

# Tribulation then Rescue (rapture) then Wrath Part 2

## Events leading up to the Day of the LORD Contextual parallels - Matthew 24 & 1 & 2Thessalonians

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The biblical pattern continues. For online study, Best results are with three open Bibles. Compare verses on the first row then drop down to the next row, etc. These verses were selected to give an overall sense of the order of events after which a deeper study should be made of context between the selected verses and ideally of all biblical context within the scope of the entire Bible.

Many Bible students have shown parallels like this down through the centuries. I've tried to make this presentation as simple as possible without imposing my ideas on the text so you are free to compare and draw your own conclusions. This chart compares scripture with scripture in the Tribulation then Rescue (a.k.a. Rapture) then Wrath sequence that is shown elsewhere from cover to cover in the Bible. Some verses are repeated for emphasis but it's in order - there's no jumping out of context or "cherry picking" scriptures out of context. Beware of those who isolate scripture out of context and try to use it as a proof text with their man-made arguments. The Bible will explain the Bible in faithful harmony for those who are seeking the truth as taught by the Holy Spirit ([John 16:13](#)).

Matthew 24	Parallels	1 & 2 Thessalonians
<a href="#">Matthew 24:3</a>	Jesus is coming	<a href="#">1Thessalonians 4:15</a> <a href="#">2Thessalonians 2:1, 2</a>
<b>TRIBULATION</b> ...		
<a href="#">Matthew 24:4,</a> <a href="#">5</a>	Let no man deceive you (many false teachers, false prophets)	<a href="#">2Thessalonians 2:3</a>

<a href="#">Matthew 24:9, 10, 11</a>	Falling away first, antichrist revealed before "our gathering together to Him" referred to in <a href="#">2Thess 2:1</a>	<a href="#">2Thessalonians 2:3, 4</a>
<a href="#">Matthew 24:15</a>	Antichrist revealed in the temple (before the rapture)	<a href="#">2Thessalonians 2:4</a>
<a href="#">Matthew 24:23, 24</a>	Signs and lying wonders (counterfeit miracles by antichrist)	<a href="#">2Thessalonians 2:8, 9</a>
then RESCUE (Rapture) ...		
<a href="#">Matthew 24:27</a>	Every eye will see Him (cf. <a href="#">Acts 1:9, 10, 11</a> ; <a href="#">Zechariah 14:4</a> ; <a href="#">Revelation 1:7</a> )	<a href="#">2Thessalonians 2:8</a> (cf. <a href="#">1Thessalonians 4:13, 14</a> )
<a href="#">Matthew 24:29, 30, 31</a>	Sign of His coming appears in the sky	<a href="#">2Thessalonians 2:8</a>
<a href="#">Matthew 24:30</a>	Christ descends for His elect ...	<a href="#">1Thessalonians 4:16, 17, 18</a> (cf. <a href="#">1Thessalonians 4:13, 14</a> )
<a href="#">Matthew 24:30, 31</a>	... and gathers His elect in the clouds ... (are you filling your vessels with oil?)	<a href="#">1Thessalonians 4:17</a>
<a href="#">Matthew 24:31</a>	... with His mighty angels ... (as in the days of Lot)	<a href="#">1Thessalonians 4:16</a>
<a href="#">Matthew 24:31</a>	... and the trumpet of God (will you be ready?)	<a href="#">1Thessalonians 4:16</a>
<a href="#">Matthew 24:32, 33</a>	(no "secret rapture") Believers can know "the season" of His coming ...	<a href="#">1Thessalonians 5:1, 2</a>
<a href="#">Matthew 24:36</a>	... but not the day and hour (be alert)	<a href="#">1Thessalonians 5:1, 2</a>
<a href="#">Matthew 24:37, 38, 39</a>	World is unaware until sudden destruction	<a href="#">1Thessalonians 5:3</a>

<a href="#">Matthew 24:40, 41,</a> <a href="#">Matthew 24:42, 43, 44</a>	For unbelievers who are in darkness, Jesus comes like a thief in the night. <i>"But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief ..."</i>	<a href="#">1Thessalonians 5:4</a>
<b>then WRATH</b>		
<a href="#">Matthew 24:45, 46, 47, 48,</a> <a href="#">Matthew 24:49, 50, 51</a>	<b>Wrath of God is poured out on the wicked and hypocrites. Day of the LORD</b>	<a href="#">2Thessalonians 2:8, 9, 10, 11, 12</a>

So there it is again, the same sequence, the same pattern as shown in "Tribulation then Rescue then Wrath Part ONE."

Why does this same pattern keep repeating itself from Genesis to Revelation?

More of the same pattern in Part 3.

*\* A careful and prayerful reading of these parallels will show that our gathering together to the Lord does not happen until AFTER the apostasy i.e. the falling away spoken of in [2Thessalonians 2:3](#) and AFTER the "man of sin" is revealed which is near the midpoint of Daniel's 70th week ([Daniel 9:24-27](#)). Similar parallels of 1. Tribulation; 2. Rescue (a.k.a. Rapture); 3. Wrath can be found throughout the Bible from Genesis to Revelation and will show these events in the same sequence. It should be noted that a recent false teaching has sprung up that claims the Greek word apostasia refers to a rapture of sorts. This cannot be supported by standard rules of Greek grammar (Strong's Greek 646) and by corresponding biblical context such as [Acts 21:21](#) which is the only other verse where the word apostasia occurs. Apostasia means "falling away" or "forsaking" in the original Greek - not rapture which would make the following verse a total nonsense. Look for yourself: "...and they have been told about you, that you are teaching all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake (apostasian) Moses..." So consider this for a moment - if we believe the translation of apostasian as "rapture" like the false teachers say, should we also believe that [Acts 21:21](#) is speaking of those who RAPTURE Moses? Biblical context itself points out how silly this new teaching is.*