

Peter said, Gird up the loins of your mind, be sober. We are to look facts right in the face. We are to see what conditions really are. When we do that can we hope? Can we be hopeful? We cannot on the basis of mere human thinking and ideas we cannot be hopeful. It takes more than that if we are to be hopeful in the present day.

Fifty years ago there was a little group of a few hundred Russians - a few hundred -- with an idea they were going to conquer that great country of 180 million people. This little group of Russians, what could they do? But they were disciplined. They had been for years bringing themselves under the iron discipline of obeying their leaders and he was a clever man named Valdimere ~~XXXXXX~~ Illias Ulianoff, whom we more usually say Lenin. Lennin had been training them and working out his schemes. And there was a condition in Russia where the Czar was thrown out and conditions hung in the balance and there were many other forces much greater and stronger than these, but these men were disciplined and trained to follow Lenin's ideas, and Lenin held them back and held them back until the decisive moment, and then he put them into the situation and they seized control of Moscow and of Petrograd and they seized control eventually after two or three years of hard fighting with a nation that was confused and did not know what it was doing. They with their definite purpose got 180 million people absolutely under their feet. Today 50 yrs. later they have 1/3 of the world under their feet, and they are determined to take over the rest of the world, and our people act as if nothing of the kind had ever happened! Most of them just could not believe that the Russians could be anything but friendly!

They say in the plainest language what they intend to do. They declare their purposes, and yet people say, Oh if we could just build bridges, if we could just send them some more things, if we could just be kind to them everything would come out all right. It didn't for Russia and it didn't for China!

What is ahead for the world? Is communist ~~tyranny~~ tyranny, despotism, cruelty, brutality, brainwashing ahead for the world. Humanly speaking it looks bad, but we have a hope that rests not upon the promises of the Word of God. That a Utopia is coming in this world far better than something the communists have ever dreamed of. Far better than anything the ICC has ever thought up as an idea. Far better than anything human beings have ever imagined.. The Bible tells us the time is coming when Jesus Christ will reign in Jerusalem and He will control this world, and there will be peace, happiness and joy everywhere. He will reign in happiness ~~in~~ and joy over this whole world, and they will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.

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O you must not take that verse ~~literally~~, =of course! We don't take it literally. I don't think they will beat spears into plowshares. I don't think they will beat swords into pruning hooks. But I think they will take tanks and warships and warplanes and change them into instruments of peace. We don't take it literally, but the ~~meaning~~ the meaning of it is absolutely clear. We don't spiritualize it! We take it in the clear, definite sense of what it means that such a period of definite peace on earth as people cannot imagine is coming.