

The Rainbow & the Manger (Genesis 9:12-13)

Introduction: *What is a rainbow? (It is more than you think!)*

- I. THE RAINBOW AFTER THE GREAT FLOOD (Genesis 9:12-13)
 - A. The ‘war bow’ against sin has been set aside
 - B. When you see a rainbow today, see it a reminder of an ancient promise

- II. THE STAR IN BETHLEHEM’S SKY (Matthew 2)
 - A. Note the reaction of the wise men who bowed, worshipped, & gave gifts
 - B. Did they see a rainbow? Yes! God’s wrath had been set aside (John 3:16)
 - C. We join them in “laying before Jesus” all we are & do

- III. THE MANGER HOLDING THE BABE OF MARY (Luke 2)
 - A. The rainbow was there!
 - B. God’s wrath had been set aside to be placed on Jesus (2 Cor. 5:21)

- IV. THE CROSS UPON WHICH JESUS DIED (Matthew 27:41)
 - A. The rainbow was there!
 - B. God’s wrath against sin was set aside as Jesus was forsaken for you
 - C. Look carefully at Jesus’ empty tomb: See the rainbow!

- V. HEAVEN ALSO WILL SHOW US A RAINBOW (Rev. 4:3; Ezek. 1:27-28)
 - A. The rainbow is a sign of God’s loving and powerful presence
 - B. It will be an eternal sign declaring: God’s wrath has been set aside

Conclusion: *There are rainbows in your future! (Romans 8:1)*