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Was jesus really born in april

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS/Mormon) and its members celebrate the birth of Jesus in December along with the rest of the Christian world. However, Mormons believe that April 6 is His exact birth date. Scholars cannot agree on the year Jesus was born or His exact birth date. Some speculate it must have occurred in the spring because flocks were not in the open fields in winter. What is more, a census would not occur in winter either and we know Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem for a census. LDS scholars also have doubts about the exact birth date and continue to explore all possibilities. Our secular Christmas has some pagan roots and traditions, in addition to the religious ones revolving around Christ's birth. Christmas and Christmas traditions have certainly evolved over time. The modern LDS belief that Jesus was born on April 6 comes largely from D&C 20:1. However, modern LDS scholarship has established that the introductory verse was probably not part of the original revelation because the earliest revelation manuscript does not include it. It was likely added by early church historian and scribe, John Whittmer, at a later date. This introductory verse in this revelation is probably what James E. Talmage relied on in asserting April 6 to be Jesus' exact birth date in his seminal work, Jesus the Christ. Talmage is hardly alone in this. Most Mormons will cite this scripture and headnote as proof of Jesus' birth date as well. If April 6 is the correct birth date of Jesus Christ, it will never be established by research and debate. However, it can be known via modern revelation. Three living prophets have declared April 6 to be His exact birth date: President Harold B. Lee, President Spencer W. Kimball, President Gordon B. Hinckley. These declarations are joined by the unequivocal statement from Elder David A. Bednar, an Apostle, in his April 2014 General Conference address: "Today is April 6. We know by revelation that today is the actual and accurate date of the Savior's birth." Bednar lists D&C 20:1 and the comments from Presidents Lee, Kimball and Hinckley as his references. Although Mormons believe April 6 to be the actual birthday of Christ, they celebrate His birth on December 25, with events throughout December. The official church Christmas Devotional always takes place in early December. The Devotional features Christmas music by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, Christmas decorations, and talks commemorating Jesus' birth. Temple Square in Salt Lake City features numerous nativities, Christmas lights, Christmas exhibits, and many other presentations and events. Preparations for the Temple Square Christmas lights begin in August and is a high point of the Christmas season for members and others alike. Mormons also include special Christmas events in their local church events and family celebrations. They may believe the birth occurred in April, but they celebrate it in both December and April. The restored church of Jesus Christ was officially and legally established on April 6, 1830. This particular date was selected by Jesus Christ himself and revealed in revelation, now contained in the Doctrine & Covenants. LDS members feel a special significance to April 6. Other events often tend to coincide with the date. The Church holds General Conference twice a year, once in April and once in October. The conference is always a two-day event on Saturday and Sunday, as close to April 6 as possible. When Easter falls on or near April 6, this fact is often referred to by speakers at the April General Conference. Talks with an Easter theme usually mention both the birth and death date of Jesus Christ. April 6 will always have a special significance for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and its members as well as the celebration of His birth. Since the early 20th century, many Mormons have thought they knew the exact date of the first Christmas. Elder James E. Talmage, an apostle of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, published a book in 1915 titled "Jesus the Christ," in which he wrote, "We believe that Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem of Judea, April 6, B.C. 1." Elder Talmage didn't just randomly make up this date. He took it from Section 20 of the Doctrine and Covenants — a collection of revelations mostly through the Mormon founding prophet, Joseph Smith Jr. Since his book, Mormons — from church leaders to children — have accepted April 6 as the real date of Jesus' birth. But not every member of the LDS Church agreed with Elder Talmage's interpretation of Doctrine and Covenants 20. Jeffrey R. Chadwick, an associate professor of church history and doctrine at BYU, published an article in the latest issue of BYU Studies on "Dating the Birth of Jesus Christ" that challenges the popular but not universal Mormon dating of Jesus' birth to April 6. And he is in good company. In 1954, President J. Reuben Clark Jr., a counselor in the First Presidency of the LDS Church, wrote that Christ's birth was in December of 5 B.C. or early 4 B.C. In 1979, Elder Bruce R. McConkie, also an apostle, favored December 5 B.C. as well as alternative dates in 4 B.C. The date of April 6 comes from the date that the LDS Church was originally organized in 1830. D&C 20 begins with this introductory verse: "The rise of The Church of Christ in these last days, being one thousand eight hundred and thirty years since the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the flesh, it (the church) being regularly organized and established agreeable to the laws of our country, by the will and commandments of God, in the fourth month, and on the sixth day of the month which is called April." Steven C. Harper, a BYU assistant professor of church history and a volume editor of the Joseph Smith Papers, said in a phone interview that some people, including Elder Talmage, have read this verse as if it is the Lord speaking and revealing precisely that Christ was born 1,830 years before that day and that the revelation was given on April 6, 1830. The recent discovery of the Book of Commandments and Revelations manuscript of D&C 20, however, showed that the verse was actually an introductory head note written by early church historian and scribe John Whitmer — something he did for many of the revelations. Harper said, "So those are separate from the texts that Joseph produces by revelation." The manuscript, published as part of the Joseph Smith Papers, also shows that the revelation was given on April 10 — not April 6. So although it references the organization of the church a few days earlier, the revelation — which typically has nothing to do with the birth date of Christ — and its introductory verses "shouldn't be read as if it is a revelation of the birth date of Jesus Christ," Harper said. "The interpretation that has been most popular over time is very much subject to question; that's all I'm saying." And this wasn't the only time that John Whitmer would identify a date with similar language. Another time he wrote, "It is now June the twelfth, one thousand eight hundred and thirty one years, since the coming of our Lord and Savior in the flesh." In other words, this type of language was merely a fancy 19th-century way of saying the date. If a person accepts Chadwick, Harper, Elder McConkie and President Clark's interpretation of the verse in D&C 20, when was Jesus born? Chadwick's article goes into great detail on the various clues the Bible and the Book of Mormon give for the date of Jesus' birth. The biggest clue, by far, appears to be the death of King Herod the Great. The Bible has Jesus born before Herod's death. Chadwick wrote that the historical record places Herod's death at the end of March or beginning of April in 4 B.C. This date is confirmed by both the mention of a lunar eclipse before Herod's death and the date his son was deposed by Caesar Augustus. Both those fixed events fit together to confirm Herod's death. Needless to say, if Herod was dead in 4 B.C., a 1 B.C. birthday of Christ is impossible. So if Jesus had to be born before April 4 B.C., can the time be narrowed further? Chadwick's article in BYU Studies goes on for pages, using fixed dates to extrapolate other dates. He looked closely at the time of Jesus' death, for example, tied it to the length of Jesus' life given in the Book of Mormon, added such things as time for Jesus' circumcision eight days after his birth, Mary's 40 days of ritual purification, the visit of wise men from the east and a two-week journey to Egypt. All those events show that "at a minimum, Jesus would have to have been born eight weeks prior to Herod's death at the beginning of April (4 B.C.)." Chadwick then looks at the Annunciation to Mary that she would have a son named Jesus. Luke 1:26 placed this event in the sixth month — which at the time was from mid-to-late February to mid-to-late March. March of 5 B.C.? Add nine months. "When all is said and done," Chadwick wrote, "the facts from the New Testament, the Book of Mormon, and the history of Josephus, combined with input from archaeological and astronomical research, all point to a day in December of 5 B.C. (late in the Jewish month of Kislev) for the date of Jesus' birth." This means that the real date of Christmas may have, indeed, been on Dec. 25. "It is just as possible that Jesus was born on the calendar date we call Dec. 25 as on any other date in the few weeks preceding it or following it," Chadwick wrote. "(His birth occurred within those December weeks that we now commonly refer to as the Christmas season." e-mail: mdegroote@desnews.com Well, the Easter is the day to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who was made to the crucifixion by the cross and was killed. Then, by the modern scientific technology, we know that April 17 (Sat.), 6 B.C. was the true birthday when Jesus Christ was really born in the earth. Let's celebrate both the Easter and the true birthday of Jesus Christ (April 17) among all the Christians all over the world every year, too! Before taking baptism at the Church of Latter-Day Saint of Jesus Christ many years ago, I took lessons from the missionaries, too. They told me that Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem in the spring when the sheep were grazed in the Israeli area in fact. Since the time of his true birthday wasn't clear until now, I just tell it to other people that the Christmas is December 25. As for the date of December 25, Savior Mithra of Mithraeum, which was very popular in Babylonia area for a long time ago, was born at the day. It is said that the birthday of Mithra was borrowed by the Roman Catholic Churches in the age when the accurate birthday of Jesus Christ wasn't clear for a long time ago. Then, after medieval times came, the Christmas of December 25 became very popular around the Catholics and became celebrated very splendidly. (The day of the winter solstice in the old days was about December 25 because "the lunar calendar" was adopted and it was 28 days in one month long ago. But, since "the solar calendar" is adopted today and it is about 30 days in one month, the day of the winter solstice is about December 22 at present.) It is said that the shepherds, who visited Jesus, were watching the sheep without sleep and were preparing for childbirth of the sheep in April-May of the spring. We hope that the true birthday of Jesus Christ will be celebrated among all the Christians in the world as soon as possible. In December 2002, "the Star of Bethlehem" was taken up in the Christmas Special Program, "the Research of Holy Night" in the History Channel of SkyPerfec TV of the Satellite Broadcasting. The new theory of the Astronomer "Dr. Michael R. Molnar" was introduced there. He found the old coin which made it associate "the Star of Bethlehem" at a certain exhibition. The old coin was made in Syria in 13 A.D. On the side of it, Zeus of the Greek mythology which shows "a king" is drawn. On another side of it, the picture, which the sheep of 12 constellations is flying in the sky and is looking back at the star twinkling in the east, is drawn. An ancient constellation showed a specific area, too, and the Aries showed "the land of the Judea or Israeli area." Since Dr. Molnar found the old coin, he has been researching for "the Star of Bethlehem." Since the Magus, who came from Babylonia area when Jesus was born, were the scholars who used astrology to predict a future, Dr. Molnar thought that the Babylonian astrology had related "the Star of Bethlehem." And he got today's theory that Jesus was born at the time of the eclipse of the Jupiter. We agree with the theory of Dr. Michael R. Molnar, Astronomer, about the Christmas Star based on "The Coins of Antioch." Following his theory, we also inspected the sky over the east of the birth place with the software of the astronomical simulator. And now we believe very strongly that the true birthday of our Savior, Jesus Christ, was April 17, 6 B.C. And, in the astrology, the constellation of the person's birthday is the constellation that the sun was located in when he or she was born. Because the position of the constellations has been actually changed from that time when the astrology was created about 3000 years ago from now by the influence of the annual difference movement which the rotation shaft of the earth changes into, the sun was actually located in the position of the Pisces when Jesus was born in about 2000 years ago. So then, early Christians began to use "a fish" as the mark which symbolized "Jesus." (1) Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem, Israel around 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 17, 6 B.C. with the influence of the Mercury & Mars on the Taurus, the Sun, Jupiter & Moon on the Aries (Ram), and the Saturn, Venus & Uranus on the Pisces. The Jupiter means Zeus of the Greek Mythology and the King. Also the Aries (Ram) means Israel and a sacrifice. The eclipse of the Jupiter means that Jesus Christ would be killed by the others in the future. In addition, he was the King of the planets on the solar system. His blood type was AB type. Since the parents of Jesus carried the albino gene, Jesus had blond hair, pale blue eyes, and white skin. (2) Baptist Johannes was born in Judea, Israel around 6:00 a.m. on Friday, October 30, 7 B.C. with the influence of the Sun & Neptune on the Scorpion. (The birthday of Baptist Johannes was the third day after October 28, 7 B.C. when the Neptune approached the sun very closely. It was referred that the birthday of the Last Prophet, Claude Vorilhon, who is the reincarnation of Baptist Johannes and whose role was the same as Baptist Johannes, was Monday, September 30, 1946 A.D., the third day before October 2, 1946 A.D. when the Neptune approached the sun very closely.) Maybe, the blood type of Baptist Johannes was AO type by his profile. Baptist Johannes might be the descendant of Judea who sold Joseph to Ancient Egypt. Therefore, we should recognize that Jesus Christ was born on April 17, 6 B.C. And we should celebrate the true birthday of Jesus Christ among all the Christians in the world as soon as possible. In addition, let's celebrate both the Easter and the true birthday of Jesus Christ (April 17) among all the Christians all over the world every year, too! Then, let's make "the Christmas," when we had been celebrating as the birthday of Jesus Christ until now, a special day for all the Christians! And let's celebrate it as "a day to confess and confirm the faith to our Creators, Elohim, and our Savior, Jesus Christ from now on. Reference HP: Eileen Lecture (4): Our Savior "Jesus Christ" Update Information 1. We changed our Homepage Site better. 2. We have made new YouTube videos so that you can understand the messages from our Creators much better.

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