Series: Christmas Fulfilled Title: The Planner Main Idea: Christmas was always God's plan.

Text: Luke 1:26-38

1. God's gracious plan (vv. 26-31)

Quote – Darrell Bock – "She is honored by God not because of her own merit or because she has done anything, but simply because she is the chosen vessel for this demonstration of God's grace."

Ephesians 1:5 - ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will

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2. God's eternal plan (vv. 32-33)

Genesis 3:15 – He would come from the seed of the woman.

2 Samuel 7:12-16 – He would come from the line of David.

Micah 5:2 - He would be born in Bethlehem

Micah 5:2 – Bethlehem Ephrathah, you are small among the clans of Judah; one will come from you to be ruler over Israel for me. His origin is from antiquity, from ancient times.

Isaiah 7:14 - He would be born of a virgin

Isaiah 7:14 – Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: See, the virgin will conceive, have a son, and name him Immanuel.

Isaiah 9:6-7 - He will reign forever

Isaiah 9:6-7 – For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us,

and the government will be on his shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. The dominion will be vast, and its prosperity will never end. He will reign on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish and sustain it with justice and righteousness from now on and forever. The zeal of the Lord of Armies will accomplish this.

Ephesians 1:3-4 - ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

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3. God's miraculous plan (vv. 34-37)

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4. Mary's response to God's plan (v. 38)