

# "On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

## Genesis 9

Chapter nine opens with God blessing Noah and his sons and commanding them to replenish the earth. God placed the fear of man in every animal, and they were all given into the hand of man for food and for a lasting stewardship of care. The law of capital punishment is instituted as the life of man is precious and is to be honored. If a life is unlawfully taken, the person who is responsible must be punished to rid the earth of violence.

God promised Noah and his descendants that He would never destroy the earth by water again and as a sign or token of this covenant God put a "bow" in the sky. We call that a "rainbow" and when we see the rainbow, we should remember God's promise to man that He will never destroy the earth by water again. Also, when we see the rainbow, we should be reminded that God is faithful to all His promises and when we get to heaven, we will see the full circle of what is only a bow now.

The Apostle John, writing in the last book of the Bible, the book of Revelation, saw a vision of heaven and Jesus, the Messiah, on the throne and said,

**"...A throne was set in heaven, and One sat on the throne. And He Who sat on there was like a jasper**

**(a clear stone like a diamond) and a sardius stone (a crimson red color) in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne in appearance like an emerald"** (Revelation 4:2-3; parentheses mine).

God is faithful to all His promises, and He never fails. You and I can trust Him completely with everything and everyone in our lives. The God of all the earth will always do the right thing.

### Prayer and Action Steps

Pray and thank God for His faithfulness to keep every promise He made. The scriptures are replete with instances where the people of God ask God to remember His promises that He made. This is not because God forgets what He has said, but to remind us that He will be faithful to do what He says He will do. God has promised that if anyone will repent of their sins, trust in Him to be saved, He will do that. He promised to His children that if we sin, fall short, or fail, that if we confess (agree) our sins, (agree with Him about our sins) that He will forgive us and cleanse us (Romans 10:13; I John 1:9). These are just two of the hundreds of promises God has given us in the Bible. Search the Scriptures as you read through the Bible this year and mark the promises of God you find. Thank you, God for your promises.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture \_\_\_\_\_

- Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.
- Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.
- Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

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What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

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Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context? \_\_\_\_\_

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Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? \_\_\_\_\_

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Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

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