

Reflection on the Letter of the apostle Paul to the Ephesians and on the apostolic constitution
Munificentissimus Deus by Pope Pius XII

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At the end of her life on earth we believe that Mary's body and soul was assumed into heaven by God our Father. While many believe that Mary died first and was resurrected on earth before her assumption, still some believe that she was taken up into heaven before her death. In any event we all believe that Mary was the new Eve, and the new Ark. In a Formed video I watched some time ago on the Mysteries of the Rosary, and a reflection by Dr. Scott Hahn both point out some very interesting correlations from 2 Samuel 6; and Luke 1. I would like to share these similarities with you now.

1. Mary, pregnant with Jesus, retraces the steps of David as he brought the Ark to Jerusalem.
2. Mary, "arose and went" into the hill country, just as David "arose and went" into that region.
3. Upon Mary's arrival, Elizabeth is awestruck, just as David was before the Ark.
4. The encounter caused the baby John to leap with excitement in Elizabeth's womb, just like David leapt before the Ark.
5. Mary stayed in the "house of Zechariah" for "three months," just as the Ark remained in the "house of Obed-Edom" for the same amount of time.

This is one of the four Marian Dogmas that we as Catholics believe to be true. The true importance of Mary is defined in Jesus. Without her, he would not have been born of the flesh and died for our sins. She had to be pure and sin free in order for this miracle to occur. She gave herself willingly to God's will. As we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary let us give thanks to the woman who said "yes" to God, and ask that we too will say "yes" when he call upon us.