

BROKEN FOR US
A Lent Sermon Series
"Signs & Promises" | Genesis 9:8-17
Sunday, March 8th, 2026

I. COVENANTS

~ The word "covenant" appears seven times in nine verses in this passage. Which means it deserves our attention. Our human minds tend to see "covenants" as contracts.

~ In Scripture, the covenants are way for us to see god's plan in history manifest itself. In all of the covenants, there are two parties - 1) God in His grace & 2) man in his sin, on whose behalf God acts.

> The covenant becomes God's self-imposed obligation for the deliverance of sinners.

> As we look at the Noah Covenant, it allows us to essentially think about Covenant Theology; this is a view (or framework) that makes the reader interpret Scripture through its covenantal structure.

~ Covenants in Scripture are grounded in a relationship of love and trust between two parties. But in certain cases in the Bible, a covenant is more one-sided.

+ Background to God's Covenant with Noah

~ Genesis 2:15 (covenant of works); instruction to work and a certainty of death if they disobey.

~ Genesis 3:15 God declares judgment on the serpent and the punishment for Adam & Eve. THIS is the proto-euangelion -The very first glimpse of the gospel.

A) *All of the OT Covenants Make a Way for the New Covenant*

~God's covenant with Noah (Genesis 8-9), is a preparing the road for Jesus.

~ God's covenant with Abraham (Genesis 12), is meant to point us towards Christ.

~ The Mosaic covenant, also known as the law covenant, is the covenant that teaches us that we are not able to keep the law perfectly.

~ The Davidic covenant (2 Samuel 7 & 1 Chronicles 17) was designed to point to the royal kingship of Jesus Christ because it identified the one family that was descended from Abraham.

II. SIGNS

~ Signs serve a two-fold purpose. 1) Signs in most cases, serve as warnings. They are meant to warn us of impending danger. 2) Signs are a means to provide instruction.

~ His Story - is in fact God's sovereign plan to get from point A to point B.... All while having point B in mind from the very beginning.

** *Psalm 139:16* **

"In a very real sense, then, God runs history from the future. He stands, as it were, already at the destination and guides the road crew so that his highway reaches the end point."

- John Piper

~ Isaiah 48:10

"... I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,'"

III. PROMISES

> The promises found in covenants serve many purposes in that they guarantee God's sovereign hand to act, and they also promise to uphold, provide for, and bless God's people with a definitive act of salvation and redemption.

~ Genesis 8:20 = "*a sacrifice made on an altar...*"

~ Jeremiah 31:10-14 = an OT prophecy of the new covenant in Jesus!

> Jesus is the greater Moses, leading us out of bondage, and he is the obedient Israelite who perfectly follows the laws of God. Jesus is the royal son of David who ushered in God's Kingdom in his life, death, and resurrection.