

Birth Date of the Messiah

Examination and Evidence of the True Date

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Assembling Historical parallels can answer some hard questions and enlighten findings that arise in Bible studies. A fascinating and notably disturbing observation can be made, that many of these findings are commonly taught in reverse or contrary to the true verse statements. We will rely heavily upon the first century author Titus Flavius Josephus, to detail his Pharisee perspective, from his publications and bulletins to Caesar and the Senators of Rome.

A Prophetic Event for Joseph and Mary

Study the intricate connections & policies within the Empire and the king’s leadership. Then analyze methods and purpose to the Holy events as written in the ancient texts.

In the book of Josephus **Antiquities (18.1.1-2, 18.2.2)** 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.

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. **For 12 yrs Coponius exercised his office of procurator of taxes, as 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 2:22-39**) The family then returned to Nazareth, to reside in their home in the land of Galilee, but they revisited Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. (**Luke 2:41**)

This birth is the prophetic image of the original **Passover** Exodus from Egypt, which Israel celebrates as the time of rebirth and **First Fruits**, where the nation was brought into a new manner of life on the seven days of Passover. The prophecies were of the light to reveal salvation to the Gentiles, and to praise the people of Israel. (**Isaiah 49:6, Luke 2:32**)

In that period of years, the lunar date of **Passover** places the **birth of Yahshua to be on or near the Passover of April 1st to April 7th, and the 8th day Omer (first fruits) offering.** There is quite a difference from Constantine’s assigned celebration of **December 25th**, and very disheartening to see how the church traditions teach perversions of an honorable week.

Pesach and Yahshua’s birth on **April 1st 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 commemorated fable in December. The adapted **Ashtar** grove worship strengthens the fable, and displaces the true feast. (**Dates from Stellarium -105 years; see U-Change History.pdf**)

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, & **Mithradates** 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) **Mithra** drowned in a battle with **Alexander the Great**, but **Mithra's** intricate **traditions to the worship of Balaam** were absorbed into the Greek culture.

The Baal traditions of **Mithradates** were later followed by his great-grandson **Antiochus Epiphanies** in elaborate detail in two books of the **Maccabees**. **Epiphanies** plundered **Jerusalem**, then offered swine on the Altar to celebrate **His birthday** on the **25th Day of Casleu**, the **12th Roman month** (Dec) 173BC. Chislev is the 9th Hebrew month of (Nov-Dec). That tradition turns into "**Daily Sacrifice of Transgression**" of Demitrius in 151BC; & is perpetuated by Pompey, Marc Antony, Antipater, Herod & church for the **2300th yr in 2021AD**. (1-Maccabees 1:59, 4:52, 6:7, Antiquities 11.1.3, Wars 1.9) Transgression - (Dan 12:11-12, 1-Maccabees 11:28-37)

As **Yahweh** (YHWH) prepared Israel to take the land of Canaan, Moses wrote: take heed that following their traditions does not snare you with the abominations they do with their gods. Whatsoever **Yahweh**, our One and Only God has commanded, observe to do it: and do not add to, nor diminish from it. (Deut 12:30-32)

The Pharisee & Islam & most observers start the Lunar Month at the first sighting of the Moon. Yahshua started the month at the moon's conjunction 2-days earlier & opposite of the full moon. (R-Reasoning-the-Month-Start.pdf) (See Also – Revealing the Tribulation.pdf – which discusses the Transgression)

An Alternate Counting of Months

Please note that in dealing with the books of Titus, as in his book of Luke, there often seem to be conflicts within the text, or with other books if not studied deeply. Other researchers acknowledge that the statements in Luke can deduce the birthday, where Yahshua was born six months after John the Baptist. **Zacharias** was John's father, a priest of the **course of Abia**, which is often **mistaken as a month**. (Luke 1:5, Acts 13:25) Then John was conceived when Zacharias ended his **course** of duties. **Abia** is the name of the **captain of the month** of one **of the cities** of Juda, as the Levites of each community served the Temple one month. David established **courses** as month-to-month in **Chronicles (27:1-15)** and was re-established after Babylon in **Ezra (6:18)**.

John the Baptist was conceived as **Zacharias** returned to his home **after** his **course** of his city in Judea. (Luke 1:39, 65) When Elizabeth was in her 6th month, Mary conceived, and visited immediately. (Luke 1:24, 26, 36) **If Mary conceived 6th month, then she delivered on the 3rd or 4th month at the latest, from May to July**. Luke 1:26 should be written as "**her** (Elizabeth's) 6th month" instead of "**the** 6th month." The **course of Abia** for **Zacharias** denotes the **captain of his city** in the hill country, which could identify any month. **A course** is always defined by a **captain**. The 1st **Abia** name was grandson of Solomon. (Num 2:2-27. Chr 3:10, 27:1-15). Elizabeth conceived 9th month of **Hanukkah**; **Mary conceived in 3rd month of Shavuot, Feast of Weeks in May-June**. (Lev 23:8-21) **Birth** is 490 yrs of Nebuchadnezzar 1st yr, 450 yrs of Esther's Cleansing & 170th Hanukkah.

These calculations are not to bear great concern or confusion, for we were intentionally not given a specific birthdate, so that we would not create a new holiday. (Theorybin viewpoint)

Worship Yahweh on His assigned feast His way, & not days & ways of our own making.

Recognizing the Errors of the Alternate Months in Luke

Error-1 On the events of Cyrenius, the Roman Senator and Coponius the soldier. They were sent by Caesar **Tiberius** for taxing, and later that same year **dethroned Herod the Great** for murdering the children of **Bethlehem** & coasts, then killing two of his sons Aristobulus & Alexander & their mother Mariamne in a false conspiracy. Caesar and the Senate determined to **split Herod's power into four parts**, giving the kingdom to Herod's four heirs, Archelaus, Antipas, Philip, and Herod-II. **Herod the Great died that same year, the day after the Day of Atonement**, choked by his son **Antipas** as he slept. (Matt 2:16-22, Antiq 16.11.7, 17.6.5, 17.8.1, Wars 1.33.8) Yahshua was born months before Herod's death, and both events were the year of taxation.

Error-2 Some conclude from Luke, Yahshua was born at Rosh Hashanah 7th month. This completely ignores a statement of **Yahshua born during Feast of Unleavened Bread**, which is only offered on **Passover**. All other feasts **Require** Leavened offerings. (Luke 2:1-5, Antiq 18.2.2)

Error-3 Also in Luke, the **Course of Abia** interpreted as the **month of Abib** was the key to identifying the date of the passages. **All months were renamed in the Babylon Exile and all scripts thereafter**. Some names were still used, but on different months. The 1st month of **Passover had been renamed from Abib to Nisan (Nissan)**.

(Luke 1:24, 26, 36, 2:1-5, 32, Antiq 2.14.6, 4.4.7, 11.4.8, Wars 2.17.7, 6.4.1)

Error-4 The lineages not described above, but pertinent to verifying errors of perception in Luke. Titus (Titus Flavius Josephus) had acquired the book of Apostle James of Zebedee, the brother of Yahshua, when James and Peter were jailed, and James was killed by Agrippa. The book was readjusted to add **Cainan of Ham** into the lineage **replacing Selah**. The Josephus version of Genesis supports the lineage **error Cainan of Arphaxad**. (Gen 9:22, 10:15-20, 11:11-12, Chron 1:18, Luke 3:36-37, Antiquities-1) Paul wrote his letter to Titus (Josephus), to avoid foolish questions and genealogies. Theophilus of Macedonia was high priest, placed by Herod Antipas, & was primary teacher to Josephus. Agrippa changed Theophilus to **former** priest Simon **Boethus**. **Theophilus & Josephus altered the book of James** Zebedee (Luke) & wrote Acts after Ch-12 & Hebrews & Romans. (2-Cor 8:6, Titus 3:9, Antiq 19.6.2, 19.8.2) Also, Yahshua selected Apostle Lebbaeus surnamed Thaddaeus, in Matthew and Mark, which is changed to Judas, brother of James, in Luke & Acts. (Matt 10:3, Mark 3:18, Luke 6:16, Acts 1:13) This Judas is the same Judas-Justus-Joseph-Barsabas that changed his name to Jesus on Paul's second tour, and identified himself an apostle in that tour. (Acts 1:23, 15:32, Col 4:11) More references to this story. (Luke 1:24, 26, 36, 2:1-5, 32, Antiq 2.14.6, 4.4.7, 11.4.8, Wars 2.17.7, 6.4.1)

Conclusion:

There is a drastic difference in the two derived birthdays of Passover 1st and Rosh Hashanah 7th and Hanukkah 9th months. But this is a consideration of study; not an event that needs another man-made holiday. The celebrations placed by **Yahweh** have already covered these landmarks in **His own way**. **His three Holy Feasts of (Passover 1st mo) (Feast of Weeks 3rd mo) (Rosh Hashanah, Atonement & Tabernacles 7th mo) are the righteous ways to celebrate His way**. Also be intent to study the last page of the Bible, where Yahshua stated as John fell at his feet: **Do it not, for I and the prophets are fellow servants; Worship only Yahweh**. (Rev 22:8-16) For those who insist that **Yahshua** and **Yahweh** are the same being, remind them that Stephen saw the heavens opened & **Yahshua the son**, standing at the right hand of **Yahweh**. (Acts 7:55-59) Also, if **Yahweh** and **Yahshua** are the same person; **then who is Yahshua's son?**

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