

Parallel	Matthew 24	1-2 Thessalonians
Focus: Christ's coming ( <i>parousia</i> )	Mt. 24:3, 27, 37, 39	1 Th. 4:15; 2 Th. 2:1-8
Do not be deceived about the timing	Mt. 24:4-5	2 Th. 2:3
Many will fall away from the faith (apostasy)	Mt. 24:10-12	2 Th. 2:3
Antichrist's abomination in the Temple	Mt. 24:15	2 Th. 2:4
Some elect ( <i>eklektos</i> )/Christians survive	Mt. 24:22	1 Th. 4:15, 17
Great Tribulation/Antichrist's persecution cut short	Mt. 24:22, 29-31	2 Th. 1:6-7; 2:8
False signs and wonders	Mt. 24:24	2 Th. 2:9
Christ's coming/ <i>parousia</i> follows Antichrist	Mt. 24:29-30	2 Th. 2:1-4, 8
Jesus in the clouds	Mt. 24:30	1 Th. 4:17
Angels	Mt. 24:31	1 Th. 4:16; 2 Th. 1:7
Trumpet blast	Mt. 24:31	1 Th. 4:16
Gathering ( <i>episunago</i> )/catching up of Christians (rapture)	Mt. 24:31	1 Th. 4:17; 2 Th. 2:1
Christians are in the light and should see sign of the time nearing	Mt. 24:32-33	1 Th. 5:4-5
Ungodly living in false peace and safety	Mt. 24:37-38	1 Th. 5:3, 6-7
Sudden destruction	Mt. 24:38-39	1 Th. 5:2-3
Be watchful and expectant	Mt. 24:42-51	1 Th. 5:6
Christ's coming likened to a thief in the night	Mt. 24:43	1 Th. 5:2, 4

**CONCLUSION:** Matthew 24 and 1-2 Thessalonians both address Christ's coming to rescue Christians. By comparing Scripture with Scripture, we see that the Rapture occurs **AFTER** Antichrist's Abomination of Desolation and **BEFORE** God's wrath.