

The History of God's Unbroken Covenants From Tree to Tree.

God's covenants are His solemn promises that were made with those who were righteous, but there are two sides to every covenant. First, we want to say this, God's covenants, even though they are in what we call the Old Testament, are still in effect today and they will remain in effect even if God does away with heaven and earth.

Matthew 24:35 says, *"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My Words will never pass away."* When Israel was in captivity God said this about His faithfulness.

Jeremiah 33:25-26, The Lord says, *"If My agreement with day and night does not continue, and if I had not made the laws for the sky and earth, maybe I would leave those people. Then maybe I would turn away from Jacob's descendants. And then maybe I would not let David's descendants rule over the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. But David is My servant, and I will be kind to those people. I will again cause good things to happen to them."*

But God says this about keeping His covenant in **Deuteronomy 7: 9**, *"So remember that the Lord your God is the only God, and you can trust Him! He keeps His agreement. He shows His love and kindness to all people who love Him and obey His commands. He continues to show His love and kindness through a thousand generations."*

Deuteronomy 7:10-11 tells us what if they do not keep their part, *"The Lord punishes people who hate Him. He will destroy them. He will not be slow to punish those who hate Him. So you must be careful to obey the commands, laws, and rules that I give you today."*

Adam and Eve

The creation story ends on the 7th day as **Genesis 2:1-3** tells us, *"And so the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their heavenly lights. By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because on it He rested from all His work which God had created and made."*

As we go on we will see how important that rest was. So let's begin with Adam and Eve being tempted by the serpent in the Garden of Eden.

Genesis 3:1- 13 says, *"The snake was the most clever of all the wild animals that the Lord God had made. The snake spoke to the woman and said, 'Woman, did God really*

tell you that you must not eat from any tree in the garden?’ The woman answered the snake, ‘No, we can eat fruit from the trees in the garden. But there is one tree we must not eat from. God told us, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden. You must not even touch that tree, or you will die.’ But the snake said to the woman, ‘You will not die. God knows that if you eat the fruit from that tree you will learn about good and evil, and then you will be like God! The woman could see that the tree was beautiful and the fruit looked so good to eat. She also liked the idea that it would make her wise. So she took some of the fruit from the tree and ate it. Her husband was there with her, so she gave him some of the fruit, and he ate it. Then it was as if their eyes opened, and they saw things differently. They saw that they were naked. So they got some fig leaves, sewed them together, and wore them for clothes. During the cool part of the day, the Lord God was walking in the garden. The man and the woman heard Him, and they hid among the trees in the garden. The Lord God called to the man and said, ‘Where are you?’ The man said, ‘I heard you walking in the garden, and I was afraid. I was naked, so I hid.’ God said to the man, ‘Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat fruit from that special tree? I told you not to eat from that tree!’ The man said, ‘The woman You put here with me gave me fruit from that tree. So I ate it.’ This was the first lie as a result of the snake. Adam was standing next to Eve when the snake tempted her, but Adam could have prevented this and did not. Then the Lord God said to the woman, ‘What have you done?’ She said, ‘The snake tricked me, so I ate the fruit.’”

So God begins by cursing the serpent and promising this, **Genesis 3:14-23**, *“I will make enemies of you and the woman, and of your offspring and her descendant; he shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.”*

God also told the snake, “You must crawl on your belly and eat dust all the days of your life.” The snake once walked but now he will have to crawl to do his evil work. These Scriptures speak about our feet running to do evil and the lying which the snake spoke and still speaks.

Proverbs 1:16, *“For their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed blood.”*
Isaiah 59:7, *“Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood. Their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; desolation and destruction are in their paths and highways.”*

Proverbs 6:16-19 says this, *“Here are six things which the LORD hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed*

innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that run rapidly to evil, a false witness who utters lies, and one who spreads strife among brothers."

The snake has a fork tongue, not to speak, but to smell, and when it smells you it bites and its venom can be deadly, just like a lie. God punished Adam and Eve for their rebellion.

Genesis 3:21 continues, *"The Lord God used animal skins and made some clothes for the man and his wife. Then He put the clothes on them."*

We will see the fulfillment of this promise to the snake later in history. Because of the sin of Adam and Eve, the garden was now closed to them and with that the Tree of Life.

Genesis 3:23-24 continues, *"So the Lord God forced the man out of the Garden of Eden to work the ground he was made from. God forced the man to leave the garden. Then He put Cherub angels and a sword of fire at the entrance to the garden to protect it. The sword flashed around and around, guarding the way to the tree of life."*

This was God's first promise to mankind.

Noah

The Noah story is filled with shadows of the Messiah. So who was Noah and why was he chosen? When Adam died Noah was 182 years old.

Genesis 5:25-30 says this, *"After Methuselah was 187 years old, he had a son named Lamech. After Lamech was born, Methuselah lived 782 years and had other sons and daughters. So Methuselah lived a total of 969 years; then he died. It is believed that Methuselah's name means 'When he is dead, it shall be sent.' Referring to the flood. When Lamech was 182 years old, he had a son. Lamech named his son Noah. Lamech said, 'We work very hard as farmers because God cursed the ground. But Noah will bring us rest.'"*

Noah's name is all over this story. Noah's name Nuakh means "rest" as we shall see as we go on, but it also can mean comforter. Comforter is one of the names of the Messiah.

John 14:26 says this about the Menachem (comforter), *"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."*

Remember God is one, and that means Yeshua and God are one, and the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Messiah.

2 Corinthians 1:5, *"For as we share abundantly in Messiah's sufferings, so through Messiah we share abundantly in comfort too."*

Genesis 6:9 and **2 Peter 2:5** tells us that *"Noah was a righteous man, blameless and walked with God."*

Noah also preached repentance to the wicked of his day.

Let's take a closer look at this story. The sin of Adam was the yeast in which sin grew. We will see this once again as we continue. As time went on sin increased. So

God tells Noah to prepare for His judgment upon the earth.

Genesis 6:11-14 tells us this, *"When God looked at the earth, He saw that people had ruined His creation. Violence was everywhere, and it had ruined their life on earth. So God said to Noah, 'Everyone has filled the earth with anger and violence. So I will destroy all living things. I will remove them from the earth. Use cypress wood and build a boat for yourself. Make rooms in the boat and cover it with tar inside and out.'"*

Genesis 6:18-22 goes on to say, *"But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. Of the birds according to their kind, and of the animals according to their kind, of every crawling thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind will come to you to keep them alive. As for you, take for yourself some of every food that is edible, and gather it to yourself; and it shall be food for you and them.'* So Noah did these things; according to everything that God had commanded him, so he did."

Take Heed

So following God's instructions Noah and his sons built a great big boat for his wife and family, and all the animals, because a flood was coming, not just any flood, but a flood that was going to destroy the earth and everything in it.

Genesis 7: 13-16 says, *"On the very same day Noah and his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them entered the ark, they and every beast, according to its kind, and all the livestock according to their kinds, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, according to its kind, and every bird, according to its kind, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the Lord shut him in."*

It is interesting that there was only one door and God shut it.

John 10:9 says this, *"I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture."*

In **John 14:6** Yeshua says, *"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

There is only one way to salvation. So God brought to Noah two of every kind of animal, birds and crawling things and it rained forty days and forty nights. After it rained forty days and forty nights the world and everything in it was destroyed.

Hebrews 11:7 says this, *"Noah was warned by God about things that he could not yet see. But he had faith and respect for God, so he built a large boat to save his family. With his faith, Noah showed that the world was wrong. And he became one of those who are made right with God through faith."*

Noah is a picture of salvation, a shadow of the Messiah, for Yeshua means "God's Salvation." Both of them came with the message of "Repentance." Both were righteous men who did not want to see anyone perish. Noah, like John the Baptist, like Messiah, called out day after day to the people to repent as he built a boat that would become salvation to him and his family and the entire animal kingdom as God closed the door behind them. The ark also represents the Messiah because like all those who were in the ark were saved, so too, the righteous in Messiah will also be saved.

2 Peter 2:4-10 tells us this about God's salvation. *"For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment; if He did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes He condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; and if He rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked (for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard); then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment, and especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despise authority."*

The fact that it rained for forty days and forty nights is very significant, because forty days is what you count before Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, the day

that represents the day of judgment. During these forty days you take the time to consider your deeds and repent. This represents the end times when the righteous will be saved and the wicked will be judged.

2 Corinthians 13:5 says, *“Test yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Examine yourselves! Or don’t you know yourselves—that Messiah Yeshua is in you? Unless of course you failed the test.”*

James 1:22-23 says, *“If you hear the message and don’t obey it, you are like people who stare at themselves in a mirror and forget what they look like as soon as they leave.”*

Let us learn from Scripture, let us learn from the day of Noah, that now is the time to repent, because as **1 Thessalonians 5:2** tells us. *“The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.”*

When the earth broke apart and the sky broke open, the rain began to come down and the water came up from the ground like a flood, the people cried out and they pounded against the ark as they were drowning, but to no avail. Inside that ark you know that even though they knew they were safe, Noah comforted his family and the fears of the animals as the ark rocked to and fro and up and down. God gave Noah a seven day warning that the judgment was coming and at the end of seven days the judgment came. Could this represent the end times of seven years of tribulation? Remember, Noah's name means “rest.” Just as God rested on the seventh day after creation, so too, Noah and his family and all the animals took a Sabbath rest in their Sukkah, their temporary dwelling, while God judged the wicked during Yom Kippur, the day of judgment. So why a Sukkah?

Genesis 8:4 says, *“Then in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark rested upon the mountains of Ararat.”*

Let us stop to say that these mountains are in Eastern Turkey, Iran and Armenia and their height goes from 3,300 feet to 5,000 feet. It tells you just how high the water rose. To this day the ark still sits on this mountain range, though the government will not allow anyone near it.

The seventh month would be the time when we celebrate Sukkot, the feast that says, “God is with us” and God was with them. Sukkot also represents the eternal Sabbath, but also it could be the time of the Resurrection, because the first month (now Passover) used to be the seventh month (now the time of Yom Kippur and Sukkot). We will see once again about Sukkot.

Then God told Noah, "Go out from the ark you, your wife and your family. Bring out with you every living thing you have with you, birds, livestock and everything that creeps on the earth. Be fruitful and multiply. So Noah and his family and all that was in the ark went out from the ark."

Death was everywhere and those in the ark were like those in the womb. The word womb comes from the Hebrew word "Rechem" or it could also mean "compassion".

Metaphorically it was just like Jonah, it could be said that he was in the depth of Sheol or in the womb, or in the belly of Sheol which was not a womb of life but a womb of death. When Noah and his family and all that were in the boat came out it was like the resurrection. They were born to a new life, a life and a world that would need to be rebuilt. Yes, Noah did bring rest to the people, because he obeyed God.

Matthew 12:38-39 says this, *"Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Him, 'Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.' But He answered and said to them, 'An evil and adulterous generation craves a sign; and so no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet.'"*

The name Jonah in Hebrew means dove. Remember, Jonah was also in the "womb" of a whale. The first dove came back because it found no rest. There is a lot of play on names in this story. But this story has a lot to do with creation, which shouldn't seem strange since this has to do with the destruction of the first creation and the reconstruction of the second.

The Foreshadowing of the Olive Leaf

Genesis 8:6-9 continues, *"Then it came about at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made; and he sent out a raven, and it flew here and there until the water was dried up from the earth."*

Let's stop there for a moment. Why did Noah send out a raven? Noah would have wanted to know if it was safe to venture out of the ark. We see that once it left the ark it flew around, but did not return to Noah. Ravens are scavengers and there was enough for him to scavenge. I'm sure it smelt like death. Ravens are very intelligent birds and yet, they seem to be portrayed with death and omens.

"Then Noah sent out a dove, (a bird which symbolizes peace), to see if the water was low on the surface of the land; but the dove found no resting place for the sole of its foot, so it returned to him in the ark, for the water was on the surface of all the earth. Then he put out his hand and took it, and brought it into the ark to himself (to rest)."

The dove represents the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Messiah, which hovered over the waters just like it did at the beginning of creation.

Genesis 1:1-2 tells us, *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. And the earth was a formless and desolate emptiness, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters."*

Lamentations 2:19 says, *"Pour out your heart like water before the presence of the Lord; raise your hands to Him."*

This sounds like repentance. When sin overtakes us, it is like a flood of water that covers us. Yes, we can drown in our sins. But the Spirit of God convicts us of our sins and hovers over us in our darkness and emptiness. If we heed His voice we must repent from the heart before God, raising our hands and surrendering to His love and mercy. This was something the people needed to do before the flood.

Genesis 8:10-12 goes on to say, *"So Noah waited another seven days longer; and again he sent out the dove from the ark. And the dove came to him in the evening, and behold, in its beak was a fresh olive leaf. So Noah knew that the water was low on the earth. Then he waited another seven days longer, and sent out the dove; but it did not return to him again."*

Psalms 52 speaks about the wicked. Let's look at **verses 5-9** because it was the wicked that just drowned in the flood. *"But God will break you down forever; He will snatch you up and tear you away from your tent, and uproot you from the land of the living. The righteous will see and fear, and they will laugh at him, saying, 'Behold, the man who would not make God his refuge, but trusted in the abundance of his riches and was strong in his evil desire. But as for me, I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the faithfulness of God forever and ever. I will praise You forever, because You have done it, and I will wait on Your name, for it is good, in the presence of Your godly ones."*

The psalmist refers to the green olive tree in the house of God. The olive tree is a symbol of peace, also God's prosperity. It gives the imagery of God's faithfulness and new beginnings. The second time the dove came back to Noah with an olive leaf in his mouth. This is an interesting passage because the dove brought back an olive leaf. This is very foretelling because Israel is known as an olive tree, and the oil

of the olive was used to light the Menorah. And of course, the Menorah (the Light to the Nations) represents the Messiah who is the Light of the world.

Zechariah 4: 1-3 tells us this, *"What do you see?" And I said, 'I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold with its bowl on the top of it, and its seven lamps on it with seven spouts belonging to each of the lamps which are on the top of it; also two olive trees by it, one on the right side of the bowl and the other on its left side.'"*

Zechariah 4: 11-14 continues. *"Then I said to him, 'What are these two olive trees on the right of the lampstand and on its left?' And I responded the second time and said to him, 'What are the two olive branches which are beside the two golden pipes, which empty the golden oil from themselves?' So he answered me, saying, 'Do you not know what these are?' And I said, 'No, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the two anointed ones, who are standing by the Lord of the whole earth.'"*

Many people have different ideas on who the two anointed ones are, but one idea is that they represent the two Messiah's, the Son of Joseph and the Son of David. It is believed that because the first coming of the Messiah, Yeshua was rejected by His people like Joseph was rejected by his brothers that he was the Messiah the son of Joseph. Joseph in his rejection and exile suffered many things, even imprisonment, and so we say the sufferings of Joseph, the Messiah the son of Joseph.

Isaiah 53 speaks of Messiah as the suffering servant : *"Come, let's go back to the Lord. He hurt us, but He will heal us. He wounded us, but He will put bandages on us. After two days He will bring us back to life. He will raise us up on the third day. Then we can live near Him. Let's learn about the Lord. Let's try very hard to know Him. We know He is coming, just as we know the dawn is coming. He will come to us like the rain, like the spring rain that waters the ground. However, it was our sicknesses that He Himself bore, and our pains that He carried; yet we ourselves assumed that He had been afflicted, struck down by God, and humiliated. But He was pierced for our offenses, He was crushed for our wrongdoings; the punishment for our well-being was laid upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed. All of us, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the Lord has caused the wrongdoing of us all to fall on Him. He was oppressed and afflicted yet He did not open His mouth; like a lamb that is led to slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, so He did not open His mouth. By oppression and judgment He was taken away; and as for His generation, who considered that He was cut off from the land of the living for the wrongdoing of My people, to whom the blow was due? And His grave was assigned with wicked men, yet He*

*was with a rich man in His death, because He had done no violence, nor was there any deceit in His mouth. But the Lord desired to **crush Him**, causing Him grief; if He renders Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, and the good pleasure of the Lord will prosper in His hand. As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied; by His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, for He will bear their wrongdoings. Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, and He will divide the plunder with the strong, because He poured out His life unto death, and was counted with wrongdoers; yet He Himself bore the sin of many, and interceded for the wrongdoers."*

Let's look at **Isaiah 53:10** again, *"Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush Him; He has put Him to grief; when His soul makes an offering for guilt, He shall see His offspring; He shall prolong His days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in His hand."*

God crushed His only begotten Son, not for His sin, but for ours. But good comes from suffering, so God also crushes us, so we too, will rise up as people tried, true, and tested .

1 Peter 4:1 says, *"Therefore, since the Messiah suffered in His body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin."*

1 Peter 5:10 also says, *"And the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Messiah, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast."*

Psalms 119:71 tells us, *"It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn Your decrees."*

And again **James 1:12**, *"Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love Him."*

The oil is important so our lives will shine bright in the true light.

Matthew 5:14-16 says, *"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; **15** nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Your light must shine before people in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."*

Matthew 25: 8-10 also says this, *"But the foolish virgins said to the prudent ones, 'Give us some of your oil, because our lamps are going out.' However, the prudent ones*

answered, 'No, there most certainly would not be enough for us and you too; go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the groom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut."

The door was shut just like the door was shut to the ark. But the olive tree is a symbol of Israel. Let's look at a few other Scriptures that speak on this subject.

Romans 11: 17-18 speaks about the Gentiles who are grafted into Israel. *"But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree, do not be arrogant toward the branches; but if you are arrogant, remember that it is not you who supports the root, but the root supports you."*

It is believed in the Hebrew wording that this olive leaf that the dove brought back was torn, foreshadowing the sufferings that Israel will encounter. Again olive oil was used as the anointing oil for the priest and prophets and kings, but the olives had to be crushed to get the pure oil, the anointing oil, that was used.

Just like the Messiah who was crushed and we are crushed, so too, God has crushed Israel.

Hosea 6:1-2 speaks of Israel and how they were crushed.

"Come, let us return to the Lord, for He has torn, and He will heal us; He has struck, and He will bind our wounds. After two days, He will revive us; on the third day, He will raise us up; and we will live in His presence. Let us know, let us strive to know the Lord. That He will come is as certain as morning; He will come to us like the rain, like the spring rains that water the earth."

Over the history of the Jewish people you will find that they were persecuted, time and time again. They were blessed and when they sinned they were exiled, they repented and once again blessed by God. But through those times of crushing, Israel has become the oil that lights the lamp to the nations.

Isaiah 49:1-3 says this, *"Listen to me, distant nations, you people who live far away! Before I was born, the Lord chose me and appointed me to be His servant. He made my words as sharp as a sword. With His own hand He protected me. He made me like an arrow, sharp and ready for use. He said to me, 'Israel, you are My servant; because of you, people will praise Me.'"*

Genesis 8:20 continues, *"Then Noah built an altar to honor the Lord. Noah took some of all the clean birds and some of all the clean animals and burned them on the altar as a gift to God. The Lord smelled these sacrifices, and it pleased Him."*

Hebrews 13:15 says, *"Through Him then, let's continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips praising His name. And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."*

2 Corinthians 2:15-16 says, *"Our offering to God is to be the perfume of the Messiah that goes out to those who are being saved and to those who are being lost. To those who are being lost, this perfume smells like death, and it brings them death. But to those who are being saved, it has the sweet smell of life, and it brings them life. So who is good enough to do this work?"*

Genesis 8:21-22 continues to say, *"The Lord said to Himself, 'I will never again curse the earth as a way to punish people. People are evil from the time they are young, but I will never again destroy every living thing on the earth as I did this time. As long as the earth continues, there will always be a time for planting and a time for harvest. There will always be cold and hot, summer and winter, day and night on earth.'"*

Genesis 9: 1-6 says, *"God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, 'Have many children. Fill the earth with people. Every animal on earth, every bird in the air, every animal that crawls on the ground, and every fish in the sea will be afraid of you. All of them will be under your control. In the past, I gave you the green plants to eat. 'Then God said this, 'All wild animals and birds and fish will be afraid of you, for I have placed them in your power, and they are yours to use as food, in addition to grain and vegetables. **But never eat an animal with its blood.'** Then God said, '**And murder is forbidden. Any animal that kills a man must die. Any man who murders shall be killed, for to kill a man is to kill one made like God.**'"*

Noah had three sons and all the people on the earth, 70 nations, came from these three sons, and from them the earth was populated abundantly. As for Noah, he became a farmer and planted a vineyard. It is widely believed that Noah invented the plow and so he also brought rest to the farmer who struggled to plant their crops.

Genesis 9:10-17 continues, *"I make My promise to all the birds, and to all the cattle, and to all the animals that came out of the boat with you. I make My promise to every living thing on earth. This is My promise to you: All life on the earth was destroyed by the flood. But that will never happen again. **A flood will never again destroy all life on the earth.**" And God said, "I will give you something to prove that I made this promise to you. It will continue forever to show that I have made an agreement with you and every living thing on earth. I am putting a rainbow in the clouds as proof of the agreement between Me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, you will see the rainbow in the clouds. When I see this rainbow, I will remember the agreement between Me and you and every living thing on the earth. This agreement says that a flood will never again destroy all life on the earth. When I look and see the rainbow in the clouds, I will remember the agreement that continues forever. I will remember the agreement between Me and every living thing on the earth."* So God said to Noah, *"This rainbow is proof of the agreement that I made with all living things on earth."*

We see the rainbow in one other place.

Revelation 4:1-3 says, *"After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard as if it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will show you things which must be hereafter. And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. And He that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald."*

God took a part of the holiest place in all creation to be His sign to mankind, the rainbow, and we should also take this sign to be part of His Word. We have become careless in our use of the rainbow, like with a unicorn or even in flags.

The story of Noah is the story of re-creation. Now it was up to Noah and his family to multiply the earth, not only with people, but also in their toil of planting and reaping crops. To this day God's covenant with man still stands.

God's part of the covenant is that He will never destroy the earth again by a flood.

Man's part of this covenant is to be fruitful and multiply. God wants the world to prosper not only in what we grow but also in population.

We are not to commit murder or eat the blood of any animal.

And the sign of this covenant is the rainbow in the sky.

