Three prominent Jewish organizations are planning to hand a letter to President Bush upon his arrival in the Middle East, requesting that he recognize the Jewish people's Divine right to the land of Israel. The President is due to arrive in the region on the 9th of January to support final status negotiations which commenced following the peace conference in Annapolis. The document has been signed by the President of the Sanhedrin Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, head of the Temple Institute Rabbi Chaim Richman, and Dr. Gadi Eshel of the recently formed New Jewish Congress. The letter takes the form of a scroll, and is addressed to President Bush as the *"Chief Prince of Meshech and Tubal"* and *"Leader of the West"*. You can view the contents of scroll here, and view an online presentation by Rabbi Chaim Richman here. In the letter, the leaders of the Jewish organizations urge President Bush to be remembered as King Cyrus, who was responsible for the rebuilding of Jerusalem following the Babylonian captivity, rather than King Nebuchadnezzar who was responsible for its destruction. The letter includes passages from Torah explaining how God promised the land of Israel to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and their seed for an eternal possession. The letter calls upon President Bush to make a choice between supporting the state Israel and paving the path for world peace, or supporting the division of the land and facing the consequences...

Quote: *"The proclamation also takes a foreboding tone: "Or – Heaven forbid – you can choose the second option – to wilfully aid in the destruction, under the guise of peace! You certainly know what the G-d of Israel did to Egypt and Assyria and to all Israel's enemies from time immemorial: Do you imagine that you will be able to save yourself if you have come to implement a plan that intends to steal the land of "the people that survived the sword" (Jeremiah 31:1), and to cut off those who survived the Holocaust, to rob the land that was given to them by the Creator?" "All of the peace treaties and initiatives which have been based upon the decisions of the government of Israel, indeed the entire Oslo process, and the 'Disengagement,' and the establishment of a terrorist state within the Land of Israel known as 'Palestine' – regrettably, all of these agreements are the result of a lack of sufficient faith in the Divine promises that the Lord made to the patriarchs of our nation, and all that is written in the Torah of Israel. "Understand this well: the nations of the world cannot excuse their actions and their decisions on account of the weakness of Israel and her government. G-d ordained that the role of the nations of the world is to strengthen the nation of Israel. This will benefit all humanity and bring about world peace, as the prophets have foretold.*

Just a few days ago, the same organizations sent a letter to Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert,

demanding the right for Jews to pray on the Temple Mount . There is no doubt we are living in tremendous days. Who would ever have thought we would see the day when the nations of the world would gather to discuss the division of Israel? And who would ever have thought we would see the day when an Israeli government was willing to contemplate dividing Jerusalem? This, coupled with recent propheti c developments , including the reformation of the Sanhedrin for the first time in 1600 years, blueprints for the construction of the Third Temple and more, can mean only one thing. We are now living in the last days. Like a giant jigsaw puzzle, the prophecies concerning the end times are rapidly falling into place. It is no longer a question of if these things comes to pass, but when they will come to pass. The Scriptures have proven to be 100% accurate in all that has taken place.

Rabbi Chaim Richman's conviction is admirable, but sadly like many Israelis today he does not believe Yeshua is the Messiah. He believes that the nation of Israel can experience peace through rebuilding the Temple and possessing the land God promised them. God will defend His chosen people, that I do not deny. I believe that according to Scripture the Temple will be rebuilt, but no peace will come. Instead, the Antichrist will defile the Temple (Daniel 11:31), cause the sacrificial system to cease (Daniel 9:27) and proclaim himself to be God (2nd Thessalonians 2:4). And then the greatest period of persecution the Jewish people have ever seen will commence (Daniel 12:1, Matthew 24:21). What did the Lord say when He left the Temple for the last time prior to His crucifixion? "Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord ", Luke 13:35. Peace will not come for Israel until the nation is willing to recognize their rejected Messiah (Isaiah 53:1). For Israel as a nation the blindness will continue (Romans 11:25), until that day when the only place left they have to look to for help is up (Zechariah 12:10). Then the nation of Israel will mourn for their Messiah, and for the hardness of their own hearts. But what about you? You have no excuse. You read about Jesus Christ and what He has done for you on the cross, yet like the nation of Israel you still refuse to recognize Him as Lord and Saviour. Someday you may mourn the hardness of your own heart. But then it may be too late.

Zechariah 12:10
And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

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