

Parallels between Noah's Flood and Earlier Sources

God decided to destroy mankind	"the decision that mankind is to be destroyed" Ziusudra iv,157-158 "The gods commanded total destruction" Atrahasis II,viii,34 "The great gods decided to make a deluge" Gilgamesh XI,14 "God...decided to make an end of all flesh" Genesis 6:13
God warns his servant	"Enki...over the capitals the storm will sweep" Ziusudra iv,156 "He [Enki] told him of the coming of the flood" Atrahasis III,i,37 "God said to Noah...I will bring a flood" Genesis 6:13,17 "Kronos...said...mankind would be destroyed by a flood" Berossus
Told to build a boat	"...the huge boat" Ziusudra v,207 "Build a ship" Atrahasis III,i,22 "Build a ship" Gilgamesh XI,24 "Make yourself an ark" Genesis 6:14 "build a boat" Berossus
In order to save mankind	"who protected the seed of mankind" Ziusudra vi,259 "Bring into the ship the seed of life of everything" Gilgamesh XI,27 "to keep their seed alive" Genesis 7:3 (KJV)
Have a roof on the boat	"Like the apsu you shall roof it" Atrahasis III,i,29 "Like the apsu you shall roof it" Gilgamesh XI,31 "Make a roof for the ark" Genesis 6:16
The flood would be in 7 Days	"coming of the flood on the seventh night" Atrahasis,III,i,37 "after seven days the waters of the flood came" Genesis 7:10
Cover the boat in Pitch	"pitch I poured into the inside" Gilgamesh XI,66 "cover it inside and out with pitch" Genesis 6:14 "some people scrape pitch off the boat" Berossus
The servants family also saved	"your family, your relatives" Atrahasis DT,42(w),8 "he sent his family on board" Atrahasis III,ii,42 "into the ship all my family and relatives" Gilgamesh XI,84 "Go into the ark, you and all your household" Genesis 7:1 "he sent his wife and children and friends on board" Berossus
Animals saved	"animals which emerge from the earth" Ziusudra vi,253 "all the wild creatures of the steppe" Atrahasis DT,42(w),9 "The cattle of the field, the beast of the plain" Gilgamesh XI,85 "clean animals and of animals that are not clean" Genesis 7:8 "and put both birds and animals on board" Berossus
Door closed	"Enter the boat and close the boat's door" Atrahasis DT,42(w),6 "Pitch was brought for him to close his door" Atrahasis III,ii,51 "I entered the ship and closed the door" Gilgamesh XI,93 "And they that entered...and the Lord shut him in" Genesis 7:16
Rains for days and nights	"the storm had swept...for seven days and seven nights" Ziusudra 203 "For seven days and seven nights came the storm" Atrahasis III,iv,24 "Six days and seven nights the wind and storm flood" Gilgamesh XI, 127 "rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights" Genesis 7:12
All other mankind dies	"consigned the peoples to destruction" Atrahasis III,iii,54 "All mankind was turned to clay" Gilgamesh XI,133 "And all flesh died...and every man" Genesis 7:21
The window is opened	"Ziusudra made an opening in the large boat" Ziusudra vi,207 "I opened the window" Gilgamesh XI,135 "Noah opened the window of the ark" Genesis 8:6 "he pried open a portion of the boat" Berossus
Boat lands on a mountain	"On Mount Nisir the boat grounded" Gilgamesh XI,140 "the ark came to rest upon the mountains" Genesis 8:4 "the boat had grounded upon a mountain" Berossus
A dove sent forth	"The dove went out and returned" Gilgamesh XI,147 "sent forth the dove and the dove came back to him" Genesis 8:10b-11 "let out the birds and they again returned to the ship" Berossus.
Waits 7 days	"When a seventh day arrived" Gilgamesh XI,145 "He waited another seven days" Genesis 8:10a.
A raven sent forth	"I sent forth a raven" Gilgamesh XI,152 "Noah... sent forth a raven" Genesis 8:7
Sacrifices animals	"The king slaughtered...bulls and sheep" Ziusudra vi,211 "He offered [a sacrifice]" Atrahasis III,v,31 "And offered a sacrifice" Gilgamesh XI,155 "offered burnt offerings on the altar" Genesis 8:20 "built an altar and sacrificed to the gods" Berossus
God smells the sweet smoke	"[The gods smelled] the savor" Atrahasis III,v,34 "The gods smelled the sweet savor" Gilgamesh XI,160 "And the Lord smelled the sweet savor..." Genesis 8:21
God promises not to forget	"That I may remember it [every] day" Atrahasis III,vi,4 "I shall remember these days and never forget" Gilgamesh XI,165 "I shall remember my covenant...I may remember" Genesis 9:15-16
Formation of law	"[on the criminal] impose your penalty" Atrahasis III,vi,25 "On the criminal impose his crimes" Gilgamesh XI,180 "Who sheds the blood of man, by man his blood be shed" Genesis 9:6
The hero is blessed	"he touched our foreheads to bless us" Gilgamesh XI,192 "And God blessed Noah" Genesis 9:1