

	11		Thursday								
	12	Chislev 1	Friday								
	13		Saturday				Hakkoz	7			
	14		Sunday								
	15		Monday								
	16		Tuesday								
	17		Wednesday								
	18		Thursday								
	19		Friday								
	20		Saturday				Abijah	8			
	21		Sunday								
	22		Monday								
	23		Tuesday				8th of 24 courses				
	24		Wednesday								
	25		Thursday								
	26		Friday								
	27		Saturday				Jeshua	9			
	28		Sunday								
	29		Monday								
B.C.	30		Tuesday	HEROD		AUGUSTUS					
6	December 1		Wednesday	32		25					
	2		Thursday								
	3		Friday								
	4		Saturday				Shecaniah	10			
	5		Sunday								
	6		Monday								
	7		Tuesday								
	8		Wednesday								
	9		Thursday								
	10		Friday								
	11		Saturday				Eliashib	11			
	12	Tebeth 1	Sunday								
	13		Monday								
	14		Tuesday								
	15		Wednesday								
	16		Thursday								
	17		Friday								
	18		Saturday				Jakim	12			
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	25		Saturday				Huppah	13			
	26		Sunday								
	27		Monday								
	28		Tuesday								
	29		Wednesday								
	30		Thursday								
B.C.	31		Friday				24 courses				
5	January 1		Saturday	HEROD		AUGUSTUS	Jeshebeab	14			59th of 62 weeks
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“Zacharias, of the course of Abia/Abijah” (Luke 1:5), Abia being the name of one of the 24 “courses of eight days”, spanning “from Sabbath to Sabbath” inclusively, as instituted by king David (Antiquities VII,xiv,7; cf.1 Chronicles 24:10b).

Deducible start of the 1st month of Elisabeth's pregnancy.

Advent of John the Baptist
John was unexpectedly conceived shortly after “the course of Abijah”. Although Zacharias was a seniormost temple official having a sacred charge (Luke 1:8-11), he expressed unbelief when the angelic messenger (“Gabriel”) told him his wife Elisabeth would now in her old age miraculously conceive and give birth - and to not just a child but a preordained son.
Because he would not believe it he was rendered dumb “until the day (the delivery) shall be performed” (verses 13-20). Hence with his being suddenly unable to converse with others, Zacharias would have been in a hurry to return from Jerusalem “to his own house” in “a city of Juda” in “ the hill country” (verses 23,39), that is, to “Hebron, in the hill country of Judah”, some 20 miles from Jerusalem (Joshua 21:10,11), as soon as possible after his course had finished. And in such circumstances it is reasonable to assume Elisabeth would have conceived shortly after his return.