

# APPIAN'S ROMAN HISTORY

# ΑΠΠΙΑΝΟΥ ΡΩΜΑΙΚΑ

## ΠΡΟΟΙΜΙΟΝ

1. Τὴν Ῥωμαϊκὴν ἱστορίαν ἀρχόμενος συγγράφειν, ἀναγκαῖον ἡγησάμην προτάξαι τοὺς ὄρους ὅσων ἔθνῶν ἄρχουσι Ῥωμαῖοι. εἰσὶ δὲ οἷδε. ἐν μὲν τῷ ὠκεανῷ Βρεττανῶν τοῦ πλείονος μέρους, διὰ δὲ τῶν Ἡρακλείων στηλῶν ἐς τήνδε τὴν θάλασσαν ἐσπλέοντί τε καὶ ἐπὶ τὰς αὐτὰς στήλας περιπλέοντι νήσων ἄρχουσι πασῶν, καὶ ἠπείρων ὅσαι καθήκουσιν ἐπὶ τὴν θάλασσαν. ὧν εἰσὶν ἐν δεξιᾷ πρῶτοι Μαυρουσίων ὅσοι περὶ τὴν θάλασσαν, ὅσα τε ἄλλα Λιβύων ἔθνη μέχρι Καρχηδόνος, καὶ τούτων ὑπερθε Νομάδες, οὓς Ῥωμαῖοι καλοῦσι Νουμίδας καὶ τὴν χώραν Νουμιδίαν, ἕτεροι δὲ Λίβυες ὅσοι περιοικοῦσι τὰς Σύρτιες μέχρι Κυρήνης, Κυρήνη τε αὐτὴ καὶ Μαρμαρίδαι καὶ Ἀμμώνιοι καὶ οἱ τὴν Μάρειαν λίμνην κατοικοῦσι, καὶ ἡ μεγάλη πόλις ἦν Ἀλέξανδρος ἔθηκε πρὸ Αἰγύπτου, Αἰγυπτὸς τε αὐτὴ μέχρι Αἰθιοπῶν τῶν ἐφῶν ἀνὰ τὸν Νεῖλον πλέοντι, καὶ μέχρι Πηλουσίου διὰ θαλάσσης.

2. Ἐπιστρέφοντι δὲ τὸν πλοῦν καὶ περιμόντι Συρία τε ἢ Παλαιστίνη, καὶ ὑπὲρ αὐτὴν

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1. INTENDING to write the history of the Romans, I have deemed it necessary to begin with the boundaries of the nations under their sway. They are as follows : In the ocean, the major part of those who inhabit the British Isles. Then entering the Mediterranean by the Pillars of Hercules and circumnavigating the same we find under their rule all the islands and the mainlands washed by that sea. The first of these on the right hand are the Mauretians of the coast and various other African nations as far as Carthage. Farther inland are the nomad tribes whom the Romans call Numidians and their country Numidia ; then other Africans who dwell around the Syrtes as far as Cyrene, and Cyrene itself ; also the Marmaridae, the Ammonii, and those who dwell by the lake Mareotis ; then the great city founded by Alexander on the border of Egypt, and Egypt itself, as one sails up the Nile, as far as eastern Ethiopia ; and as far as Pelusium by sea.

2. Here turning our course and passing round, we take in Palestine-Syria, and beyond it a part

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μοῖρα Ἀράβων, ἐχόμενοι δὲ τῶν Παλαιστινῶν Φοίνικες ἐπὶ τῇ θαλάσῃ, καὶ Φοινίκων ὑπερθευ ἢ τε κοίλη Συρία, καὶ μέχρι ἐπὶ ποταμὸν Εὐφράτην ἀπὸ θαλάσσης ἄνω Παλμυρηνοὶ τε καὶ ἡ Παλμυρηνῶν ψάμμος ἐπ' αὐτὸν Εὐφράτην καθήκουσα, Κίλικές τε Σύρων ἐχόμενοι, καὶ Καππαδόκαι Κιλικῶν ὄμοροι, καὶ μέρος Ἀρμενίων, οὓς καλοῦσιν Ἀρμενίαν βραχυτέραν, παρά τε τὸν Εὐξείνου πόντον ἄλλα ὅσα Ποντικὰ Ῥωμαίων ὑπήκοα γένη. Σύροι μὲν δὴ καὶ Κίλικες ἐς τήνδε τὴν θάλασσαν ἀφορῶσιν, Ἀρμένιοι δὲ καὶ Καππαδόκαι ἐς τε τὰ Ποντικὰ γένη καθήκουσι, καὶ ἀνὰ τὴν μεσόγειον ἐπὶ τὴν καλουμένην Ἀρμενίαν μείζονα, ἧς Ῥωμαῖοι οὐκ ἄρχουσι μὲν ἐς φόρου κομιδὴν, αὐτοὶ δὲ αὐτοῖς ἀποδεικνύουσι τοὺς βασιλέας. ἀπὸ δὲ Καππαδοκῶν καὶ Κιλικῶν ἐς τὴν Ἰωνίαν καταβαίνοντι ἔστιν ἡ μεγάλη χερρόνησος· ὃ τε γὰρ πόντος ὁ Εὐξείνος καὶ ἡ Προποντὶς καὶ ὁ Ἑλλήσποντος ἐπὶ δεξιὰ, καὶ τὸ Αἰγαῖον, ἐκ δὲ λαιᾶς τὸ Παμφύλιον ἢ Αἰγύπτιον πέλαγος (λέγεται γὰρ ἄμφω) ποιεῖ χερρόνησον, καὶ εἰσὶν αὐτῆς οἱ μὲν ἐς τὸ Αἰγύπτιον πέλαγος ἀφορῶντες, Πάμφυλοί τε καὶ Λύκιοι καὶ μετ' αὐτοὺς Καρία μέχρι Ἰωνίας, οἱ δ' ἐπὶ τὸν Εὐξείνου καὶ τὴν Προποντίδα καὶ τὸν Ἑλλήσποντον, Γαλάται τε καὶ Βιθυννοὶ καὶ Μυσοὶ καὶ Φρύγες, ἐν δὲ μεσογείῳ Πισίδαι τε καὶ Λυδοί. τοσαῦτα ἔθνη τὴν χερρόνησον οἰκοῦσι, καὶ πάντων ἄρχουσι Ῥωμαῖοι.

3. Πέρασαντες δὲ καὶ ἐτέρων ἔθνῶν ἄρχουσιν ἀμφὶ τὸν Πόντον καὶ Μυσῶν τῶν ἐν Εὐρώπῃ, καὶ Θρακῶν ὅσοι περὶ τὸν Εὐξείνου. ἀπὸ δὲ

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of Arabia. The Phoenicians hold the country next to Palestine on the sea, and beyond the Phoenician territory are Coele-Syria, and the parts stretching from the sea as far inland as the river Euphrates, namely Palmyra and the sandy country round about, extending even to the Euphrates itself. The Cilicians come next to the Syrians, and their neighbours are the Cappadocians, and that part of the Armenian country called Lesser Armenia. Along the Euxine are other nations called by the common name Pontic, subject to the Roman rule. The Syrians and Cilicians border on the Mediterranean, the Armenians and Cappadocians extend to the Pontic nations and to the interior as far as Greater Armenia, which is not subject to the Romans in the way of tribute, and its people appoint their own kings. Descending from Cilicia and Cappadocia to Ionia we find the great peninsula bounded on the right by the Euxine, the Propontis, the Hellespont, and the Aegean, and on the left by the Pamphylian or Egyptian sea, for it is called by both names. Some of the countries embraced in it look toward the Egyptian sea, namely: Pamphylia and Lycia and after them Caria extending to Ionia. Others look toward the Euxine, the Propontis, and the Hellespont, namely: the Galatians, Bithynians, Mysians, and Phrygians. In the interior are the Pisidians and Lydians. These are the nations which inhabit this peninsula and all are under Roman rule.

3. Crossing from these coasts they rule other nations around the Euxine, the Mysians of Europe and the Thracians who border that sea. Beyond

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Ἰωνίας κόλπος ἔστι θαλάσσης ὁ Αἰγαῖος, καὶ ἕτερος Ἰουίου θαλάσσης, καὶ ὁ Σικελικὸς πορθμός, καὶ ἡ Τυρρηνικὴ θάλασσα μέχρι τῶν Ἑρακλείων στηλῶν. τοῦτο μῆκός ἐστιν ἀπ' Ἰωνίας ἐπὶ τὸν ὠκεανόν, καὶ ἐν τῷδε αὖ τῷ παράπλω Ῥωμαίων ὑπήκοα τοσαῦτα, ἢ τε Ἑλλάς πᾶσα καὶ Θεσσαλία καὶ Μακεδόνες, καὶ ὅσα πρόσοικα ἄλλα Θρακῶν καὶ Ἰλλυριῶν καὶ Παιόνων ἔθνη, αὐτὴ τε Ἰταλία μακροτάτη δὴ πάντων ἐθνῶν οὔσα καὶ ἀπὸ τοῦ Ἰουίου παρήκουσα ἐπὶ πλείστον τῆς Τυρρηνικῆς θαλάσσης μέχρι Κελτῶν, οὓς αὐτοὶ Γαλάτας προσαγορεύουσι, καὶ Κελτῶν ὅσα ἔθνη τὰ μὲν ἐς τήνδε τὴν θάλασσαν τὰ δὲ ἐς τὸν βόρειον ὠκεανὸν ἀφορᾶ, τὰ δὲ παρὰ Ῥήνον ποταμὸν ᾠκῆται, Ἰβηρία τε πᾶσα καὶ Κελτίβηρες ἐπὶ τὸν ἐσπέριον καὶ βόρειον ὠκεανὸν καὶ τὰς Ἑρακλείους στήλας τελευτῶντες. καὶ τούτων πέρι καὶ ἐφ' ἐκάστου δηλώσω τὰ ἀκριβέστατα, ὅταν ἐς ἕκαστον ἔθνος ἢ γραφὴ περίη. νῦν δέ, ὅσον ὄροις μεγάλοις τὴν ἀρχὴν περιλαβεῖν, κατὰ μὲν θάλασσαν εἴρηται, 4. κατὰ δὲ γῆν περιοδεύοντι μοῖρά τε Μαυρουσίων ἂν εἴη τῶν παρ' Αἰθίοψι τοῖς περὶ ἐσπέραν, καὶ εἴ τι θερμότερον ἢ θηριῶδες ἄλλο Λιβύης μέχρι Αἰθιόπων τῶν ἐφῶν. ταῦτα μὲν Λιβύης Ῥωμαίοις ὄροι, τῆς δὲ Ἀσίας ποταμός τε Εὐφράτης καὶ τὸ Καύκασον ὄρος καὶ ἡ Ἀρμενίας τῆς μείζονος ἀρχή, καὶ Κόλχοι παρὰ τὴν Εὐξείνου θάλασσαν ᾠκημένοι, καὶ τὰ λοιπὰ τοῦδε τοῦ πελάγους. ἐν δὲ τῇ Εὐρώπῃ ποταμοὶ δύο, Ῥήνός τε καὶ Ἰστρος, μάλιστα τὴν Ῥωμαίων ἀρχὴν ὀρίζουσι, καὶ τούτων Ῥήνος μὲν ἐς τὸν

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Ionia are the Aegean sea, the Adriatic, the straits of Sicily, and the Tyrrhenian sea stretching to the Pillars of Hercules. This is the distance from Ionia to the ocean. Following the coast line we find the following countries subject to the Romans: all of Greece, Thessaly, and Macedonia, also the adjoining Thracians, the Illyrians, and Pannonians, and Italy itself, the longest country of all, extending from the Adriatic and bordering the greater part of the Tyrrhenian sea as far as the country of the Celts (whom the Romans call Gauls), some of whom face the Mediterranean, others the Northern ocean, and still others dwell along the river Rhine; also all of Spain and Celtiberia on the Northern and Western oceans as far as the Pillars of Hercules. Of these I shall speak more particularly when I come to deal with each nation. But for the present let this suffice for the principal boundaries which define their empire along the sea.

4. On the landward side the boundaries are the part of Mauritania adjoining western Ethiopia and the tropical region, infested with numbers of wild beasts, which extends as far as eastern Ethiopia. These are the Roman boundaries in Africa. Those of Asia are the river Euphrates, Mount Caucasus, the kingdom of Greater Armenia, the Colchians who dwell along the Euxine sea, and the remainder of that coast. In Europe two rivers, the Rhine and the Danube, for the most part bound the Roman empire. *Of these, the Rhine empties into the Northern*

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