

The Rainbow

“Behold, I, even I, am establishing my covenant with you, and with your seed after you, and with every living creature which is with you And I have established my covenant with you, and all flesh shall not be cut off again by the waters of the flood; nor shall there ever again be a flood to destroy the earth. And God said, This is the sign of the covenant which I am about to make between me and you, and every living soul which is with you, for everlasting generations; I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. And when I gather clouds on the earth, then the bow shall be seen in the clouds 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.” (Genesis 9)

The ***“sign of the Covenant”*** was a beautiful rainbow, emblazoned across the sky, displaying all the colors of the spectrum, and reaching down and touching the earth.

This beautiful display of light came at the end of an awesome experience. Noah had been in the ark for 370 days; part of that time drifting through torrents and currents that made his box-shaped vessel toss aimlessly. Finally it came to rest on a mountain, and as the waters of the flood receded, he and his family (8 people) emerged out onto a land that had been stripped of all life, both man and beast.

The story is not a myth. The great flood catastrophe really did happen. But it is far more than just an event in the ancient history of man. Its symbolism loudly proclaims salvation through Jesus Christ, and its promises reach all the way down to our day, and into the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. Those 8 souls who were saved through the flood by means of the ark are representative of all for whom Jesus died: He is the ark through which they are saved.

Noah was in the ark 370 days. Did you ever realize that those 370 days were, in fact, 8880 hours? The Gematria value of the name ***“Jesus”*** is 888. Not a coincidence! When the Apostle Peter was recounting the event of that great flood, he wrote ***“An ark, in which a few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.”*** Would you believe – that statement in the Greek text has a Gematria value of 8880 – the same as the number of hours they were in the ark. Again – surely not a coincidence

The prophet Isaiah, when writing concerning Jesus as representing salvation, called him ***“the salvation of our God.”*** Yes, it has a Gematria value of 888.

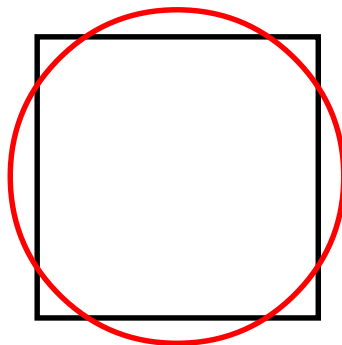
And as Noah and his family came out of the ark they saw a magnificent rainbow, displaying the complete spectrum of colors. God told him that this brilliant rainbow was the “*sign of the covenant.*” The word “*rainbow*” is not used here. The Hebrew text simply says “*bow.*” It has a Gematria value of 800. The “*sign of the covenant*” has a Gematria value of 1024 – a multiple of 8 ($8 \times 128 = 1024$).

With all these uses of the number 8 in the establishing of that covenant with Noah, perhaps we should take a closer look at the rainbow. Why was a rainbow used as a “*sign of the covenant?*” Why not some other sign?

A rainbow is composed of water and light, and only exists in the eye of the beholder. No two people ever see the same rainbow. Seeing a rainbow, then, is a very personal experience, no matter how many people may be looking at it.

A full rainbow is 360 degrees – but from our stance we see only 180 degrees of it. If we were to multiply 180 degrees by the Great Cubit which God gave to Ezekiel for building the Temple (1.76’), the product would be 316.8. Throughout the Greek text of the New Testament, the name “*Lord Jesus Christ*” has a Gematria value of 3168. Amazing! When we look at a full rainbow (top half), we are looking at a promise of life through the Lord Jesus Christ.

To see this relationship more clearly, let’s draw a simple diagram – a circle and square whose circumference and perimeter are the same length, 1024 – representing the binding of a covenant between God and man. “*Sign of the covenant*” has a Gematria value of 1024.



Perimeter of square and circumference of circle – 1024

Each side of the square – 256

Diameter of the circle – 326

1024 = “Sign of the covenant”

256 = “To give light”

326 = “Christ our Passover”

The circle represents a rainbow. But we see only the top half of it from our stance here on earth.

The Hebrew word used in the Old Testament for “bow” has a Gematria value of 800; and the Greek word used in the New Testament for “rainbow” has a value of 320. Drop the zeros and multiply: (8 x 32) and the product is 256. The Hebrew word for “to give light” has a number value of 256. In the above diagram, the square and the circle represent the reconciliation of man (square) to God (circle) by means of a covenant.

The diameter of the circle in this illustration is 326, which is the number value for “Christ our Passover.” When God looks down upon the rainbow He sees it as a circle – that circle is the antitypical Passover Lamb (326). We see it as half a circle (3168) – Lord Jesus Christ. Thus, viewing it from either stance, the rainbow is still Jesus Christ.

The top half of the rainbow that we see bears the number 3168 – Lord Jesus Christ. That is a man’s-eye-view of it. But a God’s-eye-view (viewed from above) is a full 360 degree circle. Using the same calculations, multiply the 360 degrees by the Great Cubit – 360 x 1.76 - 6336.

Noah’s ark, which represents salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ, had a full length of 6336 (when using the Great Cubit for its construction measure). The promise that God gave to Noah – “I will establish my covenant” – has a Gematria value of 1584. A square with sides of 1584 will have a perimeter of 6336. But take a look at this amazing number – 6336. It is a God’s-eye-view of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ.

**6336 = “This Jesus God has raised up, of whom we are all witnesses”
(Acts 2:32)**

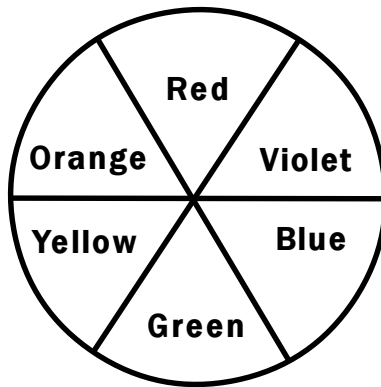
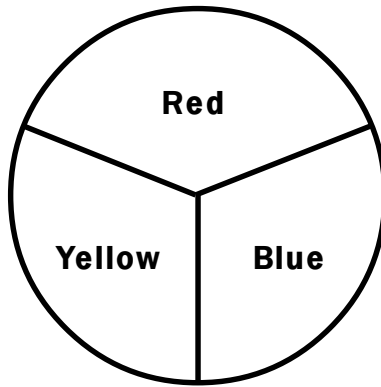
6336 / 2 = 3168 = Lord Jesus Christ

6336 / 3 = 2112 = “A virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Emmanuel.”

6336 / 4 = 1584 = “I will establish my covenant” (Genesis 9:8)

The rainbow that Noah saw was a beautiful sight to behold. It was a display of the colors of visible light (white light). It was a complete circle, however, Noah only saw the top half of it. The colors were arranged in the order of the spectrum – red at the top, followed by orange, yellow, green, blue, and violet. (Some may wonder why I left indigo out. It is, in reality, a combination of blue and violet, thus it belongs in the next level of the colors.)

Light is basically three colors – red, yellow and blue. However, in the rainbow these colors are transparent, so when they are overlapping they appear as six colors (or, if we want to go to the next level, there would be 12 colors).



Each of the colors of white light are determined by the length of the light wave. The units commonly used for this measurement are the *millimicron*, which is denoted by the symbol $\mu\mu$, which equals one millionth of a millimeter. The table below converts these measures into the British inch.

	$\mu\mu$	Inch
Red	710	.00000284
Orange	620	.00000248
Yellow	570	.00000228
Green	520	.00000208
Blue	470	.00000188
Violet	410	<u>.00000164</u>
Aggregate		.00001320 (White Light)

When the colors of the spectrum are combined in the precisely proper amounts, all the apparent color disappears from view, and the result is white light. When all the lengths of the light waves (in inches) are added, the aggregate is .00001320. Amazingly, the Hebrew word for "white" has a Gematria value of 132. It is not a coincidence. It is evidence of an

Intelligent Designer. The Scriptures tell us that He “dwells in a light that no man can approach unto.”

White light, bearing the number 132, identifies the Creator:

132 = “Jehovah your God” (Joshua 4:5)

132 = “Our God” (Hebrew)

These three primary colors bear the numbers: Red, 284; Yellow, 228, and Blue 188 – the aggregate of which is 700. The Hebrew identification “He who sits in the heavens,” has a Gematria value of 700. The number values which correspond to the three primary colors are:

Red: 284 = “God” (Greek)

Yellow: 228 = “The Lord God Most High” (Hebrew)

Blue: 188 = “The beauty of Jehovah” (Hebrew)

700 = “He who sits in the heavens” (Hebrew)

A Golden Rectangle with a long side of 132 will contain a Golden Spiral with a length of 316.8 (3168 = Lord Jesus Christ).

No wonder the poet, William Wordsworth, wrote “My heart leaps up when I behold a rainbow in the sky.”



The above image was photographed by D. Bush at Elam Bend, Missouri in 2006. This remarkable image has been reproduced thousands of times on the internet. Capturing the entire image was accomplished with a fisheye lens. In reality, both ends of the rainbow do not stop at the horizon, but appear in the foreground, beneath the distant scene, forming a complete half-circle.

The Apostle John saw a rainbow yet more spectacular, for he saw it as a complete circle around the head of Him who sat on the heavenly throne. And the prophet Ezekiel saw the same magnificent vision. He described it as *“Like the appearance of a rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the radiance around him.”*

That rainbow, and its radiance, is the magnificent beauty of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ. God told Noah that He would remember this whenever He sees the rainbow in the cloud – (the cloud is that place of transition between God’s realm and the human realm). Yes, our hearts also “leap up” whenever we see a rainbow in the sky, because it reminds us that God has provided salvation for us through the Lord Jesus Christ.