

Noah Builds an Altar

Lesson 2, Genesis 8:13-22; 9:11-13, KJV

WHY APPRECIATE RAINBOWS?

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Why the fascination with rainbows?



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Estimate percentages of people's first reaction when seeing a rainbow. Numbers must add up to 100%.

____% think of or comment on the rainbow's beauty.

____% think of or mention the pot-of-gold myth.

____% think of or mention the scientific explanation for the rainbow's formation.

____% think of or mention the "ROYGBIV" color arrangement.

____% think of or mention God's promise never again to flood the entire earth.

100%

What can you do to make the percentage of the last category higher? Write ideas below.

MEANING AND SIGNIFICANCE

What does God expect His people to understand about rainbows in terms of meaning (mental image) and significance (implications)? Write your thoughts below.

Meaning of rainbows in the Old Testament: _____

Significance of rainbows in the Old Testament: _____

Special note on the concepts of meaning and significance: When you hear the word *table*, the image of furniture having a flat surface comes to mind—that's *meaning*. If a mother says to her son, "It's time to come to the table," the implication is that it's time for dinner—that's *significance*.