



# When was Jesus *REALLY* Born?

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NKJ **Prov.** 25:2 - *It is* the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings *is* to search out a matter.



NKJ **Matt. 1:18-23** - Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. <sup>20</sup> But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: <sup>23</sup> "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

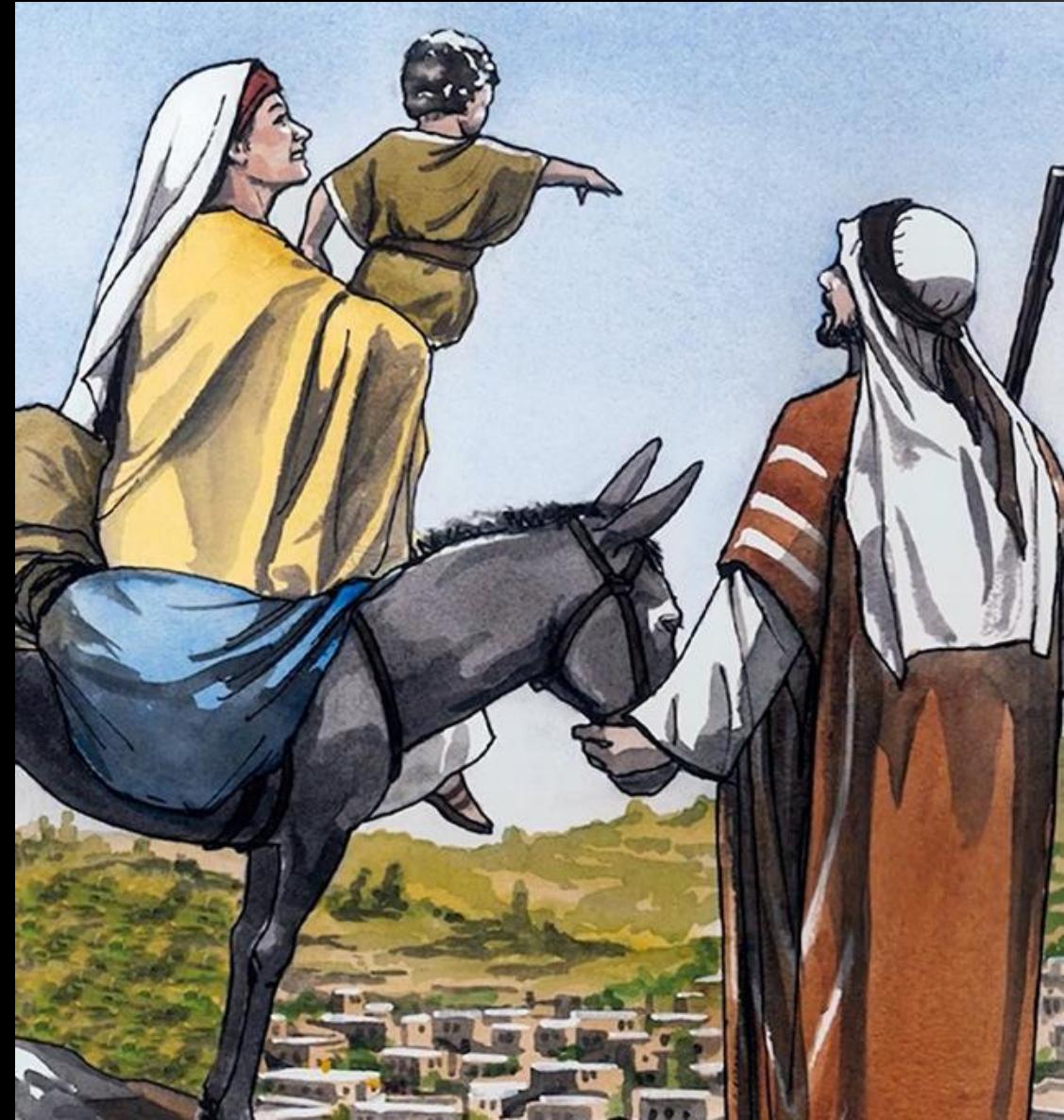


NKJ **Matt. 2:1-3** - Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." <sup>3</sup> When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

NKJ **Matt. 2:13-15** - Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." <sup>14</sup> When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, <sup>15</sup> and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son."



NKJ **Matt. 2:19-22** - But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, <sup>20</sup> saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead." <sup>21</sup> Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee.





NKJ **Luke 1:5** - There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, **of the division of Abijah**. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.



NKJ **1 Chron. 24:1-5** - Now *these are* the divisions of the sons of Aaron ... <sup>3</sup> ... David with Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, divided them according to the schedule of their service ... <sup>5</sup> ... they were divided by lot, one group as another, ... <sup>6</sup> and the scribe, Shemaiah ... wrote them down before the King ...

NKJ 1 Chron. 24:7-19 - Now the first lot fell to **Jehoiarib**, the second to **Jedaiah**, <sup>8</sup> the third to **Harim**, the fourth to **Seorim**, <sup>9</sup> the fifth to **Malchijah**, the sixth to **Mijamin**, <sup>10</sup> the seventh to **Hakkoz**, the eighth to **Abijah**, <sup>11</sup> the ninth to **Jeshua**, the tenth to **Shecaniah**, <sup>12</sup> the eleventh to **Eliashib**, the twelfth to **Jakim**, <sup>13</sup> the thirteenth to **Huppah**, the fourteenth to **Jeshebeab**, <sup>14</sup> the fifteenth to **Bilgah**, the sixteenth to **Immer**, <sup>15</sup> the seventeenth to **Hezir**, the eighteenth to **Happizzez**, <sup>16</sup> the nineteenth to **Pethahiah**, the twentieth to **Jehezekel**, <sup>17</sup> the twenty-first to **Jachin**, the twenty-second to **Gamul**, <sup>18</sup> the twenty-third to **Delaiah**, the twenty-fourth to **Maaziah**. <sup>19</sup> This was the schedule of their service for coming into the house of the LORD according to their ordinance by the hand of Aaron their father, as the LORD God of Israel had commanded him.

“ ... <sup>365</sup> He divided them also into courses: and when he had separated the priests from them, he found of these priests twenty-four courses, sixteen of the house of Eleazar, and eight of that of Ithamar; and he ordained that one course should minister to God **eight days, from Sabbath to Sabbath.** <sup>366</sup> And thus were the courses distributed by lot, in the presence of David, and Zadok and Abiathar the high priests, and of all the rulers; and that course which came up first was written down as the first, and accordingly the second, and so on to the twenty-fourth; and this partition hath remained to this day.

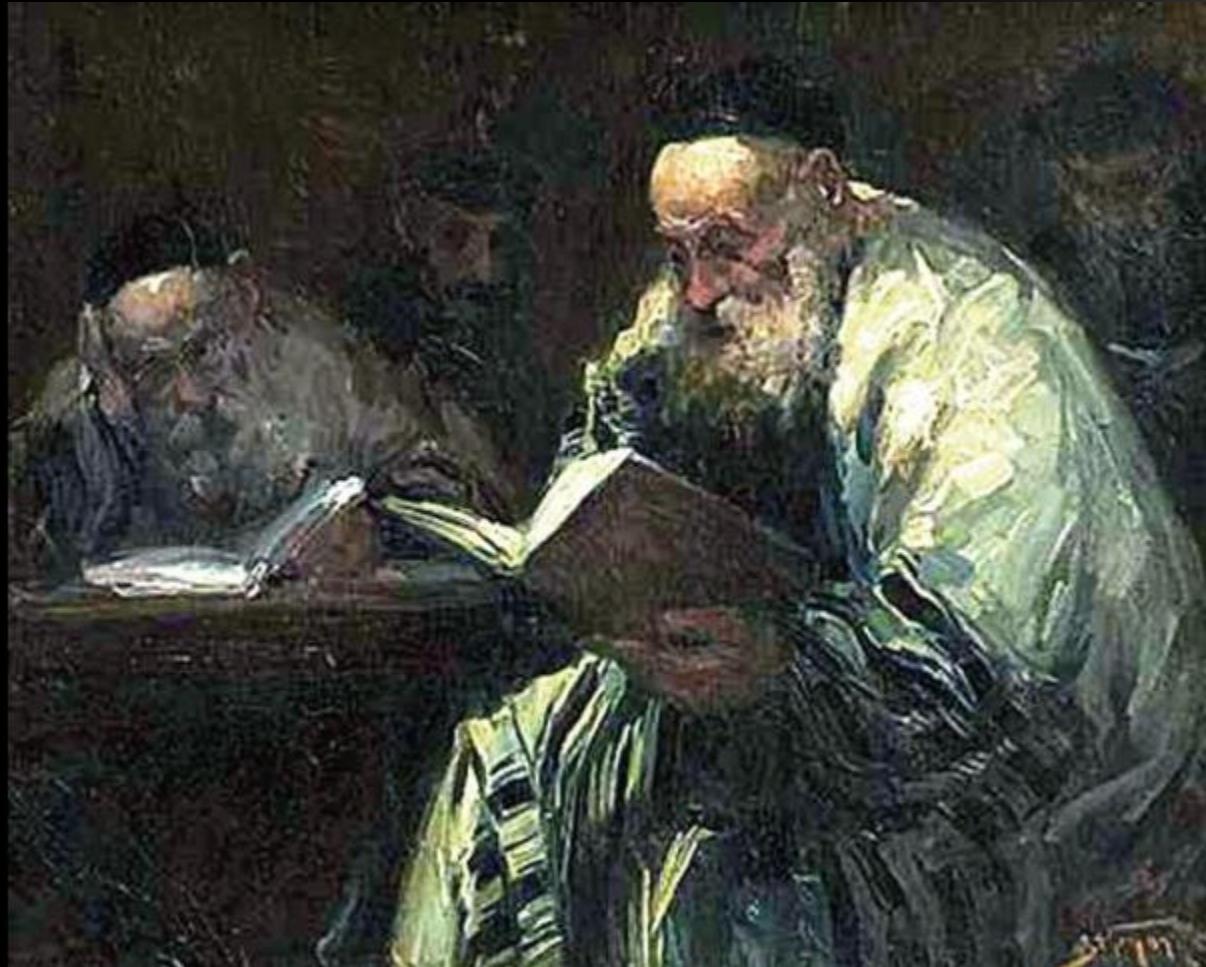
Josephus - Antiquities of the Jews, 7.365-366

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“At three times during the year, all twenty-four priestly watches have equal status, in that all receive a share in the Temple service independent of the standard order of the watches and all receive a share in the accompanying gifts of the priesthood ...”

Mishnah Sukkah 5, Paragraph 7

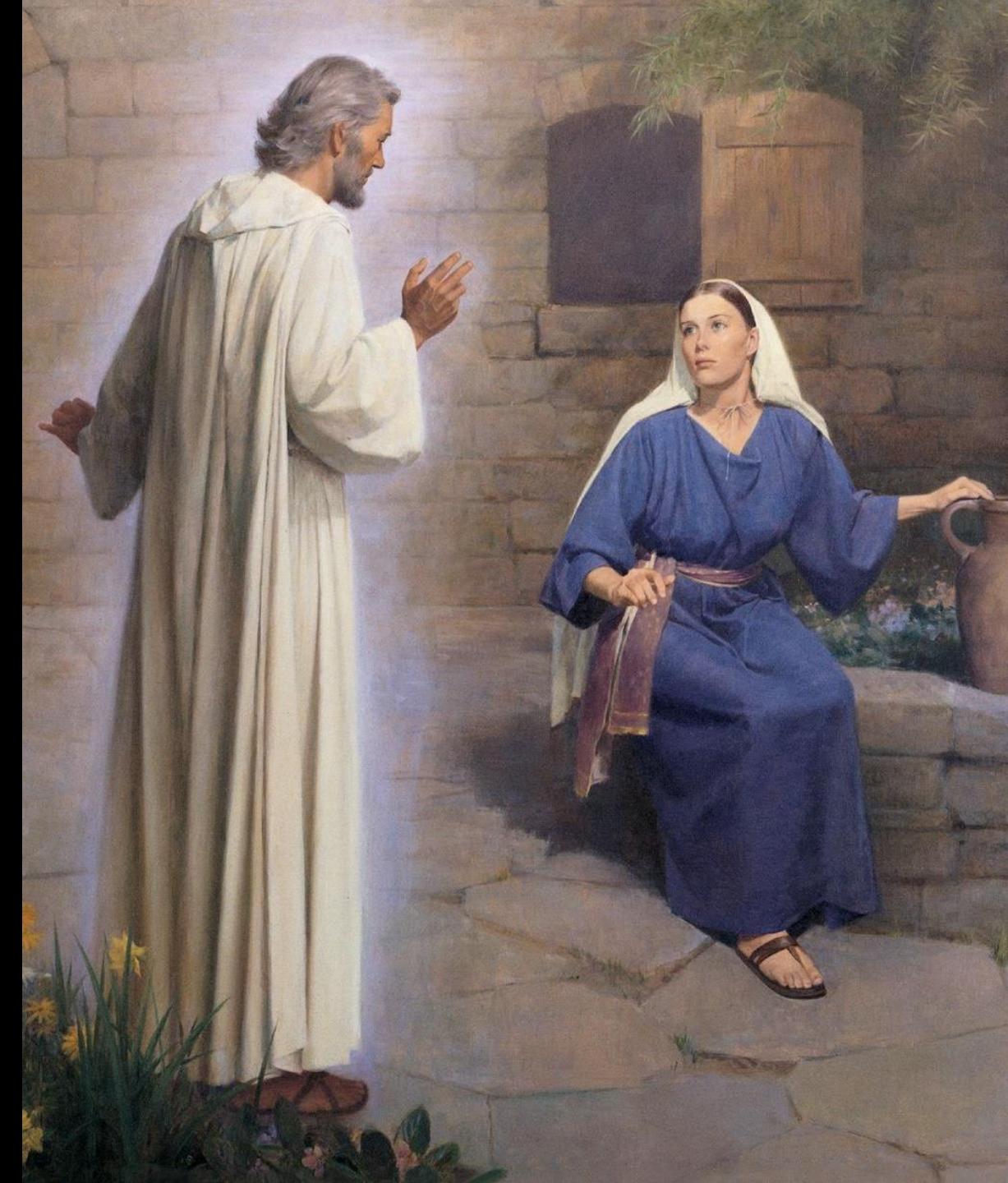
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NKJ **Luke 1:8-13** - So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division, <sup>9</sup> according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. <sup>10</sup> And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense. <sup>11</sup> Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup> And when Zacharias saw *him*, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. <sup>13</sup> But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.

<sup>NKJ</sup> **Luke 1:23-31** - And so it was, as soon as the days of his service were completed, that he departed to his own house. <sup>24</sup> Now after those days his wife **Elizabeth** conceived; and she hid herself five months ..., <sup>26</sup> Now in the **sixth month** the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored *one*, the Lord *is* with you; blessed *are* you among women!" <sup>29</sup> But when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. <sup>30</sup> Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name **JESUS**.

NKJ **Luke 1:34-37** - Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" <sup>35</sup> And the angel answered and said to her, "*The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.* <sup>36</sup> "Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> "For with God nothing will be impossible."



NKJ **Luke 1:39-44** - Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, <sup>40</sup> and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. <sup>42</sup> Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup> "But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> "For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.

Nisan

S M T W T F S

lyyar

S M T W T F S

Harim  
Seorim  
Malchijah  
Mijamin

Sivan

S M T W T F S

# Hakkoz

Sivan

## Tamuz

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			Week 2			
			Week 3			
			Week 4			
			Week 5			

Av

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			Week 6			
			Week 7			
			Week 8			
			Week 9			
			Week 10			

Elul

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			Week 11			
			Week 12			
			Week 13			
			Week 14			

Zacharius  
returns  
home. John  
conceived.

Tishrei

## Cheshvan

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			Week 19			
			Week 20			
			Week 21			
			Week 22			

## Kislev

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			Week 23			
			Week 24			
			Week 25			
			Week 26			

Tevet

Sh'vat

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			Week 32			
			Week 33			
			Week 34			
			Week 35			

Adar

40 weeks

Nisan

## End of 6 months - Hanukkah

## Passover

### Kislev

S	M	T	W	T	F	S

### Tevet

S	M	T	W	T	F	S

### Sh'vat

S	M	T	W	T	F	S

### Adar

S	M	T	W	T	F	S

### Nisan

S	M	T	W	T	F	S

### Iyar

S	M	T	W	T	F	S

### Sivan

S	M	T	W	T	F	S

### Tamuz

S	M	T	W	T	F	S

### Av

S	M	T	W	T	F	S

### Elul

S	M	T	W	T	F	S

### Kislev

S	M	T	W	T	F	S

Jesus Born  
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Yom Kippur

Jesus  
Conceived  
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Hanukkah

Week

14

15

16

17

Week

18

19

20

21

Week

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Week

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Week

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Week

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Week

39

40



## Conclusion -

- Jesus was born before Herod the Great died
  - around 5 BC
- John was conceived soon after Zacharias served in his division
  - the latter part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> month – ‘Sivan’
- Yeshua was 6 months younger than John
- John was born early in the month of Nisan – around Passover
- Jesus was born 9 months later in the month of Tishri – probably on Yom Kippur

*"For I am the LORD, I do not change;  
therefore you are not consumed, O sons  
of Jacob.*

NKJ **Malachi 3:6**

שָׁלוֹם לְכֶם

Shalom Aleichem

*Peace be Unto You*

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