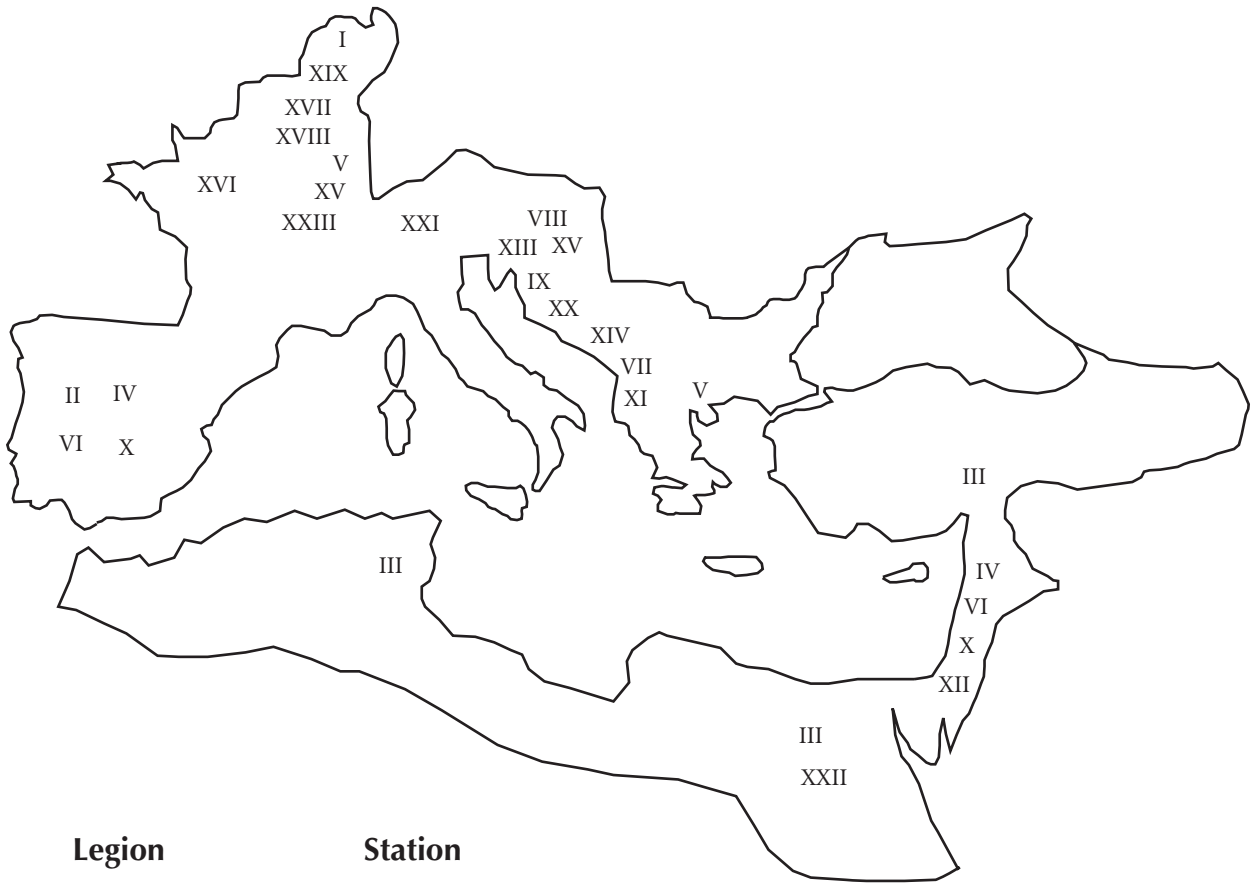


Distribution of Legions in the Early Empire



Legion	Station	Legion	Station
I Augusta	Lower Germany	XIII Gemina ("twin")	Illyricum
II Augusta	Spain	XIV Gemina ("twin")	Illyricum
III Augusta	Africa	XV Apollinaris	Pannonia
III Cyrenaica	Egypt	XV Primigenia	Upper Germany
III Gallica	Syria	(("firstborn"))	
IV Macedonica	Spain	XVI Gallica	Gaul
IV Scythica	Syria	XVII	Lower Germany
V Alaudae ("larks")	Upper Germany	XVIII	Lower Germany
V Macedonica*	Macedonia	XIX	Lower Germany
VI Ferrata ("ironclad")	Syria	XX Valeria Victrix	Illyricum
VI Victix ("victorious")	Spain	(("valorous and victorious"))	
VII	Dalmatia	XXI Rapax ("predators")	Raetia
VIII Augusta	Pannonia	XXII	Egypt
IX Hispanica	Illyricum	XXIII Primigenia	Upper Germany
X Fretensis **	Syria	(("firstborn"))	
(("channel men"))			
X Gemina ("twin")	Spain		
XI	Dalmatia		
XII Fulminata*	Syria		
(("thunderbolt"))			

*Served in the Judean War in the siege of Jerusalem

* Served in the Judean War in the siege of Masada

Roman Lands

Explanation

The empire of the Romans encompassed the Mediterranean and the surrounding areas in Europe, western Asia, and North Africa. The empire was divided for administrative purposes into provinces. In New Testament times during the reign of Augustus, the empire had achieved boundaries consistent with the natural geography of the lands surrounding the Mediterranean. Britain and Thrace were added as provinces under Claudius and the territory of the empire reached its fullest extent with Trajan's additions of Dacia and the eastern provinces of Armenia, Assyria, and Mesopotamia.

The boundaries of the empire were protected by the Roman legions. Augustus stationed them in more or less permanent quarters in the provinces bordering the frontier. The individual legions and the provinces where they were quartered are listed on the opposite page.

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