

# Flood Stories Around the World

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In 1918, a man named Sir James G. Frazer studied cultures around the world, trying to prove that religion evolved from a basic faith into a more complex one. As has happened in the past, trying to prove evolution has produced evidence for God's creation. Sir Frazer uncovered many stories pointing to a worldwide flood and one family's rescue from the disaster.

The Aborigines of Australia had one such story. In their story, the Aborigine tribesmen mistreated an owl, and the owl complained to Ngowungu, the Great Father. He was infuriated, and decided to drown the people. The rain began, the seas rose, and water covered the land. A man, his wife, and a dog were in a boat, struggling to survive, when a dove with a leaf in its mouth showed them the way to a mountain where there were other survivors. A wise man slit his finger and the water began to go down. Everyone who was not on the mountain died. This story clearly has many similarities to the Genesis account. The flood was sent to judge the world, a man and his wife were in a vessel along with an animal, and they landed on a mountain in the end.

Another story can be found in the Biami tribe of Papua New Guinea. A great flood killed everyone on earth, except for the ancestors of the Biami people. These ancestors climbed into the Gobia tree, bringing with them animals and plants needed to survive. The higher the waters got, the higher they climbed into the tree. After the flood, they climbed out of the tree and repopulated the earth. The similarities include a great flood, that flood obliterating almost everyone on the planet, people taking animals with them and these people refilling the earth after the flood.

From Hawaii we have this story. The world was a wicked place, except for one man, Nu-u. He built a large canoe with a house, and took his wife, 3 sons, 3 daughters, and lots of animals on the canoe. A flood came, and everyone was killed except for Nu-u and his family.

The Mio people of China have another flood legend. The man Nuah built a boat and put his family on board, along with many animals. It then rained and poured for 40 days. Nuah then set a dove free. He landed and the earth was repopulated.

From Europe, we have this Greek story. There was a wise and godly man, whose name was Deucalion. He built a massive ark, and his wife, children, and animals all got on. A massive flood killed everyone else on earth. Again, it is apparent that these last three stories have events in common with the record in Genesis.

Those of us who believe the Bible know that the Bible can be trusted, and know that the world-wide flood was a real event. The similarities in these stories from around the world to the biblical account of the Flood challenge even those who do not believe the Bible to take notice of the Bible's account and therefore consider that the Bible may be true. If we can trust the Bible on physical things, we can trust it with spiritual things. When we trust Genesis, it strengthens our faith in the salvation message of the Gospel.

I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? John 3:12