

The Events in the Middle of the Great Tribulation

10:1 to 14:20 and 17:16

The sixth trumpet judgment concludes the first half of the *Great Tribulation* and followed by a temporary lull in the judgments being poured out of heaven. But it does not mean that the earth is at peace. As soon as the antichrist has his image set up in the Most Holy Place of the tribulation temple by the false prophet and declares himself to be **God**, he will start a systematic genocide of the Jewish race as seen in **Chapters 12 and 13**. The nations will be in chaos as the antichrist continues to gradually take over the political, economic and religious systems of the entire world.

So many things will happen at this point it is impossible to put them in any chronological order. Therefore, the following is more of a logical order. The length of the first half of the *Great Tribulation* and the length of the second half are exact. Each have **1,260 days** or **42 months (11:2-3)**. So technically, there is no middle. But here, the Tribulation enters into the proverbial eye of the hurricane. Like the battle of Gettysburg in the Civil War, or the battle of Midway in World War II, this will be a turning point. Some of these events may leak from the end of the first half, and some may bleed into the beginning of the second half, we cannot be sure of the exact time frame. But one thing we can be certain of, is that all these events will happen somewhere in the middle of the *Great Tribulation*, **Chapters 10:1 to 14:20, and 17:16**.²⁸⁴

This whole section is parenthetical. Chapters 10 through 14 add some necessary details about the events in the middle of the *Great Tribulation*, and they also show why the bowl judgments will be so necessary.