



# Noah

A Righteous Man in a Wicked Age

*Lesson 12*

## A Rainbow of Remembrance

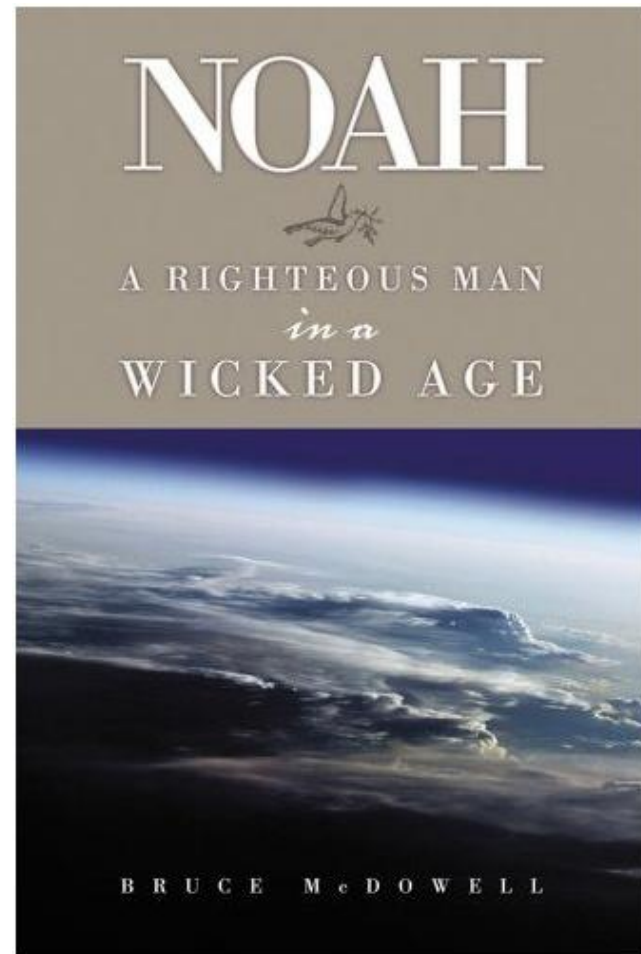


Genesis 9:8-17

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# Course Outline

# Course Outline - This Week's Lesson



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- A Covenant... [Genesis 9:8-11]
- The Rainbow: A Sign of the Covenant... [Genesis 9:12-17]

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**Chapters 9:8-17**



# God's Promise to Noah

Genesis 9:8-17 - NKJV



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--- Genesis 9:8-10 ... NKJV

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--- Genesis 9:12-14 ... NKJV

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**15** and I will remember My covenant which *is* between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

**16** The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that *is* on the earth."

--- Genesis 9:15-16 ... NKJV

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**17** And God said to Noah, "This *is* the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that *is* on the earth."

--- Genesis 9:17 ... *NKJV*



# **A Rainbow of Remembrance**

***A Covenant***

**Chapters 9:8-11**



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# Genesis 9:8 - Observations



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## ■ God Spoke to Noah

- God is about to inform Noah and his sons of His Covenant
  - ✓ How many sons did Noah have?
  - ✓ What were their names?
- Covenant is with ...
  - ✓ Man ... Noah and his sons & descendants
  - ✓ Animals ... Clean & Un-Clean Animals, including birds
  - ✓ Earth
- Covenant confirmed with a sign
  - ✓ Rainbow
  - ✓ Will last to the end of the world



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- What is a “Covenant”?
  - ✓ A covenant is a formal agreement between two parties.
  - ✓ The principal section of a covenant is the stipulations section,
    - may include requirements for either party or both



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Lexicon Results	
Strong's H3772 - karath	
כָּרַת	
Transliteration	Pronunciation
karath	kā·rath' (Key) 
Part of Speech	Root Word (Etymology)
verb	A primitive root
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3) to hew

4) to cut or make a covenant

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#### d) (Hiphil)

1) to cut off

2) to cut off, destroy

3) to cut down, destroy

4) to take away

5) to permit to perish

#### e) (Hophal) cut off

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AV – cut off 145, make 85, cut down 23, cut 9, fail 6, destroy 4, want 3, covenanted 2, hew 2, misc 9



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**suzerain** (ˈsuːzəˌreɪn) ?

— *n*

- 1 a. a state or sovereign exercising some degree of dominion over a dependent state, usually controlling its foreign affairs  
b. ( *as modifier* ): *a suzerain power*
- 2 a. a feudal overlord  
b. ( *as modifier* ): *suzerain lord*

[C19: from French, from *sus* above (from Latin *sursum* turned upwards, from *sub-* up + *vertere* to turn) + *-erain*, as in *souverain* sovereign ]

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  - ✓ Which type do you think this covenant is?





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✓ **Royal Grant**

✓ Promise from God given by His Grace

- Not earned or deserved

- Called “common grace”... Matt 5:45

**45** that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.



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- Scripture emphasizes the personal **establishment** of His Covenant

- ✓ Genesis 6:18 ... “I will **establish** My covenant”
- ✓ Genesis 9:9 ... “I **establish** My covenant”
- ✓ Genesis 9:11 ... “Thus I **establish** My covenant”
- ✓ Genesis 9:17 ... “I have **established**”

- God’ Covenant

- ✓ Comfort to Noah after the trauma of the flood
- ✓ Comfort to Noah’s descendants
  - Noah’s name - “comfort”
  - Noah did bring comfort ... Genesis 5:28-29

<sup>28</sup> Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and had a son.  
<sup>29</sup> And he called his name Noah, saying, “This *one* will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD has cursed.”



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**15** And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.



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**2** My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. **2** And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.



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  - ✓ Jesus established a new covenant in His blood
  - ✓ Jesus sends the comforter ... John 14:15-17

<sup>15</sup>“If you love Me, keep My commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— <sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.



# Genesis 9:10 - Observations

**10** and with every living creature that *is* with you: the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you, of all that go out of the ark, every beast of the earth.

- **With Every Living Creature**
  - Covenant is with every living creature
    - ✓ Birds
    - ✓ Cattle
    - ✓ Every Beast of the earth with you
    - ✓ No Fish



# Genesis 9:11 - Observations

**11** Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

## ■ Never Again

- Shall all flesh be cut off by waters of a flood
  - ✓ Does not preclude floods from occurring
  - ✓ Affects life
- Shall there be a flood to destroy the earth
  - ✓ Affects the earth ... Romans 8:21-23

**21** because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. **22** For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. **23** Not only *that*, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.





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## ***The Rainbow: A Sign of the Covenant***

**Chapters 9:12-17**



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## ■ Sign of the Covenant

- The sign of the covenant is the Rainbow
  - ✓ The Rainbow is a seal of assurance of God's promise
- Covenant from specific to general
  - ✓ Me and you
  - ✓ Every living creature that is **with you**
  - ✓ Perpetual generations
- The designation of the rainbow as a sign of the covenant
  - ✓ Does not suggest that this was the first rainbow ever seen.
  - ✓ The function of a sign is connected to the significance attached to it.
- Scripture References
  - ✓ Ezekiel 1:28 ... Ezekiel Vision of the Throne Room
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- **26** And above the firmament over their heads *was* the likeness of a throne, in appearance like a sapphire stone; on the likeness of the throne *was* a likeness with the appearance of a man high above it.
- **27** Also from the appearance of His waist and upward I saw, as it were, the color of amber with the appearance of fire all around within it; and from the appearance of His waist and downward I saw, as it were, the appearance of fire with brightness all around. **28** Like the appearance of a **rainbow in a cloud** on a rainy day, so *was* the appearance of the brightness all around it. This *was* the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD.  
So when I saw *it*, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of One speaking.
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- <sup>2</sup> Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and *One* sat on the throne. <sup>3</sup> And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and *there was* a **rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.**
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**10** I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And **a rainbow was on his head**, his face *was* like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire. **2** He had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and *his* left *foot* on the land, **3** and cried with a loud voice, as *when* a lion roars. When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices.

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# Genesis 9:13 - Observations

**13** I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.

## ■ My Rainbow in the Cloud

### • Properties of a Rainbow

1. It is never seen except in showery weather.
2. It is never seen unless the sun shines.
3. It never appears in any part of the heavens but in that opposite to the sun.
4. It never appears greater than a semicircle, but often much less.
5. It is always double, there being what is called the superior and inferior, or primary and secondary rainbow
6. These bows exhibit the seven prismatic colors, red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet.
7. The whole of this phenomenon depends on the rays of the sun falling on spherical drops of water, and being in their passage through them, refracted and reflected.

# Genesis 9:14 - Observations



**14** It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud;

- When I bring a Cloud
  - God is the one who brings the clouds
- The Rainbow Shall be Seen
  - Seen by both God and man





# Genesis 9:15 - Observations

**15** and I will remember My covenant which *is* between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

## ■ I will Remember

- God sees the rainbow and remembers the covenant with
  - ✓ Noah
  - ✓ Every living creature of all flesh

## ■ The Waters shall Never Again

- Flood to destroy all flesh
  - ✓ There have been floods since Noah - none that are extinction events
- Extinction event is coming - earth destroyed with fire ... 2 Peter 3:7

**7** But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are **reserved for fire until the day of judgment** and perdition of ungodly men.



# Genesis 9:16 - Observations

**16** The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that *is* on the earth.”

- The Rainbow shall be in the Cloud
  - Reiterates that God will
    - ✓ See the Rainbow
    - ✓ Remember the everlasting covenant



# Genesis 9:17 - Observations

**17** And God said to Noah, "This *is* the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that *is* on the earth."

## ■ The Sign of the Covenant

- God established the covenant with the rainbow as a sign
- Next time you see a Rainbow
  - ✓ Reflect on God's deliverance from judgment
  - ✓ Reflect on God's patience in waiting for our repentance
  - ✓ See God's goodness toward all creation
  - ✓ Glorify God for remembering His covenant and forgetting our sins

