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The Messiah in Genesis 5

In Genesis 5, we find a list of names from Adam to Noah. If you are even somewhat familiar with the Hebrew language, you already know that names mean things.

So, that is what we are going to examine in this teaching. We are going to examine this list of names in order to determine if we can extract any meaning or message.

We are not going to read the whole chapter. But if you like, you can examine Genesis 5 for yourself as well.

When we examine that particular chapter, we find this list of names in this order.

- Adam
- Seth
- Enosh
- Kenan
- Mahalalel
- Jared
- Enoch
- Methuselah
- Lamech
- Noah

When we examine this list of names for their Hebrew meaning, we discover a fascinating Messianic prophecy relating back to Yeshua.

As a reference, we will stick with the Strong's definitions so that you can verify this subject for yourself.

Adam (Strong's H120) = a man

Adam simply means “a man”

Seth (H7896) = substituted

The literal meaning of Seth is the word “substituted.”

Enosh (H583) = man (human race) (root H605) incurable

Enosh is usually rendered as man, but in as a plural function...meaning “people” or the “human race.”

The root word related to Enosh means “very sick” or “incurable.”

So, the meaning when all is considered is “incurable man” or “very sick human race.”

So far, with Adam, Seth, and Enosh, we have:

“A man substituted incurable man”

Does this fit Yeshua?

Here is some Scripture to consider:

Yeshua substituting “incurable man”

Isaiah 53:5

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed

Our Messiah substituted his perfect self for our sin. We were “incurable” and “very sick” and through him we are healed.

Now we need to determine the Hebrew meaning of Kenan and Mahalalel.

Kenan ((H7064) = possessing (root H7077)) to erect

Kenan literally means “possession” or “possessing.” The root word means “to erect.”

Mahalalel (H4111) = praise of God (root H1984) shining light

Mahalalel means praise of God. The root word means “shining light.”

This could go a couple different ways. Because of him healing us, he did possess the “praise of God.” It could also be argued that he also did come “to erect a shining light.”

John 8:12

Again Jesus (Yeshua) spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

We know that Yeshua is the Word made flesh, according to John 1:14.

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Psalm 119:5

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

So, both “possessing the praise of God” and “to erect a shining light” are likely both correct, containing a dual meaning.

However, in the context of this prophecy, “to erect a shining light” might be more fitting.

We know that to be the “light” it meant that he came to teach the Word of God, the Torah. We know that the Torah is also called the light:

Proverbs 6:23

For the commandment is a lamp, And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction are the way of life,

Proverbs 6:23 states that the that law is light and life and parallels with what Yeshua said about himself:

John 8:12

Again Jesus (Yeshua) spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Our Messiah came to re-teach the Torah when he came down as our light.

This leads us to the next two names we need to define, Jared and Enoch:

Jared (H3381) = descent (root H3381) to come down

Jared literally means “descent,” but comes from the root word “to come down”

Enoch (H2596) = dedicated (root H2596) to teach

Enoch literally means “dedicated,” but comes from the root word “to teach.”

So, this would literally be saying “coming down to teach”

Here is what we have so far:

“A man substituted incurable man, (and) erected a shining light (by) coming down to teach.”

The next name in Genesis 5 is Methuselah.

Methuselah (H4962) = man of the dart, shoot of growth, or branch

Methuselah simply means a man of the dart, a shoot of growth, or a branch.

Consider these verses concerning Yeshua:

Isaiah 11:1

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

Isaiah 53:2

For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.

Jeremiah 23:5

Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord (YHWH), when I will raise up for David a
righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and
righteousness in the land.

Jeremiah 33:15

In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall
execute justice and righteousness in the land.

Zechariah 3:8

Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you and your friends who sit before you, for they are men
who are a sign: behold, I will bring my servant the Branch.

Zechariah 6:12

And say to him, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, "Behold, the man whose name is the Branch: for
he shall branch out from his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord.

He is the branch.

That brings us to the last two names, Lamech and Noah.

Lamech (H3929) = powerful/mighty youth

Lamech is a difficult word for Hebrew experts to translate. Strong's lists Lamech as meaning
"powerful." Jewish scholar's often point to it meaning "mighty youth."

Noah (H5118) = rest

Noah simply means rest.

When the list of names is properly defined, the following sentence can be articulated as a prophecy of our Messiah Yeshua.

“A man substituted incurable man (and) erected the shining light of God (by) coming down to teach. He is the branch (bringing) mighty (youthful) rest.”

There are some that suggest that Methuselah can mean “his death shall bring judgment.”
(Cornwall and Stelman Smith, *The Exhaustive Dictionary of Bible Names*)

In which case, the prophecy would be rendered as follows:

“A man substituted incurable man (and) erected the shining light of God (by) coming down to teach. His death shall bring judgment (and) mighty (youthful) rest.”

If this sort of teaching fascinated you, you might also wish to consider our teaching on [the 144,000](#).

We hope that this teaching blessed you, and remember, continue to test everything.

Shalom

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