

WHEN WAS JESUS BORN?

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The Bible scriptures people read about the birth of Jesus are Luk. 2:1-20 and Mat. 2:1-12. Read these scriptures located at the end of this article and you see that they do not give the date of December 25 as his birthday.

HOW WE GOT DECEMBER 25

December 25 has to do with the winter solstice. Winter solstice is an astronomical phenomenon that marks the shortest day and the longest night of the year. It occurs for the northern hemisphere in December and for the southern hemisphere in June. This happens because as the earth follows its orbit around the sun, the two hemispheres face opposite directions along the planetary pole. The hemisphere that faces away from the sun, experiences winter, and will, in half a year, face towards the sun and experience summer.

But to ancient pagan people for whom the diminishing sun brought annual hardship and famine, the winter solstice appeared to them as though their sun god was forsaking them. As the winter solstice approached, the sun slowed and stopped. But then it began to return giving the impression of its rebirth. So they invented festivals to celebrate and to urge the sun's return.

Wikipedia, the online encyclopedia, <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas> tells us this about the festival of December 25.

“Dies Natalis Solis Invicti” means “the birthday of the Unconquered Sun”, a festival inaugurated by the Roman emperor Aurelian, who reigned 270-275 AD, to honor the sun god. It was celebrated at the winter solstice, December 25. During the reign of the emperor Constantine (306-337 AD), Christian writers assimilated this feast as the birthday of Jesus, associating him with the ‘sun of righteousness’ mentioned in Malachi 4:2.”

As pagan peoples were converted to Christianity in the time of the Christian emperor Constantine, their celebrations were converted with them. Other Christmas customs such as trees decorated with golden balls like the sun also have their roots in pagan worship.

The sad truth is that Christmas is a lie told about the real Jesus. He was not born on December 25 and never had anything to do with the birthday of the sun god.

BIBLICAL CLUES ABOUT JESUS' BIRTH DATE

Although the Bible does not give us the date of Jesus' birth, it does give clues as to when he was born. Together, these clues give us at least the year and the season, if not the actual day.

CLUE NUMBER 1 THE DAYS OF HEROD THE KING

The first clue as to Jesus' birth date is found in Mat 2:1. (See scriptures below) His birth occurred in the days of Herod the King. Herod was reigning in Jerusalem (Mat 2:3) where he

received the wise men as they traveled to Bethlehem which is about five miles south of Jerusalem.

We can know by what Flavius Josephus, the Jewish historian who lived from 37-100 AD wrote - that Herod was in Jerusalem in the fall of 5 BC. But soon after the Jewish fall holy days in September, Herod left Jerusalem and went to the warm baths at Callirrhoe beyond Jordan for his health. He then went to his winter palace in Jericho where he died before the holy days that occurred April 11-18 in the spring of 4 BC. To read all the quotations and commentary from Josephus, read this article:

http://www.marieslibrary.com/PDF_Articles/JesusBornReignOfHerod.pdf Together, these quotations tell us that since Herod left Jerusalem soon after the fall of 5 BC and never returned, Jesus could not have been born later than the fall of 5 BC. Thus he was not born in the winter of that year.

CLUE NUMBER 2 THE COURSE OF ABIJAH

The second clue has to do with the conception of John the Baptist who was conceived six months before Jesus was conceived. Scriptures about the two conceptions are found in Luke 1 below:

Luk 1:5 says that Zacharias, John the Baptist's father, was of the 'course of Abia'. What does this mean? The course of Abia or Abijah was a period of time that a priest worked in the temple.

In 1Chr 24:1-19, (See scriptures below) King David had divided the priests into twenty-four working shifts or courses. Each course worked in the temple for one week from noon Sabbath to noon Sabbath from the new moon beginning the first month (Nisan 1). All courses worked during holy days. When the twenty-four courses were completed, they started over on the new moon beginning the seventh month (Tishri 1) to complete the year.

For reference on the priestly divisions see also this Wikipedia article:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Priestly_divisions

So what we have to do is find the week that Zecharias worked in the temple and reconstruct the calendar for that year. During this week Zecharias saw the angel Gabriel who told him he was going to have a son. Then after his course was finished he went home and soon afterwards his wife Elizabeth conceived. Mary then conceived Jesus in the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy. (Luk 1:26,36)

Notice in 1Chr 24 that verse 10 says Abijah was the eighth course. This means that it occurred during the eighth week from the beginning of the first month (Nisan 1). Here is the reconstruction of the calendar for 6 BC.

Nisan 1 was Saturday, March 20, 6 BC when the courses began.

The first course worked from March 20 to 27.

The second course worked from March 27 to April 3.

All courses worked from Passover, April 2 to April 10.

The third course worked from April 10 to 17.

The fourth course worked from April 17 to 24.

The fifth course worked from April 24 to May 1.
The sixth course worked from May 1 to 8.
The seventh course worked from May 8 to 15th.
The eighth course (Abijah) worked from May 15 to 22.
All courses worked from May 22 to 29 for Pentecost so Zecharias worked this week also.
After his two weeks were over (from May 15-29), Zecharias went home the end of May.
Sometime in June Elizabeth conceived according to the angel's promise.
July completed the first month of Elizabeth's pregnancy.
August completed the second month of Elizabeth's pregnancy.
September completed the third month of Elizabeth's pregnancy.
October completed the fourth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy.
November completed the fifth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy.
December completed the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy.
Mary conceived in December, 6 BC, the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy. (Luk 1:36)
January, 5 BC, completed the seventh month of Elizabeth's pregnancy and the first month of Mary's pregnancy.
February completed the eighth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy and the second month of Mary's pregnancy.
March completed the ninth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy and the third month of Mary's pregnancy.
John the Baptist was probably born during the spring holy days, Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread which occurred March 22-29 5BC.
April completed the fourth month of Mary's pregnancy.
May completed the fifth month of Mary's pregnancy.
June completed the sixth month of Mary's pregnancy.
July completed the seventh month of Mary's pregnancy.
August completed the eighth month of Mary's pregnancy.
September completed the ninth month of Mary's pregnancy.
Jesus was probably born during the fall holy days, Trumpets, Day of Atonement and Feast of Tabernacles in the fall of 5 BC - before King Herod left Jerusalem.

Some might ask, 'well, how do we know if we have the right course of Abijah? There were two courses of Abijah in the year. Maybe the count started at the later course of Abijah – or the earlier one in the previous year'.

The later course of Abijah was in November, six months from this one that occurred May 15-22. If we start counting at the later Abijah week to Jesus' birth, we end up with his birth being six months later than the fall of 5 BC. This would put it in March of 4 BC. At that time, as we already know, Herod was no longer in Jerusalem. The previous course of Abijah was in November, six months earlier than this one. If we start from the Abijah week in November of the previous year, Jesus would be 30 years old in the spring of 26 AD instead of the fall of 26 AD. Then, instead of having a three and a half year ministry from the time he was baptized at 30 years old to the time he died in the spring of 30 AD, he would have a four-year ministry. This does not fit with the New Testament scriptures. It also does not fit with the next clue concerning the 15th year of Tiberius Caesar whose 15th year began in the fall of 26 AD, not the spring of that year.

Thus we see that we have the correct course of Abijah that places Jesus' birth in the fall of 5 BC.

In this article the calendar months have been reconstructed from the beginning of the year, Nisan 1 to the birth month of Jesus.

http://www.marieslibrary.com/PDF_Articles/JesusBornCourseOfAbijah.pdf

CLUE NUMBER 3 THE 15th YEAR OF TIBERIUS

Luke chapter 3 tells us that John the Baptist began preaching and baptizing in the 15th year of Tiberius Caesar. Jesus came to him at that time to be baptized and he was 30 years old.

(Scriptures below) This chart shows how the life of Jesus Christ fits perfectly in between the reign of Herod and the 15th year of Tiberius.

Years BC AD	Reign of Augustus	Reign of Herod	Life of Jesus	Reign of Tiberius	Reign of Philip Herod's son
40 BC		1	Herod became King at Rome		
39		2			
38		3			
37		4	1	Herod became king of Judea	
36		5	2		
35		6	3		
34		7	4		
33		8	5		
32		9	6		
31		10	7		
30		11	8		
29		12	9		
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27	1	14	11		
26	2	15	12		
25	3	16	13		
24	4	17	14		
23	5	18	15		
22	6	19	16		
21	7	20	17		
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18	10	23	20		
17	11	24	21		
16	12	25	22		
15	13	26	23		
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13	15	28	25		
12	16	29	26		

11	17	30	27			
10	18	31	28			
9	19	32	29			
8	20	33	30			
7	21	34	31			Philip began
6	22	35	32			To reign when
5	23	36	33	0	Jesus born fall of 5 BC	Herod died
4	24	37	34	1	Left row reign	1
3	25	Herod died in		2	of Tiberius	2
2	26	spring 4 BC		3	Agrees with Luk	3
1	27			4	3:1 - Baptism of	4
1 AD	28			5	Christ - Tiberius	5
2	29			6	co-regent with	6
3	30			7	Augustus from	7
4	31			8	12 AD.	8
5	32			9	Right row reign	9
6	33			10	of Tiberius	10
7	34			11	Agrees with Jos	11
8	35			12	Ant 18:4:6 -	12
9	36			13	Philip's reign -	13
10	37			14	Not counting	14
11	38			15	co-regent years	15
12	39	Co-regent years		16	1	16
13	40	with Tiberius		17	2	17
14	41	died		18	3 1	18
15				19	4 2	19
16				20	5 3	20
17				21	6 4	21
18				22	7 5	22
19				23	8 6	23
20				24	9 7	24
21				25	10 8	25
22				26	11 9	26
23				27	12 10	27
24				28	13 11	28
25				29	14 12	29
26	Jesus baptized at 30 years old in 26 AD, the 15 th year of			30	15 13	30
27	Tiberius			31	16 14	31
28				32	17 15	32
29				33	18 16	33
30	Jesus died Passover Apr 5 spring of 30 AD after three and			33 1/2	19 17	34
31	a half year ministry				20 18	35
32	The Hebrew year 29 AD began in the fall				21 19	36
33	Tishri) of 29 AD and ended in the fall				22 20	37
34	Elul) of 30 AD. The Passover of Jesus'				23 21	38

35	death, Wednesday, April 5, 30 AD, was			24	22	39
36	in the middle of this year			25	23	40
37				26 died	24	41
38						42
39						43 exiled
40						

To read all the references on the reign of Tiberius, please see this link:
http://www.marieslibrary.com/PDF_Articles/JesusBaptismTiberius.pdf

CLUE NUMBER 4 THE TAXING UNDER CYRENNIUS

Another clue had to do with the taxing decree of Caesar Augustus in the Luke 2 scriptures. Luk 2:2 says that this taxing was first made when Cyrennius was Governor of Syria. However, Josephus the Jewish historian tells us that he was not Governor of Syria until 6 AD. Herod was dead since the spring of 4 BC. So of course Jesus could not have been born in 6 AD. So here we have a problem. The problem is solved by saying that the decree must have gone out from Augustus in 5 BC as this is when Joseph went to Bethlehem to be registered for the tax. But the taxing of the entire population was not completed until the time when Cyrennius was Governor of Syria in 6 AD. To read the entire article about this taxing see the following article:
http://www.marieslibrary.com/PDF_Articles/JesusBornCyrenius.pdf

CONCLUSION

These Biblical clues do not give us the exact day of Jesus' birth. But when we reconstruct the calendar for the month of his birth, we can show an idea of the day.

These are the calendar months for the births of John the Baptist and Jesus

5 BC March Yr 3756							John the Baptist's birth month Nisan 1 (the first month) was March 9 Passover was the 14 th day of the first month or March 22. The Feast of Unleavened Bread was March 23-29 There was a Total lunar eclipse March 23 at 8:30 PM
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
			1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30	31		
Adar/Nisan							

5 BC September Yr 3756							Jesus Christ's birth month Tishri 1 (the seventh month) was Sept 2 The Day of Atonement was the tenth day of the seventh month or Sept 11 The Feast of Tabernacles was the fifteenth day of the seventh
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
					1	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	

17	18	19	20	21	22	23	month from Sept 16 to Sept 22 The Last Great Day was Sept 23.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
Elul/Tishri							There was a total lunar eclipse Sept 15 at 10:30 PM

Because there was a total lunar eclipse in both John's birth month and Jesus', it is possible that the births took place at the time of these lunar eclipses. John's birth possibly took place at the end of the First Day of Unleavened Bread. In the Hebrew calendar days begin at sunset. So Jesus' birthday possibly took place on the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles. Knowing how important the holy days are to God, these are reasonable possibilities.

SCRIPTURES TO READ

SCRIPTURES IN LUKE

Luk 1:5 There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth.

Luk 1:6 And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

Luk 1:7 And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years.

Luk 1:8 And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course,

Luk 1:9 According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord.

Luk 1:10 And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense.

Luk 1:11 And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

Luk 1:12 And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

Luk 1:13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

Luk 1:14 And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

Luk 1:15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.

Luk 1:16 And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.

Luk 1:17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

Luk 1:18 And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.

Luk 1:19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.

Luk 1:20 And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.

Luk 1:21 And the people waited for Zacharias, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple.

Luk 1:22 And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple: for he beckoned unto them, and remained speechless.

Luk 1:23 And it came to pass, that, as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house.

Luk 1:24 And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying,

Luk 1:25 Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men.

Luk 1:26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

Luk 1:27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

Luk 1:28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

Luk 1:29 And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

Luk 1:30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

Luk 1:31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

Luk 1:32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

Luk 1:33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Luk 1:34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

Luk 1:35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Luk 1:36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.

Luk 1:37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

Luk 1:38 And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Luk 2:1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

Luk 2:2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

Luk 2:3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

Luk 2:4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

Luk 2:5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

Luk 2:6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

Luk 2:7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luk 2:8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Luk 2:9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

Luk 2:10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

Luk 2:11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Luk 2:12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

Luk 2:13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Luk 2:14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Luk 2:15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

Luk 2:16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

Luk 2:17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

Luk 2:18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

Luk 2:19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

Luk 2:20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Luk 3:1 Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene,

Luk 3:2 Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.

Luk 3:3 And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins;

Luk 3:4 As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Luk 3:5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth;

Luk 3:6 And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Luk 3:7 Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

Luk 3:8 Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

Luk 3:9 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Luk 3:10 And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then?

Luk 3:11 He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise.

Luk 3:12 Then came also publicans to be baptized, and said unto him, Master, what shall we do?

Luk 3:13 And he said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you.

Luk 3:14 And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages.

Luk 3:15 And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not;

Luk 3:16 John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:

Luk 3:17 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable.

Luk 3:18 And many other things in his exhortation preached he unto the people.

Luk 3:19 But Herod the tetrarch, being reprov'd by him for Herodias his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done,

Luk 3:20 Added yet this above all, that he shut up John in prison.

Luk 3:21 Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,

Luk 3:22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

Luk 3:23 And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli,

SCRIPTURES IN MATTHEW

Mat 2:1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

Mat 2:2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

Mat 2:3 When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

Mat 2:4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

Mat 2:5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,

Mat 2:6 And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Mat 2:7 Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

Mat 2:8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

Mat 2:9 When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

Mat 2:10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

Mat 2:11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

Mat 2:12 And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

SCRIPTURES IN 1 CHRONICLES 24

1Chr 24:1 Now these are the divisions of the sons of Aaron. The sons of Aaron; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

1Chr 24:2 But Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children: therefore Eleazar and Ithamar executed the priest's office.

1Chr 24:3 And David distributed them, both Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, according to their offices in their service.

1Chr 24:4 And there were more chief men found of the sons of Eleazar than of the sons of Ithamar; and thus were they divided. Among the sons of Eleazar there were sixteen chief men of the house of their fathers, and eight among the sons of Ithamar according to the house of their fathers.

1Chr 24:5 Thus were they divided by lot, one sort with another; for the governors of the sanctuary, and governors of the house of God, were of the sons of Eleazar, and of the sons of Ithamar.

1Chr 24:6 And Shemaiah the son of Nethaneel the scribe, one of the Levites, wrote them before the king, and the princes, and Zadok the priest, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and before the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites: one principal household being taken for Eleazar, and one taken for Ithamar.

1Chr 24:7 Now the first lot came forth to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah,

1Chr 24:8 The third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim,

1Chr 24:9 The fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin,

1Chr 24:10 The seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah,

1Chr 24:11 The ninth to Jeshua, the tenth to Shecaniah,

1Chr 24:12 The eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim,

1Chr 24:13 The thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebeab,

1Chr 24:14 The fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer,

1Chr 24:15 The seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Apses,

1Chr 24:16 The nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezekel,

1Chr 24:17 The one and twentieth to Jachin, the two and twentieth to Gamul,

1Chr 24:18 The three and twentieth to Delaiah, the four and twentieth to Maaziah.

1Chr 24:19 These were the orderings of them in their service to come into the house of the Lord, according to their manner, under Aaron their father, as the Lord God of Israel had commanded him.