

There is a large volume of information to show Biblically that Yeshua was born on erev Sukkot. First, though, is the statement that God is with us - He is our God, we are His people.

Exodus 13:21-22 column of cloud by day & pillar of fire by night (Exodus 14:19 calls it/him the angel of God, 14:24 calls him YHVH)

Then there is Sinai - God on the mountain - speaking directly to the people (Exodus 19) and to the elders (Exodus 24:9-14). More of God's presence in Exodus 33:7-11, 34:5-9, 40:34-38, and Leviticus 9:22-24, Lev 26:11-12, Num 2:17 and the list goes on.

The promise later is again GOD WITH US - Immanu-El - Isaiah 7:14, 9:6-7 - but in a personal way.

So this promise is much more - God becomes human in the same way each of us becomes human - He is BORN. Not morphing into a man like a shape-shifter, but truly becoming one of us, to pay the ultimate price - but that's another story. Right now we focus on WHEN this happened, since reality requires place and time.

1 Chronicles 24:1-19 and 28:21 King David set up the rotation of priests divided into 24 courses. The length of each course was 7 days (1 Chronicles 9:25).

The week of service began and ended on the Sabbath (2 Chronicles 23:8).

In addition, all the priests served for 3 extra weeks during the year (Deuteronomy 16:16).

Now we need to do some arithmetic:

24 courses times one week equals 24 weeks that have been served by the 24 courses.

Then we add the three extra weeks when all twenty-four courses served. $24+3=27$

We now have covered twenty-seven weeks.

A biblical year consists of twelve lunar months, of 29.5 days, which total 354 days.

This is eleven days less than a solar year, of 365 days.

This means that we have to cover twenty-four more weeks - same 24 courses repeat.

Thus we can deduce that each course served a week at the beginning of the year, and a week at the end of the year. The Mishnah agrees with this conclusion.

Each course, therefore, served for one week twice a year, and the three extra weeks a year they all served.

Each course, therefore, served a total of five weeks during the year.

1st ---- all ---- all ----8th

Between the 1st and the 8th week of the year, 2 of the 2 times when all twenty-four courses served, intervened. That pushes back the all the courses that occur AFTER the 2 special times, including the 8th course.

The 8th course would, therefore, serve during the 10th week,

having allowed for the Feast of Unleavened Bread and the Feast of Weeks,

which both occur during the 1st eight weeks of the year.

This is the second Sabbath of Sivan, and the week that follows (approximately Sivan 12-18).

So - the birth of Yeshua begins with Luke chapter 1

Zechariah (father of John the Immerser) was of the Abijah division, the eighth in sequence.

The timeline shows in the story of Zechariah and Elizabeth, parents of John the Immerser.

Zechariah was a priest, who served in the Temple.

Elizabeth conceived John the Immerser AFTER Zechariah had finished his Temple service.

So, she would have become pregnant after the third Sabbath of Sivan (approximately Sivan 19-25).

Luke 1:24-27 mentions the conception. So her pregnancy began about the beginning of July or a little earlier.

In Elizabeth's sixth month Miriam conceives, and visits. So Miriam is pregnant toward the end of December, during Hanukkah - the festival of lights - a second Sukkot - the Light of the World begins His earthly journey.

(Some Jewish traditions consider conception as the birthdate.)

Luke 1:56 states that Miriam stayed 3 months, for the birth of John the Immerser.

Another six months puts us at - drum roll - Sukkot!

Jewish month	Begins the new moon of	John the Baptist	Yeshua
1. Abib/Nisan	March-April		
2. Zif/Iyyar	April-May		
3. Sivan	May-June	conception of John after 3rd Sabbath	
4. Tammuz	June-July	1	
5. Ab/Av	July-August	2	
6. Elul	August-September	3	
7. Ethanim/Tishri	September-October	4	
8. Bul/Marheshvan/Heshvan	October-November	5	
9. Chisleu/Chislev/Kislev	November-December	6	conception of Yeshua 25 Kislev?
10. Tebeth/Tevet	December-January	7	1
11. Shebat/Shevat	January-February	8	2
12. Adar	February-March	9	3
1. Abib/Nisan	March-April	birth of John 15 Nisan	4
2. Zif/Iyyar	April-May		5
3. Sivan	May-June		6
4. Tammuz	June-July		7
5. Ab/Av	July-August		8
6. Elul	August-September		9
7. Ethanim/Tishri	September-October		birth of Yeshua 15 Tishri