

Comparing 1 Thessalonians 4-5 with Matthew 24-25

| Event | 1 Thess. 4-5 | Matt. 24-25 |
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| Christ Himself returns | 1 Thess. 4:16 | 24:30 |
| From heaven | 1 Thess. 4:16 | 24:30 |
| With a commanding presence | 1 Thess. 4:16 | 24:30 |
| Angels present | 1 Th. 4:16, 3:13 | 24:31 |
| Trumpet sound | 1 Thess. 4:16 | 24:31 |
| Believers supernaturally gathered to Christ | 1 Thess. 4:17 | 24:31, 40-41 |
| Believers meet the Lord | 1 Thess. 4:17 | 25:1, 6 |
| In the clouds | 1 Thess. 4:17 | 24:30 |
| The time is unknown | 1 Thess. 5:1-2 | 24:36 |
| Will come as a thief | 1 Thess. 5:2,4 | 24:43 |
| Will come at night | 1 Thess. 5:2 | 24:43 |
| Unbelievers are unaware of impending judgment | 1 Thess. 5:3 | 24:37-39 |
| Judgment comes as travail upon an expectant mother | 1 Thess. 5:3 | 24:8 [cf. RSV] |
| Believers not deceived | 1 Thess. 5:6 | 24:4-5,25 |
| Believers are to watch | 1 Thess. 5:6 | 24:42,25 |
| Warning against drunkenness | 1 Thess 5:7 | 24:49 |

Comparing Matthew 24 with Revelation 6-8

| Matt. 24 - The Olivet Discourse | | The Revelation of Christ | |
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| 24:4 | WARNING To God's elect | 22:19 | WARNING |
| 24:5 | FALSE CHRISTS | 6:1-2 | THE FIRST SEAL |
| 24:6 | WARS | 6:3-4 | THE SECOND SEAL |
| 24:7 | FAMINES | 6:5-6 | THE THIRD SEAL |
| 24:9,21 | THE GREAT TRIBULATION | 6:7-8 | THE FOURTH SEAL |
| 24:9,22 | Death | 6:9-11 | THE FIFTH SEAL |
| 24:10,24 | Apostasy | | |
| 24:29 | SIGN OF THE END OF THE AGE Sun, moon & stars. | 6:12-17 | THE SIXTH SEAL |
| 24:30,27 | SIGN OF CHRIST'S COMING | | |
| 24:30 | THE COMING OF CHRIST | | |
| 24:13,31 | THE DELIVERANCE OF CHRIST'S ELECT Rapture | 7:9-14 | THE GREAT MULTITUDE Out of the Great Tribulation |
| 24:14,30, 37-39 | THE WRATH OF GOD The End of the Age or The Day of the Lord | 8:1-7 | THE SEVENTH SEAL |

Who is the Restrainer?

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God's wrath in the Day Of

The Lord – see last page

NOTE: "parousia" is singular in 1 Th. 4:15 and Matt. 24:27.

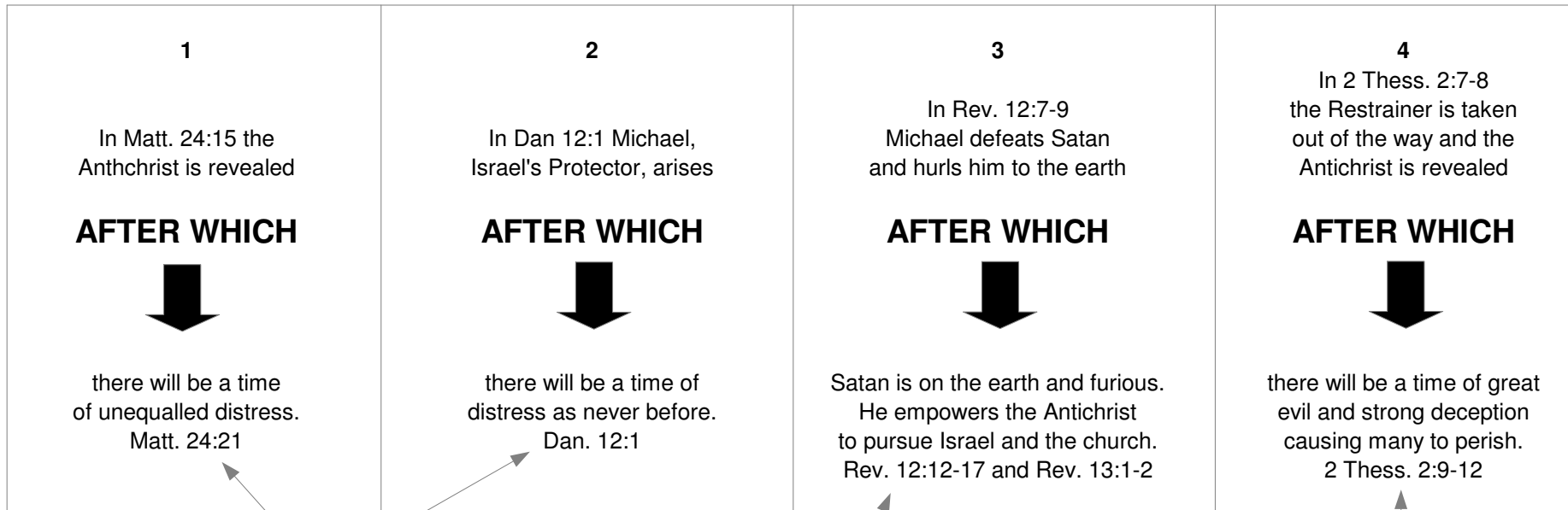
The striking parallels between 1 Thess. 4-5, Matt. 24-25 and Rev. 6-8 make it abundantly clear that they are all describing the same event. There is no secret Rapture but a single return of the Lord. On the day of His return, Jesus cuts short the Great Tribulation by gathering the elect to Himself in the clouds and then the Day Of The Lord begins when God pours out His wrath on those remaining on the earth.

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Who is the Restrainer of 2 Thess. 2:7?



5 NOW → Clearly the above two verses refer to the same time period of unequalled distress on the earth. **AND** → This is the same period of distress when Satan is hurled to the earth and gives his power to the Antichrist who persecutes the church and Israel. **AND** → This is also the same period of distress when the Restrainer is removed allowing the Antichrist to appear with great lawlessness and deception.

6 SO These four passages are clearly talking about events related to the same end time period of distress and persecution. The logical conclusion is that Michael is the Restrainer of 2 Thess. 2:7. He is going to arise from protecting Israel (2) and will war with Satan in heaven and cast him to the earth (3). Satan will then empower the Antichrist (3) for the final 3 ½ years when there will be great tribulation and deception for the nation of Israel and the church (4 & 1).

**The Day Of The Lord is the period of God's wrath that will occur after Jesus returns.
The following shows this period of wrath occurring in Matthew 24, Rev. 6-8 and 1 Thess. 4-5.**

The sun and moon darkened

Matt. 24:29, Rev. 6:12-13

Jesus returns – the Rapture

Matt. 24:31, Rev. 7:9-14 and 1 Thess. 4:16-17.

God's wrath during the Day Of the Lord Matt. 24:30, Rev. 6:15-17 (Rev. 8) and 1 Thess. 5:1-2

**Because the Day of The Lord is common to all three passages, then it is obvious
that all three passages are talking about the same thing, namely the return of Jesus
to Rapture the church and then pour out God's wrath during the Day Of The Lord.**