

## GOD COMMANDS THE DELUGE

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“Winds, whirl and roar across the land,  
Propel the waves and speed the clouds,  
Give the ether a darkened shroud  
And begin the deluge as I command.

Lightning, thunder and strike the earth,  
Blast the firmament, sear the night,  
Light the heavens with thy might  
And cast thy bolt of mystic birth.”