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## RAINBOW COVENANT

Noah's Ark, c. 1866 by Gustave Doré

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9:16 Whenever the RAINBOW appears in the clouds, I will see it & remember the everlasting COVENANT between God & all living creatures ... on the earth."

# **GENESIS**

### Charles H. Spurgeon said on Gen. 9 Rainbow Sunday morning in 1863 ...

THE story of Noah's preservation in the ark, is a representation of salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.... our salvation which lies in the washing of regeneration.

In the same way as baptism is the outward symbol of regeneration, so also is the ark, "wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water."

The ARK was immersed in those dreadful rains & awful cataracts ... Noah's family were buried in that ark to all the world... floated out of the OLD condemned world... into NEW world

DEATH to the world ... BURIAL in the ark ... means of their safety....

Gen 9:1 Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be FRUITFUL & increase in number and fill the earth. Chapter 10 tells just HOW FRUITFUL Noah's sons were ... Like to go there FIRST ... make a couple observations ... **Close with Chapter 9 on the Rainbow Covenant** We all have some family photos ... vacation photos ... ✓ To ME ... mine are exciting, marvelous recollections ✓ To YOU ... mostly boring, tedious ... except for To ME ... the older they are, more precious they are To YOU ... some of MY photos have ZERO interest Because you KNOW NO ONE in the photo .... Well – that's the case with old photos – **TRIPLE the case with NAMES** 



Gen 10:1 Account of Shem, Ham and Japheth < 3 Sons of Noah Noah's sons, who themselves had sons after the flood. 2 Sons a of Japheth: Gomer Magog Madai Javan Tubal Meshek Tiras **3** Sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, Riphath, Togarmah. **4** Sons of Javan: Elishah, Tarshish, Kittites, Rodanites. **5** From these the maritime peoples spread out ... own language. 6 Sons of Ham: Cush, Egypt(Put,)Canaan. = 4 Listed One of Noah's 7 Sons of Cush: Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, Sabteka. grandsons stood out Sons of Raamah: Sheba & Dedan. Nimrod 8-9 Cush father of Nimrod ... Mighty Warrior on the earth.... Mighty Hunter before the Lord ... became a legendary name "Like Nimrod, a mighty hunter before the Lord." **10-12** First centers of Nimrod's kingdom were Babylon ... to Assyria ... built Nineveh ... Resen ... great city. NOTICE Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshek, Tiras, Put – nothing after

Gen 10:6 Sons of Ham: Cush Egypt Put, Canaan.... = 4 Listed
13-14 Egypt the father of the Ludites, Anamites, Lehabites, Naphtuhites, Pathrusites, Kasluhites (Philistines came), & Caphtorites.
15-19 Canaan the father of Sidon his firstborn, Hittites, Jebusites, Amorites, Girgashites, Hivites, Arkites, Sinites, Arvadites, Zemarites, Hamathites.

Canaanite clans scattered ... to Sidon ... Gaza ... Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, Zeboyim, as far as Lasha. 20 Sons of Ham ... clans & languages ... territories & nations. NOTICE Cush & Put – nothing after these two grandsons of Noah Yet Ham's sons Egypt & Canaan gave Noah HORDE of Great Grandsons

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Noah came out of the ark — no longer cooped up and penned within its narrow limits, he walked abroad, the whole world was before him where to choose.

Was not that a picture of the freedom of the believer who has been "buried with Christ," and enjoys possession of God's free Spirit?

For him there is no spirit of bondage, he is free as a child in his father's house; ALL things are his, by gift of God, to use and to enjoy ... if the Son make us free, we are free indeed.

Gen 10:21 Sons born to Shem, whose older brother Japheth; Shem was the ancestor of all the sons of Eber. 22 Sons of Shem: Elam, Ashur, Arphaxad, Lud, Aram = 5 Listed 23 Sons of Aram: Uz, Hul, Gether, Meshek. **24** Arphaxad father of Shelah, Shelah father of Eber. **25** Two sons to Eber: Peleg ... Joktan. 26-29 Joktan father of Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah, Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, Obal, Abimael, Sheba, **Ophir, Havilah Jobab.... 30** Region ... Mesha toward Sephar, eastern hill country. **31** Sons of Shem their clans & languages, territories, nations. **32** Clans of Noah's sons ... lines of descent ... their nations. From these the NATIONS spread out over the earth after the flood. Noah's THREE SONS Repopulate Earth ... WE'RE CHILDREN OF NOAH

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When Noah slew the bullock ... offered them on the altar, did he not show forth the believer's employment? WE also offer sacrifices of prayer & praise unto God.... WE OURSELVES are living sacrifices unto God. When the Lord was pleased on that day to bless Noah & family, bidding them be fruitful, did he not therein set forth the fruitfulness of all believers so that, abiding in Christ, they "bring forth much fruit?"

Gen 9:1 Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be fruitful & increase in number and fill the earth.
Chapter 10 – we saw HOW God Blessed Noah & sons – Shem, Ham, Japheth gave many grandsons & great grandsons several became PEOPLES in their own right Like Greek Achilles, one Nimrod stood out as Mighty Hunter Doubtlessly, they had other sons & daughters ...

2 Fear & dread of you will fall on all the beasts of the earth, all the birds ... every creature ... fish in the sea given into your hands.

3 Everything that lives & moves ... FOOD FOR YOU. Just as I gave you the green plants....

We see Steak & Salads ... and, oh yeah, very creative Chefs ...
 We can eat an ASTONISHING variety of Food – LIFES's great pleasures

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When the Divine Father gave them dominion over the fowl of the air ... fish of the sea ... cattle

DID not this portray the power which believers have over lust, and sin, and evil,

DID it not prophesy the subjugation of ALL things by the power of their faith ... who become "priests" ...

by virtue of the charter of dominion which the heavenly Father bestows upon them? What think ye, brethren?

Genesis Gen 9:1 Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be fruitful & increase in number and fill the earth. **2-3** Fear & dread of you will fall on all the beasts ... of the earth, **Everything that lives & moves ... FOOD FOR YOU.** Just as I gave you the green plants.... We see Steak & Salads ... creative Chefs ... Yet ... not truly confusing ... yet the SKILL to build the ARK a truly SEA-Worthy craft carrying TONS & TONS ... I presume the ARK had vents, drainage, lavatory, office, storage Bible is so small ... within this story there is a lot we KNOW **INCLUDING** faithfulness of 3 Sons & Wives ... CLOSE FAMILY Yet – which of Noah's Sons or Wives played the piano? Guitar? Who were the musicians? Don't tell me there was no MUSIC



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What think ye, brethren? When he enlarged the grant of food, and permitted them to eat flesh, did he not set forth that food on which TRUE believers feed, who now eat HIS flesh & drink HIS blood who has become the SPIRITUAL FOOD OF OUR SOULS? Is it straining the allegory, is it carrying it too far, if I close these spiritualisings by observing that the very same security which God then gave to Noah & family is that security under which WE STAND. He gave them a **COVENANT** a **COVENANT** embellished with a divine symbol ...

Gen 9:4 "But you must NOT eat meat that has its lifeblood still in it.

 5 For your lifeblood I will surely demand an accounting. I will demand an accounting from EVERY ANIMAL.
 From each HUMAN BEING, TOO, I will demand an accounting for the life of another human being.

6 "Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be shed; for in the IMAGE OF GOD has God made mankind.

Obviously – Value of ALL Mammal LIFE ... ALL with BLOOD Especially Human LIFE we call that the Sanctity of Human Life

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He gave them a **COVENANT** a **COVENANT** embellished with a divine symbol, ratified with his own signature written out in all the colors of beauty; We too stand under a COVENANT which has its own faithful witness in heaven, more transcendently illustrious and beautiful than the RAINBOW -PERSON OF CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD

Gen 9:5 From each HUMAN BEING, TOO, I will demand an accounting for the life of another human being. 6 "Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be shed; for in the IMAGE OF GOD has God made mankind. We call that the **Sanctity of Human Life** "This was the first command," says Martin Luther (c. 1517) "having reference to the temporal sword. By these words temporal government was established, and the sword placed in its hand by God." Keil & Delitzsch, noted here, "All the judicial relations ... of the increasing race were rooted in those of the family."

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Man is the special creation of God, made in His own image. He created them male and female as the crowning work of His creation. The gift of gender is thus part of the goodness of God's creation.... The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore, every person of every race possesses full dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love.

Genesis 1:26-30; 2:5,7,18-22; 3; 9:6; Psalms 1; 8:3-6; 32:1-5; 51:5; Isaiah 6:5; Jeremiah 17:5; Matthew 16:26; Acts 17:26-31; Romans 1:19-32; 3:10-18,23; 5:6,12,19; 6:6; 7:14-25; 8:14-18,29; 1 Corinthians 1:21-31; 15:19,21-22; Ephesians 2:1-22; Colossians 1:21-22; 3:9-11.

**3rd Sunday** – since January 22, 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a presidential proclamation designating the 3rd Sunday of January as **National Sanctity of Human Life Day** 

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### We call it the **Sanctity of Human Life**

Scottish free church Patrick Fairbairn (1805–1874) wrote Typology of Scripture (1845) & became Prof. of History

To disregard the sanctity of human life, & tread it vilely in the dust, was like aiming a thrust at God Himself, disparaging His noblest work in creation, and the one that stood in peculiar relationship to His own spiritual being.



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Scriptural reason ... this venerable COVENANT ... is typical of a yet more ancient COMPACT,

God made with Christ ... and they should be his chosen ones, WORLD WITHOUT END

Isaiah 54, "with everlasting kindness will I have mercy ... For this is as the waters of Noah unto me: for as I have sworn the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth....

For the mountains shall depart ... but my kindness shall NOT depart ... neither shall the COVENANT OF MY PEACE BE REMOVED"

Gen 9:7 "As for you, be fruitful and increase in number; multiply on the earth and increase upon it." 8 Then God said to NOAH & to his SONS with him: 9-10 "I now establish MY COVENANT with you & with your descendants\* after you & with every living creature ... birds, livestock ... wild animals, all that came out of the ark every living creature on earth. **MY COVENANT:** 1st use of word ... Contract, Commitment, Promise "COVENANT" 284x ~ "MY COVENANT" 41x 1st Adam & Creation, 2nd Noah, 3rd Abraham & Land, 4th Israel 5th David & Lineage, 6th Jesus & New Covenant **Covenant Theme vs.** Dispensational Theme vs. Historical Theme Old Testament / Covenant/s ALL point to New Testament / Covenant **All Fulfilled in Christ** 

Gen 9:9-10 "I now establish MY COVENANT with you & with your descendants after you & with every living creature ... birds, livestock ... wild animals, all that came out of the ark every living creature on earth.

11 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."

12 God said, "This is the sign of the COVENANT I am making ... a COVENANT for ALL generations to come:

This is a COVENANT with ALL Living Creatures & Humans GLOBAL COVENANT ... for ALL Time ... Another Great Global Flood will never happen again Rather, another Great JUDGMENT by Flood will Never Happen

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**COVENANT** of Noah is typical of the great **COVENANT** made with Christ on the behalf of his people... **RAINBOW**, symbol of the **COVENANT** with Noah, is typical of our Lord Jesus, Lord's witness to the people. **Rev 4:3**, "there was a **RAINBOW** about the **THRONE**;" showing the **BOW** is not a temporary symbol for earth only, but is a symbol of everlasting & heavenly things ... **Rev 10** ... you will find that the mighty angel with the book in his right hand ... his head crowned with a **RAINBOW**.... 4:3 our Lord, as King, sits upon the throne, surrounded with the insignia of the **COVENANT** of grace which encompasses the THRONE

**Gen 9:13 I have set my rainbow** in the clouds ... sign of the **COVENANT** between me and the earth. 14 Whenever I bring clouds over the earth & the **RAINBOW** appears in the clouds, 15 I will remember my COVENANT between me & you & all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life.

16 Whenever the RAINBOW appears in the clouds, I will see it & remember the everlasting COVENANT between God & all living creatures ... on the earth."

God repeats Himself ... using "COVENANT" 5x chapter 9 RAINBOW – a most pleasant sight to see ...

Gen 9:17 So God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the COVENANT I have established between me and ALL LIFE on the earth." This is the only COVENANT God made with ALL LIFE on Earth

Not merely a Noah & Sons Covenant ... Rainbow NOT only for us ... but by God for God too Absolutely sick is how the RAINBOW has become a symbol of a grave perversion of God's creation There is a *penalty* that God will exact in His timing ...

Gen 9:18-19 Sons of Noah who came out of the ARK were Shem, Ham & Japheth.... From them came the people ... over the whole earth. Lineage is Genesis 10

9:20 Noah, man of the soil ... plant a vineyard.
21 When he drank some of its wine, he became drunk & lay uncovered inside his tent.



22 Ham, the father of Canaan, saw his father naked & told his two brothers outside.

Ham COULD've have just kept his mouth shut ... but there is MORE Our 1st inclination is to chastise Noah for getting drunk ... But he was 600+ – worked all day in vineyard – just hot & tired

Gen 9:21 When he drank some of its wine, he became drunk & lay uncovered inside his tent.

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What's wrong with slipping off your sweaty clothes & sleeping in your OWN TENT ... 3,000 years before DWI's ?? ALSO – with the canopy gone – ultraviolet heat – **THESE Summers are much HOTTER than the pre-Flood world** Ham told Shem & Japheth ... 3 sons of Noah ... Noah was 600+ – worked all day in vineyard – just hot & tired I suspect this was the Closest, Tightest Nit Family in all Human History 600 years old – enters ARK – leaves behind 2,000 FAMILY members 3 Sons & Wives MOST Devoted ... very, very, very close ...

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Rev 4:3 our Lord ... sits upon the throne, surrounded with the INSIGNIA of the COVENANT OF GRACE which encompasses the throne,

so that there are no goings forth of his majesty & his power & his grace,

except in a COVENANT way & after a COVENANT sort, since the RAINBOW must be passed,

before the bright rays of his power & love can reach the sons of men....

tenor of Noah's COVENANT is the tenor of the COVENANT OF GRACE just as the RAINBOW represents ... token of the COVENANT OF GRACE

Gen 9:23 But Shem & Japheth took a garment laid it across their shoulders ... walked in BACKWARD covered their father's naked body. Their faces were turned the other way so that they would not see their father naked. Do you see, feel, sense the Highest Level of Modesty ??? Our world today, as in Noah's day – lost most Modesty ... Even on the ARK, they were carefully covered .... LEVEL of Modestly that Ham violated ... a Modesty WE don't see today **24-25** When Noah awoke from his wine & found out what his youngest son had done to him, he said, "Cursed be Canaan! The lowest of slaves will he be to his brothers." WHAT? Noah cursed his grandson for his SON's sin? YES

Noah cursed his GRANDSON for his son Ham's violation of MODESTY To us – makes little or no sense ...

Except for Shem, Ham, & Japheth's 100s of years of loyalty ... AND ancient tradition of penalizing children for FATHER's sin to 3rd & 4th generation (Ex 20:5-6, Deut 5:9-10, Num 14:18)

Gen 9:26 He also said, "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Shem! May Canaan be the slave of Shem.

27 May God extend Japheth's territory; may Japheth live in the tents of Shem, and may Canaan be the slave of Japheth."

28 After the flood Noah lived 350 years.
29 Noah lived a total of 950 years, and then he died.
Gosh that is long time ... 350 after the FLOOD
What dreams come true ... for most tight-nit family in the Bible



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Noah had NO CLAIM upon the Most Holy God, and Noah would NOT venture to plead any merit of his own

But out of pure favor — just as out of the mountain's side the sparkling fountain gushes freely without the labor or art of man,

so this COVENANT of sparing mercy sprang spontaneously from the overflowing, ever bounteous and loving heart of God.

Certainly, it is so with the greater COVENANT ... made with Christ.... of lovingkindness, was pleased to strike hands with Christ, Our COVENANT & federal head, & from GRACE & GRACE alone ... on our account.