Israeli Vice Premier Haim Ramon has stated that the issue of Jerusalem will be discussed at the international peace conference to be held in late November. The date of the conference has been put back to give more time for Israeli and Palestinian negotiators to draft a joint statement. The statement, which will summarize all agreements made between Israel and the Palestinians to date, will be read out at the gathering, which is believed to be slated for around November 26th (easy way of remembering: day after my birthday). Ramon, who had previously published his own plans for the division of Jerusalem, has stated that anyone who thinks the creation of Palestinian institutions will be the only thing discussed is deceiving themselves...

Quote: *""Whoever thinks that in the Annapolis conference the parties will be discussing the structure of institutions in the Palestinian Authority is fooling himself," he said. "It is in Israel's interest that all the Jewish neighborhoods in Jerusalem receive international recognition, and that Arab neighborhoods like Wallaja and Shoafat are transferred to the Palestinians," Ramon said.*

Under Ramon's plan , Israel will immediately hand over three suburbs of Jerusalem to the control of the Palestinian Authority following the declaration of an agreement. Neighbourhoods with a Jewish majority will fall under Israeli jurisdiction, while those with an Arab majority will fall under Palestinian jurisdiction. Palestine will become a demilitarised state, which will be patrolled by an international peace-keeping force. A land corridor would be created, which would link Gaza and Judea together. Holy sites in Jerusalem such as the Temple Mount will be administered by a special body. Efforts are being made by both Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas to have the joint statement ready for next month. Olmert has stated that he believes he does not need the permission of the Knesset to draft the so-called Declaration of Intentions , despite the Palestinian view that this document will form the basis for a future agreement between the two peoples...

Quote: *""The joint document will anchor international agreements, the Arab peace initiative and the vision of President Bush," Qureia said. "The Israeli and Palestinian negotiating teams will have to establish a position in the document on issues like borders." Qureia went further and offered an example of the kind of detail he expected in the document: "The border [between Israel and the PA] will be on the basis of the 1967 lines, with the possibility of making limited changes that will not undermine the natural resources and territorial contiguity."*

The vision of President Bush... Why do the heathen rage and the people imagine a vain thing? (Psalm 2:1) The Bible states that the Holy City will be divided, in a vain attempt at settling this 4000 year old conflict. But the vision of two states living side by side in peace and security is nothing more than desert mirage. Zechariah 14:2 and Revelation 11:2 state that the Holy City will be divided, and for a period of 42 months the Gentiles will once again take control of Jerusalem. This prophecy could not have been fulfilled until after the Six Day War, in which Israel took total control of its capital. The Scriptures warn us that when they shall say "peace and safety!", or in today's language "peace and security!", then sudden destruction shall come upon them as travail upon a women with child, and they shall not escape (1st Thessalonians 5:3). But there is hope for the believer in Jesus Christ. Paul goes on to say that this time period, which shall see the commencement of the Day of the Lord, shall not catch true believers off guard. We shall be looking for our deliverer, the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall be coming to take home His Bride. Amen. Just thinking about that, what a day that will be. Here on earth it's nice to be home, knowing you are safe and warm. But to be at home with the Lord, where we will be safe forever, where nobody can ever come at us or harm us without getting past Him. That'll be something.

1st Thessalonians 5:9-10
For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

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