

The Gospel in Adam's Genealogy

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Have you read genealogies in the Bible and found them boring and uninteresting and wondered why they are there? Possibly, God wants to emphasize that these were real people who actually lived. Also, it turns out that in Hebrew the names have meaning, but the meanings have not been translated, only transliterated to English. The meanings of the names in the genealogy in [Genesis 5](#) are as follows, in the order given in the Bible:¹

Hebrew Name	English Meaning
Adam	Man
Seth	Appointed
Enosh	Mortal
Kenan	Sorrow

Mahalalel	The Blessed God
Jared	Shall come down
Enoch	Teaching
Methuselah	His death shall bring
Lamech	The despairing
Noah	Rest, or comfort

Adding a few simple connectives, we get:

Man is appointed to mortal sorrow, but the Blessed God shall come down teaching that his death shall bring to the despairing rest.

So, here is a summary of God's plan of redemption, hidden in a genealogy in Genesis!

What is the probability of this happening by random chance? For each name

there would have been hundreds of choices, but let's assume there were only 100 for each, giving $(10^2 \times 10^2)^{10} = 10^{20}$ possible combinations. Then having chosen 10 names, the total number of ways to order them is $10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 = 3.6 \times 10^6$. So, the probability of picking by chance that set of names in that order would be 1 in 3.6×10^{26} .

That would be much less likely than covering the earth with quarters one mile deep, with one marked and located at random. Then with no idea were the marked one was, picking it by chance on the first try.

Who but God could have done this **thousands** of years ago?

This is a remarkable demonstration that God is in control of the world and history, and furthermore the Bible contains many additional equally remarkable "coincidences".² This shows that the Bible is the Word of God, and can you afford to ignore it?

Most important of all, the salvation of your eternal soul is a personal matter

between you and God and does not depend on rites, clerics, traditions, human effort, or belonging to any church, religion or organization: *“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works...”* [Ephesians 2:8-9](#) No matter what kind of person you are or what you have done: *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* [1 John 1:9](#) Pray today to put your faith in Jesus Christ alone: *“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”* [John 3:16](#) Then study the Bible to live pleasing to God: *“...if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.”* [2 Corinthians 5:17](#)

1 <https://khouse.org/articles/1996/44/print/>

2 <http://harbingersoftheapocalypse.com/p>