plot of Satan prospers, and the saints are given into his  
hand.  
 It is this foreknown destiny of the Child which  
brings on the crisis in heaven. Satan perceives that  
this is the body who will wrest from him his usurped  
power over the nations; and accordingly he resists  
their entrance into heaven. Against them individually  
he raged while they were on earth; but, now that their  
time of power is close at hand, his envy and jealousy  
are fully roused.  
 The principle of the Child’s rule is a stern one. “With  
iron rod.” From which it appears that it will be one  
of strict justice: offences will be visited with righteous  
destruction, crushing all resistance. It proves, too,  
that the spirit of the nations in general is not that of  
universal love to Christ. Israel, by promise, shall be  
a nation wholly righteous. But of the Gentiles this is  
not said. The millennial reign is that of Christ as son  
of *David*. To David the nations rendered not obedience,  
till after being overcome in war.  
 “And her child was caught up to God, and to His  
throne.”  
 They are taken thither as victors. “They *overcame*.”  
They are brought “to the *throne*.” “Even as I also  
*overcame*, and am set down with my Father on His  
*throne*.”  
  
 6. “And the Woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a  
place prepared1 of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and sixty days.”  
  
 There are two refuges prepared of God during Satan’s  
time of power: one in heaven, one in earth. The  
heavenly one is safe for ever. The earthly is provided  
only for a time; it is not in the *habitable earth;* but  
  
1 Έτοιμαζω occurs *seven* times in the Apocalypse.