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Topic: Studies in Revelation - Who is the Dragon?

Text: Revelation 12:1-17

1. The two main characters in Revelation 12 are the woman and the dragon. God used redemptive history to teach us that this world is an evil and corrupt world. We are living in the age of the dragon. The dragon is actively working and he seeks to flame up the wickedness in man such that there will be no peace in this world.
2. The woman, who is described to be clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet and a crown on her head, refers to Israel (Gen 37:9). The dragon, who is described as having seven heads, ten horns and seven crowns, refers to Satan (Rev 17:9). Throughout history, Satan had been attacking Israel because he wants Christ to be vanquished. He was dead set to stop the Messiah from ruling and saving mankind. As a fallen angel who once tried to deceive Eve in the Garden of Eden, he will ultimately be defeated in due time.
3. The dragon is currently now spreading false accusation about God and true believers. One example in the Bible is Job. Satan accused Job before God by saying that Job only followed God due to physical benefits. His ultimate aim was to accuse God as a liar. Today, Satan is still an accuser of brethren and he seeks to spread lies and falsehood among the believers to tear the church apart.
4. The dragon can be overcome through the Lord Jesus Christ. God protected the woman by giving her two wings to flee from the dragon (v14). Pray that the Lord will help us by empowering us with strength to overcome the dragon. The Holy Spirit who indwells us can help us to overcome the attacks of Satan and stand firm on God's truth. The Lord is our refuge and strength.

*Ask the Saviour to help you - comfort, strengthen and keep you*