

# EXPANSION OF ANCIENT ROME

A Chronological Evolution from City-State to Empire

**753 BCE**

## **FOUNDATION OF ROME**

Legendary founding by Romulus; initial control limited to the Seven Hills.

**509 - 275 BCE**

## **CONQUEST OF ITALY**

Defeat of the Etruscans, Samnites, and Greek colonies (Pyrrhic War) to unify the Italian Peninsula.

**264 - 146 BCE**

## **THE PUNIC WARS**

Destruction of Carthage; acquisition of Sicily, Spain, and North African territories.

**146 - 30 BCE**

## **MEDITERRANEAN HEGEMONY**

Annexation of Greece, Macedonia, and the Pergamene Kingdom. Caesar conquers Gaul (58-50 BCE).

**27 BCE - 117 CE**

## **IMPERIAL ZENITH**

Augustus stabilizes borders. Trajan reaches maximum extent, including Dacia, Mesopotamia, and Britain.

**395 CE**

## **THE GREAT DIVISION**

Permanent administrative split between the Western and Eastern (Byzantine) Roman Empires.

**476 CE**

## **FALL OF THE WEST**

Odoacer deposes Romulus Augustulus; end of Roman political control in Western Europe.