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After the Flood, God promised that the seasons, with their seed time and harvest, would not cease while the world is here. However, He did not promise that there wouldn't be cycles. We can be comforted by the fact that He has promised that the weather will always allow crops to be grown.

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