

Covenants — Noahic Covenant

Genesis 6:18-21 NASB

But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife, and your sons' wives with you. [19] And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. [20] Of the birds after their kind, and of the animals after their kind, of every creeping thing of the ground after its kind, two of every kind will come to you to keep them alive. [21] As for you, take for yourself some of all food which is edible, and gather it to yourself; and it shall be for food for you and for them."

1. Is in effect today
2. Sign of the Covenant is the Rainbow
3. "Never again" Eternal Commitment
4. 9:16 Everlasting Covenant
5. No indication this ever stopped
6. Will cease when the earth ceases (Gen 8:22)

Genesis 9:11-17 NASB

I establish My covenant with you; and all flesh shall never again be cut off by the water of the flood, neither shall there again be a flood to destroy the earth." [12] God said, "This is the sign of the covenant which I am making between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all successive generations; [13] I set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth. [14] It shall come about, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow will be seen in the cloud, [15] and I will remember My covenant, which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and never again shall the water become a flood to destroy all flesh. [16] When the bow is in the cloud, then I will look upon it, to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." [17] And God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth."

"The juxtaposition of the latter two passages (i.e. Gen. 9:1-7 and Gen. 9:8-17) highlights the fact that the Noahic covenant incorporates bilateral obligations. Admittedly, this covenant is unconditional in the sense that God's promises are not contingent upon human response or behaviour."

—— Paul Williamson, *Sealed with an Oath; Covenant in God's Unfolding Purpose* (Nottingham: Apollos, 2007), 63.

"In Jeremiah 33:20-26 God's 'covenant with day and night' is explicitly recalled. This is most likely a reference to the Noahic covenant as is the further elaboration in Jeremiah 33:25. Clearly, the covenant in question is considered permanent and unbreakable, and the assurance given here resonates with the strong affirmative language used in the context of the Noahic covenant (cf. Gen. 8:21-22). Ezekiel 34:25-30; 37:26; Isaiah 54:9-10 These three texts all mention a future 'covenant of peace' that echoes features of the Noahic covenant."

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