

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary
Chapter 7 The New Rachel 13 March 2024

- 1. Jesus is the new Moses, the new Adam, and the new David. How might he also be a “new Joseph” from the OT (chart p. 160-61)?***
- 2. In Jeremiah 31:15, Rachel is said to be “weeping for her children” even though she has been dead for centuries. Explain this connection (p. 166-7).***
- 3. Why is Rachel seen (in Jewish tradition) as a woman of intense suffering and a powerful intercessor (pp. 167-9)?***
- 4. How are Rachel (OT) and Mary (NT) connected in the tragic story of the massacre of the infant children by King Herod (pp. 170-171)?***
- 5. How does John’s vision of the woman “clothed with the sun” (Revelation 12:1-3) link Mary with Rachel (in Genesis) (pp. 172-173)?***
- 6. How does seeing St. John as the “Beloved disciple” at the foot of the Cross point to Mary as the New Rachel?***
- 7. How does Mary as the “new Rachel” help us understand her as the Mother of All Disciples, the Mother of Sorrows, and our Maternal Intercessor in Heaven (pp. 178-184)?***