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**1968 :**

1. January 17 – [Lyndon B. Johnson](#) calls for the non-conversion of the U.S. dollar.
2. January 23: North Korea captures the USS Pueblo.
3. January 30: North Vietnam launches the Tet Offensive against the United States and South Vietnam.
4. April 4: [Martin Luther King Jr.](#) assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee.
5. June 5: [Robert F. Kennedy](#) assassinated in Los Angeles.
6. September 30: Boeing introduces the first 747 "Jumbo Jet".
7. October 16: U.S. athletes take a stand at the Summer Olympics.
8. December 24: Apollo 8 is the first manned spacecraft to orbit the moon

**1978 :**

1. January 25–27 – The [Great Blizzard of 1978](#) strikes the [Ohio Valley](#) and the [Great Lakes](#), causing 51 deaths in [Ohio](#).
2. The first [computer bulletin board system \(CBBS\)](#) is created in [Chicago](#).
3. April 18 – The U.S. Senate votes 68–32 to turn the [Panama Canal](#) over to [Panamanian](#) control on December 31, 1999
4. August 13 – The 5.8 M [Santa Barbara earthquake](#) affected the central coast of California with a maximum [Mercalli intensity](#) of VII (*Very strong*), causing 65 injuries and \$12 million in financial losses.
5. September 25- [PSA Flight 182](#), a Boeing 727, collides with a small private airplane and crashes in [San Diego, California](#); 144 are killed.
6. October 14 – United States President [Jimmy Carter](#) signs a bill into law which allows [homebrewing](#) of [beer](#) in the United States.
7. November 18 – Mass murder/suicide of 909 Americans in [Jonestown](#), Guyana under the direction of [Jim Jones](#).
8. December 15 – [Cleveland, Ohio](#) becomes the first major American city to go into default since the [Great Depression](#), under Mayor [Dennis Kucinich](#).

**1988 :**

1. January 25 – U.S. Vice President [George H. W. Bush](#) and [CBS News](#) anchor [Dan Rather](#) clash over Bush's role in the [Iran–Contra](#) scandal, during a contentious television interview.
2. April 18 – The [United States Navy](#) retaliates for the [Roberts](#) mining with [Operation Praying Mantis](#), in a day of strikes against [Iranian](#) oil platforms and naval vessels.
3. May 31 – U.S. President [Ronald Reagan](#) addresses 600 [Moscow State University](#) students, during his visit to the [Soviet Union](#).
4. July 3 – [Iran Air Flight 655](#) is shot down by a missile launched from the [USS Vincennes](#).
5. August 9 – [Wrigley Field](#) has its first night game of baseball, ending long opposition to lights at the field.
6. September 5 – With US\$2 billion in federal aid, the [Robert M. Bass Group](#) agrees to buy the U.S.'s largest thrift, [American Savings and Loan Association](#).
7. September 29 – STS-26: [NASA](#) resumes [space shuttle](#) flights, grounded after the [Space Shuttle Challenger disaster](#), with [Space Shuttle Discovery](#).
8. December 21 – [Pan Am Flight 103](#) is destroyed by a bomb over [Lockerbie, Scotland](#), killing 270 people, including 178 U.S. Citizens.

**1998 :**

1. January 8 – [Ramzi Yousef](#) is sentenced to life in prison for planning the [1993 World Trade Center bombing](#).
2. January 27 – U.S. First Lady [Hillary Clinton](#) appears on [The Today Show](#), calling the attacks against her husband part of a "vast right-wing conspiracy".
3. February 23 – [Florida El Niño Outbreak: Tornadoes](#) in central [Florida](#) destroy or damage 2,600 structures and kill 42.
4. April 7 – [Citicorp](#) and [Travelers Group](#) announce plans to merge, creating the largest financial-services conglomerate in the world, [Citigroup](#).
5. August 7 – [1998 U.S. embassy bombings](#): The bombings of the United States embassies in [Dar es Salaam, Tanzania](#), and [Nairobi, Kenya](#) kill 224 people and injure over 4,500; they are linked to terrorist [Osama bin Laden](#), an exile of [Saudi Arabia](#).
6. September 25–28 – Major creditors of [Long-Term Capital Management](#), a [Greenwich, Connecticut](#)-based [hedge fund](#), after days of bargaining and some informal mediation by [Federal Reserve](#) officials, agree on terms of a re-capitalization.
7. November 9 – In the largest civil settlement in United States history, a federal judge approves a US\$1.03 billion settlement requiring dozens of brokerage houses (including [Merrill Lynch](#), [Goldman Sachs](#), and [Salomon Smith Barney](#)) to pay investors who claim they were cheated in a widespread price-fixing scheme on the [NASDAQ](#).
8. November 30 – [Deutsche Bank](#) announces a US\$10 billion deal to buy [Bankers Trust](#), thus creating the largest financial institution in the world.

**2008 :**

1. January 21 – Stock markets around the world [plunge amid growing fears](#) of a U.S. [recession](#), fueled by the 2007 [subprime mortgage crisis](#).
2. February 5 - U.S. stock market indices plunge more than 3% after a [Non-Manufacturing ISM Report on Business](#) shows signs of economic recession in the service sector. The [S&P 500](#) fall 3.2%, The [Dow Jones Industrial Average](#) 370 points.
3. February 7 - The [Senate](#) passes a \$170 billion economic stimulus package by a margin of 81 – 16.
4. September 7 – The US Government takes control of the two largest mortgage financing companies in the US, [Fannie Mae](#) and [Freddie Mac](#).
5. September 15 – Wall Street investment bank [Lehman Brothers](#) files for [Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection](#).
6. September 29 – the [Dow Jones Industrial Average](#) falls 777 points due to the financial panic.
7. October 3 – [Global financial crisis](#): U.S. President [George W. Bush](#) signs the revised [Emergency Economic Stabilization Act](#) into law, creating a [700 billion dollar Treasury fund](#) to purchase failing bank assets.
8. December 1 – The [Dow Jones Industrial Average](#) drops 680 points, its fourth worst drop in its history, after the [National Bureau of Economic Research](#) declared on the same day that the United States economy officially entered a recession in December 2008

**2018 :**

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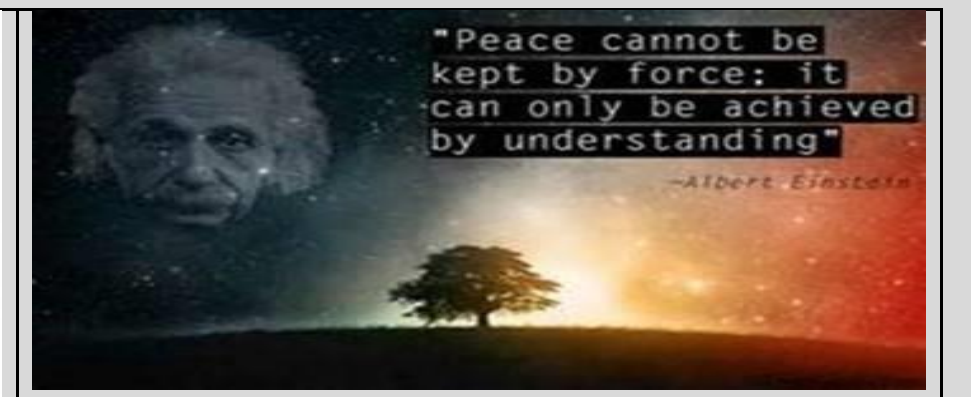
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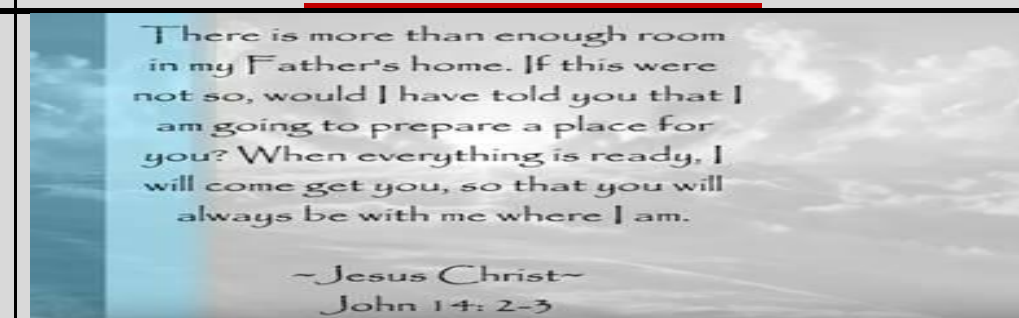
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