

Year Of The DRAGON



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The Bible, which transcends East and West, has its own story of the dragon, which failed to devour the Son born by the Woman.¹ The Son,

who was to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, was taken up to God and His throne. The dragon pursued the Woman in rage but failed to destroy her. The dragon turned his fury against the children of the Woman, who keep the commandments of God and proclaim the message about Jesus Christ.

The first man, Adam was the representative head of the human race. When he listened to his wife, Eve, and ate from the forbidden tree, he brought guilt and sin upon their descendants. God, in His mercy, promised the coming of a Saviour, but Satan attempted to prevent that from happening.

The Woman is not the virgin, Mary, who gave birth to Jesus Christ. Rather, the Woman represents the Church, which is the people of God considered collectively. Satan is always using three agents to attack God's people – persecuting governments, false teachings, and the allurements of the world. When Jesus Christ was born, Herod the Great unsuccessfully tried to kill Him. As Jesus Christ taught in Israel, He was rejected by the Jews and finally crucified

by the Romans. On the third day, Jesus rose from death, and was seen by over 500 of His followers on different occasions, before being taken up to heaven.² Again, Satan failed to destroy the God-appointed Saviour!

Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, came to take upon Himself perfect human nature. As God and Man in one Person, He offered Himself to die on the cross as the perfect substitute for His people. Chinese people take pride in being 'descendants of the dragon', not realizing that we are all 'descendants of fallen Adam'³. We may become the children of God, through faith in Jesus Christ. Come to Jesus Christ!

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第一个人，亚当是人类的代表领袖。当他听从妻子夏娃的话，吃了禁树上的果子时，他给他们的后代带来了罪。上帝本着怜悯，应许了一位救主的到来，但撒但试图阻止这一切发生。

该妇人并不是生下耶稣基督的童贞女马利亚。反之，该妇人代表教会，即全体上帝的子民。撒但总是利用三个媒介来攻击上帝的子民——迫害的政府、错误的教导和世俗的诱惑。当耶稣基督诞生时，希律大帝试图杀死他，但没有成功。当耶稣基督在以色列进行教导的时候，被犹太人拒绝，最终被罗马人钉死在十字架

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