Spanish socialist Foreign Minister Miguel Moratinos, the inspiration behind the Alliance of Civilizations endeavour, has announced that his government will seek to establish a Palestinian state during the Spanish presidency of the European Union. Spain has traditionally taken an active role in the Middle East, hosting the Barcelona Process, which has now developed into the Union for the Mediterranean. Spain will take the helm of the European presidency on January 1st, and will succeed a Swedish presidency which has presided over worsening ties between Israel and the EU. A few months ago the Swedish government had refused to condemn newspaper 'reports' that Israel harvests organs from dead Palestinians. And just this month, Sweden had put forward a proposal to the European Council that could have seen east Jerusalem officially recognized as the capital of a future Palestinian state, regardless of what Israel may have had to say about it. Now the Spanish government has resolved to do everything in its power to bring about the division of the land and the creation of a Palestinian state in Judea, Samaria and east Jerusalem.

Quote: *""Why to wait for more time. We are all defending the two-state solution. We already have Israel as a state. We need a Palestinian state , the sooner the better and that is going to be our objective," he said in reply to another reporter's question. "Of course I cannot guarantee that at the end of the year we will have a Palestinian state .But we are going to fight for this final aspiration to become a reality," he added.*

Some of you may be thinking, what's the big deal? Why should we be against giving the Palestinians having their own state? Why can't the Israeli's just give them the land that was taken in 1967 and live in peace with the Arab nations? First of all, you don't need to be a historian to see how the Arab nations have never accepted Israel's right to exist, period. Even today many of the Arab and Islamic nations such as Syria, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Iran are still officially at war with Israel and refuse to recognize its existence. While the Palestinian Liberation Organization recognizes Israel's existence, its member organizations Fatah and Hamas do not recognize Israel, and still seek to liberate all of 'Palestine', including Haifa, Tel Aviv and Beersheba. The Palestinian terrorist organizations have repeatedly demonstrated the fact that the goal of establishing a Palestinian state is to ultimately bring about the destruction of the Jewish state. There is no reason to believe that even if Israel gave the Arabs all of the land taken during the Six Day War, that somehow peace would reign and hostility against Israel would cease. It didn't end when Israel gave up the Gaza Strip. It didn't end when Israel left Lebanon. And it won't end when Israel removes from east Jerusalem. Anybody who believes

that the creation of a Palestinian state in the Middle East will somehow resolve the Middle East conflict is living in a dream world. Unfortunately it seems that most of our politicians are doing just that.

If this conflict was just over a patch of land, or if it was a political conflict like the troubles in Northern Ireland, or even if it was a racial conflict like the Apartheid in South Africa, there may be hopes of finding a peaceful solution. Even religious conflicts can be resolved with time. But this conflict goes much deeper than that. When we look at the Middle East conflict from the Bible's perspective on world events, from a God's-eye view, it lets us see what is really going on behind the scenes. For behind this conflict there is a very real spiritual war that is being waged. People today get caught up in the visible part of the conflict, trying to decide who is right and who is wrong, who is the oppressor and who is the oppressed. And in doing so, they miss seeing what is really at the heart of the matter. While men argue over the legitimacy of Israel's right to exist, God's promise in the Bible was that He would bring the Jewish people back to the land that He had given them (Jeremiah 23:7-8). He has done that. And who can argue with God? And while politicians debate the establishment of a Palestinian state with east Jerusalem as its capital, God has promised that the city of Jerusalem is where His Son will reign from when He returns as King of Kings and Lord of Lords (Luke 1:32, Micah 4:2). And when you take that into consideration, it is no wonder that Satan is so desperate to take the Temple Mount, if not to destroy Israel completely. If he can't do it through the Palestinian terrorist organizations, he will do it through Europe, or any nation that is willing to follow him rather than the one true God (Zechariah 12:2-3). We needn't think that the Palestinian Arabs are somehow any more capable of evil than our own governments. They will take east Jerusalem for a short time. The Bible says it will happen (Zechariah 14:2, Revelation 11:2). But there will be no peace. Praise God that Jesus Christ is coming back. Only when He returns will there be true peace on Earth and good will to all men. That day is coming. The fact that the European Union is now actively seeking to divide God's land proves that to be the case. The question is, is He coming for you? Jesus said before He left this Earth that He was going away to prepare a place for all those who would believe on Him. And if He went away, He would come again and receive us unto Himself, that we may be with Him where He is (John 14:2-3). That promise stands as true as the day it was made. We don't know exactly when it will happen, but we can be sure that it will. Why don't you turn away from your sins, and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation today? He will not turn you away.

John 1:12
But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

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