

Essay from the bold Pastor

#7 - People coming, people going -

On December 17, 2011, as Christmas was right around the corner, Kim Jong-Il, the supreme leader of North Korea died of a heart attack. Looking back, the wedding of Great Britain's Prince William and Kate Middleton fell on April 29 of the same year. Only 3 days later, on May 2, the founder of militant Islamist organization, Al Qaeda, Osama bin Laden, got killed by the United States Naval Special Warfare Development Group. What followed was the capture and death of Colonel Gaddafi, the leader of Libya by the opposition on October 20 (cause of death still unknown). This event fell on 7 days after the wedding of Bhutan's immensely popular monarch (October 13, 2011). Within the 7 months period, weddings of famous kings and passing of three dictators covered all over the media. 2011 turned out to be a mysterious year in which good news and bad news were unfolded alternatively.

Bible contains many stories with dictators and kings. Most of the time, they regard themselves to be almighty and reign over the world as rulers. However, it is God that actually controls all. Nebuchadnezzar II of Neo-Babylonian Empire, which is famous for its "Hanging Gardens", was one of the arrogant rulers. One day, he angered God and went mad. He wandered around like a stray dog for the following 7 years. However, when he finally repented his arrogance before God, conscience came back to him. The following is the poem he sang back then praising God.

"His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation. All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: 'What have you done?' Everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble. "

Daniel 4:34-37

Nebuchadnezzar II eventually went back to being the king. Unlike the kings of this world, "heaven's king, Jesus Christ" is immortal and leads us with his mysterious power forever.

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