

## Genesis and The Epic of Gilgamesh

Gilgamesh	Genesis
1. Polytheistic: gods at loggerheads with each other.	1. Monotheistic: one sovereign God in control of all.
2. The flood is decided on by a council of the gods, but Ea dissents.	2. The one God determines on a flood.
3. Ea, acting alone, warns Ut-napishtim in a dream: trickery is involved.	3. God sees Noah as righteous and offers a way of escape.
4. Reason for flood obscure, except that man's noise was irritating the gods (In <i>Atrahasis</i> this is the reason).	4. Reason for flood is divine judgment for human sin and violence.
5. Boat is a cube of 120 cu per side, with 7 decks, an impossibly unstable configuration!	5. Boat is a barge (tēbah), 300 x 50 x 30 cu. —a very stable construction ratio.
6. Flood due to storm and rain.	6. Flood due partly to rain, partly to earth upheavals, and water within.
7. Flood lasts for 7 days and nights; then another 7 resting on Mt Nimush until he disembarks.	7. Flood lasts in all for more than a year.
8. Boat lands on Mt Nimush <sup>13</sup> (in the Kurdish mountains).	8. Ark lands among "the mountains of Ararat" (i.e. in Eastern Armenia).
9. Ut-napishtim sends out a dove, swallow, and a raven.	9. Noah sends out a raven, then doves on three occasions at 7-day intervals.
10. Entry into and emergence from the boat at his own discretion.	10. Both entry into and emergence from the ark at divine command.
11. While most of the gods "gather like flies" over the sacrifice, Enlil is angry. Ninurta then appeases Enlil.	11. Noah offers sacrifice of thanksgiving and receives a divine covenant.
12. Enlil grants to Ut-napishtim eternal life.	12. Genesis is not at all about seeking immortality.

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