**Is there any confirmation of Biblical events from written sources outside the Bible?**

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| http://www.christiananswers.net/0.gif | http://www.christiananswers.net/0.gif | See this page in: [Dutch (Nederlands)](http://www.christiananswers.net/dutch/q-abr/abr-a009-dut.html), [French (Français)](http://www.christiananswers.net/french/q-abr/abr-a009-fr.html), [Indonesian (Bahasa Indonesia)](http://www.christiananswers.net/indonesian/q-abr/abr-a009i.html), [Portuguese (Português)](http://www.christiananswers.net/portuguese/q-abr/abr-a009p.html), [Spanish (Español)](http://www.christiananswers.net/spanish/q-abr/abr-a009s.html), [Swedish (Svenska)](http://www.christiananswers.net/swedish/q-abr/abr-a009s.html)  The most documented Biblical event is the world-wide [flood](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/deluge.html) described in [Genesis 6-9](http://www.christiananswers.net/bible/gen6.html). A number of [Babylonian](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/babylon.html) documents have been discovered which describe the same flood.  Sumerian King List. Photo copyrighted.  Ancient tablet listing the Sumerian kings [[More information](http://www.christiananswers.net/q-abr/abr-a009.html#kinglist)]  The Sumerian King List (pictured here), for example, lists [kings](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/king.html) who reigned for long periods of time. Then a great flood came. Following the flood, Sumerian kings ruled for much shorter periods of time. This is the same pattern found in the [Bible](http://www.christiananswers.net/bible/home.html). Men had long life spans before the [flood](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/deluge.html) and shorter life spans after the flood. The 11th tablet of the Gilgamesh Epic speaks of an [ark](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/ark.html), [animals](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/animals.html) taken on the [ark](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/ark.html), birds sent out during the course of the flood, the ark landing on a mountain, and a [sacrifice](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/sacrifice.html) offered after the ark landed.  The Story of Adapa tells of a test for immortality involving food, similar to the story of [Adam](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/adam.html) and [Eve](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/eve.html) in the Garden of [Eden](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/eden.html).  Sumerian [tablets](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/tablet.html) record the [confusion of language](http://www.christiananswers.net/godstory/babel1.html) as we have in the Biblical account of the [Tower of Babel](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/babeltowerof.html) ([Genesis 11:1-9](http://www.christiananswers.net/bible/gen11.html#1)). There was a golden age when all mankind spoke the same language. Speech was then confused by the god Enki, lord of wisdom. The [Babylonians](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/babylonkingdomof.html) had a similar account in which the gods destroyed a temple tower and “scattered them abroad and made strange their speech.”  **More examples of extra-Biblical confirmation of Biblical events**   * Campaign into [Israel](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/israel.html) by [Pharaoh](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/pharaoh.html) [Shishak](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/shishak1.html) ([1 Kings 14:25-26](http://www.christiananswers.net/bible/1ki14.html#25)), recorded on the walls of the Temple of Amun in Thebes, [Egypt](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/egypt.html). * Revolt of [Moab](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/moab.html) against [Israel](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/israelkingdomof.html) (2 Kings [1:1](http://www.christiananswers.net/bible/2ki1.html#1); [3:4-27](http://www.christiananswers.net/bible/2ki3.html#4)), recorded on the [Mesha](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/mesha.html) Inscription. * Fall of [Samaria](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/samaria.html) (2 Kings [17:3-6](http://www.christiananswers.net/bible/2ki17.html#3), [24](http://www.christiananswers.net/bible/2ki17.html#24); [18:9-11](http://www.christiananswers.net/bible/2ki18.html#9)) to [Sargon](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/sargon.html) II, [king](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/king.html) of [Assyria](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/assyria.html), as recorded on his [palace](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/palace.html) walls. * Defeat of [Ashdod](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/ashdod.html) by [Sargon](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/sargon.html) II ([Isaiah 20:1](http://www.christiananswers.net/bible/isa20.html#1)), as recorded on his [palace](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/palace.html) walls. * Campaign of the [Assyrian](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/assyria.html) king [Sennacherib](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/sennacherib.html) against [Judah](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/judahtribeof.html) ([2 Kings 18:13-16](http://www.christiananswers.net/bible/2ki18.html#13)), as recorded on the Taylor Prism. * Siege of [Lachish](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/lachish.html) by [Sennacherib](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/sennacherib.html) ([2 Kings 18:14](http://www.christiananswers.net/bible/2ki18.html#14), [17](http://www.christiananswers.net/bible/2ki18.html#17)), as recorded on the Lachish reliefs. * Assassination of [Sennacherib](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/sennacherib.html) by his own sons ([2 Kings 19:37](http://www.christiananswers.net/bible/2ki19.html#37)), as recorded in the annals of his son [Esarhaddon](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/esarhaddon.html). * Fall of [Nineveh](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/nineveh.html) as predicted by the [prophets](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/prophet.html) [Nahum](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/nahum.html) and [Zephaniah](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/zephaniah.html) ([2:13-15](http://www.christiananswers.net/bible/zep2.html#13)), recorded on the [Tablet](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/tablet.html) of Nabopolasar. * Fall of [Jerusalem](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/jerusalem.html) to [Nebuchadnezzar](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/nebuchadnezzar.html), king of [Babylon](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/babylon.html) ([2 Kings 24:10-14](http://www.christiananswers.net/bible/2ki24.html#10)), as recorded in the Babylonian Chronicles. * [Captivity](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/captivity.html) of [Jehoiachin](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/jehoiachin.html), king of [Judah](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/judah.html), in [Babylon](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/babylon.html) ([2 Kings 24:15-16](http://www.christiananswers.net/bible/2ki24.html#15)), as recorded on the Babylonian Ration Records. * Fall of [Babylon](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/babylon.html) to the [Medes](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/mede.html) and [Persians](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/persia.html) ([Daniel 5:30-31](http://www.christiananswers.net/bible/dan5.html#30)), as recorded on the [Cyrus](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/cyrus.html) Cylinder. * Freeing of captives in [Babylon](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/babylon.html) by [Cyrus](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/cyrus.html) the Great ([Ezra 1:1-4](http://www.christiananswers.net/bible/ezra1.html#1); [6:3-4](http://www.christiananswers.net/bible/ezra6.html#3)), as recorded on the Cyrus Cylinder. * The existence of [Jesus](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/jesus.html) [Christ](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/christ.html) as recorded by Josephus, Suetonius, Thallus, Pliny the Younger, the Talmud, and Lucian. * Forcing [Jews](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/jew.html) to leave [Rome](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/rome.html) during the reign of [Claudius](http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/claudius.html) (A.D. 41-54) ([Acts 18:2](http://www.christiananswers.net/bible/acts18.html#2)), as recorded by Suetonius.     **MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUMERIAN KING LIST**  Sumerian King List. Photo copyrighted.  There are more than 16 fragments and one nearly complete copy of the Sumerian King List found at different places at different times. The first fragment was discovered in the temple library at Nippur, Iraq, at the turn of the century and was published in 1906. The most complete copy, the Weld-Blundell prism, was purchased on the antiquities market shortly after World War I and is now in the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford, England. For a thorough discussion of the Sumerian King List and its Biblical implications, see “The Antediluvian Patriarchs and the Sumerian King List,” by Raul Lopez, in the *CEN Technical Journal* 12 (3) 1998, pp. 347-57.  [ If this information has been helpful, please prayerfully consider a [donation](http://www.christiananswers.net/eden/donate.html) to help pay the expenses for making this faith-building service available to you and your family! 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