

## Solana clarifies Europe's role in the Middle East

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Javier Solana, the High Representative for the European Common, Foreign and Security Policy, has given an interview with the Jerusalem Post newspaper, defining the European Union's role in the Middle East peace process. The article outlines Solana's long history of involvement in the European Union, being Secretary General of the 10 nation Western European Union, and Secretary General of the Council of the European Union. The publisher also mentions his future post of EU Foreign Minister following the ratification of the Lisbon Treaty. Readers of this website and others will be well aware of Solana's position and its possible relationship with the fulfilment of end time prophecy. In the interview, Javier Solana states that Middle East peace is a strategic priority for the European Union, and he believes they can achieve the goals agreed upon at the Annapolis peace conference in November 2007. Solana goes on to state that the European Neighbourhood Policy, a framework of agreements between the European Union and its sixteen closest neighbours, was designed to further progress in the Barcelona Process which seeks to bring about peace and security in the Middle East. Israel was the first nation to sign up to the ENP, and just last week it became the first member to qualify for [participation](#) in special EU programmes...

**Quote:** *"Israel was the first non-EU country that took part in the European Framework Program for Research and Technological Development, and in the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Program, as well as one of the first participants in the Galileo project, the Global Navigation Satellite System of the EU, and in the European Space Agency. The European Commission recently described Israel as the "front-runner" among non-EU members participating in EU programs. A "reflection group" is considering areas where EU-Israel relations can be substantially upgraded to a "special status."*

In summary of the European Union's [involvement](#) in the Middle East peace process, Solana states...

**Quote:** *"It is absolutely clear that Europe should play a significant role in this process and match its major economic potential with an adequate political role. We can witness that the European Union is taking this responsibility seriously, for instance through our many European Security and Defense Policy missions, of which the first two operate in the Middle East."*

According to the Scriptures, we believe that a ruler from the Revived Roman Empire will be the one who will strengthen a covenant between Israel and its enemies (Daniel 9:27). As we can see today, the European Union is already heavily involved in the Middle East peace process, and stands ready and willing to support any agreement that is reached. We are not told in the

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Bible how this covenant will come about, but the fact that it will happen is plainly stated in Scripture. The question is, what covenant have you made with God? The Bible states that only those who have made a covenant with God through sacrifice will be redeemed.

Psalm 50:3-6

Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people. Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice. And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself. Selah.

What sort of sacrifice does God require? The only sacrifice that God has accepted is that of His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ (Isaiah 53:11). You see, no sacrifice that you could ever make would match up to His. For He was sinless, and you are a sinner. We deserve to die because of our sins (Ezekiel 18:4), but Jesus Christ had no sin (1st John 3:5). Then why did He die? Because He loves you so much that He chose to die in your place. That is true love. Trust in Jesus Christ for salvation today. As [Len Magee](#) sings...

*Outside the prison walls, there's lots of people  
Slaves to sin and slaves to Satan's rule  
They tell themselves they're free, but oh, they just can't see  
Life is just a prison for a fool*

*But now I'm so glad I've got Jesus  
And every day He whispers to me  
I didn't have to die, but I loved you, didn't I?  
Hallelujah! Jesus set me free*

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