

DEUCALION'S FLOOD

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Noah's flood is reflected in the flowing Greek legend.

Deucalion was son of Prometheus and Clymene, and he was the king of Phthia, in Thessaly.

When Zeus sent the deluge, Deucalion built a ship; and he and his wife, Pyrrha, were the only mortals saved.

When the flood subsided, the ship came to rest on Mount Parnassus, and Deucalion was told by the oracle at Themis that to restore the human race he must "cast the bones of his mother behind him".

Deucalion's interpretation of this was that he had to cast "behind him" the "stones" of his mother Earth.

Consequently, Deucalion and his wife cast the stones as directed.



(Deucalion and his wife casting the stones)

Those that were thrown by Deucalion became men, and those thrown by Pyrrha became women.

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