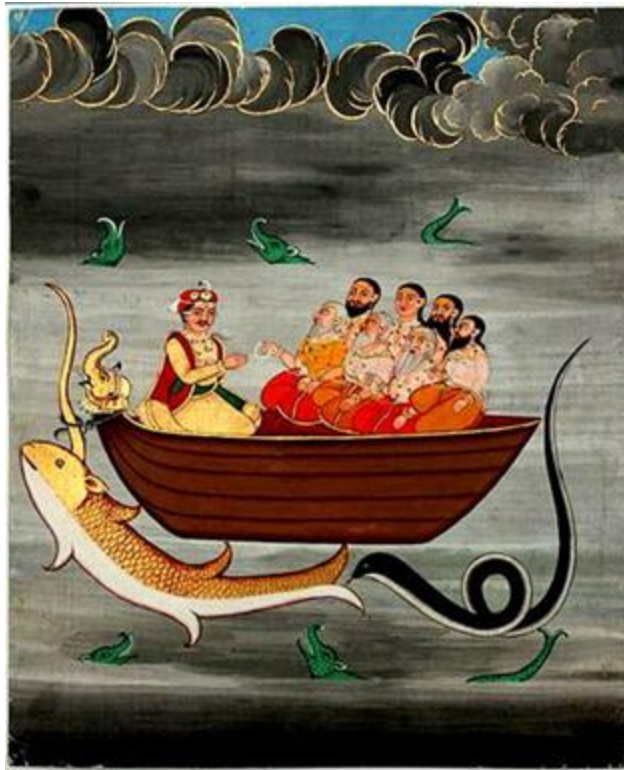


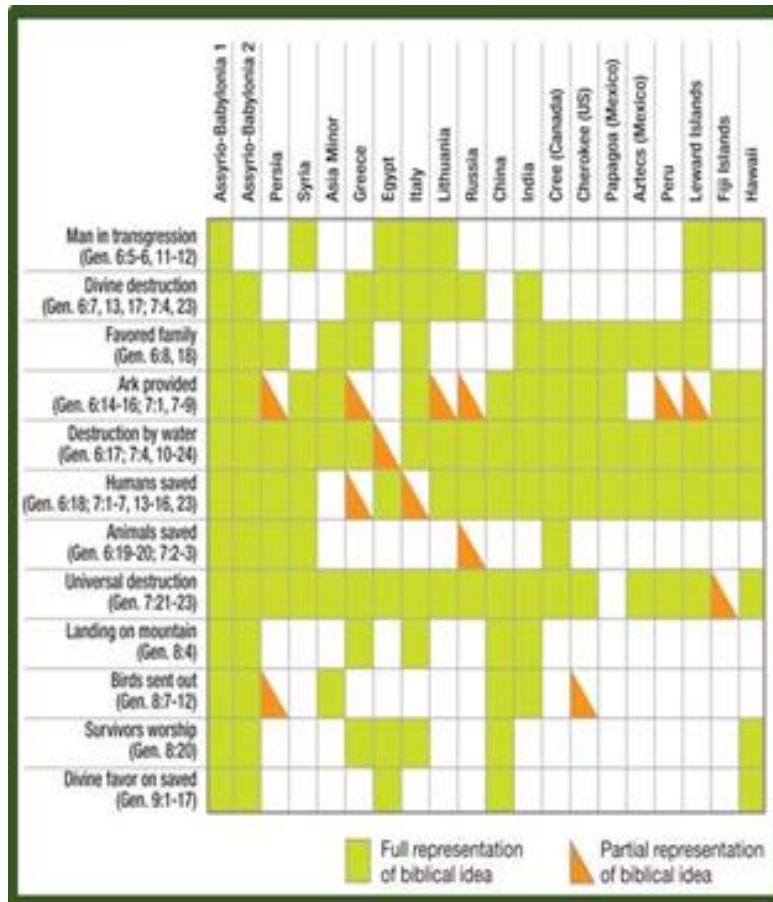
# A Flood of Flood Legends



Why?...Did a  
worldwide watery  
Cataclysm really take place?

Some scholars try to ignore and reject the Bible’s account of a worldwide flood. Some compromise by saying that the flood recorded in the Bible was only a local event. The problem with these claims is that there are so many cultures around the globe with cataclysmic flood stories for the origin of people—just as the Bible says Noah’s family repopulated the earth after escaping the Flood in the Ark. And they contain many other details identical to the biblical account.

### GLOBAL FLOOD LEGENDS



There are hundreds of stories from different cultures around the world about a devastating worldwide flood. The chart above shows the similarities that a sample of these myths from all over the world have with the Genesis account of Noah’s Flood—evidence that it was the same historical event.

We can test contrary claims. If the Bible’s account of a worldwide flood is true, the memory of this event would have been passed down to the descendants of Noah and spread across the whole face of the earth.

And this is what we find with all the Flood legends. Though certain details differ from the Bible, many others are the same. For example:

The ancient Greek flood hero was told to build and stock an ark because the god Zeus wished to destroy humanity.

The Aztec story of a universal flood says it took place 1,716 years after the creation of the world—almost the same as the Bible’s date!

The Babylonian flood story shares seven major details with the Bible’s account. Similar stories are found around the world, including Australia, India, Scandinavia and China.

The universality of the flood stories and their similarity to the Bible cannot be explained unless they are based on an event that actually took place.

What's remarkable, is that not only do many of the details of these stories agree with the Bible, they also tend to agree with each other! This is precisely what happens with "corroborating testimony".

And they also agree with the fossil evidence. Literally trillions of dead things somehow were trapped in sudden death in rocks all over the world. These rocks were once waterlogged, sedimentary rocks, which by definition were at one time soils laid down by water.

The Bible refers to the great watery cataclysm of The Great Flood in many places. God judged the world once before, and another global judgement is coming. 2 Peter 3:6,7 "...the world that then was, being flooded by water, perished. But the present heavens and the earth..., are being kept for fire until the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men."

But the good news, the Gospel, is that God has made a way to reconcile the "world" to Himself! Read on to find out how you can have a personal relationship with the God who has promised to protect those who put their trust in His Son.

Here's what you need to know, based on words from the Creator's own book, the Bible: God's original design for mankind was disrupted by sin.

For all have sinned [disobeyed God], and come short of the glory [beautiful perfection] of God; (Romans 3:23)

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

But God commends his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

"Okay, so I'm a sinner. How can Jesus help me?"

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, indeed being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the Spirit. (1 Peter 3:18)

"But isn't Jesus just one of many ways I can be saved?"

And there is salvation in no other One; for there is no other name under Heaven given among men by which we must be saved. (Acts 4:12) Jesus said to him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. (John 14:6)

Can't I get to heaven by obeying God's commandments as best as I can?"

Therefore by the deeds of the Law none of all flesh will be justified in His sight: for through the Law is the knowledge of sin. (Romans 3:20)

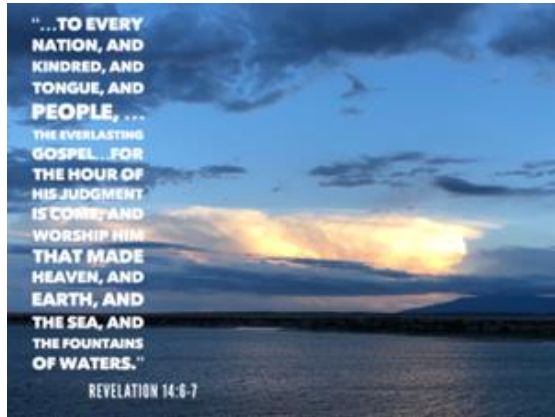
***"So what does the Bible say about how to be saved?"***

The Bible says that the power to save us from this evil age lies with God.

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us (Titus 3:5). For by grace you are saved through faith [trust]. (Ephesians 2:8)

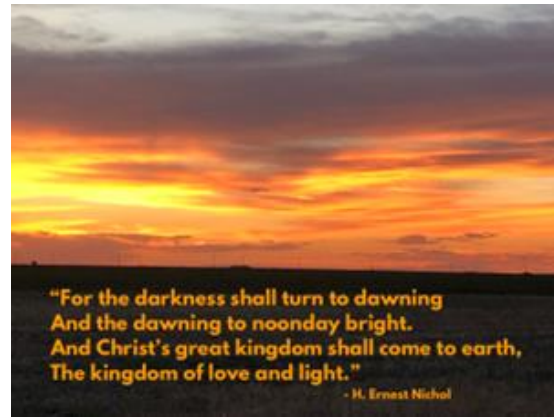
You mean just like I trust the chairs I sit in?"

Yes! You trust [believe] without a full understanding that they, like Jesus Christ, will hold you up!



"...TO EVERY NATION, AND KINDRED, AND TONGUE, AND PEOPLE, ... THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL... FOR THE HOUR OF HIS JUDGMENT IS COMING, AND WORSHIP HIM THAT MADE HEAVEN, AND EARTH, AND THE SEA, AND THE FOUNTAINS OF WATERS."

REVELATION 14:6-7



"For the darkness shall turn to dawn  
And the dawn to noonday bright.  
And Christ's great kingdom shall come to earth,  
The kingdom of love and light."

- H. Ernest Nichol

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved (Acts 16:31). The word is near you, even in your mouth and in your heart; that is the word of faith... Because if you confess the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you shall be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth one confesses unto salvation.

(Romans 10:8-10).

**PRAY AND CONFESS:** Thank You, Jesus, for living a sinless life and then becoming the sacrifice for my sins with Your death on the cross. Thank You also for giving me faith that lets me recognize my own unrighteousness, and lets me know that You died on my behalf to wipe away my sins. Thank You that You rose from the dead, and that I can escape Your judgment of this present evil age, and look forward to spending eternity with You in heaven. Amen.

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