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The Rainbow

In Genesis Chapter 9 we read of a covenant sign that the LORD made with Noah and all future generations. Of course, you most likely know the context of this covenant that God made with Noah. In Genesis 6 we read how God finally had removed His longsuffering nature from mankind. The description of mankind given in Genesis 6:5 is almost hard to imagine--"every intent of the thoughts of man's heart was only evil continually." Because of this God was going to destroy man and the earth with a flood. The rainbow was and is God's promise to man that he would never bring the type of flood He brought to the generation of Noah's day.

Here is why I mention this important point. Many people argue that the flood of Noah's day was only a local or regional flood. Of course if one reads the Biblical account closely there is no way one could conclude that the flood of Noah's was a local or regional flood. Consider just a few points in this regard though such is not the purpose of this article. First, why would God have Noah build such a huge structure if He was only going to bring a local flood; why not simply have Noah and his family move? Look at the process involved in God bringing the animals to Noah so that they might go on the ark. Again, how does this make any sense if it was only to be a local flood and animals in areas other than the local or regional flood area could continue to populate the earth? And lastly, though there is so much more that could be considered--if the water is above the mountains by 15 cubits, how is it contained?

But my point is simply this--if we believe the Bible--there is no way for us to believe in the rainbow as a sign from God unless what God promised in the rainbow is that he would never destroy the world again with a GLOBAL FLOOD! Why would I say this? Simply because if God promised never to do what He did in Noah's day ever again, and what He did in Noah's day was only a local flood, then God is a liar, because there are constantly local areas which flood. Last time we went to be with Brenna's dad and mom Elizabethtown KY saw some of the worst flooding in years. This time when we came to see Brenna's parents, Mannington and Hundred, WV (as well as other surrounding areas) saw some of the worst flooding anyone alive can remember. Guess what was seen in this part of WV just a little over a week before--you guessed it--a rainbow.

Well, you may be thinking, "Does this really matter that much?" Well if what God promised in the rainbow is not true (we know it is true because what the rainbow promises is that God will never again destroy the earth with a global flood--and He has kept that promise) then we cannot trust God's promise to save us through His Son! We must always be careful to reason properly regarding God's word. We cannot flippantly act as if Noah's flood was only a local or a regional flood. Nothing could be further from the truth. And also, please pray for all those impacted by the devastation of local floods when they occur.

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