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# Appendix 3

## List of Roman Emperors

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All dates are AD after Augustus. Some who are neither mentioned in this book nor of great historical importance in themselves are omitted. Their full names and titles are not given, but only those by which they are most commonly referred to. For complete lists see e.g. E. Bickerman, *Chronology of the Ancient World* (2nd edn, 1980).

49–44 BC:	Julius Caesar dictator
31 BC–AD 14:	Augustus (his supremacy more clearly official from 27 BC)
14–37:	Tiberius
37–41:	Caligula (Gaius)
41–54:	Claudius
54–68:	Nero
68–9:	Galba
69 ('year of the four emperors'):	Otho
69:	Vitellius
69–79:	Vespasian
79–81:	Titus
81–96:	Domitian
96–8:	Nerva
97–117:	Trajan
117–38:	Hadrian
138–61:	Antoninus Pius
161–80:	Marcus Aurelius (with Lucius Verus 161–9)
177–92:	Commodus
193:	Pertinax
193:	Didius Julianus
193–211:	Septimius Severus

211–17: Caracalla  
 217–18: Macrinus  
 218–22: Elagabalus  
 222–35: Alexander Severus  
 235–84: a long series of short-lived emperors, many of them usurpers. In 284 Diocletian establishes a system whereby the Western and Eastern halves of the empire each have a separate ruler (known as Augustus) and a deputy (Caesar). The Caesar sometimes succeeded to the Augustus role.

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285–305: Maximian (West)	284–305: Diocletian (East)
293–306: Constantius I (Augustus from 305)	293–311: Galerius (Augustus from 305)
305–7: Severus (Augustus from 306)	305–13: Maximin Daia
306–8: Constantine I (as Caesar)	
306–12: Maxentius usurper in Italy	
308–11: Domitius Alexander usurper in Africa	308–24: Licinius
308–37: Constantine I joint emperor with Licinius until 324, thereafter rules alone	
324–37: Constantine I	
337–40: Constantine II	337–61: Constantius II
337–50: Constans	
350–3: Magnentius attempts to usurp rule	
353–61: Constantius II sole ruler of East and West, supported by Gallus (351–4) and Julian (355–61)	
361–3: Julian sole ruler	
363–4: Jovian sole ruler	
364–75: Valentinian I	364–78: Valens
375–83: Gratian	379–95: Theodosius I
375–92: Valentinian II	
392–4: Eugenius	
394–5: Theodosius sole ruler of East and West	
395–423: Honorius	395–408: Arcadius
	408–50: Theodosius II

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