

	A.D.
<i>Probus</i> (a Pannonian) emperor	276-282
(Barbarians defeated on Rhine and Danube.)	
4. <i>Empire from A.D. 285 to 337.</i>	
<i>Diocletian</i> (a Dalmatian) emperor	285-305
(Empire divided under four rulers for administration; City of Rome virtually ceases to be capital, the rulers residing on or near frontiers for defence against barbarians.)	
(During <i>third century</i> , A.D., Roman Empire became largely barbarian in population, chiefly by influx of German tribes into army and as settlers; political system becomes that of Oriental sultanism; the senate practically disappears; oppressive taxation does much mischief; great advances made by Christianity and the church established as a power within the state.)	
<i>Constantine the Great</i> emperor	306-337
(Military power of "Legati" (Viceroys) separated from civil authority.)	
Christianity established as state-religion	324
Byzantium (Constantinople) capital of empire	330
[For progress of Christianity and the early Christian Fathers see text of work above.]	
5. <i>Empire from A.D. 337 to 395.</i>	
<i>Julian</i> (the Apostate) emperor	361-363
<i>Valentinian I.</i> emperor	364-375
(Conflicts with barbarians; Alemanni driven from Gaul.)	
(In <i>fourth century</i> , A.D., Goths (Ostrogoths and Visigoths) become powerful; Gothic kingdom of Hermanric on Danube; Goths partly Christianized by Ulfilas.)	
(Huns from Asia become formidable; attack the Goths in south-east Europe.)	
<i>Valens</i> , emperor of eastern part of empire	364-378
(Goths allowed to settle south of Danube; Valens killed in battle near Adrianople by Goths, A.D. 378.)	
(Goths spread westwards to Italy; enter Roman army in large numbers.)	
<i>Theodosius</i> emperor (of whole empire, 392-395)	378-395
Peace made with Goths	382
Submission of Theodosius to St. Ambrose	390
(Formal end of Paganism; worship of heathen gods strictly forbidden.)	
6. <i>Empire from A.D. 395 to 476.</i>	
Empire divided into <i>Eastern</i> and <i>Western</i>	395
(<i>Stilicho</i> , a Vandal commander of Roman legions in Britain against Picts and Scots, and on Rhine frontier repulses Suevi and Alemanni.)	
<i>Alaric</i> , King of Visigoths, defeated in Italy by <i>Stilicho</i>	403
<i>Stilicho</i> defeats host of barbarians under <i>Radagaisus</i> in north of Italy	405
Death of <i>Stilicho</i>	408
<i>Alaric</i> , King of Visigoths, captures Rome	410
(In earlier part of <i>fifth century</i> Romans leave Britain; Visigoths established in south of Gaul and north of Spain; Suevi, Alani, Vandals, Burgundians, swarm into Gaul and Spain.)	
<i>Genseric</i> , King of Vandals, sets up kingdom in north-west Africa	429
<i>Attila</i> , King of the Huns, invades Gaul	450
Battle of <i>Châlons</i> (<i>Attila's</i> Huns defeated by <i>Theodoric's</i> Visigoths and by <i>Aetius</i>)	451
<i>Attila</i> died (end of power of Huns)	453
<i>Genseric</i> , King of Vandals, took Rome	455
<i>Ricimer</i> , King of Suevi, took Rome	472
<i>Romulus Augustulus</i> , last emperor of Western Empire, overthrown by <i>Odoacer</i> , a German chief	476
<i>End of Western Empire of Rome</i>	476