

Blood Moon Eclipses: Second Coming in 2015?

Minister uses NASA forecasting to study signals of Jesus' return

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September 2013 update from Pastor Kevin Lea. Below is an April 2008 article with my response (which has been posted at our website since May of 2008). I am republishing it at our site due to the current hype about this five-year-old news. My comments below have not been altered by the time that has transpired. But the validity of the claims about the blood moons being a foreshadowing of the second coming of Jesus has changed.

If the blood moon of 2015 is tied to the second coming of Jesus, then we are two years away from Jesus putting His foot on the Mount of Olives to save His promised people from the Antichrist and his armies. That would mean that the Jews have already built their temple, the antichrist has already defiled it, then forced the world to worship him as god and to take the mark of his name in their right hand or forehead. Since none of this has happened, the premise of this hype is false. Saints beware!

Note from Pastor Kevin Lea: When this news item came out a month ago, I decided to hold off on posting until the statements made by Pastor Mark Biltz could be verified. With the help of Karl Duff, I have been able to confirm most of what he teaches in this article and have interspersed my comments [bracketed and in italics] throughout to assist the reader in understanding the significance of Pastor Biltz' ideas.

Will Jesus Christ return to Earth in the year 2015? And can studying NASA's website provide evidence for such a scenario?

A minister who promotes the Old Testament roots of Christianity suggests a rare string of lunar and solar eclipses said to fall on God's annual holy days seven years from now could herald what's come to be known as the "Second Coming" of Jesus.

"God wants us to look at the biblical calendar," says Mark Biltz, Pastor of El Shaddai Ministries in Bonney Lake, Washington.

[El Shaddai (Hebrew for God Almighty) is a "Hebraic Roots" church. See notes at the end of this article.]



"The reason we need to be watching is [because] He will signal His appearance. But we have to know what to be watching as well. So we need to be watching the biblical holidays," says Biltz.

[Most literal Bible prophecy teachers will agree that God has established the biblical Jewish holidays to coincide with major events in God's dealing with man. For example, Jesus died on the Jewish feast of Passover, the day on which the last plague of Egypt (death of the first born) passed over those who had faith in the shed blood of the lamb placed on the door of their homes (see Exodus Chapters 11 and 12). Jesus rose from the dead on the Feast of First Fruits. The Holy Spirit came upon the disciples fifty days later on the Jewish Feast of Pentecost. The calendar designations for these feasts were established during the exodus from Egypt and the giving of the law to Moses, which was hundreds of years before Jesus fulfilled their "type."

It is believed that the other feasts of Israel are equally important as a type of Jesus' first and/or second coming. For centuries, orthodox Jews (religious Jews who believe the Old Testament Scriptures but do not believe Jesus is their Messiah) have anticipated, based on prophecy, that the Messiah will come to earth and establish His kingdom during the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles, which usually falls in October. Fundamental Jewish and Gentile Christians with a literal view of Bible prophecy agree that the Messiah

will come during Tabernacles. However, we believe this will be the return of Jesus (Second Coming), while orthodox Jews believe it will be the first and only coming of a human Messiah.

It is also noteworthy that God did signal the first coming of Jesus with miraculous signs (the star that led the wise men to Jesus' house in Bethlehem, three hours of darkness during the crucifixion, etc.) and the Scriptures prophesy there will also be signs associated with His return.]

In a video interview on the Prophecy in the News website, Biltz said he's been studying prophecies that focus on the sun and moon, even going back to the book of Genesis where it states the lights in the sky would be "be for signs, and for seasons."

*[Biltz is referring to Genesis 1:14-16 - "Then God said, 'Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be **for signs** and **seasons**, and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth;' and it was so. Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also'." (Gen 1:14 - 16, NKJ)]*

"It means a signal, kind of like 'one if by land, two if by sea.' It's like God wants to signal us," he said. "The Hebrew word implies ... not only is it a signal, but it's a signal for coming or His appearing."

[Biltz is correct - The Strong's Dictionary for biblical Hebrew says this for the Hebrew word "owth (oth)" translated as "signs" in Genesis 1:14: "probably from 'uwth (ooth) a primitive root; properly, to come, i.e. (implied) to assent (in the sense of appearing); a signal (literally or figuratively), as a flag, beacon, monument, omen, prodigy, evidence, etc.'"]

Biltz adds the word "seasons" implies appointed times for God's feasts and festivals. *[Biltz is correct here as well.]*

"When we hear the word feast, we think food. But the Hebrew word has nothing to do with food. It has to do with a divine appointment, as if God has a day timer, and He says, 'OK, I'm gonna mark the day and the time when I'm going to signal My appearance.'"

[This is certainly true for the major events of Jesus' first coming (death, resurrection and start of the church – Passover, First Fruits, and Pentecost, respectively). So it is not a stretch to think God would continue to use His "Feasts" to portend Jesus' Second Coming.]

In the Old Testament, the prophet Joel states, "The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come." (Joel 2:31)

In the New Testament, Jesus is quoted as saying, "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light ... And then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." (Matthew 24:29 - 30)

Gary Stearman of *Prophecy in the News* noted, "When we think of the sun being darkened and the moon not giving her light, we usually think of some astronomical catastrophe – perhaps the sun sputtering and the moon being affected by all this. But maybe it's time to rethink this a little bit and think of it as a natural cycle, the cycle of the eclipses."

*[It may be time to rethink what is meant, but it also may be time to stick with what has been thought for centuries. Notice that some of Jesus' teaching was left out of the quote two paragraphs above. The entire quote is: Matt 24:29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, **and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:** 30 And then shall appear the..."*

*By leaving out the last portion of verse 29, it is easier to make the case that the prophecy from Joel (sun darkened, moon turned to blood) is talking about natural events rather than some cataclysmic change in the sun and moon. But keeping the last part of Matthew 24:29 does not **prevent** Joel's prophecy from being fulfilled by a natural lunar and solar eclipse. The second half of verse 29 would only mean that other things will be happening at the same time, perhaps a massive meteor bombardment on earth and the moon ("and the stars shall fall from heaven and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken"). Those who have studied prophecy realize that ALL that the prophets have spoken must come to pass. Therefore, we know we are thinking wrong if we have to start cutting things out to make the Scriptures fit our thinking. In this case, there was no reason for Biltz to do so, he may be right even when all of verse 29 is considered.]*

Thus, Biltz began focusing on the precise times of both solar and lunar eclipses, sometimes called "blood moons" since the moon often takes on a bloody color. He logged onto NASA's eclipse website which provides precision tracking of the celestial events. [See <http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov>.]



Phases of lunar and solar eclipses on NASA's eclipse website.

He noted a rare phenomenon of four consecutive total lunar eclipses, known as a tetrad.

He says during this century, tetrads occur at least six times, but what's interesting is that the only string of four consecutive blood moons that coincide with God's holy days of Passover in the Spring and the Autumn's Feast of Tabernacles (also called Succoth) occurs between 2014 and 2015 on today's Gregorian calendar. [With Karl Duff's help, I have verified that the four consecutive total lunar eclipses (tetrad) of 2014-2015 all fall on Jewish feast days.]

"The fact that it doesn't happen again in this century I think is very significant," Biltz explains. "So then I looked at last century, and, believe it or not, the last time that four blood red moons occurred together was in 1967 and 1968, tied to Jerusalem recaptured by Israel."



The sun's corona becomes visible during a solar eclipse.

He then started to notice a pattern of the tetrads.

"What's significant to me is that even before 1967, the next time that you had four blood red moons again was right after Israel became a nation in '48, it happened again in 1949 and 1950 ... on Passover and Succoth. You didn't have any astronomical tetrads in the 1800's, the 1700's, the 1600's. In the 1500's, there were six, but none of those fell on Passover and Succoth."

When checking the schedule for solar eclipses, Biltz found two – one on the first day of the Hebrew year and the next on the high holy day of Rosh Hashanah, the first day of the seventh Hebrew month. Both of these take place in the 2014-2015 year.

[Actually, they both take place during the Gregorian calendar year of 2015, but span the Jewish years of 5775 - 5776.

However, although not clearly said here, he may be alluding to his earlier statement that in 2014 there are also two total lunar eclipses (moon appears red) on Jewish feasts. The first is on April 15, 2014 (Jewish calendar, Nisan 15, 5774, during the Feast of Passover/Unleavened Bread) and the second one is on October 8, 2014, a partial day before Jewish Tishri 15, 5775, the Feast of Sukkot (Tabernacles). See <http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/LEcat/LEdecade2011.html> for details of these two total lunar eclipses in 2014.

In all, four consecutive total lunar eclipses occur during 2014 and 2015. They all fall on or within a partial day of the Jewish feasts of Passover and Tabernacles. It should be noted that these two feasts are also the only ones observed during the Millennial reign of Jesus from Jerusalem when He returns, as described in Ezekiel 45.]

Biltz says, “You have the religious year beginning with the total solar eclipse, two weeks later a total lunar eclipse on Passover [*unleavened bread*], and then the civil year beginning with the solar eclipse [*partial*] followed two weeks later by another total blood red moon on the Feast of Succoth [*Tabernacles*] all in 2015.”

[At the end of this handout are tables giving the Gregorian and Hebrew dates for the feasts of Israel in 2014 and 2015. Based on these calendars and the government websites on Solar and Lunar eclipses, the claims of the above paragraph are all true (within a partial day) as outlined below for the year 2015:

1ST SOLAR

On March 20, 2015, a partial day before the beginning of the Jewish religious year (Jewish calendar Nisan 1, 5775) there will be a total solar eclipse that will be mostly over the North Atlantic, seen in Europe, North Africa, Israel, and North Asia.

To see the path of the total eclipse, go to:

<http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/SEgoogle/SEgoogle2001/SE2015Mar20Tgoogle.html>

To see an animation of where the eclipse can be seen, go to:

<http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/SEanimate/SEanimate2001/SE2015Mar20T.GIF>

1ST LUNAR

Two weeks later, on April 4, 2015, (Jewish calendar Nisan 15, 5775) is the first day of the Jewish Feast of Passover/Unleavened Bread (Pesach). On this day there will be a total lunar eclipse (moon will look red) (<http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/LEcat/LEdecade2011.html>). It will be seen in Asia, Australia, Pacific, and the Americas.

To see the path of the lunar eclipse, go to:

<http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/LEplot/LEplot2001/LE2015Apr04T.GIF>.

2ND SOLAR

On September 13, 2015, a partial day before the Jewish feast of Rosh Hashana (Jewish calendar Tishri 1, 5776), there will be a partial solar eclipse that will be seen in Africa, Southern India, and Antarctica, but not in Israel.

To see an animation of where the eclipse can be seen, go to:

<http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/SEanimate/SEanimate2001/SE2015Sep13P.GIF>

2ND LUNAR

Two weeks later, on September 28, 2015, (Jewish calendar – Tishri 15, 5776) is the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot) (<http://www.jewishgen.org/jos/josfest.htm>). On this day, there will be a total lunar eclipse (moon will look red) (<http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/LEcat/LEdecade2011.html>). It will be seen in the Pacific, Americas, Europe, Africa, and West Asia.

To see the path of the lunar eclipse, go to:

<http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/LEplot/LEplot2001/LE2015Sep28T.GIF>.]

“If you think that this is a coincidence, I want you to know that it’s time!” exclaimed *Prophecy in the News* host J.R. Church. “There are no more of these for the rest of the century.” *[I did not verify this but based on Biltz’ track record so far, it is probably accurate.]*

The prospect of eclipses pinpointing the time of Jesus’ return is getting mixed reaction in Christian circles. After seeing Biltz’s interview, Jim Bramlett, an author and former vice president for the Christian Broadcasting Network,

expressed excitement. "I have just watched the program two times and do not think I have ever been more encouraged or excited about the soon return of the Lord!" Bramlett said.

[This is where we have to be careful. I am always excited that the Lord Jesus could return soon. The early Christians nineteen hundred years ago were also hoping it would happen in their day. Jesus wants us to be thinking He will come at any moment. He knows that doing so has a purifying and restraining effect on us (Matthew 24:42-51, 1 John 3:2-3).

However, the early church did not have the epistles of Paul, Peter, and Jude or the book of Revelation as a key to unlock the prophecies of Daniel and other Old Testament prophecies. These new revelations were a guide to subsequent generations that they could not possibly be living in the day of the Lord's visible return to establish His kingdom on earth.

For example, in order for all prophecy to be fulfilled, Israel had to be restored as a nation of Jews who were in possession of Jerusalem as described in numerous Scriptures (too many to list here). In addition, the world must come under a global ruler, ruling over an entire earth consisting of ten nations (Daniel and Revelation). The Bible is clear that this ruler will have the power to restrict a person's ability to take part in financial commerce if they do not take the mark of his name in their right hand or on their forehead, and be documented as having bowed in worship to him (Revelation 13). I could go on and on with many other prophecies that could not have been literally fulfilled in the past. All those in centuries past who have thought Jesus' return to set up His kingdom was imminent were doing so in ignorance.

We need to ask ourselves if we are also ignorant to think the second coming of Jesus (not the rapture of the church, which could have happened at any time in the past) is imminent. Many (but not all) of the big ticket prophecy items that prepare for Jesus' second coming are now fulfilled. Israel has become a nation in one day as Isaiah prophesied in Isaiah 66. The ingathering of Jews from around the world into the nation of Israel is being fulfilled exactly as Ezekiel prophesied 2,500 years ago in Chapters 36 and 37. Nearly all the nations of the world are against Israel and its capital Jerusalem, which has become a "heavy stone" to all just as Zechariah predicted in Chapter 12.

Also, computer technology can now allow the data-basing of every living soul on the planet. Doing so could be a tool in the hands of a global leader to restrict access to buying or selling, just as the Apostle John predicted in Revelation 13-14. Those who think this can't happen in our life time should read the article, [China's All-Seeing Eye](#) in the May 29, 2008 issue of Rolling Stones magazine. Doing so will likely change their mind.

Every day, world leaders are publicly talking about the need for global government. We are not there yet, but the pace is quickening and if projected into the near future, I believe that all remaining prophecies of Daniel and Revelation pertaining to the establishment of a final man-made attempt to establish global government could literally be fulfilled in our lifetime.

But for Jim Bramlett to be "excited about the soon return of the Lord!" based on lunar and solar eclipses in 2015, he has to be saying that all remaining prophecies (pertaining to the physical return of Jesus to establish His kingdom) can literally be fulfilled in the next seven years.

For those of us who believe in a pre-70th Week of Daniel rapture of the church, this timing is not hard to accept. With the coming prophetic wars of the Middle East (that could happen at any moment based on the saber rattling) and the removal of "narrow-minded," fundamentalist Christians in the rapture, the world could rapidly move to a global government, religion, and economy. Once these are in place, other remaining prophecies will fall like dominos.

But one thing we know for sure, ALL prophecy pertaining to the second coming of Jesus must be literally fulfilled in order for Him to come. Therefore, if even one is not fulfilled by 2015, then the lunar and solar eclipses of 2014 and 2015 are nothing more than a curiosity piece that will give us something to talk about until Tabernacles 2008 passes without a rapture of the church. Those who believe in a pre-wrath, mid,

post or pan timing for the rapture of the church will be able to keep getting excited until their anticipated dates come and go all the way to September 28, 2015, at which time all speculation about the significance of these solar and lunar events will cease, one way or another.

In either case, true Christian's faith in the physical return of Jesus (someday) is not based on this arguably very fascinating timing of lunar and solar eclipses on Jewish feast days in 2014 and 2015. Our faith is based on the empty tomb proving that 'This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.' – Acts 1:11. The Jesus who had power over death and ascended to the Father has the power to return, exactly as He promised through the prophets.]

But Hal Lindsey, a well-known biblical analyst and author of “The Late Great Planet Earth,” says while he hasn’t heard of Biltz’s theory, he called it “pure speculation.” “In my 50-something years of studying prophecy, to me the greatest indication of the time of Christ’s return is based around the general things of prophecies coming together in the same time frame.”

[I agree, but those who follow Hal’s teaching know that he believes the general things of prophecy are all coming together now, and Biltz’ new way of looking at the prophet Joel’s passage is a little more than “pure speculation.”]

He mentioned not only Israel’s birth as a political state in 1948, but the increase in tensions with Muslims, the rise of Russia, China and the European Union, which he says is even “calling itself the revived Roman Empire.” “I see the whole sweep and panorama spinning together in a precise scenario,” he said.

During a second video interview, Biltz was presented with Bible quotes that many think suggest Jesus’ return will be a complete surprise, or at least not specifically known.

Chapter 25 of Matthew features a parable where Jesus likens His kingdom to ten virgins all waiting for the arrival of their bridegroom. Jesus said in the story, “Ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh.” (Matthew 25:13)

Biltz says people need to examine the quote in its proper context. “When He says you don’t know the day or the hour, He’s speaking to the foolish virgins, not the wise virgins,” he explained.

Biltz was also asked about the famous statement in Matthew 24:36 when Jesus was discussing the signs of His “coming, and of the end of the world”: “But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.” (Matthew 24:36)

He responded by referring to the annual Feast of Trumpets [*Rosh Hashana*] holiday, saying Israelites never knew the precise moment it began, “because it was based on the sighting of the new moon.”

“When He (Jesus) says you won’t know the day or the hour, He’s telling you it’s the Feast of Trumpets because that was known as the feast where no one knew the day or the hour that it would begin,” said Biltz. “So it’s kind of like if I told you, ‘I’m not going to tell you when I’m coming, but “Gobble, gobble, gobble,”’ [pointing to] Turkey Day.”

*[I have never heard this explanation before, but it does make sense. Rosh Hashanah is the beginning of the Jewish Civil New Year. It is determined as falling on the day of the “New Moon” or the day that starts with the first appearance of the crescent moon. Two weeks later is the full moon and the Feast of Tabernacles. The ancients had to determine the new moon by observation. This was not an easy task because of cloud cover, vantage points, etc. as explained at http://www.ortelius.de/kalender/j_uk.php. For centuries, the Jews would actually establish two days as the first day of the year because of the uncertainty of “knowing the exact day and hour” of the new moon and thus the beginning of their civil year. Therefore, it is **POSSIBLE** that Pastor Biltz is correct in thinking Jesus was hinting about Tabernacles being the day of His return, and if so, this verse has been taught incorrectly for centuries.*

However, the fact that the Messiah returns to establish His Kingdom on earth during Tabernacles, which is then celebrated every year thereafter by all the inhabitants of the earth, is very well established outside of this verse from Jesus (Zechariah 14, Ezekiel 45). There is scriptural support for believing the rapture of the church will happen on Rosh Hashanah (also called the Feast of Trumpets) which is two weeks before the Feast of Tabernacles.

*1 Cor. 15:51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed-- 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at **the last trumpet**. For **the trumpet** will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. (NKJ)]*

Church [Prophecy in the News host] stressed despite the information suggesting 2015 could be a pivotal time, "We don't know that that will be the concluding year of the tribulation period ... so we're not setting a date and saying this is a warning. We're introducing the possibility of a watch."

[And I totally agree with this conclusion. But if Biltz is right, that means we have only a few months left to tell people about Jesus before they are thrust into the tribulation period. I plan to have this thought motivate me to be that much more available to my Lord and Savior, Jesus. Feel free to join me.

Note: You can listen to Biltz's entire interview at: <http://66.155.114.80/video/audio/5904-D.wma>.

As a final note, Pastor Biltz's church (called El Shaddai - meaning God Almighty) is a "Hebraic Roots" church. Hebraic roots churches have an emphasis on teaching how Old Testament law and prophets should be part of the New Testament Christian understanding, something I also emphasize in our church. The Apostle Paul taught that the gentile church has been grafted into the Jewish promises, and is not separate from its Jewish roots (Romans 11). However, many Hebraic roots churches (including El Shaddai) go a step further and teach that the gentile church should eat kosher, "observe" feasts, etc. Orthodox gentile churches disagree with this overemphasis based on the teachings of Paul, the book of Hebrews, and the fact that God allowed the destruction of the Jewish temple in 70 AD, making observing the feasts in accordance with Torah (the Law of Moses) impossible.

The following quote taken from El Shaddai's website is not biblically defensible and creates needless division among Christians (Gentile and Jewish).

We serve "kosher style dishes" in that we observe Torah's dietary laws to the best of our ability. We believe that the dietary laws are designed as a call to holiness.]

[In summary, I am very thankful to Jesus for how incredible His Word is. His ability to prophecy the future before *events occur proves that He alone is God (Isaiah 46)*. According to prophecies yet to be fulfilled, some day the inhabitants of the earth are going to be plunged into a final judgment because of our sin against Him. God, in His love for us provided a means of escape for those who want to be forgiven and to be delivered from this wicked world. He did so by sending us His Son, Jesus, to take our place on death row if we would only believe by faith that He is the only Savior, and confess with our mouths that He is our resurrected Lord.

Instead of embracing this loving God, most are deceived by Satan into rejecting Him and His offer of forgiveness. *The Bible predicts that in the last days this deception will be so widespread that the ensuing death and destruction will result in the loss of nearly all of human life. Many prophecies are intended to be a warning to those who have an ear to hear. Maybe the Lord Jesus has given Pastor Biltz' some additional insight on the days we are living in to help some fence-walkers stop their procrastination while there is still time.*

Luke 21:33 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. 34 "But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. 35 "For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the

face of the whole earth. 36 "Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man." (NKJ)

2 Cor 6:1 We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. 2 For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.(NKJ)]

John 3:34 God does not give the Spirit by measure. 35 "The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand. 36 "He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." (NKJ)

The following are the calendars for the years 2014-2015 from <http://www.jewishgen.org/jos/josfest.htm>.

Jewish Festival Dates in the Gregorian Year 2014

Festival / Fast	Jewish Date	Day of Week	Gregorian Date	
Ta'anit Ester	11 Adar II 5774	Thursday	13 March 2014	
Purim	14 Adar II 5774	Sunday	16 March 2014	
Pesach/Unleavened Bread/Passover	15 Nisan 5774	Tuesday	15 April 2014	Total Lunar Eclipse
Shavuot	6 Sivan 5774	Wednesday	4 June 2014	
Shiv'a Asar b'Tammuz	17 Tammuz 5774	Tuesday	15 July 2014	
Tish'a b'Av	9 Av 5774	Tuesday	5 August 2014	
Rosh Hashana	1 Tishri 5775	Thursday	25 September 2014	
Tzom Gedalya	4 Tishri 5775	Sunday	28 September 2014	
Yom Kippur	10 Tishri 5775	Saturday	4 October 2014	
Sukkot/Tabernacles	15 Tishri 5775	Thursday	9 October 2014	Total Lunar eclipse within partial day
Chanukka (first day)	25 Kislev 5775	Wednesday	17 December 2014	

Jewish Festival Dates in the Gregorian Year 2015

Festival / Fast	Jewish Date	Day of Week	Gregorian Date	
Asara b'Tevet	10 Tevet 5775	Thursday	1 January 2015	
Ta'anit Ester	13 Adar (I) 5775	Wednesday	4 March 2015	
Purim	14 Adar (I) 5775	Thursday	5 March 2015	
	29 Adar, day before 1 Nisan	Friday	20 March 2015	Total Solar Eclipse within a partial day of 1 Nisan – start of religious year
Pesach/Unleavened Bread/Passover	15 Nisan 5775	Saturday	4 April 2015	Total Lunar Eclipse
Shavuot	6 Sivan 5775	Sunday	24 May 2015	
Shiv'a Asar b'Tammuz	18 Tammuz 5775	Sunday	5 July 2015	
Tish'a b'Av	10 Av 5775	Sunday	26 July 2015	
Rosh Hashana	1 Tishri 5776	Monday	14 Sept 2015	Partial Solar Eclipse within a partial day
Tzom Gedalya	3 Tishri 5776	Wednesday	16 September 2015	
Yom Kippur	10 Tishri 5776	Wednesday	23 September 2015	
Sukkot/Tabernacles	15 Tishri 5776	Monday	28 Sept 2015	Total Lunar eclipse within partial day
Chanukka (first day)	25 Kislev 5776	Monday	7 December 2015	
Asara b'Tevet	10 Tevet 5776	Tuesday	22 December 2015	