

Comparing 1 Thessalonians 4-5 with Matthew 24-25

Event	1 Thess. 4-5	Matt. 24-25
Christ Himself returns	1 Thess. 4:16	24:30
From heaven	1 Thess. 4:16	24:30
With a shout	1 Thess. 4:16	24:30 [in power]
Accompanied by angels	1 Thess. 4:16	24:31
With the trumpet of God	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 Oliver Discourse		The Revelation of Christ	
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

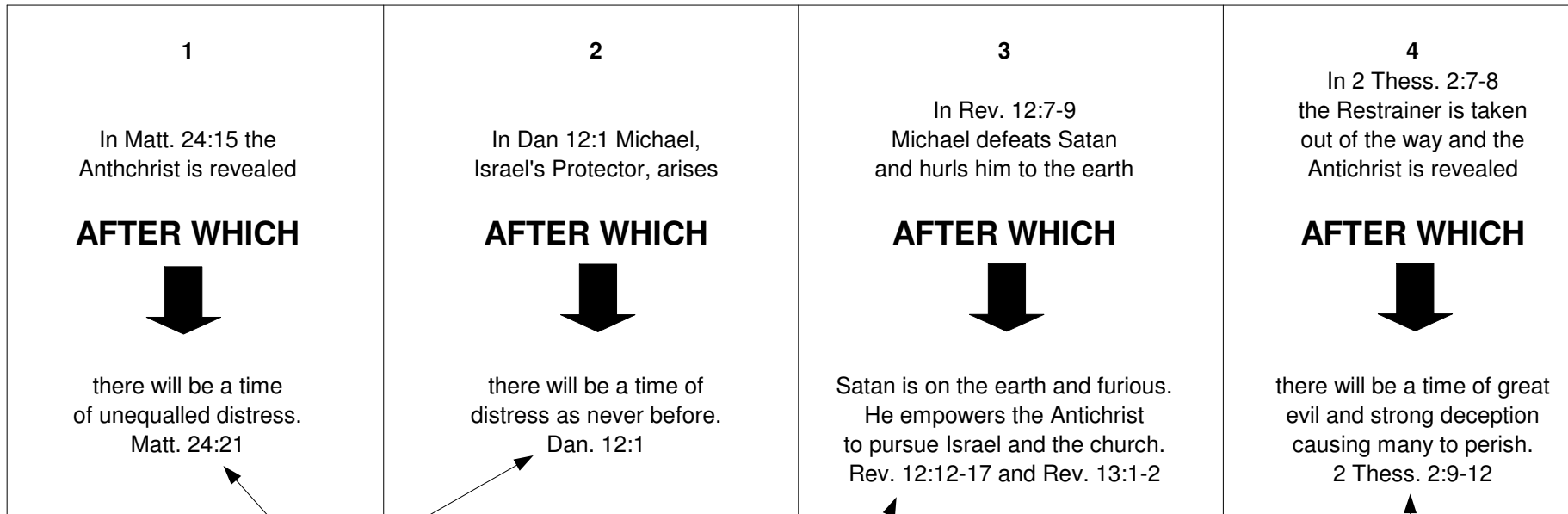
**Check out the Restrainer
chart over the page**

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).