



# Opening

- Turn to Genesis 9
- Coker household update
  - I just turned 38
  - Jude is able to buckle himself in the car
  - Eden is having full conversations
- Title: God's covenant with Noah

## Review

- In March 2020 I started speaking in Genesis
- We started in chapter 3 and have made our way to the end of Noah's flood
- Last session we discussed the **New World** that Noah and his family entered into after they exited the ark

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## Tags

#opening #genesis 9



# Passage




And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying, And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you; And with every living creature that [is] with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth. And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. 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: I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud: 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. 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. And God said unto Noah, This [is] the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that [is] upon the earth.

Genesis 9:8-17 KJV




# Anatomy of a Covenant

 Term: Covenant

 Usage: Covenant

 A covenant token

 Example of covenant tokens



# Term: Covenant



And I, behold, **I establish my covenant with you**, and with your seed after you; - Genesis 9:9 KJV

- Rendering - *bərîṭ* [ber-eeth']
    - covenant, league, confederacy, confederate
  - Definition - covenant, alliance, pledge
  - In my own words
    - A peace agreement between multiple parties
    - agreement to Peace, truce, or friendship
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## Tags

#genesis 9 #covenant #term



# Usage: Covenant



But with thee will I establish my *covenant*; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

- Genesis 6:18

- Usage: 2nd use
  - The first we saw this term was in Genesis 6:18
  - God had instructed Noah to enter the ark
  - God used the future tense.



... with thee will I establish my *covenant* ...

- In my own words:
  - I will establish my covenant with you
- The covenant in Genesis 6 is the same we read of in Genesis 9
  - In chapter 6 God said he would establish a covenant with Noah
  - In chapter 9 God is establishing that covenant

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## Tags

#genesis 9 #noah #covenant #usage



# A covenant token



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: I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. - Genesis 9:12-13 KJV

- Term: Token
  - Renderings - sign(s), token(s), ensign(s), miracles, mark
  - Definition
    - sign, signal, a distinguishing mark, banner, remembrance, miraculous sign, omen, warning*
    - token, ensign, standard, miracle, proof*
  - In my own words
    - a symbolic act or object that represents one or both party's commitment to the agreement
    - serves as a reminder of the agreement

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#genesis 9 #covenant #token #term



# Example of covenant tokens



And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God. And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations. This [is] my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised. **And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.** - Genesis 17:6-11 KJV

- God's covenant with Abraham
  - God's promise
    - I will make nations of thee
    - Kings shall come out of thee
    - To be their God
    - the land of Canaan
  - Abraham's duty
    - The circumcision of his foreskin and the foreskin of all his male descendants
- The token: Circumcision

- It would **demonstrate their commitment** to the covenant agreement God made with Abraham
  - It would **remind them** of the covenant agreement God made with Abraham
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## Tags

#covenant #token #example #Abraham #circumcision







# Covenant Details

 4 Parameters of a covenant

 Parties involved

 The agreement

 The Token: Rainbow

 The scope



# 4 Parameters of a covenant

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- Parties involved
- The agreement
  - God's promise
  - The respective duties to satisfy the agreement
- The token
- The scope

## Tags

#outline #covenant #details #parameters



# Parties involved



And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying, And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you; And with every living creature that [is] with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.

- Genesis 9:8-17 KJV

God



And **God** spake ... **I establish my covenant**

“My covenant” - This was God’s covenant

“I establish” - God established the covenant

Noah



And God spake **unto Noah** ... I establish my covenant with you

God established his covenant directly with Noah


Noah’s sons



And God spake unto Noah, and to **his sons** with him, ... I establish my covenant with you

Noah had 3 sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth


Noah's seed

 And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying, And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and **with your seed after you**;

This would include anyone born after the flood

This would include us

All of the land and air animals

 And with every living creature that [is] with you, of **the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth** with you; from all that go out of the ark, **to every beast of the earth.**

birds, livestock, and wild animals were all included

this did not include the sea creatures

List

God

Noah

Noah's sons

Noah's seed

The land and air animals

## Tags

#genesis 9 #noah #covenant #parties involved



# The agreement



And I will establish my covenant with you; **neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.** - Genesis 9:11 KJV

- Man's duties (Review of last session: Genesis 9:1-7)
  - New relationship with animals
  - New diet, with a restriction on blood
  - New responsibility for dealing with murder, capital punishment
- God's promise
  - Never again will all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood
  - Never again will a flood destroy the earth

## Tags

#genesis 9 #noah #covenant #agreement #promise #duties



# The Token: Rainbow



I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud: 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. 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.

- Genesis 9:13-16 KJV

The rainbow



I do set my bow in the cloud ...



... the bow shall be seen in the cloud...



... the bow shall be in the cloud ...

It was a visual indicator between God and man



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

## Homework: Rain

- Q: Did it rain before the flood?
- Q: Was this the first rainbow or was this the first rainbow set in the sky?
  - for example, if you were to walk underneath a waterfall would you see a rainbow?

## Tags

#genesis 9 #noah #covenant #token #rainbow #rain #homework



# The scope



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.

- Genesis 9:16 KJV

- everlasting
  - This covenant will never go away
  - The rainbow will always be a token of God's covenant
  - A reminder of our responsibility to govern ourselves, and to keep the earth from being filled with violence
  - A reminder of God's mercy
- In 1978 the rainbow was portrayed on a flag as a symbol of gay pride
  - The gay community has embraced the symbol as their own
  - The use of the rainbow in this way is biblically inaccurate
    - It does not represent pride
    - It represents responsibility and order
  - The use of the rainbow in this way is rebellious to God's roles for males and females
    - It does not represent homosexuality
    - It represents peace between God and man
    - It is a reminder of God's mercy







# Tags

#genesis 9 #noah #covenant #scope #rainbow



# Global Flood

-  Global flood or a local flood
-  Surviving animals were on the ark
-  The promise of the covenant
-  The importance of a global flood



# Global flood or a local flood

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- There are some that debate the historical accuracy of a global flood
  - The counterclaim is that there was a large yet local flood
  - Parts of the earth were flooded while other parts remained dry
  - Some plants and animals and possibly humans would have survived this biblical flood even without the ark
- The Bible clearly claims the flood was global
  - The entire earth was covered with water and all living life (land and air) was destroyed
  - The only survivors of the flood were only inside the ark
  - 2 ways this portion supports a global flood.

## Tags

#flood #global flood #local flood



# Surviving animals were on the ark



And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying, And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you; And with every living creature that [is] with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; **from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.** And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall **all flesh** be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. 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: I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud: 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.** 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.** And God said unto Noah, This [is] the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and **all flesh that [is] upon the earth.**

- Genesis 9:8-17 KJV

- Several times God mentioned that his covenant is with all of the animals of the earth.
- all flesh - 5 times
- all flesh that is upon the earth - 2 times

- every living creature of all flesh - 2 times
- every beast of the earth
- Several times God specifies that the animals of the earth are with Noah in the ark
  - every living creature that [is] with you - 2 times
  - from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.
- These two specific details indicate to us that the animals that were with Noah in the ark are all that remained alive on the land and in the air.
  - Point: If this were a local flood, you would have land and air animals that survived.

## Tags

#genesis 9 #noah #animals #flood #global flood #evidence



# The promise of the covenant



And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall **all flesh** be cut off **any more** by the waters of a flood; neither shall there **any more** be a flood to destroy the earth. - Genesis 9:11 KJV

- Any more
  - this links Noah's flood with God's promise
  - If the type of flood Noah experienced was a local flood then this is the type of flood God is referring to in his promise
  - Noah's flood was a global flood, and God's promise is referring to a global flood
- All flesh
  - All obviously indicates a global flood
  - If you ignored the word "all" and the obvious conclusion of a global flood this would have to mean some
  - If you take this bad interpretation, God would be promising no more flood-related deaths
  - In the last 10 years alone, a yearly average of 95 people have died in floods
  - Either it was a global flood or God is a liar
- destroy the earth
  - post-flood history is full of floods that cause damage to the earth.
  - from 2010 to 2018 17 billion dollars in flood damage occurred each year
  - if God was promising the earth would never be damaged by a local flood then he is a liar and did not hold up his end of the covenant

- it is clear that God is promising the earth will never again be completely destroyed, not partially damaged.
- God's covenant promise is that never again will a **global flood** destroy the earth.

## Tags

#genesis 9 #noah #flood #global flood #evidence #covenant promise



# The importance of a global flood

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- The flood was not just a historical event that actually took place
  - The story of Noah and the flood is a picture of man and sin
  - God was not just judging mankind, and showing mercy upon Noah
    - God was illustrating the global reach of sin
    - God was illustrating the devastating consequences of sin
    - God was illustrating his saving power
- If the flood was not global then these illustrations lose their power
  - If it was a local flood then the illustration of sin's global reach fails
  - if it was a local flood then the illustration of the consequences of sin is neutered.  
From nearly global extinction to mass casualties
  - if it was a local flood then the illustration of God's saving power is pointless, as some were spared by simply being in the right place at the right time

## Tags

#genesis 9 #noah #flood #global flood #doctrine