

CHIEF EVENTS IN ANCIENT HISTORY

(The great periods are in italics. Most dates before 1000 B.C. are more or less approximate.)

THE ORIENT	GREECE	ROME
B.C.	B.C.	B.C.
5000-3400 <i>Early Egyptian civilization.</i>		
3500-1917 City-Kingdoms of Babylonia.	3500-2200 <i>Early Aegean civilization.</i>	
3400-2100 Old Kingdom in Egypt.		
	2500 Migrations of Hellenes	
	2200-1500 <i>Great age of Crete.</i>	
2160-1788 Middle Kingdom in Egypt.		
2000 Indo-Europeans invade Iran.		2000 Indo-Europeans invade Italy.
1917-1250 First supremacy of Babylon.		
1580-945 New Kingdom; Egyptian Empire.		
1500- Phoenician colonization.	1500-1000 <i>Mycenaean Age</i> ; First period of Greek colonization.	
1400- Israelites invade Palestine.		
1250-606 Assyrian supremacy.		
1000 Kingdom of Israel established.	1000-700 <i>Epic Age</i> ,	

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B.C.	B.C.	B.C.
945- Egypt under foreign rule.	776 First Olympiad.	753 (?) Founding of Rome.
722-536 Captivity and restoration of Israel.	750-550 <i>Second period of colonization.</i>	753 (?) -509 The seven kings of Rome.
606-550 Median Empire.	621 Draco.	
606-538 Second supremacy of Babylon.	594 Solon.	
604-562 Nebuchadnezzar.	560-510 <i>Tyranny at Athens.</i>	
553-529 Cyrus.	550 Sparta head of Peloponnese.	509-264 <i>First period of the republic; Rome becomes supreme in Italy.</i>
499-494 Ionic revolt.	508 Cleisthenes.	
492-479 Great war between Greece and Persia.		
490 Battle of Marathon.		
480 Battle of Thermopylae, of Artemisium, of Salamis, and of Himera.		
479 Battle of Plataea and of Mycale.	477-454 (?) Confederacy of Delos.	
	461-431 Age of Pericles.	
	454 (?) -404 Athenian Empire.	451-449 The Decemvirs.
	445 Thirty Years' Truce.	443 First censors.
	431-404 Peloponnesian War.	
	421 Peace of Nicias.	
	415-413 Sicilian Expedition.	

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B.C.	B.C.	B.C.
	411 The Four Hundred.	
	405 Battle of Aegospotami.	
	404 Peace between Athens and Sparta.	
	404-371 Supremacy of Sparta.	
401 Expedition of Cyrus the Younger.	395-387 The Corinthian War.	396 Capture of Veii.
387 Treaty of Antalcidas.		390 Sack of Rome by the Gauls.
	371 Battle of Leuctra.	
	371-362 Thebes attempts to lead the Greeks.	367 The Licinian Law.
	362 Battle of Mantinea; end of Theban greatness.	
	359-336 Philip king of Macedon.	
	338 Battle of Chaeirona.	340-338 Great Latin War.
333 Battle of Issus.	336-323 Alexander, king of Macedon.	
331 Battle of Arbela.		
301 Battle of Ipsus.		326-304 Second Samnite War.

ROME

- 298-290 Third Samnite War.
 281-272 War between Rome and Tarentum.
 264-133 *Second period of the republic; the expansion of Rome outside of Italy and the growth of plutocracy.*
 264-241 First Punic War.
 218-201 Second Punic War.
 217 Battle of Lake Trasimene.
 216 Battle of Cannae.
 207 Battle of the Metaurus.
 202 Battle of Zama.
 201 Peace between Rome and Carthage.

GREECE AND ROME

- 197 Battle of Cynoscephalae.
 189 Battle of Magnesia.
 168 Battle of Pydna.
 146 The Romans destroy Carthage and Corinth.

ROME

- 133-27 *Third period of the republic; the revolution from republic to principate.*
 133 Tiberius Gracchus tribune of the plebs.
 123-122 Gaius Gracchus tribune of the plebs.
 90-88 The Social War.
 82-79 Sulla dictator.
 63 Cicero consul; the conspiracy of Catiline.
 58-50 Conquest of Gaul.
 48 Battle of Pharsalus.
 31 Battle of Actium.
 27 B.C.-41 A.D. *Julian princes; founding of the principate.*
 27 B.C.-14 A.D. Principate of Augustus.
 A.D.
 9 Overthrow of Varus by the Germans.
 14-37 Principate of Tiberius.
 41-96 *The Claudian and Flavian princes; from principate to monarchy.*
 41-54 Principate of Claudius.
 54-68 Principate of Nero.

- 69-79 Principate of Vespasian.
79 Eruption of Vesuvius.
- 96-180 *The Good Emperors; limited monarchy.*
- 98-117 Trajan emperor.
- 117-138 Hadrian emperor.
- 138-161 Antoninus Pius emperor.
- 161-180 Marcus Aurelius Antoninus emperor.
- 180-284 *From Commodus to Aurelian; growth of absolute monarchy.*
- 212 Edict of Caracalla: most freemen of the empire become Roman citizens.
- 284-337 *Diocletian and Constantine; absolute monarchy.*
- 284-305 Diocletian emperor.
- 306-337 Constantine emperor.
- 325 The council of Nicaea.
- 337-476 *The invasions of the barbarians; the dissolution of the empire in the West.*
- 376 The Visigoths cross the Danube.
- 410 Alaric besieges and plunders Rome.
- 429 The Vandals invade Africa.
- 449 The Saxons invade Britain.
- 451 Attila the Hun invades Gaul; battle of Châlons.
- 476 Romulus "Augustulus" deposed; end of the emperors in the West.
- 476-800 *The new German nations to the founding of the empire of Charlemagne.*
- 493-453 Ostrogothic kingdom in Italy.
- 496 Clovis accepts Christianity.
- 527-565 Justinian I emperor.
- 568 The Lombards invade Italy.
- 622 Mohammed flees from Mecca to Medina (the Hegira¹).
- 711 The Mohammedans invade Spain.
- 732 Battle of Poitiers (Tours).
- 768-800 Charles the Great king of the Franks.
- 800 Charles the Great crowned emperor of the Romans.

¹The date of the Hegira—flight of Mohammed—is the point from which the Mohammedans reckon time.

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