It seems history is destined to repeat itself once again. Around 3500 years ago, Israeli spies brought back an evil report of the good land that God had promised to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey. Rather than trusting God, the children of Israel believed the words of men who said, this is a land that devours its inhabitants...

Numbers 13:32-33
And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, [is] a land that **eateth up the inhabitants thereof**
; and all the people that we saw in it [are] men of a great stature. And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, [which come] of the giants: and we were
in our own sight
as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

Today Israeli Vice Premier Haim Ramon said words to a similar effect, stating, *"**In my eyes** , the occupation of the territories **threatens our very existence** , our legitimacy and our international standing"* . To the Israeli government, the lands of Judea, Samaria, Gaza and the Golan are lands that devour their inhabitants. Rather than trusting in the promises of God, and the great victory God gave Israel in 1967, the nation is turning its eyes towards the evil report being propagated by the international community. In July 2005, Israel forcibly evicted over 9000 of its own people from Gaza, many of whom had been living there from before the state's formation in 1948. Today many of those people are still homeless and unemployed, after having worked in what was one of the most productive areas of Israel. Now the Israeli government is considering relocating 240,000 people living in Judea and Samaria - "ethnic cleansing" by another name, in an effort to "legitimise" the state of Israel in the eyes of the world. Israel had legitimacy in 1967 when it defeated the armies of six Arab nations that were bent on its destruction. Today it is planning to hand legitimacy to a terrorist organization trying to do the same. President Abbas of the Palestinian Authority has formulated a new peace document, that he hopes can be implemented within a year.

Quote: *"Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas's platform for the new PA government includes the attainment of an Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement consisting of Jerusalem as **the capital of both states** and the honouring of past agreements reached with Israel, it was reported Friday. Army Radio said that Abbas and PA Prime Minster Salaam Fayad showed the new Palestinian document to Meretz Chairman Yossi Beilin during*

their meeting in Ramallah the previous day. "It concerns peace with Israel and honouring past agreement wit Israel," confirmed the Meretz chairman.

You can't have a city as a joint capital that is referred to as the "eternal, undivided capital of Israel". The Palestinians took control of the Gaza Strip two years ago. Today the only Jews in that land are being held hostage by Hamas. The Palestinian Authority claims East Jerusalem as its own, and the Bible predicts the same fate for that city as what happened in Gaza.

Zechariah 14:2
For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; **and half of the city shall go forth into captivity**, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

Israel's leaders are so spiritually blind, they cannot see this situation unfolding right before their eyes. Sadly many of those claiming to be Christians are also blind to this fact, having been brought up on a diet of replacement theology and amillennialism. The nation of Israel will soon face a time of great trouble. But those who have trusted in Christ have not been "appointed to wrath, but to obtain (physical) salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ
", 1st Thessalonians 5:9. When Christ comes, will you go to be with Him, or will you be left behind to face the wrath of a righteous God? Trust in Christ for salvation today.