

ANCIENT ROME PROGRESSION

Chronological Reference Chart

The Roman Kingdom *753 BCE - 509 BCE*

YEAR	KEY EVENT	HISTORICAL IMPACT
753 BCE	Founding of Rome	Legendary founding by Romulus; establishment of the first settlement on Palatine Hill.
509 BCE	Overthrow of Monarchy	Expulsion of Tarquinius Superbus; transition from autocratic rule to a representative system.

The Roman Republic *509 BCE - 27 BCE*

451 BCE	The Twelve Tables	The first written laws of Rome, establishing rights for both Patricians and Plebeians.
264 BCE	Punic Wars Begin	Conflict with Carthage leads to Roman naval dominance in the Mediterranean.
44 BCE	Assassination of Caesar	End of the Dictatorship; sparks a power struggle that dissolves the Republic.

The Roman Empire *27 BCE - 476 CE*

27 BCE	Reign of Augustus	Octavian becomes "Augustus," marking the start of the Pax Romana (Roman Peace).
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117 CE	Maximum Expansion	Under Trajan, the Empire reaches its greatest territorial extent across three continents.
313 CE	Edict of Milan	Constantine legalizes Christianity, fundamentally shifting the cultural landscape.
476 CE	Fall of the West	Odoacer deposes Romulus Augustulus; the traditional date for the end of the Western Empire.