

7 BC – THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Songs 6:10

"Who is this who appears like the dawn?

fair as the moon, bright as the sun,

majestic as the stars in procession?"

The account of the birth of Christ is related in detail in the Book of Luke and it involves the appearance of angels who are in rapture to see the face of the LORD:

'And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. 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. To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. 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.'

Mary and Joseph sought shelter in one of the caves in the vicinity that were used to keep animals and bury the dead. The clothes Mary wrapped Jesus in were grave cloths. Baby Jesus, sweet child, was born to die.

'And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 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. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. 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. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen *it*, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard *it* wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered *them* in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.' (Luke 2:1-20)

We are told this occurred when Augustus was Caesar. He reigned from 27 BC to 14 AD. Historians claim the census of Quirinius took place in 6 BC. Our calculation is the birth took place in 7 BC. Quirinius was governor of Syria from 9 BC to 6 BC. Our date and the historical estimate of the census was quite close.

The appearance of angels is very notable in the account of Luke. The gematria of the verse Songs 6:10 confirms this fact.

GEMATRIA ANALYSIS

17,625 = 81 x 125.

The number **81** means 'Holy Angels' and **125** means 'Surrounding Protection'. When Jesus was born there were angels waiting to see him. They protected him right up to the day he died and were witnesses of His life (1 Tim 3:16)

If you add the digits in **17,625** you get **1 + 7 + 6 + 2 + 5 = 21**. The number **21** means 'Appointed Time'. Jesus came at exactly the time the prophets said He would come (see Daniel 9).