

## WHAT IS AHEAD FOR THE WORLD?

## An Introduction to Bible Prophecy

## Chapter I - What Can We Know About the Future?

There are many ideas as to what is ahead for the world. Some people seem quite convinced that a Utopia is soon to be reached, when all nations will live together in harmony and peace. Different races and different classes will all be merged together in one grand co-existence of happiness and plenty. Whether this is to be brought about by the peace-keeping efforts of the United Nations or by governmental action to establish a "Great Society," the holders of this view agree that only happiness is ahead for the world.

Yet there are many who doubt the success of these plans. They see great weaknesses in the United Nations. Some of them question whether an organization in which prayer is forbidden and the mention of God ruled out can succeed in establishing world-wide peace. Others point to pronounced weaknesses in the organization and procedure of this international body, and predict that it will either become futile and inept, or else will become an instrument for tyranny. Some question the great visions of the "big government" advocates, and think that instead of bringing happiness for all, such activities may eventually reduce everyone to a uniform level of poverty and misery.

A very sizable number of people feel that instead of peace and happiness, war and destruction lie ahead. They see the great amounts spent on armament by various nations, the selfish attitudes of different groups, the outbreaks of rioting in the streets, and the extreme demands by persons of every type. The newly developed possibilities of terrible