

Major Dates

- 2560 B.C. Cheops of Egypt dies (Great Pyramid).
- 1500 Minoan culture in Crete.
- 1350 Tutankhamen.
- 1250 Ramses II of Egypt; Moses.
- 1200 Destruction of Troy.
- 1012 David becomes King.
- 972-931 King Solomon; Jerusalem Temple built.
- 800-700 Homer.
- 750-700 Greeks adopt alphabet.
- 722 Destruction of Northern Kingdom of Israel (Samaria).
- 700 Hesiod.
- 600-500 Zoroaster, Confucius, Buddha, Pythagoras, Lao Tzu, Second Isaiah, Jeremiah, Parmenides, Heraclitus...
- 587 Nebuchadnezzar takes Jerusalem, Jewish Exile in Babylon.
- 536 Jews return to Jerusalem.
- 490 Battle of Marathon.
- 480 Persian invasion; Thermopylae; Athens burnt; Salamis.
- 500-420 Anacreon, Pindar, Parmenides & Zeno, Phidias, Herodotus.
- 470-400 Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides, Aristophanes.
- 460-429 "Age of Pericles" in Athens.
- 437 Parthenon dedicated.
- 404 Athens surrenders to Sparta.
- 403 Popular uprising restores Democracy in Athens.
- 399 Trial and Death of Socrates.
- 347 Death of Plato.
- 322 Death of Aristotle.
- 336-323 Alexander the Great conquers Middle East, reaches India.
- 323 Death of Alexander in Babylon.
- 323 Ptolemy family begins to rule Egypt from Alexandria.
- 264-227 Asoka first King of united India, Buddhist art begins.
- 218-203 Hannibal (from Carthage) in Italy.
- 200-160 Plautus (d. 184), Terence (d. 159).
- 146 Romans destroy Carthage; Roman Empire begins to grow.
- 100-44 Cicero, Marius, Cato, Sulla, Pompey, Crassus, Julius Caesar.
- 55 Julius Caesar first lands in Britain.
- 44 Julius Caesar killed in Senate by Brutus, Cassius.
- 31 Battle of Actium; deaths of Antony and Cleopatra.
- 27 Octavian given title "Augustus."
- 27-A.D.14 The Augustan Age: Virgil, Horace, Ovid.

- 5 / 4 B.C. Jesus born.
- A.D. 33? Jesus crucified; Resurrection proclaimed; Church begins.
- 54-68 Nero.
- 64 Fire of Rome; Peter and Paul martyred.
- 65 Seneca ordered to commit suicide.
- 65-90 Gospels written.
- 70 Titus captures Jerusalem, destroys it. Jewish "Dias-pora" complete.
- 212 Persecution of Christians intensifies.
- 284-305 Diocletian Emperor; final persecution.
- 306-337 Constantine the Great.
- 313 Edict of Milan, Christianity accepted.
- 325 Council of Nicea; Arianism rejected.
- 331 Constantinople becomes main capital of Empire.

374-397 Ambrose, of Milan, influences Augustine
387 Augustine baptized; Bishop of Hippo 396-430.
381-395 Theodosius makes Christianity the state religion.
404 Legions leave Britain.
410 Alaric (Visigoth) captures Rome.
453 Attila the Hun sacks Rome, dies.
800 Charlemagne crowned Holy Roman Emperor .