## Essay from the bold pastor

## #275 - The Trembling World -

The "unexpected" Start of the Trump Administration has been rocking the financial markets and politics around the world. However, this is just a minimal reflection of the world today. Likewise, the unexpected departure of England from the European Union exposed the voter's anti-immigration sentiment and there has been a concern among people within the European Union today that those countries may be exiting from the EU trade pact; following the England's exit or "BREXIT". Within the anti-immigration and anti-refugee climate and the rise of the right-wing nationalists, they are aiming to prioritize their own national gains including the countries such as; Italy, Austria, France, Netherlands, Germany, Finland, etc. And now, there is a rising concern of France exiting the EU or "FREXIT" as a result of unexpected popularity of Marine Le Pen; the head of an extreme right-wing political party known for their anti-EU policy.

Now, likewise with Trump administration, they have been facing continuous struggle carried out through; banning from the Trans-Pacific Partnership or "TPP", banning Obama Care, and prohibiting immigrants and refugees into the US, in the judicial court. Mr. Trump has been criticized by the media and the general public as "a fool" or as "a dictator"; being ridiculed as "populism". However, the last midterm election from 2014 has been showing that today's situation has been through a mere continuity of populism initiated by Obama administration, while the seats of the congress and senate have been dominated by the republicans already, while democrats being powerless. Also, appallingly, no one in the republican was able to win over this "fool", where we can say that Mr. Trump was destined to be elected. In another words, it is exposing the fact that people no longer have been able to participate effectively in the politics.

This also has been evident in Japan from Mr. Koizumi's era where he shouted;" I am going to destroy Democratic Liberal Party", or through the "Hashimoto politics", and through "the Koike Puppet Show". As a matter of fact, today's rocking world has been recorded in the Bible in more than 2500 years ago. It points to a dream of statue of a giant that the King Nebuchadnezzar saw, who established one of the largest countries built in the history of humanity. Bible describes the statue of the giant as:

"The head of the statue was made of pure gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of baked clay."

Daniel 2:32-33

The head of pure gold depicts Babylon, and down from its neck showing the emerging imperial nations getting poorer in its grade of metals that are used on the statue as it goes down. What this means is:

"As the toes were partly iron and partly clay, so this kingdom will be partly strong and partly brittle.

And just as you saw the iron mixed with baked clay, so the people will be a mixture and will not remain united, any more than iron mixes with clay."

42-43

As this passage says, the world power will be segregated as a result of lacking a dominating leader. Bible predicts a dominance by a dictator that will be rising because of people longing for strong leadership. However, ones who believe in Jesus will be walking steadfastly without being shaken.

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