

The Birth Day of Yeshua

Luke 1:5,23,24,36 and I Chronicles 24:7-19

The priests were divided into 24 divisions and each priest would serve for a week twice each year in the temple. The division of Abijah served during the eighth lot or course (**I Chronicles 24:10**). The eighth course begins on the seventh Sabbath day from the Firstfruits offering, which is also the forty-ninth day of the counting of the omer. The following morning, the high day of the Feast of Shavuot, the course of Avijah was responsible for the Temple service. Zechariah was of the course of Abijah- **Luke 1:5**. This is the day Zechariah was selected to offer incense on the golden altar in the Holy Place. So the time of Zechariah the priest to serve was during **mid-June to mid-July. And the time Elizabeth conceived** when Zechariah returned home. And in Elizabeth's sixth month (**Luke 1:36**), which would be about mid-December to mid-January, Mary came to see her having just conceived herself. So **Mary conceived the Messiah around mid-Dec. to mid-Jan. So Yeshua would have been born around the time of these fall feasts! Around mid-September to mid-October.**

From these scriptures we can see the time of conception for **Yeshua** and the presumed time of Birth. Mid-December to mid-January is the approximate time when Elizabeth was in her sixth month of pregnancy and Mary would be beginning her first month. Nine months later would be mid-September to mid-October for the birth of **Yeshua**, which would correspond to the seventh biblical Hebrew month Ethanim. **Yeshua** was more than likely born sometime during these fall festivals.

Popular thinking is that Yeshua was born on Sukkot. Using **John 1:14** to say the word became flesh and tabernacled amongst us. However, I think Yeshua was born on Yom Teruah. Hence a great reason for tidings of Joy and Shouting! I also think He will return on this day to set up His millennial reign. I think there is really no way to know for sure.

If Yeshua was born in Bethlehem on Sukkot and it appears as though Joseph was at the birth in **Luke 2:16**; then Joseph didn't keep the commandment to go up to Jerusalem for Sukkot; at least not for the first day which is a

commanded assembly and you are to present an offering. However **Matthew 1:19** says that Joseph was a righteous man; implying that he kept the commandments of Yahweh- **Psalms 119:172 "All thy commandments are righteousness"**. So it appears as though Yeshua wasn't born on Sukkot! Or else Joseph was running back and forth to Jerusalem from Bethlehem to keep the Feast and be with Mary and Yeshua, which is possible. Also if everyone is in Jerusalem for Sukkot, wouldn't there be plenty of room at the inn in Bethlehem? Who really knows, I wasn't there- were you? Maybe Yeshua was born during Sukkot.

I think Yom Teruah presents a better time for Yeshua to be born. There could've been a lot of people in Bethlehem at this time, as they were traveling towards Jerusalem for Sukkot. It would've been a new moon so there would have been people gathering together for festive meals. Teruah is a great shout with your voice or blast as with a shofar! **Luke 2:10** speaks of a great joy, and **Luke 2:13,14** the angels appear to be giving a Teruah (praise) unto Yahweh. And this is the only Moedim that is given without cause for celebration. I also think that Yeshua's reference to "of that day and hour no one knows" in **Matthew 24:36** is a reference to a new moon which Yom Teruah falls on. And the context is Yeshua speaking of His return. However, this is all speculation; but fun to seek out! But if Yeshua was born on Yom Teruah and will return on Yom Teruah then that would make logical sense to the Feast, and as to what and why we are celebrating!