



Can anyone predict the end of the world based on world events?

World events will not enable anyone to predict when the world will end.

Let's take a look at some scriptures to support this idea.

Mt 2:4-5; Mk 13:5-6; Mk 13:22; Lk 21:8 - Many deceivers are foretold to come, saying the time is near. See *2 Thess 2:1-2*

Mt 24:6-14; Mk 13:7-8; Lk 21:9-12 - Upheavals, wars, fights and troubles, false prophets are all predicted, but this doesn't mean the end. The gospel is also predicted to be preached to the entire earth.

Mt 24:36-39 - Like the global flood - the end will come suddenly, catching people off guard. **1 Pt 3:21** - This water symbolized baptism, which is protecting Christians, like the ark from the flood.

Mt 23:40-44 - Selective process, but unexpected - swiftly and suddenly.

Mt 24:45-51 - Seemingly delayed return, comes unexpectedly to the wicked. What does Jesus

want us to do?

Mt 25:1-13 - The end comes when it is least expected "at midnight," very suddenly (vs. 6), parallels the trumpet blast in **Mt 24:31**. The foolish virgins are not adequately prepared - not on constant vigilance.

Mt 25:14-30 - The man on the long journey parallels Jesus' lengthy delay that will precede his second coming. In verse 19, he returns after a long time.