

The Great Christmas Epic! Part 1 – The Plan! Luke 2; Revelation 12 November 28, 2021 – First Sunday in Advent

"Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth. And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne." (Revelation 12:1-6; NKJ)

I. Christmas is the _____ of the great cosmic _____ of God!

A. Remember that God had an epic plan from the _____!

"Surely the Lord God does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets." (Amos 3:7; NKJ)

"All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." (Revelation 13:8; NKJ)

(Genesis 3:14-15)

B. Remember the _____ God used to carry out his plan! (v 1,2,5)

"Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, 'Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me.' So he told it to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, 'What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?'" (Genesis 37:9-11; NKJ)

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: May they prosper who love you." (Psalm 122:6; NKJ)

C. Remember that God has a _____ and _____ for _____!

1. God's plan is for you to _____ Him and _____ Him!

"And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him," (Acts 17:26-31; NKJ)

2. God's plan is for you to be _____ and _____ in Christ!

"For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren." (Romans 8:29; NKJ)

3. God's plan is for you to _____ of God.

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10; NKJ)

4. God's plan is for you to _____!

"Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation." (2 Corinthians 5:18-19; NKJ)

"And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.' Amen." (Matthew 28:18-20; NKJ)