

- 1 <sup>1</sup> **Byzantine Era: Chronology of the Byzantine Empire** (313-1453 AD)
- 2 **313** Emperor Constantine I grants freedom of religion, ending persecution of Christians
- 3 **330** Dedication of Constantinople (Istanbul) as the new capital of the Roman Empire
- 4 **380** Emperor Theodosius I declares Christianity the official religion of the empire
- 5 **395** Empire divided into two separate halves, East and West
- 6 **410** Alaric the Visigoth sacks Rome
- 7 **429–431** Vandals conquer North Africa
- 8 **452** Attila the Hun invades Italy
- 9 **455** Vandals sack Rome
- 10 **476** Ostrogoths depose the last Roman emperor in the West
- 11 **527–565** Reign of Justinian I; builds church of Hagia Sophia; codifies Roman law; reconquers North Africa,
- 12 Sicily, and Italy Byzantine Empire, c. 400 Byzantium during reign of Justinian Byzantium, c. 800 Byzantium, c.
- 13 1050 Byzantium, c. 1270
- 14 **568** Lombards, a Germanic tribe, invade Italy
- 15 **c. 570** Birth of Muhammad, prophet of Islam
- 16 **614** Persians capture Jerusalem
- 17 **627** Emperor Heraclius defeats Persians at Nineveh
- 18 **634–638** Arab conquest of Syria
- 19 **640** Arab conquest of Egypt
- 20 **754** Emperor Constantine V bans the making of religious images (Iconoclasm)
- 21 **762** Founding of Baghdad by Abbasid caliph al-Mansur
- 22 **800** Pope Leo III crowns Charlemagne Holy Roman emperor in Rome
- 23 **843** Veneration of religious images is restored, ending Iconoclasm
- 24 **867–1056** Macedonian dynasty
- 25 **988** The medieval Slavic state of the Kievan (or Kyivan) Rus' adopts Christianity as the official religion during
- 26 the reign of Prince Vladimir (r. 980-1015)
- 27 **1054** Great Schism between Orthodox and Roman Catholic Churches
- 28 **1071** Battle of Manzikert; Seljuk Turks defeat the Byzantines in Asia Minor
- 29 **1081–1185** Komnenian dynasty
- 30 **1096–1099** First Crusade; Jerusalem is captured from the Seljuk Turks
- 31 **1187** Saladin, sultan of Egypt and Syria, retakes Jerusalem
- 32 **1204–1261** Latin Empire of Constantinople
- 33 **1204** Fourth Crusade; crusaders sack and occupy Constantinople, partition empire
- 34 **1261** Emperor Michael VIII Palaiologos reclaims the Byzantine throne
- 35 **1329** Asia Minor falls to the Ottoman Turks
- 36 **1453** Constantinople falls to Ottoman sultan Mehmed II
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