This article was sent to me by my friends Cheryl and Jim, and is a commentary on the office of Javier Solana, the High Representative of the European Common Foreign and Security Policy. Until a couple years ago, very few people would have heard of Javier Solana. I myself had never heard of him until a few years ago while browsing the internet. Up to this point I have still never seen him appear on UK television. But Solana's presence on the international stage has dramatically increased of late. It has grown alongside Europe's burgeoning role in the Middle East, with the Iranian nuclear crisis, the Israeli-Hizbullah conflict and increasingly the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. For some reporters it seems, Solana's rise to power is an anomaly which cannot easily be explained...

Quote: *"How much EU foreign policy actually achieves is for others to decide. But the palaces of presidents and kings are open to Mr Solana. For a man who walks quietly but carries no big stick, his counsel is widely sought and his shadow surprisingly long.*

...but for us who know our Bibles, even if Solana isn't the Antichrist, his roles as Secretary General of the ten nation Western European Union, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, and soon-to-be Europe's first Foreign Minister, are paving the way for the coming of the Antichrist. There are a couple of things I disagree with in this article. Yes, Solana uses "soft power" - i.e. diplomacy skills, rather than "hard power" such as armies, etc, to get what he wants. But he does wield considerable influence with his peers, with the financial backing of Europe behind him. And as Recommendation 666 states, he can also have the power of Europe behind him to intervene militarily anywhere in the world.

There are some who believe the Antichrist will be Islamic. I'm not so sure, because Daniel 9:26 states that the prince (ruler) that shall come shall be of the people that destroy Jerusalem and the Jewish Temple. For me that clearly identifies Europe with the Antichrist. For us, Solana's rise to power and the rising to power of the European Union has long been expected, and we are privileged to see the prophecy coming to pass in our lifetimes.

Daniel 9:26-27

And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah (Jesus Christ) be cut off, but not for himself: and the people (Romans) of the prince that shall come (the ruler, Antichrist) shall destroy the city and the sanctuary (AD 70); and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. And he (the ruler of the Revived Roman Empire) shall confirm the covenant with many for one week (seven years): and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

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