

## Scriptural Indications for Yehoshua's Birth on Tabernacles

To "Tabernacle" = To dwell with, or to inhabit

*"My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people." - Ezekiel 37:27*

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the (Shekinah) glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. - John 1:14*

- 1) When was John the Baptist conceived and subsequently born?
  - a) John's father, Zacharias, was in the priestly division of Abijah – Luke 1:5  
*"In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron."*
  - b) King David set up priestly divisions - Abijah was the 8<sup>th</sup> - 1 Chronicles 24:3,10  
*"With the help of Zadok a descendant of Eleazar and Ahimelech a descendant of Ithamar, David separated them into divisions for their appointed order of ministering."  
  
"....the seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah..."*
  - c) Divisions began Nisan 1<sup>st</sup>(the beginning of the year) - Exodus 12:1  
*"The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, <sup>2</sup> 'This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year.'"*
  - d) Each served a week in order, all served during 3 High (Pilgrimage) Feasts (Appointments) – I Chronicles 23:31  
*"...and whenever burnt offerings were presented to the LORD on Sabbaths and at New Moon festivals and at appointed feasts. They were to serve before the LORD regularly in the proper number and in the way prescribed for them."*
  - e) Because the 8<sup>th</sup> Division (Abijah) would have served the week before Pentecost, Zacharias was given the lesser job of lighting incense – Luke 1:8-9  
*"Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense."*
  - f) Zacharias' wife, Elizabeth conceives just after Pentecost (May/June) and remains in seclusion for 5 months (September/October) – Luke 1:23-24  
*"When his time of service was completed, he returned home. After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion."*
  - g) In Elizabeth's 6<sup>th</sup> month (October/November), Gabriel visits Mary with the Good News - Luke 1:26-28, 36  
*"In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is*

with you.” <sup>36</sup>Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month.”

- h) Just after hearing the news, Mary goes to stay with Elizabeth for about 3 months (February) – Luke 1:39-41, 56

*“At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. <sup>56</sup>Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.”*

- i) Elizabeth gives birth to John shortly after Mary leaves (March/April) which was the time of the Passover – Luke 1:56-57

*“Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home. When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son.”*

- j) John went out in the spirit of Elijah who is/was traditionally expected to arrive at Passover – Luke 1:17, 80

*“And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous – to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.” <sup>80</sup>And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and he lived in the desert until he appeared publicly to Israel.”*

- 2) Jesus was conceived and, therefore born, six months after John the Baptist. There are 40 weeks in pregnancy – count the weeks.

- a) Mary was with child when she first saw Elizabeth at 6 months – Luke 1:39-42
- b) Joseph registered in Bethlehem at same time he was required to be in Jerusalem for the Feasts of Tabernacles.
- c) Of the 3 pilgrimage Feasts; Tabernacles was traditionally the one that the whole family attended, not just the men.
- d) No room in the inn because 2.5 million Jews were in Jerusalem for Tabernacles

- 3) Jesus circumcised on sacred 8<sup>th</sup> Day: Lev. 23:36: “...and on the eighth day hold a sacred assembly”.

Luke 2:21: *“On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Yehoshua, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived.”*

Genesis 17:11-12: *“You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you. For the generations to come every male among you who is eight days old must be circumcised...”*

Psalms 118:14

*“The LORD (Yehovah) is my strength and my song;  
He has become my salvation (Yeshua).”*