

THE ROMAN EMPIRE

Chronological Rise and Fall

753 BC

THE FOUNDING Legendary founding of Rome by Romulus and Remus.

509 BC

THE REPUBLIC Expulsion of Kings; establishment of the Senate and Representative government.

27 BC

THE EMPIRE BEGINS Augustus becomes the first Emperor; start of the Pax Romana (Roman Peace).

117 AD

TERRITORIAL PEAK Under Emperor Trajan, Rome reaches its maximum geographic expansion.

285 AD

THE DIVISION Diocletian splits the Empire into Western and Eastern (Byzantine) halves.

476 AD

FALL OF THE WEST Romulus Augustulus deposed by Odoacer; traditional end of Ancient Rome.

1453 AD

FALL OF THE EAST Constantinople falls to the Ottoman Empire, ending the Roman legacy.