



The Fall of Rome and the Birth of Europe

Goths, Huns, and Vandals

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A TIMELINE

- c.350: First attacks on the Goths by the Huns north of the Black Sea
- 376: Tervingi and Greuthungi Goths arrive on the Danube
- 378: Battle of Adrianople, death of Valens, accession of Theodosius I
- 395: Death of Theodosius I, Arcadius and Honorius divide the empire
- 401-2: Alaric invades Italy, driven back by Stilicho
- 31 December 406: Vandals, Alans, and Suebes cross the Rhine
- 408: Execution of Stilicho
- 410: Alaric and the Goths sack Rome; Honorius abandons Britain
- 418: Settlement of the Visigoths in Aquitaine
- 429: The Vandals under Gaiseric invade North Africa
- 433: Ascendancy of Aetius
- 441: The Huns led by Attila attack the Balkan provinces
- 448: Embassy of Priscus to Attila
- 451: Attila invades Gaul; Battle of the Catalaunian Fields
- 453: Death of Attila; Hun empire begins to collapse
- 454: Murder of Aetius
- 455: Murder of Valentinian III; Gaiseric and the Vandals sack Rome
- 468: Final Roman attempt to retake North Africa under Anthemius fails
- 476: Deposition of Romulus Augustulus (last western Roman emperor)
- 489-93: Ostrogothic invasion of Italy led by Theoderic the Amal