







SUMERIAN WRITING

Sumerian was one of the very earliest written forms. The Sumerians lived in the plains of the Fertile Crescent, below the Ararat Mountains where the Ark came to rest at the end of the Flood. Shortly thereafter, people moved farther south into Egypt and began another picture writing: hieroglyphics. Still others moved eastward, and the Chinese began their picture-like writing, which is also one of the most ancient of language scripts. Within a few centuries, simplified scripts began to be used, such as the Greek and Roman alphabets.

Original c. 3500 BC	Simplified c. 3000 BC	Archaic Sumerian	Old Babylonian	Assyrian	Neo- Babylonian	Meaning
						Fish
						Ox
						Donkey
						Grain
						God/ heaven
						Sun/ day/ light
						To till/ plough
						House
						Man