

## Revelation 4:3

*And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.*

Did you realize that the rainbow is mentioned in the first book of the bible, Genesis, and the last book of the bible, Revelation?

I think everyone loves to see a rainbow. All you have to do is look at people's Facebook page, because as soon as they see a rainbow, they take a picture of it and post it. But like any majestic thing, like the Grand Canyon, Niagara Falls, the giant sequoia trees, a picture does not capture the majesty of such things. Just like John could not capture the majesty of God's throne as he tried to paint a picture of it with words. He could only describe it with things we could associate it with, like precious stones of *jasper and a sardius* as well as *a rainbow*.

But let's look at the passage in Genesis of when the rainbow is first mentioned in the bible.

† **Genesis 9:13-17** *I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." 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."*

So this happened after the great flood, in fact this was a little over a year later from when the flood happened (That's how long Noah and his family were in the ark).

But one of my favorite parts of this is verse 16, here in Genesis: *The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.* (underlined for emphasis)

Notice what I underlined? I know when couples are apart, maybe in different states for whatever reason. One thing they will do is make plans to both look at the moon at a certain time. Like, "OK, we will both look at the moon at exactly 11:30 tonight" and it's very romantic because even though they are far apart, they are still sharing something together.

But do you realize that when you look at a rainbow, God is looking at that same rainbow.

† *rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it*

Now tell me God is not into romance. But also with the rainbow, the world and satan has perverted it. How so? Don't you realize that the gays use the rainbow as their symbol?

Something that God has made both romantic between Himself and His creation (Man and woman) as well as showing his awesomeness by having the rainbow around the throne. The world has perverted to be used as a symbol of sin.

Now don't give me the judging comment or anything else to defend sin, it doesn't work with me and you certainly cannot defend sin to God either. God did not put the rainbow in the sky to say that sin is ok.

So next time you are going through those storms in life, look for the rainbow and know that God sees from heaven and is with you in that storm.

† **2 Samuel 22:17 (NLT)** *He reached down from heaven and rescued me; he drew me out of deep waters.*

† **1 Kings 8:30 (NLT)** *May you hear the humble and earnest requests from me and your people Israel when we pray toward this place. Yes, hear us from heaven where you live, and when you hear, forgive.*