

THE INTERCONTINENTAL CHURCH OF GOD

SPECIFIC BIBLE STUDIES - JESUS PART 1 A

Questions: What are the dates and years of Jesus' birth?

Jesus was born on the 29th of September 4 BC.

Jesus was born on the first Holy Day of the Feast of Tabernacles.

Jesus was circumcised on the Last Great Day (a Holy Day).

PART 1-----ITEM A-----Birth Year-----Quote from book 'The Real Jesus':

A quote from Mr. Armstrong's book, "The Real Jesus":

"Jesus was born sometime in the late summer or early autumn of 4 BC

The first time I ever made this statement to anyone I was viewed with a combination of doubt, incredulity, hostility and outright pity.

"How in the world could Jesus have been born before Christ?" I was asked.

It so happens that the present system in the Western Christian-professing world of counting years either prior to or subsequent to the event of our Savior's birth was not established until the work of Dionysius the Little, many, many centuries this side of the event.

In the events surrounding Jesus' birth, God managed to move a whole empire by causing the world leader of that time to establish an entirely new government bureau (the taxing and census bureau) which finally resulted in Joseph and Mary ending up in Bethlehem at the time of Jesus' birth! Part of the requirement of the vast worldwide census-taking was each family returning to the city of its origin ("And all went to be taxed everyone (into) his own city" (Luke 2:3-4), so since the Bible claimed Joseph was of the lineage of David (as both genealogical records in Matthew and Luke prove) he had to journey with his wife who was in an advanced state of pregnancy from Nazareth to Bethlehem, which is called the "city of David." The census in Palestine took place in our faulty chronological reckoning about the year 4 BC." (end of quote from "The Real Jesus")