

Second Thessalonians 2:1-12 and Revelation 13 compared

	Time Marker	2 Thessalonians 2:1-12	Player	Revelation 13
Subject		The coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him (<i>Coming and Gathering</i>) (v. 1)		The False Trinity
Purpose		Correct error regarding the <i>Coming and Gathering</i> having occurred (v. 2)		Describe the activities of the first beast and the second beast
That Which Precedes the <i>Coming and Gathering</i>	<i>first/ before</i>	<p>a) Apostasy within the visible Church (v. 3a)</p> <p>b) Man of Sin revealed (to the Church) (vv. 3b-4)</p> <p>opposes and exalts himself against all that is called God (v. 4a) or</p> <p>every object of worship (v. 4b), so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, (v. 4c)</p> <p>displaying himself as being God (v. 4d).</p> <p>(No miracles, signs or wonders)</p>	<p>The Blasphemer</p> <p>Definition of blasphemy: (Webster's, s. v.)</p> <p>1 a: the act of insulting or showing contempt or lack of reverence for God</p> <p>2 irreverence toward something considered sacred or inviolable.</p> <p>1 b : the act of claiming the attributes of deity</p> <p>(Dan Ch. 7-11: No m/s/w)</p>	<p>The first beast comes up out of the sea (v. 1)</p> <p>speaks blasphemously against God (vv. 5–6a)</p> <p>blasphemes God's tabernacle, those who dwell in heaven (v. 6b)</p> <p>accepts worship from men (vv. 4, 8)</p> <p>(No miracles, signs or wonders)</p>

That Which Restrains the <i>Coming and Gathering</i>	<i>now/ already - until</i>	Mystery of lawlessness restrains the <i>Coming and Gathering</i> (v.6–7a) 1. Holy Spirit stops restraining the mystery of lawlessness (v. 7b) 2. Holy Spirit becomes out of the midst (v. 7b)		Those who dwell on the earth must be put to the final test for who they will worship (vv. 12–17)
The <i>Coming and Gathering</i>		“the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him” (the rapture) occurs when the Holy Spirit becomes out of the midst (v. 7b)	Believers	Saints persevere up to this termination point (v. 10); (14:12–13)
That Which Follows the <i>Coming and Gathering</i>	<i>and then</i>	Lawless one comes (v. 8) 1. with all power and signs and false wonders (v. 9) 2. with deception of wickedness for those who perish (v. 10) 3. God sends a powerful delusion (v. 11)	The Deceiver	The second beast (False Prophet) comes up out of the earth (v. 11) 1. performs great signs, even makes fire come down out of heaven (v. 13) 2. deceives those who dwell on the earth (v. 14), those whose names are not written in the book of life (v. 8) 3. given to him to give breath to the image of the beast (v. 15)
		Do not receive the love of truth so as to be saved and live eternally (v. 10)	The Perishing	Receive the mark of the beast so as to survive and live temporally (vv. 16–17)
The <i>Coming and Appearing</i>	<i>at</i>	Lawless one executed and rendered ineffective by the Lord <i>at</i> the appearance of His coming (v. 8)	Jesus Christ	False Prophet thrown into the lake of fire at the Lord’s return to fight the armies of the earth. (Rev 19:11-21)