

1688

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1688 in other calendars

Gregorian calendar	1688 <i>MDCLXXXVIII</i>
Ab urbe condita	2441
Armenian calendar	1137 ԹՎ ՌՃԼԷ
Assyrian calendar	6438
Balinese saka calendar	1609–1610
Bengali calendar	1095
Berber calendar	2638
English Regnal year	3 Ja. 2 - 1 Will. & Mar.
Buddhist calendar	2232
Burmese calendar	1050
Byzantine calendar	7196–7197 — (Fire Rabbit) 4384 or 4324
Chinese calendar	— <i>to</i> — (Earth Dragon) 4385 or 4325
Coptic calendar	1404–1405
Discordian calendar	2854
Ethiopian calendar	1680–1681
Hebrew calendar	5448–5449
Hindu calendars	
- Vikram Samvat	1744–1745
- Shaka Samvat	1609–1610
- Kali Yuga	4788–4789
Holocene calendar	11688
Igbo calendar	688–689
Iranian calendar	1066–1067
Islamic calendar	1099–1100
Japanese calendar	Jōkyō 5 / Genroku 1 ()

Javanese calendar	1611–1612
Julian calendar	Gregorian minus 10 days
Korean calendar	4021
Minguo calendar	224 before ROC 224
Nanakshahi calendar	220
Thai solar calendar	2230–2231
	(female Fire- Rabbit) 1814 or 1433 or 661
Tibetan calendar	— <i>to</i> —
	(male Earth- Dragon) 1815 or 1434 or 662

1688 ([MDCLXXXVIII](#)) was a [leap year starting on Thursday](#) of the [Gregorian calendar](#) and a [leap year starting on Sunday](#) of the [Julian calendar](#), the 1688th year of the [Common Era](#) (CE) and *[Anno Domini](#)* (AD) designations, the 688th year of the [2nd millennium](#), the 88th year of the [17th century](#), and the 9th year of the [1680s](#) decade. As of the start of 1688, the Gregorian calendar was 10 days ahead of the Julian calendar, which remained in localized use until 1923.

Events

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- [March](#) – William Dampier makes first recorded visit to [Christmas Island](#).
- [April 18](#) ([Julian calendar](#)) – Germantown Quaker Protest Against Slavery drafted by four Germantown [Quakers](#).
- [April 29](#) – [Frederick I of Prussia](#) becomes Kurfürst (Elector) of [Brandenburg](#).
- [June 30](#) – A high-powered conspiracy of notables, the "Immortal Seven", invite [William](#) and [Mary](#) to depose [James II of England](#).
- [July](#) – Phetracha stages a [coup d'état](#) and becomes king of Ayutthaya.
- [October 27](#) – King [James II of England](#) fires his [minister](#) Robert Spencer, 2nd Earl of Sunderland.
- [November 5](#) – The [Glorious Revolution](#) begins: [William of Orange](#) lands at Brixham but [James II of England](#) is prevented from meeting him in battle because many of his officers and men desert to the other side.
- [November 9](#) – William of Orange captures [Exeter](#) after the magistrates flee the city.
- [November 23](#) – A group of 1500 [Old Believers](#) immolated themselves to avoid capture when troops of the [tsar](#) laid [siege](#) to their [monastery](#) on Lake Onega.
- [November 26](#) – Hearing that William of Orange has landed in [England](#), [Louis XIV](#) declares war on the [Netherlands](#). Perhaps revealingly, he

does not attack the [Netherlands](#) but instead strikes at the heart of the [Holy Roman Empire](#) with about 100,000 soldiers. The Nine Years' War begins in [Europe](#) and [America](#).

- [December 11](#) – After a series of defeats King [James II of England](#) flees [England](#) for [France](#).

Undated

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- [Austria](#) occupies [Belgrade](#).
- Francesco Morosini becomes Doge of Venice.
- Fire destroys Bungay in [England](#).
- [Ottoman](#) Turks besiege [Vienna](#).
- Neuruppin becomes a [Prussian](#) garrison town.
- Antonio Verrio begins work on the Heaven Room at Burghley House.
- Janez Vajkard Valvasor becomes a member of the Royal Society.
- The [Austrians](#) incite a rebellion against the [Ottomans](#) in [Bulgaria](#).

Births

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- [January 18](#) – Lionel Cranfield Sackville, 1st Duke of Dorset, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland (died [1765](#))
- [January 29](#) – Emanuel Swedenborg Swedish scientist, philosopher, and theologian (died [1772](#))
- [February 2](#) – Queen Ulrike Eleonora of Sweden (died [1741](#))
- [February 4](#) – Pierre de Marivaux, French playwright (died [1763](#))
- [March](#) – William Burnet, British colonial administrator (died [1729](#))
- [April 4](#) – Joseph-Nicolas Delisle, French astronomer (died [1768](#))
- [April 15](#) – Johann Friedrich Fasch, German composer (died [1758](#))
- [May 22](#) – Alexander Pope, English poet (died [1744](#))
- [June 10](#) – James Francis Edward Stuart, "The Old Pretender" (died [1766](#))
- [July 19](#) – Giuseppe Castiglione, Italian missionary to China (died [1766](#))
- [August 14](#) – King Frederick William I of Prussia (died [1740](#))
- [September 12](#) – Ferdinand Brokoff, Czech sculptor (died [1731](#))
- [October 17](#) – Domenico Zipoli, Italian composer (died [1726](#))
- [October 22](#) – Nadir Shah of [Persia](#) (died [1747](#))
- *Date Unknown* – Charles Rivington, English publisher (died [1742](#))

Deaths

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- [January 7](#) – James Howard, 3rd Earl of Suffolk
- [February 2](#) – Abraham Duquesne, French naval officer (born [1610](#))
- [April 29](#) – Friedrich Wilhelm I of Brandenburg (born [1620](#))

- [May 14](#) – Antoine Furetière, French writer (born [1619](#))
- [June 5](#) – Constantine Phaulkon, Greek adventurer (born [1667](#))
- [June 26](#) – Ralph Cudworth, English philosopher (born [1617](#))
- [July 11](#) – Narai of Thailand (born [1639](#))
- [July 21](#) – James Butler, 1st Duke of Ormonde, Irish statesman (born [1610](#))
- [August 25](#) – Henry Morgan, Welsh privateer and Governor of Jamaica (born c. [1635](#))
- [August 31](#) – [John Bunyan](#), English writer (born [1628](#))
- [September 2](#) – Robert Viner, Lord Mayor of London (born [1631](#))
- [October 6](#) – Christopher Monck, 2nd Duke of Albemarle, English statesman (born [1653](#))
- [October 23](#) – Charles du Fresne, sieur du Cange, French philologist (born [1610](#))
- [November 26](#) – Philippe Quinault, French dramatist (born [1635](#))
- [December 15](#) – Gaspar Fagel, Dutch statesman (born [1634](#))

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