

# Adam, Enoch, Methuselah

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# Prophets & Prophecies Always Precede Dramatic, Earth-Changing Prophetic Events

Messenger	Event	Message
Adam	Genesis Flood	Earth will be destroyed twice. First by water, then by fire.
Joseph	Hebrews relocate to Egypt	Joseph warned of a coming famine
Moses	Exodus of Jews From Egypt	Moses warned Pharaoh of God's judgment on Egypt for enslaving the Hebrews.
Joshua	Capture of The Promise Land	The land of 'milk and honey' is the promised home for Israel
John the Baptist	Preceded Christ's ministry	Warned that Jesus would "purge the harvest floor" ( <a href="#">Mat 3:12</a> )
The Two Witnesses	Warned of the eminent Return of Christ	The two witnesses will announce God's future judgments and prepare the way for the return of Christ to rule on earth

# The Adamic Prophecy

- Most scholars believe that Enoch, the seventh man born from Adam through Seth's lineage, is history's first prophet.
  - The book of Jude documents Enoch's ancient prophecy, revealing that the Lord would return to earth with tens of thousands of His saints, to execute judgment on unbelievers (Jude 14, 15)
- Jewish history indicates, however, that a unique prediction of the future was given to the very first man, Adam.
  - Flavius Josephus, a Jewish historian, recorded the account of Adam's prediction.
    - He lived in the first century and wrote a major historical volume called The Antiquities of the Jews
    - His detailed historic record begins with the account of Creation and carries the reader to the destruction of the Temple in the year 70 A.D.,
    - Josephus revealed that God imparted to Adam a revelation that the earth would be destroyed twice: once by a volume of water and later by fire.
    - According to Josephus, Adam related this information to his son, Seth, who in turn passed the urgent warning on to his sons.
    - This revelation was considered so important that Seth's sons carved the message in brick and stone. "They made two pillars, one of brick and the other of stone. They inscribed their discoveries on them both, that in case the brick might be destroyed by the flood, the pillar of stone might remain, and exhibit these discoveries to mankind: and also to inform them that there was another pillar of brick erected by them. Now this remains in the land of Siriad to this day (Josephus, Antiquities of the Jews, Chapter II, Section 3)
    - Over 1,900 years ago, Josephus informed his readers that in his day, one of the monuments inscribed with the Adamic revelation existed in the land of Siriad, which some scholars believe was located in Egypt.
- According to the Book of Jasher, a historic writing containing early Biblical history, the author gives additional insight to the ancient tablets that contain Adam's written warning. This ancient book is quoted three times in the OT ([Joshua 10:3](#); [2 Samuel 1:18](#); [1 Kings 8:53](#))
  - According to the ancient author, Cainan, Seth's grandson engraved these warnings: "And Cainan knew by his wisdom that God would destroy the sons of men for having sinned upon the earth, and that the Lord would in the latter days bring upon them the waters of the flood. And in those days Cainan wrote upon the tables of stone, what was to take place in time to come and to put them in his treasures. (Jasher 2:12, 13)

# The Generations of Adam Reveals A Wonderful Prophetic Picture

Genesis 5 Verse	English Name	Years Lived	General Hebrew Meaning
3	Adam	930	Man (is)
6	Seth	912	Appointed
9	Enos	905	Mortal
12	Cainan	910	Sorrow; (the)
15	Mahalaleel	895	Blessed God
18	Jared	962	Shall Come Down
21	Enoch	365	Teaching
25	Methuselah	969	His Death Brings (the)
28	Lamech	777	Despairing
32	Noah	950	Rest

# Enoch's Revelation & Conversion

- Enoch is listed as the seventh righteous man in Adam's lineage.  
([Genesis 5:21-24](#))
  - Enoch begins walking with God at age 65, after the birth of Methuselah.
  - Why did Enoch begin walking with God?
  - Unknown, but some scholars believe his son's name provides the clue...
  - Methuselah's name is a Hebrew combination of the word met, which means death, and the word shelach, which means to initiate something.
    - The root word means "to throw a spear or a javelin."
    - The English letter u in Methuselah's name is the Hebrew letter vav, which means his death.
    - Therefore, the meaning of Methuselah's name is "his death will initiate," or "his death will bring it."
  - Apparently, it was revealed to Enoch that something cataclysmic would happen upon the death of Methuselah.

# Fear And Warnings

- Enoch was translated alive to heaven at age 365 ([Genesis 5:23](#))
  - Methuselah was 300 years old at the time of his father's departure.
  - Methuselah's was 187 when his first son, Lamech was born ([Genesis 5:25](#))
  - Lamech was 182 when his first son, Noah was born ([Genesis 5:28](#))
  - Noah was 500 years old when his first three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth were born ([Genesis 6:10](#))
- The fear of earth's future destruction and the opportunity to save his family inspired Noah to spend 100 years in labor building the ark.
  - Because all his sons were born when Noah was 500 years old, they may have been triplets and helped Noah build the ark
  - Rain had never fallen on the earth previously. In general, how could they be fearful of a coming storm if they have never seen one before or experienced its destructive power?
- Three Levels of Warning Ignored By earth's inhabitants
  - The predictions of Adam
  - The record in Stone and Brick
  - The testimony of Methuselah
- The first part of the ancient warning given to Adam was fulfilled at the time of Noah's global flood.
- The second part of Adam's warning has not occurred which is the prediction that the world would be engulfed in fire. This same warning is predicted in the epistle of Peter ([2 Peter 3:7](#))