

THE ROMAN EMPIRE TIMELINE

Chronological Overview: 753 BCE - 476 CE

I. The Origins & Republic

ERA	SIGNIFICANT MILESTONES & DEVELOPMENTS
753 BCE	Legendary founding of Rome by Romulus and Remus.
509 BCE	Expulsion of the last King; establishment of the Roman Republic.
264-146 BCE	Punic Wars against Carthage; Rome secures Mediterranean dominance.

II. The Imperial Golden Age

ERA	SIGNIFICANT MILESTONES & DEVELOPMENTS
27 BCE	Octavian receives title "Augustus"; start of the Roman Empire.
96-180 CE	The Five Good Emperors; Peak of the Pax Romana (Roman Peace).

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117 CE	Empire reaches its greatest territorial extent under Trajan.

III. Transition & Decline

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313 CE	Edict of Milan; Emperor Constantine legalizes Christianity.
395 CE	Permanent division into Western and Eastern (Byzantine) Empires.
476 CE	Fall of the Western Empire; Odoacer deposes Romulus Augustulus.