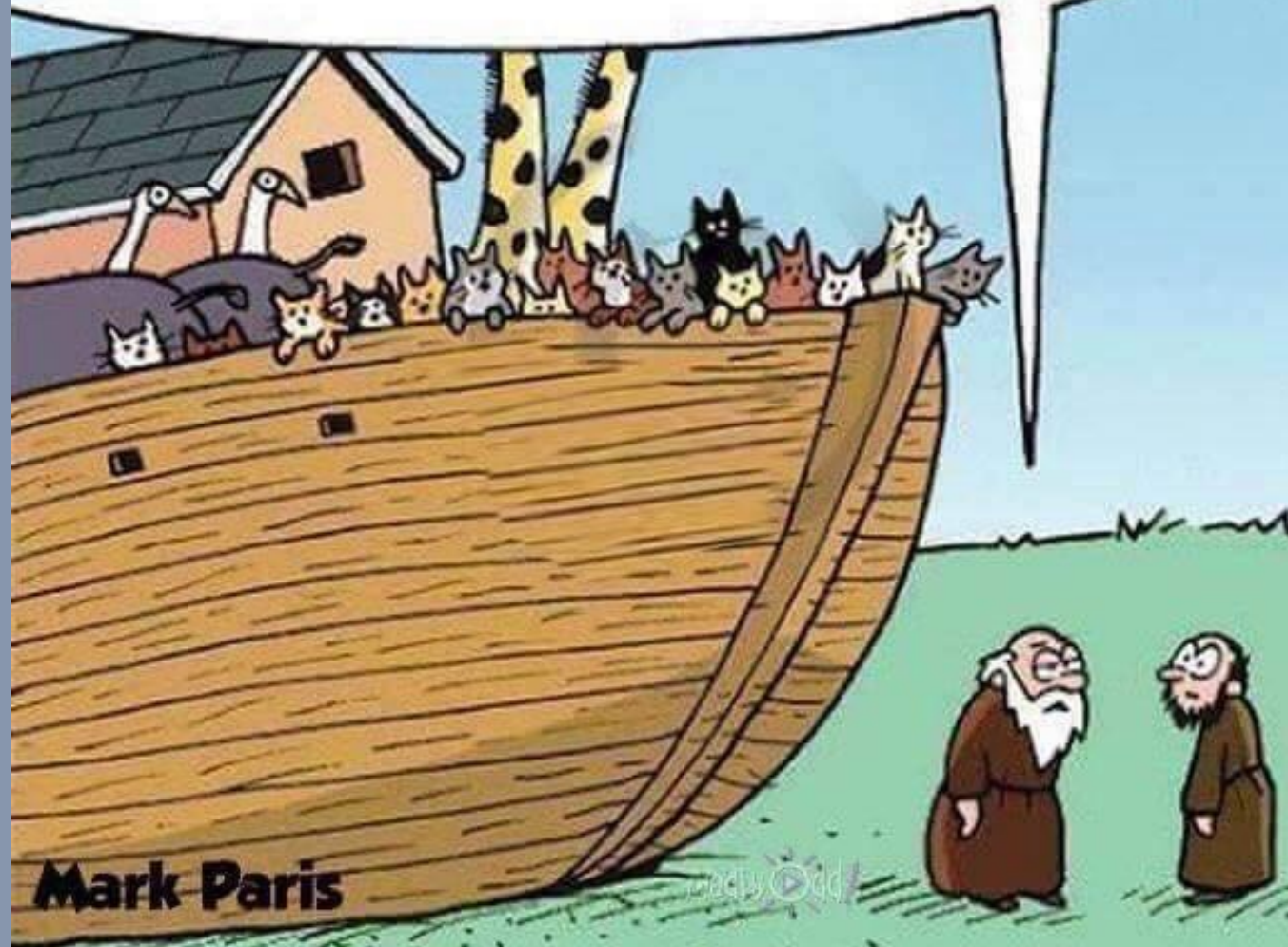


I'M ONLY SUPPOSED TO TAKE
TWO OF EACH ANIMAL, BUT
MY WIFE INSISTED...





SOUTH GEORGIA AND
THE SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS

TRAVEL

NOAH Part 2



**The Flood
Storyline**



**Background
Stories**



**Lessons and
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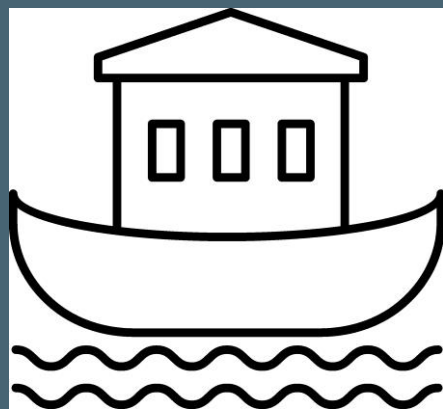


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The Flood Storyline

A careful consideration of
key parts of the storyline



Lessons and Implications



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Important moral, theological
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בראשית

GENESIS.

Genesis was written *for* us

But it was written *to* ancient Israel

Written in
Ancient Hebrew

Ancient
Vocabulary

Ancient
Understanding

We treasure God's word when
we read it in context





Age of the Patriarchs (2000-1600BCE)



Sumerian King List (18th century BCE)



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Bereshit/Genesis Creation Story

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Creation --> Crisis (flood) --> Modern times

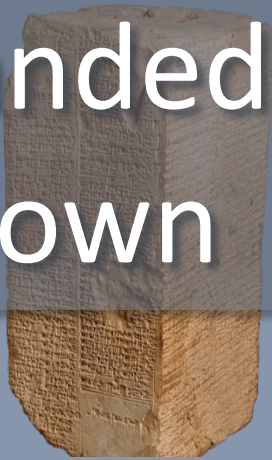


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Kingship
handed
down



Sumerian King List
(18th century BCE)

After the kingship descended from heaven, the kingship was in Eridu. In Eridu, Alulim became king; he ruled for 28,800 years. Alagar ruled for 36,000 years. ... Five cities; eight kings ruled for 385,200 years. Then the Flood swept thereover. After the flood had swept over, Nibia became king; he ruled for 3 years. Then Ingišu ruled for 6 years...

They used both a decimal system (10's) and a sexagesimal system (6'; 60's; 600's)

En-men-barage-si, who made the land
of Elam submit,
became king; he ruled for 900 years
(divide by 60 = 15 years)



MATHEMATICS

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Atrahasis Epic
(18th century BCE)

Gods create humans to do their work

Anger over noise and immortality. The decision to kill humanity through a flood.

The god Enki provides for survivors.

Gods make new ways for humanity to die.

All follow the same basic pattern:

Creation --> Crisis (flood) --> Modern times



Sumerian Flood Tale
(17th century BCE)

Enki tells Ziusudra, “By our hand a flood will sweep over the cities... and the country. The decision that mankind is to be destroyed has been made, a verdict, a command by the assembly, cannot be revoked”

Boat built, family and animals saved

All follow the same basic pattern:

Creation --> Crisis (flood) --> Modern times

Water over the face of the deep / earth

Dry land appears (x2)

God speaks / the Ark saves

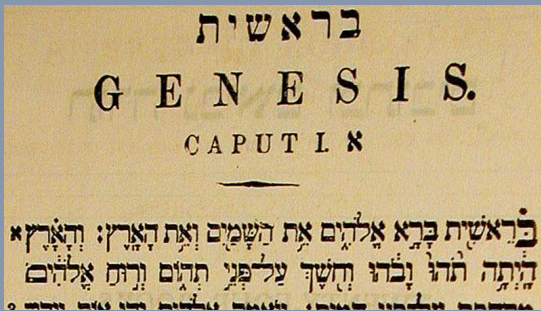
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Genesis
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"Be fruitful and multiply" (x2)



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- Flood for noise, not sin
- Plans aren't hidden
- Boat is seaworthy; not a cube
- Different lengths of flood
- Different bird accounts
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- Hungry gods or Divine Judge

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Genesis 6:5

The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually...

Genesis 6:5

וַיַּרְא יְהוָה כִּי רַבָּה רָעַת
הָאָדָם בָּאָרֶץ וְכָל-יִצְרֵי
מַחְשַׁבַת לִבּוֹ רָק רָע
כָּל-הַיּוֹם:

Genesis 6:7

So the LORD said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them.”

Genesis 6:7

וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֱמָחָה
אֶת־הָאָדָם אֲשֶׁר־בָּרָאתִי
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עַד־בְּהֵמָה עַד־רֶמֶשׂ
וְעַד־עוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם כִּי נִחַמְתִּי
כִּי עָשִׂיתָם:

Genesis 6:8

But Noah found favor in
the eyes of the LORD.

Genesis 6:8

וַיֵּחַד מִצָּא חֵן בְּעֵינֵי יְהוָה:

Genesis 6:9

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Don't miss the context!

“Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God.”

“And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God.”





Do we walk with God
or hid from him?

וְאַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ
אֵל מֶלֶךְ הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה
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Genesis 6:11-12

Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

Genesis 6:11-12

וַתִּשָּׁחַת הָאָרֶץ לִפְנֵי הָאֱלֹהִים
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for all
corrupt
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Hamas – acronym for “The Islamic Resistance Movement” (*Harakat as-Mqawamah al-Islamiyya*) meaning “zeal” in Arabic

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A yellow bulldozer is shown in the middle of a vast landfill. The bulldozer is positioned on the left side of the frame, facing right. Its large front loader is partially visible. The ground is covered in a thick layer of garbage, including plastic bags, crumpled paper, and other debris. In the background, a large, dark mound of trash rises against a clear sky. The overall scene conveys a sense of environmental degradation and waste management challenges.

The world destroyed itself,
so God destroyed the world

A yellow bulldozer is shown in the background, working on a large pile of trash. The foreground is filled with various types of waste, including plastic bags, cardboard, and other debris. The sky is clear and blue.

The world trashed itself;
so God will take out the
trash and clean it up

Genesis 6:14

Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch.

Genesis 6:14

עֲשֵׂה לָךְ תֵּבַת עֲצֵי-גֹפֶר
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בַּכָּפֹר:

tevah – “ark” is also one of Hebrew words for
“word” as in a written word



Rabbi Israel
ben Eliezer
a/k/a The Baal
Shem Tov
(1698-1760)

A dark, textured background featuring a faint, close-up image of a man's face with a beard, possibly a religious figure, looking slightly to the side.

“

Let the word
[*tevah*] said in
Torah or prayer
radiate light

”

Genesis 6:15-16

This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark 300 cubits, its breadth 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits. Make a roof [“skylight”] for the ark...

Genesis 6:15-16

וְזֶה אֲשֶׁר תַּעֲשֶׂה אֹתָהּ
שְׁלֹשׁ מֵאוֹת אַמָּה אָרְךָ
הִתְבָּה חֲמִשִּׁים אַמָּה
רְחִיבָה וְשָׁלֹשִׁים אַמָּה
קוֹמָתָהּ: צֹהַר תַּעֲשֶׂה
לִתְבָּה



Genesis 8:1

But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the livestock that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided.

Genesis 8:1

וַיִּזְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים אֶת-נֹחַ וְאֶת
כָּל-הַחַיָּה וְאֶת-כָּל-הַבְּהֵמָה
אֲשֶׁר אִתּוֹ בַּתֵּבָה וַיַּעֲבֹר
אֱלֹהִים רוּחַ עַל-הָאָרֶץ
וַיָּשָׁכוּ הַמַּיִם:

Genesis 9:8-9

Then God said to Noah
and to his sons with him,
“Behold, I establish my
covenant with you and
your offspring after you

Genesis 9:8-9

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים אֶל-נֹחַ
וְאֶל-בָּנָיו אִתּוֹ לֵאמֹר: וְאֲנִי
הַנִּבֵּי מִקֵּים אֶת-בְּרִיתִי אִתְּכֶם
וְאֶת-זֶרְעֲכֶם אַחֲרֵיכֶם:

Genesis 9:13

I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

Genesis 9:13

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'ot – “sign”

a visible reminder of the covenant

The renewed world has been washed
clean; but it dirties up soon....

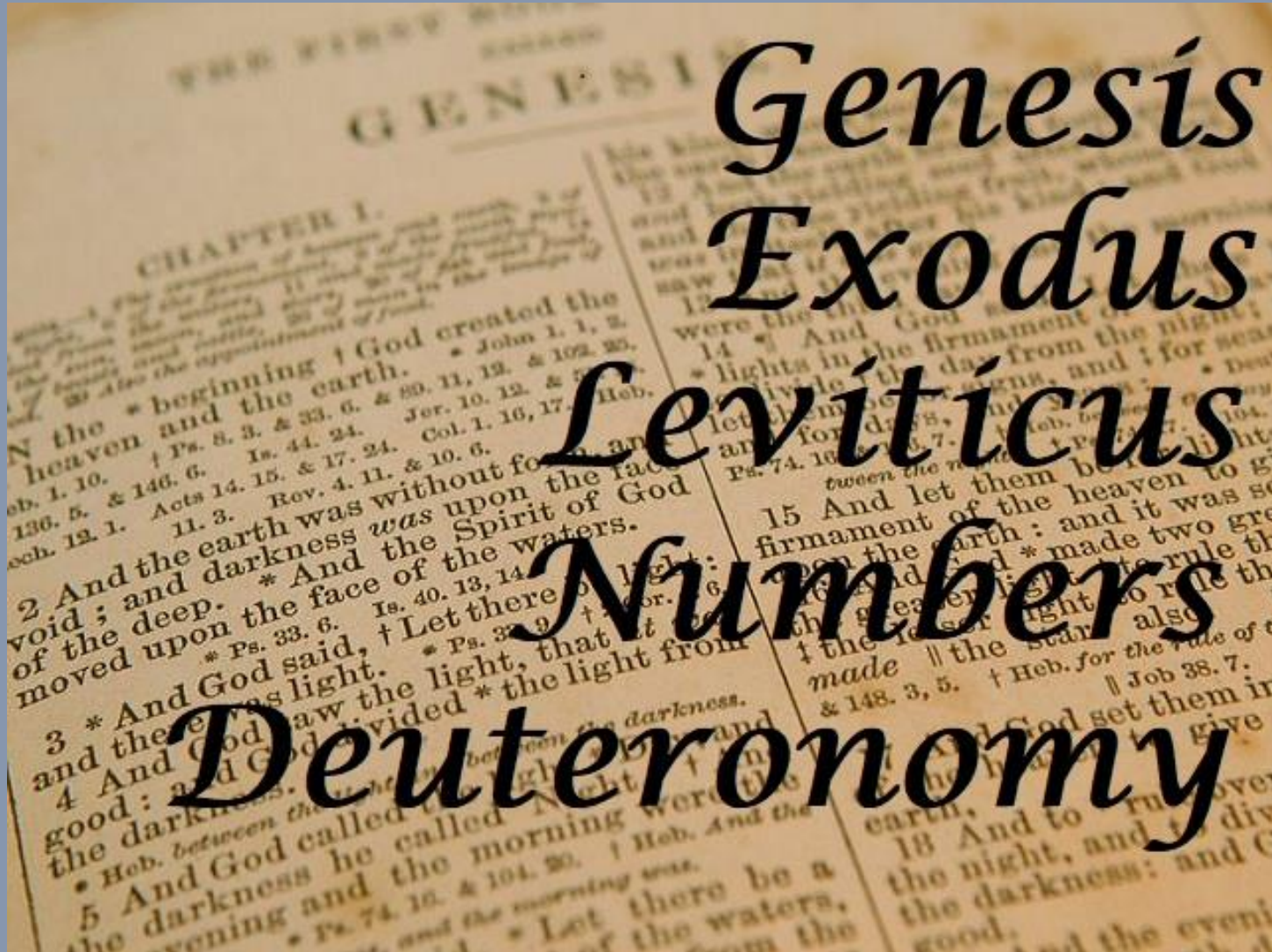




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Genesis



This is the
“PREQUEL”!

Don't read
these apart
from Genesis!

Don't miss the foreshadowing chain...

The sign “a visible reminder of a covenant”:

God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ... (1 Pet. 3:20-21)

Lots to come...



POINTS

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HOME




A painting depicting Noah's Ark. On the left, Noah, an elderly man with a long white beard, stands on the deck of the ark, holding a long wooden staff. He is wearing a red robe and a white turban. The ark is filled with various animals, including birds and mammals. In the background, a large rainbow arches across the sky, and a body of water is visible. The overall style is impressionistic with visible brushstrokes.

Adam “hid” from God;
Noah “walked” with God

Do we walk with God
or hid from him?

וְלֹא-אֶת-הַיָּהֳדֹדִים אָתָּה
וְלֹא-אֶת-הַיָּחִידִים אָתָּה

The Creator
is also the
Judge

The background of the entire image is a composite. The upper half shows a view of Earth from space, with the blue oceans, green continents, and white clouds clearly visible. The lower half shows a dark, rippling body of water that perfectly reflects the image of the Earth above it, creating a symmetrical effect. The text is overlaid on this background.

“Shall not the Judge of all
the earth do what is just?”
(Gen. 18:25)

Mercy
triumphs
over
judgment

“And God blessed Noah and his sons
and said to them, “Be fruitful and
multiply and fill the earth.” (Gen. 9:1)



