

I. THE PROMISE. 8. NOAH. The language takes a fresh start from him. 9. **My covenant**—Referred to in ch. 6: 18. The covenant of redemption through the promised seed. It is always conditioned on faith, which in Noah's case was not wanting. (Heb. 11: 7). God deals with Noah as the representative of the race. He frequently refers to this covenant, Gen. 17: 7; Lev. 26: 42; Isa. 54: 9, 10; Jer. 31: 35, 36; 33: 20. 10. The inferior animals are to share in man's blessing as they have suffered through his fall. Ps. 45: 9. **From all that go out of the ark to every beast of the earth.** This would seem to imply that there were animals in the earth which did not come out of the ark. But some explain it by adding, "to every beast of the earth that shall proceed from them in the future," a promise is given to the seed of inferior animals as well as to the seed of Noah. The R. V. reads "of all that go out of the ark, even every beast of the earth," which is more in keeping with the context. (Gen. 6: 19; 7: 14; 8: 1). The writer of this narrative does not take into consideration the rest of the world where man did not reside, and says nothing about its animals. 11. 2 Pet. 3: 6. God's plan of redemption will be carried to completion without another interruption. His covenant is "established" with the descendants of Noah.

II. THE TOKEN. 12, 13. **I have set my bow** (R. V. marg.)—It was placed there when rain and sunbeams first kissed each other, long ere Adam was made. It is God's bow, a symbol of peace not of war. **It shall be for a token**—A visible remembrancer. Compare circumcision, water in baptism, bread and wine at the Lord's supper. See other memorials, Gen. 28: 18; Ex. 28: 12; 1 Sam. 7: 12. God's bow appears again in Ezek. 1: 28; Rev. 4: 3; 10: 1. "As it lights up the dark ground that just before was discharging itself in flashes of lightning, it gives us an idea of the victory of God's love over the black and fiery wrath; originating as it does from the effects of the sun upon the sable vault, it represents to the senses the readiness of the heavenly light to penetrate the earthly obscurity; spanned between heaven and earth, it announces peace between God and man; arching the horizon, it proclaims the all-embracing universality of the covenant of grace." (Delitzsch).

1—What was the state of the world at the time of the flood? (5)

2—How long did the flood last? (4)

3—What promise did God make to Noah when he came out of the Ark? (3)

4—What token did he give that he would keep this promise? (2)

5—In what other places in the Bible is the rainbow mentioned? (5)

6—What other signs, or tokens, has God given by which to remember his promises? (6)

Name

Dear Teacher.—Please excuse my absence from Sabbath School to-day, I cannot come because I have read the "Daily Portions" and answered the questions as well as I could. I have committed to memory verses in addition to the Golden Text, and Questions in the Catechism and have recited them to I was at church
I send with this my Weekly Offering of cents.