

## THE VIRGIN MARY AS THE ARK OF THE NEW COVENANT

*“Mary, in whom the Lord himself has just made his dwelling, is the daughter of Zion in person, the Ark of the Covenant, the place where the glory of God dwells. She is ‘the dwelling of God [...] with men.’” CCC#2676*

God the Holy Spirit overshadowed and then indwelt the Ark. The Ark became the dwelling place of the presence of God (Ex 40:34-35)	God the Holy Spirit overshadowed and the indwelt Mary. At that time Mary’s womb became the dwelling place of the presence of God (Lk 1:35)
The Ark contained the Ten Commandments [the words of God in stone], a pot of manna, and Aaron’s rod that came back to life (Ex 25:16; Dt 10:2, 5; Heb 9:4).	The womb of the Virgin contained Jesus: the living Word of God enfleshed, the living bread from heaven, “the Branch” (Messianic title) who would die but come back to life (Lk 1:35)
The Ark traveled to the hill country of Judah to rest in the house of Obed-edom (2 Sam 6:1-11)	Mary traveled to the hill country of Judah (Judea) to the home of Elizabeth (Lk 1:39)
Dressed in a priestly ephod, King David approached the Ark and danced and leapt for joy (2 Sam 6:14)	John the Baptist, son of a priest who would himself become a priest, leapt for joy in Elizabeth’s womb at the approach of Mary (Lk 1:43)
David shouted for joy in the presence of God and the holy Ark (2 Sam 6:15)	Elizabeth exclaimed with a loud cry of joy in the presence God within Mary (Lk 1:42)
David asked, “How is it that the Ark of the Lord comes to me?” (2 Sam 6:9)	Elizabeth asks, <i>Why is this granted unto me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?</i> (Lk 1:43)
The Ark remained in the house of Obed-edom for 3 months (2 Sam 6:11)	Mary remained in the house of her cousin Elizabeth for 3 months (Lk 1:56)
The house of Obed-edom was blessed by the presence of the Ark (2 Sam 6:11)	The word “blessed” is used 3 times in Luke 1:39-45 concerning Mary at Elizabeth’s house.
The Ark returned to its sanctuary and eventually ends up in Jerusalem where the presence and glory of God is revealed in the newly built Temple (2 Sam 6:12; 1 Kgs 8:9-11)	Mary returned home from visiting Elizabeth and eventually comes to Jerusalem, where she presents God the Son in the Temple (Lk 1:56; 2:21-22)
God made Aaron’s rod (which would be kept in the Ark) return to life and budded to prove he was the legitimate High Priest Num 17:8)	God would resurrect His Son, who had become enfleshed in Mary’s womb and born to bring salvation to all mankind, to prove He is the eternal High Priest (Heb 4:14)
When the Ark was outside the Holy of Holies [when it was being transported] it was to be covered with a blue veil (Num 4:4-6)	In Mary’s appearances outside of heaven visionaries testify that she wears a blue veil.
In Revelation 11:19 John sees the Ark of the Covenant in heaven [this is the last verse of chapter 11]	In Revelation 12:1 John sees Mary in heaven. It is the same vision Juan Diego saw of Mary in Mexico in 1531—the Woman clothed with the sun and standing on the moon.
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*I shall give you shepherds after my own heart, who will pasture you wisely and discreetly. Then, when you have increased and grown numerous in the country, Yahweh declares, no one will ever again say: The ark of the covenant of Yahweh! It will not enter their minds, they will not remember it or miss it, nor will another one be made. When that time comes, Jerusalem will be called: The Throne of Yahweh, and all the nations will converge on her, on Yahweh's name, on Jerusalem, and will no longer follow their own stubborn and wicked inclinations. Jeremiah 3:15-17*

## The Last 7 Signs of Revelation

1. The Woman clothed with the sun	Revelation 12:1 “ <i>a great sign</i> ”
2. The great red Dragon (Satan)	Revelation 12:3 “ <i>second sign</i> ”
3. The signs performed by the Land Beast with horns like a lamb	Revelation 13:13 “ <i>it worked great miracles (signs)</i> ”
4. The Land Beast whose power comes from the Sea Beast	Revelation 13:14 “ <i>Through the miracles (signs) which it was allowed to do..</i> ”
5. The 7 Angel/Ministers with 7 chalices full of plagues	Revelation 15:1 “ <i>I saw in heaven another sign, great and wonderful:</i> ”
6. The spirits of demons signs	Revelation 16:14 “ <i>demon spirits, able to work miracles (signs)..</i> ”
7. The False Prophet’s signs	Revelation 19:20 “ <i>the false prophet who had worked miracles (signs)..</i> ”

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