

THE DATE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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It would not be possible to discover the actual date of the Savior's birth or reproduce His Pathway in term of time, as given in the four Gospels, without first possessing a faultless knowledge of the Bible's chronology and of the operation of its lunar calendar. With this knowledge it has been possible in the above statement to give the Jewish and Gentile dates of our Lord's birth, each such date constituting an unimpeachable chronological fact drawn from the Holy Scriptures, which can be verified by anyone who desires to do so.

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What the Bible Reveals

The birth of Jesus of Nazareth the Son of God and Messiah of Israel took place as foreordained **on the 1st day of the Feast of Tabernacles, which was the 15th day of the seventh month in the 3888th year of the Bible's redemption chronology. This date in our solar calendar was Friday, 29th October 1 B.C.** In the calendar based upon the years of the Messiah this date was the 1st day of **the Feast of Unleavened Bread, being the 15th day of the first month in the year 4205 from Adam.**

It has been held by many that our Lord Yashua was born at the Feast of Tabernacles because of the typical significance of that Feast, and because the Evangelist John states, "The Word became flesh and tabernacled among us" (1:14). Not only has the date been found, but with it the ability to trace throughout the four Gospels the exact course of Time in our Lord's life from His incarnation to His Ascension.

The Feast of Tabernacles has a deep typical meaning, not only for Israel but for all mankind, since it embraces the whole course of human history. The basic principle which underlies this Feast is the transitoriness of human existence in this world. Abraham, of whom it is written, "he sojourned in the land. . . dwelling in

tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob". All people who have walked in the fear of God have viewed themselves as tabernacling on the earth for a brief season before passing on to an eternal existence in the heavenly country.

How do we know that the 15th day of the Bible's 7th month, which was the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles, was Friday, 29th October, in the year 1 B.C.? The answer to this question is that we possess a faultless astronomical record of time in the Bible from the New Moon of the exodus of Israel from Egypt, which was on 28th April 1639 B.C., to New Moon of 12th October A.D. 33, during which Israel possessed the luni-solar calendar given by the Lord God to Moses and Aaron, as recorded in Exodus 12:2. The Passover at the Exodus, when the new calendar started, was in the evening of 11th May and the Exodus was the next Friday, 12th May. Because the Jewish people and the Christian Church respectively link Easter and the Passover to the Vernal Equinox since the fourth century, they allowed to err as to the time of the true beginning of the Bible's first month, which could never be earlier than 30th March or later than 28th or 29th April.

The New Moon of the 1st month in 1 B.C. was on 21st April and the New Moon of the 7th month was therefore on 15th October. The 15th day of this Moon or month was therefore on 29th October 1 B.C. The Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was the next day as they reckoned their months from the first appearance of the Moon.

The following facts constitute a perfect witness to the accuracy both of the date of our Lord's birth and of the chronology from the Exodus of Israel upon which it is based. The day of our Lord's birth, namely, October 29th 1 B.C., was in Redemption Years the 1st day of the Feast of Tabernacles, and in Messianic Years the 1st day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread; whereas, the Exodus of Israel, which began on 12th May 1639 B.C., was in Redemption Years the 1st day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and in Messianic Years the 1st day of the Feast of Tabernacles – the two days and their events being separated by exactly 1638 and a half luni-solar years. By design of God the two events are interlocked by the chronology which must, therefore, be accurate to a day, otherwise the synchronism would not exist.

The Scriptures, therefore, not only reveal that Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God, was born on Friday, 29th October, 1 B.C., because it was the 1st day of the Feast of Tabernacles, but also why that Feast had to be honored by His birth on its 1st day and His circumcision on its last or 8th day.

Think about it!

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