I. Celebrating Christmas and not contextualizing it in prophesy diminishes its meaning.

 A. Last week in chapter 7, four beasts appeared in Daniel’s visions of the future.

 1. A lion, a bear, a leopard, and a 10-horned beast.

 2. Christmas appears in the 10-horned beast.

 a. It is not apparent unless we read the end of the book: Rev. 12,13.

II. Let’s contextualize Christmas in our own modern orientations.

 A. Shall we have ourselves a sensational Christmas?

 1. Concerts, trees, decorations, trips, presents?

 B. Shall we have ourselves a sentimental Christmas?

 2. Old traditions, family?

 C. Have we considered having ourselves a celestial Christmas?

 1. Would we be willing to consider Christmas from a cosmic point of view?

 2. A thorough exercise would be consideration of each known element. a. For example, from a cosmic point of view, consider the manger.

 (1) What does it say, mean, mean to me?

 b. Choirs of angels, heaven opening.

 (1) We speak of Handel’s Messiah, but what about Isaiah’s?

 3. As big of a deal as Christmas is, it is far too limited without this

 perspective.

III. The character left out of the Christmas story is the Dragon found in Revelation.

 A. The Dragon has 7 heads, 10 horns, and 7 crowns.

 B. The presence of the Dragon lets us know how to contextualize Christmas.

 1. Folks, Christmas is an **act of war**. Revelation 12:7

 C. The Dragon is, of course, Satan.

 1. See Isaiah 14:12-17; 2 Peter 2:4; Ezekiel 28:12-14

 D. Christmas applied would mean dressed for the season in armor – not red.

IV. Characters in the Christmas story, such as Herod, are to be understood as part of the

 war.

 A. Consider Psalm 2

 B. Christmas songs are more than carols.

 1. Yes, “What a Friend We Have in Jesus;” but also, “What a Foe We Have

 In Satan.”

 C. Christmas is an invasion, a covert operation of the greatest magnitude.

 1. Christ enters to rescue kidnapped souls through His redemption.

V. Ultimately, Christ the King will sit on David’s throne when He returns as the ultimate

 warrior.

 A. Currently the war in heaven persists.

 1. Are we aware of it?

 2. Are we prepared for it?

**JOIN ALL THY GLORIOUS NAMES**

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| **1.** Join all Thy glorious namesOf wisdom, love and pow’r,That ever mortals knew,That angels ever bore;All are too poor to speak His worth,Too poor to set my Savior forth.**2.** Great Prophet of my God,My tongue would bless Thy name:By Thee the joyful newsOf our salvation came,The joyful news of sins forgiv’n,Of hell subdued and peace with heav’n. | **3.** Jesus, my great High Priest,Offered His blood and died,My guilty conscience seeksNo sacrifice beside;His powerful blood did once atoneAnd now it pleads before the throne.**4.** Thou art my CounsellorMy Pattern, and my Guide,And now my Shepherd art;O keep me near Thy side:Nor let my feet e’er turn astrayTo wander in the crooked way. |

**5.** My Savior and my Lord,

My Conqu’ror and my King,

Thy scepter and my sword,

Thy reigning grace, I sing:

Thine is the pow’r;, behold I sit

In Willing bonds beneath Thy feet.