantes

“ The Huguenots, though no longer permitted to exist as a state within a state, remained for the hundred years between the **French Revolution**

Massacre St Bartholomew's day
(slaying of witnesses began)

Edict of **Rev. 11 and 13**
the outbreak of the French revolution a powerful and ever-watchful body”

Rev.11:7

Belloc, The French Revolution, p,231

1789

12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them Come up hither And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

13 And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affright-



Estates-General convened on May 5, 1789, by Louis XVI, at Versailles, in a desperate attempt to stave off civil unrest.

Established in 1302, the Estates-General was a French legislative body comprising members of three groups, or estates, of society: clergy, nobility, and commoners.

However, the Commoners (3rd Estate) voted June 17th to make themselves a permanent National Assembly. (With or without the other two)

Louis's efforts to repress the new assembly caused widespread rioting and ushered in the French Revolution.

“and gave glory to the God of heaven” Verse 13

As a culmination of their campaign of moral regeneration, the National Convention (first met Sept.1792) authorised the creation of a civic religion. The cult of the Supreme Being” (May 1794)

Robespierre introduced the legislation with a speech entitled , On the principles of political morality “ Immorality,” he declared, “is the basis of despotism, as virtue is the essence of the republic.”

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- **To be a suspect meant death!**
- **A traitor or opposition to the course of events meant death!**

1793 - 1794



Linking Chapters 11&16

AD 1789

2nd GREAT EARTHQUAKE

The French Revolution

The second woe is past; *and*, behold, the third woe cometh quickly. **Rev.11:14**

2nd

11:13

7

Vials

1 2 3 4 5 6

Judgement on Catholic Europe

Rev.16

30yrs!

AD 1789 – AD 1820

192yrs!

Armageddon

Revelation 16:1-11

The Vials of Wrath



Napoleon - “The heir to the revolution”.

Re-organised France / Conquered Europe



The angels pour

REVELATION 17.

out their vials.

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poured out his vial ^aupon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous ^dsore upon the men (which had the mark of the beast, and upon them ^e which worshipped his image.

3 And the second angel poured out his vial ^fupon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.

4 And the third angel poured out his vial ^gupon the rivers and fountains of waters; and ^hthey became blood.

5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, ⁱThou art righteous, O Lord, ^jwhich art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus.

6 For they have shed the blood of ^ksaints and prophets, and ^lthou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

7 And ^mI heard another out of ⁿthe altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.

8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial ^oupon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

9 And men were ^pscorched with great heat, and ^qblasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and ^rthey repented not ^sto give him glory.

10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial ^tupon ^uthe seat of the beast; and ^vhis kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,

11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and ^wtheir sores, and repented not of their deeds.

12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial ^xupon ^ythe great river Euphrates; and ^zthe water thereof was dried up, that ^{aa}the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

^a ch. 8. 7.
^b ch. 12. 3.
^c ch. 13. 1.
^d ver. 11.
^e Ex. 9. 9-11.
^f Deut. 28. 27.
^g Mat. 24. 24.
^h ch. 13. 10.
ⁱ ch. 13. 15.
^j ch. 12. 1
& 13. 14
& 19. 20.
^k ch. 8. 8.
^l ch. 17. 14
& 19. 19
& 20. 8.

^m ch. 6. 17.
ⁿ ch. 3. 3.
^o Mat. 24. 43.
^p Mat. 24. 42.
^q Ex. 7. 17. 20.
^r ch. 15. 3.
^s John 17. 25.
^t ch. 19. 19.
^u ch. 1. 4.
^v Judg. 5. 19.
^w Cp.
^x Zech. 12. 11.
^y ch. 11. 18.
^z Is. 49. 26.
^{aa} ch. 14. 17.
^{ab} ch. 6. 9.
^{ac} Cp.
^{ad} ch. 9. 13.

^{ae} Dan. 12. 1.
^{af} Mat. 24. 21.
^{ag} ch. 8. 12.

^{ah} ch. 14. 8.
^{ai} Or, burned.
^{aj} ver. 8.
^{ak} Cp.
^{al} ch. 11. 13.
^{am} ver. 11, 21.
^{an} ch. 14. 10.
^{ao} ch. 2. 21.
^{ap} ch. 11. 13.
^{aq} Dan. 5. 23.
^{ar} ch. 6. 14.
^{as} ch. 13. 2.
^{at} ch. 9. 2.
^{au} Ex. 10. 21.
^{av} ch. 11. 19.
^{aw} Job 38. 23.

^{ax} ver. 9. 11.
^{ay} ver. 2.

^{az} ch. 9. 14.
^{ba} Is. 44. 27.
^{bb} Is. 41. 2.
^{bc} Cp.
^{bd} ch. 7. 2.

the mouth of ^bthe dragon, and out of the mouth of ^cthe beast, and out of the mouth of ^ethe false prophet.

14 For they are the spirits of devils, ^hworking miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, ⁱto gather them to the battle of ^jthat great day of God Almighty.

15 Behold, I come ^mas a thief. ⁿBlessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

16 And ^ohe gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue ^sArmageddon.

17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial ^tinto the air; and there came a great voice ^uout of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.

18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, ^vsuch as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.

19 And ^wthe great city was divided ^xinto three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, ^yto give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

20 And ^zevery island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

21 And there fell upon men a ^{aa}great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men ^{ab}blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

CHAPTER 17.

³ A woman arrayed in purple and scarlet, &c. ⁹ The interpretation. ¹⁴ The victory of the Lamb.

AND there came ^sone of ^tthe



The Seven Last Plagues 15:1

Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be found.

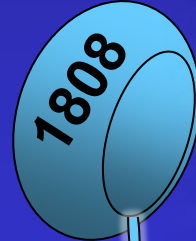
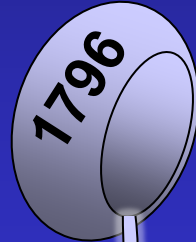
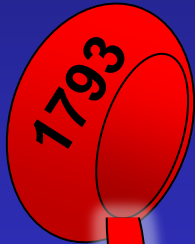
French Revolution

British Naval Blockade

Alpine Campaigns

European Wars

Papacy





Napoleon

'I am the instrument of Providence, she will use me as long as I accomplish her designs, then she will break me as a glass.'

- Napoleon was an unwitting instrument of judgement on the Holy Roman Empire and the Catholic Church.
- His campaigns brought untold suffering to Italy, Austria and Prussia – fitting vengeance for the blood of God's servants and anti-Papal witnesses who had been persecuted mercilessly in previous centuries.

Linking Chapters 1

John 11:9

“Jesus answered, are there not **twelve hours** in the day?”

AD 1789

2nd GREAT EARTHQUAKE

The French Revolution

The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh

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Vials

1 2 3 4 5 6

Judgement on Catholic Europe

Rev.16

30yrs!

13 And **the same hour** was there a great earthquake, and of the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affright-

“One Hour”

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Day for a Year. Gen.47:9, Num.14:34, Ezek. 4:4-6, Luke13:32

1/12 of a day = 1 hour. 1/12 of a year = 1 month or 30 days.

30 days = 30 years

A Malignant Ulcer

Revelation 16:2



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² **And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a grievous sore upon men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.**

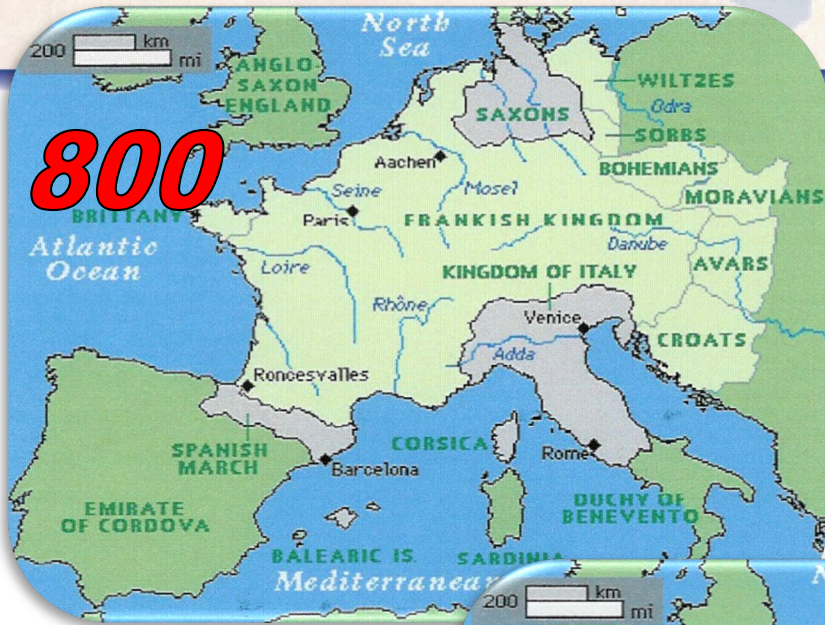
Rev. 11:4

The First Vial

AD 1789 - 1793

The Holy Roman Empire

'poured his vial upon the earth.'



A Malignant Ulcer

Revelation 16:2



AD 1789

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“The revolutionaries were determined upon a new earth. There went with this, the last and most violent attack upon what was believed to be the last remnants of Catholicism in the country, a hideous persecution of the priesthood, in which an uncounted number of priests died under the rigours of transportation or of violence.” Belloc, *The French revolution*, pp. 136-137.



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GK. = *poneros* – hurtful. Lit. “an evil, malignant ulcer”.

The First Vial

AD 1789 - 1793

And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth;

Beast

**Earth
Beast**



Ulcer

Image

Beginning in France with

- Continuous war with Britain, Prussia, Austria, Russia until 1815.
- Millions died as result of the revolution and the wars in Europe.
- Overthrow of the Catholic Church in France.
- End of the Holy Roman Empire.
- Commenced a shockwave of revolution throughout Europe.

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**CENTRAL & EASTERN
EUROPE
1795**

EUROPE

And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth;

Scale 1: 15,000,000 (240 miles = 1 inch)

Statute Miles
0 100 200

→ Napoleon's Route to Moscow

■ Empire of Napoleon (Direct Rule)

■ Empire of Napoleon (Dependent States)

■ Allies of Napoleon

■ Independent States

Defeat!

Defeat!

Victory!

Defeat!

As the blood of a dead man

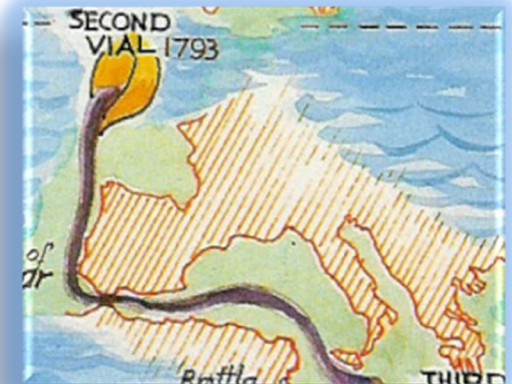
Revelation 16:3

The blockade of Europe by
maritime forces.
Britain dominates the sea.

³ **And the second angel poured
out his vial upon **the sea**; and
it became as the blood of a dead
man: and every living soul
died in the sea.**



*The Mediterranean
and the seas
surrounding Europe*



The Second Vial

AD 1793 - 1805

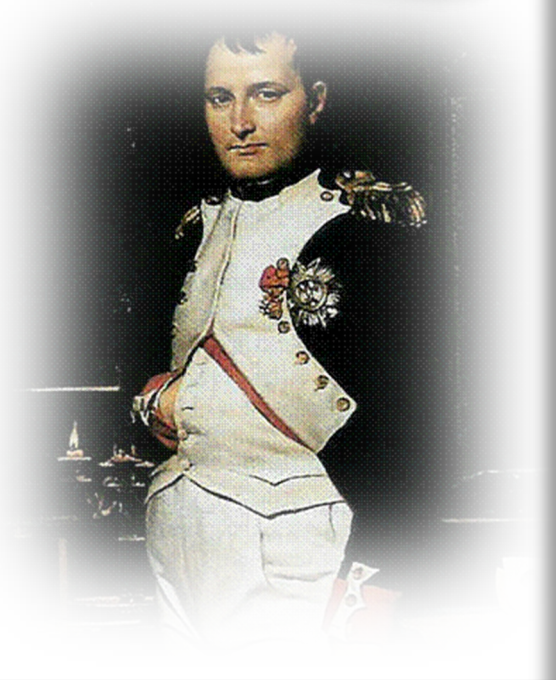
As the blood of a dead man

Revelation 16:3



“We must put all our strength upon the sea; we must destroy England, and the Continent is at our feet.” Napoleon.

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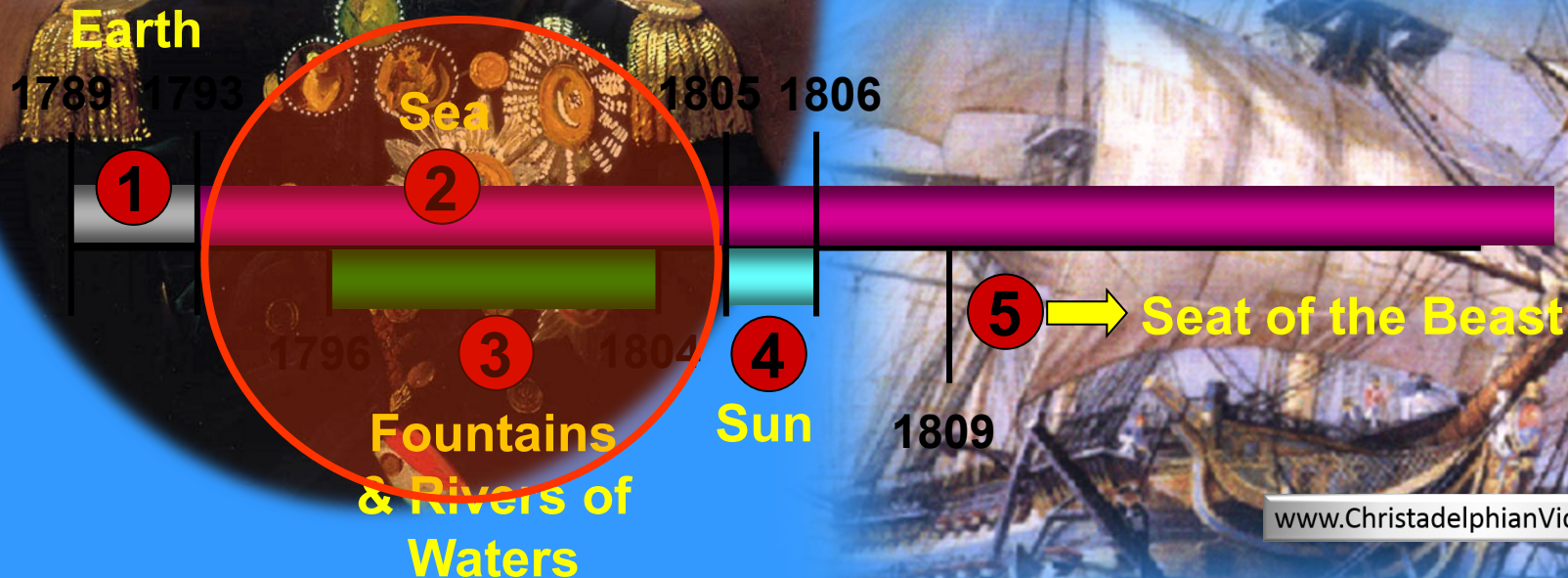
The Second Vial

AD 1793 - 1805

Admiral Nelson and the Victory

God used the tactical genius of Admiral Horatio Nelson to defeat numerically superior forces.

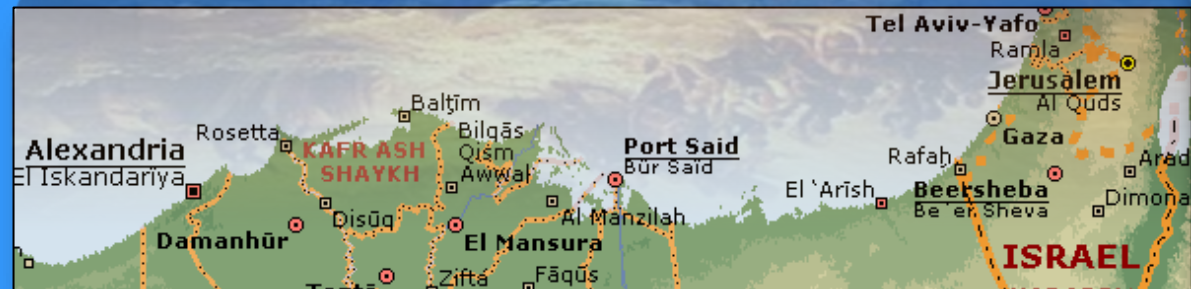
By 1805, Britain completely dominated the seas and did so for the next 50 years.



In **August 1798** a French fleet was defeated by a smaller British armada commanded by Admiral Nelson at the Battle of the Nile at Abu Qir, Egypt.



The defeat left **Napoleon stranded in Egypt**, and led to a coalition of European states against France.



The **British fleet** consisting of **27 ships** commanded by Admiral Nelson engaged the French and Spanish fleet on **21 October 1805**.



The Battle of Trafalgar 1805

By day's end **20 French and Spanish ships** were lost. Not a single British ship was lost.



***Rivers and Fountains of
Waters become blood***
Revelation 16:4-7

Napoleon's Alpine campaign.

Napoleon takes northern Italy.
The Pope is taken prisoner.

**4 And the third angel poured
out his vial upon the rivers and
fountains of waters; and they
became blood.**

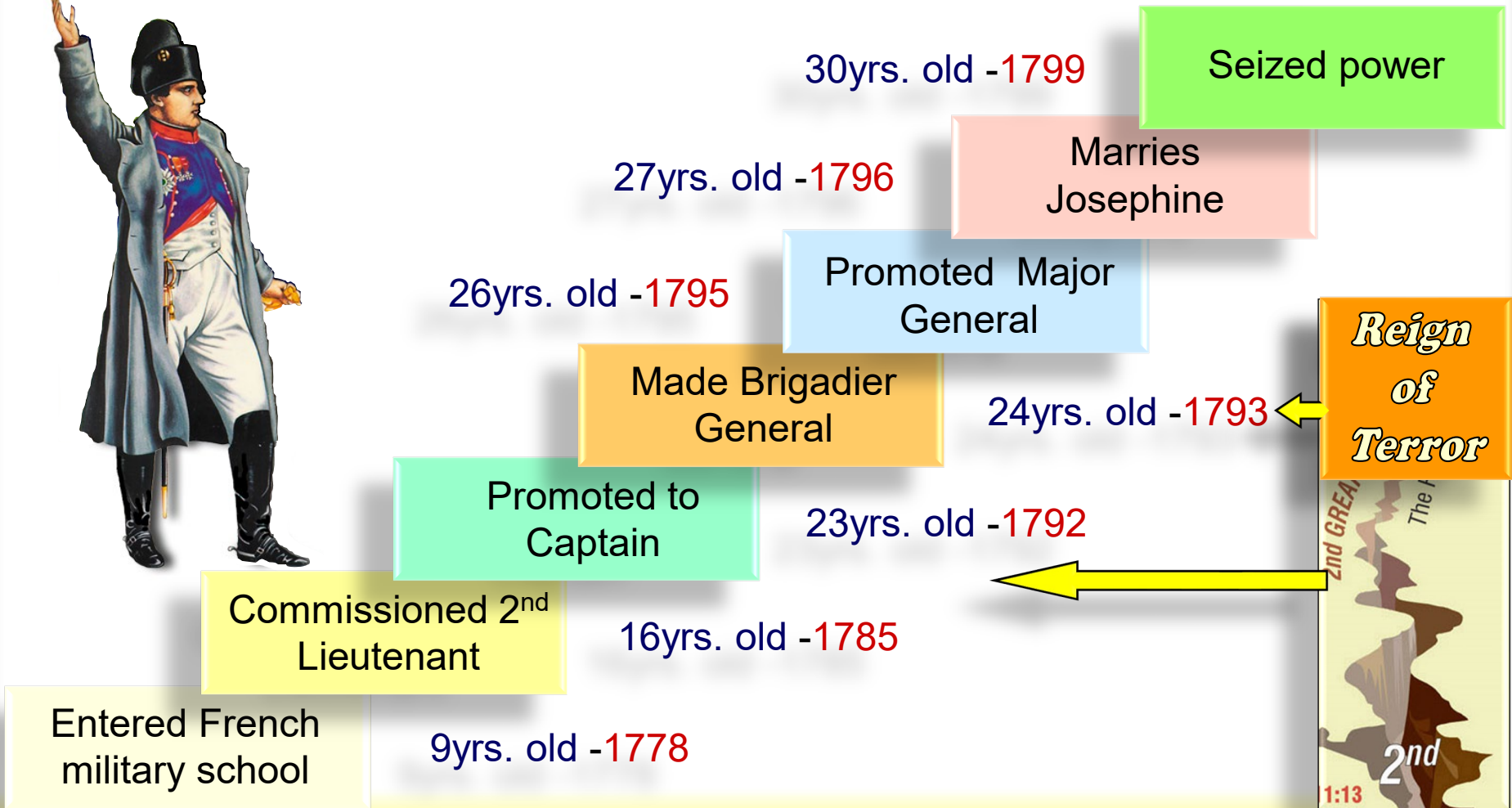


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The Third Vial

AD 1796 - 1804

Napoleon: 1769 - 1821



The Pope Given Blood to Drink



After defeating the Austrians in Lombardy, Napoleon turned on the Papacy.

Defeated at Faenza and Ancona, and with Napoleon advancing on Rome, the Pope sued for peace.

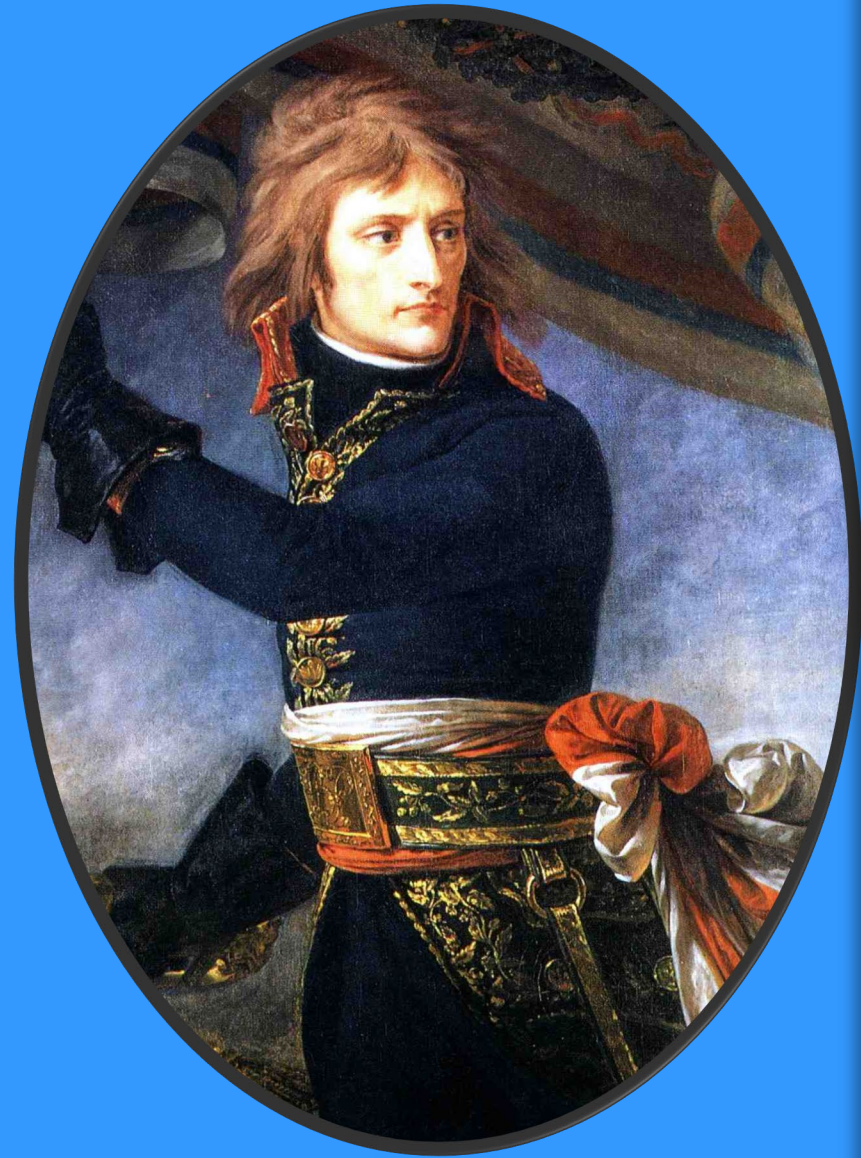


And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.

- After his triumph in Italy, Napoleon returned to Paris. He's dangerous! Government needed him busy! England?? Egypt – 1798.

- In Napoleon's absence the Austrians with help from Russia had retaken Italy with huge slaughter and suffering on both sides.

- He forsook his army in Egypt and returned to Paris where by turn of events he became First Consul after the coup of 1799.



Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte

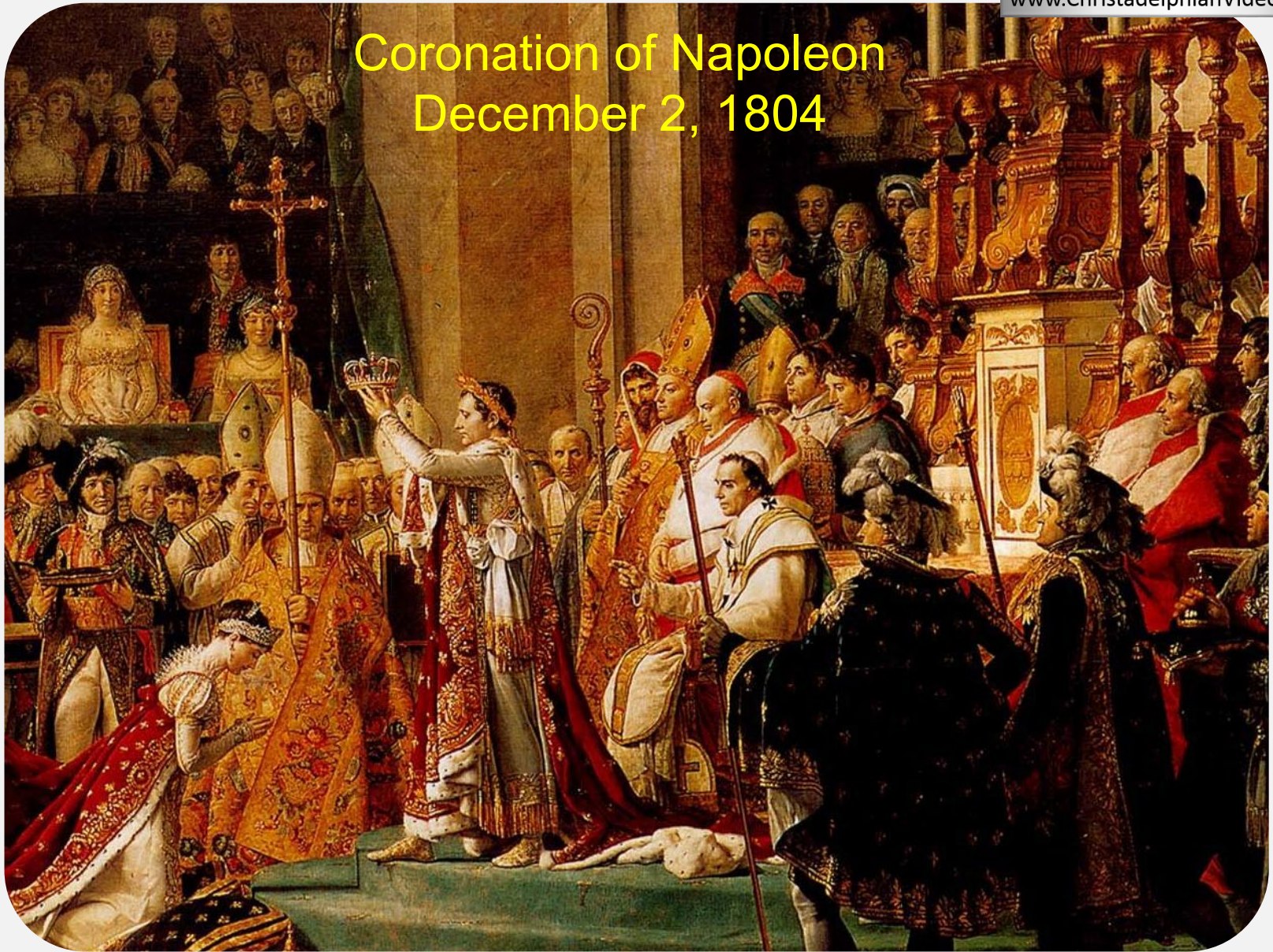
Notre' Dame
Cathedral



Napoleon consolidated his power and by a series of plebiscites created a dictatorship.

Finally he crowned himself
Emperor in 1804.

Coronation of Napoleon December 2, 1804



Men scorched with fire

Revelation 16:8-9

Napoleon's Austrian campaign.

Napoleon enters Vienna.

Austria is defeated.



AD 1805

Aachen Cathedral

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From 1438 – 1806 the rulers came almost invariably from Austria. The ruler of Austria was regarded as the ruler of the Holy Roman Empire.



The Fourth Vial

AD 1805

Men scorched with fire

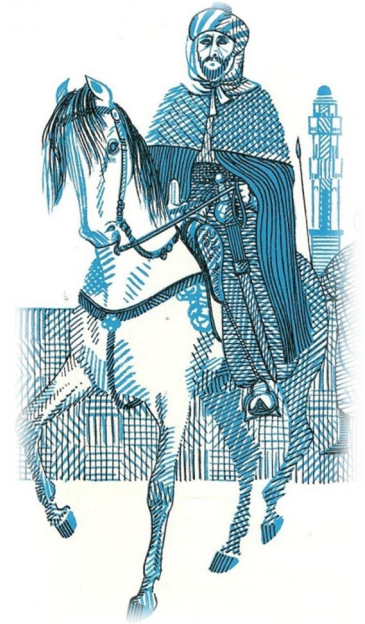
Revelation 16:8-9

8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon **the sun; and power was given unto him to **scorch men with fire.****



*“Many of the Mamelukes threw themselves into the Nile in panic of flight. Many were cut down by the pursuing French. Those who escaped carried to all parts of Egypt the fame and terror of **Sultan Kebir**, the **King of Fire!** – Napoleon!”*

The story of Napoleon Henrietta Marsh



The Fourth Vial

AD 1805

Kingdom full of darkness

Revelation 16:10-11

- In April 1809 Napoleon took the Pope prisoner.
- The Roman State was abolished; the Pope banished from Rome.

¹⁰And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,



The Fifth Vial

AD 1809

Kingdom full of darkness

Revelation 16:10-11

¹¹And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

The Papal Throne had been abolished. Napoleon's work was done and his further campaigns simply added to the absolute misery already experienced by the worshippers of the Beast and his Image.



5th. VIAL
Napoleon's
Campaigns
against
the Papacy
And Rome

The Fifth Vial

AD 1809



Defeated at Waterloo
on 18 June 1815.

Exiled to the remote Atlantic
island of St Helena, Napoleon
died in 1821 at 52yrs.

John Thomas was 16yrs old

St-Helena Island,
South Atlantic

THE Christadelphian AGE

- If the French Revolution had not happened.
- If the wars in Europe did not take place.
- If the church and state had not been separated.

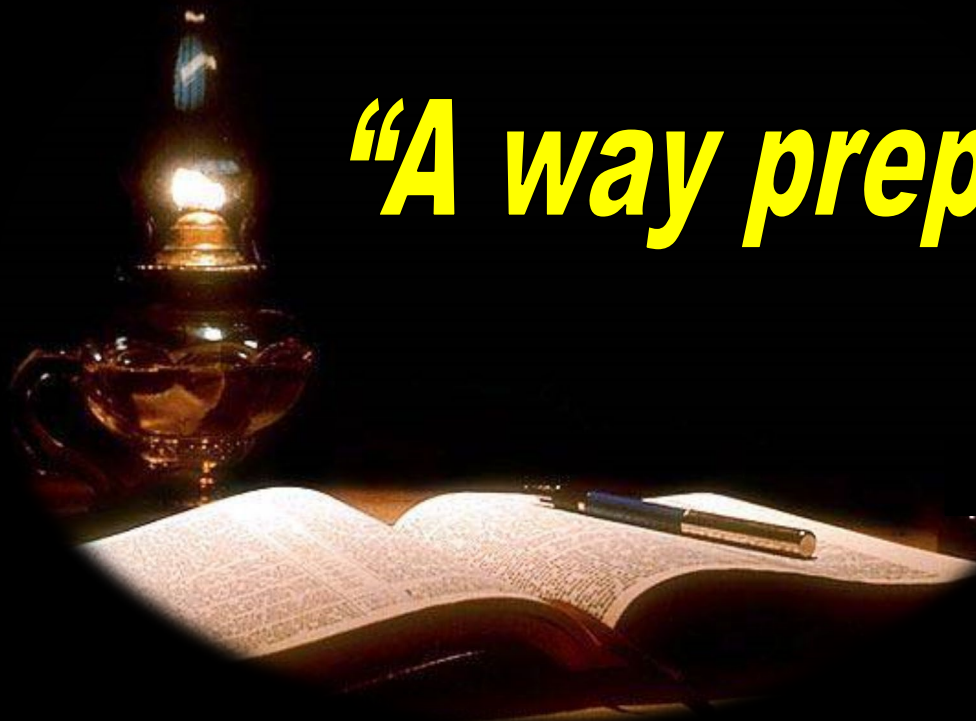
We would not be here!

Χριστοῦ, ἣν ἔδωκεν αὐτῷ
αὐτοῦ ἃ δεῖ γενέσθαι
τείλας διὰ τοῦ ἀγγέλου
νη, ὃς ἐμαρτύρησε τὸν
μαρτυρίαν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ,
ὁ ἀναγινώσκων, καὶ οἱ
προφητείας, καὶ τηροῦντες
γὰρ καιρὸς ἐγγύς.
λησίαις ταῖς ἐν τῇ Ἀσίᾳ
τοῦ ὄντος καὶ ὅ ἦν καὶ ὁ
πνευμάτων ἃ ἔστιν
καὶ ἀπὸ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ,
ωτόκοκος ἔκ τῶν νεκρῶν,
τῆς γῆς· τῷ ἀγαπήσαντι
ἀπὸ τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν ἡμῶν
ἐποίησεν ἡμᾶς βασιλεῖς
πατρὶ αὐτοῦ· αὐτῷ ἡ δόξα
ἰῶνας τῶν αἰῶνων . ἀμήν.
νεφελῶν, καὶ ὄψεται αὐτὸν
ἐς αὐτὸν ἐξεκέντησαν· καὶ

"A way prepared"

Next Session
(God willing)

Vial 6
Revelation 16





Defeated at Waterloo on
18 June 1815.

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island of St Helena, Napoleon
died in 1821 at 52yrs.

John Thomas was 16yrs old

“I have inspired multitudes with such an enthusiastic devotion that they would have died for me.....but to do this it was necessary that I should be visibly present with the electric influence of my looks, my words, of my voice .

When I saw men and spoke to them, I lighted up a flame of self devotion in their hearts.....

*Christ alone has succeeded in so raising the mind of man toward the unseen, that it becomes insensible to the barriers of time and space. Across a chasm of eighteen hundred years, Jesus Christ makes a demand which is beyond all others to satisfy.
He asks for the human heart”*

*Cited in ‘Jesus Among other Gods’ by Ravi Zacharias
From Liddon’s Brampton Lectures 1866*

The vials – Revelation 16

2nd

3 And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man; and every living soul died in the sea.



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3rd

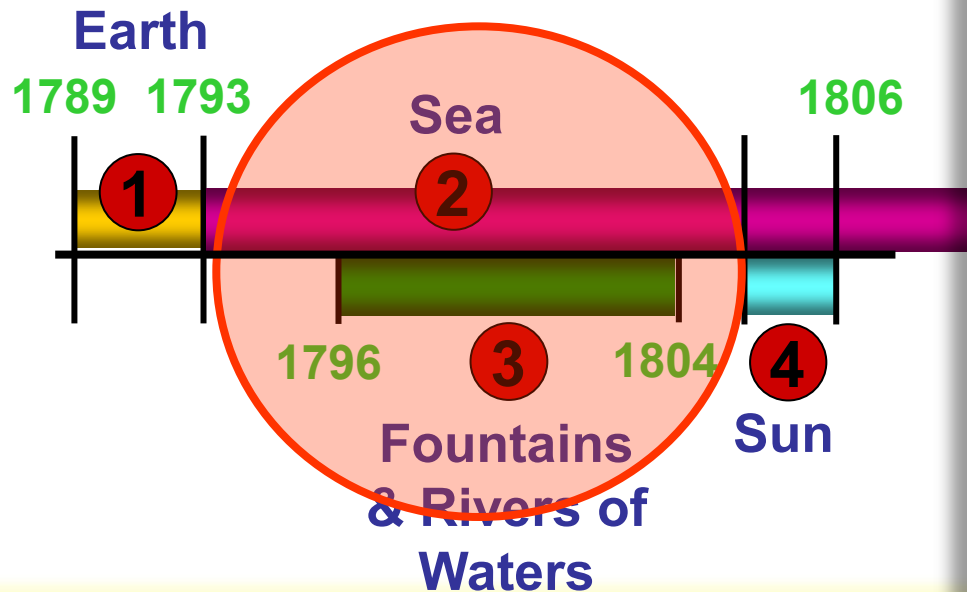
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The second Vial ensured the Third was poured out in the arena and toward the people God had intended.



The seat of the Beast

Revelation 16:10-11

- Pope Pius VI deposed by Napoleon in February 1798 and died in captivity in France in 1799.



- A new Pope elected in 1800 to power

- In April 1800 the Pope prisoner to Savona in July, and then to Fontainebleau

- The Pope abolished papal banish

- Territorial possessions and monasteries confiscated.
- Priests vestments publicly burnt.
- Catholic worship forbidden.

The Papal Throne had been usurped
 Napoleon's work was done
 The 5th Vial had been poured

- Papacy angered.
- Supports England in its war against France.
- Excommunicates the French.



“and his kingdom was full of darkness”

The combined armies of Napoleon numbered 600,000 as he invaded Russia in 1812.

Russia!

As the Russians retreated, Napoleon pressed towards Moscow and entered it, whereupon the Russians set fire to the city.





Men scorched with fire

Revelation 16:8-9

8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

Napoleon's
campaigns
against the
Holy Roman
Empire

The Beast!

24 Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? Did not the LORD, he against whom we have sinned? For they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law.

25 Therefore he hath poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle: and it hath set him on fire round about, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid it not to heart.

Isa.42

The Fourth Vial

AD 1805