

Salvation History - Part One

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Passage for Easter Vigil – (Genesis 1:1 – 2:2)

Creation: Numbers 3-4-6-7-10

- 3rd day - pretty much built
 - Jesus is raised
- 4th day – weather (cosmos) (four seasons)
 - Stars, heavenly bodies, sun and moon.
 - (Luke 13:29) - And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God.
- Six: Man created on sixth day
 - (Exodus 31:15) – Six days there are for doing work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of complete rest, holy to the LORD. Anyone who does work on the Sabbath day shall be put to death.
 - It was very good – 6 times
 - Verse 28 – subdue
 - (Revelations 13:8) - 666
- 7 days – calendar days
 - Seven is mentioned 563 x in Bible
 - 42 times in Daniel and Revelations
 - Revelations
 - 7 spirits, Churches, stars, lamps, seals, horns, eyes, angels, trumpets, thunders, heads, crowns, last plagues, golden vials, mountains, Kings
 - It brings us to worship – on seventh day
 - 70 - Appointed 70 (Luke 10:1) - After this the Lord appointed seventy [-two] others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit.
 - Forgive 7 * 70 (Matthew 18:21-22) - Then Peter approaching asked him, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.
 - It was evening and it was morning – day x.
 - Not so with 7th day.
 - (Luke 2:21) - When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.
 - (John 20:19) - On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.”
 - Sabbatical – every seventh year
 - Seven x seven = great Sabbath

- (2 Chronicles 36:21) - All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: Until the land has retrieved its lost Sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled.

Sabbath – mentioned 71 times in Bible. Sabbath doesn't always mean rest

(John 5:16-19) - Therefore, the Jews began to persecute Jesus because he did this on a Sabbath. But Jesus answered them, "My Father is at work until now, so I am at work." For this reason the Jews tried all the more to kill him, because he not only broke the Sabbath but he also called God his own father, making himself equal to God. Jesus answered and said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, a son cannot do anything on his own, but only what he sees his father doing; for what he does, his son will do also

(Matthew 11:5-6) - the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

- 10 – God said . . . (10 times)
 - 10 Commandments
 - Virgins - (Matthew 25:1) – "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.
 - Lepers – (Luke 17:17) – Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine?"
 - Coins (Luke 15:8) – "Or what woman having ten coins and losing one would not light a lamp and sweep the house, searching carefully until she finds it?"

Verse 26 – God uses plural (us) for first time

(John 1:3) - All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be.

(Colossians 1:15-23) - He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head – of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross [through him], whether those on earth or those in heaven. And you who once were alienated and hostile in mind because of evil deeds he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through his death, to present you holy, without blemish, and irreproachable before him, provided that you persevere in the faith, firmly grounded, stable, and not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, am a minister.

Adam and Eve sin: (Genesis 3:1-24)

Now the snake was the most cunning of all the wild animals that the LORD God had made. He asked the woman, "Did God really say, 'You shall not eat from any of the trees in the garden?'" The woman answered the snake: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God

said, 'You shall not eat it or even touch it, or else you will die.'" But the snake said to the woman: "You certainly will not die! God knows well that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, who know good and evil." The woman saw that the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eyes, and the tree was desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loin cloths for themselves. When they heard the sound of the LORD God walking about in the garden at the breezy time of the day, the man and his wife hid themselves from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. The LORD God then called to the man and asked him: Where are you? He answered, "I heard you in the garden; but I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid." Then God asked: Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat? The man replied, "The woman whom you put here with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, so I ate it." The LORD God then asked the woman: What is this you have done? The woman answered, "The snake tricked me, so I ate it." Then the LORD God said to the snake: Because you have done this, cursed are you among all the animals, tame or wild; on your belly you shall crawl, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; They will strike at your head, while you strike at their heel. To the woman he said: I will intensify your toil in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Yet your urge shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you. To the man he said: Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, You shall not eat from it, Cursed is the ground because of you! In toil you shall eat its yield all the days of your life. 18Thorns and thistles it shall bear for you, and you shall eat the grass of the field. By the sweat of your brow you shall eat bread, Until you return to the ground, from which you were taken; For you are dust, and to dust you shall return. The man gave his wife the name "Eve," because she was the mother of all the living. The LORD God made for the man and his wife garments of skin, with which he clothed them. Then the LORD God said: See! The man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil! Now, what if he also reaches out his hand to take fruit from the tree of life, and eats of it and lives forever? The LORD God therefore banished him from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he had been taken. He expelled the man, stationing the cherubim and the fiery revolving sword east of the garden of Eden, to guard the way to the tree of life.

Fr Cantalamessa:

Satan wants to destroy human beings and the world.
The idea of the Atomic Bomb was attractive to some.
The efficiency of Auschwitz was envied by some.

EUCCHARIST: New tree of life

We cannot see the mistake until we are free of it.
The repentant believe forgiveness is a gift.
Sinners see God willing to forgive a burden.

GRACE = punishment for our sins is removed.

Sun can provide light and warmth to six billion.

Jesus can heal six billion.

There is a silent bitterness in sinful people against God. Holy Spirit can be an ally.

God can make heaven and earth. He cannot make a contrite heart.

He created you without your consent. He cannot save you without your consent.

(Acts 2:15) - These people are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

- Holy Spirit kills sin and gives life to heart.

Benedict (again):

(1 Corinthians 15:44-49) - It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual one. So, too, it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being," the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.

(Colossians 1:15) - He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

(John 12:24) - Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

(1 John 3:22) - and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

(Mark 1:15) - "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

(John 8:28) - So Jesus said (to them), "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I AM, and that I do nothing on my own, but I say only what the Father taught me.

(John 3:14) - And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

Closing prayer (s)

(Isaiah 45:23) - By myself I swear, uttering my just decree, a word that will not return: To me every knee shall bend; by me every tongue shall swear,

(Philippians 2:5-11) - Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.