

REVELATION, CHAP. XVI.

Q. How may the Seven Last Plagues be interpreted?

A. As a succession of judgments, like the plagues of Egypt, by which the empire of the Fourth Beast will be utterly desolated, as Egypt was.

Q. What do the plagues signify and mark?

A. The stages in the destruction of the anti-Christian powers. They are limited to the Fourth world-empire.

Q. To what symbol does the congealed blood seem to refer?

A. To Exod. vii., 20, 21 :—"All the waters were turned into blood,"—implying great mortality.

Q. What is betokened by the Third Vial?

A. Great slaughter.

Q. What is denoted by the Fourth Vial?

A. Intense heat, producing famine and pestilential disorders.

Q. What does the Fifth Vial indicate?

A. Judgments on the throne of the Western Empire.

Q. And the Sixth Vial; what does that portend?

A. Judgments on the Turkish Empire.

Q. What is symbolized by the drying up of the River Euphrates?

A. Loss of power and population in the nation dwelling there.

Q. What has lately been said respecting this?

A. That Turkey is dying out for want of Turks.

Q. Who are the Kings of the East?

A. The Israelites and Jews, to whom God has promised dominion.