

# **Elder Vernon Johnson**

## **Numbers**

### **Twenty**

#### **Service under the law ends with a curse**

Zec. 5:2 "And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a flying roll; the length thereof is twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits. 3 Then said he unto me, This is the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth: for every one that stealeth shall be cut off as on this side according to it; and every one that sweareth shall be cut off as on that side according to it."

The number twenty is associated with service, while the number ten is associated with law or commandment. Thus the flying roll is typical of the Old Testament under which the law service was established. The end result of this law service is a curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth. Gal. 3:10 "For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them." Now it can be said, that there is none that has continued in all things that are written in the book of the law to do them, thus, the curse of the law of sin and death has gone forth over the face of the whole earth.

Thanks be to God who has redeemed his people from the curse of the law: Gal. 3:13 "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:"

The law covenant curses us, but Christ has redeemed us under the covenant of redemption. He was made to be a curse for us, thus redeeming us from the curse of the law. Now we can serve the Lord under the covenant of grace and rest assured that no charge can be made against us: Rom. 8:33, 34 "Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."