



## THE GOTHIC KINGDOMS: A QUICK TIMELINE

- c.200-250    Goths settle north of the Black Sea
- c.340        Ulfila begins his Christian mission ('Arianism')
- c.350        First Hun attacks on the Goths  
376-8        Flight to the Danube; Battle of Adrianople (August 378)
- August 410        Alaric sacks Rome
- 418         Creation of the Visigothic kingdom of Aquitaine
- 451         Attila the Hun invades Gaul; Battle of the Catalaunian Fields
- 466-84        Reign of Euric (c.455-89 Sidonius Apollinaris, *Letters*)
- 476         Deposition of Romulus Augustulus (last western Roman emperor)  
489-93        Ostrogothic invasion of Italy led by Theoderic the Amal
- 507         Visigothic king Alaric II defeated by Clovis at Vouille
- 526         Death of Theoderic (c.538 Cassiodorus, *Variae*)  
535-54        Justinian reconquers Ostrogothic Italy (c.551 Jordanes, *Getica*)
- 568-86        Reign of Leovigild
- 589         Reccared converts to catholic Christianity (c.621-36 Isidore of Seville, *History of the Kings of the Goths and Etymologies*)
- 649-72        Reign of Reccesuinth
- 711         Islamic invasion of Visigothic Spain
- 800         Charlemagne crowned emperor in Rome
- c.1200        The *Nibelungenlied* (1848-76 Wagner, *Der Ring des Nibelungen*)
- c.1350        The Italian Renaissance begins
- 1492        Surrender of Granada completes the Spanish *Reconquista*
- 1517        The Protestant Reformation begins

## **THE GOTHIC KINGDOMS: SOME SUGGESTED READING**

David M. Gwynn, *The Goths: Lost Civilizations* (Reaktion Books, 2017) has an extended “Further Reading” section at the end for those wishing to explore particular themes, from which the following suggestions have been drawn:

### **On Gothic History and the Fall of the Western Roman Empire**

G. Halsall, *Barbarian Migrations and the Roman West, 376-568* (2007)

P. Heather, *The Goths* (1996)

P. Heather, *The Fall of the Roman Empire: A New History* (2005)

B. Ward-Perkins, *The Fall of Rome and the End of Civilization* (2005)

### **On Ulfila and Alaric**

G.M. Berndt and R. Steinacher (eds.), *Arianism: Roman Heresy and Barbarian Creed* (2014)

M. Kulikowski, *Rome's Gothic Wars: From the Third Century to Alaric* (2007)

### **On Visigothic Gaul**

J. Drinkwater and H. Elton (eds.), *Fifth-Century Gaul: A Crisis of Identity?* (1992)

J. Harries, *Sidonius Apollinaris and the Fall of Rome* (1994)

### **On Ostrogothic Italy**

P. Amory, *People and Identity in Ostrogothic Italy, 489-554* (1997)

J. Moorhead, *Theoderic in Italy* (1992)

### **On Visigothic Spain**

R. Collins, *Visigothic Spain 409-711* (2004)

J.N. Hillgarth, *The Visigoths in History and Legend* (2009)

R.L. Stocking, *Bishops, Councils, and Consensus in the Visigothic Kingdom, 589-633* (2000)