

## **Elder Vernon Johnson**

### **Numbers**

#### **Three and One Half**

##### **Woman Clothed with the Sun**

Rev. 12:1 "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:"

Rev. 12:6 "And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days."

Rev. 12:14 "And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent."

The above verses speak to us of a woman who was clothed with the sun and who had a place prepared of God in the wilderness where she is fed or nourished for three and a half years.

The scriptures speak of two covenants of worship: Gal. 4:24 "Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. 25 For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. 26 But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all."

The "woman" in Revelation chapter 12 is the same as the "Jerusalem which is above." The "place prepared of God" is the Lord's church here on earth. There the Lord's covenant people are nourished with spiritual food in the midst of a world that has no spiritual food for the children of God. The church truly is located in the wilderness of this world. The food the Lord's people eat of in the church is the gospel of Jesus Christ. The remnant of the Lord's people take refuge in the church and are fed there throughout this New Covenant Age. Three and a half years or "a time, and times, and half a time" represent the covenant age. Since the book of Revelation is written in sign language, the three and a half years is not to be taken as a literal three and a half years, but as we have already shown the three and a half years actually represents a covenant age of indefinite length.