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new year.*

May you find Happiness in every  
Sunrise, Sunset, and Rainbow  
in 2024. May this year be the  
Best year of your Life!

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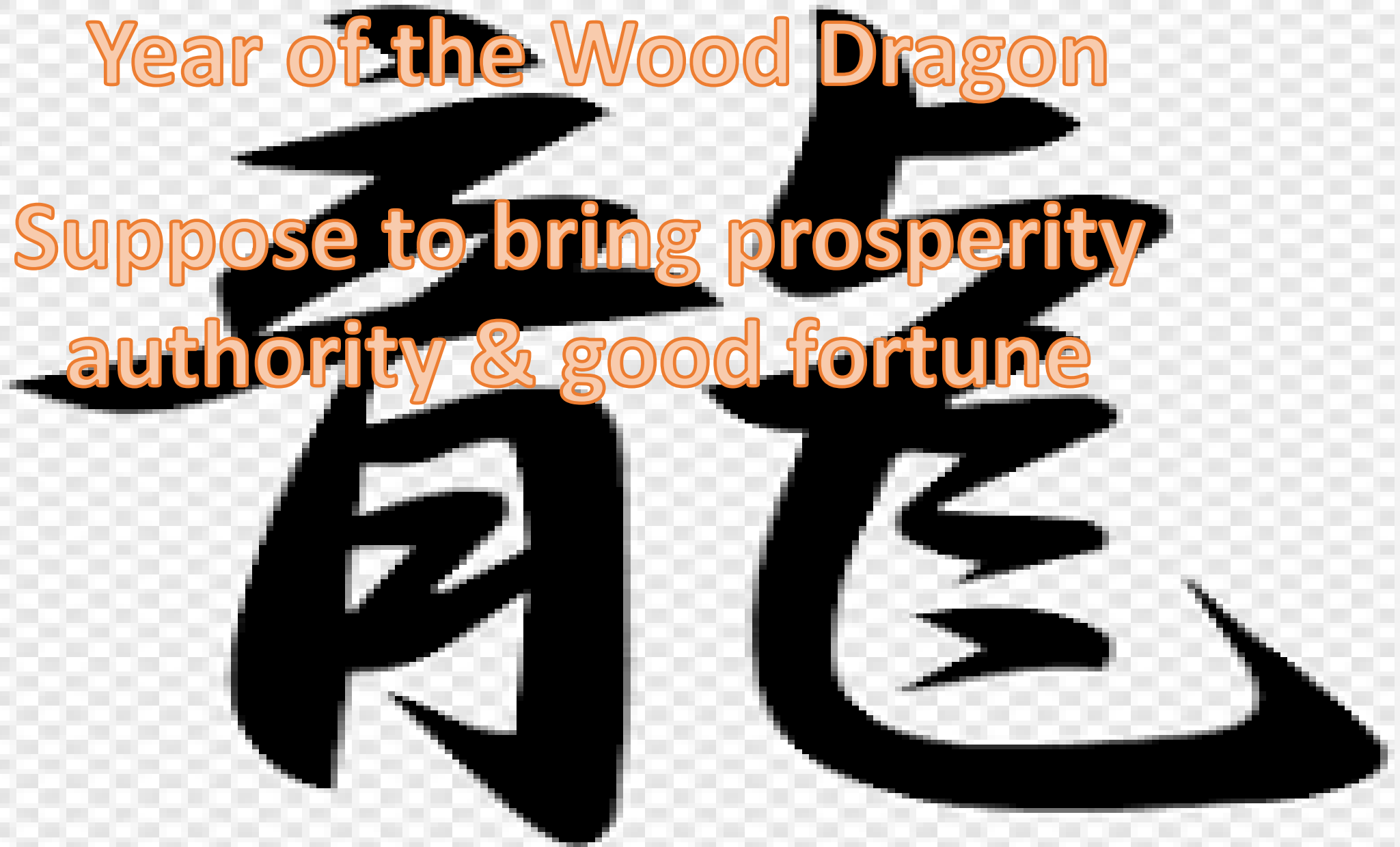
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Year of the Wood Dragon



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Suppose to bring prosperity  
authority & good fortune



REALLY? WHAT WILL THE  
YEAR 2024 BE LIKE FOR US?

# Earthquake Japan 1/1/24







# Russian – Ukraine war





## 2023 Israel-Hamas war

-  Gaza Strip
-  Occupied areas under Israeli control
-  Areas under Israeli control administered by Israel
-  International borders of Israel





# Sudan infighting





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# MASSIVE PROTESTS CONTINUE TO ROCK MYANMAR

# 2024

- 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024. Earthquake in Japan – magnitude 7.6 (Strongest earthquake in 40 years)
- Ukraine – Russian war continues
- Israel – Hamas war ongoing
- Civil unrest in Myanmar, Sudan
- Ongoing US – China tension
- Nuclear threats
- Global warming leading to drastic climate change





**But when these things begin to happen,  
stand up, look up because your  
redemption is drawing near. Luke 21:28**







Psalms 65:11



A photograph of a bright blue sky filled with soft, white, fluffy clouds. The clouds are scattered across the frame, with some appearing more prominent than others. The overall scene is bright and clear.

Deuteronomy 33:13-16

How should we live our  
lives?

**Ephesians 5:15**

- Be very careful, then, how you live —not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 5:15-20



# ... because the days are evil

- Making the most of every opportunity / Redeeming the time (KJV)
- Prioritise our activities with care
- Decides which deserves more of our time & which deserves less
- Not to waste precious time
- Therefore do not be foolish but understand the will of the LORD. v17
- Live as children of light. Eph 5:8
- Find out what pleases the LORD. Eph 5:10

## EPHESIANS 5:8-10

- For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and **find out what pleases the LORD**

Find out what pleases the LORD

**EPHESIANS 5:10**



# What do you think pleases the LORD?

- Obey His commandments (Matt 19:19 the rich young man)
- Do God's will. 1Thess 4:3, 1Thess 5:18, John 6:40
- Do not sin, lead holy lives. 1Thess 4:7
- Read the Bible more. Psalms 119:11
- Pray more, be more thankful. 1Thess 5:17, Eph 5:20
- Prioritise going to church every week. Heb 10:25
- Go on missions, do more good works, fasting, tithing etc.

The one person the Bible  
mentioned pleased God

**Enoch**



# Hall of Faith – Hebrews 11

- Enoch included in the Hall of Faith, though there was nothing extraordinary about him. Unlike...
- .....Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. 11:32-34



# Enoch

- When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah. After he became the father of Methuselah, **Enoch walked faithfully with God 300 years** and had other sons and daughters. Altogether, Enoch lived a total of 365 years. **Enoch walked faithfully with God**; then he was no more, because God took him away. Genesis 5:21-24

# Enoch

- Enoch, the seventh from Adam\*, prophesied about them: “See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all of them of all the ungodly acts they have committed in their ungodliness, and of all the defiant words ungodly sinners have spoken against him.” These people are grumblers and faultfinders; they follow their own evil desires; they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage. Jude 1:14-16.
- \*Lamech, also seventh son of Adam from the line of Cain.

# Enoch

- By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: “He could not be found, because God had taken him away.” For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God.  
Hebrews 11:5

And without faith it is  
impossible to please God

Hebrews 11:6



# Faith ...

- is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. (This is what the ancients were commended for).ESV Hebrews 11:1-2
- is being sure of what we hoped for and certain of what we do not see. NIV
- is the substance of things hoped for, evidence of things not seen. KJV

Faith sees the invisible, believes  
in the impossible and receives  
the incredible

Author unknown

Against all hope, Abraham in  
hope believed....

Romans 4:18

# Abraham in Romans 4:19-21

- Without weakening in his faith
- Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God
- **Strengthened in his faith**
- Gave glory to God
- **Fully persuaded** that God had the power to do what He has promised



Faith cometh by hearing, and  
hearing by the Word of God

**Romans 10:17 KJV**

Faith comes by hearing the  
message and the message is  
heard through the word of  
Christ

**Romans 10:17(NIV)**

