

Chairman Mao Zedong tried to change Chinese history during the Cultural Revolution and simplified many of the Chinese characters, often losing their original meanings. But many have been preserved with their ancient meanings, in many cases on oracle bones as shown on the left.

The third radical in the word 'boat' is the word for 'mouth' which means 'person' just like we say in English, "another mouth to feed." The first boat mentioned in the Bible is Noah's ark. What is amazing is that this picture exactly describes the 8 people who were saved in that boat from the global flood waters that killed all other life of any kind that lived on dry ground—God's judgement for sin. Genesis 7:13 tells us: "In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark." So Noah's ark was a ship or a vessel with eight people.



Noah's Ark

After the great Flood Noah and his family multiplied on the Earth and his offspring built a city. Mankind again became wicked and full of pride. Man, aspiring to be like God, built a great tower—called the Tower of Babel. All people in the nation only spoke one language. God sent them a confusion of different languages and this is when the Chinese language was created. That was about 4500 years ago, and the Chinese people wrote down some of their knowledge of the history of the world by using the Chinese characters to carry the message. That history predates the Hebrew, in which the Old Testament was written, by at least 700 years.



The Tower of Babel

The Chinese people from that time worshipped ShangDi, the 'Celestial Emperor', the God above all gods. His name translates from the words 'above' and 'emperor'. He is the Creator of the Earth and the whole universe. The emperors were to obey the mandates of Heaven in order to rule the Chinese people with love, compassion and justice. Only the



emperors that had done good deeds, and had good moral character were worthy to offer at the Heaven-Worshipping Altar (Shi Ji 史記). The

Chinese Classics such as the Shang Shu 尚書, Shi Ji 史記 (written at least a thousand years before Christianity came to China in about 620 AD) revealed attributes of ShangDi 上帝 that are consistent with those of Yahweh (Hebrew 河河), the only true God, as recorded in the Hebrew Bible.

History begins with God creating the Heavens and the Earth (the whole Universe) about 6 thousand years ago. On the sixth day he created the first man from the dust of the earth and called his name Adam. The character for 'create' is made up of 'speak' (right

side) and 'walk' (left side). But 'speak' is made from 'life' or

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speak dust, life, (mouth) mud alive

made from 'life' or 'alive', 'dust' and

'mouth' as God spoke the breath of life into Adam. From Adam's rib He made a woman, Eve, and placed them in a perfect Garden in Eden. In 内 中人 中人 中人 中人 street inside flesh inside person wife person.' You can see connection of Eve to Adam's flesh.

In Chinese the character for 'field' or 'garden' where you grow food is made from a square boundary with 4 rivers flowing out from the middle. The Garden had 4 rivers, Pison, Gihon, Hiddekel and Euphrates.

God said to Adam that they could eat of any of the fruit trees in the Garden except one, the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. He essentially warned to make them responsible for their own free will obedience. This is seen in the Chinese character 'forbidden' or 'prohibition'. This is made from two 'trees' and 'God pronounced' or 'warning.'

林 + 示 = 禁

two trees God pronounced prohibition

The two trees represent the two important trees in the Garden. The second is called the Tree of Life. Now the woman was tempted by the devil (Satan) hiding in the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

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广 + 林 + 鬼 = 魔

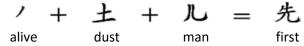
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They sinned two trees woman covet, lust against God and 身 上 里 _ 朗

their eyes were **才** 十 未 = **珠** opened and now they knew they body fruit naked

were naked. There are several Chinese characters that symbolize the word 'naked' but the best one is made

from 'body' and 'fruit' which apart from the history in the Genesis account has no meaning.



God made the 'first' man from the dust of the ground and put him in the garden to be a 'blessing.'

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God first man garden blessing

The character also means 'happiness.' But now God cursed the ground and the whole Creation and sent man and his wife out of the Garden so that they couldn't eat of the Tree of Life and live forever.



God placed angels with flaming swords to guard the access to the Garden and the Tree of Life. The Creation was cursed and man must now work the ground for

food. This is captured in the Chinese character for 'difficulty', a 'tree' bounded by an enclosing 'wall' in the garden, by the character for

'man' made from the characters 'field' and for 'strength'.

"In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth." (Genesis 1:1) Not the Big Bang but the Creator God, ShangDi whose Hebrew name 'Yahweh' means the 'self existent One'—never created, but always existed.

"God created man in his own image, ..." (Genesis 1:27). Not evolution, over billions of years, with animals and man evolving from pond scum.

All people on Earth are descended from Adam. In the Garden of Eden Adam and Eve sinned against God and so God cursed them and the whole universe.

"...sin came into the world through one man [Adam], and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned." (Romans 5:12)

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom. 6:23)

All deserve death "for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God," (Romans 3:23) but Jesus Christ fully paid the penalty on the Cross—as only a Holy God could—for those who repent of their sins.

Jesus died for our sins by substitution for those who



trust in Him. He has broken down that boundary, that wall, so that we may (metaphorically) go into the Garden and eat of the Tree of Life and live forever. Will you? Or will you rebel and choose

what the devil offers?

There is none righteous. No one is good enough to attain to Heaven on his or her own efforts. "For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." (Ephesians 2:8,9)

Christ is represented as the Lamb of God, a sacrifice to

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." (John 1:12,13)

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Do you know the meaning of this Chinese word?



It translates to 'boat' in English. Chinese characters, ideograms, can be formed from radicals which themselves are pictograms, which have their own individual meanings. The characters forming the word 'boat' are as follows:^{1,2}



vessel

eight

people

^{1.} The Discovery of Genesis, C.H. Kang and E.R. Nelson, 1979.

^{2.} The Incredible Chinese Script, S.H. Tow, 2002.