SOS Israel, a Jewish organization that is opposed to the establishment of a Palestinian state in Gaza, Judea, Samaria and east Jerusalem, held a rally marking President Bush's visit to the country. President Bush has spoken in his strongest terms yet in regards to the establishment of a Palestinian state, calling for an end to the Israeli " occupation " that began in 1967. He said

quot;painful political concessions would have to be made by both sides" . Regarding the status of Jerusalem the President said that this would be one of the most difficult challenges on the road to peace, but that this was the road they had chosen to walk. President Bush said he believed that a peace treaty between Israel and the Palestinians would be signed by the end of his term in office.

Quote: ""I believe we need to look to the establishment of a Palestinian state and new international mechanisms, including compensation, to resolve the refugee issue," said Bush, in a statement summing up two days of meetings with Israeli and Palestinian leaders. "There should be an end to the occupation that began in 1967," continued Bush. "The agreement must establish Palestine as a homeland for the Palestinian people, just as Israel is a homeland for the Jewish people." "These negotiations must ensure that Israel has secure, recognized, and defensible borders," he said. "And they must ensure that the state of Palestine is viable, contiguous, sovereign, and independent."

Around 200 people gathered in Jerusalem's Zion Square tonight for what was billed as an emergency rally to protest against President Bush's support for the division of the land. Several prominent rabbis were in attendance at the gathering, including Rabbi Yisrael Ariel, founder of the Temple Institute. Advertisements for the meeting noted the <u>prophetic nature</u> of events now unfolding in the Middle East, quoting Psalm 2 which prophesies of the battle of Armageddon and the coming of the Messiah.

Quote: "Advertisements announcing the rally referred to the pressure being put on Israel to cede more territory, destroy communities in Judea and Samaria, and divide Jerusalem as direct fulfilments of Biblical prophecy. The fliers quoted Psalms 2: "Why do the nations rage, and the peoples meditate a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against Y-h, and against His anointed." Rally organizers said this scenario was being realized in the recent freeze on construction in Judea and Samaria. This order and others, they claimed, are in fact edicts against the G-d of Israel, the Land of Israel and the Torah.

Chairman of SOS Israel, Rabbi Dov Wolpe, also mentioned the <u>prophetic</u> nature of the events in his address to the gathering, stating that only the coming of the Messiah could save them, now that the government of Israel had turned its back on the people.

Quote: "Wolpe continued to say that "only the coming of the messiah can save us, not the High Court (of Justice), which is collaborating with the Arabs."

I find this news extremely interesting, that unbelieving Jews are realizing the significance of the days we are now living in. The nations of the world have indeed "imagined a vain thing&q uot;, in pursuing President Bush's vision of

"two states living side by side in peace and security"

. But many of these religious Jews, who are legitimately longing for the rebuilding of the Temple and the coming of their Messiah, are still so blinded as to His identity. It's ironic that SOS Israel should quote Psalm 2, referring to "

the Lord and His Anointed

(Messiah)", the very One they crucified (Acts 2:23). Judea and east Jerusalem will be taken by the Gentiles following the breakdown of the peace agreement in the Middle East (Zechariah 12:2, Zechariah 14:2). And at the close of the seven year period, all nations will gather together in the plain of Megiddo, just north of the "West Bank", to do battle against Jerusalem. Only when the Jewish nation has no-one else to turn to, will they finally look unto Him whom they pierced (Zechariah 12:10). Jesus Christ is coming again. These news articles are solid proof of that fact. Are you ready to meet Him? Have you trusted in Jesus Christ for salvation? Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved (Acts 16:32).

Malachi 3:16-17

Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him

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