January 1st has been a day of expansion for the European Union, growing from 25 to 27 nations. Former communist states Romania and Bulgaria officially joined the Union at 12 midnight last night, with special celebrations to mark the New Year and the accession to the world's last great empire. As per usual for the EU, the celebrations had a tinge of defiance against God, with Bulgaria sporting a massive lightshow in the shape of a pyramid. My immediate thoughts are of the pyramid on the back of the US dollar - dedicated to the establishment of the New World Order and Lucifer's all-seeing eye at the top. Maybe I'm stretching things a bit, but with EU propaganda closely mirroring Babylonian symbols (the woman on the beast, EU Parliament in the shape of the tower of Babel, etc), I wouldn't be surprised if this lightshow also had a hidden message.

Quote: *"In Sofia, a pyramid of light illuminated the sky, with rays emanating from the city's Orthodox cathedral, its Armenian church, a synagogue, a mosque and another church.*

Slovenia also adopted the Euro as its official currency today, becoming the first of the ten new countries to join the EU in 2004 to do so. It seems the European Union will indeed grow to engulf the whole world (Daniel 7:23). Even the controversial Israeli politician Avigdor Lieberman is advocating that Israel join NATO and the European Union, just as in the old Roman Empire days when Israel was under occupation of the Romans.

Quote: *""The political and security goal of the State of Israel for the next month needs to be clear: joining NATO and entering the European Union," Lieberman told Israel Radio in an interview. "The war we're fighting in the Middle East is not Israel's war, but the entire free world's [war], and we are standing on the frontlines," he said.*

The EU is already working hard towards solving the Middle East conflict, but I doubt that Israel will ever come under the yoke of the Revived Roman Empire. The period of Gentile rule over Israel is at an end, as prophesied.

Luke 21:24
And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

Seeing that Israel is in control of Jerusalem, and all nations are preying for a piece of Jerusalem, the Lord's return must be near. Joel and Daniel state that the land will be divided

by the Antichrist. We are seeing the beginning of that today. When all the armies of the world are gathered against Jerusalem, then the Lord Jesus Christ will return to defend Israel and set up His kingdom which shall never end.

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