

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



WAS JESUS BORN ON

December 25th

or at **Succoth סוכת in the Hebrew month
of Tishrei (around the
beginning of October)?**

The early Christians did not celebrate Jesus' birthday. People first thought about doing this around 300 years later. The earliest mention of December 25th was in the year 336.

December 25th was also the date for the pagan festival dedicated to the sun god called the 'Birth of the Unconquerable Sun.' This took place as the days got longer after the shortest day of the year on December 21st.

Christmas as promoted in our culture is also quite pagan. It's all about eating and drinking, spending loads of money we can't afford on presents we don't need and a mythical person called Santa Claus who does not really exist. None of this has anything to do with the meaning of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection from the dead.

Jesus (Yeshua to give Him His Hebrew name) was born Jewish and the events of His life fitted in with the prophecies of the Messiah. There is evidence that Jesus may have been born at the time of the Jewish festival of Succoth (Tabernacles) in the Hebrew month of Tishrei. This corresponds to late September, early October. For information about this send for our article '[When was Jesus born?](#)'

Although we don't get excited about December 25th, we are very excited about what the birth of Jesus means.

- It means that God has come to us in the person of Jesus Christ in order to save us from our sins so we can know forgiveness and reconciliation to God.
- It means that ancient prophecies written in Hebrew prophets like Isaiah and Micah and Daniel have come to pass in the person of Yeshua / Jesus the Messiah and Saviour of the world.
- It means we can know the love of God and receive new life in the Holy Spirit now and forever.

We invite you to meetings about this subject. Come in person or tune in to our [Internet site](#).

[Sunday December 14th at 11 am](#)

- Was Jesus really God in the flesh, or just a man? What does the first chapter of John's Gospel tell us about this?

[December 14th at 6.30 pm](#)

- The virgin birth prophecy in Isaiah and its fulfilment in the New Testament.

Sunday 21st December at 11 am

What the Gospels tell us about the birth of the Messiah.

December 21st at 6.30pm

December 25th or Succoth? Reasons why Succoth / early October is the more likely date for the birth of Jesus.

December 28th at 6.30pm

As usual on the last Sunday evening in the month we look at current events in the light of Bible prophecy and the coming return of the Messiah in our '[This Month in Prophecy](#)' talk. Fascinating information you need to know.

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