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The Flood and Global Warming: Who is Responsible?¹

There is no other story, either among folk tales, legends, myths, or epics, which has as long a history as the story of the Flood. The earliest version appears in Sumerian from Mesopotamian, soon followed by Akkadian accounts in a text known as Atrahasis,² and as Tablet 11 of the famous epic of Gilgamesh (George, 2003, p. 700–725), and a late 3rd century BC version preserved in Greek by a Babylonian priest Berossos.³ All of these versions retell more-or-less the same story which is familiar from the Bible: a protagonist known as Ziusudra

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² See Lambert & Millard (1968) with an appendix containing Miguel Civil's edition of the Sumerian Flood Story (p. 138–145). See now: Finkel, 2013.

³ The latest edition of Berossos is that of De Breucker (2012, p. 375–392). The edition of Schnabel (1968, p. 264–266) is still useful. For an opinion that Berossos wrote his account originally in Aramaic, cf. Geller, 2012.

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