

WHEN WAS JESUS BORN?

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

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25

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Why Do We Celebrate Christmas in December?



- The question of when Jesus was really born often comes up around Christmas Time. Dec.? Oct? Sept?
- I think if our Heavenly Father had felt it was really important for us to know, He would have told us.
- Why do we celebrate His birth on Dec.25th?
- There was an early tradition that Mary was told on March 25th she would have baby Jesus. Add 9 months ...
- There were the Roman pagan festivals of Saturnalia and the “Birth of the Sun” held at the winter Solstice
- Pope Gregory created Gregorian Calendar in 16th century

Bible Clues To Jesus Birth



- The fact that the Shepherds were in the field (Lk.2) tells us it was probably not December. Jerusalem and Bethlehem are at high elevation and it is cold with chance of snow in December.
- Beyond the census, it may also have been near Feast of Tabernacles, when Jerusalem and surrounding towns overflow with visitors. Therefore, no room in the Inn. This year mid Oct.
- John's use of "tabernacled among us," in John 1 may be a cryptic hint to Jesus being born on or near Feast of Tabernacles.
- Another potential clue comes from the Stars.

The Stars As Signs



- What we do know, is that cultures were much more attuned to the skies than we are today. Job 9:9; 38:31-32
- We are talking about Astro or Astral-Theology, not Astrology
- It is the idea that the ancients (Jews and Christians included) looked at the heavens and considered what was going on in the heavens as signs of God working out his will or was God about to do something. It had a prophetic flavor.
- We see that generally in the Gospels with the Second Coming. There will be the sign or signs of the Son of Man in the heavens. That is part of eschatology in biblical thinking.
- Could it be that it was also a part of His first coming?

The Stars As Signs

- Gen.1:14 - And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years”
- Ps.19:1-4 – declare, proclaims, pours out speech, reveals knowledge, their voice goes out, their words to end of world
- Rom.10:14-18 – At some point, the heavens declared salvation
- Matt.2:1-2 - Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” Adore, fawn, crouch, do reverence
- Matt.2:11 –they fell down and worshipped Him.



The Stars As Signs



- The term used for star means celestial body.
- What was it that the wise men saw that prompted them to travel over 1000 km. to WORSHIP the new King
- Daniel was chief of all the wise guys in Babylon – 2:48; 5:11
- Daniel would have instructed them from the book of Isaiah, Jeremiah and Torah on the promise of a coming Messiah
- And they watched the stars.
- John wrote in Revelation what may have been what the wise men saw. Rev.12:1-6

23rd September 2017

22nd September 2017 = Yom Teruah - Rosh Hashanah - Feast of Trumpets

Job 9v9 [KJV]
Which maketh Arcturus,
Orion, and Pleiades, and
the chambers of the south.

Arcturus

Luke 21v11 [KJV]
And great earthquakes shall be
in divers places, and famines, and
pestilences; and fearful sights and
great signs shall there be from heaven.

Genesis 1v14 [KJV]
And God said, Let there be lights in the
firmament of the heaven to divide the day
from the night; and let them be for signs,
and for seasons, and for days, and years:

Virgo

42 Weeks
(7x6x7 days)

8 = August 2017	3 = March 2017
7 = July 2017	2 = February 2017
6 = June 2017	1 = January 2017
5 = May 2017	12 = December 2016
4 = April 2017	11 = November 2016

2 Weeks
(2x7 days)

9 = September

Jupiter 9

Spica

Moon

Sun

Leo

Regulus

Venus
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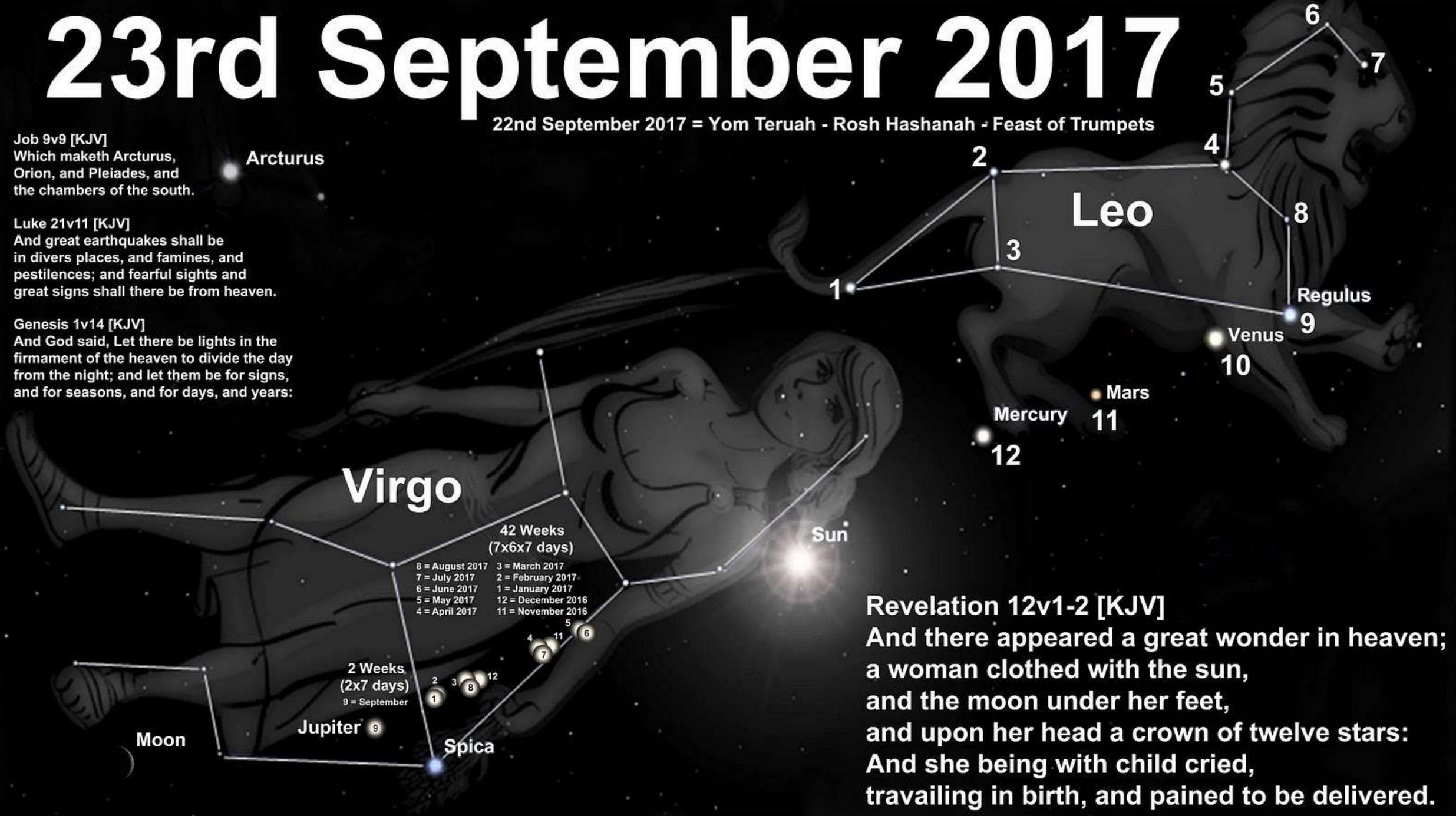
Mars

Mercury 11

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Revelation 12v1-2 [KJV]

And there appeared a great wonder in heaven;
a woman clothed with the sun,
and the moon under her feet,
and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:
And she being with child cried,
travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.



Revelation 12 Sign

September 23, 2017

*Crown of 12 Stars
9 Stars in Leo + 3 Planets*

Leo

Venus

Regulus

Mars

Mercury

Sun

Woman Clothed in the Sun

Moon under Feet | Pregnant with Child

Virgo

42 Weeks

Jupiter

Spica

Moon

And a great sign appeared in heaven:
a woman clothed with the sun,
with the moon under her feet,
and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

She was pregnant and was crying out
in birth pains and the agony of giving birth.

Revelation 12:1-2

Lion of the Tribe of Judah (Leo)
The Seed of the Woman (Virgo)
Crushing the Serpent's Head (Hydra)



The Stars As Signs



- John is speaking of the birth and ascension of Jesus.
- The woman is Israel. She gives birth to a baby boy who will rule the nations with a rod of iron. – Jesus
- Leo, King of the beasts. Jupiter, King planet, being birthed
- Satan sought to destroy Jesus at his birth. Killing of the boy babies in Bethlehem.
- After his resurrection he ascends to heaven and his throne.
- They tell us this same celestial configuration happened on Sept.11, 3 B.C.
- Moon only gives 90 min. window for this all to line up

Christmas



- Why do we celebrate Christmas on Dec.25th?
- Because that is when our culture does, and it gives us the opportunity to tell the true message and significance of Christmas.
- Is the date important? No
- The fact that Jesus was born of a virgin in Bethlehem to establish the Kingdom of Heaven is.
- Our Christmas Eve Service has many people from the community attend. Would you like to help?