

The Roman Emperors

Zenith of Roman power: 46 B.C. - 180 A.D.

Caesar	Reign	Comment
Julius Caesar	46-44 B.C.	
Augustus Caesar	31-14 A.D.	Prepared empire most for Christianity. Christ born in 4 B.C.
Tiberius	12-37	Christ crucified 31 A.D.
Caligula	37-41	
Claudius	41-54	
Nero	54-68	Persecuted Christians. Executed Paul.
Galba	68-69	
Otho, Vitellus	69	
Vespasian	69-79	Destroyed Jerusalem
Titus	79-81	
Domitian	81-96	Persecuted Christians in 96 A.D.
Trajan	96-117	Persecuted Christians
Hadrian	117-138	Persecuted Christians
Marcus Aurelius	138-161	Persecuted Christians
Antonius Pius	161-180	Persecuted Christians

Decline and fall of the Roman Empire: 180-476 A.D.

Commodus	180-182	
Barrack Emperors	182-284	Appointed by Army. Civil War
Septimius Severus	193-211	Persecution severe but not general
Caracalla	218-222	Tolerated Christianity
Alexander Severus	222-235	Favorable to Christianity
Maximin	235-238	Persecuted Christians
Phillips	244-249	Very Favorable to Christianity
Decius	249-251	Determined to exterminate Christianity
Valerian	253-260	Persecution more severe than Decius
Galienus	260-268	Favored Christianity
Aurelian	270-275	Persecuted Christianity
Diocletian	284-305	Last persecution, most severe
Constantine	306-337	Became a Christian
Julian	361-363	Sought to restore Paganism
Jovian	363-364	Restored Christianity
Theodosius	378-395	Made Christianity state religion

Empire divided in East and West in 395 A.D.

Western Empire fell in 476 A.D.

Justinian restored empire 554 A.D.

Eastern Empire fell in 1453 A.D.