The US administration has created an 8 month timetable for peace in the Middle East, according to a recent report from Haaretz. The US has presented the document to the Israelis and Palestinians, in the hope that setting concrete dates for certain tasks will give leaders a political horizon to work towards and help spur on the Middle East peace process. The Americans believe that Palestinian rocket attacks against Israel could cease by the end of the year, if Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas implements security reforms. According to the plan, Israel would also have to give greater freedom to Palestinians wanting to travel to the West Bank, which some Israelis fear would present an open door for Hamas to gain a foothold in the region.

Quote: *"U.S. diplomats presented the list of benchmarks late last week to Israeli and Palestinian leaders but the details have not been publicly disclosed. Israeli officials said most troubling for them was Washington's decision to set specific dates for when Israel would begin allowing Palestinian bus and truck convoys to travel between the territories. "There is not conditionality. Even if they don't complete their obligations, we'll have to complete ours," a senior Israeli official said on condition of anonymity.*

According to the article it seems Olmert has committed himself to this US timetable. As speculation continues to increase concerning his resignation, he is still talking of re moving more Jewish settlements from Judea and Samaria before the end of this month.

Whether this US plan will be implemented or not, I don't know. It sounds a bit like wishful thinking to me. It doesn't look like outside influences such as Iran have been taken into consideration, and what affect that will have on regional politics. It also presumes that President Abbas will be able to put an end to terror. When it comes to timetables, the Scriptures are the most accurate, and although we aren't told given a specific date when the tribulation period will begin, we are given a detailed analysis of what sequence of events will take place. If

Ezekiel's war comes before the seven year covenant, this is the Bible's seven year timetable.

1) A false peace (Ezekiel 38:11)

2) A regional conflict (Ezekiel 38-39)
3) A European invasion of the Middle East (Daniel 11:41-43)

4) A covenant with many confirmed (Daniel 9:27)

5) Rebuilding of the Temple (2nd Thessalonians 2:4)

6) The persecution of Jews in Judea and Samaria (Mark 13:14)

7) The division of the Holy City (Zechariah 14:2)

8) The final solution (Joel 3:2)
9) Christ returns as King of Kings and Lord of Lords (Revelation 19)

Source Haaretz