

Observations from Flood Assignment

1. Why did the gods decide to bring the flood in *The Epic of Gilgamesh*?
The gods were annoyed by all the chatter

Worldview Observations: The superhuman reality, symbolized by the gods, is unpredictable, unjust

2. Why did God decide to bring the flood in the Genesis account?
Because of the wickedness of mankind

Worldview Observations: This natural disaster is a judgment for corruption and wickedness.
An ordered sense of the divine.

3. What are the gods' responses to the flood in *The Epic of Gilgamesh*?
They are terrified.

Worldview Observations: The gods are not sovereign over nature.

4. What is God's response to the flood in the Genesis account?
God is always in control.

Worldview Observations: God is all-powerful over nature.

5. Why was Utnapishtim spared saved from the flood in *The Epic of Gilgamesh*?
He had a special relationship with the god Ea, his garden god, who warned him.
Ea tells Utnampishtim to lie to other humans.

Worldview Observations: Utnapishtim is spared because he is in the right place at the right time.
Righteous action does not lead to divine favor

6. Why was Noah spared from the flood in the Genesis account?
Noah was a righteous man

Worldview Observations: Righteous action leads to divine favor

Worldview Observations Comparison Chart	
Sumerian Civilization (Chaotic Reality??)	Hebrew Civilization (Ordered Reality??)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The gods are powerful, but not all-powerful.• The gods are rash and therefore the world is an unpredictable, changing reality.• The gods are greedy for sacrifice and need humans.• The flood won't happen again because the gods are scared and unable to control nature.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• God is all-powerful and in control.• God's punishment is just and human wickedness is to blame for judgment.• God is pleased by the aroma of the sacrifice but does not indicate a need for humanity.• The flood won't happen again because God says so even though human nature has not changed.

What is the significance of what Utnapishtum takes with him?

- He takes gold first (symbolic of the wealth of humanity)
- Then he takes his extended family (social order)
- Then the beasts
- Then he takes the craftsmen (those who protect and maintain civilization)

Worldview Observations: *These are all symbols of what makes a civilization.*