

Genesis 5:25-32

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Methuselah was the father of Lamech and the grandfather of Noah. God chose Noah for a special purpose. Noah was the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Methuselah lived a very long life of 969 years. He is the longest living person recorded in the Bible. Methuselah had *Lamech* who in turn had Noah.

In [Genesis 4](#) we learned that in the genealogy of Cain there was a man named Lamech ([Genesis 4:18-24](#)). Likewise, in the godly line of Seth, there was a Lamech. Although they had the same name, their family heritage impacted who they were and how they lived. Seth's Lamech was the father of *Noah*, who was used by God to save the human race and continue the messianic promise. Cain's Lamech murdered a young man who had wounded him and then boasted about it to his wives ([Genesis 4:23-24](#)). This shows the very different paths that these two families took.

Lamech's hope for his son, Noah, is explained by Lamech in the naming, when Lamech prophesies that Noah will be the agent God will use to give humanity rest. This shows us that mankind still understood God's curse and desired a form of relief from it. Noah was not the deliverer Lamech hoped for (he didn't save humanity from the God's curse), but Noah did fulfill the prophetic hope by saving mankind from God's judgment, as we will see in [Genesis 6](#). Noah fathered three boys. The oldest was *Japheth*. *Shem* was the middle child and *Ham* was the youngest.

This chapter covers the lineage from Adam to Noah, the same lineage that will ultimately connect to Jesus ([Luke 3:23-38](#)).

Biblical Text

²⁵ Methuselah lived one hundred and eighty-seven years, and became the father of Lamech. ²⁶ Then Methuselah lived seven hundred and eighty-two years after he became the father of Lamech, and he had *other* sons and daughters. ²⁷ So all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years, and he died. ²⁸ Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and became the father of a son. ²⁹ Now he called his name Noah, saying, "This one will give us rest from our work and from the toil of our

hands *arising* from the ground which the Lord has cursed.”³⁰ Then Lamech lived five hundred and ninety-five years after he became the father of Noah, and he had *other* sons and daughters.³¹ So all the days of Lamech were seven hundred and seventy-seven years, and he died.³² Noah was five hundred years old, and Noah became the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth.