

destruction fill them with fear. It does not comfort them to be told that even though Communist China now is capable of making the hydrogen bomb, we should not fear, since it is declared that not until the middle seventies will the Chinese Communists possess the missiles necessary to deliver hydrogen bombs in sufficient quantity to destroy the U.S.A.. The thought that atomic destruction, chaos, and upheaval may be as near as the middle seventies fills them with terror and they wonder whether civilization will collapse in a holocaust of fire and frightfulness.

When there is such a diversity of opinion as to what the future holds, the average person might well throw up his hands and confess that he is unable even to make a reasonable guess as to what is ahead. In fact, so great is the number of possibilities, and so many are the factors that enter into them, that no human being can forecast the future with any certainty. Attempts to do so in the past have nearly always failed.

At the end of the First World War it was declared (except by those who were students of the Bible) that the world was now safe for democracy, and that the League of Nations would produce universal peace. Yet the world was soon plunged into a new armament race, and the greatest war in history was fought. At the end of World War II the United Nations was formed and it was again thought that armaments could be destroyed. Yet soon the great number of Communist conquests made it obvious that the free world must either rearm and prepare to resist aggression or be swallowed up and subjected to brain-washing, terror and brutality.

No human being can pierce the veil that hides the future. The only one who can tell what lies ahead is the One who has created all things and who holds the future in His hand. God Himself has said in Isaiah 46:9b-10: