## **Answer:**

Many people have been taught that Mary, the mother of Jesus, is the Queen of Heaven. But when we examine the Bible closely, we discover that the phrase "Queen of Heaven" does appear—but not in a positive context, and certainly not in reference to Mary. Instead, it refers to a **pagan goddess** whom the people of Israel wrongly worshiped—something God strictly forbade.

1. The Bible Mentions "Queen of Heaven" Only in Condemnation of Idolatry

Jeremiah 7:18-20

"The children gather wood, the fathers light the fire, and the women knead the dough and make cakes to offer to the Queen of Heaven. They pour out drink offerings to other gods to arouse my anger.

But am I the one they are provoking?" declares the Lord. "Are they not rather harming themselves, to their own shame?

Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says: My anger and my wrath will be poured out on this place..."

In this passage, the entire family participates in idol worship to honor the Queen of Heaven, a false deity. God expresses that this provokes His anger, and brings destruction. This Queen was part of **pagan worship**, not Christian belief.

**Jeremiah 44:17-23** elaborates further:

"We will certainly do everything we said we would: we will burn incense to the Queen of Heaven and will pour out drink offerings to her..."

"Ever since we stopped burning incense to the Queen of Heaven... we have had nothing and have been perishing by sword and famine."

"When the Lord could no longer endure your wicked actions... your land became a curse... because you have burned incense and have sinned against the Lord."

— (verses 17-23, summarized)

Here, the people **stubbornly defend their idol worship**, believing it brought them prosperity. But Jeremiah clarifies: their suffering was **not** from neglecting the queen—they were judged because of their rebellion against God's commandments.

2. Mary Was Honored, but She Was Not Exalted to Divinity

Mary was a godly woman, highly favored by God. She is to be **respected**, but the Bible never teaches that she should be **worshipped**, prayed to, or given the title Queen of Heaven.

Luke 1:28

"Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"

Yes, Mary was blessed among women, but she herself recognized God as her Savior:

Luke 1:46-47

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."

If Mary needed a **Savior**, then she, like us, was a human in need of salvation—not a goddess or queen to be worshipped.

3. Worship Belongs to God Alone-Jesus Christ is the Only Mediator

The Bible consistently teaches that God alone is worthy of worship, and that **Jesus Christ alone** is our Mediator and King.

1 Timothy 2:5

"For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus."

Nowhere does Scripture say that Mary is a co-mediator or a spiritual intercessor. That belief has no biblical foundation and contradicts the core of the gospel.

Matthew 4:10

"Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."

4. Where Did the Idea of "Mary, Queen of Heaven" Come From?

The concept of a *heavenly queen* existed long before Christianity—in ancient pagan religions. Goddesses like Ashtoreth, Semiramis, and **Artemis** were worshipped as *mother deities* and were often given the title Queen of Heaven.

In 1 Kings 11:5 we read:

"He [Solomon] followed Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians..."

Later, during the rise of tradition-based Christianity, some of these pagan practices were adopted into religious rituals—especially in the Roman Catholic Church—where Mary began to be venerated like a goddess. Over time, she was wrongly honored as Queen of Heaven—a direct contradiction to the Bible's teaching.

## 5. Who Is the True King of Heaven?

The Bible clearly declares that **Jesus Christ alone** holds the heavenly title of King:

Revelation 19:16

"On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords."

He alone sits on the throne of heaven, and no queen is ever mentioned beside Him.

## Conclusion:

- The title *Queen of Heaven* in Scripture refers to a **false**, **pagan goddess**—not to Mary.
- The Bible **never tells us** to worship Mary or pray to her.
- Jesus Christ alone is the King of Heaven, Savior, and only Mediator between God and humanity.
- As believers, we are called to **worship God alone**, not follow traditions rooted in ancient idolatry.

Let us honor Mary for her obedience and faith, but let us never give **her the worship** that belongs to God alone.

Isaiah 42:8

"I am the Lord, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images."

If you are a Christian, stay faithful to what the Bible teaches. Test every belief and practice by the Word of God—not tradition or emotion. Let Jesus Christ remain the center of your worship, your faith, and your salvation.

Be blessed, and stand firm in the truth.

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