

# HEIGHT OF THE EMPIRE—TIMELINE

## 14 TO 235 A.D.

### REIGN OF TIBERIUS TO LAST SEVERAN EMPEROR

- 14 Death of [Augustus Caesar](#), after reign of more than 45 years.
- 14-37 Reign of [Tiberius](#), stepson of Augustus Caesar.
- 19 Tiberius is accused of murdering [Germanicus](#), his rival for the throne.
- 31 [Sejanus](#), captain of the Praetorian guard, executed for conspiring against [Tiberius](#).
- 33 **Death of Christ.**
- 41 Assassination of imperial madman, [Caligula](#), after short, tyrannical reign.
- 41-54 Reign of [Claudius](#)
- 43 **Romans Reconquer Britain**—[Caractacus](#) defeated at the *Battle of Medway*.
- 54-68 [Nero](#) becomes emperor while still in his teens after the (suspicious) death of Claudius.
- 59 Nero murders his mother [Agrippina the Younger](#), his wife Octavia, and his brother .
- 61 Widespread **Revolt of the Britons** under [Boadicea](#) is crushed by the Romans.
- 64 Major fire in Rome, probably set by Nero, is blamed on "Christians".
- 68 Nero driven from throne by Praetorian Guards.
- 69 **Civil War: Year of the Four Emperors** as [Galba](#), [Otho](#), [Vitellius](#), [Vespasian](#) contend for the throne.
- 70-81 Reign of [Vespasian](#) and his son [Titus](#).
- 70 **Fall of Jerusalem**, and destruction of the temple.
- 79 Destruction of Pompey after the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius.
- 70-81 First widespread Christian Persecution under Emperor [Domitian](#).
- 96-180 **Era of the Five Good Emperors.**
- 96-98 Nerva becomes the first Roman Emperor appointed by the Senate.
- 98-117 [Trajan](#) expands Roman territory, **Conquers Dacia**
- 117 **Roman Empire reaches Maximum extent, as Dacian territory is incorporated.**
- 117-138 [Hadrian](#) builds wall in Britain at Scottish border, consolidates empire.
- 138-161 [Antoninus Pius](#) presides of an exceptionally long and benevolent reign.
- 161-180 [Marcus Aurelius](#), philosopher emperor, **Fights the Alemanni**.
- 180-192 Reign of [Commodus](#), son of Marcus Aurelius is marked by decadence and corruption.
- 193 [Septimus Severus](#) claims the throne after a **Civil War** following the death of Commodus.
- 197 Severus **Campaigns in Parthia**, expanding Roman rule to its furthest eastward extent.
- 211-239 Reign of the later Severans: [Caracalla](#), Elagabalus and Alexander.
- 211 Caracalla murders his brother Geta so that he can rule alone.
- 239 Alexander Severus is assassinated—throne usurped by barbarian chief [Maximinus](#).