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FROM 'PELASGIAN' ANTHROPONOMASTICS: *ÓLYNTHOS/ÓLONTHOS,
LÊTHOS, NÁNAS/NÁNOS, ODYSSEÚS

Abstract: In this article, four anthroponyms from the main substrate pre-Greek language called *Pelasgian* are etymologized: *Ὀλυνθος/Ὀλονθος, Λῆθος, Νάνας/Νάνος, Ὀδυσσεύς. The name **Olwnt^has* (? **Olwnt^has*), made from the noun, then the appellative **olwnt^has* (? **olwnt^has*), meaning “fruit of the wild fig; man like a small fig, etc. (? sweet chubby guy),” derives from IE **ulwntos*, the adjective from IE √**wel-*, **ul-* “to turn; to roll; round.” The nickname and maybe full personal name **Lēt^has*, made from the appellative **lēt^has* “death-giver (death embodied as a heroic weapon / hero),” derives from IE **lētom* (**leh₁tom*) “death.” The name **Nanas*, made from the noun, then appellative **nan(n)as*/**nānas* “little one; little guy and alike,” derives from IE **nanos* “mommy’s little child, etc.” The fourth anthroponym, the nickname **Ūduktēus*, suffixed from the adjective **ūduktas* “rich/prosperous with words, richly/prosperously eloquent, etc.,” derives from the IE adjective **oud^hos* (**Heud^hos*) “rich, lucky; fortunate, etc.” and IE past passive participle **uk^htos* “said, spoken,” also used as an adjective in compounds meaning “speaking, with words, voiced, etc.”

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