

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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