

The Torah Project

Genesis 8b-9

Genesis 1:6

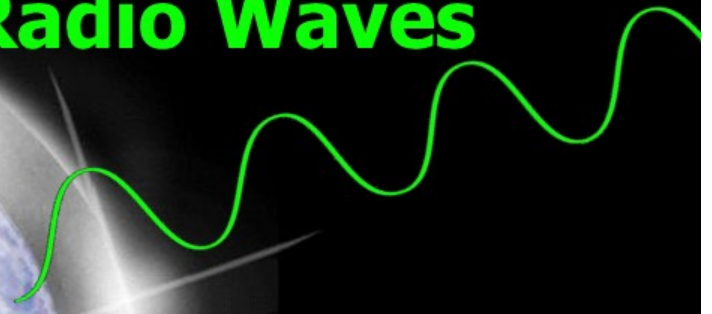
Then God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.”

Genesis 2:5-6

Now no shrub of the field was yet in the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for Adonai God had not sent rain upon the earth; and there was no man to cultivate the ground. But a mist used to rise from the earth and water the whole surface of the ground.

Vapor Canopy

Radio Waves



Visible Light



**Harmful UV
Radiation Blocked**





The verse “and let there be lights in the firmament of heaven” informs us that all the lights are suspended from that ‘firmament of heaven.’ That is the firmament above the living creatures, about which it is written: “and over the heads of the living creatures there was the likeness of a firmament, as the color of the terrible ice” (Ezekiel 1:22) This is the primal firmament.”

∞ **The Zohar** (Barasheit 1:21a)

Genesis 7:11

^{1st} ...all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened. ^{2nd}

Genesis 8:2

^{1st} Also the fountains of the deep and the floodgates of the sky were closed, and the rain from the sky was restrained; ^{2nd}

Genesis 8:22

“While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.”

Genesis 9:3

“Every moving thing that is alive shall be food for you; I give all to you, as the green plant.”

Genesis 9:11-14

“And I establish My covenant with you; and all flesh shall never again be cut off by the water of the flood, neither shall there again be a flood to destroy the earth.” And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant which I am making between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all successive generations; I set My **bow** in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth. And it shall come about, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the **bow** shall be seen in the cloud.”



Rabbi Avraham ibn Ezra (1089-1167) and **[Isaac] Abarbanel** (1437-1508) say that, with the Flood, there were physical changes in the world that allowed the rainbow to become visible. According to Ibn Ezra, sunlight became stronger. According to Abarbanel, the atmosphere became thinner.

✎ R' Mendy Kaminker



“Ararat”

אררט

“Serpent” “cursed”

Genesis 3:14-15

And Adonai God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed (אָרוּר, *arur*) are you more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly shall you go, and dust shall you eat all the days of your life; and I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall crush your head, and you shall crush His heel.”

Genesis 3:17

Then to Adam He said, “... **cursed** (אָרוּר, *arur*) is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life.”

Romans 5:20

And the Torah came in that the transgression might increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more. !

"7" = Completion
in Time

"8" = New Life /
New Beginning

"Bow"

Occurs 77x
in Tanach

→ קשת = 800
(keshet)

...as in RAINBOW

... as in ARCHERY

Translated "rainbow" 7x in Tanach.
Occurs 8x in Torah

Revelation 4:3

And He who was sitting was like a diamond and a sardius in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance.

Revelation 10:1

And I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, clothed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon his head, and his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire;