I'm sorry if I haven't updated the site much lately, I don't really feel like doing it as I have been feeling quite down yesterday and today. I was making conversation with my work colleagues yesterday, and one girl turned something I said to mean something entirely different, and I tried to tell her not to do it but she didn't listen. It made me feel embarrassed and angry all at the same time, and I'm not generally an angry person. And now I am feeling mentally drained, so I think I need to spend some time alone to recover.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy has announced his intentions to hold a summit in France next year to gauge opinion on whether it would be possible to establish a Mediterranean Union between Europe's closest neighbours. The French President had proposed such an idea before, but his idea has so far received a mixed response. Courtesy of Javier Solana, the High Representative for the European Common, Foreign and Security Policy, many Middle Eastern and North African states have already signed up to the European Neighbourhood Policy . The ENP offers participating states economic incentives in return for political and democratic reforms. Then there is what's known as
EuroMed
or the Barcelona Process, again the brainchild of Javier Solana. EuroMed serves as a catalyst for peace in the Middle East, by providing a "
wide framework of political, economic and social relations between the Member States of the European Union and Partners of the Southern Mediterranean"
. But Sarkozy's plan for a
Mediterranean Union
would go much further than that, allowing Middle Eastern countries to set up a union similar to that of the European Union, which would promote peace and stability in the region.

Quote: *""I invite all the heads of state and government of countries bordering the Mediterranean to meet in France in June 2008 to lay the foundations of a political, economic and cultural union founded on the principles of strict equality", Mr Sarkozy said during his visit to Morocco on Tuesday (23 October). He added that "in the Mediterranean will be decided whether or not civilisations and religions will wage the most terrible of wars...whether or not the North and the South will clash".*

Some news analysts have poured cold water on the idea of a Mediterranean Union, commenting that Middle East states are far too economically and politically varied for the plan to work. The European Commission said efforts to promote regional cooperation should be built on existing structures, rather than undermining the progress being made through the Barcelona Process. Personally I doubt such a plan could be realized. The only Mediterranean Union I see in the Scriptures is that of the Arab nations that are confederate against Israel (Psalm 83).

According to my understanding of the Scriptures, Daniel did predict a European Union would emerge out of the ashes of the old Roman Empire...

Daniel 7:23-27
Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth (Babylon, Medo-Persian, Greece, **Rome**) , which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time (3.5 years). But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end. And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

Although a Mediterranean Union may never be established, the reason why I am commenting on this article is to emphasize the efforts of world leaders to find a solution to the Middle East conflict, and how the fourth beast, a Revived Roman Empire, will play a major role in end time prophecy. What I have also noticed of late is the efforts now underway by world leaders to put in place structures that promote promote religious dialogue. It's easy to see how much of the world is coming under a global economic system. Efforts are also underway to establish regional political alliances, with the AU, the EU, the ASEAN and other unions now being established. Religiously, the world is still very much divided. But this conflict with militant Islam will give world leaders the incentive, even the licence, to build an organization that will unite all religions under one authority. This is foretold in Revelation chapter 13. Clearly the events we are witnessing today point to the soon return of Jesus Christ. Are you for Him or against Him? He died to take away your sins. Trust in Jesus Christ for salvation today.

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