

# Genesis 9

Restrain Bow – Noah  
Sailor & Savior









From primitive times... bow = death  
(hunting or war) A bow is a **weapon**.

This speech from God, recorded in the Hebrew language, simply uses the word “bow.” This image is too important to ignore. It is part of the message. God was “hanging up” his bow. His anger was dissipated.

Rainbows are part of creation and certainly existed prior to this moment. God was not creating something new but was infusing a meaning or message into this natural phenomenon. “I will restrain my wrath.”

The rainbow is a **sign** for us still **today**.  
The Lord specifies this covenant for  
“all generations.” *(9:12)*

What the rainbow promised, the Old Testament sacrifices (later) expressed.

- In these sacrifices God's wrath was **revealed** but **restricted**.
- Only on **one** substitute would the flood of God's wrath be **fully poured out** unrestrained.

From *Isaiah 53*... descriptions of God's wrath to be poured out upon the "suffering servant"... *marred and disfigured... despised and rejected... stricken and smitten... pierced and crushed... oppressed and afflicted... judged and cut off.*

\* On Jesus, God opened the dam and the flood was world wide!

**LESSONS from the RAINBOW?**

A symbol of **HOPE**. Such a flood would not need to be repeated because God's judgment would be **deferred** and **transferred** to a spiritual savior. One man (symbolized by Noah). *This was a shift in strategy!*

The rainbow says, “**God has not given  
up on us!**”

A symbol of God's infinite capacity  
and love for **COMPLEXITY** and **VARIETY**.

Rainbows are used to describe the  
glorious appearance of God on his throne!

The **church** is said to be an example of the “multicolored” or “many layered” **wisdom** of God (*Ephesians 3:10*)

The rainbow says, **“God is quite complicated and very beautiful!”**