



Everywhere and by all means
proclaiming Christ!
1. Corinthians 9:22

Jesus Christ's standard answer when "tested":
He replied to them, "What did Moses command you?"
(Mark 10:3)



The Biblical Birth Date of the Messiah

Dear Friends in **Yeshua** (Jesus' Hebrew name, meaning "God saves" / "Salvation")

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Since I was asked to teach on this subject in December, I thought I let you, our dear prayer partners, in on these truths. By using the Hebrew names for the main characters I try to create the biblical ambiance of **HIS**story! During December, when the whole world is celebrating the birth of **Jesus**, we need to remember that **Yeshua** came for **4 purposes**, which **HE** accomplished through **HIS teaching ministry** and **substitutionary death**: **1. To conquer** the 2 enemies, Satan and death. (1. John 3:8b; 1. Cor. 15:55) **2. To bring us into the right relationship with God**. For that **HE** had to carry the penalty (curse) of our sins, resulting in forgiveness and eternal life for us. (Dt .21:23, Gal. 3:13) **3. To call Israel back to the Torah (God's Instructions)**, also known as the "**Law of Moses**", because God gave most of it via Moses, even though God shouted down the **10 Words** directly to the people. (Exodus 18-20) At **Yeshua's** time Israel followed mainly men's traditions instead of **God's Instructions!** (Hopefully not true for us today...) **4. To gather all who trust and obey HIM, the Living Word and God's Written Word**, back to the Father, **HIS** restoration mission worldwide until **HIS 2nd Coming!** *These are 4 reasons to celebrate and worship our God and Messiah!*

From point 3 the question arises: "What did **Moses teach?**" When we study "**The Feasts of God**" (Lev. 23), that **God** commanded the **Israelites (God's people)** to celebrate; we find out that the **birth of the Messiah** corresponded with "**Sukkot, the Feast of Tabernacles**", which has the meaning of "**God's Presence with His People!**" This Feast is celebrated in the 7th month on the Biblical calendar, which corresponds to September, not December. We know that the first disciples celebrated it this way, since they also proclaimed **Yeshua** to be the **Passover Lamb!** (1. Cor. 5:7) The **Messiah** had to fulfill all the prophecies, the literal ones, the Feasts, and the historical events, like Abraham "offering" Isaac or Jonah's 3 days and nights in the belly of the great fish. Of course, **Yochanan** (John = God is gracious) **the Immerser** (the Baptist), coming in the function of **Elijah**, also had to fulfill the predictions pertaining to his person. Comparing his pregnancy and birth with the visitation of Gabriel to Miriam (Mary) we can calculate the exact birth date of our **Messiah!** The Jews know when the different divisions of the priests served in the Temple (1. Chr. 24:10). For **Zechariah**, the husband of **Elisheva** (Elizabeth = Pledged to God), this was in June (on Shavuot / Pentecost), since he was in the order of **Abijah**. (Luke 1:5-45) **Miriam** visited **Elisheva** 6 months later, right after **Gavriel** had visited her. Therefore December is the month of the divine conception, during **Chanukah, the Feast of Dedication** – observed by **Yeshua** in John 10:22. **Yeshua** was then born in September the following year, on the **first day of the Feast of Tabernacles**, and **circumcised on the 8th day**, fulfilling "**The Day of Rejoicing in the Torah!**" John 1:14 proclaims: **HE** "tabernacled" among us! **Yochanan's** birth verifies this, since his birth happened in March, on the **Feast of Pesach** (Passover). This is the reason why during the **Seder** (The Pesach celebration) the Jews keep a chair empty for **Elijah, who has to come before the Messiah appears!** Therefore we should watch out for a **prophet** like **Elijah / Yochanan** and obey the **teachings of Moses** to be ready as **the bride** for her **Bridegroom**. **HE** is coming back soon!

Our ministry strives to get the lost saved and the saved ready. (Rejoice in the picture from the field on the 2nd page!)

- Administration: To save costs, for those who receive this letter by "snail-mail", if you do have an e-mail address, please communicate it to us, so that we can mail it to you electronically. (Please pray for our ministry trip to Israel / Europe in 2019 – draft agenda on the 2nd page.)
- Prayer Request: Within the last 4 months we had several repairs on the ministry car. This month a leak needs to be fixed and 2 new tires will be mounted. Pray that the funds will be available when the credit card charges hit the dead line. With 165'000 miles the Ford is still in good condition and we trust, that after these repairs are done, it will last several more years. We appreciate your prayers and help! (→ Page 2!)

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