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.

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 יְהוָה), 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 ‘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 Chinese ‘wife’ is the ‘inside 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.’

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.

She ‘desired’ to eat the fruit, which looked nice and would make her wise. But God said if you eat you will die. She took the ‘fruit’ and ate, and gave to her husband, Adam. They sinned against God and their eyes were opened and now they knew they 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.’

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)

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.