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He prophesied it in the naming of his son מתושלח (*met-hu-selah*) in Hebrew. Methuselah, the oldest man in the Bible. Methuselah actually means something. 'Met' means 'died', 'hu' means 'and', 'selah' means 'sent'.

So, literally, it means 'died and sent', and actually Hebrew is constructed in a way often bringing verbs together in making a sentence. So, 'died and sent' could actually mean two things: it could mean 'when he has died it shall be sent' or 'his death shall bring'. Both of them have a significance in what we're talking about here.

'When he dies it shall be sent' so, he had some idea that when Methuselah died, something was going to be sent which would deal with the increasing wickedness which was on the face of the earth. What was sent?

Well, you can work out from the dates in the Bible that **Methuselah died in the year of the flood at the age of 969**. So, Methuselah is the oldest man in the Bible, and you could say actually, that God was prolonging his life in order to delay the sending of the Flood, because God is merciful and wants people to repent. But as they didn't repent, there came a time when Methuselah actually died, and the Flood was sent. And when you look in the dates we find that:

The age of Methuselah, when he begot Lamech his first son, was 187.

Lamech begot Noah at the age of 182.

Add those two dates to get two ages together, and you get: 369.

And you find that the flood came in the 600 year of Noah's life so 600 + 369 is 969.



When he has died, it shall be sent

Genesis 7.11-14

- In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. <sup>12</sup> And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights.
- <sup>13</sup> On the very same day Noah and Noah's sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark— <sup>14</sup> they and every beast after its kind.

Age of Methuselah = "When he has died it shall be sent"  
= year of the Flood

- Methuselah begot Lamech aged 187 Genesis 5.25
- Lamech begot Noah aged + 182 Gen 5.28-29
- Methuselah is Noah's grandfather,
- aged 369 when Noah is born = 369
- Flood came in the 600th
- year of Noah's life + 600 Genesis 7.11
- **Methuselah died aged 969.** Genesis 5:27
- **369 + 600 = 969** = 969
- **Methuselah died in the year of the Flood.**

### Genesis 5. 25-27

<sup>21</sup> Enoch lived sixty-five years, and begot Methuselah. <sup>22</sup> After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters. <sup>23</sup> So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. <sup>24</sup> And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

<sup>25</sup> Methuselah lived one hundred and eighty-seven years, and begot Lamech. <sup>26</sup> After he begot Lamech, Methuselah lived seven hundred and eighty-two years, and had sons and daughters. <sup>27</sup> So all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years; and he died. <sup>28</sup> Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and had a son. <sup>29</sup> And he called his name Noah, saying, "This one will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the Lord has cursed."