In his Second Letter to the Thessalonians, the Apostle Paul echoes the words of Jesus in the Olivet Discourse and assures us the end will not come until the Antichrist is revealed and the world has witnessed a widespread falling away of professing Christians from biblical truth. He wrote:

> Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first, and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction.
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> (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4)

Paul's use of the term "that day" is simply a shorter version of the phrase, "day of the Lord," and refers to the Second Advent of Jesus and His final judgement on the nations.
However, even a cursory glance through the Old and New Testament reveals this expression denotes a period of time as opposed to a single day. Paul states this fact clearly in the same chapter. He writes:

> And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will destroy with the breath of his mouth, annihilating him by the manifestation of his coming.
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> (2 Thessalonians 2:8-9)