

DISCOVERING GOD

THROUGH THE BIBLE #12 – A SECRET RIDDLE

“This is the written account of Adam's line.” (Genesis 5:1)

AND, “ _____ BEGAT...”

I remember as a child how boring the genealogies of the Old Testament seemed to be (all those "so-and-so's begat so-and-so").

Nothing in the Bible however, is there by accident or whim of the Author. Everything (including genealogies), have a reason.

GENESIS CHAPTER 5

In Genesis Chapter 5 we are given a list of the direct descendants of Adam and Eve. This list brings us right up to the Flood. They are:

Adam, Seth, Enosh, Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared, Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech and, Noah. Some of the names are probably jump out at you....especially, **Methuselah** and, **Noah**.

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE GENEALOGIES

Let's look at the names again, this time a bit closer.

Just as your name most likely means something in some language, all these names have a meaning in Hebrew. In fact, watch closely. If GOD is the One who gives a special name to someone, something is going on! Here they are again:

Adam or adomah, means "man".

Seth means "appointed". You will recall, Eve said, "For God hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew."

Genesis 4:25

Enosh means "mortal," "frail," or "miserable" It is from the root anash, to be incurable; used of a wound, grief, woe, sickness, or wickedness.

Kenan can mean "sorrow," "dirge," or "elegy" (Note: The precise denotation is somewhat elusive but most scholars agree this is not the same word as "Cainan." It has some kind of meaning like a sorrowful funeral dirge.

Mahalalel means "blessed" or "praise". Also, see the la El, the name for God? "The Blessed God."

Jared (Yared) is from the verb yaradh, meaning "shall come down."

Enoch means "commencement," or "teaching."

Methuselah muth, is a root that means "death" shalach, which means "to bring," or "to send forth" so his name means, "His death shall bring". How would you like that name?

Lamech is a root still evident today in our "lamentation." Our own English word, "lament" or "Despairing" comes from his name.

Noah is derived from nacham "to bring relief" or "comfort" "Comfort, or Rest" Noah, 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 Genesis 5:29

DID YOU CATCH IT?

The names given in Genesis Chapter 5 are a coded message from GOD telling us something wondrous. What is most amazing is the message itself. Here it is again, translated.

Adam Seth Enosh Kenan Mahalalel Jared Enoch Methuselah Lamech Noah	Man (is) Appointed Mortal Misery Sorrow unto death (but our) Blessed God Shall come down Teaching His death shall bring (the) Despairing Comfort and Rest
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