



***Rainbow
Connection***

Man and Rainbows

Almost every culture has a legend about a rainbow

They were not always viewed positively as ancient cultures felt rainbows were bad omens

However, there are just as many positive legends

“Science” has taken away some the mystery of rainbows



Man and Rainbows

The colors of the rainbow are used by PRIDE as a symbol of diversity and inclusion

During the COVID children began placing rainbows in windows as a symbol of hope

No matter how they are used or adapted we must never forget God said the rainbow is about promise



God and Rainbows

Ezekiel uses it as a descriptor for when he was allowed into the throne room and had a vision of God (Ezekiel 1:28)

John got a trip into the throne room also, and like Ezekiel he reported a rainbow sighting (Revelation 4:3)

Later in Revelation John would have an encounter with an angel (Revelation 10:1)



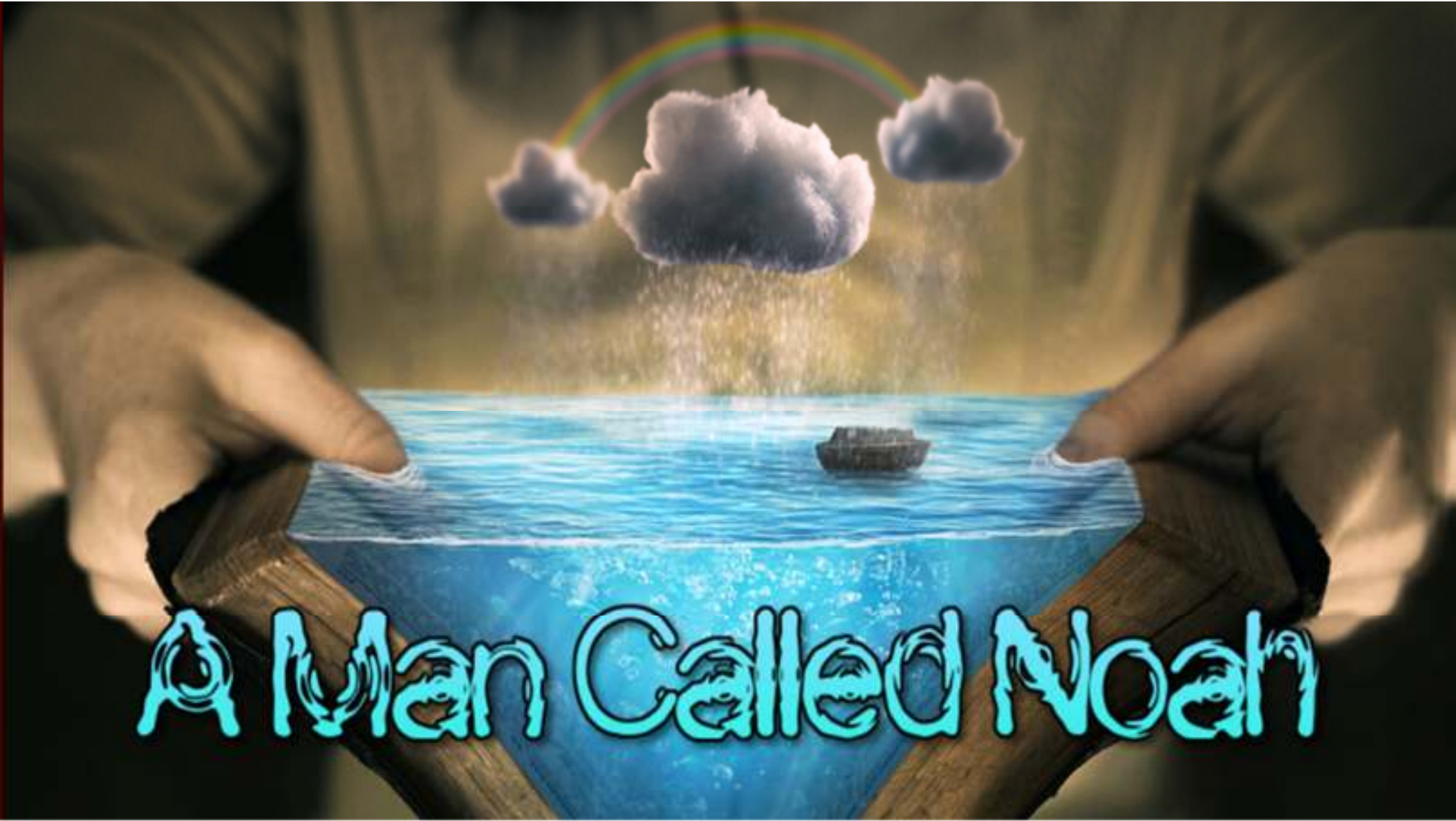
God and Rainbows

When God made his covenant with Noah, his family, future humans, and really the entire earth the rainbow was the sign of the covenant he gave

But it was not just any rainbow "I have set my rainbow in the clouds."

God's Rainbow





A Man Called Noah

God's Response

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 8:21



God's Response

To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’ “Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life.

Genesis 1:17

After the fall of humanity God cursed the ground.

**Part of that curse was the growing process.
(Genesis 3:18-19)**



God's Promises

But God did promise to never add additional curses to the ground due to our sin.

Not for a second did God believe the sin things was fixed

God knows sin will continue

He knew it from the moment he decided to have Noah build the ark

Sinners



God's Promises

***And never again will I destroy all living creatures,
as I have done***

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.”

Before God made the Covenant with Noah, he made a promise to himself



Rainbow of Promises **(The Covenants)**



Old Testament



Then Came Jesus

But in fact, the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, since the new covenant is established on better promises.

Hebrews 8:6

Better Promises?



Better Promises

What could possibly be better than being a chosen Nation?

What could possibly be better than being a full of chosen people?

What could possibly be better than being part of a chosen kingdom?

Incomplete

For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another.



Hebrews 8:7

New Promises

I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts (v.10)

I will be their God, and they will be my people (v. 10)

No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. (v.11)

For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more (v. 12)



Obsolete

By calling this covenant “new,” he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and outdated will soon disappear

Hebrews 8:13

Definition One: no longer in use or no longer useful

Definition Two: Indistinct or imperfect as compared with a corresponding part in related organisms.



Old vs New

As we enter Chapter 9 the first 10 verses sort of give an overview of how God and Man connected under the old covenant

~~There were curtains~~

~~There were objects of worship~~

Jesus

~~There were priests and many sacrifices that had to be done over and over~~



You and Jesus

For this reason, Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

In this covenant Jesus set the terms it was his life ***Hebrews 9:15***

It was a ransom for sin

His death paid the price in for the sins committed under the first covenant as well as those to come. (v. 27-28)



Eternal Inheritance

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

John 17:1-5



***Lay Claim
to the
The Promises***