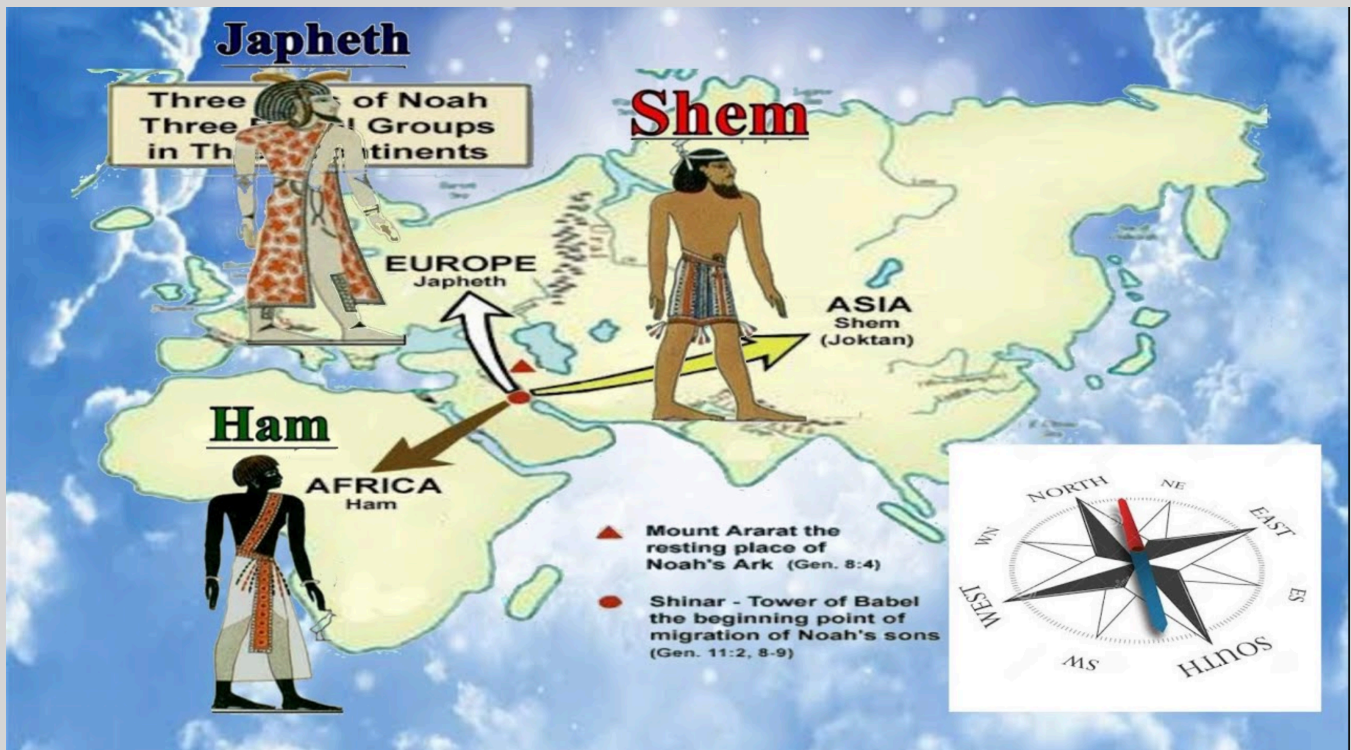


# Why do we expect Flood Legends in China?

- Only Noah's family of 8 survived the flood
- All people on earth were descendants of Noah's 3 children: Ham, Shem and Japheth, who were scattered in the incident of the Tower of Babel:

*Genesis 11:9 (NKJV) Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.*



from Ophirian Channel's Youtube video: The Three Sons of Noah

# China's Flood Legend

## Nüwa 女媧

- Part of ancient Chinese history – generally believed to be a female, but was ‘she’? e.g. 女真 (Manchu)
- But it does sound like “Noah”
- “Her” history predated all the emperors and dynasties in China, even the very first Chinese Xia Dynasty (夏朝, *circa 2070-1600 BC*)
- Legend was documented by ancient documents, albeit long after the actual events, and some details appeared to be just fanciful legends
  - 《陔餘叢考》 *circa 475-221 BC*
  - 《说文解字》 *circa 100 AD*
  - 《补史记·三皇本纪》 *c. 679-732 AD*
  - 《通志》 *c. 1161 AD*

- Typical artist rendering of the legend, bearing resemblance to certain aspects in the bible:



*(Genesis 7:11-12) In the 600<sup>th</sup> year of Noah's life... all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the **windows of heaven were opened**, and the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights...*

*(Genesis 8:2) The fountains of the deep and the **windows of heaven were also stopped**, and the rain from heaven was restrained.*

(創世紀 7:11-12) 当挪亚六百岁... 大渊的泉源都裂开了，天上的窗户也敞开了，四十昼夜降大雨在地上...

(創世紀 8:2) 渊源和天上的窗户都闭塞了，天上的大雨也止住了。

# Nüwa 女媧

- An object of worship by people all over Asia, as evidenced by the amount of statutes and temples built in her name:

- **Taiwan** Yilan Temple with **Nüwa Mending the Sky** statute

台湾 - 宜兰 补天宮女媧 像



- **Malaysia** Perak State  
Pingxian Temple with  
**Nüwa** relief statue

马来西亚 — 霹靂州平仙寺

女媧娘娘 的浮雕像



- **China** Sha'anxi Province Pingli **Nüwa Temple** identifying her as **Ancestor of the Chinese People & God's abundant grace**

Local legend said she taught them how to make silk from silkworms and mulberry leaves, providing prosperity to the people.

It was upgraded to a grand temple

during the Qing Dynasty with 4 temple courts and more than 100 rooms, but much was destroyed by the Communists.



**中国陕西省 – 平利 女娲庙 – 华夏始祖, 神恩浩荡 – 清乾隆元年重修后, 拥有正殿四重、房屋百余间, 是当时平利最大的寺院, 被誉为“名胜之方”。但在历经了战乱、土改、“文革”等重重劫难后, 现仅存一间正殿和“平心门”的残墙断壁。**

- **China** Hebei Province  
Shexian **Nüwa Palace Plaza**

中国河北省 –  
涉具的 **女娲宫**  
前广场



- **China** Guangdong Province  
Shenzhen Sea World  
**Nüwa Mending the Sky**  
statute

中国广东省 – 深圳市海上世界  
的 **女娲补天** 雕像



- **China** Shanxi Province Changzhi **Nüwa Mending the Sky** statue

中国山西省 — 长治市的 **女娲补天** 雕塑



女娲 补天 雕塑 位于山西省长治市



- **China** Xinjiang Province Fuzhou **Nüwa Mending the Sky** statue with refined **5-colour stone**

中国新疆省 – 福州

**女娲** 五彩石补天

*(Genesis 9:14-15) It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that **the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud;** and I will remember My*

*covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.*

*(創世紀 9:14-15) 我使云彩盖地的时候，必有虹现在云彩中，我便纪念我与你们和各类有血肉的活物所立的约，水就再不泛滥，毁坏一切有血肉的物了。*



- Yes, even in European Union:  
**Vienna, Austria**  
**Nüwa Mending the Sky**  
statue outside the United Nations Headquarters



，见仙山无着，乃移于琅琊之滨。  
维也纳联合国中心女娲补天雕塑.png | ©  
皇本纪》载：“当其（指女娲）未生也，诸侯有共工，任智刑以强，霸而

# Nüwa Legend vs. the Bible

- Discussion here limited to only 2 main parts of her story  
*(extracted from Baidu online encyclopedia)*
  - her role in the creation of mankind
  - her role in saving people from a 'global' flood

# (1) Nüwa: Creator of Mankind


Legend	Translation	Bible
以黃土 仿照自 己抔土 造人	Created man in Her likeness from the yellow dirt of the earth	<p>(Genesis 1:27) So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.</p> <p>(Genesis 2:7) And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.</p> <p>(創世紀 1:27) 神就照着自己的形象造人，乃是照着他的形象，造男造女。</p> <p>(創世紀 2:7) 耶和華神用地上的塵土造人，將生氣吹在他鼻孔里，他就成了有靈的活人，名叫亞當。</p>

Legend	Translation	Bible
创造并构建人类社会	Established rules of conduct for human society	<p>(Deuteronomy 8:3) ...that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man <u>lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.</u></p> <p>(申命记 8:3) 他苦炼你，任你饥饿，将你和你列祖所不认识的吗哪赐给你吃，使你知道人活着不是单靠食物，乃是靠<u>耶和華口里所出的一切话。</u></p>

Legend	Translation	Bible
<p>替人类 立下了 婚姻制 度; 繁 衍后代</p>	<p>Established the institution of marriage and family; so population will be sustained and carry on</p>	<p>(Genesis 2:22-24) Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.... Therefore <u>a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.</u></p> <p>(Genesis 1:28) Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "<u>Be fruitful and multiply...</u>"</p> <p>(創世紀 2:22-24) 耶和華神就用那人身上所取的肋骨造成一個女人，領她到那人跟前... 因此，<u>人要離開父母，與妻子聯合，二人成為一體。</u></p> <p>(創世紀 1:28) 神就賜福給他們，又對他們說：“<u>要生養眾多，遍滿地面...</u>”</p>

## (2) Nüwa: Flood Saviour

Legend	Translation	Bible
四极废，九州裂，天不兼覆，地不周载。火熾焱而不灭，水浩洋而不息。	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All 4 corners of the world were ruined</li><li>• All 9 continents ripped up</li><li>• Sky was broken</li><li>• Earth could not sustain life</li><li>• Fire raging, could not be quenched</li><li>• Huge flood covering everything like an ocean, and could not be stopped</li></ul>	<p>(Genesis 7:11-17) In the 600<sup>th</sup> year of Noah's life... on that day all the <u>fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened</u>. And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights... Now <u>the flood was on the earth forty days</u>. The waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it <u>rose high above the earth</u>.</p> <p>(創世紀 7:11-17) 当挪亚六百岁... <u>大渊的泉源都裂开了，天上的窗户也敞开了</u>，四十昼夜降大雨在地上... <u>洪水泛滥在地上四十天，水往上涨</u>，把方舟从地上漂起。</p>

Legend	Translation	Bible
<p>炼五色石 以补苍天</p>	<p>Refined 5-color stones from rocks and fire to mend the 'hole in heaven'</p> <p>(創世紀 8:2) 淵源和<u>天上的窗户都闭塞了</u>，<u>天上的大雨也止住了</u>。</p> <p>(創世紀 9:13) 我把虹放在<u>云彩中</u>，这就可做我与地立约的记号了。</p>	<p>(Genesis 8:2) The <u>fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were also stopped</u>, and the rain from heaven was restrained.</p> <p>(Genesis 9:13) <u>I set My rainbow in the cloud</u>, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.</p> <p><i>It is hard for the naked eye to see all 7 colors of the rainbow:</i></p> 



Legend	Translation	Bible
猛兽食颡民，鸮鸟攫老弱	During the flood, beasts and birds attacked and ate people, especially the old and the weak	<p><i>No bible verse; but one can appreciate how birds and beasts would behave under the threat of extinction. Besides, the global flood was meant to be a judgment on <u>evil man, birds and beasts</u>:</i></p> <p>(Genesis 7:21) And <u>all flesh died</u> that moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man.</p> <p>(創世紀 7:21) 凡在<u>地上有血肉</u>的动物，就是飞鸟、牲畜、走兽和爬在地上的昆虫，以及所有的人都死了。</p>

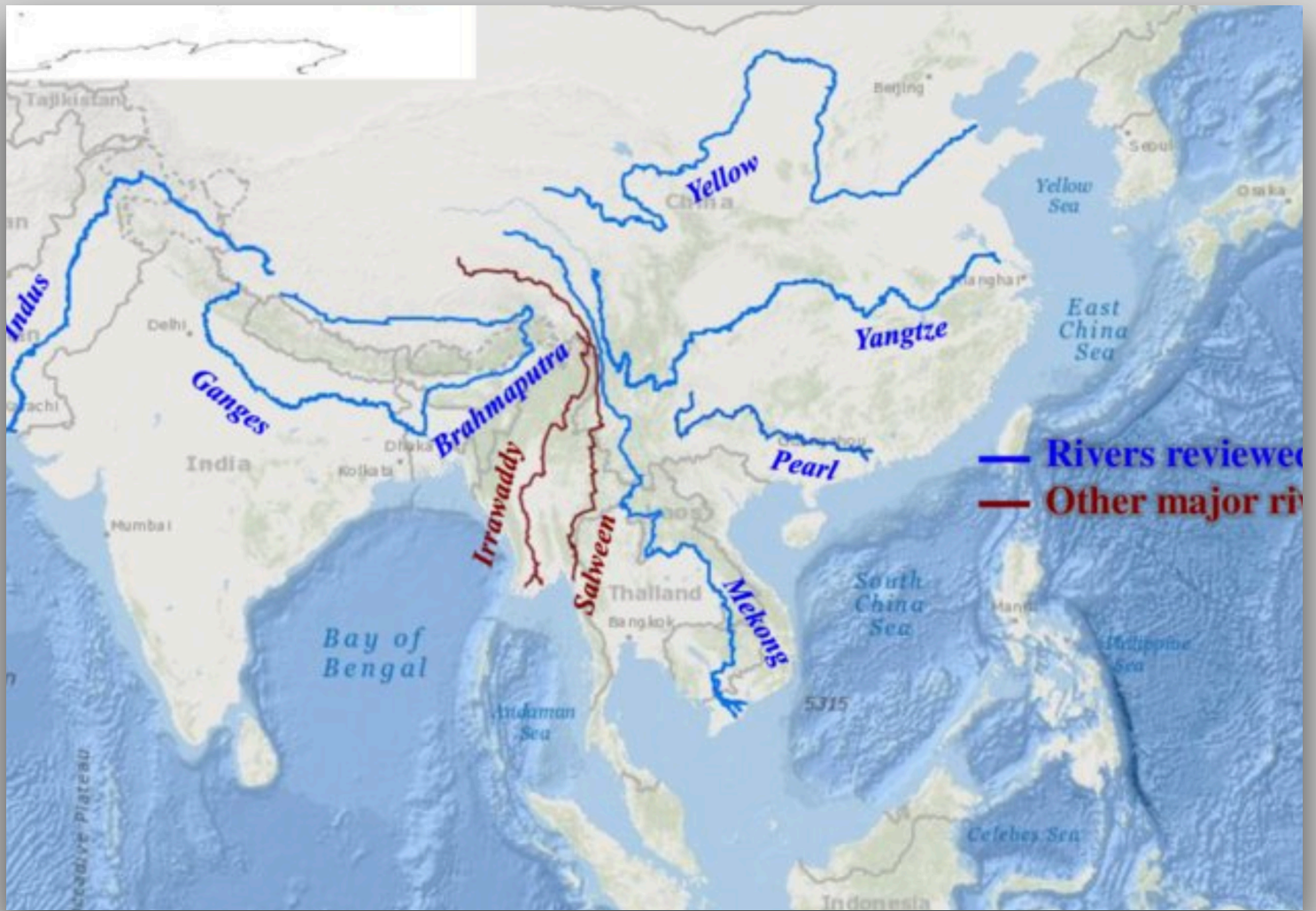
Legend	Translation	Bible
<p>杀黑龙以 济冀州</p>	<p>Killed the black dragon to save China</p>	<p><i>If dark dragon represents evil:</i> (Genesis 6:5-7) Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually... So the LORD said, "<u>I will destroy man... beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.</u>"</p> <p>(創世紀 6:5-7) 耶和華見人在地上罪惡很大，終日所思想的盡都是惡... 耶和華說：“<u>我要將所造的人和走獸并昆蟲，以及空中的飛鳥，都從地上除滅，因為我造他們後悔了。</u>”</p>

Legend	Translation	Bible
积芦灰以 止淫水	Collected ashes from burning reeds to stop the 'evil' floodwater	<p><i>Massive sediment deposition and rock formations; mountains and plateaus formed, creating river systems so water entered the oceans:</i></p> <p>(Psalms 104:6-9) You covered it with the deep as with a garment; <u>the waters stood above the mountains. At Your rebuke they fled...</u> They went up over the mountains; <u>they went down into the valleys</u>, to the place which You founded for them. <u>You have set a boundary that they may not pass over, that they may not return to cover the earth.</u></p> <p>(诗篇 104:6-9) 你用<u>深水遮盖地面</u>，犹如衣裳，<u>诸水高过山岭</u>。你的斥责一发，<u>水便奔逃</u>...诸山升上，<u>诸谷沉下</u>，归你为它所安定之地。<u>你定了界限，使水不能过去，不再转回遮盖地面。</u></p>

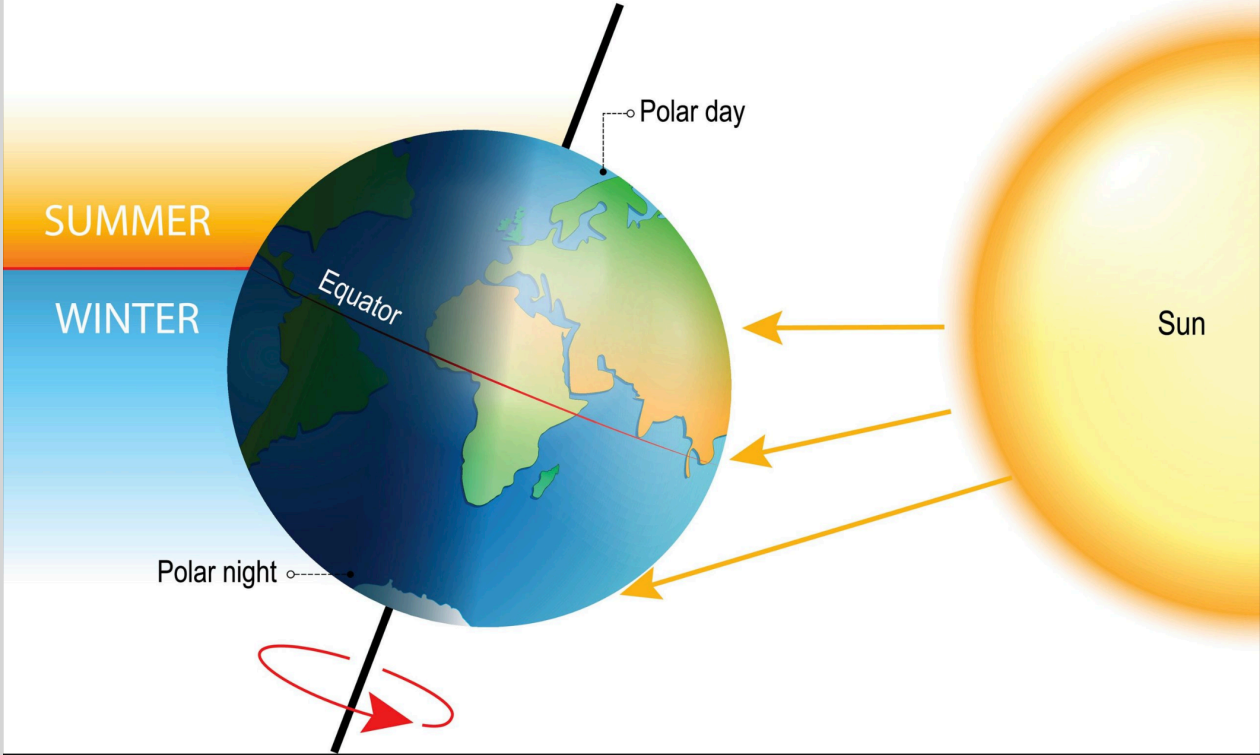
Legend	Translation	Bible
<p>和春阳 夏，杀秋 约冬</p>	<p>4 distinct seasons mentioned after the flood:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• warm spring</li> <li>• hot summer</li> <li>• chilly/withering autumn</li> <li>• cold winter</li> </ul>	<p>(Genesis 8:22) While the earth remains, <u>seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer</u>, and day and night shall not cease.</p> <p>(創世紀 8:22) 地还存留的时候，<u>稼穡、寒暑、冬夏、昼夜</u>就永不停息了。</p>

Legend	Translation	Bible
<p>当此之时，禽兽蝮蛇，无不匿其爪牙，藏其螫毒，无有攫噬之心</p>	<p>When the flood was over, beasts and snakes hid the use of their claws and poison from people, and would not hunt humans for food</p>	<p>(Genesis 9:2-3) <u>And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be on every beast of the earth, on every bird of the air, on all that move on the earth,</u> and on all the fish of the sea. They are given into your hand. Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs.</p> <p>(創世紀 9:2-3) <u>凡地上的走兽和空中的飞鸟，都必惊恐，惧怕你们，连地上一切的昆虫并海里一切</u>的鱼，都交付你们的手。凡活着的动物，都可以做你们的食物，这一切我都赐给你们，如同菜蔬一样。</p>

Legend	Translation	Bible
<p>故天倾西北</p>	<p>Therefore, heaven became tilted towards the northwest</p>	<p><i>No biblical verse, but earth's magnetic north did become tilted from the true north – most likely caused by the magnetic field reversals / catastrophes during the global flood</i></p>
<p>地不满东南，故百川水潦归焉</p>	<p>Land was not filled in the south and east, so rivers empty its water to the oceans in those directions</p>	<p><i>No biblical verse, but this description is accurate in terms of post-flood landscape and geography in much of Asia, including India</i></p>



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