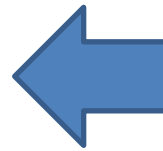
A landscape photograph featuring a vibrant rainbow arching across a cloudy sky. Below the rainbow, a valley is filled with rolling green hills and clusters of trees in autumnal shades of orange, red, and yellow. In the distance, a small white building is visible on a hillside. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

New Beginnings

Genesis 8 + 9

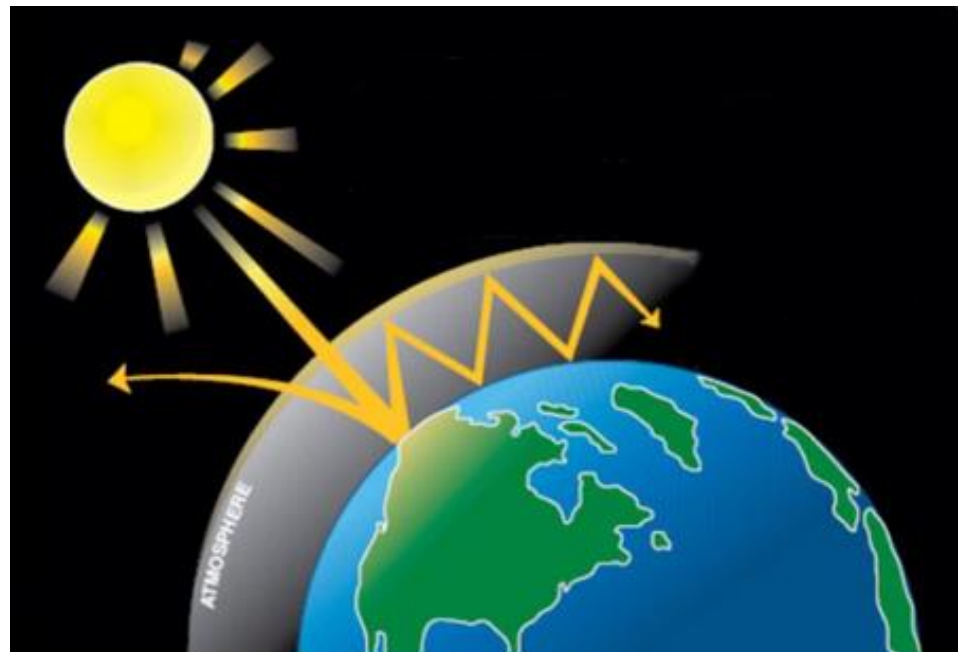
The Covenant **with** Noah

After the flood there must have been some major changes to the earth's atmosphere



If this fossil dragonfly were alive today, it could not breathe with our present atmospheric oxygen level.

The water canopy that fell as rain may have had an influence on the climate as a type of greenhouse effect.



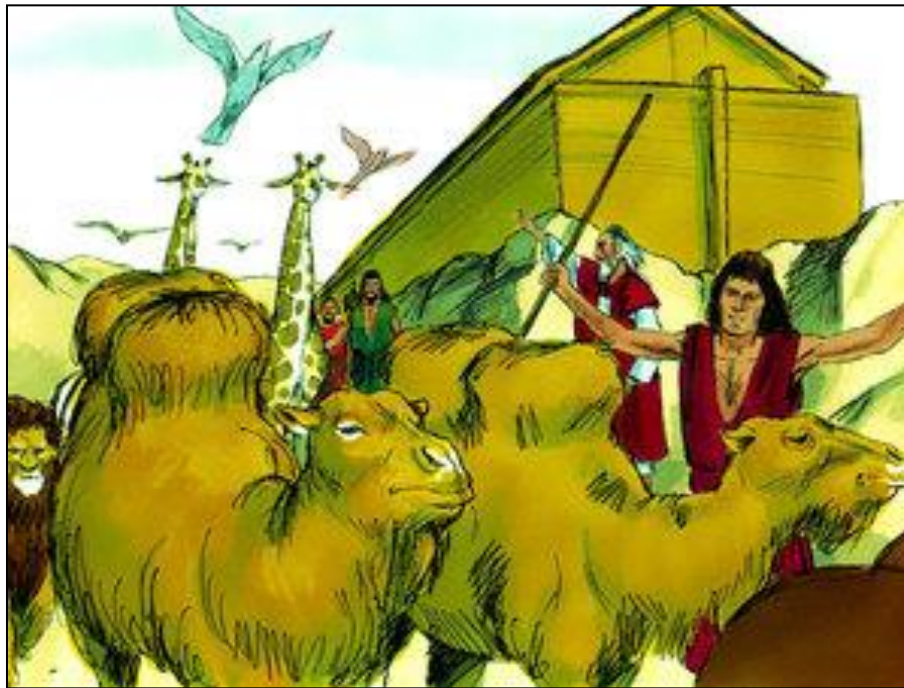


These have their origins in Genesis 8 and 9



Saved !

So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds --everything that moves on land--came out of the ark, one kind after another. Genesis 8:18 ...



What would be your response ?

Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it..

Genesis 8: 20



The earthly paradise was destroyed - now man's approach to God comes via sacrifice

What is today's kind of thank offering?

The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma
Genesis 8:21

A pleasing aroma ?

not the blood of animals
but the heart of the giver
Noah



Here we see substitution is God's way of salvation

The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart:
"Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even
though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood.
And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done."
Genesis 8:20

God makes a covenant
on the basis of sacrifice.

He made it with Noah –
the representative of
future generations of
fallen humanity





A Covenant with Noah

This includes :-

The seasons and the food we eat

The rule of law in civil government

The renewal of the original command “Multiply” – replenish

And is “signed” with a visible guarantee -The rainbow

As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.

Genesis 8: 22



It's a different climate

It's a promise

As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.

As long as the earth

A promise of something new

..... summer and winter etc.

Change / variety

..... will never cease.

Constant, depend on it

Isaiah 40:8

The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God endures forever.

Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth. The fear and dread of you will fall on all the beasts of the earth, and on all the birds in the sky, on every creature that moves along the ground, and on all the fish in the sea; they are given into your hands."

Genesis 9: 1 ...

**They are more
scared of you
than you think**

!



Everything that lives and moves about will be food for you.
Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything.
Genesis 9: 3



I now give you everything.

Why did God give permission for man to eat meat ?

Diet requirements
(in some parts of new world –
insufficient vegetation ?)

Genetic information loss –
vitamin/ mineral requirements
more exacting ? Cf. vitamin C
B12 for Vegan diet



Everything that lives and moves about will be food for you.
Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything.
But you must not eat meat that has its lifeblood still in it.

Genesis 9: 3



The place of blood as representation of life,
and its place in sacrifice.

Possibly also to prevent cruelty to the animals

And for your lifeblood I will surely demand an accounting.

I will demand an accounting from every animal.

And from each human being, too,

I will demand an accounting for the life of another human being.

Genesis 9: 5



for in the image of God has God made mankind.

I will demand an accounting for the life of another human being.
Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be
shed; for in the image of God has God made mankind.

Genesis 9: 6

The
Rule
of
Law



Government / rule of law given to man by God

Cf. Romans 13: 1- 4

(It can be abused by leaders but)

The Bible distinguishes – manslaughter – murder

As for you, be fruitful and increase in number;
multiply on the earth and increase upon it.

Genesis 9: 7



3rd part of the covenant – renewal of Genesis 1: 28

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you--the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you--every living creature on earth."

Genesis 9: 8



I establish my covenant with you:
Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood;
never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.

Genesis 9: 11

It's a promise

“YOU CAN DEPEND ON GOD”



And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth." Genesis 9: 12 ...

**The rainbow appears for first time
A confirmation of God's promise**

Depend on God's word

A vibrant rainbow arches across a cloudy sky, with its colors clearly visible. Below the rainbow, a field of green grass and some trees are visible in the foreground. The sky is filled with white and grey clouds, creating a dramatic backdrop for the rainbow.

Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth."

So God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth."

**God sees
and remembers
?**



This is Grace to fallen man on basis of sacrifice

contrast this with the covenant with Adam

Do this -> blessing

The Apostolic Conference in Jerusalem.

Acts 15

Jewish
and
Gentile
believers'
practices



God's
covenant
with Noah

They are led back to the rule for all men given to Noah

Acts 15:28 – 29

One people under God in Jesus !

It's all of God's grace to provide a place
for people of all nations



to experience God's faithfulness, forgiveness
and love through his Son, Jesus.