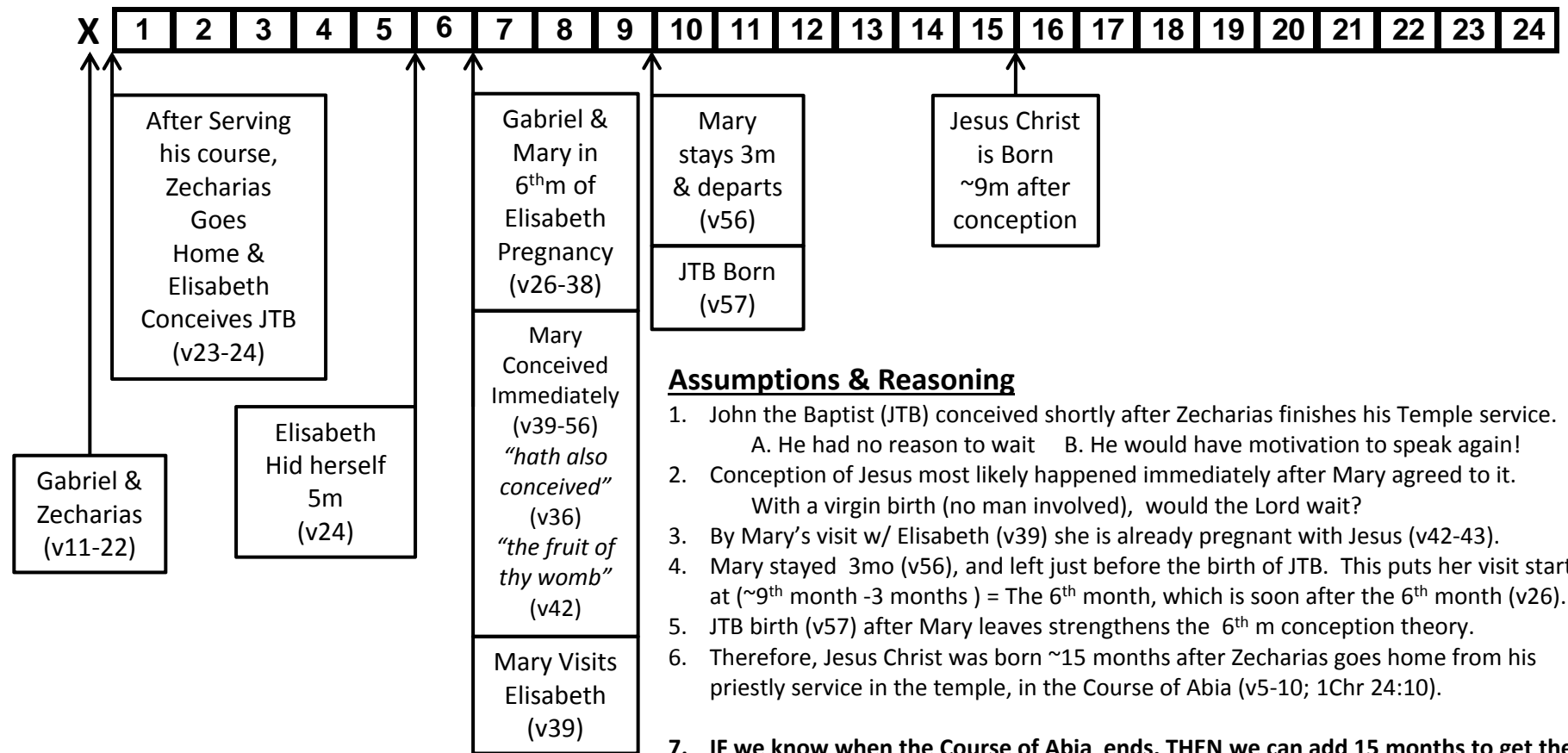


The Birth of Jesus Christ – FRONTEND Calculation

Time Line from Luke 1

Zecharias in
The Course
of Abia
(v5-10)

Elapsed months spanning ~ 2years



Assumptions & Reasoning

- John the Baptist (JTB) conceived shortly after Zecharias finishes his Temple service.
 - He had no reason to wait
 - He would have motivation to speak again!
- Conception of Jesus most likely happened immediately after Mary agreed to it. With a virgin birth (no man involved), would the Lord wait?
- By Mary's visit w/ Elisabeth (v39) she is already pregnant with Jesus (v42-43).
- Mary stayed 3mo (v56), and left just before the birth of JTB. This puts her visit start at (~9th month -3 months) = The 6th month, which is soon after the 6th month (v26).
- JTB birth (v57) after Mary leaves strengthens the 6th m conception theory.
- Therefore, Jesus Christ was born ~15 months after Zecharias goes home from his priestly service in the temple, in the Course of Abia (v5-10; 1Chr 24:10).
- IF we know when the Course of Abia ends, THEN we can add 15 months to get the approximate month of Jesus' birth (or Season at minimum).**