

Genesis 9.8-17 shape

8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him,

[THE ESTABLISHING OF THE COVENANT]

9 "As for me, I am establishing my covenant [*qom berit*]
with you and your seed after you,

10 and with every living being [*kal-nefesh hachayyah*] that is with you,
the birds,
the domestic animals,
and every living being of the earth [*kal-chayyah ha'arets*] with you,
every living being [*kal chayyah ha'arets*]
that came out of the ark.

11 I establish my covenant [*qom berit*] with you,
that never again shall all flesh [*kal basar*] be cut off by the waters of a flood,
and never again shall there be a flood to destroy [*mabbul shchth*] the earth [*ha'arets*]."

[THE SIGN OF THE COVENANT: CHIASM 9.12-17]

A: 12 (A): God said, "This is the sign of the covenant [*'oth berit*]
that I give [*nthn*] between me and you and every living being [*kal-nefesh chayyah*]
that is with you,
for all future generations [*dor `olam*]:

B: 13 My bow [*qesheth*] I have given [*nthn*] in the clouds [*`anan*],

and it shall be a sign of the covenant [*'oth berit*]
between me and the earth [*ha'arets*].

14 When I cloud clouds [*`anan `anan*] over the earth [*ha'arets*]
and the bow [*qesheth*] is seen in the clouds [*`anan*],

15 I will remember my covenant [*berit*]
that is between me and you and every living being [*kal-nefesh chayyah*] of all flesh
[*kal basar*];

C: and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy [*mabbul
shchth*] all flesh [*basar*].

B¹ 16 When the bow [*qesheth*] is in the clouds [*`anan*],
I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant [*`olam berit*]
between God and every living being [*kal-nefesh chayyah*] of all flesh [*kal-basar*] that
is on the earth [*ha'arets*]."

A: 17 God said to Noah,
"This is the sign of the covenant [*'oth-berit*] that I have established [*qom*]
between me and all flesh [*kal-basar*] that is on the earth [*ha'arets*]."