

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Know Your Faith



Many mysterious Signs of Mary's appearing in Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6

*God's temple in heaven was opened, and because **the Ark of His covenant** could be seen in temple. A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under feet, and **on her head queen, with a crown of twelve stars.*** Rev. 11:19

She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth. Rev. 12:2

*Then another sign appeared in the sky; **It was a Huge red dragon,** with seven heads and ten horns, And on its head were seven diadems. Its tail swept away a third of the stars in the sky and hurled them down to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth, **to devour her child** when she gave birth.*

She gave birth to a son,** a male child, destined to rule all the nations **with an iron rod. Rev. 12:5

*Her **Child was caught up to God and his throne.*** Rev. 12:5

*The woman herself fled into the desert where **She had a place prepared by God.*** Rev. 12:6

*Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:
"Now have salvation and power come,
And the Kingdom of our God **And the authority of His Anointed one.**"* Rev. 12:10

Mary is called **The Ark of the Covenant** it contained the manna desert, which prefigured the Eucharist.

Mary is clothed in garments fitting a crown of 12 stars. Called the Gebirah, the first official of the Royal Court. Under Jewish law, the mother of the king was the queen. (1Kings 1:16-17, 31) **The 12 stars depict the authority** not simply over **the 12 Tribes of Israel,** but **the kingdom of Christ** ----of heaven and earth.

John is alluding to Psalm 2: 8-9

The huge dragon is obviously the devil who tried to **devour with temptation the child, (Jesus)** Matt. 4:1-11

Jesus is depicted as **King, Ruler, and Judge. The iron rod** that was in the Ark of the Covenant as the Rod of Aaron.

Jesus ascended into heaven and is seated at the father's right Hand. (Nicene Creed) CCC 663-4

Jesus has prepared a place in heaven for us & Mary, His Mary, His mother, His Queen, at His right. 1Kg 2:19 CCC 963-964-965-966, 970.

The Assumption of Mary was documented by the 4th century. By the 6th century, a feast day.

God's Anointed One is obviously ---Jesus

Anointed One means----Jesus-----means-----Messiah

Pope Pius XII infallibly declared

The Feast of the Assumption of Mary on Nov. 1, 1950

How does honoring Mary bring us closer to Christ?

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