

Did Methuselah Really Live To Be 969 Years Old?

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Did people really live for long periods of time before the flood, and for a time afterward? Yes, you may have heard of Methuselah, in Genesis 5:27 it says that Methuselah lived to be 969 years old. Then the question comes, "How could someone live to be almost a 1000 years old?" I believe that first and foremost God allowed people to live this long. If you believe the Bible, it talks about in the future how people will again live for about a 1000 years.

Look at Isaiah 65:20, 22 "No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; for the child shall die one hundred years old. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of my people, and my elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands."

It is also interesting that even after the flood, for awhile, people lived around 200 years. Examples of this are Noah's children, and Job. The age, however, went down slowly until you get to, David, about 1000 years before Christ came to this earth. No doubt, people were beginning to wonder how short man's life would be eventually, since people were dying younger and younger-so God told David by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, "The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years." Psalm 90:10a

So the "average" age of man now, is about 70 years (with the exception of those for one reason or another that can live a little longer). Sometimes it is a little different in various places in the world, it may be a little more or a little less, but it is about 70 years, the Bible says. There is also a promise given for living to an older age. That is for those who obey, respect, and honor their parents. Exodus 20:12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you."

The most important thing is not so much how long we live on this earth, but that we are [going to heaven](#). There we will live for trillions of years, and it will never end! Someone has said Christians, "Have a dynamite life insurance plan." The Bible says about heaven: "But as it is written: Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." 1 Corinthians 2:9. "You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore." Psalm 16:11

"And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor

sorrow, nor crying; and there shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."
Revelation 21:3, 4

Wouldn't you rather live in this environment than here on this earth? Give me Jesus, and [heaven](#) any day, instead of this earth. If you are not sure you are going to heaven, here is the way: Repent of your sins, and ask the Lord Jesus Christ to come into your heart and life. You could pray this prayer if you're not sure how to pray, "Lord Jesus I know I am a sinner, thank you for dying on the cross for my sin. I believe that Jesus of the Bible was born of the Virgin Mary. I believe that Jesus died and rose again to take away my sin. Right now I invite Jesus to come into me by His Holy Spirit. Thank you for saving me, in Jesus name, Amen.

Adam lived 930 years

Seth lived 912 years

Enosh lived 905 years

Cainan lived 910 years

Mahalalel lived 895 years

Jared lived 962 years

Enoch lived 365 years (because he walked with God, and God took him)

Methuselah 969 years

Lamech lived 777 years

Noah lived 950 years

Shem lived 600 years

Arphaxad lived 438 years

Salah lived 433 years

Eber lived 464 years

Peleg lived 239 years

Reu lived 239 years

Serug lived 230 years

Nahor lived 148 years

Terah lived 205 years

Abraham lived 175 years

Isaac lived 180 years

Jacob lived 147 years

Joseph lived 110 years

David lived 70 years

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