Will there be an end of the World and, if so, when will it be?

The Scripture teaches that history does not continue forever in vain, but history moves toward a point; that point is the day in which God will reveal Himself to mankind. This revealing will include judgment on the wicked and the resurrection of God's people. God will also show that He has visited the world before; the world will again see that the humble man of Galilee, Jesus, but this time he will come in glory.

Although this may sound fantastic to an unbeliever, the revealing of God should be expected. After all, isn't it the critic who says "Where is God?" and "Why doesn't He show Himself?" Even the prophet Isaiah said "Oh, that You would rend the heavens and come down" (Isaiah 64:1)

God will someday rend the heavens and come down in His chosen time. This world of sin and injustice is only a temporary state of affairs. God will soon set all things straight.

2 Peter 3:10-13

- 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.
- 11 Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,
- 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat!
- 13 But according to His promise we are <u>looking for new heavens and a new earth</u>, in which righteousness dwells.

2 Thessalonians 1:7-10

- 7 and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire,
- 8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.
- 9 These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,
- 10 when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed—for our testimony to you was believed.

When will this day take place? Jesus said that there will be some signs to look for, but nevertheless, it will still come as a surprise.

Matthew 24:32-36

- 32 Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near;
- 33 So, you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, right at the door.
- 34 Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take

place.

35 - Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

36 - But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.

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