

Where did Christmas Come from?



In today's article we ask the question? "Where did Christmas come from?" And for a lot of people Christmas is just another Holiday on the calendar, while others use the holiday to capitalize on the Birth of Christ. But was the Messiah really born on December 25th as tradition claims? We recently added a special video on this subject on our Hebraic Perspectives youtube channel we highly recommend people check it out.

But getting back to our question, was the Messiah really born on December 25th? We can honestly submit to you here that the answer is NO" he was not. You can search history, the bible, and other sources, but you will never find it anywhere written or recorded that the birth of the Messiah happened on December 25th. For some people this is a mind blower! But For others it is an eye opener. As we researched the root of Christmas, we found the following;



Where December 25th came from



First, we found out that the Roman Catholic church of 4th century made the date of December 25th the date of the Holiday and based that holiday around the birth of the Messiah. Next, we found out that a reason why they church held that the birth of the Messiah was during December was to appease a pagan culture which celebrated Saturnalia which was the worship of the god of agriculture during the winter solstice. The dates of

this all happened somewhere on December 17-thur 23rd. And on December 25th the roman culture celebrated its next god called the Sol Invictus which is worship of the sun god.

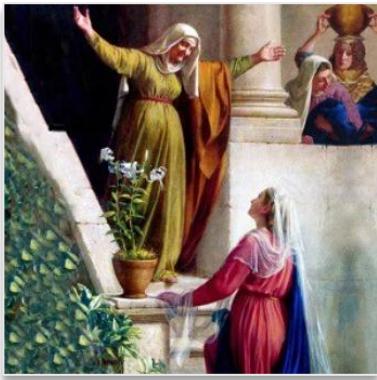
Reason for December 25th being the Messiah's Birthday

The Roman Catholic church in its attempt to draw and convert pagans used the December 25th date to justify the birth of a new God, this new God is our Messiah, and this date of December 25th became apart of the Messiah's birth narrative. But mind you, the scripture does not give us this date of December 25th as belonging to the Messiah's birth at all.



The Scriptures on the real birth time of the Messiah

But, what we have learned about the timing of the Messiahs birth actually took place not in December but during the month of September or on the Hebrew calendar Tishrei.



We learn in the gospel of [Luke.1:26-28] that John the Baptist mother Elisabeth was six months pregnant when Mary was visited by the angel Ganiel in December. The angel Ganiel in the month of June also told Elisabeths husband that he would have a son. Counting from June six months is December, and this is when Mary Visited Elisabeth when she was six months pregnant. The Messiah was not born in December. If we count forward nine months from December it places the birth time of the

Messiah in September not December, but we still are not told of a specific date like December 25th.

Who made December 25th the birth of Messiah

Again, if we look at church tradition will find that the tradition is simply based on the roman catholic decision to make this an official tradition in the 4th century. But others have stated the tradition went even further dating back to 2nd or 3rd century. But it was not an official date until the 4th century made it.



Wrong timing of the Magi arrival

There are other discrepancies with this Christmas tradition too like the appearance of the



Magi or the three wise men which the Christmas narrative tells us that on December 25th they come and present the Messiah with gifts when he's born. The real story from the scriptures is that the Magi find the Messiah two years later after his birth. We find that mentioned in [Matt.2:16] and from this two year point the Magi find the Messiah living in a home not in a manger wrapped in swaddling clothes [Matt.2:11].

Shepherds tending flocks in September not on December 25th

And a final point to our December 25th date as the Messiahs birth date is when we see the Shepards in the field who are told that the Messiah is born in Bethlehem. The only problem in suggesting the timing of this falls during December 25th doesn't really fit the

agricultural timing of when most Shepards of the day tend flock in the fields until early November, not in December. The scripture says they were tending the flock and were sleeping in the fields.

In the month of December, the ground grew dormant and the weather was cold and rainy. If it were rainy and cold they would not have been in the fields sleeping or camping out.

During the cold and rainy season, they brought the sheep in covered places or stalls and would feed the sheep there.



Biblical Harmony on the birth time of the Messiah

Now in September, the weather is still good for tending sheep and feeding them on the pastures. It would also serve as a good time to camp out as well. So, we tend to believe

that the timing was September as we saw with the Messiahs conception during December not his birth. And as his conception falls during December, we find the Messiah being born in September when the fall biblical holidays occur. The Messiah may have been born on one of these three biblical holidays, such as the feast of trumpets, The day of Atonement, or the feast of tabernacles. We along with others feel the

 Messiah was born during the Feast of Tabernacles because when he was born they were camping out under a shelter or booth more than likely a sukkah or temporary booth which is made during the feast of tabernacles.

Closing thoughts

But as we stick to scripture, we can only estimate for sure that Yeshua,Jesus was born during the month of September not December. And the December 25th date is no more then mans tradition to appease a pagan culture. It's not commanded to keep or celebrate but I think it's important that we keep our focus on what the scriptures teach rather then follow church tradition. Traditions may be an occasion to celebrate, but let's base our celebrations in following the truth and not fables or misguided narratives to appease others or follow a tradition filled with error.