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### Summer 2021 Texts-in-Translation Master Class

## *Gilgamesh Flood Story*

This session is run by Dr Martin Worthington, an Assyriologist at Trinity College Dublin. In the session we will be reading the Flood story in the eleventh Tablet (i.e. chapter) of the Babylonian *Gilgamesh* Epic.

There are many different translations of *Gilgamesh*, not all of them equally reliable. You are recommended to read the translation in the critical edition by Andrew George – available online (<https://eprints.soas.ac.uk/1603/>). Start at p. 703 of George's book (368 of the PDF).

You may also want to refresh your memory of the version of the story in Genesis, for comparison.

During the session, Dr Worthington will be guiding you through some of the tangles in the story, and explaining a 'trick' in the original Babylonian wording. He has presented his theory in the book *Ea's Duplicity in the Gilgamesh Flood Story* (Routledge, 2019), widely featured in international media as the first example of 'fake news' in world history.

You will come away from the session with a heightened appreciation of the ingenuity of ancient narrators.

**Date:**

Tuesday, September 7th @ 11am EDT

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