Grandpa Methuselah…

'He-dies-&-it-is-let-loose!'

We have to start with the Hebrew Text:

Sephardic Hebrew (Israeli Hebrew) pronounces it **'Meh'-'2'-'shaw'-'lah'**['lah' like 'loch'] & saying each section like a separate word. Enoch may have pronounced it **'Meht-ooshawloch!!!**)

Mtushalach	ĕt	yoled	vi	shanah	shishiym	v	chamesh	Cha-no-ch	y'che	vī	
xl,vWtm.	ta,	dlAY	w:	hn"v'	~yViVi	w>	vmex'	%Anx]	yxiy>	w:	5`21
Methuselah	et	he-begets	&	year	60	&	5	Enoch	he-lives	& ←	**read!**

'He-dies-&-it-is-let-loose!'

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shalach	u	mt
xl,v'	W	tm
selah	u	Meth
to send	&	dies
to let loose		

'When-he-dies-it-shall-be-sent' John MacArthur. Davidson's Analytical Hebrew & Chaldee Lexicon provides the root words.[See Genesis 3: 3-4 & 3: 22-23 in this script for examples] I am inclined to agree because it makes sense. To be more specific, I choose 'He-dies-&-it-is-let-loose!' because it fits better with Gen 7:11 NASB 'the fountains of the great deep burst open, & the flood gates of the sky were open'. It's more descriptive of what happened.

root word
xl,v'
pg 717 to send, let loose

yamot		Wtm	root word		tm
tmW"			tWm		
he-dies pg 322 Kal fut 3p s m		pg 526 3rd p. pl. [pret.=complete action]	pg 476 to die		Kal pret. 3 per sing. masc.

Kal = simple active
pret = complete action

tomut	mot
tWmT'	tAm
you-will-die	dying Gen 2:17

t-mow-tune	mot
!WtmiT.	tAm
you-will-die	dying Gen 3:4

The reason why Mtushalach gets translated by some as 'man of the dart' is because they include the 3rd consonant with the first two, which would spell the word 'man' as in 'Mtushael' in Gen 4:18. 'shalach' also has missile, weapon [translated as 'dart' , 'javelin', 'spear'] as one of it's offshoot meanings. That translation doesn't make sense when you investigate it, because it can just as easily be translated as 'man of the spear' or 'man of the javelin'. But when you translate it as a prophesy by Enoch of the coming judgment, it makes total sense. Mtushalach died just before the Flood was 'sent' or 'let loose'.

Think about it! Anybody who addressed him during the next 969 years had to say 'He-dies-&-it-is-let-loose!' He'd go to the market with his family & get separated somehow from his parents, & they'd start calling out, **"He-dies-&-it-is-let-loose!!!"** I bet they never had to worry about anybody seeking to do him harm! Everyone knew his Dad was a prophet. He had brothers & sisters. They may have been wiped out later on by the ensuing violence (Genesis 6:11), similar to how Believers are persecuted in various parts of the world today, [See Voice of The Martyrs http://www.persecution.com] but apparently nobody dared to touch **'He-dies-&-it-is-let-loose!'**

What did Methuselah know?

According to Josephus (a Jewish historian living during the First Century), Adam said that the world would be destroyed twice: First by a Flood, and then by Fire. Apparently Enoch began saying that God was going to destroy the world with a flood of water about 969 years or more before the Flood happened! Enoch also prophesied The Second Coming of Christ {See Jude 14-15 & Revelation 19:11-21). Methuselah knew that when he died, God was going to send the Flood to destroy the world. He also knew that sometime after that the LORD would return with His saints to judge the wicked. When he turned 187 years old, he begot a son whom he named 'Lamech', which means 'Conqueror' or 'Overthrower'. The name is a prophesy concerning the return of Messiah, as mentioned above. Methuselah's Dad would have been 252 years old at that time. 113 years later, when Methuselah was 300 years old, his Dad went for a walk with the LORD & disappeared into the Heavens. For the rest of his life, he must have wondered if his Dad was coming back, 'cause he knew he wasn't dead. Imagine what Noah's kids must have asked him, "Grandpa, where's your dad?" and then he would have looked up, and point to the sky…

Methuselah lived to be 969 years old & died just before the Flood happened, when Noah was 600 years old, & Shem was about 98.