

Origins of Qur'ānic Narratives and Their Ancient Predecessors

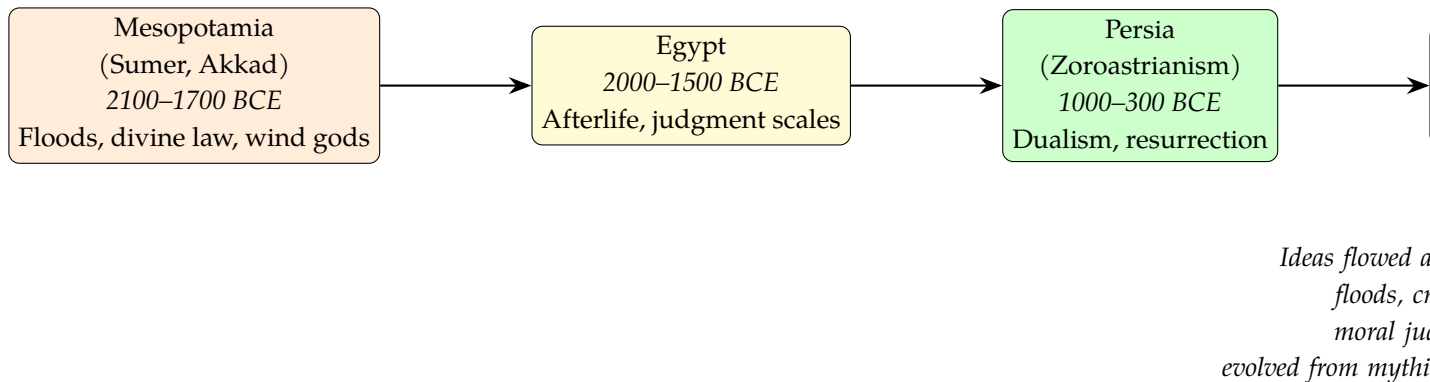
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Introduction

Although the Qur'ān presents itself as divine revelation, many of its stories have demonstrable antecedents in older Jewish, Christian, Zoroastrian, and Arabian oral traditions. This document lists those narratives that appear “unique” to Islam and traces their possible mythological or literary predecessors.

Cultural Transmission Timeline



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*"Through empires and tongues, myth traveled farther than armies —
and became the scripture of civilizations."*