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The meanings of the names give a clue to why there are no gaps. Adam means **man**, Seth means **appointed**, Enosh means **mortal**, Kenan **sorrow**, Mahalalel **the God who is to be praised**, Jared **He shall come down**, Enoch **teacher**, Methuselah means **his death shall bring it about**, Lamech **weary**, Noah **rest**. Put the names together, and we find that the first section of 1 Chronicles actually reads: "**Man is appointed mortal sorrow, but the God who is to be praised shall come down, teaching that His death shall bring the weary rest.**" This is a statement of the Gospel! Yet, this does not work if there were to be any gaps in the Genesis 5 genealogy. It is no coincidence – this line of descent would eventually culminate in Jesus Christ Himself!

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