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| **Basil II** |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | Basil II | | | *Emperor and Autocrat of the Romans* | | | Basil is crowned by angels. An image of Christ sits above him and to the sides are six figures adorned in red, yellow, and purple clothing. A group of people prostrate before the emperor.  Replicated depiction of Basil II from his *Menologion*, National Historical Museum | | | Byzantine emperor | | | **Reign** | 10 January 976 – 15 December 1025 | | **Coronation** | 22 April 960 *as co-emperor* | | **Predecessor** | John I Tzimiskes | | **Successor** | Constantine VIII | |  | | | **Born** | 958 Constantinople, Byzantine Empire (modern-day Istanbul, Turkey) | | **Died** | 15 December 1025 (aged 66–67) Constantinople, Byzantine Empire | | **Burial** | Church of St. John the Theologian, Constantinople | | **Greek** | Βασίλειος | | **Dynasty** | Macedonian | | **Father** | Romanos II | | **Mother** | Theophano | | **Religion** | Chalcedonian Christianity[[](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Basil_II#cite_note-2) | |
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| Coronation of Basil as co-emperor, from the *Madrid Skylitzes* |
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| Coin of Nikephoros II (left) and Basil II (right) |
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| *Histamenon* of Basil II (left) and Constantine VIII (right) |
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| Clash between the armies of Bardas Skleros and Bardas Phokas at Pankaleia, miniature from the Madrid Skylitzes*.* |
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| Military campaigns during the Byzantine-Bulgarian War. |
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| The Armenian prince Gregory Taronites is ambushed by the Bulgarians near Thessalonica. |
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| Byzantine victory over the Bulgarians at the Battle of Kleidion, from the *Madrid Skylitzes* |
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| Triumph of Basil II through the Forum of Constantine, from the *Madrid Skylitzes* |
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| A miniature depicting the defeat of the Georgian king George I ("Georgios of Abasgia") by the Basil II. *Madrid Skylitzes*, fol. 195v. |
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| Basil II (left) and Constantine VIII (right) in a Bari Exultet roll, produced during Basil's late reign |
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| The Byzantine Empire at the death of Basil II in 1025 |
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| Personifications of Serbia and Croatia in front of Basil II, painting by Joakim Marković, 18th century. |
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