

Assertion
None The only One who can tell with certainty what is ahead is the God Who has created all things. In His wonderful book, the Bible, He has revealed much. Can we find in the Scripture an answer to our problem?

It does not take a long search to determine that the Bible has definite information on this subject. The fourth chapter of Micah assures us that the world will not always be rent with war. It contains a beautiful picture of a time when a great ruler will establish righteousness throughout the earth, and fear of aggression will be permanently exiled. Listen to its third verse: "And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

Assumed
 This promise is repeated in the second chapter of Isaiah, and is touched upon in many other passages. The eleventh chapter of Isaiah adds further details of the idyllic peace and justice which is promised, and ends its ninth verse with the words: "the earth ~~will~~ ^{shall} be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." Isaiah declares that just as there is no square inch of the ocean which is not covered with water, so there will be no section of the world in which the knowledge of the Lord will not be present. All external danger will be at an end in this glorious period. The mouth of the Lord has promised it. Therefore, let us not despair, but look forward with joy to the realization of our desire for peace and happiness for every human being in this world.

Reasoning
 The combination of justice with peace in these pictures is something which must not be overlooked. A little reflection will show us the necessity of this. As long as selfishness and greed are widespread, or human beings are oppressed by other human beings, we can not look for lasting peace.

Reality
 Another factor in these pictures which may sound strange to modern ears is the mention of a king. Nowadays kings are considered to be out of date. Yet it is human nature to look for a leader whom we can follow. When government is