

# The Virgin Mary -- 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*

ARK OF THE OLD COVENANT	THE VIRGIN MARY
God the Holy Spirit overshadowed and then indwelled the Ark. The Ark became the dwelling place of the presence of God. (Ex 40:34-35)	God the Holy Spirit overshadowed and the indwelled 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 10:1-2, 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 died but came 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 (a priest) leapt for joy in his mother’s womb at the voice of the Virgin 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 asked, <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 the Virgin Mary at Elizabeth’s house.
The Ark returned to its sanctuary and later placed in Jerusalem where the presence and glory of God was revealed in the Temple. (2 Sam 6:12; 1 Kgs 8:9-11)	Mary returned home from visiting Elizabeth and eventually came to Jerusalem where she presented 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 bud to prove he was the legitimate High Priest. (Num 17:8)	God resurrected His Son, who was 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 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 saw the Ark of the Covenant in heaven [the last verse of chapter 11].	In Revelation 12:1 John saw 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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Scriptural types: “A biblical person, thing, action, or event that foreshadows new truths, new actions, or new events. In the Old Testament, Melchizedech and Jonah are types of Jesus Christ. A likeness must exist between the type and the archetype, but the latter is always greater. Both are independent of each other.” *Catholic Dictionary*, John A. Hardon, S.J.

## Typology of Moses and Jesus

### MOSES

### JESUS

An evil king/Pharaoh tried to kill him as a baby: Exodus 1:22	King Herod tried to kill baby Jesus: Matthew 2:16
He was hidden from the evil king/Pharaoh: Exodus 2:2	An angel said to hide the child from the evil King Herod: Matthew 2:13
Moses was sent into Egypt to preserve his life: Exodus 2:3-4	Jesus was taken into Egypt to preserve His life: Matthew 2:13-15
He was saved by women: his mother: Exodus 2:3; Miriam 2:4; Pharaoh's daughter 2:5-10	Saved and helped by His mother, Mary: Matthew 2:14
Pharaoh's daughter adopted Moses: Exodus 2:10	Joseph adopted Jesus: Matthew 1:25
Moses became a prince of Egypt: Exodus 2:10	Jesus is the Prince of Peace: Isaiah 9:5; Matthew 28:18; Luke 2:14
Long period of silence from childhood to adulthood	Long period of silence from childhood to adulthood
Moses had a secret identity	Messianic secret = Jesus the Son of God
He tried to save a Hebrew kinsman: Exodus 2:11-12	Jesus came to save His Hebrew kinsman first: Mark 7:26-28
Went from being a prince to a pauper: Exodus 2:15-19	Went from being God to being man: John 1:1-3; Mark 6:3
Saved women at a well: Exodus 2:15-19	Saved a woman at a well: John chapter 4
Became a shepherd: Exodus 3:1	He is the Good Shepherd: John 10:11
Moses' mission was to redeem Israel from slavery to Egypt	Jesus' mission is to redeem mankind from slavery to sin
Moses was loved and supported in his ministry by his sister Miriam [in Hebrew, Miryam]	Jesus was loved and supported in his ministry by His mother Mary [in Hebrew, Miryam]
He was often rejected by his own people	Jesus was often rejected by His own people
Moses will give God's law on the mountain of Sinai: Exodus 20:1-31:18; 34:1-35	Jesus will give the new law from the Mt. of Beatitudes: Matthew chapter 5
Moses spent 40 days fasting on the mountain: 24:18;34:28	Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the desert wilderness: Matthew 4:2
Moses performs signs/ miracles	Jesus performs signs/miracles
Moses offered his life for the salvation of his people after the sin of the Golden Calf: Exodus 32:33-33	Jesus offered His life for the salvation of the world: Isaiah 53:12; Romans 5:12; 6:10; 2 Corinthians 5:15-21; Colossians 1:19-20; 2:14-15; 1 John 1:7; 2:2; etc.
Moses is the prophet of the Old Covenant Church	Jesus is the prophet, priest, and King of a New and everlasting Covenant = the universal Catholic Church [note catholic means universal]

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## THE TYPOLOGY OF JONAH AND JESUS

The story of Jonah foreshadows redemptive work of Jesus Christ.

<b>JONAH</b>	<b>JESUS</b>
1. His mission was to call the gentile Assyrians of Nineveh to repentance and acknowledgement of Yahweh as the source of their salvation [Jonah 1:1; 3:1-2].	1. His mission was to call all of mankind, including the gentile nations, to repentance and into Covenant with Yahweh [Matthew 28:18-20].
2. Jonah was willing to sacrifice his life for the salvation of his shipmates [Jonah 1:12].	2. Jesus was willing to sacrifice His life for the salvation of the world [Matthew 20:28; Mark 10:45; John 1:29; 1 Timothy 2:6].
3. He was entombed in the belly of a great fish [Jonah 2:1].	3. After Jesus' death He was placed in a tomb [Matthew 27:60; Mark 6:29; Luke 23:53].
4. On the third day Jonah was "resurrected" from the belly of the fish [Jonah 2:11].	4. On the third day Jesus was resurrected from the tomb [Matthew 17:23; 20:19; 28:1-10; Mark 9:31; 10:34; 16:1-7; Luke 9:22; 18:33; 24:7; 24:46].
5. After his "resurrection" from the belly of the fish, Jonah continued his mission to call the gentile Assyrians to repentance and salvation [Jonah 3:1-3].	5. After His resurrection from the tomb, Jesus continued His mission to found the universal Church and to commission the Apostles to spread the gospel to every nation on earth ;it is a mission that continues even after His Ascension [Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:12-20; Luke 24:13-53; Acts chapter 1].
6. Jonah preached that Nineveh would be destroyed in 40 days if the people did not repent [Jonah 3:4].	6. After His resurrection, Jesus taught the New Covenant Church for 40 days before His Ascension [Acts 1:3].
7. Jonah taught that failure to repent sin brings judgment but salvation is a gift of God [Jonah 1:1; 3:4-5, 9-10]	7. Jesus taught that failure to repent sin brings judgment but salvation is a gift of God [Matthew 5:21-22; John 5:22-29; 8:34-36; Luke 24:47; John 3:17; 5:34; 10:19; Acts 2:21].

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## A COMPARISON OF THE PROMISES GOD MADE TO KING DAVID OF ISRAEL AND TO THE VIRGIN MARY OF NAZARETH

<b>Promises made to King David</b>	<b>Promises made to the Virgin Mary</b>
<p><i>I am going to make your fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth.”</i>            (Literally: <i>I will make your name great...</i>)            2 Samuel 7:9</p>	<p><i>...and you will name him Jesus. He will be great... Luke 1:32</i></p>
<p><i>Yahweh furthermore tells you he will make you a dynasty (literally = will make you a house). And when your days are over and you fall asleep with your ancestors, I shall appoint your heir... 2 Samuel 7:11-12</i></p>	<p><i>The Lord will give him the throne of his ancestor David; Luke 1:32</i></p>
<p><i>...your own son to succeed you and I shall make his sovereignty secure (literally = the throne of your kingdom I shall establish forever.) 2 Samuel 7:13</i>  <i>Your dynasty (house) and your sovereignty (kingdom) will ever stand firm before me and your throne be forever secure. 2 Samuel 7:16</i></p>	<p><i>... he will rule over the House of Jacob forever and his reign will have no end. Luke 1:33</i></p>
<p><i>I shall be a father to him and he a son to me.. 2 Samuel 7:14</i></p>	<p><i>And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Luke 1:32</i></p>
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<b>COMPARISONS BETWEEN THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST AND JESUS OF NAZARETH</b>	
<b>The Announcement of John's Birth</b>	<b>The Announcement of Jesus' birth</b>
The angel Gabriel appeared to Zechariah to tell of a miraculous birth: Luke 1:11	The angel Gabriel appears to Mary to tell of a miraculous birth: Luke 1:26-27
Gabriel tells Zechariah, " <i>Zechariah, do not be afraid, for your prayer has been heard.</i> " Luke 1:13	Gabriel tells Mary, " <i>Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favor.</i> " Luke 1:30
Gabriel announces the name of the child, " <i>...and you shall name him John</i> " Luke 1:13	Gabriel announces the name of the child, " <i>...and you must name him Jesus</i> " Luke 1:31
Gabriel announces the mission of the child, " <i>even from his mother's womb he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, and he will bring back many of the Israelites to the Lord their God...preparing for the Lord a people fit for him.</i> " Luke 1:15-17	Gabriel announces the mission of the child, " <i>He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob forever and his reign will have no end.</i> " Luke 1:32-33
Zechariah expresses disbelief and is rebuked, " <i>Zechariah said to the angel, 'How can I know this? I am an old man...The angle replied...'Look, since you do not believe my words....you will be silenced..'</i> " Luke 1:18-20	Mary expresses concern and is assured, " <i>But how can this come about, since I have no knowledge of man?' The angel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will com upon you, and th4e power of the Most High will over you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God.'</i> " Luke 1:34-36
John is born: " <i>The time came for Elizabeth to have her child, and she gave birth to a son..</i> " Luke 1:57	Jesus is born: " <i>...the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth of a son, her first-born.</i> " Luke 2:6
John is circumcised and named on the 8 <sup>th</sup> day: " <i>Now it happened that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; ... 'he is to be called John.'</i> " Luke 1:59-60	Jesus is circumcised on the 8 <sup>th</sup> day: " <i>When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.</i> " Luke 2:21
Zechariah speaks the prophecy of the Benedictus in Luke 1:67-79	Mary speaks the prophecy of the Magnificat in Luke 1:47-55
John's birth story conclusion: " <i>...the child grew up and his spirit grew strong.</i> " Luke 1:80	Jesus' birth story conclusion: " <i>And as the child grew to maturity, he was filled with wisdom, and God's favor was with him.</i> " Luke 2:40
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