



*Arc of the Covenant-* Mary is often called the Arc of the New Covenant as she bore Christ within her, just as the Arc of the Covenant in the Old Testament was where the Jewish people believed God dwelled. The tablets that the 10 commandments (the word of God) were written on were stored in the Arc of the Covenant. Mary, too, held the Word (Jesus) in her womb, symbolized here by the picture of the book representing the scriptures. The inscription "verba" on the book is the Latin word for "words."