**Timeline of Ancient Roman Empire**

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|  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | **600 BC** | The Etruscans establish cities from northern to central Italy | |  | **282 BC** | 282-272: War with Pyrrhus | |  | **264 BC** | 264-241: War with Carthage (First Punic War) | |  | **218 BC** | Hannibal invades Italy | |  | **135BC** | 135-132 BC First Servile War prompted by slave revolts | |  | **73 BC** | 73 - 71 BC Slave uprising led by the gladiator called Spartacus | |  | **64 BC** | Pompey captures Jerusalem | |  | **45 BC** | Julius Caesar defeats Pompey to become the first dictator of Rome | |  | **44 BC** | Julius Caesar assassinated | |  | **44 BC** | 44-31BC The Triumvirate of Marc Antony, Lepidus, and Octavian (later known as Caesar Augustus) become the rulers of Rome | |  | **31 BC** | Antony and Cleopatra are defeated by Octavian | |  | **27 BC** | Octavian becomes Caesar Augustus, the first Roman emperor until 14AD | |  | **0** | The birth of Jesus Christ | |  | **14AD** | Death of Augustus and Tiberius, stepson of Caesar Augustus, becomes emperor until 37AD | |  | **33 AD** | Crucifixion of Jesus in the Roman province of Jerusalem and the origin of Christianity | |  | **37** | Gaius (Caligula) crowned Emperor | |  | **41** | Caligula is killed and Claudius proclaimed Emperor | |  | **54** | Emperor Claudius is murdered and Nero is proclaimed Emperor | |  | **64** | Fire destroyed much of Rome - the Christians are blamed for the destruction | |  | **68** | The death of Nero ended the infamous Julio-Claudian dynasty | |  | **75** | 75-80 The Roman emperors start to build the Coliseum in Rome as a place of gladiatorial combat | |  | **180** | Commodus succeeds his father Marcus Aurelius and gains imperial power | |  | **305** | Constantine becomes the first Christian emperor | |  | **380** | Christianity is declared the sole religion of the Roman Empire by Theodosius I | |  | **410** | The Visigoths, led by Alaric, sack Rome heralding the total decline of the Roman Empire | |  | **455** | The Vandals, led by Gaiseric, sack Rome | |  | **476** | The last Roman Emperor was Romulus Augustulus who was defeated by Odoacer who was a German Goth | |