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**List of the Roman Emperors of the West**

**Julio-Claudian Dynasty**

Caesar Augustus – 29 BC-14 AD

Tiberius – 14-37 DC

Caligula – 37-41

Claudius – 41-54

Nero – 54-68

**Year of the four Emperors (68-69)**

Galba, Otho, Vitellius and Vespasian (the founder of Flavian Dynasty)

**Flavian Dynasty**

Vespasian – 69-79

Titus – 79-81

Domitian – 81-96

**Nerva-Antonine Dynasty**

Nerva – 96-98

Trajan – 98-117

Hadrian – 117-138

Antoninus Pius – 138-161

Marcus Aurelius – 161-169

Lucius Verus – 161-180

Commodus – 180-192

**Year of the five Emperors (193)**

Pertinax, Didius Julianus, Pescennius Niger, Clodius Albinus and Septimius Severus (who started the Severan Dynasty)

**Severan Dynasty**

Septimius Severus – 193-211

Publius Septimus Geta – 209-211

Lucius Septimius Bassianus (Caracalla) – 198-211 in co-regency with the father; 211-217 as sole ruler

Marcus Opelius Macrinus – 217-218

Marcus Aurelius Antoninus (Elagabalus or Heliogabalus) – 218-222

Severus Alexander – 222-235

**Crisis of the third century (235-284)**

**Gordian Dynasty**

Maximinus Trax or Maximinus I – 235-238

Gordian I – 238

Gordian II – 238

Pupienus and Balbinus – 238

Gordian III – 238-244

Four Emperors:

Phillip the Arab – 244-249

Decius – 249-251

Trebonianus Gallus – 251-253

Aemilian – 253

Valerian Dynasty:

Valerian I – 253-260

Gallienus – 253-260 in co-regency with the father Valerian; 260-268 as sole ruler

**Sequence of the decline of the Roman Empire (till 284 AD)**

Claudius Gothicus – 268-270

Quintillus – 270

Aurelian – 270-275

Tacitus – 275-276

Florianus – 276

Probus – 276-282

Carus – 282-283

Numerian – 282-283 (in co-regency with the father Carus); July 283-November 284, along with Carinus

Carinus – 282-283 (in co-regency with the father Carus); 283-284 along with Numerian; 284-285 in competition with Diocletian

**The Tetrarchy of Diocletian**

Diocletian (285-305)

Maximian (285-305)

Constantius Chlorus (305–306)

Galerius (305-311)

**Other emperors of the Tetrarchy**

Flavius Severus – 305-307

Maxentius – 306-312

Maximinus Daia or Maximinus Daja or Maximinus II – 308-313

Licinius – 308-324

**Constantinian Dynasty**

Constantine – 306-337 (Constantinople) / (324-337 as sole emperor of East and West)

Constantine II (Hispania, Gaul and Britannia) – 337-340

Constans (or Constans I) with Italy, Illyria, Africa – 337-350

Constantius II – 337-361 (Asia, Egypt; as sole emperor – 350-361)

Julian – 360-363

**Non-dynastic**

Jovian – 363-364

**Valentinian Dynasty**

Valentinian I – 364-375 (Emperor of the West)  
 Valens – 364-378 (Emperor of the East)  
 Gratian – 375-383 (378-379 ruled over the Western and Eastern Empire)  
 Valentinian II – 375-392 (Emperor of the West)

**Teodosian Dynasty** (The dynasty ruled in the East, except Honorius and Valentinian III that, although they were Byzantines, reigned in the West)

Theodosius I – 379-395  
 Arcadius – 395-408  
 Honorius – 393–423 (Emperor of the West)  
 Theodosius II – 408-450  
 Valentinian III – 423–455 (Emperor of the West)  
 Pulcheria – 450-453  
 Marcian – 450-457

### **The last emperors of the Western Roman Empire**

Petronius Maximus – 455  
 Avitus – July 455 - October 456  
 Maiorianus or Majorian – 457-461  
 Libius Severus – 461-465  
 Anthemius – 467-472  
 Flavius Olybrius – 472  
 Glycerius – 473-474  
 Julius Nepos – 474-480, even exiled from Rome after 475  
 Romulus Augustus – 475-476

### **List of Byzantine emperors (Eastern Roman Empire)**

Although the term '**Byzantine Empire**' can only be used in fact to the Roman Empire after 476 AD (the fall of the Western Roman Empire), some classifications have begun to use the name 'Byzantine Empire' since the time of Constantine the Great when he moved the capital of the empire to Constantinople (modern Istanbul), originally known as Byzantium (the foundation of Constantinople was in 330 AD). Initially the eastern part of the Roman Empire (often called the Eastern Roman Empire in context), survived the fragmentation and collapse of the Western Roman Empire in the fifth century and continued to thrive for over a thousand years until its fall to the expansion of Turkish Ottomans in 1453. The Byzantine Empire was known simply as the Roman Empire (in Greek: Basileia Rhōmaiōn; in Latin: Imperium Romanum) or Romania (in Greek: Rhōmanía) by its inhabitants and neighbors.

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### **Leonid Dynasty**

Leo I, the Thracian – 457-474  
 Leo II – 474  
 Zeno I – 474-475  
 Basiliscus – 475-476  
 Zeno I – 476-491  
 Anastasius I Dicorus – 491-518

### **Justinian Dynasty**

Justin I – 518-527  
 Justinian the Great I – 527-565, along with Theodora I – 527-548  
 Justin II – 565-578  
 Tiberius II – 578-582  
 Maurice I Tiberius – 582-602

### **Non-dynastic**

Phocas the tyrant – 602-610

### **Heraclian Dynasty**

Heraclius 610-641 – like some of his predecessors, he made the Greek the official language instead of Latin. Anyway, the Byzantines themselves continued to consider their empire as Roman for over a thousand years.

Constantine III – 641 (ruler only for three months)  
 Heraklonas 641 – seven months  
 Constans II – 641-668  
 Constantine IV ‘the Bearded’ – 668-685  
 Justinian II ‘the Slit-nosed’ – 685-695

### **Twenty Year's Anarchy**

Leontius – 695-698  
 Tiberius III Apsimar – 698-705  
 Justinian II ‘the Slit-nosed’ – 705-711  
 Philippikos Bardanes – 711-713  
 Anastasios II – 713-715  
 Theodosius III – 715-717

**Isaurian Dynasty**

Leo III, 'the Isaurian' – 717-741  
 Constantine V 'the Dung-named' – 741-775  
 Artabasdos – 742-743  
 Leo IV, 'the Khazar' – 775-780  
 Constantine VI 'the blind' – 780-797  
 Irene of Athens ('the Athenian') – 797-802

**Nikeforian Dynasty**

Nikephoros I, 'the Logothete' or Genikos (in Greek: 'the Victor'; nikos = victory) – 802-811. The General Logothete, frequently, called genikos logothetēs or simply 'ho genikos' was a title and office ascribed to the responsible for the 'ministry of finance', the general Logothete (genikon logothesion) of the medium Byzantine Empire.  
 Staurakios 811 – ruled for three months  
 Michael I – 811-813

**Non-dynastic**

Leo V, 'the Armenian' – 813-820

**Amorian Dynasty**

Michael II, 'the Amorian' – 820-829  
 Theophilos – 829-842  
 Theodora II – 842-855 Regent of Michael III  
 Michael III, 'the Drunkard' – 842-867

**Macedonian Dynasty**

Basil I 'the Macedonian' – 867-886  
 Leo VI 'the Wise' – 886-912  
 Alexander – 912-913  
 Constantine VII 'the Purple-born' (Porphyrogenetos) – 908-959  
 Romanos I Lekapenos – 920-944 Co-emperor with Constantine VII  
 Romanos II 'the Purple-born' (Porphyrogenetos) – 959-963  
 Nikephoros II Phokas – 963-969  
 John I Tzimiskes – 969-976  
 Basil II 'the Bulgar-Slayer' – 976-1025  
 Constantine VIII 'the Purple-born' (Porphyrogenetos) – 1025-1028  
 Zoe 'the Purple-born' (Porphyrogenneta) – 1028-1050  
 Romanos III Argyros – 1028-1034 First husband of Zoe  
 Michael IV Paphlagonian – 1034-1041 Second husband of Zoe  
 Michael V, 'the Caulker' – 1041-1042  
 Theodora III – 1042 Sister of Zoe. She rules for the first time  
 Constantine IX Monomachos – 1042-1055 Third husband of Zoe  
 Theodora III – 1055-1056 She rules for the second time

**Non-dynastic**

Michael VI Bringas 'Stratiotikos' ('the Military One', 'the Warlike', or 'the Bellicose') or Gerontas ('the Old') – 1056-1057

**Kommenid Dynasty**

Isaac I Komnenos – 1057-1059

### **Doukid Dynasty**

Constantine X Doukas – 1059-1067

Michael VII Doukas – 1067-1078

Romanos IV Diogenes (The Armenian) – 1067-1071 Co-Emperor and stepfather of Michael VII

Nikephoros III Botaneiates – 1078-1081

### **Kommenid Dynasty**

Alexios I Komnenos – 1081-1118

John II Komnenos – 1118-1143

Manuel I Komnenos – 1143-1180

Alexios II Komnenos – 1180-1183

Andronikos I Komnenos – 1183-1185

### **Angelid Dynasty**

Isaac II Angelos – 1185-1195

Alexios III Angelos – 1195-1203

Isaac II Angelos – 1203-1204

Alexios IV Angelos – 1023-1024 Co-Emperor with the father, Isaac II

Nicholas Kanabos – 1024 (1 month)

Alexios V Doukas – 1024 (2 months)

### **Laskarid Dynasty (Empire of Nicaea)**

Theodore I Laskaris – 1204-1221

John III Doukas Vatatzes – 1221-1254

Theodore II Laskaris – 1254-1258

John IV Laskaris – 1258-1261

### **Palaiologan Dynasty**

Byzantine Empire restored in Constantinople, and unified

Michael VIII Palaiologos – 1261-1282

Andronikos II Palaiologos – 1282-1328

Michael IX Palaiologos – 1294-1320 Firstborn of Andronikos II, died eight years before the father, then his son Andronikos III came to occupy the first place in the line of succession

Andronikos III Palaiologos – 1328-1341

John V Palaiologos – 1341-1347 He rules for the first time

John VI Kantakouzenos – 1347-1354

John V Palaiologos – 1341-1347 He rules for the second time

Andonikos IV Palaiologos – 1376-1379

John V Palaiologos – 1379-1390 He rules for the third time

John VII Palaiologos – 1390 (5 months)

John V Palaiologos – 1390-1391 He rules for the fourth time

Manuel II Palaiologos – 1391-1425

John VIII Palaiologos – 1425-1448

Constantine XI Palaiologos – 1448-1453