

Revelation Week 9
October 13 | Weekly Devotionals

## **OPEN** with prayer.

Begin this devotional exercise by finding a quiet place where you can spend time with God in his word. Before reading, pray that the Holy Spirit would open your eyes and heart to what God wants to say to you.

## **READ Revelation 12:1-17.**

• What is the basic content of this passage? Try to summarize it in your own words.

- Compare Revelation 12:1-6 with Genesis 3:15, 17:19, and 2 Samuel 7:12. In light of these passages, to whom does the woman give birth? Who do you think this makes the woman?
- Read Psalm 2. How does this passage relate to Revelation 12:5? What does this tell you about this child to whom the woman will give birth?

•	What actions and descriptions are given to the "dragon" in this passage? What is the reason given in 12:12 for the dragon's rage? Based on this, who do you think is being represented here as the "dragon?"
•	How are the rest of the woman's "offspring" described in Revelation 12:17? What does this reveal about the nature of God's people?
REFLECT	
•	In what area of life do you feel like Satan is attacking you, at your heels, or has been waging war against you (think about your own will and ability to follow Jesus, think about in your family, in your relationships, etc.)? Take a few moments after writing down your thoughts to ask God for his help in this area.
•	Read John 8:44 and John 10:10. How is Satan described here? What lies from Satan have you been tempted to believe about yourself, about the world, etc.? Where has Satan been bringing about destruction in your life?
•	Revelation 12:1-17 shows us that we are in a spiritual war. Is this reality something you think about often? Why or why not? What are the side effects of <i>not</i> noting this aspect of reality? Is there anything going on in your life that you can't seem to figure out that might be spiritual warfare?
•	Read Ephesians 6:10-17. What piece of God's armor do you need to put on today? How will you go about doing that?

## PRAY

Take anything you reflected on above and spend time praying that to God. Pray for safety in the gospel. Pray for God to help you fight against the attacks of the evil one.