

The End of Roman History



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EARLY KINGS

753 BC (April 21) - Foundation of Rome

509 BC – Birth of Republic

REPUBLIC

27 BC - Augustus

PRINCIPATE

AD 284 – Reforms of Diocletian

LATE EMPIRE

AD 476 – Deposition of Romulus Augustulus

Odoacer



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King of Italy, 476 - 493



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Ivory diptych of Stilicho with wife Serena and son Eucherius
ca. 395

Theoderic King of Italy 493-526



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Theoderic's Gothic Kingdom



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West and East Empire in 476



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Mehmed II

1453: conquers the
'Romaioi' of
Constantinople



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Charlemagne Roman Emperor 800-814



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Otto the Great Emperor 962-973



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Surrender of Berengarius to Otto I Theuonicorum Rex
(‘Otto I, King of the Germans’)



Francis II Holy Roman Emperor 1792-1806

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Voltaire on the Holy Roman Empire

This agglomeration which was called and which still calls itself the Holy Roman Empire was neither holy, nor Roman, nor an empire.

*Essai sur l'histoire générale et sur les mœurs et l'esprit des nations,
Chapter 70 (1756)*

Mussolini's Roman Empire



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Mussolini speech of 1926

- Rome shall become such as to amaze the peoples of the world: vast, well-ordered, powerful as in the days of Augustus. You shall relieve the old oak of growths that cling to it. You shall clear the area around the Theatre of Marcellus, the Augusteum, the Capital, the Pantheon. All that sprang up in the ages of decadence shall vanish. The millenary monuments of our history shall stand out as giants in solitary splendour.

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