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As the phenomenal result of prismatic action of sunlight on falling rain, the Rainbow is held to be coeval in birth with sun-shine and showers.

But is it so?

Was it the first of a great covenant which Almighty God was pleased to make with Noah, including all living creatures of the earth, securing immunity from a second flood. And the continuance of seasons while the earth remains?

"And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying: And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you: And with every living creature that is with you of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that is out of the ark, to every beast of the earth. And I will establish my covenant with you: neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood. * *

And God said This is the Token of the Covenant which I make between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: I do set My Bow in the Cloud, and it shall be for a Token of a Covenant between Me and the Earth. * * The Bow shall be in the Cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth."