

Unit 1 - Homework 4: The Mythological Worldview of Amorite Babylonia

In order to help you answers these questions, see pages 47—52 in Unit 1.

1. According to the Babylonians, why are we here? On the one hand, if we were put here for a *reason*, then what is the *purpose* of us being here? On the other hand, if we are here by merely by *accident*, then what *accident* brought us here?

2. According to the Babylonians, which calendar era was the era when were humans created?

3. According to the Babylonians, which calendar era was the era when *they* lived?

4. According to the Babylonians, which calendar era is *our present day* era?

5. The Babylonians gave two different explanations for why Enlil caused the Great Flood.
 - (i) According to the *Epic of Atrahasis*, why did Enlil cause the Great Flood?

 - (ii) According to the *Epic of Gilgamesh*, why did Enlil cause the Great Flood?