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Greetings from Phoenix,

During the run up to the presidency one thing President Trump has consistently said and since the election is that NATO is obsolete. Mr. Trump was quoted as saying by Breitbart on January 16, *"I said a long time ago that NATO had problems," Trump said during the interview with the [Times of London](#) and Germany's Bild. "Number one, it was obsolete, because it was designed many, many years ago. Number two, the countries weren't paying what they're supposed to pay."*

Of the 22 nations in NATO only five are paying their share of the financial burden placed on the United States, and the U.S. President does not think that is enough. In addition, he has stressed that NATO is important, but that it was not protecting Europe from terrorism.

There are many in the United States and Europe who wonder what this portends for the future of NATO for Europe. Some have suggested that President Trump intends to withdraw from NATO.

Whatever the future brings it has caused a reaction in Europe. European Union President Donald Tusk says China, Russia and the new U.S. administration of U.S. President Donald Trump are among the top external threats facing the bloc.

Germany, France, and the Netherlands are the most powerful nations of the EU. As a result of the change in the U.S. administration and Brexit, this has allowed Germany to assert greater leadership for Europe. There is a greater recognition that Europe must have a well equipped military.

Just last year, Jean-Claude Juncker said that the European Union needs a military headquarters to work towards a common military force, the Commission president has told MEPs in Strasbourg. It would be the equivalent of a facility like the Pentagon.

The Brexit vote has given added impetus to plans for greater defence co-operation, because the UK has always objected to the potential conflict of interest with NATO. But Mr Juncker said a common military force "should be in complement to Nato". "More defence in Europe doesn't mean less transatlantic solidarity."

Jaroslav Kaczynski, Poland's powerful head of the ruling party, wants his country to be brought under the US nuclear defence system, but Kaczynski also called for Europe to become a "nuclear superpower."

There is a growing recognition that Europe must develop its own defense system. In this quest for greater independence from the United States there will be some nations which will fall out. However of the twenty-two nations in the EU there will be 10 nations which will come together and agree for a limited time.

The book of Revelation foretells what ultimately will happen, *“The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. ¹³ These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. ¹⁴ These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.” ¹⁵ Then he said to me, “The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.”*(Rev.17:12-15 NKJV)

We don't know what the final configuration of the Europe of the future will be, but this is why we as Christians must continually watch. We must be aware of the rapidly changing times in which we are living.

Attached is this week's Prophetic Times. Please have a wonderful Sabbath!

Kind regards,
Jim Tuck

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