European Union leaders reached a compromise deal late last night, regarding the draft of the new "Constitution". The document, which has been rebranded a "reform treaty", will see several major changes in the way the EU operates. Sixteen European states have already ratified the original EU Constitution, but votes against the document from France and the Netherlands - two of first member states of the EEC, cast doubt over whether it could become legally recognized throughout Europe. Poland and the United Kingdom had serious objections to the new treaty. Poland, one of the lowest populated states in the EU, disagreed with new voting regulations which could weaken its position in Europe. Britain argued that the new post of EU Foreign Minister could threaten the independence of British foreign policy. European leaders agreed on a phased implementation of the new voting laws, and changed the title of the new EU Foreign Minister to "High Representative for Foreign Policy", lowering its status on the world stage. European leaders have until 2009 - when the next European elections take place, to ratify the new "treaty".

Quote: *"The new figure would combine the positions now held by foreign policy chief Javier Solana, who reports to EU governments and does mostly crisis management, and External Relations Commissioner Benita Ferrero-Waldner, who controls the European Commission's aid budget and external relations staff. Both of their terms expire in 2009, when the reform treaty would come into force, provided EU leaders agree on other, more difficult issues such as the voting system in decision making.*

The questions remains, will Javier Solana be the one to take this new post? He had already been slated to take the post, when the new EU treaty comes into effect. He isn't getting any younger, but I do believe he has made a good job of it, negotiating with Iran on behalf of the Six Nations, etc. I think EU leaders would be loathed to let him go that easily. Of course we do not know who the Antichrist is, nor do I believe we will know (2nd Thessalonians 2:6-8). At least perhaps not until that day when we, with the Lord Jesus Christ, shall return to earth after the tribulation period, and the Antichrist and False Prophet are taken and cast alive into the lake of fire.

Zechariah 14:4-5
And his (Jesus Christ's) feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. And ye (Israel) shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, **and all the saints with thee**.

1st Thessalonians 3:13
To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ **with all his saints**.

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