

# **Elder Vernon Johnson**

## **Numbers**

### **Twelve and Seventy**

#### **Twelve Stars**

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: 2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered."

There are times that women are used in the scriptures to represent covenants: Gal. 4:22 "For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. 23 But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. 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." As can be seen from this passage, Sarah represented Jerusalem which is above which is said to be the "mother of us all."

The covenant of redemption has a crown of twelve stars. Twelve represents the whole, in this case, the whole of the elect family of God. Stars are also used in the scriptures to represent the great multitude of the elect. The crown of the covenant of redemption is the elect. They are chosen, predestinated, called, justified, and glorified by the covenant work of God: Rom. 8:29, 30, "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified." Furthermore, the covenant of redemption brings forth a man-child who destroys the devil and his works and redeems the elect.