



Join Deacon Jim McFadden as he leads us through his book titled:
SALVATION HISTORY

DATES: 9/21/26—11/23/26 TIME: 7:00 PM

The book provides a fresh, original interpretive lens through which to understand the intricacies of the Bible, particularly the Old Testament, which contains the promise eventually fulfilled in Jesus of Nazareth—the Savior of the world. This insightful series will help the reader process biblical content at a much higher and deeper level of faith that has the power to purposefully direct our paths and transform lives.

Session 1: September 21— Salvation History: The Overarching Narrative

Our personal, unique unfolding sacred story finds its ultimate meaning within the Divine Revelation of salvation history—that objective and universal overarching narrative which reflects God’s tenacious, unconditional love for all human beings.

Session 2: September 28— Salvation History Begins

Salvation History did not begin with Creation because humanity, as represented by Adam and Eve, were in right relationship with God and was not in need of salvation. But, after the Fall God had to develop a rescue operation to get us back to the Garden.

Session 3: October 5— Abraham, the Father in Faith: God Begins to Gather a People

Abraham was chosen by God as the founder of a people through whom God would save the world. The Chosen People would embody what God wants for the whole world: a priestly people, a holy nation, a people set apart who would be a beacon, a light, a magnet for the rest of the world.

Session 4: October 12— Esau or Jacob: The Rightful Heir—Flesh or Spirit?

The struggle between the two brothers, sons of Isaac, will determine the formation of the people of Israel. The emerging people of God are at a crossroads: Will they be of the flesh or of the spirit?

Session 5: October 19— The Joseph Story: The Hidden God Still Governs

Joseph is much more than a transitional figure, explaining how the tribes of Israel end up in Egyptian captivity, but his character which leads him to forgive his brothers for their betrayal, serves as a prototype for the wise nation to be a conduit of God’s salvation.

Session 6: October 26— The Exodus Experience: A Movement from Oppression to Liberation.

The Israelites will become a Chosen People as they experience liberation, as they are freed from oppression to become a people, who sense that God is in their midst and that their God takes the side of the oppressed. The Exodus Experience forms them as a people.

Session 7: November 2— Joshua and the Judges: The Chosen People Become a Nation

God gave the Israelites judges to overcome their enemies. Using violent and military language, God will give them weapons to win spiritual warfare. Just as God sent the 12 tribes judges to battle Israel’s enemies, Jesus sent out the 12 apostles to do battle.

Session 8: November 9— King David: God Promises an Eternal Dynasty

King David, whom God promised his dynasty would be forever is the prototype of Messiah who would do what David did but at a grander scale. The Messiah, who came from the House of David, would (1) gather the 12 tribes of Israel; (2) overcome Israel’s enemies; (3) renew the temple; (4) usher in a period of glory and prosperity that would extend throughout the world.

Session 9: November 16— The Prophet Jeremiah: Exile and Hope

Despite their abject loss during the Babylonian Exile, Jeremiah offers hope that notwithstanding their infidelity, God will not abandon his people. But the people will need a new heart formed in exile before they can renew their covenant relationship with God. This covenant will be inscribed in their hearts and will be linked to the Messiah who will bring a promise for the future.

Session 10: November 23— Jesus: The Fulfillment of the Messianic Hope

With Jesus, God’s love story, salvation history, comes to a momentous conclusion: God sets in motion a rescue operation that culminated in the Word of God becoming human through Jesus to set the initial wrong of Original Sin and put all humans back into the garden.

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