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Romulus and Remus were left for dead by starvation on the banks of the river Tiber, by their own mother. However, as fate would have it, a she-wolf found them and mothered them.

The twins grew up as time went by, so when Mars, the War God, asked them to build a city on the exact spot that they had been found by their wolf mom, they gladly obliged. However, on completion of this task, Romulus and Remus fought over the new city. Remus lost that battle therefore leaving Romulus free to call the city Rome, as it came to be known.

Rome developed and became the powerhouse of the growing Roman Empire. All this was made possible by the occupation of the Italian Peninsula by some northern warriors who settled on the banks of river Tiber in the 8th or 9th centuries.

Being fed his own medicine, King Tarquin lost his rule in a not so shocking way. Being touted as a cruel and proud king, he was overthrown by his own people. It is after this that Rome became a republic for some centuries to follow.

It is after that overthrowing that Rome settled for a system of senators who had to be duly elected by the people. This was done by holding periodic elections where the people would air their views. However, this was not a right for everyone as only the rich had a say.

By around 27 B.C, the idea of having Emperors was first used with Augustus Caesar being the first emperor. There was need for emperors because right before that, military generals are the ones who ruled Rome. There were conflicts because there were many generals acting at the same time. This was not enough to centralize all the power hence the need to have an emperor.

The decline of Rome happened in a slow and systematic way. First, there was the Church, which rapidly gained popularity, and therefore the Roman Catholic Church blossomed. The Roman Empire did quite the opposite. It kept losing its influence and sunk slowly.

Up until the renaissance, Rome would still be looked at as a prospered city having in mind that it was the capital of Europe. This is still evident as you can get a great nostalgia by looking at the current architecture and structure of the streets of Rome.

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