

# **“WHEN GOD HUNG UP HIS BOW”**

1. Which best describes you today: A raging storm, an enclosed ark, or a large rainbow? Why?  

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2. What is the first contract you remember signing?  

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3. Verses 1-17 stipulate a second covenant which God enters into with Noah and his heirs. How is this covenant different than the previous one (6:13 - 7:5)? What aspects of this covenant are forever? Which are unconditional? What does this covenant stipulate from the human side (vv.1-7)? From God's side (vv.3,5,9-11)?  

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4. In verses 1-7, why does God repeat for Noah much of what he told Adam? What new instructions does he add about lifeblood and murder? Why?  

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5. In verses 12-17, what is the sign of this new covenant? What purpose does this sign serve? From elsewhere in the Bible, what do you know about other signs or seals of covenant commitments between God and his people?  

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6. What does this new covenant teach about the sanctity of life? How might this be especially important to Noah and his sons just now?  

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7. What does this Flood story add to the overall Genesis themes of judgment and redemption, justice and mercy?  

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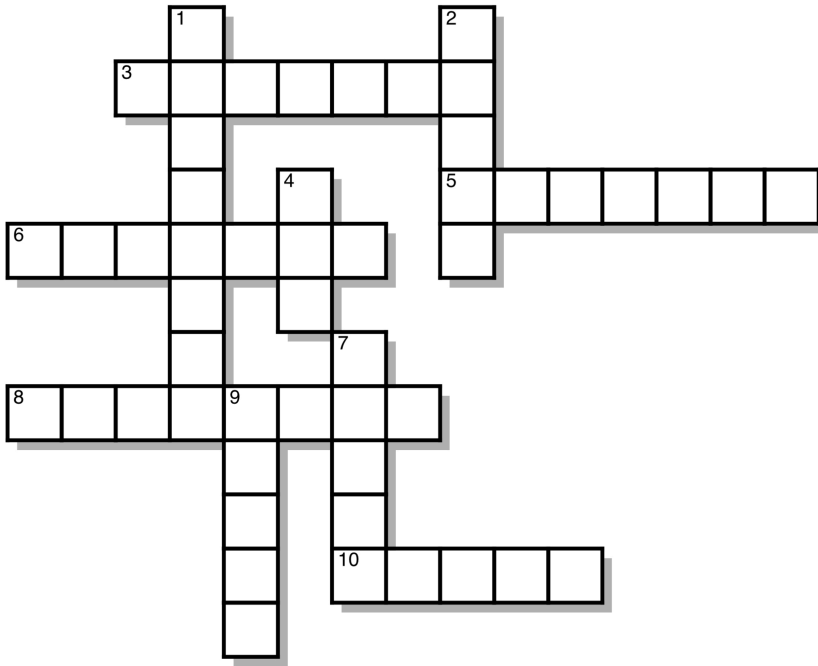
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8. Where in your life do you want a promise from God?  

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9. What symbolic rainbow have you experienced recently? In what area of your life does this passage bring your comfort? Where does it challenge you?  

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**Down**

1 This was a special kind of very binding promise.

2 What did God say would be on every animal (NKJV)?

4 The item hung in the sky is described by God as His \_\_\_\_\_.

7 Noah and his family and descendants were not to eat flesh with this in it.

9 Humans have special value because of our being created in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

**Across**

3 How long was the covenant between God and the earth to endure?

5 What did God now allow for Noah to eat?

6 This was the sign of God’s promise with Noah, his family, and the earth.

8 God called Noah and his sons to be fruitful and do this.

10 What was the consequence for the shedding of human blood?

**WORD SEARCH:**

- Bless
- Multiply
- Fear
- Dominion
- Living
- Food
- Covenant
- Sign
- Rainbow
- Remember
- Everlasting
- Fruitful
- Earth
- Offspring
- Lifeblood
- Image
- God
- Creatures
- Flood
- Ark
- Seed
- Shem
- Ham
- Japheth
- Grace
- Seasons
- Redemption
- Harvest
- Renewal

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