

# The 4 B.C. Birth Date of Christ

**A**t the time of Christ's birth, time was reckoned in the Roman Empire from the founding of the city of Rome. When Christianity became the universal religion over what had long been the Roman world, a monk named Dionysius Exiguus, at the request of Emperor Justinian, made a calendar in A.D. 526, reckoning time from the birth of Christ, to supercede the Roman calendar. Long after the Christian Calendar had replaced the Roman Calendar, it was discovered that Dionysius had made a mistake in placing the birth of Christ in 753 from the founding of Rome. It should have been about 749, or a year or two earlier. Thus the present 4 B.C. birth date of Christ.

