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Chronology

BCE

ca. 560–ca. 547	Croesus rules Lydia
559–530	Cyrus II traditional founder of Achaemenid Empire
522–486	Darius I rules Achaemenid Empire
509	Traditionally first year of Roman Republic
486–464	Xerxes rules Achaemenid Empire
490	Battle of Marathon (Persian Wars)
480	Battles of Thermopylae and Artemision (Persian Wars)
479	Battles of Plataea and Mycale (Persian Wars)
478–404	Delian League/Athenian Empire
447–432	Building of Parthenon on Athenian Acropolis
431–404	Peloponnesian War (Athenians vs. Spartans)
404	Spartans defeat Athenians in Peloponnesian War
378–338	Second Athenian Confederacy
338	Battle of Chaeronea (Philip II of Macedon vs. Athenians, Thebans, and other Greek forces)
338	Rome assigns statuses to ethnically Latin towns in Latin settlement
334–323	Campaigns of Alexander III (“the Great”) of Macedon, defeating Achaemenid Empire in 330
323–168	Antigonid kingdom (Successor kingdom)
312–64	Seleucid kingdom (Successor kingdom)
323–330	Ptolemaic kingdom (Successor kingdom)
273	Rome sends out colonists to Cosa and Paestum
268	Rome sends out colonists to Beneventum and Ariminum; end of Rome’s Italian wars
264–241	First Punic War
247–224 CE	Parthian Empire
218–201	Second Punic War

168	Day of Eleusis (Antiochus IV Epiphanes obeys Roman ultimatum)
167	Roman settlement of Macedonia
149–146	Third Punic War
146	Roman Destruction of Carthage and Corinth
142–63	Hasmonaean dynasty rules Judaea
135–32	First Sicilian Slave War
133	Tribunate of Tiberius Gracchus; Attalus III bequeathes his kingdom to the Roman people
123–2	Tribunate of Gaius Gracchus
107	Marius' first consulship
104–100	Second Sicilian Slave War
91–89	Social War
89–85	First Mithradatic War
ca. 83–81	Second Mithradatic War
82–81	Dictatorship of Sulla
73–66	Third Mithradatic War
63–62	Pompey's settlement of the east
63	Cicero's consulship
58–51	Julius Caesar's campaigns in Gaul
55–54	Julius Caesar's expeditions to Britain
44	Foundation of colony of Urso (Colonia Iulia Genetiva); murder of Julius Caesar
43	Triumvirate created (Antony, Octavian, and Crassus)
27–14 CE	Principate of Augustus
41–54	Claudius emperor
66–70	Great Jewish Revolt
98–117	Trajan emperor
132–35	Bar Kokhba Revolt
212	Edict of Caracalla on (near) universal citizenship of free persons in the Roman Empire
224–642	Sasanian Empire
ca. 239–70	Shapur I "King of Kings"
250	Edict of Decius on universal sacrifice
272–74	Palmyrene Empire of Vaballathus and Zenobia
284–305	Diocletian emperor
476	Fall of Roman Empire in the west
1453	Fall of Byzantine Empire (self-conscious continuation of the Roman Empire) to the Ottomans

Abbreviations

Abbreviations of names and works of Greek and Latin authors follow *Oxford Classical Dictionary* conventions. Other editions/collections/translations of inscriptions, papyri, and documents on other materials are indicated by name of editor/translator and date and can be followed up in the main bibliography.

<i>AE</i>	<i>L'Année Épigraphique</i>
<i>CIL</i>	<i>Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum</i>
<i>CPJ</i>	V. Tcherikover, A. Fuks, M. Stern and D. M. Lewis, <i>Corpus Papyrorum Judaicarum</i> , 3 vols., Cambridge, MA (1957–1964)
<i>FIRA</i>	S. Riccobono, <i>Fontes Iuris Romani AnteIustiniani</i> , Florence (1941)
<i>IG</i>	<i>Inscriptiones Graecae</i> , Berlin (1873–)
<i>IGBulg</i>	G. Mihailov, <i>Inscriptiones Graecae in Bulgaria repertae</i> , Sofia (1958–1970)
<i>ILLRP</i>	A. Degrassi, <i>Inscriptiones Latinae Liberae Rei Publicae</i> , Florence, vol. 1 (1965), vol. 2 (1963)
<i>ILS</i>	H. Dessau, <i>Inscriptiones Latinae Selectae</i> , Berlin (1892)
<i>P. Lond.</i>	<i>Greek Papyri in the British Museum</i> , London (1893–)
<i>P. Oxy.</i>	<i>The Oxyrhynchus Papyri</i> , London (1898–)
<i>P. Yadin</i>	N. Lewis, Y. Yadin, and J. C. Greenfield, J. C. (eds.), <i>The Documents from the Bar Kokhba Period in the Cave of Letters: Greek Papyri; Aramaic and Nabatean Signatures and Subscriptions</i> , Jerusalem (1989)
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<i>Sel. Pap.</i>	A. S. Hunt, C. C. Edgar, and D. L. Page, <i>Select Papyri</i> , 3 vols., London (1932–1950; reprinted 1970–1977)
<i>Syll.</i> ³	W. Dittenberger, <i>Sylloge Inscriptionum Graecarum</i> , 3rd edn., Leipzig (1924)
<i>VA</i>	R. D. Van Arsdell, <i>Celtic Coinage of Britain</i> (London, 1989)



Map 1 The Roman empire showing major ancient towns, regions, and natural and manuf
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