

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary
Chapter 4 The Queen Mother
Week #3 -21 February 2024

1. *What do you think about the concept/history of kings, queens, and kingdoms? How might that affect your understanding of God's kingdom (pp. 71-72)?*
2. *What was the identity and role of the "Queen Mother" ("gebirah" in Hebrew) in the OT and ancient Jewish tradition (pp. 74-80)? (4 main points)*
3. *After exploring the role of the queen mother in the OT (question #2), Dr. Pitre tells us that Mary is the "queen mother of the Messiah's kingdom" (p. 81). What points to Mary as queen mother in the NT (pp. 81-89-3 books of the Bible)*
4. *To resolve the Arian heresy, what did the Council of Ephesus solemnly proclaim about Christ and Mary in 431 AD ? What does Theotokos mean, and what mystery of our faith does this title illuminate (p. 91)?*
5. *What is an essential difference between honor and worship? How might the important differences in practices of worship between Protestants and Catholics help to explain why they equate Catholic veneration of Mary as idolatry (pp. 96-99)?*