



The Fall of Rome and the Birth of Europe

Barbarian Kings and Roman Popes

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A TIMELINE

c.340: Ulfila begins his Christian mission to the Goths ('Arianism')

31 December 406: Vandals, Alans, and Suebes cross the Rhine

418: Settlement of the Visigoths in Aquitaine

429: The Vandals under Gaiseric invade North Africa

452: Pope Leo meets with Attila the Hun

476: Deposition of Romulus Augustulus (last western Roman emperor)

489-93: Ostrogothic invasion of Italy led by Theoderic the Amal (died 526)

496: Traditional date of the Frankish king Clovis' baptism

507: Visigothic king Alaric II defeated by Clovis at Vouille

511: Death of Clovis, division of his kingdom (partitive inheritance)

533-4: Justinianic Conquest of Vandal North Africa

535-54: Justinianic Conquest of Ostrogothic Italy

561: Death of Chlothar I, redivision of the Frankish kingdom

589: Visigothic king Reccared converts to catholic Christianity

590-604: Papacy of Gregory the Great

597: Augustine of Canterbury's mission to Anglo-Saxon England

c.625 Death of Raedwald of East Anglia (Sutton Hoo?)

711: Islamic invasion of Visigothic Spain

751: The Merovingian dynasty in Francia replaced by the Carolingians

800: Charlemagne (768-814) crowned emperor in Rome