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Rainbow

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Topics.

- A mighty angel, with a rainbow over his head.
- A rainbow round-about he who sat on the throne.

A MIGHTY ANGEL, WITH A RAINBOW OVER HIS HEAD

- **Revelation 10:1:** Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, wrapped in a cloud, with a rainbow over his head, and his face was like the sun, and his legs like pillars of fire.

This angel is characterized as a "mighty" angel one of strength and power, signifying it is of an exalted rank far above the rank of the seven angels with trumpets. The rainbow can signify any of the following:

- God's covenant promise made with Noah never to flood the world again. (Gen. 9:16).
- God's protection of the faithful few (as the Ark was, a symbol of Christ).
- A reminder of God's judgment and wrath, and the total-destruction and utter annihilation of the rebellious ungodly world (as in the days of Noah).
- God's wrath coming once again upon the ungodly world.
- God's divine favour, compassion, and peace.
- God's covenant and mercy toward repentant sinners.
- Christ bringing peace to his church and the world.

In the same way that sunshine comes after a storm the rainbow can signify, God's peace and glory will come after His wrath Like all of God's creation, the rainbow reflects the beauty and majesty of God, and its radiant colours and glorious appearance in the sky points to the existence of God and reflects his glory.

It is a fit emblem of the covenant of promise that God has made with Christ, as the Head of the church, and with all his people in him.

A RAINBOW ROUND ABOUT HE WHO SAT ON THE THRONE

- **Revelation 4:3:** He who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian (sardine in KJV), and around the throne (round about the throne in KJV) was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. (Rev.4:3).

The one seated on the throne is the invisible Holy Almighty God the creator of all things and source of all life, and not the Lord Jesus Christ (as some believe), because in (Rev. 5:5-6) we read that the one seated on the throne gave the scroll to, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, the Lamb standing, as though it had been slain.

The Jasper stone: there are various kinds of jasper stones in Scripture, the type of jasper stone here is describe as being clear as crystal and most precious. This stone is famous for its transparency, and as such signifies the perfections of God’s nature and the purity of His righteousness and holiness.

The sardian (sardius) stone: (also called a cornelian stone), is best described as a fiery or blood red colour which in the context of this vision most likely signifies God’s justice, terror, and fiery indignation especially since God is referred to in Scripture as a consuming fire, whose wrath is poured out upon His enemies like fire.

The emerald stone: is green and pleasant to the eye, it most likely signifies God’s goodness, favour, mercy, and grace to His people and to the repentant sinner. It is also the prevailing colour in the rainbow around the throne of God.

The rainbow around the throne: is an allusion to the earthly rainbow God set in the sky after the flood of Noah that destroyed the wicked. The rainbow is a covenant promise to the world that God would never again destroy the earth by a future flood (Gen. 9:12-16), so the heavenly rainbow signifies the covenant promise that God made with Christ, and the faithful in his Kingdom, that they would never suffer His wrath against the wicked, or His judgment to eternal destruction. The prevailing colour of the heavenly rainbow is emerald, which is a pleasant green for the eyes to look at signifying God’s goodness, favour, mercy, grace, peace, and safety.

The words, “around the throne,” (round about the throne in KJV) suggest that this rainbow around God’s throne was not half a circle as the earthly rainbow is, but formed a complete circle vertically around the throne. As such it would signify the following two things:

1. God is eternal and that after the acts of His wrath (symbolised by the lightning and thunder around the throne) that are revealed to John in the following vision have come to their final-end.
 - **1 Corinthians 15:28:** When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.
2. God’s glory will encompass the world when He descends to earth and is All in All.

Overview of the throne and the rainbow: the Jasper and sardine stone and the rainbow around the throne of God is presented as a picture to impress upon the mind a sense of awe and the majesty of God who cannot be described, and of who no image should be made and to signify that God is the most glorious heavenly Father, and by His glory He outshines all other things.

As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.