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The Great Flood! The account of the Great Flood given so vividly in Genesis has its parallels in stories of many countries, including those of the western hemisphere. All these stories relate to some great catastrophe, sometimes purely local, that happened in bygone ages. There is, however, in Mesopotamia, from which the Bible story came, further evidence of an archaeological nature. This consists of a layer of clay eight feet deep, beneath which are relics not found above this layer. This evidence seems to place the Great Flood at about 4000 B.C. The most probable cause of the flood is that a slowly moving storm accompanied by heavy and persistent rain and assisted by melting snows from the mountains swelled the banks of the Euphrates in much the same way that floods are caused in the lower Mississippi River.