

SWORD MINISTRIES (Ephesians 6:17)

Let's start by looking at a few verses on what the Bible says about itself: **2 TIMOTHY 3:16; PROVERBS 30:5; MATTHEW 4:4; PSALMS 119:89, 138:2** The Bible is the Word of our Holy God to us, and by believing it and living it we will grow in our faith.

THE GOSPEL IN GENESIS 5

GENESIS 5 in this chapter there is a genealogy with 10 Hebrew names from Adam to Noah. We want to find out what these names mean in English. The meaning of proper names is a difficult process, some scholars have broken down the names into their Hebrew roots to better understand the meaning; this is certainly not without controversy, so remember God's encouragement to each of us in **ACTS 17:11**. The sources for this study are: 'The Living Torah' by Rabbi Kaplan; 'Dictionary of Old Testament Proper Names' by Alfred Jones; 'The Beginnings' by Ray Stedman; 'Cosmic Codes' by Chuck Missler.

So let's take an example from **GENESIS 5:21** where we come to the name '**Methuselah**'; the entry in Strong's Concordance reads: "M^othúwshelach, man of a dart"; but as scholars have broken down the name into roots another meaning appears: '**muth**' – death; '**shalach**' – to bring or send forth. Thus Methuselah means 'his death shall bring or send forth.' (**vv21-25**) Apparently Enoch was given a prophecy of the coming Flood, and was told as long as his son (Methuselah) was alive the judgment of the Flood would be withheld, but as soon as Methuselah would die, the Flood would be sent forth, and that is exactly what happened. (**v25**) Methuselah was 187 years old when Lamech was born (**v26**) Methuselah lived 782 years more after he fathered Lamech (**v27**) Methuselah dies at 969 years old, the oldest recorded lifespan in the Bible (**vv28,29**) Lamech was 182 years old when he begat Noah. Now let's turn to **GENESIS 7 (vv6,11)** Noah was 600 years old when the Flood came, thus 600 (the age of Noah) + 182 (Lamech's age at Noah's birth) = 782nd year of Lamech was the year the Flood came. When you compare that with **GENESIS 5:26** '**And Methuselah lived after he begat Lamech seven hundred eighty and two years...**' the 782nd year of Lamech was the exact year Methuselah died! God's Word says 'his death shall bring or send forth.' The longest lifespan on earth thus becomes an emblem of God's great grace.

Let's look at the other names in **GENESIS 5; (vv1-5)** Adam – 'man'; (**vv6-8**) Seth – 'appointed'; (**vv9-11**) Enos (Enosh) – 'mortal, frail'; (**vv12-14**) Cainan (Kenan) – 'sorrow, dirge'; (**vv15-17**) Mahalaleel – 'the blessed God'; (**vv18-20**) Jared – 'shall come down'; (**vv21-24**) Enoch – 'teaching'; (**vv25-27**) Methuselah – 'his death shall bring'; (**vv28-32**) Lamech – 'despairing'; Noah – 'rest'. Now let's put the names in their exact order in sentence form: Man (is) appointed mortal sorrow, (but) the blessed God shall come down teaching (that) His death shall bring (the) despairing rest. The Gospel of Jesus Christ hidden in the meaning of the Hebrew names of **GENESIS 5!**

THE GOSPEL IN GENESIS 5 – THE CROSS IN NUMBERS 2

Now let's look back at (**vv21-24**) and notice that Enoch never died '**...for God took him.**' Interestingly, Methuselah is the oldest recorded person to live, yet he died before his father did! You see, his father Enoch never died, he was 'raptured' if you will. **JUDE 3,4,10-15; HEBREWS 11:1-5; AMOS 3:3** Enoch walked with God in a time of intense apostasy, he believed God concerning His judgment to come (the Flood) and it radically changed his life. We too have been warned by God of the coming judgment (**2 PETER 1:19-21; 3:10-13**); and we also must live by the Holy Spirit. One last point, Enoch was 'raptured' **before** the Flood, and becomes a type of a Christian (one who walks with God), which will be raptured before God's future wrath is poured out.

THE CROSS IN NUMBERS 2

EXODUS 25 (vv1-9) God commands Moses to '**make Me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them [Israel].**' The Tabernacle was a portable worship center; it would be picked up and moved through the wilderness as God led Israel by the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. When the cloud or pillar stood still, Israel would camp around the Tabernacle, but God commanded them precisely how they were to camp.

NUMBERS 2 (vv1,2) Israel consisted of 12 tribes (families) and each tribe had a standard (banner) with a symbol for their own particular tribe (**v17**) in the midst of the camp was the Tabernacle (God's throne on earth at the time) and the Levites were commanded to camp around it (**vv3-8**) God commanded each tribe to camp in a specific compass direction; **east side**, Judah was the lead Tribe, their standard (banner) was a lion, totaling 186,400 men. (**vv10-16**) **south side**, Rueben was the lead Tribe, standard a man, 151,450 men. (**vv18-24**) **west side**, Ephraim, standard a calf (ox), 108,100 men. (**vv25-31**) **north side**, Dan, standard an eagle, 157,600 men. If the 4 cardinal directions were adhered to (no one camped SE or SW for example), Israel would have encamped around the Throne of God (Tabernacle) in the shape of the cross: the longest side east, the shortest west, and north and south approximately equal.

The 4 Tribal standards, the lion, man, calf (ox), and eagle, amazingly show up a few times in Scripture when we get a glimpse of the Throne of God. **EZEKIEL 1:1-28** the angelic beings carrying the Throne of God are described by Ezekiel '**As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side; and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.**' In **REVELATION 4:1-7** we see the same 4 faces around the Throne. The 4 Gospel accounts each portray Jesus in a different manner: **MATTHEW** portrays Jesus as the lion of the Tribe of Judah; **MARK** portrays Jesus as the servant of the Lord, an ox best illustrates that; **LUKE** is concerned with Jesus' humanity, the man; **JOHN** His divinity, the eagle. It all points to Jesus!

The Bible is the Word of God indeed! Follow Jesus and believe His Word, it is truly Supernatural!