

Emperors of Rome – 1st Century A.D.

<u>dates reigned</u>	<u>Name & secular events at this time</u>	<u>Notable Biblical events</u>
B.C. 27-A.D.14	Augustus--founder of the Roman Empire decree of registration	Birth of John, the Baptist Birth of Jesus-age14 Death of Herod the Great
A.D. 14-37	Tiberius--distinguished military career in the East & in Germany	Ministeries of both John & Jesus & probably Saul's Conversion.
A.D. 37-41	Gaius (Caligula)	Early spread of the church
A.D. 41-54	Claudius--made Herod Agrippa I king over all Palestine as a reward for helping him to the throne. He was poisoned by his wife Agrippina so Nero could reign.	Paul's 1st & 2nd & part of the 3rd missionary tours. Famine in Judea. Death of Herod Agrippa I Herod Agrippa II begins. Jews banished from Rome.
A.D. 54-68	Nero--began peacefully, but later killed his mother, his advisors-Seneca & Burrus, & nobles for their fortunes. Rome burned-he blamed & killed christians & killed senators.	Paul's 1st trial in Rome, Likely his 2nd trial & execution. Possibly also Peter's execution. Jewish revolt (66AD)
A.D. 6/9/68-1/15/69	Galba *	Jewish war -- seige of Jerusalem begins.under Vespasian Jewish War ends with the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem.
A.D. 1/15/69-4/69	Otho *	
A.D. 1/2/69-12/20/69 (?)	Vitellius *	
A.D. 69-79	Vespasian* Emerged from the troubled events of A.D. 69 as emperor giving command of the army to Titus.	
A.D. 79-81	Titus--overly generous with Vespasian's wealth, he was popular. Vesuvius erupted 8/24/79. He completed the Colloseum.	Titus was notorius for his liaison with Bernice- sister of Agrippa II who heard Paul's defense.
A.D. 81-96	Domitian--demanded worship as a god & set up a 'concilia' in Asia Minor to enforce it. Christians persecuted.	The apostle John exiled to Patmos.
A.D. 96-98	Nerva	Bible canon completed in his 1st year (likely)
A.D. 98-117		