

RELEVANT CHRONOLOGY

c.550	BCE	Pythagoras born
470	BCE	Socrates born
c.428	BCE	Plato born
384	BCE	Aristotle born
323	BCE	Euclid born
205	BCE	Plotinus born, beginning of Neoplatonism
168	BCE	Ptolemy died
20	BCE	Philo born
c.200		Mishna appears
c.500		Talmud appears
490		John Philoponus, Christian Aristotle critic, “Christian Kalām”
570		Muhammad born
650		Qur’an written
657		Damascus Caliphate (Umayyad)
680		Shiite Islam commences
691		Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem
732		Muslims stopped at Battle of Tours
748		Wasil ibn Ata died, began Mutazilite Kalām
754		Baghdad Caliphate (Abbasid)
755		Cordova Caliphate (Umayyad). Ends 1031
833		<i>Mihna</i> (inquisition) continues 15 years, persecution of Qur’an literalists by Mutazilites
833		Ibn Hanbal tried, flogged by <i>Mihna</i> : reaction leads to end of Mutazila dominance
850		Al-Farabi born
882		Saadia Ben Joseph Gaon born
969		Abu al-Hasan al-Ash'ari, died, Asharite Kalām succeeds Mutazilite Kalām
980		Avicenna born
1031		End of Umayyad Caliphate in Cordova
1058		Ghazali born
1080		Bakhya Ibn Pakuda writes <i>Hovot ha-Levavot</i> , “Duties of the Heart”
1086		The Almoravids defeat the Christians in Spain
1099		The Crusaders capture Jerusalem.
1110		Maimon ben Joseph, Rabbinical judge in Cordova, father of Maimonides, born
1126		Averroes born

1137/8	Maimonides born
1140	Yehuda ha-Levi writes the <i>Kuzari</i>
1147	Almoravids overthrown in Maghrib (N. Africa) by the Almohads under Abd al-Mu'min
1148	Almohads in Cordova.
1149	Yosef Ibn Tzadik, Wrote <i>Olam ha-Katan</i> , "Microcosm," Rabbinic Judge in Cordova, died
1151	Jews flee Spain, including Maimon family. Maimonides 13 years old.
1151	Maimon family location unknown to 1160
1158	Maimonides writes <i>Milot Ha-Higayon</i> , Treatise on Logic, in Arabic
1160	Maimonides in Fez, till 1165
1165	Maimonides in Acre. Visits Jerusalem. Arrives in Cairo.
1168	Maimonides completes <i>Perush al ha-Mishna</i> , "Commentary on the Mishnah," in Arabic
1169	Maimonides' brother David drowned in the Indian Ocean on merchant expedition
1170	Almohads transfer Caliphate from Marrakesh to Seville
1171	Saladin displaces Fatimids in Egypt, founds Ayyubid Caliphate
1177	Maimonides head of Egyptian Jews
1180	Maimonides completes <i>Mishneh Torah</i> , in Hebrew
1185	Maimonides appointed physician to al-Fadil, Saladin's Vizier
1186	Maimonides' son, Avraham ben ha-Rambam (Abraham Maimonides), born
1190	Maimonides writes the <i>Moreh Nevukhim</i> , "The Guide of the Perplexed," in Arabic
1191	Maimonides writes <i>Maamar Tehiyat ha-Metim</i> , "Treatise on Resurrection," in Arabic
1204	Death of Maimonides in Egypt. Ibn Tibbon translates Guide into Hebrew
1232	Guide burned in Marseilles
1240's	Translation of Guide into Latin
1274	Thomas Aquinas died
1340	Hasdai ben Abraham Crescas, Commentator and Critic of Guide, born
1461	Shem Tov ben Joseph, Commentator of Guide
1881	Michael Friedländer translation of Guide in English
1887	Harry Wolfson born, died 1974

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