

PA official: Now is the time to impose two-state solution

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Apologies for not updating the site much this week. Last week I was helping out at a series of children's meetings in Belfast. Over 300 kids attended each night, and a number of them professed faith in Christ. It was a very encouraging week. But this week I have been feeling rather down, so I haven't felt like writing much. Thanks.

A senior official in the Palestinian Authority has told YNet News that he believes now is the time for the international community to enforce a two-state solution in the Middle East. George W. Bush became the first US President to openly call for the creation of a Palestinian state. But the process that was launched at Annapolis, Maryland over one year ago has failed to achieve that goal. The [overthrow](#) of Fatah in Gaza and the repeated [hardening](#) of the Palestinian positions have largely prevented the negotiations from bearing fruit. Ehud Olmert also became the first Israeli Prime Minister to publicly advocate the

[redivision of Jerusalem](#)

in return for peace with the Arabs. He also advocates disengaging from

[Judea, Samaria](#)

and the

[Golan Heights](#)

, but numerous political scandals prevented him from finding that '

[eternal covenant of peace](#)

' that he called for during the Second Lebanon War. Following the recent elections in Israel, with Binyamin Netanyahu tasked with forming the next cabinet, it is unlikely that the Israeli government will continue the disastrous 'land for peace' policy pursued by his predecessors. But with American support for Israel in the wane and British support for Israel at an all-time low, some believe that now is the time to impose a two-state solution on the Middle East.

Quote: *"There is an opportunity for the world to strongly enter the diplomatic negotiations and impose the two-state solution on Israel," a senior PA official told Ynet on Friday. "The world did not intervene when Israel had a convenient government in which Kadima and Labor made the decisions, claiming that this was the Israeli peace camp bargaining on marginal issues. "Here the world will understand that this Israeli government opposes the peace process and its current form in principle and ideologically, and therefore we anticipate that this is the best timing for the world to intervene and force Israel to implement the agreements."*

It seems that even the Israeli leadership has bought the lie that this conflict is all about land. Earlier in the week Olmert repeated his assertion that peace would only come once Israel withdraws from [east Jerusalem](#). With the Palestinian Authority pressing for the [expulsion](#) of all Jews from a future Palestinian state, it's hard to envision any kind of peace taking hold in the region, agreement or no agreement. The Bible seems to indicate that a two-state solution will be imposed on Israel and the Arabs. But rather than bringing peace and security (1st Thessalonians 5:3), it will bring the world one step closer to Armageddon. The Bible prophesies that during the reign of the Antichrist, the Arabs will be in siege against Judea and Jerusalem

(Zechariah 11:2, Zechariah 14:2). And east Jerusalem and the Temple Mount shall be trodden down of the Gentiles for a three and a half year period (Revelation 12:2). Rather than being a time of peace, the Bible describes this period as the "

[time of Jacob's trouble](#)

"; Jeremiah 30:7. Some will say that these prophecies concerning the desecration of the Temple were fulfilled either by Antiochus Epiphanes or by Titus during the wars of the Jews in 70 AD. But Jesus Christ spoke of the desecration of the Temple as a future event which would take place just prior to His return (Matthew 24:15), and the book of Revelation was written long after the destruction of the Second Temple by the Roman armies. The fact that Israel is now in possession of east Jerusalem, world leaders are pressing for its division, and

[preparations](#)

are being made for the rebuilding of the Temple, show how close we may be to the return of Christ. All of this has happened within the past 60 years. We are witnessing prophesy being fulfilled before our eyes. The Lord Jesus Christ has already told us what must shortly come to pass (Revelation 1:1). The question is, are you prepared to meet your God? Jesus Christ gave His life for you when He died upon the cross. He bore God's penalty for your sins so that you could be forgiven. All those who trust in Him for salvation have everlasting life (John 3:16). Don't let that day of judgement catch you unawares. Make supplication to your Judge today (Job 9:15).

[Acts 17:30-31](#)

[And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.](#)

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