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The Gregorian calendar, used by most western nations today, was established by Pope Gregory VIII in 1582. It is a solar calendar.

The Jewish calendar uses both lunar and solar movements. The months are determined by the moon, and the year is determined by the sun. The Jewish day begins at sunset.

There are 12 months in the Jewish calendar, each with 29 or 30 days. Approximately every third year is a leap year containing an extra month. This adjustment is necessary to ensure that the major festivals stay in their appointed seasons.

Over the years the names of the months and the process of establishing the calendar has changed. Following the Babylonian exile in 586-516 BC, the Jewish calendar reflected the Babylonian names of the months and these names still exist today in the current Jewish calendar.

Today the Jewish calendar is determined by precise astronomical calculations, but that wasn't always the case. For centuries the calendar was determined each month by the sighting of the new moon. (Numbers 10:10; Psalm 81:3)

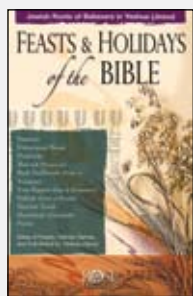
Today the new moon is called *Rosh Hodesh* (head of the month) and is marked in the synagogue with prayers, Torah readings, and special greetings.

In Exodus 12, God established the order of the months. This was the first Jewish calendar used to determine the holidays. Nisan (Abib) was to be the first month and mark the redemption of Israel from Egypt. Passover is celebrated in Nisan.

By Jesus' time, there was a second calendar used for civil affairs. This calendar began with the month of Tishri. The first of Tishri was the civil New Year, *Rosh HaShanah*. The second calendar is still in use.

To determine the Jewish calendar year, simply add 3761 to the western calendar year. The Jewish year 5769 begins on September 30 of the Gregorian year 2008. (See the "Jewish Year" column above *Rosh HaShanah* for the Jewish years that correspond to the Gregorian years.)

Gregorian Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Holiday	(Starts at sundown the previous day)							
Pesach (Passover)	April 20	April 9	March 30	April 19	April 7	March 26	April 15	April 4
HagHaMatzot (Unleavened Bread)	April 21	April 10	March 31	April 20	April 8	March 27	April 16	April 5
Yom HaBikkurim (Firstfruits)	April 22	April 11	April 1	April 21	April 9	March 28	April 17	April 6
Shavuot (Pentecost)	June 9	May 29	May 19	June 8	May 27	May 15	June 4	May 24
Jewish Year	5769	5770	5771	5772	5773	5774	5775	5776
Rosh HaShanah (New Year)	Sept. 30	Sept. 19	Sept. 9	Sept. 29	Sept. 17	Sept. 5	Sept. 25	Sept. 14
Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)	Oct. 9	Sept. 28	Sept. 18	Oct. 8	Sept. 26	Sept. 14	Oct. 4	Sept. 23
Sukkot (Feast of Booths)	Oct. 14	Oct. 3	Sept. 23	Oct. 13	Oct. 1	Sept. 19	Oct. 9	Sept. 28
Simchat Torah	Oct. 22	Oct. 11	Oct. 1	Oct. 21	Oct. 9	Sept. 27	Oct. 17	Oct. 6
Chanukah (Festival of Lights)	Dec. 22	Dec. 12	Dec. 2	Dec. 21	Dec. 9	Nov. 28	Dec. 17	Dec. 7
Purim (Feast of Lots)	March 21 2008	March 10 2009	Feb. 28 2010	March 20 2011	March 8 2012	Feb. 24 2013	March 16 2014	March 5 2015

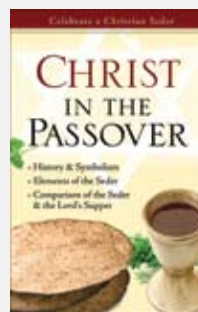


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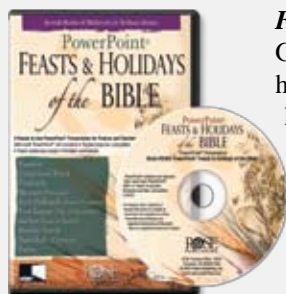
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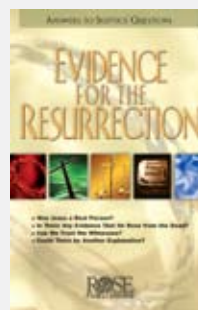


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