



**Days of the
Wise Men**

Birth of Jesus

When?

Luke 1:5- 25

Conception of John the Baptist

Luke 1:57- 80

Birth of John the Baptist

Priest Zacharias

Course of Abia

Zacharias and Elizabeth

Righteous

Old and Childless

June 24, 5 B.C.

Conception of John

March 25, 4 B.C.

Birth of John

Luke 1:26 - 56

Mary

In the sixth month

Gabriel

Nazareth

Virgin

Mary

June 5 B.C.

six months

December 5 B.C.

Mary conceived Jesus on December 25, 5 B.C.

The Begetting “And the Word became flesh...” (John 1:14)

Luke 2:1-39 Jesus

Birth, Circumcision, and Presentation of Jesus

Decree from Caesar Augustus 4 B.C. Before winter

Feast of Tabernacles 15th Tishri (Sept 29) 8 Days 22nd Tishri (Oct 6)

Shepherds abiding in the fields...and returned (before October)

Perfect gestation period 280 days

December 25, 5 B.C. 280 days September 29, 4 B.C.

Jesus born September 29, 4 B.C.

4 B.C. September 29 15th Tishri

15th Tishri First Sabbath of the Feast of Tabernacles

“...and tabernacled among us” (John 1:14)

Lev 23:33-36

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

³⁴ Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The **fifteenth day** of this **seventh month** shall be the **feast of tabernacles** for seven days unto the LORD.

³⁵ On the **first day** (**Jesus' birth**) shall be an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.

³⁶ Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: on the **eighth day** (**Jesus' circumcision**) shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it is a solemn assembly; and ye shall do no servile work therein.

Jesus Born Sept 29, 4 B.C.

Jesus Circumcised the Eight Day Oct 6

**41 days Nov 8 Jesus presented to the Lord
in Jerusalem**

Luke 2:39 They returned to Nazareth

APPENDIX 179

A.M.	B.C.-A.D.	A.C.	A.U.C.	Augustus (Octavius)
3999	-5		748	27
(See Appendix 50)	THE NATIVITY 1st taxing or Census Luke 2:2	YEARS OF THE AGE OF THE LORD	749 Herod d.c. end of January 3 B.C.	28
4000	-4	0		Our Lord birth 15th Tisri = 29th September 4 B.C.
4001	-3	Quirinus' First Governorship. 1}	750	29
4002	-2	2	751	30
4003	-1	3	752	31
4004	0 A.D.	4	753	32 A.D. reckoning begins, owing to the mistake of Dionysius Exiguus in arranging the Calendar of the Christian Era in A.D. 532.
5	1	5	54	33

Some changes had to be made for Dec. 25

The angel announcing the birth to the shepherds was Michael

Sept 29 was known as The Festival of Michael and All Angels

Christmas (December 25) existed long before the birth of Jesus

It was the birthday of the Egyptian Horus (Osiris)

March 25 was changed to the Feast of the Annunciation

Birth of Jesus


Where?

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Genesis 35:21

And Israel journeyed and spread his tent
beyond the tower of Edar.

An open book with text overlaid. The book is open to two pages of dense, small text, likely a Bible. The text is overlaid in white, bold font. The background is a dark, slightly blurred image of the book's pages and cover.

**And you, O tower of the
flock, the strong hold of
the daughter of Zion, to
you shall it come, even
the first dominion...**

—Micah 4:8

Migdal Eder

Tower of the Flock



מגדל-עֵדָר

MIG'DAL EDER
THE TOWER OF EDAR





Israel in the Time of Jesus

LUKE

2:39 And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.

→ **Matthew Chapter 2**

2:40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.



MATTHEW CHAPTER 2

**There is no exact time connection
given between the wise men arrival
and the birth of Jesus**



But there is a window



Who were these wise men?

Hebrew: [7448] Rab-Mag, chief Magian

Greek: [3097] Mogos, **Magian, Oriental Scientist,
magician, wise man**

Prophets?

From the east carrying **prophetic gifts**

Magi: **Persian, (priest, magician, sorcerer)**

Not told how many

A night sky with a bright star and a mountain range. The star is a bright, multi-pointed star with a long vertical beam of light extending downwards. The sky is dark blue with many smaller stars. The mountains at the bottom are silhouetted against a lighter, hazy background.

The Star

Angelic Host?

**Was the star of Bethlehem
ever over Bethlehem?**

Was in the west !

Two years in advance?

To guide the wise men

Matt 2:1-8

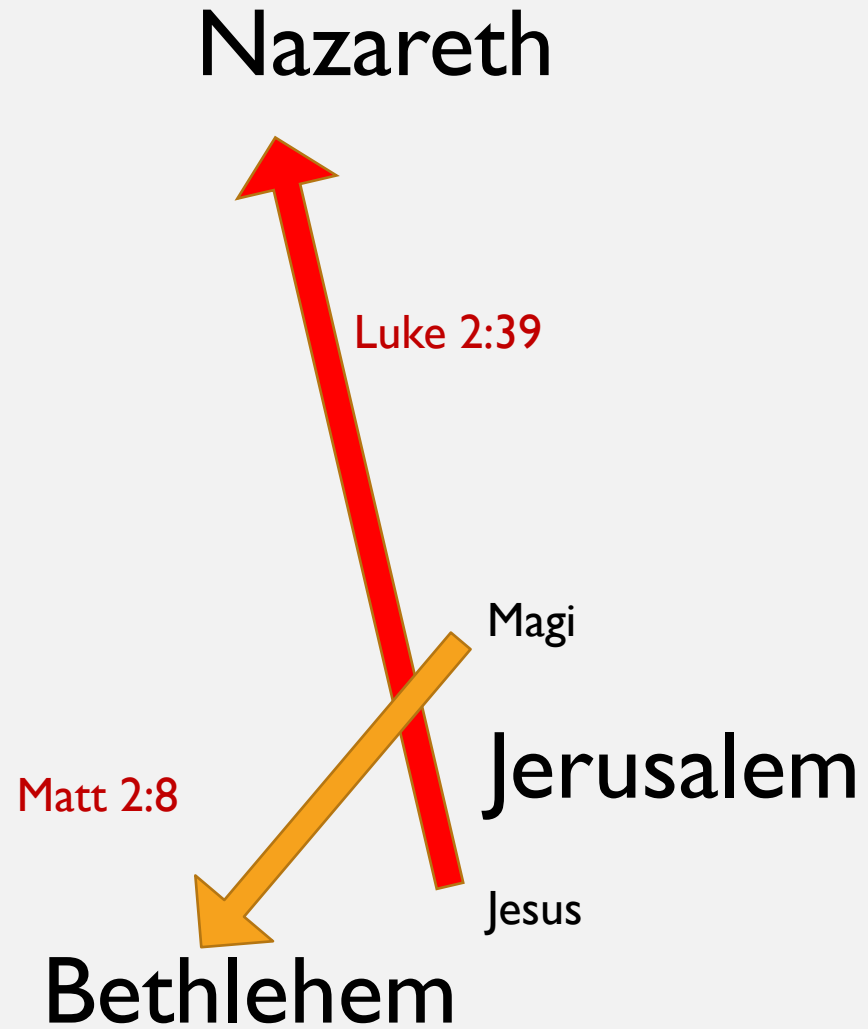


Jerusalem →
Matt 2:7-8



← Jerusalem
Luke 2:22

Nov - Dec





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Nazareth



Matt 2:9-11

Matt 2:8

Magi
Jerusalem

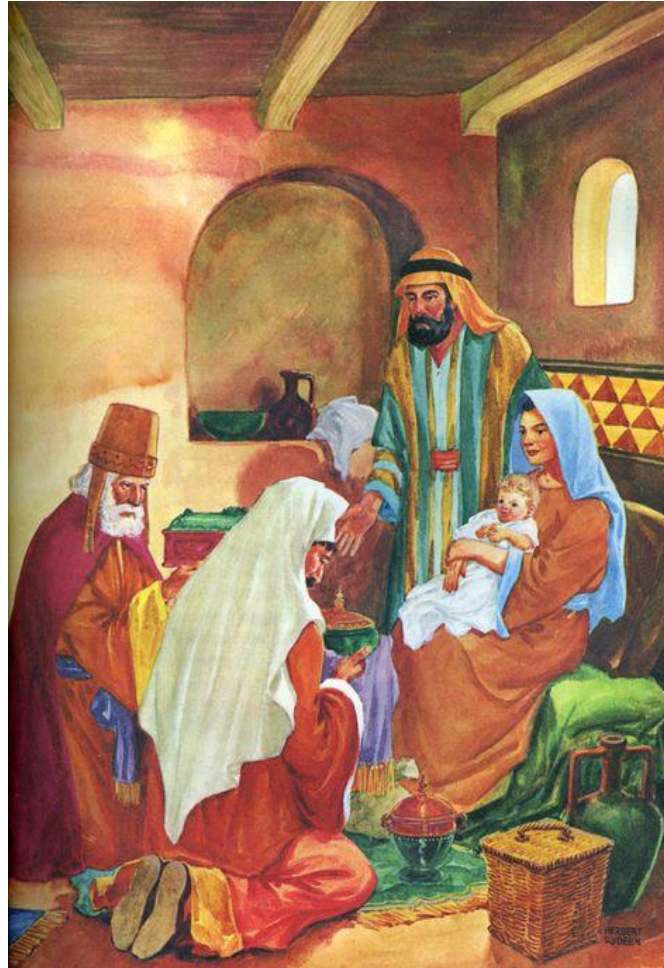
Bethlehem

Nazareth

**Jesus would have
been 2-3 months
Old**

Matt 2:11

paidion: infant



Nov -Dec

**The MAGI could have
presented their gifts
on or around
Dec 25th**

Herod died late Jan 3 B.C.

**PROPHETIC
MEANING
OF THE
GIFTS**

Matt 2:11

- **GOLD** - Symbol of earthly kingship
- **FRANKINCENSE** - Symbol of Godliness
- **MYRRH** - Symbol of death

Roman Church, Anglican Church, Lutherans, etc

The Feast of the Epiphany 12 days January 6

Magi arrive at Bethlehem

Christ is manifested to the Gentiles

Also called Theophany or Three Kings' Day

Orthodox Church


January 7 Christ's Birth

January 19 Theophany: visible manifestation of God to man

The twelve days of Christmas

Matt 2:16

Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men.



Matt 2:7

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

Read CB note on Matt 2:1

Read CB note on Matt 2:16



In my opinion

Herod was told by the Magi that they had been traveling and following the star for about two years.

That is why he ordered all male infants two and younger to be killed.

Jesus could not have been two years old when the Magi came if Herod died 4 months after Jesus' birth.

Est. 14,000 killed



Important fact:

King Herod the Great died late January 3 B.C.

4 months after Jesus was born

Shortly after ordering the slaughter

**The Magi would have already been to Nazareth
and had not returned to Herod**

Matt 2:19-23



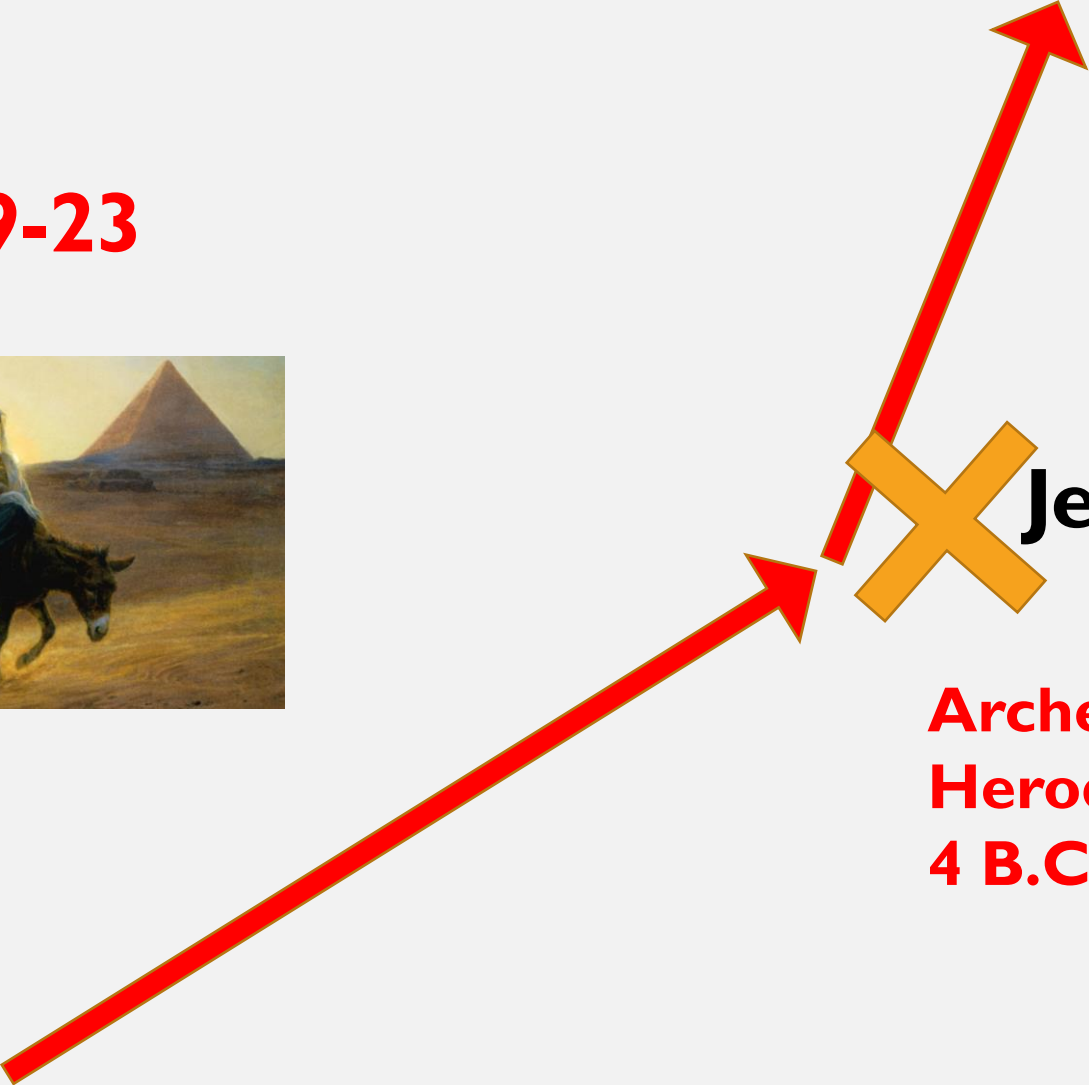
Egypt

Nazareth



Jerusalem

**Archelaus
Herod's Son
4 B.C. – 10 A.D.**



The story of the wise men:

First to acknowledge the prophetic coming

First to acknowledge and worship the Saviour

Exposed the neglectful attitude of the Judeans

Gifts were prophetic of Jesus' life and purpose

Gifts provided many years of support for a faithful family

The conception of John

The Birth of John

The arrival of the Wise Men



The conception of Jesus

The Birth of Jesus



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