In the beginning, God...

Genesis 5 → The Generations of Noah

Let’s get to the good stuff...
The Jewish rabbis say that they will not understand the Scriptures until the Messiah comes.

But when He comes, He will not only interpret each of the passages for us,

• He will interpret the very words;
• He will even interpret the very letters themselves;
• He will even interpret the spaces between the letters!

Matthew 5:17-18
"Think not that I have come to destroy the Torah and the prophets; I have not come to destroy but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."

A jot and tittle are the Hebrew equivalent of our dotting an i and the crossing of a t.

Are there “Hidden Messages” in the Bible?

It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but it is the honor of kings to search out a matter. Proverbs 25:2

• Who is the oldest man in the Bible?

Methuselah; he lived 969 years.

But he passed away before his father! How can that be?

His father was Enoch...

Enoch "walked with God"
At age 365, Enoch was translated!

Heb 11:5   Gen 5:21-24

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In our Bible, we read the Hebrew names transliterated approximating the way they were pronounced. They are not direct translations.

What do these names mean in English?

The meaning of Biblical proper names can be difficult to determine since direct translations are not readily available. We have no real idea as to why these names were chosen for their children. Sometimes they may have referred to circumstances at birth. Often, a person’s given name reflects their nature or character.

Many study aids, such as conventional lexicons, can prove superficial when dealing with proper names. Even a conventional Hebrew lexicon can prove disappointing. The views concerning the meaning and significance of some of the original roots are sometimes controversial and are subject to variant readings.

Genealogy of Genesis 5

1. Adam
2. Seth
3. Enosh
4. Kenan
5. Mahalalel
6. Jared
7. Enoch
8. Methuselah
9. Lamech
10. Noah

Adam → Cain / Abel / Seth

Eve

Adam

Eve

Cain

Enos

Lacon

Mahalalel

Lamech

Enoch

Methuselah

Noah

Many other Sons & Daughters

Enosh

Genesis 2:4-5:27

Noah → Shem / Ham / Japheth

**NOAH**
- Noah
- Walked with God
- Just, perfect, upright
- Ge 5:29, 6:9
- 600 yrs → Flood Ge 7:6
- 950 yrs → Ge 9:29

**SHEM**
- Ge 5:32, 10:21

**HAM**
- Ge 5:32, 9:18

**JAPHETH**
- Ge 5:32

Shem → Terah

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**JAPHETH**
- Ge 5:32

Ham

**CUSH**
- Ethiopia
  - Ge 10:6

**MIZRAM**
- Egypt
  - Ge 10:6

**PHUT**
- Put, Libya
  - Ge 10:6

**CANAA**
- Canaanites
  - Ge 9:18, 10:6

Families of the CANAANITIES were spread abroad
  - Amorite
  - Gergasite
  - Hivite
  - Arkite
  - Sinite
  - Arvadite
  - Zemarite
  - Hamathite
  - Ge 10:16-19

Japheth

**JAPHETH**
- Ge 5:32

From these 7 sons of JAPHETH the Gentile nations descended—'heathen,' 'foreigner,' non-Israelite nations

**GOMER**
- Celtic
  - Ge 10:2

**MADAI**
- Medes
  - Ge 10:2

**JAVAN**
- Greece, Syria
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- S of Black Sea
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Genesis 5:1-3  Adam

1] This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;
2] Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.
3] And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:

Adam  adomah, means “man.”
The same 17 elements that make up our body chemistry are the same 17 elements that are found in the “dust of the ground.”

Genesis 5:4-6  Adam → Seth

4] And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters:
5] And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.
6] And Seth lived an hundred and five years, and begat Enos:

Seth  seth, which means “appointed.”
Eve said, “For God hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.” Genesis 4:25

Adam
http://www.abarim-publications.com/meaning/adam.html

Adam is one of five words that indicate a man (words like dude, guy etc).
This particular word indicates man as a being created from material; a corporeal one, as probably opposed to the non-corporeal angelic creatures who were created before Adam and who shouted for joy during the creation of the earth (Job 38:7).
The feminine derivation (adamah) indicates the ruddy earth found in the Middle East and means acre, ground, land.
The words (adom,adem) indicate the typical red color of that earth.
The name Adam means:
Man, Earthling, or rather Corporeal One.

Seth
http://www.abarim-publications.com/meaning/seth.html

Seth (should be pronounced as Sheth) is the third son of Adam and Eve, the younger brother of Cain and Abel. After the death of Abel and the expulsion of Cain, Seth remains to become the ancestor of Noah.
It comes from the verb (shit), to put, set, which Eve uses when she names Seth:
“God has appointed me another offspring…” (Genesis 4:25).
NOBS Study Bible Name List and Jones' Dictionary of Old Testament Proper Names agree:
The name Seth means:
Appointed.
Genesis 5:7-8 Seth → Enosh

7] And Seth lived after he begat Enos eight hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters:
8] And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years: and he died.

Enosh  Ana which means “mortal,” “frail,” or “miserable.”

It is from the root anash, to be incurable; used of a wound, grief, woe, sickness, or wickedness.

Enosh

http://www.abarim-publications.com/Meaning/Enosh.html

The name Enosh is applied only once in the Bible, the son of Seth, the third son of Adam and Eve.

Enosh is one of a few Hebrew words that indicate man or mankind and it is rooted in the root group (‘nsh I, II & III):

The name Enosh means:

Man Frail And Miserable (Jones’ Dictionary of Old Testament Proper Names) or
Mortal (NOBS Study Bible Name List).

Apostasy Begins

• “Then men began to profane the name of the Lord”

Gen 4:25

• “…desisted from praying in the name”

Targum of Onkelos

• “…surnamed their idols in the name”

Targum of Jonathan

• Ascribes the origin of idolatry to the days of Enosh

Kimchi, Rashi, Jerome, et al Maimonides, Commentary on the Mishna, 1168
Genesis 5:9-11  Enos → Kenan

9] And Enos lived ninety years, and begat Cainan:
10] And Enos lived after he begat Cainan eight hundred and fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters:
11] And all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years: and he died.

Kenan: which means “sorrow,” “dirge,” or “elegy.”
The precise denotation is somewhat elusive;
Some presume that Kenan is synonymous with “Cainan” as many translations transliterate the name Balaam, looking down from the heights of Moab, uses a pun upon the name of the Kenites when he prophesizes their destruction. (Num 24:21, 23).

Kenan is the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the third son of Adam and Eve (Genesis 5:9).
The name Kenan comes from the verb (qin), meaning to chant a dirge (Amos 8:10).
This verb comes from the noun (qina), meaning lamentation, or a sad poem which is sung (Jeremiah 7:19, Ezekiel 2:10).
It's the verb (qwnn), meaning to chant a dirge (Eze 27:32, 1Sam 1:17).

The name Kenan means:
Lamenter / Lamentation due to Sorrow.

Genesis 5:12-14  Kenan → Mahalalel

12] And Cainan lived seventy years, and begat Mahalaleel:
13] And Cainan lived after he begat Mahalaleel eight hundred and forty years, and begat sons and daughters:
14] And all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years: and he died.

Mahalalel which means “blessed” or “praise”; and El, the name for God
Mahalalel → “The Blessed God.”
Often Hebrew names included El, the name of God,
Ezekiel, “God Strengthens”
Daniel, “God is my Judge,”
Nathaniel, “Gift of God,” etc.

There are two people called Mahalalel in the Bible.
The famous Mahalalel is the son of Kenan, (Gen 5:12) and Mahalalel the descendant of Perez, the son of Judah (Neh 11:4).
The name Mahalalel has two elements. The 2nd the common abbreviation of Elohim, or God.
The first part of the name Mahalalel comes from the root group (halal):
The verb means to praise or boast.
It is from this root we get the word Hallelujah and the Halal

Both NOBS Study Bible Name List and BDB Theological Dictionary read that the meaning of the name Mahalalel is:
Praise Of God → The Blessed of God
Genesis 5:15-17  Mahalalel → Jared

15] And Mahalaleel lived sixty and five years, and begat Jared:

16] And Mahalaleel lived after he begat Jared eight hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters:

17] And all the days of Mahalaleel were eight hundred ninety and five years: and he died.

Jared (Yared) from the verb yaradh, meaning “shall come down.”

Some authorities suggest that this might be an allusion to the “Sons of God” who “came down” to corrupt the daughters of men, resulting in the Nephilim of Genesis 6 which could have begun in Jared’s lifetime.

Jared

http://www.abarim-publications.com/Meaning/Jared.html

The name Jared occurs twice in the Bible.

A son of Jehudijah (1 Chronicles 4:18 - although the existence of this name is disputed, see the article on Jehudijah).

The better known Jared is generation number six in the line from Seth (Genesis 5:22).

The name Jared comes from the verb (yarad) a very common verb meaning to go down, descend, decline.

The derivative (morad), means descent (Joshua 10:11) or hanging work (1 Kings 7:29).

NOBS Study Bible Name List and Jones’ Dictionary of Old Testament Proper Names agree the name Jared means:

Descent / Descend → come down

Genesis 5:18-20  Jared → Enoch

18] And Jared lived an hundred sixty and two years, and he begat Enoch:

19] And Jared lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

20] And all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty and two years: and he died.

Enoch which means “commencement,” or “teaching.”

He was the first of four generations of preachers.

The earliest recorded prophecy was by Enoch,

It deals with the Second Coming of Christ

It is not recorded in the Old Testament but it is quoted in the Book of Jude in the New Testament

Enoch

http://www.abarim-publications.com/Meaning/Enoch.html

There are three Enochs mentioned in the Bible.

• Enoch is a son of Cain.
• Enoch is a town named after the first (Genesis 4:17).
• Enoch is a son of Jared, of the line of Seth, third son of Adam and Eve (Genesis 5:19).

Fuerst’s Hebrew & Chaldee Lexicon to the Old Testament reports meanings:

to imprint, to pierce into, to instruct, to make wise.

This noun reappears as the name Hanukkah, the still celebrated Feast Of Dedication (John 10:22).

The root (hnk) also yields the derivative (hek), meaning palate, mouth, with connotation of speech (Prov 8:7, SoS 5:16).

The name Enoch means:

Initiated (Jones’ Dictionary of Old Testament Proper Names) or Dedicated (NOBS Study Bible Name List) or Instruct / Teach (Fuerst’s Hebrew & Chaldee Lexicon to the Old Testament)
Enoch: The Prophet

And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying,
Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,
To execute judgment upon all, and
to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds
which they have ungodly committed, and
of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.
Jude 1:14, 15

Enoch’s Prophecy

- We know the Lord’s coming is sure.
- We know who will accompany the Lord.
- We know the purpose of His coming.
- We know the result of the Lord’s coming.

Enoch was translated (“raptured”) midway between Adam and Abraham.
Elijah was translated midway between Abraham and Christ.

Enoch walked with God → Rapture

Gen 5:24
And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

Enoch “Walked with God”

- Not a casual stroll: 365 years (Heb 11:5);
- Agreement; surrender; witness (Amos 3:3);
- Privilege available today (Col 2:6; Gal 5:25; 2 Cor 5:7).

By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. Hebrews 11:5

Enoch did not die – he was translated – moved from one place realm to another – ‘raptured’ !!!

Genesis 5:21-24 Enoch → Methuselah

21] And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah:
22] And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:
23] And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:
24] And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

Methuselah

Methuselah, son of Enoch, who famously walked with God (Genesis 5:25). He is the man with the longest recorded life-span in the Bible (969 years).

Arithmetic reveals that Methuselah died in the year of the great flood.
The question of whether he died of natural causes or drowned remains unanswered.

Methuselah consists of two elements.
(mat), denotes man or mankind, used to indicate a male capable of combat and a grim connection with the word (mut), to die; corpse.
The verb (shalach) meaning send, send out, let go.

For a meaning of the name Methuselah:
Jones’ Dictionary of Old Testament Proper Names reads When He Is Dead It Shall Be Sent.
NOBS Study Bible Name List reads Man Of A Javelin / Man With A Mission.
The Flood Warning had been issued...

Enoch apparently received a prophecy of the Great Flood.
He was apparently told that as long as his son was alive, the judgment of the flood would be withheld.
Enoch named his son Methuselah which means ‘his death shall bring’.
The very year that Methuselah died, the flood came.
God’s judgment, the Flood of Noah, did not come as a surprise.
By the time the flood came, it had been preached about and prophesied on by four generations for at least 969 years.

Genesis 5:25-27 Methuselah → Lamech

25] And Methuselah lived an hundred eighty and seven years, and begat Lamech:
26] And Methuselah lived after he begat Lamech seven hundred eighty and two years, and begat sons and daughters:
27] And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died.

Lamech: a root still evident today in our own English word, “lament” or “lamentation” = “Despairing.”

This name is also linked to the Lamech in Cain’s line (not Noah’s father) who prophesied on by four generations for at least 969 years.

The name Lamech may be seen as constructed of the particle (le), meaning to or towards; and the verb (makak), be low, depressed, or even the adjacent verb (mukak), be low, humiliated.

The whole name would thus mean:
- Lowering / To the Lowering;
- Humiliated / To the Humiliated
- The Despairing.

There are two Lamechs mentioned in the Bible.
- the last mentioned father in the line of Cain (Ge 4:18) and the father of Noah, the grandfather of Shem, Ham and Japheth.
- The word lmk does not occur in Hebrew.
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The word Noah does not occur in Hebrew.
- Noah appears twice in the English Bible. In Hebrew the two names are totally different, and their meanings are exact opposites.
- The Noah mentioned in Numbers 26:33 (pronounced No’ah) is one of the five daughters of Zelophehad.
- The Noah in Genesis (pronounced Noach, with a ch like Bach) is the main character of the great flood cycle, and father of Shem, Ham and Japheth.
- The masculine name Noah comes from the verb (nuah) meaning rest, settle down.

HAW Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament reports that this root ‘signifies not only absence of movement but being settled in a particular place […] with overtones of finality, or […] victory, salvation etc.’

Derivatives of this root are: (nahat), rest, quietness; (noah), the name Noah; (niihoah), quieting, soothing; (hanaha), a giving of rest; (manoah), resting place; (menuha), resting place, rest.

Another verb of interest is (naha), lead, guide, ‘the conducting of one along the right path’ (HAW Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament).

The masculine name Noah means Rest.
- The competing lineage of Cain, ends up in the land of Nod (Restless Wandering).
Genesis 5:28-31  Lamech → Noah

28] And Lamech lived an hundred eighty and two years, and begat a son:
29] And he called his name Noah, saying, This same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD hath cursed.
30] And Lamech lived after he begat Noah five hundred ninety and five years, and begat sons and daughters:

Lamech was 56 years old when Adam died. Lamech died 5 years before the flood.
31] And all the days of Lamech were seven hundred seventy and seven years: and he died.

Noah which is derived from nacham, “to bring relief” or “comfort,” = “Comfort, or Rest.”
Lamech himself explains this in Genesis 5:29

The Gospel hidden in the genealogy from Adam to Noah

All together now ...

Gen 5 – The Gospel in the Torah

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The Timeline Message

Man (is) appointed mortal sorrow (but) the blessed God shall come down teaching (that) His death shall bring (the) despairing, comfort and rest.

Noah’s father, Lamech was alive for 56 years before Adam died...
Genesis 5:32  Noah → Shem, Ham, Japeth

32] And Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah begat Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Study Questions

1) When were the specifications for sacrifices given to man? How do we know?
2) Why did God replace the aprons with coats of skins?
3) How were the offerings of Cain and Abel different? Why was Cain’s not accepted? How did he know?
4) List seven ways that Abel could be viewed as a “type” of Christ.
5) Where did Cain get his wife?
6) With whom did apostasy begin?
7) Summarize the hidden message in Genesis 5.
8) What was the first prophecy uttered by a prophet in the Old Testament? When was it uttered?

(“Where two people agree, one is redundant.”)

1) How were the spiritual attitudes of Cain and Abel different?
2) What inferences can be drawn from the genealogy in Genesis 5?
3) What inferences can be drawn from the genealogy of Cain’s descendants in Genesis 4?
4) Compare and contrast the two trees: in the Garden of Eden and the Cross at Golgatha.

Research Projects

Trace the role of blood sacrifices from Genesis 3:21 to Crucifixion of Christ.

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