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Genesis 9|10, Psalms 11|13, Matthew 7



## **On the Wicked He shall rain a horrible Tempest**

After the flood to destroy the wicked God requires life at the hands of man. God spake unto Noah and to his sons, 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.” (G9:8-15)

The bow is a symbol of judgement. David wrote of the bow of the wicked who will still be judged with tempest, “In the LORD put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain? For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart. If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do? The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD'S throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men. The LORD tries the righteous: but the wicked and him that loves violence his soul hates. Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup (P11:1-6). I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation. (13:5)

The bow in the cloud speaks of a token of a covenant after a flood of judgement. Though the earth will not all be judged with flood again, individuals works will be judged, in a process likened to a flood. Y'shua said, "Judge not, that ye be not judged (M7:1). Every tree that brings not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. (M7:19) Therefore whosoever hears these sayings of mine, and does them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that hears these sayings of mine, and does them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. (M7:24-27)