

## Mary: Dr. Scott Hahn Presentation notes

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### **Preliminaries:** Opening Prayer

Hail Mary, full of grace the Lord is with thee. (Luke 1:28)

Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. (Luke 1:42)

Holy Mary, Mother of God, (Luke 1:43), pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death.

### **Dr. Hahn's talk:**

**Key themes:** the New is contained in the Old and the Old is revealed in the New. Interrelationship of the Bible:  
See CCC 112-114

**Typology:** this is how God "writes": through historical events and persons. A type is a prefigurement of something greater which is coming after it. God uses fore-shadowings and hints in the Old Testament to help us see what Jesus and the New Testament will reveal and bring about. Everything is part of the plan. So a type is followed by someone or something which is a fulfillment.

**Typology and Mary:** When we look for the various teachings/doctrines about Mary, we find types that points towards Mary in a rich and dynamic way throughout the major moments in the Old Testament- the old covenant, which is then elevated and perfected in Christ's testament, the new covenant.

N.B. Dr. Hahn mentions the **Church Fathers** often in this talk: who are they? The Fathers are the first thinkers and Bishops of the Church, spanning from folks like St. Justin Martyr and Irenaeus of Lyon in the 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Centuries, through Augustine, John Chryostom, Athanasius, Jerome, The Capadocian Fathers in the 4-5<sup>th</sup> Centuries, to the Desert Fathers both in the Greek east and Roman West and ending with John Damascene in the 8<sup>th</sup> Century. Their writings are a window into the mind of the Church. They helped form and protect the living Tradition and Deposit of Faith of the Church. If you want to know what the direct followers of the Apostles thought and taught, you read them.

**Dr. Hahn's Introduction:** How tough it was for him to accept teaching on Mary: Her perpetual virginity, Mary as the Mother of God, Mary sinless and immaculately conceived, and Mary Queen of Heaven.

Yet, Hahn began to find out:

- Mary is the model disciple.
- Mary is the Mother of God (Luke 1:35) mothers bear persons.
- Mary is proof that God is willing to give us His love and life.
- Mary is the masterpiece of God, she is the living proof that God is glorified by us opening our hearts to His grace.
- Mary was given a special gift of preservation from original sin at her conception as seen in Luke: the Greek term "Kecharitome" was used by the angel Gabriel when addressing her (see Sri p. 146)
- She is the instrument of grace for God- preeminently.

## So where can we find this in Scripture?

### Three Mountain Peaks/ Big Covenant Moments in OT

Covenant Moment	Typological theme	NT development	imagery
Creation Genesis 1-3	New Adam found in Jesus	Found in John 1-3	Nuptial imagery: Mary as Church receiving the Groom who is Christ
Exodus Exodus 40:34	New Moses found in Jesus	Found in Matthew's Gospel	Covenant forging: Mary as the perfect Ark who carried the Lord and brought Him to the world
Kingdom 2 Sam 6-7 and Ps 1:32	New David and kingdom found in Jesus	Found in Luke	Hereditary covenant: Mary as the queen mother

All 3 "moments" are foreshadowing Jesus- but also Mary! She has a big part to play.

- Creation in Genesis has a pre-figurement of Mary as well- a new Eve
  - John 1-2 fulfills Genesis 1-2
  - Marital covenant in Gen 2 is fulfilled in John with a nuptial image
  - John 1:29 .. the next day etc. leads to the new 7<sup>th</sup> day- the wedding at Cana!
  - A new covenant in a new creation with a new perfect woman.. His mother
  
- Exodus/ Mosaic Covenant
  - The Exodus event and God's saving actions
  - The Spirit of God descends upon the **Ark of the Covenant** that represented God's presence- carried out in front of tribes.
  - Jericho comes down. Later no ark used, and they fail.
  - This Ark is carried before the people, used in war and worship, moved from tribe to tribe when resting.
  - Mary is "overshadowed" in Luke 1:35 epi-skiazien, just as in Ex 40:34-36 the Spirit of God "overshadowed the ark."
  - Mary is the fulfillment of what the Ark foreshadowed.
  
- Kingdom/ Davidic Covenant
  - In Luke 1:39 she *went*: same place David went to find ark 2 Sam 6:2 when David found the Ark and brought it to Jerusalem.
  - Luke 1:42 Elizabeth *exclaims*: Levite term for priestly prayer
  - Luke 1:43 Elizabeth says, "who am I that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" parallels 2 Sam 6: 9 ff where David says the same thing about the ark.
  - Luke 1:44 joyful response matches David's joy, as is John the Baptist leaping for joy in her womb.
  - Etc... All point to Mary as both the ark arriving in Jerusalem AND also the Queen mother of the Davidic line.

All three "moments" come together in Revelation 11-12

- In 2 Mac 2:4-8 Jeremiah took the Ark and hid it in a cave. So where is it now?
- John the Seer (the author of the book of Revelation) tells us in Rev 11-12 that the Ark is seen coming out of heaven in the temple of God- and it is the woman clothed with the Sun! Mary is the Ark- the vessel of God's presence on earth.
- It helps us understand about the Gen 3:15 prediction of the woman ( gunay in Greek) whose son would crush the head of the serpent- the *protoevangelium* (early Gospel) comes to fulfillment in Mary and her Son Jesus.