

Advent Readings for 2015

Theme: The Invisible War: Conflicting Kings and Kingdoms

Week 1 (Nov 29)

John 1:1-3

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was fully God. 2 The Word was with God in the beginning. 3 All things were created by him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created.

The creation of Angels

Psalms 148

1 Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the sky!

Praise him in the heavens!

2 Praise him, all his angels!

Praise him, all his heavenly assembly!

3 Praise him, O sun and moon!

Praise him, all you shiny stars!

4 Praise him, O highest heaven,
and you waters above the sky!

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he gave the command and they came into existence.

The creation of Mankind

Gen 1

26 Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, after our likeness, so they may rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the cattle, and over all the

earth, and over all the creatures that move on the earth.”

27 God created humankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them,
male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply! Fill the earth and subdue it! Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and every creature that moves on the ground.” ...

31 God saw all that he had made – and it was very good!

Rev 4:6-11

In the middle of the throne and around the throne were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. 7 The first living creature was like a lion, the second creature like an ox, the third creature had a face like a man’s, and the fourth creature looked like an eagle flying. 8 Each one of the four living creatures had six wings and was full of eyes all around and inside. They never rest day or night, saying:

***“Holy Holy Holy is the Lord God, the All-Powerful,
Who was and who is, and who is still to come!”***

9 And whenever the living creatures give glory, honor, and thanks to the one who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders throw themselves to the ground before the one who sits on the throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever, and they offer their crowns before his throne, saying:

11 “You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
since you created all things,
and because of your will they existed and were created!”