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It's a day when Jews across the world celebrate the reunification of their Holy City Jerusalem, after nearly 2500 years of foreign occupation. From the time of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, the Jewish people have not had control over their most sacred site. According to the Scriptures, Jerusalem is the city where God chose to place His name (1st Kings 11:36), and both the First and Second Temples were situated within its walls. East Jerusalem was recaptured from Transjordan during the Six Day War, a war that was initiated by the surrounding Arab nations. But rather than celebrating this historic event, some European nations see Israel as the occupying power , rather than having ended a two millennia period of exile from their own capital.

Quote: *"Sources in the German Embassy in Israel told Ynet on Sunday morning that the international community viewed Jerusalem from a different point of view. "We believe that Jerusalem's future should be part of the negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians. Our point of view is not new and Germany must take this stance in accordance with the rest of the countries. "We cannot force other European Union countries to accept our opinion, but we can definitely decide for ourselves. Germany cannot take part in an official event of the Israeli government, if this implies that we recognize these borders of Jerusalem."*

Yesterday I commented on Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni's statement, that Judea must go in order for there to be peace in the Middle East. Today's news reminds us of that other prophecy concerning the division of the land, that the Holy City will be divided during the tribulation period. It is clear that Jerusalem is at the heart of the issue concerning the division of the land, for Muslims believe that the Mahdi will return and conquer Jerusalem and reign over the land for seven years. The Jewish people also believe their Messiah will come and deliver them from their enemies, and reign from Jerusalem. Through the Scriptures, we are told what will really happen. That the peace agreement will fail, East Jerusalem will be occupied by either the Antichrist or the Muslims, and this will begin a time of unparalleled persecution for Israel. After this, the Lord Jesus Christ shall return to the Mount of Olives, and set up His Kingdom in the Holy City. And the rest will be history :).

Zechariah 14:1

Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil (areas captured in the Six Day War?) shall be divided in the midst of thee (Israel). 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 (East Jerusalem) shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

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