## Peace plan to be presented at EU summit today

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Leaders from across the European Union are set to travel to Brussels today for the annual EU summit. The agenda includes reforms to make accession for new members harder to achieve. The new Middle East peace plan, authored by Spain in cooperation with France and Italy, will also be presented to the Council for approval. The plan has already been reviewed by Javier Solana, the High Representative for the European Common, Foreign and Security Policy, and has been accepted by Lebanon and the Palestinian Authority.

Quote: "The Spanish Prime Minister, José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero, travels to Brussels this afternoon to present his Middle East Peace Plan. He will be joined by Jacques Chirac and Román Prodi in a joint call for an immediate cessation in violence. Their plan then calls for a Government of national unity for Palestine, and the third point is the exchange of prisoners. The plan was first presented on November 16th as part of the Spanish/French summit held in Girona. Spain's Foreign Minister, Miguel Ángel Moratinos, said that he was confident that the idea would be supported by the entire European Council.

Meanwhile, religious leaders from several US denominations are calling on the US to make a greater effort to push for peace in the Middle East. The <u>National Interreligious Leadership</u> Initiative for Peace in the Middle East ,

representing the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Episcopal, Evangelical Lutheran and Presbyterian churches, the Union for Reform Judaism and the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, the head of the Greek Orthodox Church in America and the Islamic Society of North America.

Quote: ""The unique role of the United States in the region and in the world gives our nation a special responsibility to pursue peace," the religious leaders said.
"The United States must make peace in the Middle East an urgent priority." The clergy are pressing US leaders to help bring about an Israeli-Palestinian cease-fire and revive talks on a two-state solution; channel reconstruction aid to Lebanon; push for Israeli peace deals with Lebanon and Syria; and work for religious liberty in the region.

I've said it before and I'll say it again, while Christians should be praying for the peace of Jerusalem, and should follow peace with all men on an individual level, I don't agree with liberal denominations such as the above, pressing the US government to find a solution to peace in the Middle East. To work for a lasting solution in the Middle East conflict means dividing God's land - an act which He hates, and working against God's prophetic Scriptures - which state that there will be no peace until Christ returns. To me, these liberal groups are like the Old Testament prophets who spoke peace for Israel in the name of the Lord, when it was God's plan to judge the nation for its sin. To the liberal "Christians" and religions of this world, we "prophesy evil" and they

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blame us for the lack of peace in the Middle East. This is not true, we do not prophesy evil and we do not seek war that we may hasten our Lord's return. But do we speak the truth.

## 1st Kings 22:8

And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, [There is] yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil.

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