

*Selections from the Epic of Gilgamesh.*

Now at the assembly of the great divinities, their hearts prompted them to bring the Flood upon the earth...But Ea . . . turned and spoke to the reed hut and to its wall:...'O hut, hut, wall! Hear, O hut, give ear, O wall! Man of Suruppak, son of Ubar-Tutu, **pull down the house, build yourself a ship; abandon the possessions, preserve life; forsake the goods and save life! Aboard the ship let the seed of every living being come....**

**Morning came, and lo! A black cloud rose from the end of the sky**, and the god Adad thundered therein...Irragal tore out the beams. Ninurta went and caused [the upper waters] to stream down upon the dams; the Anunnaki lifted up torches and illumined the whole earth with their light. The fury of Adad reached the heavens, and he turned all the light into darkness....

**The gods were panic-stricken before the deluge; they fled and ascended to the heaven of Anu**; they cowered like dogs and lay down at the extremity [of the world]. The goddess Istar cried out like a woman in travail, the sweet-voiced head-goddess cried aloud...the gods sat upon the ground and wept....Six days and nights the tempest blew, and the flood-waters deluged the land. When the seventh day came, the fury of the flood abated. The sea became calm, the wind was stilled and the flood ceased. Then I [Utnapistim] opened the window and the light fell upon my face....

**When the seventh day arrived, I brought out the dove and sent her forth, and the dove went and turned back; there was no resting-place, so she returned.** I brought out the swallow and sent her forth, and the swallow went and turned back; there was no resting-place for her, so she returned. I brought out the raven and sent it forth, and the raven went and, seeing that the waters had subsided, it ate and searched in the mud, and cawed and did not return. **I brought forth [everything] to the four corners of the world, and I offered a sacrifice** and I burnt incense on the top of the mountain. Seven and seven bowls I set up, and beneath them I spread reeds, cedar-wood and myrtle. **The gods smelled the odour**, the gods smelled the sweet odour, and they gathered together like flies over the sacrificer.

Then Enlil boarded the ship and took hold of my hand and brought me up and he also brought up my wife, and caused her to kneel at my side, and he stood between us and touched our foreheads and blessed us, [saying] '**Hitherto Utnapistim was a man, but now Utnapistim and his wife shall be like us, the gods, and Utnapistim shall dwell afar off, at the mouth of the rivers.**'

ONE NOAH, ONE FLOOD

- A And all flesh died that moved upon the earth
- B birds, cattle, beasts, all swarming creatures that swarm upon the earth
- C and every man
- D everything on the dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life
- E died;
- F He
- E blotted out
- D every
- C Man
- B and animals and creeping things and birds of the air;
- A they were blotted out from the earth.<sup>12</sup>

*Gen.*  
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- "A Noah (vi. 10a)
- B Shem, Ham, and Japheth (10b)
- C Ark to be built (14-16)
- D Flood announced (17)
- E Covenant with Noah (18-20)
- F Food in the ark (21)
- G Command to enter ark (vii. 1-3)
- H 7 days waiting for flood (4-5)
- I 7 days waiting for flood (7-10)
- J Entry to ark (11-15)
- K Yahweh shuts Noah in (16)
- L 40 days flood (17a)
- M Waters increase (17b-18)
- N Mountains covered (19-20)
- O 150 days waters prevail (21-24)
- P 6:10-9:19 GOD REMEMBERS NOAH (viii. 1)
- O' 150 days waters abate (3)
- N' Mountain tops visible (4-5)
- M' Waters abate (5)
- L' 40 days (end of) (6a)
- K' Noah opens window of ark (6b)
- J' Raven and dove leave ark (7-9)
- I' 7 days waiting for waters to subside (10-11)
- H' 7 days waiting for waters to subside (12-13)
- G' Command to leave ark (15-17 [22])
- F' Food outside ark (ix. 1-4)
- E' Covenant with all flesh (8-10)
- D' No flood in future (11-17)
- C' Ark (18a)
- B' Shem, Ham, and Japheth (18b)
- A' Noah (19)<sup>20</sup>

Noah  
found favor  
in the eyes of the LORD  
*These are the generations of Noah*  
*Gen. Noah was a righteous man*  
*6:8-9 perfect he was*  
*in his generations*  
*with God*  
*walked*  
*Noah*