

# Mary: Unveiling the Blessed Virgin's Role in God's Plan

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GOD'S PERFECT PLAN OF CREATION	GOD'S PERFECT PLAN OF REDEMPTION
<p>God brings about immaculate sinless Adam</p> <p>"It is not good for man to be alone" (Gen. 2:18).</p> <p>God brings about an immaculate sinless Woman to be his helpmate (Gen. 2:21-23)</p> <p>Crowned with glory (Psalm 8:5-6, 1 Cor. 11:7)</p> <p>Given dominion over the earth through their offspring (Genesis 1:28)</p> <p>Reign forever in Paradise (Gen. 3:22, Wisd. 2:23)</p>	<p>"The purpose of this <i>is that the Devil might be defeated and punished by both natures...</i>[male and female]...<i>because he was exultant about the victory over both.</i> And he would have been <i>insufficiently punished</i> if both sexes in us would have been liberated <i>but not through both sexes.</i>"<sup>1</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perfect, sufficient, totally complete, reparation of the Fall (both sexes liberated).</li> <li>• Justice: To punish the Devil according to the manner of his sin.</li> <li>• Signs of triumph and disgraced reversed.</li> </ul>
THE FALL (ACCOMPLISHED)	THE REDEMPTION (ACCOMPLISHED)
<p>The Serpent approaches the Woman, a sinless betrothed virgin (Gen. 3:1, 2 Corinthians 11:2-3).</p>	<p>The Angel approaches Mary, a sinless virgin (Luke 1:26-27)</p>
<p>The Serpent tells the lie (Gen. 3:4-5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "...the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness" and her mind "was led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion" to her husband (cf. 2 Cor. 11:2-3).</li> </ul>	<p>The Angel tells the truth (Matthew 1:18, 23, Luke 1:27-38).</p>
<p>The Woman believed the lie (Gen. 3:6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "But the woman, having heard of the command from Adam, treated it with contempt, either because she deemed it unworthy of God to speak by means of it, or because she had her doubts, perhaps even held the opinion that the command was given to her by Adam of his own accord"<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>	<p>The Woman, Mary, believed the Good News</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38).</li> </ul>
<p>The Woman changes alliances (being in friendship with God to being in enmity with God).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression" (1 Tim. 2:14).</li> <li>• "Because you [Serpent] deceived [the Woman] by a simulated friendship, you will be cast out as an enemy"<sup>3</sup></li> </ul>	<p>The Woman, Mary, does not change, but remains "full of grace" and with the Lord.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "For Eve, who was a virgin and undefiled having <i>conceived</i> the word of the serpent, <i>brought forth</i> disobedience and death. But <i>the Virgin</i> Mary received faith and joy, when the angel Gabriel announced the good tidings to her that...[through her child]...God destroys both the serpent and those angels and men who are like him..."<sup>4</sup></li> </ul>
<p>The Woman cooperates with the Serpent as his instrument (The Woman is the Co-peccatrix)</p>	<p>The Woman, Mary, cooperates with God's plan as his instrument (Mary is Co-redemptrix, co-reparatrix).</p>

<sup>1</sup> Augustine, *On the Christian Combat (De Agone Christiano)*, 22, 24.

<sup>2</sup> Irenaeus of Lyons, Frag. 14.

<sup>3</sup> Severianus of Syria, *Concerning the Creation of the World*, 6, 8.

<sup>4</sup> Justin Martyr, *Dialogue with Trypho*, 100, 5.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "In woman was sin's beginning, and <i>because of her</i> we all die" (Sirach 25:23 [24]).</li> <li>• Does he [The Devil] not ask repeatedly: 'How does it happen that the <i>instrument which aided me</i> in the beginning is now my enemy? <i>Woman cooperated with me to obtain tyrannical power</i> over the human race...</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eve summed up in Mary, that a virgin should be a virgin's intercessor (advocate), and by a virgin's obedience undo and put away the disobedience of a virgin."<sup>5</sup></li> <li>• "In the beginning, the Serpent, having captivated the ears of Eve, spread poison into the whole body; today Mary receives by means of the ears, the advocate of perpetual happiness. So (woman) who has the instrument of death was also the instrument of life."<sup>6</sup></li> </ul>
<b>Adam sins accomplishing the Fall</b> (THE <i>Peccator</i> )	<b>Christ, the New Adam, accomplishes our Redemption</b> (THE <i>Redemptor</i> )
<b>THE FALL (APPLIED)</b>	<b>THE REDEMPTION (APPLIED)</b>
God curses the Serpent (Gen. 3:14-15)	The curse of Gen. 3:14-15 is fulfilled in Christ and Mary.
God curses Adam and the Woman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adam came from the dust of the earth, he will have to labor to bring forth fruit.</li> <li>• Adam will return to the earth (see next point).</li> <li>• The Woman will have to labor (increase labor pain) to bring forth the fruit of the womb.</li> </ul>	Curses on Adam and the Woman transformed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you..." (John 6:27)</li> <li>• "Before she comes to labor, she gives birth; Before the pains come upon her, she safely delivers a male child" (Isa. 66:7) <u>Painless birth of Christ in Bethlehem.</u></li> </ul>
Adam and the Woman lose immortality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Therefore, he must <b>not be allowed to put out his hand</b> to take fruit from the <b>tree of life</b> also, and thus eat of it and live forever."</li> </ul>	Adam restored to the true Paradise where the Tree of Life resides in heaven: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight" (Acts 1:9). (The Ascension)</li> <li>• "To the victor I will give the right to eat from the tree of life that is in the garden of God." (Rev. 2:7).</li> <li>• "On either side of the river grew the tree of life" (Rev. 22:2).</li> </ul>
Adam exiled from Paradise (with the Woman) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "The LORD God therefore banished him from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he had been taken. When he expelled the man, he settled him east of the garden of Eden..." (Gen. 3:23-24)</li> <li>• "The man had relations with his wife Eve..." (Gen. 4:1).</li> </ul>	The Woman in glory found in heaven with the New Adam (Rev. 12:1) (The Assumption)
Adam and the Woman lose their original innocence / glory (Gen. 3:20-21). Adam renames the Woman Eve because she is "mother of all the living."	Jesus calls Mary, His mother, "Woman" (John 2:4, 19:26).
Fallen nature (Original Sin) passed on through physical propagation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea..." (Gen. 1:28)</li> <li>• "...we were by nature children of wrath, like the rest" (Eph. 2:3).</li> </ul>	Sanctifying Grace transmitted through spiritual "rebirth" by baptism: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can see the kingdom of God <u>without being born from above...</u>" (John 3:3).</li> <li>• "...<u>he saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the holy Spirit...</u> (Titus 3:5).</li> </ul>
Change in Dominion	Dominion Restored

<sup>5</sup> Irenaeus, *The Demonstration of Apostolic Preaching*, 33 St. Irenaeus, *Demonstration of Apostolic Preaching*, trans. J. A. Robinson (London: S.P.C.K., 1920), p. 100.

<sup>6</sup> Ephrem of Syria, *De diversis, sermo 3*, Assemani, *Syr. Lat.* (Rome, 1740), 3, 607.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The devil was called the "ruler of this world" (John 12:31).</li> <li>• "...that they may return to their senses out of the devil's snare, where they are entrapped by him, for his will" (2 Tim. 2:26).</li> <li>• "Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him <u>all the kingdoms of the world</u> in their magnificence, and he said to him, "<u>All these I shall give to you</u>, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me" (Matthew 4:8-9).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ...far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <u>And He [the Father] put all things in subjection under His [the Son's] feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all"</u> (Ephesians 1:21-23).</li> </ul> <p><b>Through Original Sin:</b> Fallen Adam is multiplied to individuals through physical birth.</p> <p><b>Through Redemption:</b> All become one body in the New Adam through spiritual rebirth (baptism).</p>
	<p><b>GOD'S PERFECT PLAN OF REDEMPTION</b></p> <p>The New Adam and the New Eve live forever in the true paradise in heaven and Christ reigns through His spiritual offspring, His body, the Church, so that God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven.</p> <p>"I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them (as their God)" (Rev. 21:2-3) (Foretaste of this at the Mass).</p>

## Genesis 3:15

**I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers;**

**He will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel."**

<b>Relationship #1</b>			
<b>Between</b>	You	And	the Woman
And	+		+
<b>Between</b>	Your Seed	And	Her Seed

<b>Relationship #2</b>
"And I will put enmity... between you [the Serpent] and the Woman, <b>And</b> Between [the Serpent's] seed and [the Woman's] Seed..."

## TWO KINGDOMS

- God commands Adam and his wife to fill the earth and have dominion over it (Genesis 1:28).
- Psalm 8 describes Adam as being crowned and ruling over the works of God's hands.
- "eating" or "licking dust" is applied elsewhere for the subjugation of God's enemies (Isaiah 49:23, Psalm 72:9-11, Micah 7:17)
- trampling another under one's feet refers to achieving dominion over his enemies, especially in reference to the Davidic monarchy (Psalm 8:6, 18:38, 43:3, etc.)

## GOD PROMISES DAVID THAT HIS HOUSE WOULD ENDURE FOREVER

'When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever' (2 Samuel 7:12-13) and 'Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever' (2 Samuel 7:16).

1 Kings 1:11-13, "Then Nathan said to Bathsheba, Solomon's mother: "Have you not heard that Adonijah, son of Haggith, has become king without the knowledge of our lord David? Come now, let me advise you so that you may save your life and that of your son Solomon. Go, visit King David, and say to him, 'Did you not, lord king, swear to your handmaid: Your son Solomon shall be king after me and shall sit upon my throne?' Why, then, has Adonijah become king?"

Bathsheba tells David, "Now, my lord king, all Israel is waiting for you to make known to them who is to sit on the throne after your royal majesty. If this is not done, when my lord the king sleeps with his fathers, I and my son Solomon will be considered criminals" (1 Kings 1:20-21).

After Solomon Takes His Father's Throne, "...arose to meet her, bowed before her, and sat on his throne; then he had a throne set for the king's mother, and she sat on his right" (1 Kings 2:19).

Kingship	The Great Lady (Mother)	Scripture
David	(New line of succession begins)	
Solomon	Bathsheba	1 Kings 1:11; 2:13
Rehoboam	Naaham	1 Kings 14:21
Abijam	Maacah	1 Kings 15:2
Asa	Grandmother Maacah	1 Kings 15:10
Jehoshaphat	Azubah	1 Kings 22:42
Jehoram	(possible co-regency)	
Ahaziah	Athaliah	2 Kings 8:26
Athaliah	(Matriarch)	
Jehoash	Zibiah,	2 Kings 12:2
Amaziah	Jehoaddan	2 Kings 14:2
Uzziah (Azariah)	Jecoliah,	2 Chronicles 26:3
Joatham	Jerusa	2 Chronicles 27:1
Ahaz <sup>211</sup>		2 Kings 16:1-2
Hezekiah	Abijah	2 Chronicles 29:1
Manasseh	Hephzibah	2 Kings 21:1
Amon	Meshullemeth	2 Kings 21:19
Joshiah	Jedidah	2 Kings 22:1
Jehoahaz	Hamutal	2 Kings 23:31
Jehoiakim	Zebidah	2 Kings 23:36
Jehoichin (Jeconiah)	Nehushta	2 Kings 24:8
Zedekiah	Hamutal	2 Kings 24:18

**Jeremiah 13:18:** "Say to the king and the queen mother, 'Take a lowly seat, For your beautiful crown Has come down from your head.'

AFTER THE EXILE TO BABYLON, THERE WERE PLENTY OF SONS OF DAVID. WHY DIDN'T THE JEWS RESTART THE MONARCHY?

PROPHETIC TRIGGER SIGN OF THE OF THE KINGDOM

TRIGGER SIGN PROPHECIES	THEME REPEATED AND EXPANDED	NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT
" I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring <u>and hers</u> ; <u>He will strike at your head</u> , while you strike at his heel" (Genesis 3:15). [Relationship #1]	The Kingdom of the Serpent and his seed will be defeated by the Kingdom of the Woman and her seed.	<b>John 19:26</b> , "...[Jesus] said to <u>his mother</u> , " <u>Woman</u> , behold, your son. (also John 2:3)
"...Listen now, O house of David! Is it too slight a thing for you to try the patience of men, that you will try the patience of my God as well? Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: <u>Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son</u> , and she will call His name Immanuel!" (Isaiah 7:13-14).	The virgin Queen mother will give birth to Immanuel and preserve the Davidic line.	<b>Matthew 1:21-23</b> - "She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: [Isaiah 7:14 - "A virgin shall conceive..."]
" <u>For a child will be born to us</u> , a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, <u>On the throne of David and over his kingdom</u> , To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on <u>and forevermore</u> . The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this"(Isaiah 9:5-6 [6-7]).	A child divine will be born who will a Davidic King and his kingdom will have no boundaries (worldwide kingdom) and it will remain forever.	
"Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, <u>And a branch from his roots will bear fruit</u> " (Isaiah 11:1).	Although the Davidic dynasty seems to be cut down ("stem of Jesse") a King will emerge (branch). Or a shoot (Mary) will emerge that will bring forth a son (fruit).	Perhaps <b>Matthew 2:23</b> , "He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazorean [branch]."
"But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me <i>to be ruler</i> in Israel; His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity. Therefore He will give them up, <u>until the time <i>When she who is in labor has borne a child</i></u> , Then the remainder of His brethren will return to the sons of Israel. And <i>He will arise and shepherd His flock In the strength of the Lord</i> . In the majesty of the name of the Lord, his God; And they will remain, Because at that time He will be great To the ends of the earth" (Micah 5:1-3).	The in-gathering of the lost tribes would occur when the Messiah comes from Bethlehem. The sign that the exile is over will be "when she who is to give birth has borne." Her child will be the shepherd of His flock. And his kingdom will be great and fill the earth. (see God's Perfect Plan of Redemption - Adam and the Woman to fill the earth and have dominion)	<b>Matthew 2:4-6</b> - Herod gathers the chief priests and scribes to find where the Messiah will be born, they answer quoting Micah 5:2. Micah 5:3 says, "When she who is in labor has borne a child."
<sup>15</sup> Thus says the LORD: In Ramah is heard the sound of moaning, of bitter weeping! Rachel mourns her children, she refuses to be consoled because her children are no more. <sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD: Cease your cries of mourning, wipe the tears from your eyes. The sorrow you have shown shall have its reward, says the LORD, they shall return from the enemy's land.... How long will you go here and there, O faithless daughter? For the Lord has	The in-gathering of Israel will occur after she has suffered then she will be restored. When? When God creates <u>a new thing in the earth</u> - a woman will encompass a man.	<b>Matthew 2:17</b> - Herod slays the Holy Innocents in fulfillment of Jeremiah 31:15. Jeremiah 31:22 predicts the creation of a new thing on the earth - a woman will encompass a man.

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**Luke 1:30-33**, Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

### CHRIST: HEAD AND BODY

**Acts 9:3-5**, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" And he [Saul] said, 'Who are you, Lord?' Then He said, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.'"

**Matthew 25:34-40**, "Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see *You* hungry, and feed *You*, or thirsty, and give *You* something to drink? And when did we see *You* a stranger, and invite *You* in, or naked, and clothe *You*? When did we see *You* sick, or in prison, and come to *You*?' The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, *you did it to Me*'"

Augustine: "But He [Christ] is wont to assume the person of His members, and to ascribe to Himself what should be said of them, *because the head and the body is one Christ*; whence that saying in the Gospel, 'I was hungry, and ye gave me to eat.' Expounding which, He says, 'Since ye did it to one of the least of mine, ye did it to me.'" (City of God, 17, 18).

**Galatians 3:16, 27-29**, "Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed [Greek, *spermati*, singular]. He does not say, 'And to seeds [Greek, *spermasin*, plural],' as referring to many, but rather to one, 'And to your seed,' **that is, Christ**... For you are **all sons of God** through faith in **Christ Jesus**. For **all of you** [plural] who were **baptized into Christ** have clothed *yourselves* with *Christ*. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for **you [plural] are all one in Christ Jesus**. And if *you* [plural] belong to *Christ* [singular], then **you [plural] are Abraham's offspring [singular]**, heirs according to promise.

Augustine: "But He [Christ] was made One with us, in that 'He emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant;' He was made one with us, according to the seed of Abraham, 'in whom all nations shall be blessed.' Which place when the Apostle had brought forward, he said, '**He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy Seed, which is Christ.**' And for that **we too belong to that which is Christ, by our incorporation together, and coherence to That Head, It is One Christ**. And also for that he says to us too, 'Therefore are ye Abraham's seed, heirs according to the promise.' For if the seed of Abraham be One, and **That One Seed of Abraham can only be understood of Christ; but this seed of Abraham we also are; therefore this Whole, that is, the Head and the Body, is One Christ**" (*Sermons on Selected Lessons of the New Testament, Sermon 94 [144], 5 [4]*).

### CHRIST: HEAD AND BODY IN PROPHECY

Augustine, "...[K]nowing as we do that the head and the body—that is, Christ and His Church—are *sometimes indicated to us under one person (for it is not in vain that it is said to believers, 'Ye then are Abraham's seed,' when there is but one seed of Abraham, and that is Christ)*, we need not be in a difficulty when a transition is made from the head to the body or from the body to the head, and yet no change made in the person spoken of. For a single person is represented as saying, 'He hath decked me as a bridegroom with ornaments, and adorned me as a bride with jewels' and yet it is, of course, a matter for interpretation which of these two refers to the head and to the body, that is, which to Christ and which to the Church" (*On Christian Doctrine, Book 3, 31, 44*).

Isaiah 61:10, "Like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels."

PROPHECY	CHRIST: HEAD AND BODY
<p><b>Genesis 3:15</b>, "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; <b>He will strike at your head</b>, while you strike at his heel"</p>	<p><b>1 Cor. 15:25</b>, "For he [Christ] must reign until he has put all his enemies under <u>his feet</u>.</p> <p><b>Rom. 15:26</b>, "...God of peace will quickly crush Satan under <u>your feet</u>."</p> <p>[He who hears you hears me and he who rejects you rejects me (Luke 10:16)].</p>
<p><b>Isaiah 66:7-10</b>, "Before she comes to labor, she gives birth; Before the pains come upon her, she safely <b>delivers a male child</b>. Who ever heard of such a thing, or saw the like? <b>Can a country be brought forth in one day, or a nation be born in a single moment?</b> Yet Zion is scarcely in labor when <b>she gives birth to her children</b>. 'Shall I bring a mother to the point of birth, and yet not let her child be born?' says the LORD; 'Or shall I who allow her to conceive, yet close her womb?' says your God. Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her, all you who love her; Exult, exult [Greek, <i>charēte chara</i>] with her, all you who were mourning over her!"</p>	<p><b>Luke 1:38</b>, "Rejoice, Full of Grace..."</p> <p>Gregory of Nyssa, "As the Virgin herself did not know how the body that received divinity was formed in her own body, no neither did she notice the birth. Even the prophet Isaiah affirms that her giving birth was without pain, when he says: [quotes Isaiah 66:7]...For since she [Eve] who introduced death into nature through sin, was condemned to bring forth in pain and labor, it was by all means becoming that the Mother of life should begin conception in joy as well as complete the birth in joy. For the Archangel said to her: 'Rejoice, Full-of-grace.' By that greeting he took away the sorrow that was in the beginning called down upon childbearing because of the sin.</p>
<p><b>Zechariah 10:10-11 [14-15]</b>, "Sing for joy and be glad, O daughter of Zion; for behold <u>I am coming and I will dwell</u> (Greek, <i>kataskenoso</i>) <u>in your midst</u>," declares the LORD. <u>Many nations will join themselves to the LORD in that day and will become My people</u>. Then I will dwell in your midst, and you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you."</p>	<p><b>John 1:14</b>, "And the Word became flesh and dwelt [<i>eskenosen</i>] among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.</p> <p><b>Luke 1:35</b>, "The angel answered and said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High <u>will overshadow you</u>; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God' (Luke 1:35)</p> <p>The word translated "overshadow" (Greek, <i>episkiazo</i>) is used elsewhere in the Old Testament for God's presence overshadowing the Tabernacle in the desert (Exodus 40:35), the Jerusalem Tabernacle (1 Kings 8:10) and God's future tabernacle (Haggai 2:6-9, Hebrews 12:26-29).</p>
<p>Galatians 4:3-7:</p> <p>[A] [We] were enslaved to the elemental powers of the world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [B] God sent his Son             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ [C] born of a woman                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ [D] born under the law,</li> <li>▪ [D] to ransom those under the law</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ [C] so that we might receive adoption.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• [B'] God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"</li> </ul> <p>[A'] So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.</p>	



## MARY'S MATERNITY

MARY'S MATERNITY	CHRIST: HEAD	CHRIST: BODY
(Physical Maternity) One child Painless	Virgin Birth At Bethlehem (God unites Himself to us in the Incarnation)	
(Spiritual Maternity) Many children / nation With "labor pains"	Body of Christ at the Cross (We are united to God)	Application of the Cross: Spiritual Rebirth in Baptism

**Revelation 12**, A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.<sup>2</sup> She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth.<sup>3</sup> Then another sign appeared in the sky; it was a huge red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on its heads were seven diadems.<sup>4</sup> 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.<sup>5</sup> She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod. Her child was caught up to God and his throne.<sup>6</sup> The woman herself fled into the desert where she had a place prepared by God, that there she might be taken care of for twelve hundred and sixty days.<sup>7</sup> Then war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels battled against the dragon. The dragon and its angels fought back,<sup>8</sup> but they did not prevail and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.<sup>9</sup> The huge dragon, the ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, who deceived the whole world, was thrown down to earth, and its angels were thrown down with it.<sup>10</sup> 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. For the accuser of our brothers is cast out, who accuses them before our God day and night.<sup>11</sup> They conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; love for life did not deter them from death.<sup>12</sup> Therefore, rejoice, you heavens, and you who dwell in them. But woe to you, earth and sea, for the Devil has come down to you in great fury, for he knows he has but a short time."<sup>13</sup> When the dragon saw that it had been thrown down to the earth, it pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child.<sup>14</sup> But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle, so that she could fly to her place in the desert, where, far from the serpent, she was taken care of for a year, two years, and a half-year.<sup>15</sup> The serpent, however, spewed a torrent of water out of his mouth after the woman to sweep her away with the current.<sup>16</sup> But the earth helped the woman and opened its mouth and swallowed the flood that the dragon spewed out of its mouth.<sup>17</sup> Then the dragon became angry with the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring, those who keep God's commandments and bear witness to Jesus.<sup>18</sup> It took its position on the sand of the sea.

John 12:31-33, "Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.<sup>32</sup> And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die."

## PERPETUAL VIRGINITY

"Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joseph, and Jude, and Simon? Are not also his sisters here with us?" (Mark 6:3)

Scripture calls Lot Abraham's "brother" (Genesis 14:14) - "And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive..." even though Lot is Abraham's nephew.

Scripture calls Laban Jacob's "brother" (Genesis 29:15), even though Laban is Jacob's uncle (Genesis 24:29). Elsewhere, Eleazar's daughters are said to marry their "brothers," but these "brothers" are actually their cousins (1 Chronicles 23:21-22). The word "brothers" can even designate more distant relations such as kinsmen (Deuteronomy 23:7; Nehemiah 5:7 and Jeremiah 34:9) and friends who share no apparent blood-relation (2 Samuel 1:26 and Amos 1:9).

Acts 1:14 states, "These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers." Why not say, "...Mary the mother of Jesus and her other sons?" Likewise, the crowd, who would have known Jesus' true family relationships said: 'Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? Are not His sisters here with us?' (Mark 6:3).

Two of the "brothers" are James and Joseph (Matthew 13:55, Mark 6:3). When Matthew 27:56 is compared with John 19:25, we find that James and Joseph are *not* the sons of the Virgin Mary, but the son of "the other Mary" (Matthew 28:1), the wife of Clophas (Alphaeus).

### **THE OLD TESTAMENT LAW**

Deuteronomy 24:1-3, "When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes ...he writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out from his house, and she leaves his house and goes and becomes another man's wife, and if the latter husband turns against her and writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, *or if the latter husband dies* who took her to be his wife, *then her former husband who sent her away is not allowed to take her again to be his wife*, since she has been defiled; for that is an abomination before the LORD, and you shall not bring sin on the land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance (emphasis mine).

2 Sam 15:16; 16:20-22, "Then the king set out, accompanied by his entire household, except for ten concubines whom he left behind to take care of the palace....Then Absalom said to Ahithophel, "Offer your counsel on what we should do." Ahithophel replied to Absalom: "Have relations with your father's concubines, whom he left behind to take care of the palace. When all Israel hears how odious you have made yourself to your father, all your partisans will take courage."

2 Samuel 20:3, "When King David came to his palace in Jerusalem, he took the ten concubines whom he had left behind to take care of the palace and placed them in confinement. He provided for them, but had no further relations with them. And so they remained in confinement to the day of their death, lifelong widows.

### **Micro - APOLOGETICS**

#### **Did Jesus diminish the importance of Mary's motherhood?**

**Luke 11:27-28**, "While Jesus was saying these things, one of the women in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, 'Blessed is the womb that bore You and the breasts at which You nursed.' But He said, 'On the contrary, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.'"

#### **How can Mary be Immaculate and sinless when Scripture says "All Have Sinned"**

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... (Romans 3:23)

#### **John 2:4 – Jesus Rebukes Mary?**

"And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what does that have to do with us? My hour has not yet come'" (John 2:4).

'My lord, listen to me; a piece of land worth four hundred shekels of silver, *what is that between me and you?* So bury your dead' (Genesis 23:15).

The idiom can also be used when there is no agreement, as, for example, when Abishai asked permission to kill Shimei for cursing David. David replied:

*'What have I to do with you, O sons of Zeruah?'* (2 Samuel 16:10).

The demons say, *'What business do we have with each other, Jesus, Son of the Most High God?'* (Mark 5:7)

#### **Jeremiah 7:18, 44:17-19, 25 – The Queen of Heaven**

"The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough to make cakes for the queen of heaven; and they pour out drink offerings to other gods in order to spite Me" (Jeremiah 7:18).

We may also add that even the title "Queen of Heaven" in Jeremiah 7:18 is uncertain. Some manuscripts read, "the frame of heaven," which refers to the planets.

#### **Luke 1:46-47 – Mary Needed A Savior**

"And Mary said: 'My soul exalts the Lord, And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior'" (Luke 1:46-47).

#### **Matthew 1:25 – Joseph did not know Mary until she gave birth...**

"...but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus" (Matthew 1:25).

*'...but you are to stay in the city until (heōs hou) you are clothed with power from on high'* (Luke 24:49).

"But when Paul appealed to be held in custody for the Emperor's decision, I ordered him to be kept in custody until (*heōs hou*) I send him to Caesar"

2 Samuel 6:23 LXX reads: "As to Michal daughter of Saul, she had no child till (*heōs*) the day of her death."