The sixth annual International Conference on Jerusalem has called on Arab and Islamic governments to act now to defend Jerusalem and save the Al-Aqsa mosque, and warned that current events in the Middle East mean there are only a few years in which to achieve this objective. The conference, which was convened in the Gulf state of Qatar, was attended by politicians, religious leaders, business men and scholars from around the world. Its leaders issued a statement at the conclusion of the conference, urging attendees to *"maintain a high level of awareness and watchfulness in order to stand up to the threats posed before the holy Islamic and Christian sites, especially Al-Aqsa mosque"* . They also called on the Islamic world to stop treating the issue of Jerusalem as part of *"Palestinian internal affairs"* .

Quote: *""We stand before an important phase in the history of the Jerusalem conflict," a statement released by the sixth annual International Conference on Jerusalem said. The conference concluded on Monday in Doha, capital of Qatar. "What takes place now and during the next few years will determine the fate of the Al-Aqsa mosque," the statement continued. "Therefore the public and the Arab and Islamic governments are called upon to act in order to defend Jerusalem."*

As you can see, the status Jerusalem and the Temple Mount are central to this whole Middle East peace process. If this issue was just about land then it would have been resolved long ago. Why are the Palestinians so insistent on having Jerusalem for their capital city? As I said recently, the city of Jerusalem isn't mentioned once in the Islamic holy book, the Qur'an. Only one obscure passage is cited as a reference to Jerusalem, where it is said that the prophet Mohammed ascended into heaven from *"the farthest mosque"*. But some Islamic scholars have since doubted whether this could be a reference to the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. In fact, before the rebirth of the nation of Israel in 1948, the Islamic Waqf that administer the site once taught that the Noble Sanctuary was the place where the Jewish Temple once stood. From the time that Bible prophecy was fulfilled and Israel was brought back to their land, the status of Jerusalem and the Temple Mount have been contested. And this contention itself is the fulfilment of prophecy, for God states in the prophecy of Zechariah...

Zechariah 12:2-3
Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

As you can see, the day is coming when the status of Jerusalem will no longer be regarded as *"Palestinian internal affairs"*
. The whole world will eventually become embroiled in this conflict. And as Arab leaders call on the Islamic world to rise up to defend Jerusalem and the al-Aqsa Mosque, there is no doubt "
that day
" is coming closer. Jesus Christ is coming back. And His feet will stand in "
that day
" upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east (Zechariah 14:4). And the status of Jerusalem will be settled once and for all. But before that happens, this world must pass through a time of great trouble. But it will be nothing compared to the trouble you will face if you die without your sins forgiven. God loves you so much, He sent His Son Jesus Christ to bear the punishment for your sins, so you could be forgiven. He laid down His life so that you might have eternal life. Jesus Christ has declared that He is the only Way to God (John 14:6). Why don't you trust in Him for salvation today.

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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