

The Rainbow Covenant



Introduction

- Examine cause of the flood
- Who the Nephilim were
- Noah's altar
- Features of Covenant with Noah
- The rainbow
- Examine some scriptures on the rainbow

Cause of Flood

- Two of the Apostles – Peter and Jude refer to it.
- In 2 Peter 2:4 the "*Angels that sinned*"
- Jude 6 "*angels that kept not their first estate*".

Sons of God – here are angels

Gen 6:1-2

- 1 Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them,
- 2 that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose. NASU

Gen 6:3

3 nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.

2 Peter 2:4-5

and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; NASU

Nephilim In Gen 6:4

- "Nephilim" – Greek "gigantos"
- Hebrew "Akkadian – napsta – ilu" means life –breath of God
- Hebrew "nephesh-elohim" - nephilim

Gen 6:4

The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

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Angels do not have all knowledge

1 Peter 1:12,

It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

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Gift of God

- An appreciation of God, reverence, love, worship.
- The angels lacked that quality that God bestowed upon Adam. *Therefore their sons were not human but brutish men who followed an animal nature.*

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Sons of angel's

- Not pure descendants of Adam.
- Will not have a resurrection.

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Fallen angel's- 2 Peter 2:4

For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

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- *Tartarus to the Greeks, is far below sheol*

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Gen 6:5

"the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually". KJV

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Loss of life



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Noahs Altar – Gen 8:20



And Noah built an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. KJV

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Gen 8:21

“ And Jehovah smelled the sweet savor; and Jehovah said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake,.. and I will never again destroy every living thing as I have done.” (ASV).

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Gen 9:11-16

11 And I will establish my covenant with you. Neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of the flood. Neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.

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Gen 9:12

12 And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations.



Gen 9:13-14

13 I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

14 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud,



Gen 9:15

And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

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Gen 9:16

And the bow shall be in the cloud. And I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth. ASV



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Jonah 4:11

and should not I have regard for Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?

ASV

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Luke 12:6

Are not five sparrows sold for two pence? and not one of them is forgotten in the sight of God.

ASV

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Features of Covenant with Noah

- No "if" condition
- It was on account of the faith and loyalty Noah had manifested in the past
- Formal guarantee of God's intention to bring into being a "seed", through which to bless all the families of the earth.

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Noah's Covenant guarantees an earth

Eccl 1:4

One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever.

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2 Peter 3:13

Nevertheless we,
according to his promise,
look for new heavens and
a new earth, wherein
dwelleth righteousness.

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Matt 24:22

And except those days
should be shortened, there
should no flesh be saved:
but for the elect's sake those
days shall be shortened.

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The Rainbow



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- Noah had never seen a rainbow.
- Watery envelope prevented suns rays
- After flood rainbow effect



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Rainbow

- Gen 9:12 a covenant for perpetual generations.
- Vs 16 to remember the everlasting covenant

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Rainbow directed upward



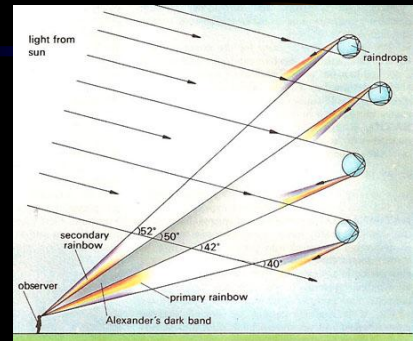
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Seven facts on rainbows

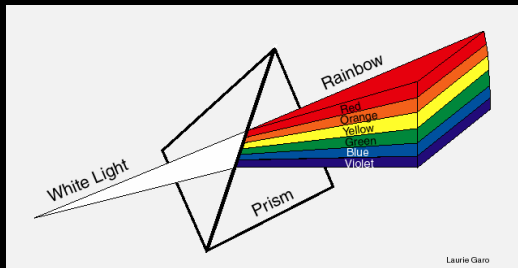
- Only seen in rainy weather
- Needs the sun to shine
- Appears in opposite direction to sun
- Not greater than semi circle
- Has a double
- Exhibit seven prismatic colours
- All depends on suns rays

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How rainbow formed



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White

- Symbol of purity and righteousness of Christ.

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Red

- Colour of blood
- Represents shed blood of Jesus
- Stands for the Ransom

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Orange

- Combination of gold and red
- Symbolic of God's perfect plan
- God's favour



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Yellow

- Divine things
- Gods power



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Green

- Combination of blue and yellow
- Gods power (yellow) and (blue) Jesus faithfulness gives everlasting life
- Longevity or eternity



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Blue

- Faithfulness
- Malachi 3:6



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Indigo

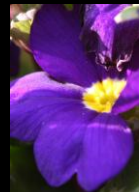
- Very dark blue



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Violet

- Combination blue Faithfulness and red representative of Ransom
- Symbolic of royalty



Isa 54:9-10

9 For this is as the waters of Noah unto me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee.



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Isa 54:10

10 For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee. KJV



Ezek 1:28

As the appearance of the rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the surrounding radiance. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell on my face and heard a voice speaking.

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Rev 4:3

And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance.

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Rev 4:3

- “a rainbow , completely encircling the throne (Diaglott).
- The rainbow in this vision was not such as is seen from the earth – usually an incomplete circle.



Rev 4:2

Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne.

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Rev 4:3

And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance.

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A rainbow represents a covenant

- In Rev 4:3 represents the oath bound covenant
- Green colour represents vigour, life freshness.
- Like a circle having no beginning or end.

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Psalm 89:34

My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

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Abrahamic covenant

- Gods actual promise that through the seed (Christ) he was going to bless all the families of the earth.
- And Law Covenant pictured the New Covenant

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Christ

- Was seed of promise
- Has become our High Priest

1 John 2:1

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

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Restitution

- Comes through the New Covenant
- New covenant through literal Israel and through them to all of mankind
- Church been developed as minster of New Covenant

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Rev 10:1

And I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, clothed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon his head, and his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire;

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Sun like brightness

- Sun represents pure light of Truth
- Rainbow around head is hope fulfilment of a promise

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Matt 28:20

teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. "

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The cloud in Rev 10:1

- Emblem of glory and power
- A glory cloud
- Represents Christ acting indirectly
- Rainbow on head represents intellectual knowledge of New Covenant
- Historically after 1874AD onward

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2 Peter 3:13

Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

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Summary

- Flood came as wickedness of mankind was great on the earth
- Noah built an altar offered burnt offerings
- Divine pledge earth never destroyed by flood
- Bow in sky – a rainbow
- A covenant without an "if" condition

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Summary

- Symbolism of seven rainbow colours
- Old Testament references
- Rev 4:3 Rainbow was emerald green
- Around the throne- restitution and eternity
- This rainbow pictures New Covenant
- Rev 10:1 Christ with rainbow on head.
- Rainbow pictures intellectual knowledge of New Covenant

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Conclusion

- Rainbow promise no more flood to destroy earth
- Covenant with Noah guarantee earth to continue for ever
- All who give themselves to God now or in future will be reconciled to God and have an assurance into eternity

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1 Corin 15:28

And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

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Amen



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Gen 9:12

And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:

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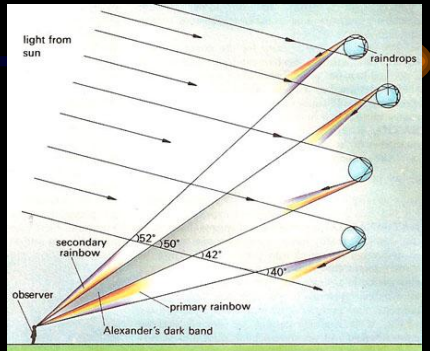
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And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth. KJV

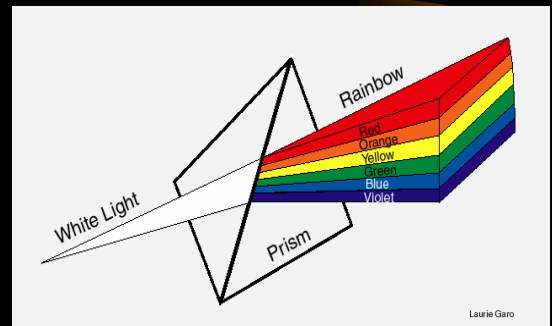
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Rainbow forms



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Rainbow colours



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Conclusion

- Flood was necessary to remove the reign of terror on the earth as mankind had become evil.
- Nephilim were the offspring of the "sons of God" who took earthly wives.
- They will not have a resurrection.
- "Sons of God" await a judgement

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Conclusion

- Noah and his family were delivered –
- Noah built an altar
- Covenant with Noah was established that the earth would never be again destroyed by a flood.
- It was an unconditional covenant no "if"
- Looked at rainbow and its colours and what they represent.

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1 Corin 15:28

- 28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.
- KJV

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