

***The Mystery of the Mikurah*** by Rabbi Jonathan Cahn (Messiah Conference 2010) notes taken by Tracy Jackson

Did you know a practicing Jewish person(s) wrote most of our most famous Christian Hymns and many of our modern Christmas songs: **Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, Silver Bells, White Christmas, Let it Snow, The Christmas Song (aka Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire), Happy Christmas, Winter Wonderland, I'll be Home For Christmas and Santa Baby.** But Christmas is Gentile and Pagan, which doesn't mix with Jewishness? So why would they? For the job/money/work, they did anything they were good at so they could have an income.

Christmas is the most celebrated event in countries all over the world! Muslim countries, Hindu countries, Communist countries...etc. Yet the whole thing is based on a very Jewish event:

How did we get from the Wonderful Counselor to Frosty the Snowman? From The Mighty God to Jingle Bell Rock What happened? A Jewish child, born to a Jewish mother, in a Jewish city, in his Jewish homeland, to fulfill the prophecies about a Jewish Messiah! What could be more Jewish? "*For unto us a child is born, a son is given....*" (Isaiah 9:6) The shepherds who come are Jewish, the Angels who send them are speaking Hebrew Aramaic; the child is Jewish- they are all Israeli. What an amazing thing....

It went from Bethlehem and Messiah to December 25th and a man named St. Nicholas, to Santa Claus and the North Pole, Reindeer, and Rudolph with shiny nose?

It is so prophetic- we couldn't have all of these things if we didn't have this very Jewish event to begin with.

We went from the Hope of Israel to a shiny nose? How did we get so far away?

This ancient mystery is now being searched and sought after by many, Jew and Gentile alike, and it is *waiting* to be solved. History (the book of Acts) is coming back around....the Church is coming back to her roots!

*Mikurah* is the Hebrew word for Origins/Birth/Nativity/Source. *Mikurot Meshiach*- the Birth of Messiah!

**So WHEN did this event REALLY happen?**

The most celebrated holiday on earth is celebrated in honor of the birth of a Jewish Rabbi?! How wild is that!

The theories are out there:

**December 25th**- early Christian writings support this date, but it really didn't start being widely celebrated, until the 4th century. As most already know, this date doesn't hold up, as it is linked to Pagan deities. As well as the fact that winter in Israel would not be a time to travel or deliver a baby outside; it's cold, rainy and daunting. Shepherd's would not be out in the night with their sheep either. A census would certainly not be held then.

**Hanukkah**- same issues as above, with the added point that Messiah came to fulfill the Torah and Hanukkah is not a God appointed Biblical Holy day. Although it is a wonderful Jewish celebration of deliverance and does point to Messiah.

**Tish B'Av**- The ninth of *Av*. When the temple was destroyed. And so the Rabbi's suggest that Messiah would be born on this dark day in their history as God's Redeemer, but this doesn't fall on a Biblical holy day either.

This next theory is very good and is the key that will lead us to the Truth. It just doesn't go far enough and has some problems. It is also the most common among Messianic Believers: Messiah born during **Sukkot** (Feast of Tabernacles) , the fall (Sept/Oct) Biblical Holy days.

The arguments for this sound promising- It's one of God's appointed times, and therefore fulfills Torah. It's linked to the priestly courses, and is the Feast of Tabernacles- "The Word became flesh and Tabernacled among us!" It fits! Lastly, the *Sukah* would explain the manger, right?

**The problems with this theory are:**

A manger is no way a *sukah*. A manger is an animal feeding station and a *sukah* is a holy memorial to God, for people to stay in for the week. Also what is a *sukah* doing hanging out empty in Bethlehem, when they are commanded by God to go and build them in Jerusalem! {Every year the men and every seven years, every man, woman & child!} So, Messiah being born in Bethlehem and not Jerusalem, during *Sukkot*, would make Yosef (Joseph) not Torah compliant! Messiah is prefect and would not make someone break the laws of God, even in His very own birth! And why would Yosef be trying his hardest to get them indoors, during a feast of the Lord where they are COMMANDED to be outdoors?

The Romans would also know better than to hold a census (where everyone must go to their home town) during a time when they are commanded by

God to be in Jerusalem. This would of caused a Revolution!

The next problem deals with the mystery of the age. The Hebrew year begins in the spring and ends in autumn. This feast is in the series of fall/autumn feast that are all linked to the Messiah's second coming. He came the first time and fulfilled the first series at the beginning of the Biblical year.

What about the verse about God tabernacling with us? *Sukkot* is not about God tabernacling with us, but as a memorial of the children of Israel living in tents in the wilderness after the exodus.

The next clue is the Hebrew virgin *Miryam* makes two journeys across Israel to her cousin *Elisheva's* home. The first journey comes at the very beginning of her pregnancy and the other comes at the third month of her pregnancy. A young girl pregnant, traveling across Israel, would NOT take place in the winter time, especially alone. So, this theory would have her becoming pregnant by the Holy Spirit in December/Winter, traveling across Israel then and traveling again back home at the end of Feb, beginning of Mar, still in Winter.

So to sum it up:

**Winter** is out- shepherds in the fields, journey and outdoor birth all in winter and a Roman census, etc.

**Fall** is out- requires winter journeys for *Miryam*, census wouldn't happen during feasts required to be in Jerusalem, etc.

**Summer**- no weather problems and good for traveling, although hot, but no Hebrew holy days! All the great events take place on one of them. Only left with **Spring**- traveling is possible for a census and for a man traveling with a pregnant, about to deliver wife! Does this allow for 9 months before when a maiden could travel across Israel? Yes! (late summer and then fall) A time when a woman could possibly give birth to a baby outdoors? Yes! Shepherds watching their flocks by night? Yes! This only happens during ONE season! Only in the spring- the lambing season (Nisan/Mar-Apr), **the ONLY time lambs are born!** This is when the Shepherds are out in the fields watching for the birth of lambs....and they end up finding the Lamb of God! Who first attends the birth of a lamb? A shepherd!

Messiah is the Passover Lamb. He dies at the exact time, in Nisan, that the Passover Lamb dies. So it would be only right that He would also be born at the same time as the Passover Lambs. Exodus 12- "Take a lamb that is one

year old." They are born the year before during Nisan/Spring!  
A puzzle piece from the Rabbi's: Isaac is one of the first foreshadows of the Messiah. He is the only son of the father, who is offered up as sacrifice on Mt. Moriah. He carries the sacrificial wood on his back up to the sacrifice. When was he born and died? We don't know for sure but the Rabbi's say they both took place in Nisan (Abraham and Jacob too!).

It is no accident that the greatest events of Messiah's, first coming, happen in Nisan, according to the Hebrew calendar. He dies on the Hebrew *Pesach* and is resurrected from the dead on early First Fruits (*Yom Bikkurim*). Messiah's events happened during Biblical appointed times...but the problem is, His birth can't take place on any day that has the Biblical requirement that everyone be in Jerusalem, because he is born in Bethlehem. This rules out *Pesach/Passover*, *Shav'uot /Pentecost* and *Sukkot/Tabernacles*. Day of Trumpets/*Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur/Day of Atonement* are prophetically not in the right place because they undoubtedly point to His second coming.

Now we have the Mystery of the order- of the sacred year. His death happens on Nisan 14 (Passover) and he raises at the end of Nisan 16 (First Fruits), then comes Shavuot, where the Holy Spirit comes... Everything in His life happens in order. So, you have to go back to find His birth. You have to go back before Passover, but there you only have a small window of about 2 weeks left, until the beginning of the year! Nisan 1. Messiah also follows the theme of the holy days- He dies when the Passover Lambs die, He raises when the first fruits are lifted up from the earth. So, what could be a theme around here that would match His birth?

Birth, The Beginning and the Beginning of Beginning, His birth is the day that makes every other day of His life possible! Is there a Day? Yes! Only one! Exodus 12- God tells them, "This month shall be the beginning for you"... Nisan/Aviv 1 is the beginning of the Biblical year and the beginning of the Biblical feasts! The birth of the year; it opens up every other day that will come.

Messiah and Israel are bound together- a deep bond between the two. God said:

When Israel was a child, I called my son out of Egypt. Messiah was also called out of Egypt.

Israel was to be a light to the nations- so is Messiah.

Messiah was crucified- Israel was crucified.

Messiah was resurrected- Israel was resurrected.

Israel begins its new year on Nisan 1- so Messiah would be linked to that day too.

It's the day that changes the old to new. Birth of Messiah- it changed the calendar for everyone for ALL time- World History!

The Moon- on Nisan 14 was a full moon. The Hebrew calendar follows the Lunar calendar. The moon reaches its fullness half way through the month, this is also when Messiah's life reached it's fullness and he dies. But the Moon begins on Nisan 1 at the New Moon- Messiah's life would also follow that as well.

Is Nisan 1 a day when you have to be in Jerusalem? No. Is it a sacred day given by God? Yes, the very first commandment! "This shall be the first month for you..." Exodus 12.

We know the Pagan roots of Dec. 25th and why the church split. The faith of "the church" was cut off from its roots and then transplanted from Jerusalem to Rome. If you look at Dec. 25th there may be part of the mystery hidden there. What is next to it? New Years! January 1st is the first day of the Roman calendar {celebrating the two-faced god Janus, who looks forward and backwards}. So, the birth of Yeshua (Jesus) is linked to New Years, but moved or hidden by the enemy!

**In the middle ages many continued to celebrate the New Year in April, instead of in January, and so they were called April Fools. There are lots of ancient writings and even carvings that say Messiah was born in the springtime, in Nisan.**

The Go'el Redemption- a beautiful picture. Judah+Tamar = a child (twins), Boaz+Ruth= a child. This all happens in the line of David, of the Tribe of Judah. God does it himself...He becomes one with Israel. He joined with Myriam, through the Holy Spirit and then the Go'el child is then born, in Bethlehem.

A clue, Ruth and Boaz come together at the end of the wheat harvest (Sivan/Tammuz- June) and Obed is born nine months later on Nisan 1. {BTW-They lived in Bethlehem!}

For another clue- we go to the Magi, who came from the east. They were priest, who studied astronomy/astrology. They say they are looking for the Messiah, "We saw His Star". What would cause them to link that to the birth of the Jewish Messiah? Daniel was in charge of them and was given the prophecy of the birth of Messiah. He taught them! {They were probably Hebrews! Why else would they come to worship a Jewish King?}~ The star moved before them! It was supernatural. Herod was enraged and using *the time* he got from the Magi (Matt 2:16), he ordered the death of all the male children under two, in Bethlehem. Sorry, No wise men at the birth of the Messiah! The star appeared (*the sign of the birth of a king*) and guided them for two years. Yeshua was a young child in a house with Yosef & Miryam by then. Herod died (even though people try to move his death

date, but it's linked to an eclipse and it took place) in 4 B.C.. When did the star appear? In 6 B.C., (2 years before) a convergence of planets; Saturn, Jupiter, Venus, Mars, the moon and the Sun! A double occultation (sp?), *something important happening*, of Jupiter (*The King*) took place in space, in the constellation of Aries (*the Ram/Jews*). This only happens once in 6,000 years and it took place in the Spring time! This is why the Magi asked with confidence, in Jerusalem.... "Where is He, born King of the Jews?"

Luke 1:5- Zechariah (*Elisheva*)- of *Aviyah*, appointed order of the priestly service. If we can figure this out we can have more clues as to John's birth. Josephus says the order was still in effect in his day. 24 courses- 24 weeks, x2 that they serve and 3 weeks they ALL serve (during the three most important feasts where everyone is there!). This equals 52 weeks. You have to add in leap years, leap months, etc. and a few other complicated things....but they can pinpoint it by a newer discovery in the Dead Sea Scrolls! Two of the Scrolls- contained a calendar of the priestly course! This told us that their course was not the same every year...it moved forward. And began to line up more like the Gregorian and Hebrew calendar do today. So, their course falls on a different week of the year, each year! This makes it more tricky, but if you can find one match, you can figure out the moving rotation. {All possible because of today's technology-computers!}

Another clue- from the Dead Sea Scrolls! The day that starts the cycle is told in a kind of code.... but here it is deciphered: "when the sun rises due east, shines on the celestial equator, at the horizon, at dawn on Wednesday in the course of the sons of Gamul." It is describing the spring equinox and when this lands on a Wednesday, in their course! We also know the first Temple was destroyed on Sunday, the 9th of Av and we know the priestly course was Jehorahib (sp?), through Josephus! So, this confirms when Gamul was serving and it matches the Dead Sea Scroll calendar! After narrowing it down to 6 dates and then one... Yochanan's (John the Baptist) conception was during the week of January 18th-25th of 7 B.C. (Birth around Oct) and that gives us Messiah's birth as (Mar/Apr) Nisan 1, 6 B.C.

Was Messiah born earlier than expected? Probably, as no responsible, godly man would have his very pregnant wife out traveling and without shelter. So, they probably thought they had at the least 1-2 weeks, or 10 days. {He was probably originally due at Passover!} But *Miryam* delivers almost as soon as they arrived in Bethlehem on- **March 20, 6 B.C.**, which is Nisan 1, on the Hebrew Calendar that year! This is the exact date the star appeared according to computer calculations done recently as well!

The very last clue! John 1, " The Word became Flesh, and (dwelt) tabernacled among us...". It says God came and set up A (1) tent with us- an earthly tent (flesh)! This is spoken of at the beginning not the end, like Sukkot. This is the incarnation of Messiah, the Torah dwelling with His people!

What was the relationship between God and Israel? It was a covenant, a marriage between a groom and a bride! What was Sinai? It was the place of the covenant. If there is a marriage, there is a union and fruit of the union- children. God is the groom, Israel is the bride....there has to be fruit of the union! The bride must bear something- Birth of Messiah! Israel bore the presence of God to the world. What comes from this marriage at Sinai? The Tabernacle. The child had the nature of both parents. The Tabernacle was called the Tent of Meeting. It was made up of something from each of them. God provided the Spirit and Man provided the materials for it. Messiah is the same- He has the nature/Spirit of God and the flesh (tent) of man.

God gives Moses the Torah and the Ten Commandments during Sivan/Tammuz-May/June (Conception)...Israel accepts and after the covenant/Marriage/I Do's are said... they eat and drink, under the cover of the *Chuppah*. Moses on Sinai, representing Israel enters into the covenant with God and then they feast for 7 days on the mountain with God. The Tabernacle then comes (the child). The seed is given- The WORD-A blueprint/map/pattern (DNA) for building the Tabernacle of God. The mother is giving her of her flesh/substance/an offering (gold, silver, materials to build it, etc) and the two become one, in about 9 months, the child is born- the Tabernacle is complete, in 38 weeks, 266 days!! When was it completed? on Nisan 1! (Exodus 40)

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The Jews basically have left God's New Year behind and they celebrate their New Year in Tishri (Rosh Hashanah)! Even though we have freedom in Messiah, when it comes to days...we should be holding *this day* as one of importance, because it was important to God!

If it wasn't for the nation of Israel's rejection of Messiah, we would have never been divorced from our roots; Rudolph and Santa would never have come about! The Body of Messiah, is responsible for all of this and we need to get back to our roots. Get back to Acts- Jew and Gentile together as one in Messiah!

The Jews don't recognize their Messiah, their brother, because He is covered in Egyptian (Gentile) clothing! Wrapped in the pagan robes of Christmas. And the Messianic Believers don't recognize the Body of Messiah in the "Church", because "its" clothed in Pagan/Traditional things! The Church can never be complete without Israel and Israel can't be

complete without the Church. Israel was created to be a LIGHT to the Gentiles! The mystery is: us as ONE!

The Church is our daughter, born in the womb of her mother Israel, of God our Father. Can a mother forget her child? Yes? Can a child forget her mother? Yes! But the greater responsibility is of the mother. The Church has been separated from its Jewishness, but now we are back! **Time to search out our Hebraic roots, Church! Find our way back to the Olive Tree and our brethren.** We are of the common wealth of Israel. Our Mikurah/Origin-We all come FROM a Messianic Jewish Movement of the 1st Century! Jew and Gentile One in Messiah!

Read the Messianic Jews and their messages- Mattiyahu/Matthew, Sha'ul/Paul, Yochannan/John, Kefa/Peter, Ya'akov/James....etc. They were not afraid to tell you the TRUTH! They weren't afraid to bring Messiah to the World. The Rabbi's missed the New Beginning....don't you miss it!

This Jewish Rabbi is so awesome, that everyone, even the Muslims and Hindus, on this planet are geared to and run everything by his birth (our computers and clocks)! Every event in history looks towards and from his birth! **He is our Rabbi, our Savior and Best Friend!** How cool is that. If Frosty the Snowman is the sign of the separation, then WE are the sign of the reconciliation! The book can't close until Israel is in her rightful place....so PRAY for Israel, the Jews and their salvation!