The Revelation Chronologically Arranged

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During this period of "the great tribulation" there are a number of parenthetic chapters as well as trumpet and vial chapters that will be fulfilled. The parenthetic chapters are 7, 10 to 11:14 and 11:19 to 14:13. Chapter 7 has been spoken of above.

Chapter 10

Coming between the sixth and seventh trumpets, this chapter gives warning that the end is very near, that there should be "no longer delay" (N.T.) Seven thunders threaten. The Creator as judge stands at the door declaring His universal rights to reign according to the little book of known prophecy (see Ezek. 21:26,27). His coming is sweet to faith, however bitter the awful judgments.

Chapter 11:1–14

Here at the commencement God declares His ultimate purpose to have worshippers in Jerusalem where our Lord was crucified. For three and one half years, "a thousand two hundred and threescore days," He will maintain His two special witnesses in the midst of Jerusalem in the very face of the antichrist, Satan and the wicked Jews; after which they will be killed by the Roman beast, raised and taken up to heaven in the sight of their terrified enemies.

Chapter 12

Once again, according to God's purpose, Israel's future glory is anticipated and stated at the outset. Then her future travail is declared as coming (Isa. 66:6,7), after Satan's opposition which occurred when Christ was born; then is noted His ascension. Satan is cast out of heaven onto the earth and immediately persecutes Israel. God defeats these

efforts, but permits Satan to war against His witnessing remnant of the Psalms.

Chapter 13

It is of utmost importance to see that this chapter actually takes place after chapters 17 and 18. The more this statement is weighed the more certain it becomes evident. The "forty and two months" of verse 5 proves that Satan's program of enforced worship of himself and the Roman beast, backed by the antichrist, will brook no rival. He had already made short work of Christendom's harlot and Judaism in the middle of the week.

Chapter 14

Chapter 14 contains seven religious subjects. The first gives prominence to God's purpose concerning the remnant of Judah, by showing them as blessed with the Lamb in the coming day in His kingdom on earth. There they sing in accord with the raised martyred remnant then in heaven. The second proclaims judgment as imminent, that God alone is the one to be worshipped. The third shows that the destruction of religious Babylon precedes the three and one half years of beast worship. The fourth shows the eternal punishment of these beast worshippers. The fifth declares the blessedness of the spirits of those whose bodies have been killed as the result of not worshipping the beast. The sixth and seventh are connected with the Lord's coming in judgment and will be considered later in connection with His coming in wrath.