

**LIVING GODS WILL**

**Prophet of God**

**METHUSELAH**



**Methuselah stained glass window  
Canterbury Cathedral in Kent, England**

**Born:** Unknown

**Died:** Unknown

**Methuselah** was the **son of Enoch**.

**Methuselah** was the **father of Lamech and grandfather of Noah**.

**Methuselah** was the **oldest living person in the Bible**.

**Methuselah** died **1 week before the great flood at age 696**.

**Genesis 5** tells us about **Methuselah**, who was the son of righteous **Enoch**.

Enoch is one of only two people in Scripture who did not die but were transported miraculously into heaven (**Genesis 5:24**).

The other, **Elijah**, was taken up to **God** in a whirlwind (**2 Kings 2:11**).

When Enoch was **65**, he became the father of **Methuselah**, who lived to be the **oldest person on record in human history, at 969 years old**.

**Methuselah** had a son named **Lamech** who became the father of **Noah** (**Genesis 5:26–29**). It is interesting to note that both Lamech and **Methuselah** were alive when **Noah** was building the ark, but they both died before the flood.

Some have suggested that **Noah's** grandfather **Methuselah** died the week before the flood, citing the fact that **God** told **Noah** and his family to enter the ark seven days before the rains came (**Genesis 7:1, 10**).

It has been speculated that this **seven days was a period of mourning for Methuselah**, as was common in humanity's early history (see **Genesis 50:4; 2 Samuel 11:27**).

While we cannot know this for sure, Scripture does seem to say that, when the flood came, no righteous people were left on the earth except for Noah and his family (**Genesis 7:1**).

Because **Methuselah** was raised by righteous Enoch, and **Methuselah's** grandson **Noah** also walked with **God**, it seems likely that **Methuselah** himself was also a godly man. Lamech, too, may have obeyed **God** and even helped his son build the ark.

This family line from Enoch to Noah, **descended from Adam's son Seth**, appears to have been **God-honoring** and the only ones through whom **God** could work His plan to save the world.

Whether Lamech and **Methuselah** helped to build the ark, we don't know. But we do know that there is much more to the lives of the people we read about than the Bible tells us. They were real people with real relationships and real struggles just as we have. There is also much more to the story of Noah building the ark than we are told.

He worked for many years to build it, and it is doubtful that he worked alone. Was Noah preaching truth to the neighbors who helped him (see **2 Peter 2:5**)? Did his father Lamech and grandfather **Methuselah** help?

**Methuselah** would have known about **God's** coming judgment and the reason for the ark, yet he is not mentioned by **God** as a possible occupant of the ark. He must have also known that he would die before the flood came.

He must have understood that the **Lord** knows the ones who are His and delivers them from His judgment (**Malachi 3:16-18**).

We may not live to be **969** like **Methuselah**, but, if we belong to **God**, we can have **Methuselah's** peace concerning **God's** coming wrath upon the world.

### **SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE**

**Genesis 5:21** Enoch lived sixty-five years, and begot Methuselah.

**Genesis 5:22** After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters.

**Genesis 5:23** So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years.

**Genesis 5:24** And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

**Genesis 5:25** Methuselah lived one hundred and eighty-seven years, and begot Lamech.

**Genesis 5:26** After he begot Lamech, Methuselah lived seven hundred and eighty-two years, and had sons and daughters.

**Genesis 5:27** So all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years; and he died.

**Luke 3:36** the son of **Cainan**, the son of **Arphaxad**, the son of **Shem**, the son of **Noah**, the son of **Lamech**,

**Luke 3:37** the son of **Methuselah**, the son of **Enoch**, the son of **Jared**, the son of **Mahalalel**, the son of **Cainan**,

**Luke 3:38** the son of **Enos**, the son of **Seth**, the son of **Adam**, **the son of God**.



**Methuselah at the Church of San Juan Bautista  
in Carbonero el Mayor, Spain**