

# Revelation 12:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

## Analysis

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The woman (representing God's people) receives eagle's wings to flee into the wilderness for 'a time, times, and half a time' (3.5 years, matching 1,260 days). This echoes Exodus 19:4 ('I bare you on eagles' wings') and Daniel 7:25, showing God's preservation of His church during persecution. Reformed theology sees this as God's providence protecting the elect through tribulation. The wilderness represents both testing and divine provision (Israel's wilderness wandering). Eagle's wings emphasize divine strength enabling escape—believers' preservation stems from God's power, not their own.

## Historical Context

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Early Christian flight from Jerusalem before Rome's AD 70 destruction fulfilled similar preservation themes. The wilderness refuge recalled Israel's Exodus experience and Elijah's provision at Cherith. First-century believers facing persecution needed assurance that God would preserve the church despite Satan's attacks, even if requiring exile or suffering.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How has God provided 'eagle's wings' of escape or endurance during your times of spiritual attack?
2. What does the wilderness period teach about God's purposes in allowing seasons of difficulty while still providing protection?

## Interlinear Text

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| καὶ    | ἐδόθησαν   | τῇ    | γυναικὶ          | δύο        | πτέρυγες | τοῦ            | ἀετοῦ          |       |
| And    | were given | G3588 | to the woman     | two        | wings    | G3588          | eagle          |       |
| G2532  | G1325      |       | G1135            | G1417      | G4420    |                | G105           |       |
| τοῦ    | μεγάλου    | ἵνα   | πέτηται          | εἰς        | τὴν      | ἔρημον         | εἰς            | τὸν   |
| G3588  | of a great | that  | she might fly    | into       | G3588    | the wilderness | into           | G3588 |
|        | G3173      | G2443 | G4072            | G1519      |          | G2048          |                | G1519 |
| τόπον  | αὐτῇ       | ὅπου  | τρέφεται         | ἐκεῖ       | καιροῦ   | καὶ            |                |       |
| place  | G846       | where | she is nourished | for a time | a time   | And            |                |       |
| G5117  |            | G3699 | G5142            | G1563      | G2540    | G2532          |                |       |
| καιροῦ | καὶ        | ἡμισυ | καιροῦ           | ἀπὸ        | προσώπου | τοῦ            | ὄφεως          |       |
| a time | And        | half  | a time           | from       | the face | G3588          | of the serpent |       |
| G2540  | G2532      | G2255 | G2540            | G575       | G4383    |                | G3789          |       |

## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 19:4** (Parallel theme): Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.

**Isaiah 40:31** (Parallel theme): But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

**Revelation 12:6** (Parallel theme): 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.

**Daniel 12:7** (Parallel theme): And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.

**Daniel 7:25** (Parallel theme): And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

**Psalms 55:6** (Parallel theme): And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest.

**Revelation 17:3** (Parallel theme): So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.