

# Birth Date of the Messiah

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In the book of Josephus Antiquities (18.1.1-2) it is written that **Cyrenius**, a Roman Senator of great dignity came into Syria, sent by **Caesar Octavian Augustus** to be a judge of that nation and take account of their substance. **Coponius**, a man of the equestrian order, was sent with **Cyrenius**, to have the supreme power over the Jews, independent of Herod's kingdom. (Antiq 18.2.2)

But the Jews took the report of taxation heinously that this was no better than an introduction to slavery. Yet they left off opposition by the persuasion of Joazar, who was the son of **Boethus** the **High Priest**. So, persuaded by Joazar's words, men traveled to their estates and gave an account without any dispute. As **Coponius** was exercising his office of **procurator of the taxes**, the Jews were celebrating the **feast of unleavened bread**, which we call the **Passover**. (Antiq 18.2.2)

The book of **Luke** covers this period; that in those days, there was a decree from **Caesar Augustus** that all of the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when **Cyrenius** was governor of Syria. All men went to be taxed in their own city, and **Mary brought forth her firstborn son, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.** (Luke 2:1-5)

The taxing order from **Coponius** required that all landowners attend to their taxation in the city of their property of inheritance. Joseph was of the lineage of David, whose property was at Bethlehem, about five miles south of the Jerusalem Temple. It was stated that they performed all things according to the Covenant Laws of the Lord. To fulfill these things under the law, the child was circumcised on the eighth day (first fruits), and then Mary would continue her **33 days** of cleansing and redeem the child at the Temple, according to the covenant of a firstborn. (Gen 17:12, Ex 13:13, Lev 12:4, Luke 2:22-41, Antiq 18.2.2)

In that period of years, the lunar date of **Passover** places the **birth of Yahshua to be on or near the Passover of April 1<sup>st</sup> to April 7<sup>th</sup>, and the 8<sup>th</sup> day Omer offering**. There is quite a difference from Constantine's assigned celebration of December 25<sup>th</sup>, and disheartening to see how the church traditions teach perversions of an appointed time & honorable week. (Deut 12:30-32) Pesach and Yahshua's birth on **April 1<sup>st</sup> cannot be positively established as the day he was born**, since no single day event was stated; but April 1-7 is the Pesach period for that year. We can deduce that the churches have intentionally dishonored, defaced and defamed Passover, so as not to confuse their holy-fable in December. (Feast Date uses astronomy software Stellarium -105 years)

The common holiday of December is actually derived from a celebration of the Persian King Selucia **Mithradates**, which declared himself as the invincible sun god. **Mithra** was assigned by **Darius** to hold the Temple items until the walls were built, then transfer them to Jerusalem. Magically, **80%** of the Temple items were lost, & **Mithridates** became the wealthiest king of Persia. (Antiq 11.1.3, 14.7.2) His traditions following **Baal worship**, inspired **Alexander** and the Romans tremendously with lighted ornaments in the trees around the temple as lighted by the sun at night, and offering gifts to the gods that were placed under the trees. The trees were planted in **groves**, which were part of the ornamental flower gardens to the worship of **Ashtar**, the Zidonian goddess of fertility whose tradition is now celebrated as **Easter**. (Kings 11:1-8, 18:19) **Mithras** drowned in a battle with **Alexander the Great**, but his intricate traditions were absorbed into the Greek and Roman culture. (Antiquities 11.1.3, Wars 1.9)

**Baal traditions** of **Mithridates** are elaborated by his great grandson **Antiochus Epiphanies** in two books of the **Maccabees**. **Epiphanies** offered swine on the Jerusalem Altar to celebrate **His birthday** on the **25<sup>th</sup> Day** of Chaslev, the **12<sup>th</sup> Roman month** (Dec). Judas cleansed it 3 yrs later on Chislev the 9<sup>th</sup> Hebrew month of (Nov-Dec). **That tradition** became Daniel's **Daily Sacrifice of Transgression** of Demitrius; honored by Pompey, Marc Antony, Antipater, Herod & church to the **2300<sup>th</sup> yr in 2021 AD**. (Daniel 8:11-14, 12:11-12, 1-Maccabees 1:59, 4:52, 6:7, 11:28-37, Antiquities 12.5.4, 13.4.9)