

# Luke 3:37

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Which was the son of Mathusala, which was the son of Enoch, which was the son of Jared, which was the son of Maleleel, which was the son of Cainan,

## Analysis

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**Which was the son of Mathusala, which was the son of Enoch**—Enoch (Ἐνὼχ) "walked with God, and he was not, for God took him" (Genesis 5:24)—one of only two people who never experienced death (the other being Elijah). His translation to heaven without dying prefigures the believer's ultimate hope: bodily resurrection and eternal life with God. Hebrews 11:5 cites Enoch as exemplifying faith that pleases God.

**Methuselah** (Μαθουσάλα, Mathusala) lived 969 years, the longest lifespan recorded in Scripture (Genesis 5:27). His name possibly means "when he dies, it shall come"—tradition suggests his death coincided with the flood, embodying God's patient postponement of judgment. The inclusion of these pre-flood figures demonstrates Jesus's connection to humanity's earliest faithful generations.

## Historical Context

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Enoch lived in the seventh generation from Adam (Genesis 5:18-24), during the increasingly wicked period before the flood. His godly walk contrasted with his generation's corruption, illustrating that faithfulness is possible even in degenerate societies. His son Methuselah's long life demonstrated God's patience, giving humanity extensive opportunity for repentance before judgment (cf. 2 Peter 3:9).

## Related Passages

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does Enoch's translated state (taken without death) encourage your hope for resurrection and eternal life through Jesus?
2. What does Methuselah's 969-year lifespan teach about God's patience with sinful humanity and His desire for repentance?
3. How should Enoch's faithful walk during a corrupt generation inspire your witness in an increasingly post-Christian culture?

## Interlinear Text

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τοῦ G3588	Μαθουσαλὰ G3103	τοῦ G3588	Ἐνὼχ G1802	τοῦ G3588
	<b>Which was the son of Mathusala</b>		<b>which was the son of Enoch</b>	
	Ἰαρέδ, G2391	τοῦ G3588	Μαλελεήλ G3121	τοῦ G3588
	<b>which was the son of Jared</b>		<b>which was the son of Maleleel</b>	
	Καϊνὰν, G2536			
	<b>which was the son of Cainan</b>			