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every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ^(it will establish) 16 The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." 17 And God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Noah and His Sons

18 Now the sons of Noah who went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And Ham was the father of Canaan. 19 These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated. ^(including Noah)

20 And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard. 21 Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent. 22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. 23 But Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were ^(b)turned away, and they did not see their father's nakedness.

24 So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him.

25 Then he said:

"Cursed be Canaan;
A servant of servants
He shall be to his brethren."

26 And he said:

"Blessed be the LORD,
The God of Shem,
And may Canaan be his servant.

27 May God enlarge Japheth,
And may he dwell in the tents of Shem;
And may Canaan be his servant."

28 And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years. 29 So all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years; and he died.

Nations Descended from Noah

10 Now this is the genealogy of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And sons were born to them after the flood.

² The sons of Japheth *were* Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras. ³ The sons of Gomer *were* Ashkenaz, ^[bg]Riphat, and Togarmah. ⁴ The sons of Javan *were* Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and ^[bh]Dodanim. ⁵ From these the coastland *peoples* of the Gentiles were separated into their lands, everyone according to his language, according to their families, into their nations.

⁶ The sons of Ham *were* Cush, Mizraim, ^[bi]Put, and Canaan. ⁷ The sons of Cush *were* Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabtechah; and the sons of Raamah *were* Sheba and Dedan.

⁸ Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth. ⁹ He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD." ¹⁰ And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. ¹¹ From that land he went to Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth Ir, Calah, ¹² and Resen between Nineveh and Calah (that is the principal city).

¹³ Mizraim begot Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim, ¹⁴ Pathrusim, and Casluhim (from whom came the Philistines and Caphtorim).

¹⁵ Canaan begot Sidon his firstborn, and Heth; ¹⁶ the Jebusite, the Amorite, and the Girgashite; ¹⁷ the Hivite, the Arkite, and the Sinite; ¹⁸ the Arvadite, the Zemarite, and the Hamathite. Afterward the families of the Canaanites were dispersed. ¹⁹ And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon as you go toward Gerar, as far as Gaza; then as you go toward Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha. ²⁰ These were the sons of Ham, according to their families, according to their languages, in their lands and in their nations.

²¹ And *children* were born also to Shem, the father of all the children of Eber, ^[bj]the brother of Japheth the elder. ²² The sons of Shem *were* Elam, Asshur, Arphaxad, Lud, and Aram. ²³ The sons of Aram *were* Uz, Hul, Gether, and ^[bk]Mash. ²⁴ ^[bl]Arphaxad begot Salah, and Salah begot Eber. ²⁵ To Eber were born two sons: the name of one was ^[bm]Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name was Joktan. ²⁶ Joktan begot Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah, ²⁷ Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, ²⁸ ^[bn]Obal, Abimael, Sheba, ²⁹ Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. All these *were* the sons of Joktan. ³⁰ And their dwelling place was from Mesha as you go toward Sephar, the mountain of the east. ³¹ These *were* the sons of Shem, according to their families, according to their languages, in their lands, according to their nations.

³² These *were* the families of the sons of Noah, according to their generations, in their nations; and from these the nations were divided on the earth after the flood.

22 11 Now the whole earth had one language and one ^[bo]speech. 2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. 3 Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and ^[bp]bake *them* thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. 4 And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top *is* in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."

23 5 But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. 6 And the LORD said, "Indeed the people *are* one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. 7 Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." 8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. 9 Therefore its name is called ^[ba]Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Shem's Descendants

10 This *is* the genealogy of Shem: Shem *was* one hundred years old, and begot Arphaxad two years after the flood. 11 After he begot Arphaxad, Shem lived five hundred years, and begot sons and daughters.

12 Arphaxad lived thirty-five years, and begot Salah. 13 After he begot Salah, Arphaxad lived four hundred and three years, and begot sons and daughters.

14 Salah lived thirty years, and begot Eber. 15 After he begot Eber, Salah lived four hundred and three years, and begot sons and daughters.

24 16 Eber lived thirty-four years, and begot Peleg. 17 After he begot Peleg, Eber lived four hundred and thirty years, and begot sons and daughters.

18 Peleg lived thirty years, and begot Reu. 19 After he begot Reu, Peleg lived two hundred and nine years, and begot sons and daughters.

20 Reu lived thirty-two years, and begot Serug. 21 After he begot Serug, Reu lived two hundred and seven years, and begot sons and daughters.

22 Serug lived thirty years, and begot Nahor. 23 After he begot Nahor, Serug lived two hundred years, and begot sons and daughters.

24 Nahor lived twenty-nine years, and begot Terah. 25 After he begot Terah, Nahor lived one hundred and nineteen years, and begot sons and daughters.

26 Now Terah lived seventy years, and begot ^[b]Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

Terah's Descendants

27 This is the genealogy of Terah: Terah begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran. Haran begot Lot. 28 And Haran died before his father Terah in his native land, in Ur of the Chaldeans. 29 Then Abram and Nahor took wives: the name of Abram's wife was Sarai, ^[b]and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and the father of Iscah. 30 But Sarai was barren; she had no child.

31 And Terah took his son Abram and his grandson Lot, the son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, his son Abram's wife, and they went out with them from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to the land of Canaan; and they came to Haran and dwelt there. 32 So the days of Terah were two hundred and five years, and Terah died in Haran.

Promises to Abram

12 Now the LORD had said to Abram:

"Get out of your country,
From your family
And from your father's house,
To a land that I will show you.

2 I will make you a great nation;
I will bless you

And make your name great;
And you shall be a blessing.

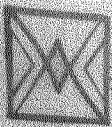
3 I will bless those who bless you,
And I will curse him who curses you;
And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

4 So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5 Then Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the ^[b]people whom they had acquired in Haran, and they departed to go to the land of Canaan. So they came to the land of Canaan. 6 Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, as far as ^[b]the terebinth tree of Moreh. And the Canaanites were then in the land.

7 Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your ^[b]descendants I will give this land." And there he built an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. 8 And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent with Bethel

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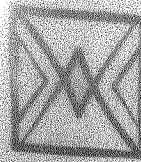




PAWNEE

NEBRASKA

THE FIRST PEOPLE WERE GIANTS WHO thought they could overcome the Creator, Ti-ra-wa. He drowned them in a great flood. Ti-ra-wa then created a man and a woman.



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CANADA

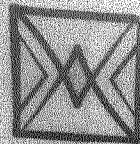
ANGRY WITH THE GIANTS, GOD commanded a man to build a large canoe to survive a coming flood that covered the earth. An otter and a reindeer were sent out to determine if the water had subsided.



MAYAN

CENTRAL AMERICA

AFTER A FLOOD, ONLY FOUR COUPLES existed, but only three of them repopulated the earth. The Mayans also tell of a time where the people gathered in one place, discovered how to make fire, and then learned that they could no longer understand one another. Interestingly enough, the wives were said to have been created while the men slept.



AZTEC

MEXICO

THE SUN AGE LASTED 676 YEARS, and then a great flood killed everyone but Nota and his wife, Nena, who were told to stop making an alcoholic drink called pulque. They made a great boat out of cypress.

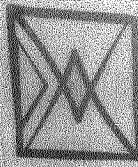




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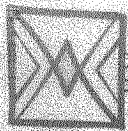
THE CREATOR, VIRACocha, sent a flood that covered the highest mountains. Only two people survived in a boat, which landed at Tiahuanaco. The creator then made more animals and people.



ARAWAKS

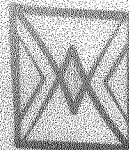
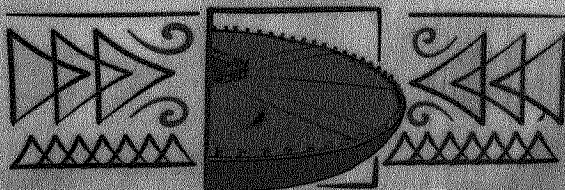
GUYANA

THE WORLD WAS DESTROYED TWICE because of man's wickedness, once by fire and once by water. At the flood, a wise chief named Marerewana was told of the coming flood and saved himself and his family in a large canoe.



AKKADIAN

ATRAHASIS BUILT A GIANT CORACLE based on Enki's instructions. The circular vessel was 230 feet across, 20 feet high, and covered with bitumen. The animals boarded the circular boat two by two, and along with Atrahasis and his family, they survived a devastating week long flood. Atrahasis offered a sacrifice after leaving the boat.



NORSE

SCANDINAVIA

BERGELMIR, WHOSE NAME MEANS "mountain crier," survived a flood caused by the blood of the frost giant, Ymir, that drowned everyone except Bergelmir and his wife, who were preserved in a boat.

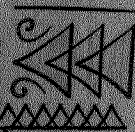
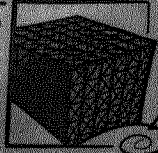
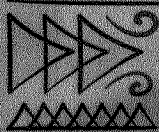




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MIDDLE EAST

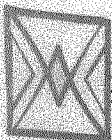
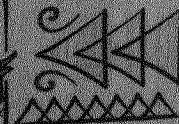
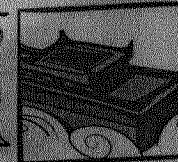
INSTRUCTED BY THE GOD EA, Utnapishtim built and pitched a cube-shaped ark to save himself, his family, and the animals from a devastating flood that killed everyone outside of the boat. On the seventh day, the ark landed on Mt. Nisir. Utnapishtim released a dove, swallow, and raven to check the water levels, and eventually offered a sacrifice to the gods.



GREEK

SOUTHERN EUROPE

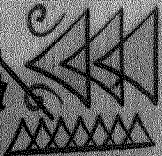
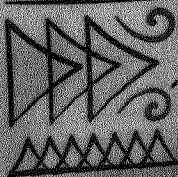
DEUCALION, WHOSE NAME COMES from the Greek words for "new wine" and "mariner," was warned of the coming flood by Prometheus, the creator of men. Deucalion and his wife, Pyrrha, survived the flood in a large chest he had built. After the flood, they had three sons and three daughters.



RUKWA

TANZANIA

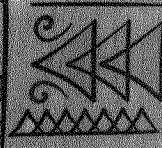
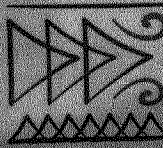
TWO PEOPLE SURVIVED A MOUNTAIN-covering flood in a boat along with all sorts of seeds and animals. The man sent out a dove and then a hawk to see if the earth had dried up.

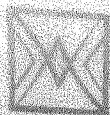


MASAI

KENYA

GOD COMMANDED TUMBAINOT TO build an ark of wood to save himself, his two wives, six sons, six daughters-in-law, and the animals from a worldwide flood. At the end of the flood, Tumbainot sent out a dove and a vulture, and he later saw four rainbows.





ALTAIC

CENTRAL ASIA

NAMA WAS COMMANDED TO BUILD AN ark, but his eyesight was failing, so his sons built an ark on a mountain. Birds and animals were driven there by rising waters. Nama released a raven, crow, rook, and finally a dove, which returned with a birch twig in its beak.

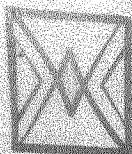


FLOODED

WITH LEGENDS

OVER 200 LEGENDS OF an ancient global flood have been discovered around the world. These legends vary in their level of consistency with the biblical account, yet certain details are widely distributed. For example, many of these tales speak of a favored family who built a huge boat and, along with some animals, survived a worldwide catastrophe sent by an angry deity.

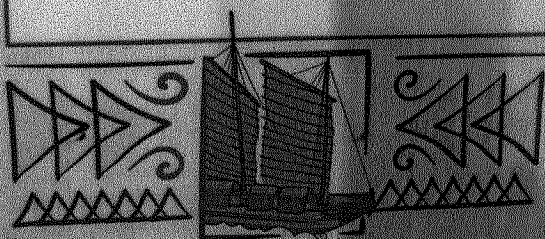
WHAT IS THE BEST explanation for the existence of these Flood legends? Are they merely unrelated tales of local catastrophes endured by each culture's ancestors? Are they simply recountings of a myth spread in ancient history? The best explanation fits the Bible perfectly: the people who split from Babel passed on their knowledge of the biblical Flood, but their stories became distorted during many centuries of retellings.



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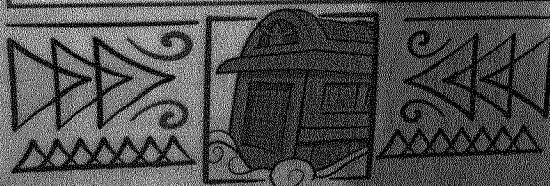
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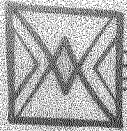
NUAH BUILT AN ARK FOR HIS WIFE, three sons (Lo-Han, Lo-Shen, and Jah-phu), and pairs of animals to survive a flood. It rained hard for forty days, and a dove was eventually released to see if the earth was dry.



SUMERIAN

THE GOD ENKI WARNED ZIUSUDRA about the coming flood to destroy mankind. He built a large boat and survived the devastating seven-day flood. Ziusudra opened the boat's window. After the flood, he offered a sacrifice.

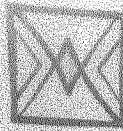
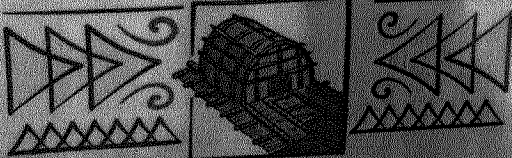




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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

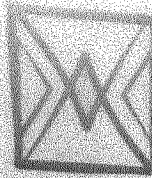
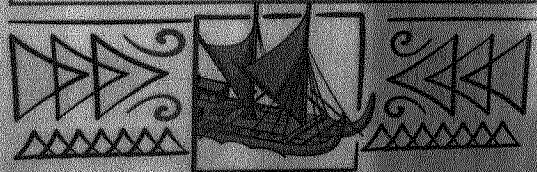
GAJARA AND HIS FAMILY SURVIVED A worldwide flood on a double raft. Gajara sent birds from the raft to determine if the waters had receded. The smell of their sacrifice pleased Ngadja, so a rainbow was placed in the sky.



HAWAII

CENTRAL PACIFIC

NUU BUILT A LARGE BOAT WITH A house on top of it in which he, his wife, his three sons, and their wives were saved from a flood. The boat landed on Mauna Kea. Nuu then made an offering, and his god descended on a rainbow.



FIJI

SOUTH PACIFIC

NDENGEI SENT A FLOOD BECAUSE HIS two grandsons killed his pet bird. The grandsons fled to a village of carpenters who built a shelter for them to survive the flood. The god of carpenters, Rokoro, gave them two double canoes in which eight people were saved.

