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A Scriptural Accounting of The Birth
Of
Jesus Christ of Nazareth

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- The lunar month on the Jewish calendar begins when the first sliver of moon becomes visible after the dark of the moon. In ancient times, the new months used to be determined by observation. When people observed the new moon, they would notify the Sanhedrin. When the Sanhedrin heard testimony from two independent, reliable eyewitnesses that the new moon occurred on a certain date, they would declare the rosh chodesh (first of the month) and send out messengers to tell people when the month began.

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- The Jewish calendar is based on three astronomical phenomena: the rotation of the Earth about its axis (a day); the revolution of the moon about the Earth (a month); and the revolution of the Earth about the sun (a year). These three phenomena are independent of each other, so there is no direct correlation between them. On average, the moon revolves around the Earth in about $29\frac{1}{2}$ days. The Earth revolves around the sun in about $365\frac{1}{4}$ days, that is, about 12.4 lunar months.

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- The Gregorian calendar used by most of the world has abandoned any correlation between the moon cycles and the month, arbitrarily setting the length of months to 28, 30 or 31 days.
- The Jewish calendar, however, coordinates all three of these astronomical phenomena. Months are either 29 or 30 days, corresponding to the 29½-day lunar cycle. Years are either 12 or 13 months, corresponding to the 12.4 month solar cycle.

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Calendars for the Jewish Year 5767 Sept. 23, 06– Sept 13, 07

<u>Tishrei 5767</u> Sept. 23 - Oct. 22	<u>Cheshvon 5767</u> Oct. 23 - Nov. 21	<u>Cheshvon 5767</u> Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
<u>Teves 5767</u> Dec. 22 - Jan. 19	<u>Shevat 5767</u> Jan. 20 - Feb. 18	<u>Adar 5767</u> Feb. 19 - Mar. 19
<u>Nisan 5767</u> Mar. 20 - Apr. 18	<u>Iyar 5767</u> Apr. 19 - May 17	<u>Sivan 5767</u> May 18 - June 16
<u>Tamuz 5767</u> June 17 - July 15	<u>Av 5767</u> July 16 - Aug. 14	<u>Elul 5767</u> Aug 15 - Sept. 12

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- **Which Is The First Month of The Jewish Year?**
- **Exd. 12:2** *This month [shall be] unto you the beginning of months: it [shall be] the first month of the year to you*
- **Est 3:7** *In the first month, that [is], the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of king Ahasuerus, they cast Pur, that [is], the lot, before Haman from day to day, and from month to month, [to] the twelfth [month], that [is], the month Adar.*

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- The "first month" of the Jewish calendar is the month of Nissan, in the spring, when Passover occurs. However, the Jewish New Year is in Tishri, the seventh month, and that is when the year number is increased. This concept of different starting points for a year is not as strange as it might seem at first glance. The American "new year" starts in January, but the new "school year" starts in September, and many businesses have "fiscal years" that start at various times of the year. Similarly, the Jewish calendar has different starting points for different purposes.

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- **List of Dates**

- Rosh Hashanah will occur on the following days of the Gregorian calendar:
- Jewish Year 5766 : sunset October 3, 2005 - nightfall October 5, 2005
- Jewish Year 5767 : sunset September 22, 2006 - nightfall September 24, 2006
- Jewish Year 5768 : sunset September 12, 2007 - nightfall September 14, 2007
- Jewish Year 5769 : sunset September 29, 2008 - nightfall October 1, 2008
- Jewish Year 5770 : sunset September 18, 2009 - nightfall September 20, 2009

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First Month of the Jewish Year 5767: Nisan Mar. 20-Apr. 18, 2007

<u>Tishrei 5767</u> Sept. 23 - Oct. 22	7	<u>Cheshvon 5767</u> Oct. 23 - Nov. 21	8	<u>Cheshvon 5767</u> Oct. 23 - Nov. 21	9
<u>Teves 5767</u> Dec. 22 - Jan. 19	10	<u>Shevat 5767</u> Jan. 20 - Feb. 18	11	<u>Adar 5767</u> Feb. 19 - Mar. 19	12
<u>Nisan 5767</u> Mar. 20 - Apr. 18	1	<u>Iyar 5767</u> Apr. 19 - May 17	2	<u>Sivan 5767</u> May 18 - June 16	3
<u>Tamuz 5767</u> June 17 - July 15	4	<u>Av 5767</u> July 16 - Aug. 14	5	<u>Elul 5767</u> Aug 15 - Sept. 12	6

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- The Names of The Months
- The names of the months of the Jewish calendar were adopted during the time of Ezra, after the return from the Babylonian exile. The names are actually Babylonian month names, brought back to Israel by the returning exiles. Note that most of the Bible refers to months by number, not by name.

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- Now That You Have Been Given An Understanding of the Jewish Months; Are There Any Questions?

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- Now That Your Questions Are Answered
Let's Look At The Timeline;
- That Is The Timeline Which Will Establish
The Birth of Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

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- Where Would The Time Line of Jesus Christ Have It's Beginning?
- **Micah 5:2** But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, [though] thou be little among the thousands of Judah, [yet] out of thee shall he come forth unto me [that is] to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth [have been] from of old, from everlasting.

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- **Beginning of The Timeline of The Christ On Earth.**



- God set Jesus on his path from **Bethlehem to Golgotha;**
About 6 (six) Roman Miles

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- If we are to understand the ending of His life; The Death, Burial and Resurrection of Jesus Christ; we must first understand the Beginning of His life as well

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- Let's Go To The Scriptures and Discover The Facts About The Birth of Jesus
- **I Th 5:21** *Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.*

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Bethlehem Afar

- Romans 8:3... For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:



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- **Luke 1:1-4**.....*Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us*
- *V.2...Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word;*
- *V.3...It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus,*
- *V. 4.... That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed.*

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- Luke 1:3...But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John
- Luke 1:15...For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb
- Luke 1:23.. And it came to pass, that, as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house
- Luke 1:24...And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying,
- Luke 1:25...Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on [me], to take away my reproach among men

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- **Clues To The Beginning of The Timeline**
- Looking On the surface, the accounts of Matthew and/or Luke reveal little about the time of Jesus' birth. No dates are given, no seasons of the year are named. As a well-regarded historian, Luke, however, provides a sound, orderly account of the events that removes any doubt as to the general time of Jesus' birth. All the clues are there, and all that is required is to dig them out and put them in order to discover the truth.

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- Prophecy of John The Baptist:

- Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

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- Prophecy of John The Baptist:
- Mal. 4:5-6..... Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:
- V. 6: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

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- Prophecy of John The Baptist:
- Isa. 40:3-5.... The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
- V.4:.... Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:
- V,5:...And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see [it] together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken [it].

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- **Beginning His Ministry:**
- **John 3:22...After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judaea; and there he tarried with them, and baptized.**
- **V.23:...And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized.**
- **V.25:.. Then there arose a question between [some] of John's disciples and the Jews about purifying**
- **Read through Verse 36**
- **Jordan River to the right where John was baptizing. →**



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- **Clues To The Beginning Of The Timeline:**
- In a long section covering [Luke 1:5](#) through [2:8](#), Luke writes of a specific series of events in chronological order. He begins by telling the story of Zacharias, a priest, and his wife Elizabeth, who were childless. While administering his priestly duties during the [course of Abijah](#), Zacharias was visited by the angel Gabriel, who told him that his prayers had been answered and that he and Elizabeth would have a son. They were to name him John.

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- **Clues To The Beginning of The Timeline:**
- I Chronicles 24 lists the courses, divisions or shifts of the priesthood that served in the Temple throughout the year. Verse 1 states, "These are the divisions of the sons of Aaron." Among the sons of Eleazar were sixteen heads of their father's house, while among the sons of Ithamar were eight additional heads of house, making twenty-four courses (verse 4).
- These courses of priests were divided by lot to be officials of the sanctuary and of the house of God (verse 5). Beginning on Nisan 1, these courses rotated throughout the year, serving in the Temple for one week apiece. The course of Abijah, the course during which Zacharias was responsible to work, was the eighth shift (verse 10).

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- **Clues To The Beginning of The Timeline:**
- Josephus, the first-century Jewish historian—who was, by the way, of the priestly lineage of the course of Jehoiarib, the first course—supplies further information about the priestly courses.
- "He [David] 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 [during] eight days, from [noon] Sabbath to [noon on the following] Sabbath. And thus were the courses distributed by lot, in the presence of David, and Zadok and Abiathar the high priest, 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" (*Antiquities of the Jews*, 7:14.7). *This was the normal until the Destruction of the Temple in 70 A.D.*

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- **Nisan Is Also The Month In Which The ‘Passover’ Is Observed:**
- Exd. 12:5-7...Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take [it] out from the sheep, or from the goats:
- V. 6.... And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.
- V.7...And they shall take of the blood, and strike [it] on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.

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- **Clues To The Beginning of The Timeline:**
- The Talmud describes the details of the rotation of courses, beginning on Nisan 1. With only twenty-four courses, obviously each course was required to work twice a year, leaving three extra weeks. (The Hebrew year normally has fifty-one weeks. Intercalary, or leap, years have an additional four weeks.) The three holy day seasons, Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles (Lev 23:36, 39), during which all the courses were required to serve, made up these three extra weeks. Thus, each of the courses worked five weeks out of the year: two in their specific courses and three during the holy day seasons.

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- **Clues To The Beginning of The Timeline:**
- The *Antiquities of the Jews* or a good Computer model will show that In the year 5 B.C., the first day of the first month, that is the month of Nisan, according to the Hebrew Calendar, was a Sabbath. According to computer calculation synchronizing the Hebrew Calendar and the stylized Julian Calendar, it was April 8. Projecting forward, the assignments course by course, and week by week, were: Course 1, the first week; Course 2, the second week; all Courses for the Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread, the third week; Course 3, the fourth week; Course 4, the fifth week; Course 5, the sixth week; Course 6, the seventh week; Course 7, the eighth week; Course 8, the ninth week; and all courses the tenth week, which was the week of Pentecost.

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- **Clues To The Beginning of The Timeline:**
- Now, Zacharias, being of the course of Abijah worked, the Third Week in the Passover/Feast of Unleavened Bread and Tabernacles course; and the ninth week in his assigned course and the tenth week in the Pentecost course. This period ran from **Iyar 27** through **Sivan 12** (Hebrew calendar) or June 3 through 17 (Julian calendar). He probably returned home immediately after his shifts were completed.
- Now could have, Elizabeth most likely conceived in the following two-week period, June 18 through July 1, 5 BC.?

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- Could Elisabeth Conceive In That Time Period?
- The chances of becoming pregnant in any one month decrease from 20 percent in women over 30 years of age to five percent in women over 40. **Among healthy women trying to conceive, nearly all pregnancies can be attributed to intercourse during the six days leading up to, and ending on, the day of ovulation.** Being able to identify a woman's fertility peaks and timing intercourse accordingly can increase a couple's chances of pregnancy and also decrease unnecessary anxiety about the process.

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- **DURING WHAT PART OF THE MENSTRUAL CYCLE IS PREGNANCY MOST LIKELY TO OCCUR?**
- In general, ovulation occurs about 14 days before the start of the next menstrual flow, for example, day 10 of a 24-day cycle, **day 14 of a 28-day cycle**, or day 18 of a 32-day cycle.

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- Let's Use The Calculator and Live Data and See If She (Elisabeth) Could Have Gotten Pregnant Between June 18th and July 1st.
- <http://www.4women.gov/Pregnancy/tools/ovulationcalc.cfm>

The logistics of returning home must be added to the date of June 18th.

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- *Calculating*



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- What Did We Forget?
- Now each one of the 24 "courses" of priests would begin and end their service in the Temple on the Sabbath, a tour of duty being for one week (2 Chr 23:8, 1 Chr 9:25). On three occasions during the year, all the men of Israel were required to travel to Jerusalem for festivals of the Lord, so on those occasions all the priests would be needed in the Temple to accommodate the crowds. Those three festivals were Passover/Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, and Tabernacles (Deut 16:16).

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- **So, Then:**
- Beginning with the first month, Nisan, in the spring (March-April), the schedule of the priest's courses would result with Zacharias serving during the 10th week of the year. This is because he was a member of the course of Abia (Abijah), the 8th course. However, the Feast of Unleavened Bread (15-21 Nisan) and Pentecost (6 Sivan) would have occurred before/by his scheduled duty. This places Zacharias' administration in the Temple as beginning on the 14th Day of the First month, Nisan (March-April).

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- This is the first time that Zacharias would be in the temple and in as much as God said "*your prayer is heard*" He would not have made Zacharias wait until the 9th or 10th Course, as the Scriptures would have been broken and we all know that the Scriptures cannot be broken (Read John 10:35) For the Scriptures Teach us that God does not put things off when His purpose is to be made know to those whom He has chosen; *Jer. 23:23...[Am] I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off?* The scriptures tell us to "*Let God Be True and every man a liar*"

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- *Let's Do The Due Date for John:*
- <http://www.4women.gov/pregnancy/tools/calcyourduedate.cfm>

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- 1 Month (Nisan) of Administration by Zacharias + 5 Months Elisabeth hid herself = 6th. Month (Elul)
- Elisabeth Reveals Herself In The 6th. Month (Elul)

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<p>Nissan</p> <p>1</p> <p>30 days</p> <p>March-April</p>	<p>Iyar</p> <p>2</p> <p>29 days</p> <p>April-May</p>	<p>Sivan</p> <p>3</p> <p>30 days</p> <p>May-June</p>	<p>Tammuz</p> <p>4</p> <p>29 days</p> <p>June-July</p>
<p>Av</p> <p>5</p> <p>30 days</p> <p>July-August</p>	<p>Elul</p> <p>6</p> <p>29 days</p> <p>August-September</p>	<p>Tishri</p> <p>7</p> <p>30 days</p> <p>September-October</p>	<p>Cheshvan</p> <p>8</p> <p>29 or 30 days</p> <p>October-November</p>
<p>Kislev</p> <p>9</p> <p>30 or 29 days</p> <p>November-December</p>	<p>Tevet</p> <p>10</p> <p>29 days</p> <p>December-January</p>	<p>Shevat</p> <p>11</p> <p>30 days</p> <p>January-February</p>	<p>Adar I (leap years only)</p> <p>12</p> <p>30 days</p> <p>February-March</p> <p>Adar (called Adar II in leap years)</p> <p>12 (13 in leap years)</p> <p>29 days</p> <p>February-March</p>

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- Now, Zachaias is home by the 23rd day of Nisan and God's promise is fulfilled. Let's do the days
- Nisan 23 forward 280 Days = Birth of John The Baptist
- We can say that some where around the 8th day of Shevat or January 28th our calendar John came into the world
- **The Days:**
 - Month of Nisan 7 Days = 7 Days
 - Month of Iyar 29 Days = 36 Days
 - Month of Sivan 30 Days = 66 Days
 - Month of Tammuz 29 Days = 95 Days
 - Month of Av 30 Days = 125 Days
 - Month of Elul 29 Days = 154 Days
 - Month of Tishri 30 Days = 184 Days
 - Mo. of Cheshvan 30 Days = 214 Days
 - Month of Kislev 29 Days = 243 Days
 - Month of Tevet 29 Days = 272 Days
 - Month of Shevat 8 Days = 280 Days
 - Birth of John = 8th of Shevat

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Luke 1:26...And in the *sixth month* the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

V.27.... To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name [was] Mary.

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- Luke 1:28...And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, [thou that art] highly favoured, the Lord [is] with thee: blessed [art] thou among women
- *V. 29*.... And when she saw [him], she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

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- Luke 1:30...And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.
- Luke 1:31.... And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

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- Luke 1:32...., He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:
- *V.* 33.... And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

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- Luke 1:34...Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?
- V. 35.... And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

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- Luke 1:36...And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.
- V. 37.... For with God nothing shall be impossible.

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- Luke 1:38.... And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.
- *For Additional Learning Read Luke 1:39-80*

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- Now, According to *Vs. 35 and 36* It is evidence that the Holy Spirit over showered Mary in the Sixth Month (*Elul*)
- The Pregnancy of Mary was established in the Sixth Month (*Elul*)

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- Let's Look At A Pregnancy Time Line
- **Tracking Ovulation:**
- A woman's monthly cycle is measured from the first day of her menstrual period until the first day of her next period. On average, a woman's cycle normally is between 28-32 days, but some women may have much shorter cycles or much longer ones. Ovulation can be calculated by starting with the day the last menstrual period (LMP) starts or by calculating 12-16 days from the next expected period. Most women ovulate anywhere between Day 11 - Day 21 of their cycle, counting from the first day of the LMP. This is what many refer to as the "fertile time" of a woman's cycle, because sexual intercourse during this time increases the chance of pregnancy.

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- **Let's Look At A Pregnancy Time Line**
- If your cycles are very regular, you may be able to determine when you ovulate: in the average menstrual cycle, ovulation occurs 14 days before the menstrual period arrives - or on day 14 of a 28-day cycle. So if you subtract 14 days from the length of your cycle, you'll get an idea of when you ovulate.



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- **Let's Look At A Pregnancy Time Line:**

- **Months? Lunar months? Weeks? Days? Trimesters?**

- If you are confused, you're not alone. While most people talk about pregnancy being **9 months** long (divided into three trimesters), most health care providers refer to pregnancy as being **40 weeks** long, starting with your last known menstrual period (LMP).

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The first two weeks of your pregnancy actually include the time of your period, ovulation and fertilization. Actual conception occurs approximately at week 2.

You might also like to know that this is also equal to 280 days, or 10 Lunar Months. (10x28 days)

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- Time Line:



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- Ending The Timeline:
- Luke 2:1... And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.
- *V.2.....* ([And] this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)
- *V.3....* And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

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- Ending The Timeline:
- Luke 2:4.... And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

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- Ending The Timeline:
- Luke 2:6... And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.
- V.7.... And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

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- The Birth of Jesus Of Nazareth:
- Mary most likely ovulated on the 16th. Day of Elul, the 6th. Month.
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- Now, The Holy Ghost came upon Mary in the 6th Month Perhaps the day she is most likely to conceive. Using a 28 day cycle, that which is average for most women the day of ovulation would most likely be the 16th. Day of Elul the 6th Month
- Elul 16 forward 280 Days = Birth of Jesus Christ of Nazareth.
- We can say that some where around the 30th day of Sivan or 1st Day of Tammuz Jesus of Nazareth came into the World our calendar June 16th/June 17th
- **The Days:**
 - Month of Elul 13 Days = 13 Days 06
 - Month of Tishri 30 Days = 43 Days 07
 - Mo. of Cheshvan 30 Days = 73 Days 08
 - Month of Kislev 29 Days = 102 Days 09
 - Month of Tevet 29 Days = 131 Days 10
 - Month of Shevat 30 Days = 161 Days 11
 - Month of Adar 30 Days = 191 Days 12
 - Month of Nisan 30 Days = 221 Days 01
 - Month of Iyar 29 Days = 250 Days 02
 - Month of Sivan 30 Days = 280 Days 03
 - Mo. of Tammuz (1) Days = 280 Days 04
 - Birth of Jesus= 30th of Sivan/ 1st. Day of Tammuz

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- Caesar Augustus
- Cyrenius Governor of Syria
- Herod Tetrarch of Galilee
- Philip Tetrarch of Ituraea and Trachonitis
- Lysanias Tetrarch of Abilene
- Annas and Caiaphas the High Priests
- Now the Holy Ghost led Luke to add The names and position of these men in the Scriptures for none other than to establish the time line of the birth John and Jesus.

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Caesar Augustus *First Roman Emperor*

- **63 B.C. - 14 C.E.**
- **He subjected the whole wide earth to the rule of the Roman people**

Caesar Augustus



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- This presentation is not presented to create debate nor is it presented to provoke argument and disagreement, nor to condemn those who have an opposing point of view.
- It is presented only for the purpose to providing additional insight on the timeline having to do with the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. All Questions should be directed to Elder Charles Ford Walker.
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