Details of the negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians on the proposed Declaration of Principles have been leaked by Palestinian negotiators. Dr Guy Bechor, an Israeli expert on Arab affairs, has revealed some of the details of the proposal, passed by Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert to Palestinian Authority President Abbas within the last few days.

The plan entails the establishment of a state called Palestine alongside Israel, which will have a territory of 6250km - the geographical extent of Judea, Samaria and Gaza. Palestine will be a demilitarised state. Many of the settlements in Judea and Samaria will be demolished and their inhabitants expelled. Palestine will receive compensation from Israel for the remaining pockets of Jewish communities in Judea and Samaria in the form of territories in Israel that have an Arab majority. A passage from the Gaza Strip to Judea and Samaria will be constructed by Israel and be maintained by the Palestinian administration. The city of Jerusalem is to be divided between Jews and Arabs. Areas with an Arab majority will come under Palestinian sovereignty, while areas with a Jewish majority will remain part of Israel. The "right of return" for Palestinian refugees is not mentioned in the document.

Quote: *"Bechor says that Abbas and his men have gone over the draft and are not pleased; they know how to negotiate, he notes. In a recent interview with PA TV, Abbas said that "declarations of principles are a waste of time" and "useless." What the PA wants, he said, is a clear timetable for establishing Palestine, as well as an Israeli pullback, demolition of Jewish communities and "return of refugees" (i.e., the flooding of Israel with Arab citizens).*

Looking back over the past few years, its amazing to see how far we have come in relation to end time events. Israel and the Palestinians are working on a blueprint for the division of God's land, as foretold in the book of Joel over 2500 years ago. For the first time in history, Israel has agreed to the division of Jerusalem, as prophesied in the book of Zechariah. The Israeli Prime Minister is proposing the expulsion of Jews from Judea and Samaria, as predicted by the Lord Jesus Christ in the book of Matthew. And world leaders are standing on the sidelines, preparing to strengthen any agreement that is made, in accordance with Daniel's prophecy. End time prophecy is no longer something that may happen sometime in the distant future, it is happening here and now before our eyes.

Thinking about all these prophesies coming to pass makes me think about Daniel. During the Babylonian captivity, Daniel studied the prophesies of Jeremiah, who had foretold of Israel's exile and how long it would be until the nation would be brought back to the land (Jeremiah 25:12). When Daniel read the book of Jeremiah, he understood that Israel's 70 year exile was just about to end (Daniel 9). Upon discovering this, he prayed to God for forgiveness for the

sins of the nation, and for God's wrath to be accomplished on Jerusalem. As a result of that prayer, an angel was sent to Daniel to give him (and us) understanding about what would befall the Jewish people in the last days. Friends, with all these prophesies coming to pass before our eyes, I can't help but feel that like Daniel, we are standing on the very edge of a major milestone in God's prophetic calendar. Like Daniel, we may not know exactly how it will come to pass, but we believe that through studying the Scriptures, the time of the Lord's coming is near. Even so, come Lord Jesus.

Daniel 9:2
In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

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