

## Pax Romana et Pax Christi

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See Ferguson, *Backgrounds of Early Christianity*, 5-47.

REPUBLIC OF ROME (509-27 BCE)

- Tiber River (Italy): King Numitor (8<sup>th</sup> c. BCE) of Alba Longa; Romulus and Remus, 753 BCE Rome (power); Palatine Hill
- Italy 600 BCE, city states
  - Etruscan people (700-509 BCE)
- Legion of men: conquest, slave labor, Spartacus (109 BCE) and crucifixion
- 70 BCE, Pompey and Crassus (115-53 BCE), Senate
- Gaius Julia Caesar (100-44 BCE): age 18 in army; 58-50 BCE Gaul; 49 BCE Rubican River
- alliance with Egypt: King Ptolemy's sister, Cleopatra; son Caesarean
- 47 BCE, "veni vidi vici" (I came, I saw, I conquered)
- 44 BCE, assassinated
- Pontifex Maximus (chief priest)

Mark Anthony (83-30 BCE) vs. Gaius Octavius (100-59 BCE)

- Second Triumvirate (of three men): Marcus Lepidus (90-13 BCE) dropped out, Octavia (ruled the west), Anthony (ruled the east, w/ Cleopatra)
- Battle of Actium (31 BCE), Octavius won

Octavian (reigned 31 BCE -14 CE; Imperial Rome Empire; 27 BCE -)

- Senate granted honorific title Augustus "semi-divine" to Octavia; sought to return to golden age
- law, control of senate, domestic reforms, Pax Romana, paterfamilias, upper-class family
- "I left Rome a city of marble, I found it a city of bricks"--Augustus
- no son, step-son Tiberius succeeded

Tiberius (reigned 14-37 CE; 23 year rule)

Caligula (reigned 37-41 CE), killed by senator

Claudius (reigned 41-54), married Agrippina whose son of her previous marriage is Nero

Nero (reigned 54-68)

- tyrant, patron of art/music. ... "what an artist the world is losing"
- 64, Rome fire, amusement park for all

Galba (r. 68-69)

Otha (r. 69)

Vitellius (r. 69)

Vespasian (r. 69-79): Roman-Jewish War

- rebuilt Rome, Amphitheatre, gift to Rome
- 80 CE, Colosseum

Titus (r. 79-81)

- completed Colosseum

Domitian (r. 81-96)

- The Apocalypse

Nerva (r. 96-98)

Trajan (r. 98-117)

Hadrian (117-138)