

A menorah with nine lit candles is centered in the image. The background is a dramatic sunset or sunrise with a bright sun partially obscured by the central candle and clouds. The sky is filled with golden light and dark, silhouetted clouds. The overall mood is solemn and spiritual.

The Feasts of Israel

Part 1

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The Gregorian Calendar

1 true solar, or tropical, year is approximately 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes and 45 seconds long.

This is the mean. The actual can vary by up to half an hour. In decimal numbers the mean solar year is 365.24219 days. The Gregorian Calendar assumes a year of 365.2425 days. The Gregorian year differs from a true year by an insignificant 26 seconds.

The year is not 365.25 days, but slightly less, that is 365.2425. Over a few years that is not significant. But, over centuries it adds up. So, the Gregorian Calendar adjusts for it.

Every year is 365 days, except when the year divides evenly by 4, when it is 366 days (i.e. a leap year), except when it divides by 100, when it is only 365 days, except when it divides by 400, then it IS 366 days.

The Gregorian calendar is the most widely used civil calendar in the world. It is named after Pope Gregory XIII, who introduced it in October 1582. It was actually the work of Italian Scientist Aloysius Lilius. But he is forgotten, and only Pope Gregory is remembered, such is the lot of the working man.

The English speaking countries adopted the Gregorian Calendar in 1752.

Wednesday, September 2, 1752 was followed by Thursday, September 14, 1752.

Hebrew Calendar

**Hebrew names of the months now in use.
They derive largely from the Babylonian captivity.**

Number	Hebrew	Hebrew name	Length	Notes
1	ניסן	Nisan March-April	30 days	called Aviv and Nisan in the T'nakh/Old Testament
2	אייר /איר	Iyar April-May	29 days	called Ziv in the T'nakh
3	סיוון	Sivan May-June	30 days	
4	תמוז	Tammuz June-July	29 days	
5	אב	Av July-August	30 days	
6	אלול	Elul August-September	29 days	

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7	תשרי	Tishri September-October	30 days	called Eitanim in the T'nakh
8	חשוון	Marheshvan October-November	29 or 30 days	often shortened to Cheshvan; called Bul in the T'nakh
9	כסלו	Kislev November-December	30 or 29 days	also spelled Chislev
10	טבת	Tevet December-January	29 days	
11	שבט	Shevat January-February	30 days	
12*	אדר א'	Adar I* February-March	30 days	* The month Adar I is only present in leap years. In non-leap years Adar II (or Vi Adar) is simply called "Adar." Purim is celebrated in "Adar", "Adar II", i.e. the final month.
12 / 13*	אדר / אדר ב'	Adar / Adar II*	29 days	

Exodus 12:2

"This month shall be unto you the beginning of months:
it shall be the first month of the year to you."

John 4:22

"Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews."

Exodus 23:14 thru 17

Exo 23:14 Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year.

Exo 23:15 Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it thou camest out from Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty:)

Exo 23:16 And the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.

Exo 23:17 Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before the Lord GOD.

Deuteronomy 16:16 thru 17

Deu 16:16 Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the LORD empty:

Deu 16:17 Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee.

Exodus 12:42

"It is a night to be much observed unto the Lord for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: this is that night of the Lord to be observed of all the children of Israel in their generations."

Exodus 12:3-11

Exo 12:3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house:

Exo 12:4 And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.

Exo 12:5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:

Exo 12:6 And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.

Exo 12:7 And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.

Exo 12:8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.

Exo 12:9 Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof.

Exo 12:10 And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.

Exo 12:11 And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD'S passover.

John 1:29

“Behold the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world”.

Revelation 13:8

"And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him,
whose names are not written in the book of life of the
Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

2nd Peter 3:8

"But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day."

Exodus 12 v 13

"And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt."

Exodus 12:14 thru 16

Exo 12:14 And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

Exo 12:15 Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.

Exo 12:16 And in the first day there shall be an holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done of you.

Exodus 12 v 51

"And it came to pass the selfsame day, that the LORD
did bring the children of Israel out of the land of
Egypt by their armies"

John 20:17

"Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God."

Numbers 6:22-27

Num 6:22 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Num 6:23 Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying,
On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel,
saying unto them,

Num 6:24 The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:

Num 6:25 The LORD make his face shine upon thee,
and be gracious unto thee:

Num 6:26 The LORD lift up his countenance upon
thee, and give thee peace.

Num 6:27 And they shall put my name upon the
children of Israel; and I will bless them.



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