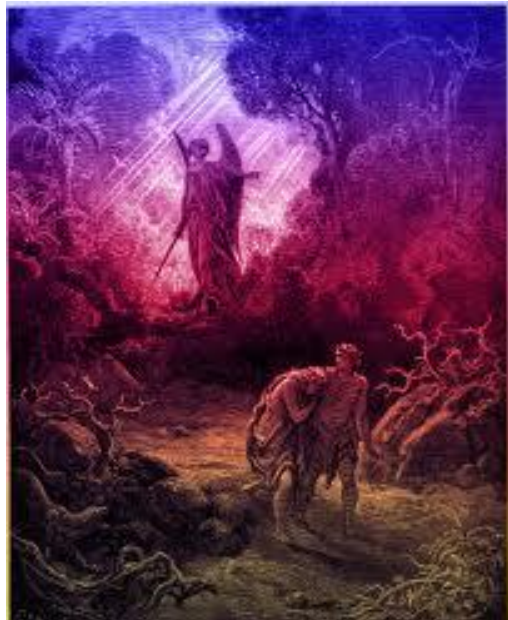


# ST MARY THE VIRGIN

Symbols in the old Testament

# *1. The Woman's Seed (Genesis 3:5)*

- The prophecy did not say that salvation would be by a man, but it said that salvation would be by the woman's seed and this indicates that Christ has no human father and the evidence of the virgin's conception is clear. "He shall bruise your head and you shall bruise his heel."



## *II. Noah's Dove (Genesis 5:11)*

- “The dove came back to him in the evening, and lo, in her mouth a freshly plucked olive leaf” This refers to the beautiful dove that gave birth to the Prince of Peace.



### *III. Jacob's Ladder (Genesis 28:12,13)*

- “There was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven, and behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.”
- This stands for Mary as she conceived the Lord in her womb and the Lord rose on the cross and opened the heaven and united the heavenly and the earthly into one. (In her hymn of praise the church says: You are the Ladder that Jacob saw set on the earth, the top of it reached to heaven and the angels of God are ascending and descending on it).



## *IV. The Bush (Exodus 3:2)*

- “And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush, and he looked, and lo, the bush was burning yet it was not consumed.”
- This refers to Mary who bore the fire of Godhead and was not consumed and her virginity was kept. This also refers to the unity of the Lord’s Divinity and Humanity as the Lord’s Humanity is One with His Godhead without mingling, without confusion, nor alteration.
- (In this, the church says in her hymn of praise: You are the bush that Moses saw burning yet not consumed and Godhead did not consume your body.)



## *V. The Rod of Aaron (Numbers 17:8)*

- “The rod of Aaron had sprouted and put forth buds, and produced blossom and it bore ripe almonds.” This refers to Mary who gave birth to the Lord Jesus at a miraculous level.



“The rod of Aaron was budded.”—*Num.* xvii. 8.

## *VI. Aaron's Censor (Numbers 16:46)*

- “And Moses said to Aaron: Take your censor, and put fire therein from the altar, and lay incense on it”. The censor of pure gold is Virgin Mary and the ember stands for the bush that Moses saw in the wilderness, the bush was on fire. The bush refers to Blessed Mary the Mother of Light who bore the fire of Godhead in her womb for nine months without being harmed. The incense (the Godhead) is our High Priest who offered Himself as a sacrifice and an acceptable oblation on the cross, the scented fragrance rose up to the heavenly Father from Golgotha in the evening. The scented fragrance that spread is the Nativity of Christ and His Preaching to the world.



# VII. *The Ark of Covenant (Exodus 25:10,11)*

- “And you shall make an ark of acacia wood, two cubits and a half shall be its length... and you shall overlay it with pure gold, within and without shall you overlay it.” Aka The Mercy Seat
- The wood that never rots refers to her perpetual virginity, overlaying it with pure gold within and without, refers to the purity of Mary and to the fact that the Lord’s Divinity and His Humanity never part. The manna in the ark refers to Mary when she conceived Christ the heavenly manna.





## *VIII. The Jar of Manna (Exodus 16:33)*

- “And Moses said to Aaron: Take a jar, and put an omen of manna in it and place it before the Lord, to be kept throughout your generations.”  
Mary is the gold jar of manna. She carries the mental manna, the Bread of Life.



## *IX. The Rock of Horeb (Exodus 17:6)*

- “I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, that the people may drink”. This refers to the Virgin who gave birth to Christ in a miraculous way and Christ is the Living water and whoever drinks of it never thirsts.



# X. The Prophecies of Isaiah (Isaiah 7:14)

- “Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Emanuel.”
- Another prophecy is, “Behold, the Lord is riding on a swift cloud and comes to Egypt” (Isaiah 19:1).



# *XI. The Outer Gate: Ezekiel's prophecy (Ezekiel 44:1,2)*

- “Then he brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary, which faces east; and it was shut. And he said to me: This gate shall remain shut; it shall not be opened, and no one shall enter by it; for the Lord, the God of Israel, has entered by it; therefore it shall remain shut.”
- This refers to the perpetual virginity of the Virgin. In the hymn of praise, the church says: “Virgin Mary is the gate that Ezekiel saw and it was shut. It shall not be opened, and no one shall enter by it; therefore it shall remain shut.”

# Outer Gate



## *XII. Daniel's Dream (Daniel 2:34)*

- “As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand.” The stone that was cut out by no human hand refers to Christ who was born of the Virgin, the everlasting mountain, without human seed. His kingdom will replace the fourth kingdom. This kingdom will never be destroyed and shall stand forever.
- The church says: You are the mountain that Daniel saw. The stone that was cut from a mountain by no human hand and filled the whole earth is Christ.



# Conclusion:

- The Virgin was a model of the dwelling of God in man. So that Christ may not only be with us but also in us. This demands a higher level of purity and a higher standard of piety. No one could reach that level except Mary the Virgin. But we are all invited to reach that level so that we may be like Virgin Mary; a dwelling place for Christ, not in a symbolic way but in a practical way. He dwells among His people, abides in them, and become their God and we become His people and His beloved.





