

Roman Titles & Ranks

Centurion -- commander of 100 men = a 'century'

Tribune -- commander of 600 men = a 'cohort' (having 6 centurions under him)

Legate -- commander of a legion = 10 cohorts (having 6 tribunes under him)
A legate was a provincial governor of senatorial rank, appointed by the Emperor or Senate. He could support a general, governor, consul, or magistrate.

General -- commander of more than 1 legion. (In NT times Rome had about 25 legions)

Senator -- member of the Roman Senate.

Emperor -- commander of generals, legally designated a 'god' & worshipped as such if he so desired by citizens (but not usually enforced by most emperors).

Ethnarch -- literally-- a ruler of a nation, superior to a tetrarch but inferior to a king.

Tetrarch --ruler of 1/4 part of a province. Herod Antipas was tetrarch of Galilee & Decapolis, his brother Philip was tetrarch of the area NE of the Sea of Galilee.

Consul -- official appointed by one country to look after its commercial interests in another.

Proconsul -- one who served as deputy consul in a Roman province. They usually served 1 year, having unlimited military & civil powers.

Procurator -- appointee of the emperor to rule a province, subject to an imperial legate of a larger province. (Judea's procurators were subject to the legate of Syria)

King -- a male appointed by the emperor to rule a portion of the empire. Herod Agrippa was so designated.

Magistrate -- ruler of a city -- a free Roman colony like Philippi.