

## A Rainbow

An arch of colours visible in the sky, caused by the refraction and dispersion of the sun's light by rain or other water droplets in the atmosphere. The colours of the rainbow are generally said to be red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet:

A linking bow, connecting one side with another, a bridge one side dark clouds and storms the other sunshine and light. The rainbow became a sign of solidarity through the Covid pandemic, it became a symbol of thanks for the work of all those who helped to keep everyone safe especially the NHS service.

In the bible there is a story about a rainbow which God set in the sky after Noah and his family and all the animals left the ark after being shut in for approx. 370 days; Note: A Biblical year is 360 days not 365 ¼ days. We can empathise with Noah and his family for we too have been shut in for now over a year. As a dove brought Noah a sign an olive branch that the water was going down. We too, have signs of release as the numbers go down and hopefully a feeling of joy, maybe a little apprehensive yes, but good and joyous. Noah must have felt joyous as God gave them a sign of his love for them and us - a rainbow. We can imagine what it must have felt like as they walked out on to dry land and a rainbow appeared in the sky a promise of good things to come.

Whenever I see a rainbow it always makes me smile and it lifts the heart and soul in praise and thanks giving it seems to me a God given sign that good things are just around the corner. Ezekiel 1:28 spoke of a rainbow as a picture of Gods beauty and holiness.

“Like the appearance of a rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the radiance around him. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD.”

A rainbow reminds God and us of His everlasting Covenant a promise that proclaims even greater love as that shown in Jesus Christ. Therefore let us share in God's love and remember that rainbow in all that we do.

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