

ANCIENT WORLD TIMELINE

4TH MILLENNIUM B.C.

3200 Civilization is said to have begun at Sumer.

3RD MILLENNIUM B.C.

2560 Building of the Great Pyramid of Cheops at Giza.

2ND MILLENNIUM B.C.

1900-1300 The Minoan Period - Crete.

1795-1750 Hammurabi, who wrote the first legal code, conquered Mesopotamia, the land between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers.

1200 Fall of Troy - if there was a Trojan War.

1ST MILLENNIUM B.C.

995 Hebrew King David captured Jerusalem.

8TH CENTURY B.C.

780-560 Greeks sent settlers to create colonies in Asia Minor.

776 Legendary start of the Ancient Olympics.

753 Legendary founding of Rome.

7TH CENTURY B.C.

621 Greek lawgiver Draco.

612 Nineveh (Babylonian capital) captured, marking the end of the Assyrian Empire.

6TH CENTURY B.C.

594 Solon became archon and wrote laws for Athens.

Archons replaced kings as rulers in Athens, but there were 9 of them and their time in office was more limited than that of a king.

588 Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar captured Jerusalem. Jews of Judea were exiled to Babylon.

585 Thales predicts a solar eclipse.

546-538 King Cyrus of Persia and the Medes defeated Croesus and captured Lydia. Cyrus freed Jews in Babylon.

509 Traditional date for the founding of the Roman Republic.

508 Athenian Democracy established by Cleisthenes

5TH CENTURY B.C.

499 Greek city-states revolted against Persian rule.

492-449 Persian Wars

490 Battle of Marathon

480 Thermopylae

479 Salamis and Plataea

483 Buddha - In 483 Gautama Buddha died.

479 Confucius died.

461-429 Age of Pericles and 431-404 Peloponnesian War

4TH CENTURY B.C.

371 Battle at Leuctra - Sparta defeated.

346 Peace of Philocrates - Philip forced Athens to accept a peace treaty with Macedonia marking the end of Greek independence.

336 Alexander The Great rules Macedonia

Battle of Granicus - Alexander the Great fought the Persians and won. **334**

Battle of Issus - Macedonian forces under Alexander defeated the Persians. **333**

Battle of Gaugamela - defeat of Darius III, King of Persia, in October 331 at Gaugamela near Arbela.

3RD CENTURY B.C.

276 Eratosthenes measures the Earth's circumference.

265-241 First Punic War / 218 - 201 B.C. 2nd Punic War - Hannibal / 149-146 Third Punic War

221 *Great Wall of China Building begun during the Qin Dynasty. The wall was built along 1,200 miles of China's northern border.*

215-148 The Macedonian Wars lead to Rome's control of Greece.

206 *Start of the Han Dynasty.*

2ND CENTURY B.C.

135 The first Servile War - The slaves of Sicily revolted against Rome.

133-123 The Gracchi.

1ST CENTURY B.C.

91-88 The Social War - Revolt of the Italians who wanted Roman citizenship.

89-84 The Mithridatic Wars - between Mithridates of Pontus and Rome.

60 Pompey, Crassus and Julius Caesar form the 1st Triumvirate.

55 Caesar invades Britain.

49 Caesar's Campaigns and Caesar crosses the Rubicon.

44 Ides of March (March 15) Caesar assassinated.

43 2nd Triumvirate - Mark Antony, Octavian and M Aemillius Lepidus.

31 Battle of Actium - Antony and Cleopatra defeated. Soon after, Augustus (Octavian) became 1st emperor of Rome.

c. 3 *Jesus was born.*

1ST MILLENNIUM A.D.

1ST CENTURY A.D.

9 German tribes destroyed 3 Roman legions under P. Quinctilius Varus in the Teutoberg Forest.

64 Rome burned while Nero (supposedly) fiddled.

79 Mount Vesuvius Erupted covering Pompeii and Herculaneum.

2ND CENTURY A.D.

122 Hadrian's Wall was begun as a defensive wall to stretch 70 miles across Northern England.

3RD CENTURY A.D.

212 Edict of Caracalla extended Roman citizenship to all free inhabitants of the Empire.

284-305 Age of Diocletian - Diocletian divided empire into 4 administrative units. From then on, there was usually more than one head of Rome.

4TH CENTURY A.D.

313 Decree of Milan legalized Christianity in the Roman Empire.

324 Constantine the Great established his capital at Byzantium (Constantinople)

378 Emperor Valens killed by the Visigoths at the Battle at Adrianople.

5TH CENTURY A.D.

410 Rome sacked by the Visigoths.

451 Attila the Hun faced the Visigoths and Romans together in the Battle of Chalons. He went on to invade Italy, but was convinced to withdraw by Pope Leo. He died in 453

455 Vandals sacked Rome.

476 Western Roman Empire ended - Emperor Romulus Augustulus was removed from office.